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### THE DESIRES AND PLEASURES OF THE VIVISECTIONISTS Anti-Vivisection Society would not ob-

Elucidated by Quotations from Their Own Alleged Utterances.

Reading the following which we clip without any "operation," is still alive from the Chicago Chronicle of recent and well, and bids fair to live beyond date, impels one to ask whether we are the ordinary age. date, impels one to ask whether we are the ordinary age.

really living in the twentieth century, when the humaner feelings and sentiments are supposed to actuate cultured if the patient speedily dies—why it was human beings; or is it all an illusion, a "successful operation," all the same-dream, and we are still existing in the and it is blazoned in the newspapers and of Torquemada and the Spanish quisition, with its cruel methods of rture, its inhumanity in the guise and for the sake of religion, purporting to science! act with a view to the best interests of man and the highest good of the church. Read-and wonder with amazement at this illustration of modern medical fiendishness in the name and for the

Read-and blush with shame that you are human, Read-and feel sorrow that you are the human kin of the class that expresses such heartless sentiments. Read—and fear that by some miscarringe of justice you may fall into the greedy outstretched hands of worse than savage torturers.

Read the statement given by the Chronicle:

"Viviscetion instead of the gallows or electric chair may be the fate of the criminals who may be condemned to death in the near future if surgeons of Chicago have their way respecting the disposition of men and women sentenced by the law to die.

"Scores of doctors in Chicago favor the vivisection of men who have incurred the death penalty through crime. The surgeons say that in this way the men who have been a damage to society and a menace to human life may be made to be of some good to posterity by knife, the specialist's inoculations and the psychologist's experiment. It is thought that the practice might tend

also to lessen crime.
"It is said that if the Anti-Vivisection Society can be kept from interfering a the United States and its health department will be introduced in Congress during the coming session with the hope that science may have the benefit of studying man in all his parts while he lives and can relate his sensations. "This is not an unheard-of thing. In

the sixteenth century human vivisection was practiced in Italy on condemned hand caught in the "scraper" of a criminals, and it is but a few years ago planing machine. As the cylinder with that a man condemned to be shot in the lits knives revolved, it drew him in and Hawaiian Islands was inoculated with sliced his arm by degrees until it itself to be cast aside and trodden the virus of leprosy to demonstrate that reached his shoulder and he could be under foot for the sake of gratifying died of the loathsome disease instead of kindly administered anesthetics, so the showing that leprosy was indeed infec-

"Outside of these instances, however, in the United States are even opposed to the vivisection of dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs and rats. It was but last winter that the doctors had to rush law in answer to the pleas of the Anti-

Vivisection Society.
"'Vivisection of men condemned to death is just right,' said Dr. Charles G. Roehr, of Harvey Medical College What is the benefit of dragging a man betrayed the country that gave him sires of the doctors.

'There is nothing so horrible in human vivisection if one but looks at it roast and eat their victims-they do not aright,' said Dr. Charles J. Whalen, of murder their human prey by the slow Rush Medical College, when asked and exquisitely cruel process of vivisecabout the new movement, 'I have tion, Have the cannibals more kindness openly advocated the scheme for sev- and humane feeling Than these men of eral years. Even if we are not allowed medical science? It would seem so to vivisect those who are condemned to And be it understood that vivisection is die, we should at least be allowed to use them to experiment with as to the torture employed by vivisectionists.

inoculation of certain diseases. "It is time that we had some return from the outcasts of society. It would members of the medical and surgical

'I am in favor of anything that will advance the knowledge of scientists. | ter, the reason for the failure of cruel Vivisection of condemned criminals is desirable, but I fear that it is impracticable at present. I am afraid we will stir up the anti-vivisectionists. It is true that it would be a grand thing for science if we were permitted to study the organs of living men and it would no doubt make men hesitate more be-

fore they took life.' "Dr. J. B. Murphy fears that the idea would appear too inhuman for the

Is it not time to inquire whether the education of the Medical Colleges does not tend to blunt human sympathies, harden or obliterate human feelings, and develop a cold bloodthirstiness that | medical gentlemen were to undergo just would shame even a savage race?

ence that tends to brutalize, not only, selves-"to advance the knowledge of but also to beget an insane desire to cut scientists?" "It would be a grand thing and haggle the living human form, to for science." perform "Surgical operations," even to the risking of the lives of the victims.

In one instance, in Chicago, a husband, wiser than the "doctor," to prolabel the wind properators, threatened to would be "operators," threatened to would be preferation. Be performed by the performance of the properation of the performance of the perform

and medical journals as such.
There is such delight to cut and carve
in the name or for the sake of medical Readers of the dally papers have recently been regaled with accounts of

the deaths of more than a dozen children in St. Louis, from tetanus caused by antitoxin serum administered by medical science," for the cure of diph-

Now comes the following report: "St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 10.—The second session of the tetanus inquiry commision, organized to fix the responsibility for thirteen deaths following the use of city autitoxia, was commenced this afternoon in Mayor Wells' office. "Martin Schmidt, assistant city bacteriologist, declared that Dr. Armand

Rayold, the city bacteriologist, had directed him on October 8 to prepare or distribution serum drawn from the horse Jim, which had been shot the day before because it had tetanus.

"'I knew,' the witness declared, 'that the serum was poisonous and unfit for human beings, but I felt that I could not question Dr. Ravold's order. So I went ahead and carried out the or-

In view of the vivisection proclivities of the medical fraternity, as stated before, and the collateral case of the man in the Hawaiian Islands, who was inoculated with the virus of leprosy to demonstrate that the disease was infec-tious," and who "died of the louthsome disease," and "aided science by showing that leprosy was indeed infec-tious"-in view of these and many other similar instances, the query naturally law providing for a national hospital arises: Was this horrible affair of under the control of the government of antitoxin poisoning in St. Louis, this wholesale slaughter of the defenseless innocents, enacted for the purpose of "alding science?" The query is perti-

nent.
Years ago, the writer of this rendered some slight assistance to the surgeons who cared for a poor boy, at Port Huron, Mich., who accidentally had his rawn in no farther. from a bullet and he aided science by poor boy might not be sensible of pain

while they dressed his wound.

But vivisection—in the interest of medical "science"-must be done withhuman vivisection has never been prac- out the deadening influence of anesticed in medical science. Many persons thetics. The victim must be in possession of all his natural sensitiveness to pain, while he is lacerated or carved piecemeal, and the terrible torture down to Washington to prevent Con- in the case of animals-horses, dogs, gress from passing an anti-vivisection etc., and of course "criminals" could not expect their agony to be shortened-the cause of medical "science' demands the fullest quota of experi mentation; the more prolonged the suf ferer's agony, the greater the benefits to medical science, and the longer the to the gallows or to the electric chair in miserable victim's life endures the tor-When once a man is tufe, the greater the amount of cruel executed by law he is of no use to any experimentation that can be practiced one. He has lived a worthless life. He for the blessed sake of "science" and has taken the life of another or he has the gratification of the merciless de-

Better were it to fall into the hands of Fijl cannibals, who kill outright, but one of a dozen different forms of

It would be well for these scientific medical practitioners to devote a season to a study of the psychological effects have to be fixed so that no one con- of cruelty-especially in modes of pundemned under circumstantial evidence ishment. The statistics of present and could be thus used. Only those caught red-handed or those who confessed to murder would be taken to the vivisectory proves that when harshest punishtion hospital. The desire for human ments prevalled most crimes were comvivisection is quite universal among mitted; and that when humaner methods prevailed, crimes decreased. And why? It is psychologically true that "Dr. D. R. Brower, who has made harshness begets harshness; hatred be-considerable study of vivisection, said: gets hatred; cruelty begets cruelty; and punishments to accomplish the result intended.

> Would it not be far better in every way if such criminals as these medical professors desire to vivisect, were con-sidered as morally diseased, and consigned to an institution where under proper surveilance and instruction they would work for the State, and pay th expense of their keeping, and be m cally, psychologically treated for the renovation of their moral defects? Humano treatment tends to human-

ize; brutal treatment tends to brutalize. It is probable that, if any one of these a molety-a taste of vivisection on his Did anyone ever read in the annals of own physical body, he would speedily savage warfare, of deeds of cruelty surpassing or even equaling the cruel torture these doctors would fain inflict upon helpless human beings delivered it not smack of what is called "noetle into their power? the right and proper thing. But would it not smack of what is called "poetic justice" if these men who so glibly There seems to be something in the favor viviscetion of criminals were comregular course of study of medical sci- pelled to undergo the process them-

begainst the husband's will and wished only sattred personal Perhaps even the

It does not argue well for the observ ing powers of the practitioners of the "science," "art," or unconscionable humbug of "medicine," that, after thousands of years of medical experience, they do not know that the virus of leprosy is infectious, until they noculate a benithy man with it, and he dles of the loathsome disease. They must demonstrate the fact by cruel experiment, before they know it. And so of other infectious diseases. And not satisfied with practical ob-

servation of surgical cases from mishaps and accidents, they must needs take a sound and well human being, and cut and carve, dissect him alive, a long, cruel agony, so that these precious men of "medical science" may know something they ought to learn without this cruel vivisection, in their course of instruction in the medical school or college.

Naturally this practical experimentation on the bodies of living human beings must beget a cold, unfeeling indifference to human pain and suffering; just as the slaughter of animals at the stock-yards hardens the feelings of those engaged in the bloody work of shaughtering. Beside, there is the powerful incentive of prospective fat comes to performing "operations" upon unfortunate human belong whether they live or discounter they have a beings, whether they live or die under the "operation."

It may be labor lost, but it is proper to remind these apparent medical relics of the Dark Ages that we are now living in the Twentleth Century; that old savage notions of punishment are now outgrown by civilized people; death by hanging, as a penalty for petty stealing, is a filing of the past; and "cruel and unusual punishments" are contrary to the genius of enlightenment and pro-

Except as an unlawful outburst of passion, or of a spirit akin to hellishness wreaking its heart.ess gratification upon the defenseless unfortunate. cruelty is shunned in the infliction of lawful punishments. The burning of negroes at the stake, for crimes committed, has horrified

many people; but rossting to death is a quick and merciful punishment compared with the slow torture and long drawn-out agony of death by vivisec The spirit of kindly humanitarianism

is abroad in the civilized world, and winning its way into the hearts and minds and laws of all enlightened and cultured peoples; and it is not to be supposed that the humane progress and humane sentiment of an advanced moral and intellectual people will allow tles of a coterle of worse than ghoulish vivisectionists.

JAS. C. UNDERHILL. Hammond, Ind.

Dorothy Ann Roff.

Born to the higher life, January 17, 1002, Mrs. Dorothy Ann Roff, of Watseka, Ill., in her 77th year. Sister Roft was, as one of her city papers sald, "a notable woman," famed for her sweet and gentle ways, her pure, womanly life, and not least, for her steadfast advocacy of her falth. For over forty ives her, have been pronounced Spiritunlists, even when to be a Spiritualist was to subject one to almost social ostracism; yet she outlived all prejudice and created in the place of prejudice, a feeling of love and respect, almost of veneration in the minds of all who knew her. As the writer of the obituary in the paper I have mentioned, said, "During her illness her home was constantly visited by people from all parts of the city, representing every walk in life, who came to inquire after her condition, and if they could do aught to al-leviate her distress." Death was caused by pneumonia, and came after a week of endurance. To the readers of The Progressive Thinker her name will be famillar as the mother of Mary Roff, so well known through the narrative of "The Watseka Wonder," that at the created a world-wide interest. The birth-day services (we may not call the old-time gloom of such occasions) were on Sunday, January 19, at the old home, by the writer; and her mortal renains were given back to Mother Earth: It was a beautiful day, a seeming tribute to the beautiful life she had J. O. M. HEWITT.

#### DOROTHY ANN ROFF.

Entered into life eternal, Friday morn, January 17, 1902.

The day dawned fair, the sun in splendor rose, And with the dawning day and rising

sun. (Type of a life auspiciously begun, And of a life-work nobly, grandly She closed her eyes to mortal cares and

Which chilled her heart so oft-the heart that beat In tender sympathy for all distress. Or throbbed in rapturous joyousness.
When love and duty urged her eager

woes

feet To some kind ministration of relief For the unfortunate in pain or grief; With cheering words and willing hands she gave. Nor spared herself if she could help

Her work is done, how bravely, nobly

IN RE MANGASARIAN AND THE BANGS SISTERS.

Differing Views of the Matter Are Held by Honest and Able Minds.

Their Course Approved. To the Editor:-It is with pleasure I that if this was an honest and en nest investigator, striving to learn the truth,

investigator, striving to learn the truth, he would proceed in an entirely different manner. The honesty and thoroughly demonstrated mediumship of the psychics in question is too widely known and well established to make it necessary for them to submit to such a test or resort to any such means as proposed. It is the similarity of the case that reminds me of the thrie when a Rey, Crumbine, from Cockanton, Pa, with slates visited Cussidaga camp, with slates waxed and screwed together for the purpose of obtaining, writing within the securely fastened slates, avoying that if such phenomena was produced he would proclaim the fact of independent slate-writing and the truth of Spiritualism to all the world,

no way been tampered with, and writing was found upon them, they did the reverend gentleman acceptaine, demonstrated fact and fulfill his, pledge by proclaiming the truth to all the world? He at first accepted the spirit origin of the writing, claiming, however, that it was from the devil! This are used such a sentiment in his church that he was driven from this position to that the was driven from this position to that of recanting, and later on ciniming it was all a fraud.

fraud.

\$500 Reward Offered! In The Progressive Thinker of Jan. 11. I see a challenge from Mr. Mangasarian of \$100 against \$25 for the production of writing on blank sheets of paper placed between two slates, in the presence of the Bangs Sisters, Mr. M. to be allowed to place his bands at both

ends of the slates. about Spiritualism be trife, then the curious thing happened. When the perturbation of mind caused by a desire to earn the hundred dollars, or the fear of losing fire twenty-fire dollars, if the conditions were not right, might prevent any writing at the test trial, and for independent writing under certain conditions.

If these women are frauds, then no one would be more pleased to find it

out than I. In The Progressive Thinker of last August 24 was published an article from my pen relating an experience of independent writing which I obtained in the presence of one of the Bangs

I went to that private scance, a total stranger to these women with the full determination to find out how the trick was done, if it was a trick. I had been an amateur prestidigitator for over forty years and knew something about the conditions necessary for the suc-

cessful accomplishment of tricks.
But I did not hint to the sisters that I was there looking for fraud or tricks, tlate at least one presumable necessary were genuine spirit, mediums, by per turbing their mind with the idea that they were dealing with a fraud hunter. At this sitting, in broad saunight i placed my sealed envelope containing sheets of blank paper, between the two slates and bound the slates together on recovered and such with a free terms of the work of the slates together on the manner of this wants. And the slates together on recovered and such with a free start of the manner of the wants. And the slates of blank paper, between the two slates and bound the slates together on the slates are start of the wants. sheets of blank paper, between the two slates and bound the slates together on every side and end with a long, stout cord, and then I kept the slates held tightly in my own hands till I untied them and took from between them my still scaled envelope; and with my knife cut it open and found the four sheets of paper which I had recently put inside the envelope in a blank condition, now the envelope in a blank condition, and the promote the world, you must be do not believe that to convert Mr. Mangasarian to belief in spirit plienomena would be any greater tribumph for our cause than to convert the humblest member of his congregation."

Ladles, your dignity must indeed have been hard hit when you could pen such nonsense. Cut out Mr. Savage's (the have offered a rewind of the condition of the condition.

was done, if it be a trick. So, that if Mr. Mangasarian feels cerise so self-evidently absurd that I will not-waste any more ink upon its discussion. When you have converted Mr. peudent writing by infiling in their independent writing by infiling their independent with the peudent writing by infiling their independent with the peudent with the peudent writing by the problem in his country. Your remark is so self-evidently absurd that I will not waste any more ink upon its discussion. When you have converted Mr. Mangasarian (and you surely will and must after this amiable prodding), you may say with satisfaction which is beginning the peudent with the peudent will be a trivial and the peude

Santa Ana, Cali

luxurlating in the prospects of an unhesitating acceptance, one which you could proudly display still more conspicnote the Bangs Sisters have declined to accept the wager of the gentleman who offers to bet that no writing can be produced on sintes while he is holding said states. Now it seems to me that the Bangs Sisters have, in their refusal, taken the wise and dignified course in the wise and wise will be an opportunity for one of those will be an opportunity for on cause. 'A Mangasarian swept into the the matter, for it goes without saying, fold by the irresistible logic of facts. Another Savage enthralled—a mighty object lesson to the scoffer and doubter."

This all was in my heart when I read the strong words, backed by the uncom-promising stand of the editor. Aye, much more was read between the lines —but this must be unsaid.

Instead, behold what appeared!

Would that invisible type had carried

the message. Silence may be interpreted any way; but such expressions from the banner carriers of a mighty truth! In vision there came to me the multiinde of martyrs who went forth to evory form of torture, in order to carry their news to the needy. Did they wrap the saintly robe of "dignity" around their precious persons? -Did they demand pretty speeches before they gave Having a special interest in the ex- of their bounty? I look back and reperiment, I had charge of the slates member how Home invited every form and, after a public scance in the audi-torium, held for the purpose of obtain- courted and aided experimenters in eving writing, with W. A. Mansfeld as cry way possible. I bethought me of medium, I returned the slates to the Henry Slade before he had besmirched reverend gentleman, with seals unbroken, per agreement. In brief, after land to the home of his persecutor Landrake. the slates had been opened in the pres-ence of the committee who scaled and riveted the same, and, after careful ex-put herself wholly into the power of the amination, being satisfied they had in great Crookes? Within my immediate no way been tampered with, and writ- knowledge, did not Mrs. Simpson—

Now Lask, did this effort an our part prove no mean addition to its ranks whose adherence to Spiritualism would

who is the constitute pearls before and who personally richly deserved a whole I will give all possible added to the bombastic gambler who wishes wife was refused. The sitter came away be no ways this of that phenomenants. to prove this or that phenomenon may full report of that seance.

Now, ladies, as to your queen-like, Now, ladies, as to your queen-like, and the seance of the standing of a Mangasa-quirer of the standing of a

which is worrying my pen. Once upon time there was a wire stretched between two distant cities. Peculiarly It had the gift of self-consciousness. Chance revealed the fact that under circumstances people in the one city could establish communication those living in the other. The discovery was fraught with tremendous con-Now, if what we have been taught sequences to both cities. But a most came very purse-proud and arrogant. It demandeded a number of snekels and very, soft words and entreatles to act as go-between. Dig-well, the story is long enough.

Now, ladies, let me dissect your words a bit. I quote: "1. Because we deem it beneath the dignity of a lady and below the plane of a spiritual medium to offer or accept a bet."

First let me agree with you heartily that Mr. Mangasarian was somewhat unwise in the wording of his challenge rected at you'than one almed at Mrs. Piper by the Psychical Society, when for years it dogged her every footstep and watched her like a criminal. She did not take refuge in insulted dignity. And what has she not done in convincing other Mangasarians.

If the challenge read foolishly, how did your declination sound? Truly it was far from turning one cheek when the other was smitten.

But far beyond the mere incident, is was there booking too remark, but he beyond the mere incident, is although in fact T was there wholly for this your quarrel alone? What are you that purpose; and therefore I did not vi. In the world for? As mediums, you do not in any manner belong to yourselves. Your duty and only duty lies in ever condition for good results if they really giving. I am not repeating the folly of

have offered a rewird of \$500 to any Boston Mangasarian) contribution to one who will show me how the trick "our cause," and you have dealt it a severe blow in this country. Your remark gotten by such an important deed, "Well done, good and faithful wire"

Her work is done, how bravely nobly done!

Lamented and beloved—foes she had none—

A crown celestial adorns her brow; With loved ones gone before she dwelleth now in love, and for, and peace, the victory work in love, and for, and peace, the victory work in love, and for, and peace and for, while souls distressed work be her peace and for, while ground form in the spirit word—when I saw the challeng of the souls distressed in the spirit word—when I saw the challeng of the souls distressed in the spirit word—when I saw the challeng of the souls distressed in the spirit word—when I saw the challeng of the souls distressed in the spirit word—when I saw the challeng of the souls distressed in the spirit word—when I saw the challeng of the souls distressed in the spirit word—when I saw the challeng of the souls distressed in the spirit word—when I saw the challeng of the souls distressed in the spirit word—when I saw the challeng of the souls distressed in the spirit word—when I saw the challeng of the souls distressed in the spirit word—when I saw the challeng of the same in the spirit word—when I saw the challeng of the same in the spirit word—when I saw the challeng of the same in the spirit word was the challeng of the same in the spirit word was the challeng of the same in the spirit word was the challeng of the same in the same of the same in the spirit word was the challeng of the same in the same of the same in the same of the same in the same in the same of the same in the same of the same in the sam

offering to "put up." He means bustness: do you, likewise? Admitting frankly that Mr. Mangasarian has some reasons for doubting the manifestations which occur through Interesting Personal Experience. you. But what of it? The same doubts possess the minds of probably the ma-jority of your sitters at first, but simply

suppressed. Ladles, let me suggest a way of enhancing your dignity, about a hundred fold. Just hurry and earn (not win) that hundred dollars. Then turn them in for the good of "the cause," as to at about 29th and Vine streets, Kansas help somebody who is in greater need City, Mo. The house contained eight than you, You will have the mighty host who partake of Brother Francis

weekly bounty applaud you in your good work. Not alone that, but you may also win over a champion to "thecause" whose influence might rival that of our noble Savage. Leave that audience decide whether it be not a greater

deed to slay a general in-chief than one of his lowly followers.

But, I hear the warning cry, "time."

Now, listen, Misses Bangs. Let me dictate a letter which you surely will have inscorted an the first negge of inserted on the first page of the next in the largest and most conspicuous Here it is:

Mr. Mangasarian:—Sir:—We have answered your "To Whom It May Concern" in a previous edition of this paper, as it seemed best to us, and in accordance with the spirit which apparimplied suspicion of our work which justifiably embitters us. Upon maturer consideration we conclude that your knowledge of the laws of mediumship, or psychic phenomena, is of a kind which led to the harsh challenge as published. We do not blame you for that, but will say that the unprejudiced calmness of the earnest investigator is street. not a disturbing factor in such investigations. But betting, ungrounded susquently, and wrongly, attributed to a bly infer that you have been misinformed concerning our methods, Had you come as any ordinary seeker, we would cheerfully have given you all opportunity to convince yourself. We will forget the warmth of our feelings

in behalf of the greater needs of others, and meet you half way. But as you have doubted us, it is perfectly fair that you suffer under a similar imputation—if your wards, were inspired by anything but direct and exact knowledge. Hence we make you this offer: You are to attend as many seances as may be necessary to build a positive judgment upon. These may be at our because we want to be a constant of the constant of t learning the exact truth concerning our mediumship, premising that although you may not be satisfied, yet such a disappointment shall not bias you against the trutl of Spiritualism. But if the little stone from our sling shall pierce the armor of your skepticism, then shall you so publicly acknowledge. We do not make this proposition in a desire for self glorification, nor even of vindication; but to remove whatever prejudice we can in you against Spirit-

ualism. Very Truly, THE BANGS SISTERS. Ladles, there are no "triumphs" involved-no bets taken notice of-no dignity under consideration. It is simply a question of bringing home the truth to Mr. Mangasarian, to satisfy all of your well-wishers, to do justice to the editor of this goodly journal, and above all things to bring the truth of Spiritualism more authoritatively before the world. A refusal to reconsider your words can have but one interpretation.

JOSEPH SINGER.

Woman as a Political Factor.

The news papers are discussing with good deal of carnestness the value of omen in political campaigns. Many of the journals which are opposed to woman suffrage, do not hesitate to praise the women, and tell them how they contribute to the success of municipal reform by their addresses and other political labors. But these newspapers are simply putting weapons into the hands of the suffragists. It will not be long before the ladies will not be satisfied with doing much of the hard work, and at the same time be denied

the privileges of citizens.

If women may raise the sinews of war, make speeches, drum up the deretalk of the "antis" about the women going into politics goes into thin air. If women may do everything in politics but vote without being unsexed, or up-setting the social order, having the suffrage would produce none of the prophesied calamities.

Surely all of the logic is with the suf-

iragists, and they will not be slow use it. All women who care to be in politics can easily get in, and nothing can stop the women folks from going the whole figure.-New York Defender.

There is a wide difference between speaking to deceive and being silent to Tragedy has the great moral defect of

giving too much importance to life and

eath .- Chamfort. A musical and literary entertainment will be given by the Band of Harmony Thursday evening, January 80, at eight o'clock charp. Everybody invited; a fine program given, Admission, 25 cents.

### SPIRIT RETURN.

Since reading Brother Chesney's article in No. 633 of The Progressive Thinker, I have decided to follow his example and tell what I actually know.

about spirit return.

Twelve years ago this winter we moved into a nice frame house, situated rooms, besides several closets; was nicely finished throughout and nearly new. It stood (and I presume still stands) on the east side of the street. The front door opened into a hall; from the hall one door opened at the left into the parlor, another at the end of the hall into the sitting room, the stairway being on

the right. I think it was about the 10th of December that my mother came to visit me. The men were out of town doing some contract work, and it was decided that she would remain with me and my paper, giving order to have it adorned little boy, nine years old, till they returned. She was a member of the type of the printing establishment. Christian church. We knew nothing

whatever, about Spiritualism. We conversed on general topics till about 9 o'clock that evening, when we retired. I had made mother's hed on a folding lounge in the parlor which was separated from my room by curtains. ently dictated your words. It was the The upper rooms were vacant, not an article of any kind being in any of them; but for some reason one of the closet doors had been removed from its hinges by a former occupant and leaned against the wall. No sooner had our conversation ceased than that door fell, making a sound on the bare floor loud enough to be heard across the

Of course we were thoroughly aroused and wondered what caused it picion (even though unexpressed) is a to fall. We had no cat, but mother positive detriment to the highest or said a cat must have got in some way. finest spiritual manifestations. Failure | Pretty soon a sound began like a large under the last condition is but too fre- marble rolling on the floor just above us. That continued about five minutes flaw in the medium. We will charita- and was followed by numerous bodies, seemingly of various weights, moving about in those empty rooms. We arose and went up stairs, seeing nothing but the door lying on the floor.

We went down to the pantry, got some flour and a sieve, dusted it over the floor and stairway behind us as we descended.

We again went to bed, but had hardly lain down when sounds began like at least two persons walking about up-stairs in stocking feet. Their footstens were so plain and real that we arose at once, dressed and went to the kitchen and made a fire in the stove. We shut the door and could not hear the noises home or any inutually designated place. then so plainly, so seated ourselves as But first I must tell you a story | You will be given every opportunity of | comfortably as possible and began discussing the matter, mother trying hard to make a scientific explanation, an electric plant being pear gave her a basis for her reasoning.

All at once a revel began in the room

directly above us that would have turned my hair white on the instant, it such phenomena is possible, had mother been a woman of less courage. There ing feet, running about. They threw heavy bodies, wrestled and seemed to move furniture about the room. Finally one started hurriedly down stairs. The stairway creaked as though it were a large person of great agility. The doors were all locked. Mother actually looked triumphant as she exclaimed, "Now we've got him." She immediately started toward the sitting-room door. took up a heavy lamp and followed She unlocked and cautiously opened the door. No one-nothing to be seen. We returned to the kitchen where we sat till 3 a. m., now both throughly convinced that we were in a "haunted" house. The performance ended about 2:30 by a chair, about two feet from where mother sat being taken up and thrown violently across the room, right befor,e our astonished eyes.

There was not a print of any kind in the flour next morning. It lay as smoothly over the floor and stairs as though not the slightest disturbance had been made.

We had relatives in town to whom we went next day. Mother returned to her home in Quenemo, Kans., and now comes the strongest part of my story. About a week after her return to home, she retired early on a certain evening, being an invalid. My father was reading to her, as was his custom, when he was interrupted by a rap on the door. He arose and opened it. No lict on election day, all the horrible one was there. He returned and resumed his reading with a remark about being mistaken, when a very distinct rap came again. Promptly opening the door again, he saw no one; the moon was shining. No one was in sight. He closed the door and stood for a moment with his hand on the knob; the raps came again with some violence. went out, looked on the roof and all about the place, but saw no one.

He and mother were alone; he could not believe anyone would attempt a practical joke. He was a Christian gentleman, retired in manner, and did not believe in spirit return. Being man of deep thought and broad general culture, of course he did not believe in a personal devil, so he was naturally

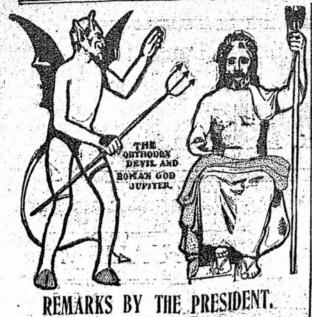
The occurrences that evening were the beginning of a series of phenomena that was widely published at the time, and finally taken up by the Psychical Research Society, so I will not go into detalls about it here.

Numerous skeptical investigators went to the house, but were all alike unable to account for the occurrences they witnessed,

the most wonderful demonstrations haginable, such as moving furniture in broad daylight, right in the presence of several people, and taking articles entirely away from the house, were kept up till just before mother's death, up till just before mother after the ccurrences began.

My father died last winter a firm believer in Spiritualism. I have in my nossession many of his letters telling mo of mother's visits to him after he death.

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The Goldless and Devilless Club Moving Along Lines of Least Resistance.

A Methodist Minister Says Prof. Pearson Ought to 14:4; Nahum 1:3. Be Skinned Alive and His Hide Hung On a Barn Door and Salted.

As President of the Godless and Devilless Club I wish to state that on the 26th day of January, there was a congress of leading Freethinkers in Cincinnati, Ohio, to organize an antisectarian society for the promotion and promulgation of true governmental and social principles, with but one plank in its platform—the complete separation of church and state, the idea being to work for an absolute divorce of religion from the state, and to educate the people of America to be as liberal towards one another as their noble constitution allows. A great many people labor under the false idea that ours is "a Christian country," and that Christians should have the right to dictate the course which our government should pursue in regulating the conduct of its subjects. We want to emphasize the statement which George Washington made in his with a razor.—Isaiah 7: 20. treaty with Tripoli, that "this is not a Christian government," and to say, emphatically, that Christians, as such, have no more right than any other sect to dictate the po- of the field to destroy. Jeremiah 15:3; Deut. 32:41; Ezek. litical or social affairs of our nation. The founders of our 21:3. republic were not Christians and this irrefutable fact is Bou corroborated by the liberal spirit and letter of our famous constitution. No such liberal and just document could have come from the Christian church because it could not, by reason of its self-exalted position in the world, as the odus 22:28; Gen. 1:26, 6:2; Joh 2:1. only infallible teacher, of truth and morals, give either religious or social liberty to those whom she counts unbelievers. It is a remarkable fact, that since this govern- 11:12. ment was founded by unbelievers, religious persecution has been rare. It is the desire of the founders of the new liberal organization to remove every cause of illiberality between sect and sect and to show by the principles of science and right reason that no sect has any authority to rule over the rest. It is the function of a just government to maintain order and to see that one class does not unduly impose upon another. The government of the United States should not allow the Christians to rob their fellow men by having their church property exempt from taxes. This is unjust from the governmental standpoint and unmanly from that of the Christian. "By their fruits" just men are known. The Christian church has for a long time exalted itself above all else, but, in the I Kings 22:22; Samuel 18:10. order of evolution, the indisputable evidence has come to philosophy for ethical purposes, that its dogmas are based flown because of the fierce anger of the Lord.—Jaremish priest and fables, and that it cannot produce the 25:31, 44:27, 51:27; Lamentations 12:4, 2:6, 5:11; Ezek. "divine revelation" which it claims to possess, nor the "di-9:6, 9:10. vine commission" which it claims it received from its alleged savior of the world. A paper was read at the Cincinnati congress showing the beginning of the end of the great eccleastical delusion and the inauguration of a new era of the reign of truth for authority in the place of the Christian authority for truth. Although our constitution allows the freedom of the press, yet the Christians ignore that noble characteristic, by which the masses can be liberally educated, by keeping the editors thereof in fear of losing their support. Why? Because Christianity fears the light of day; it dares not put its superstitions in touch

with science and right reason. Christians have had the presumptuous effrontery to brand Freethinkers "infidels," but we now have the undisputable evidence that they are necessary factors in the work of uprooting superstition. There is not an ecclesiastical dogma which they have disputed but what is false.

The last meeting of the Godless and Devilless Club was intensely interesting. The experience of Brother Hastings opened up an entirely new field of thought to many. nificent church—God's church, so called—passing from He is said to have miraculously multiplied meal and oil, The declaration of the wise sage that accompanied him, that a radical disbelief in the existence of a God was no demolishes the pulpit, and then passes into the earth,

mere belief in such being without accompanying virtues, knows exactly when. was no surety that a person would be happy on entering The Godless and Devilless Club is constantly moving in the and went over Jordan dry-shod, he made iron to swim

Deut. 31:18; Jeremiah 31:10, 16: 17; Chron. 7: 15. Mouth: For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it .-

Teeth: He hath broken my teeth with gravelstones .-

Ears: And my cry did enter his ears .- II. Samuel 22:7; I. Cor. 13:20.

Arms: Oh! arm of the Lord .- Jeremiah 32:21; Isaiah Hands: I took the cup at the Lord's hands, and made all the nations drunk,—Jeremiah, 25:11, 32:21; Ezek.

21:7; Isaiah 51:22, 5:1.
Wings: He shall fly and spread his wings.—Jeremiah

49:22; Psalms 91:4. Feet: And his feet shall stand in that day. Zachariah

Feathers: He shall cover thee with his feathers. Hair: The hair of his feet.—Isaiah 7;20.

Talked: The Lord said the man has become as one The Lord had Sons: The sons of God saw that the

daughters of men were fair .- Genesis 6:2. God had grandchildren: The daughters of men had children by sons of God.—Genesis 6:4.
Got weary and rested: The Lord rested on the seventh

lay.-Genesis 2:2. Was a planter: The Lord planted a garden.-Genesis

Was a tailor: The Lord made coats of skin .- Genesis

Was an engraver: I will engrave the engravings thereof saith the Lord.—Zachariah 3:2. Was a barber: In the same day shall the Lord shave

A warrior; Saith the Lord, I will appoint the sword to slay, the dogs to tear, the fowls of the air, and the beasts

Bow, quiver and arrows: He hath bent his bow; he has Chron. 15: 13; Isaiah 34:6.

Plurality of Gods: Thou shalt not revile the Gods,-Ex-

Cry and roar: The like as the young lion roareth on his prey.—Isaiah 31:4, 42:16; Amos 1:2; Joel 3:16; Hosen

Tread and trample: I will tread them in anger, trample in my fury.—Isaiah 63:3. A druggist: I took the Lord's cup at the Lord's hands

and made all the nations drunk .- Jeremiah 25:11. Fierce anger: The Lord slew seventy thousand men because David numbered the people.—II. Samuel 24:15: 11. Chron. 18:22; Proy. 15:11; Isaiah 13:9, 3:42; Lamenta-

God's vengeance: In the days of God's vengeance the streams shall be turned into pitch, the dust into brimstone, and the land shall become burning pitch.-Isaiah 34:3-9, 43:28, 53:10; Jeremiah 6:11, 13:13, 66:16, 19:9;

Furious: I will gather you in my anger and in my fury melt you.—Ezek. 22:20, 25:15, 38:22; Hosen 13:7, 13:8;

Jonah 2:2, 2:10; Zachariah 9:14, 14:3; Malachi 1:4, 2:3. The Lord's furnace: The Lord whose fire is in Zion, and whose furnace is in Jerusalem.—Isaiah 31:9. Images: You shall make of your emerods images, and

images of your mice, and give glory to the God of Israel. I. Samuel 6:5, 6:4, 6:11; Julges 15: 15. Human sacrifices: And did according to the yow

-I. Samuel 6:5, 6:4, 6:11; Judges 15:15. will offer it up for a burnt offering .- Judges 11:29, 30, 31

This presentation of the Bible view of God is certainly worthy of careful consideration, as it reflec's the hideous

fom a dark, threatening storm cloud, and strikes a magthe steeple, and following the lines of least resistance, it and even to have raised the dead.

the spirit world, was received enthusiastically by the menitre its onward march to higher and better conditions along he multiplied a widow's single pot of oil until it filled bers. There is no doubt whatever but that the belief in lines of least resistance. All the potent forces of the unithe existence of a God has proved greafly detrimental to verso move in that way, and why should not the Godless stories are crude and childish, some are pathetic and subthe advancement of mankind generally. Just for example, listen to the following as presented by one of the honcordance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the Bible God is moving mong lines of the condance with the c ple, listen to the following as presented by one of the honored members of the Club, "demonstrating" from the
Bible the peculiar features of the orthodox God:

Devilless Club pattern thereafter? To move in ac- lime, but they are all alike legendary and not historic.

"It is impossible to draw any line between these alleged
miracles in the Old Testament and similar accounts in the
Bible the peculiar features of the orthodox God:

In the search for grand and beautiful truths, is so great gospels or the Acts of the Apostles. When a gate opens Price: For I have seen God's face.—Genesis 22:30;
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Barrel of meal multiplied by Elijah and the cruse of oil in-geons, applied hot irons to others, and slowly tortured creased by Elisha. When Jesus is represented as walking many who are searching for truth in other directions and on the lake of Gennesaret we think of Moses dividing the along different lines. It is not difficult to discern the Red sea, and of Elijah and Elisha cleaving the waters of bright lines along which the Godless and Devilless Club Jordan. The story of the raising of the son of the widow is moving—along lines of least resistance, having completely obliterated from its code of belief all the Gods on the earth plane that have ever been originated by mortal man, for all Gods are simply man-made, fashioned in a ruman, for all Gods are simply man-made, fashioned in a rudimentary way, built up step by step by ignorance, superstition, bigotry, and intolerance, and are so many obstacles in the way of the advancement of humanity, making the lines of least resistance to progress, entirely outside of them. Remove all the Gods, all the crucified saviors, all the Devils, all the Apostles and all sacred Bibles from truth, but its history and science are always imperfect and your code of belief, then you can move along lines of least often erroneous. Only the most ignorant still believe in the Devils, all the Apostles and all sacred Bibles from your code of helief, then you can move along lines of least often erroneous. Only the most ignorant still believe in resistance to the higher realms. This is exactly what the Godless and Devilless Club is now doing. It has none of the rubbish of medieval times carefully blended into a poetic and not scientific. The church cannot afford to God. to contend with.

It has no man-made saviors to revere or cherish. It has no fossillized Bible with its absurdities and conradictions.

It has no method of baptism to insure a person against

It has no salaried minister to interpret the "holy" Scripture and render confusion more confused. Hence the Godless and Devilless Club can move along the lines acles of the class mentioned, once a help, are now a hinof least resistance, and is far ahead of all the religious

sects in its onward march towards the higher spheres. The various religious seets at the present time seem to be in a disturbed condition. Not quite bold enough to unite with the Godless and Devilless Club, they make haste slowly by demolishing the Bible.

Biblical stories of miracles are branded as incredible fancies-tares among wheat-modern preaching is denounced as cowardly, and Sunday-schools are pronounced inadequate and almost farcical in an article published by Professor Charles W. Pearson, professor of English litercaused the arrows of his quiver.—Lamentations 3:13; ature at Northwestern university. Professor Pearson maintains that the Bible errs in many points, and that belief in Biblical infallibility is a superstitious and harmful tradition. The subject of the article is "Open Inspiration Vs. a Closed Canon and Infailible Bible.'

He sets forth that "modern preaching lacks truth and power because, so many churches cling to an utterly untenable tradition that the Bible is an infallible book. This dogma is the preacher's besetting sin. It is the palpable lie that gives the ring of insincerity to all their moral exhortations. It theologians wish to retain their lost intellectual deadership, or even to possess an influence upon of their idolatrous worship. It is the palpable lie that the thoughtful! part of the community, co-ordinate with gives the ring of insincerity to all their moral exhortapoets, philosophers, and men of science, they must throw tions. aside the dogma of an infallible Bible as completely and as frankly as Protestants have thrown aside the dogma of an infallable Pope.

"The Bible is the most precious of all books. It is a noble collection of law, history, biography, precept and The Lord swears: I swear by myself.—Jeremiah 22:5. by the medium which has preserved it. The credulous Here we have a professor in a leading university—one Fierce anger: And the peaceful habitations, are cut and the ignorant disciple, the allegarist and the poet, the of the best in the United States—extending a hand over

"Let us look at a few examples of tares among the Bible

wheat. "There is a story in the book of Daniel that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, for refusing to bow down to the image of a Babylonian king were cast into a burning fiery furnace, the flames of which slew those that threw them into it, and yet fire had no power upon the three. must be a very bold or very ignorant man who will assert that he believes that this account is literally true. is certainly a thousand times more probable that it is a legend or an allegory.

"We read in the book of Kings that Elijah was fed by the ravens. We read in that quaint medieval book, 'The ignorance of past ages, and illustrates the nature of a God. Voyages and Travels of Sir John Mandeville,' a story sim-The world should at first advance along the lines of ilar to this. Both are poetic fancies, one as untrue and least resistance, in its efforts to reach a higher plane. incredible as the other. We read that Elijah smote the That is what the electric current does when it emerges water with his mantle and they divided hither and thither so that he and his companions went over on dry ground.

"With his successor, Elisha, the mythmaking fancy has ated a profound sensation

bar whatever to entering the realms of bliss, and that a stopping its career of carnage, madness and death, no one been even more active. He, too, was said to have power over the elements. He divided the waters with his man-

uphold primitive conceptions which are opposed by every school book on the subjects in question, or the barbarous ethics which are condemned by every moralist and legis-

"Religious teachers cannot safely oppose or ignore sciences. The evasion and suppression of truth, if persisted in, becomes mere priestcraft and imposture, and leads to the decay and death of any church that permits it. Mir-

"These churches which continue to teach that such egends, errors, and allegories are literal truth, taint all the rest of their message. It is the cowardly) refusal of the churches to admit patent facts and to advance with the advance of knowledge that has brought about the low moral state of the nation that depends so largely upon them for spiritual guidance and strength. Wise men will accept the truth from any source. If Christians were ready to learn from infidels when the infidels are right there would be less infidelity in the world. Infidels would accept our truth if we would accept theirs, but when they see us mistaken and unreasonable in some very plain and simple matters they are less likely to trust our wisdom and sincerity in more important concerns.

"Jesus told the scribes and Pharisces that they had made 'the word of God of none effect through their tradition.' Very many of our religious teachers of to-day are loing the same thing. Modern preaching lacks truth and power because so many churches cling to the utterly untenable tradition that the Bible is an infallible book This dogma is their besetting sin. It is the golden calf

"If theologians wish to regain their lost intellectual leadership or even to possess an influence on the thoughtful part of the community co-ordinate with that of poets, philosophers, and men of science, they must throw aside the dogma of an infallible Bible as completely and frankly poetry, but the great spiritual treasure of the Bible is in as Protestants have thrown aside the dogma of an infalli-

of our Club blush with shame. Elder Hardin makes a proposition to skin Prof. Pearson and hang his hide upon the barn door:

"No sane man will make the statements accredited to Professor Pearson. We, as ministers of the Methodist Episcopal church, should not stand idly by without uttering a protest against the sayings of this man. He has done more harm to Northwestern University and its future progress than we can estimate at the present time.

"SHALL WE LET HIM SLAP US IN THE FACE AND SAY NOTHING? NO. HE OUGHT TO BE SKINNED AND HIS HIDE HUNG UPON THE BARN DOOR AND SALTED."

This meeting of the club was particularly interesting and instructive, and the remarks of the president were listened to in rapt attention, and as he read Elder Hardin's statement that Prof. Pearson should be "skinned and his hide hung upon the barn door and salted," it cre-HIGH SCRIBE.

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## The Fifth Annual Mass Meeting of Illinois Spiritualists,

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them and convert them to his own use propositions I have reasoned out, and and benefit. Wrong and evil are referable entirely to finite beings. To, the boundless universals all is good. Again wrong and ovil are referable to the laws and conduct of finite beings as exercised

and entered into between themselves; and here intelligence and conscience play a very conspicuous and important

Man was not brought into existence through the operation of thought exercised by a universal life substance or principle, but by the operation of some law luberent in and attribute to that universal life principle."

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I therefore reject it, and hold to the bellef that law is as much superior to, and as radically differing from intelligence as an infinitude is radically different from a finite being. My god is therefore all good, because It cannot conceive of evil-has never thought of punishments and rewards, because it is not necessary for it to think—acts not by thought and intelligence but by law, certain and perfect.

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#### "A SERMON."

#### A Kindly Criticism of Rev. M. J. Savage's Discourse.

To the Editor:-It has never before from any divine, netwithstanding I from the radiata a man, or driven man have read many, that was nearly so back into the purely animal type.
strong in common sense as this. I delican understand how a dullard and

erywhere concealed in nature, he says, that I refuse to believe without posi-"This power has given us life and is tive proof. therefore, whatever more it may be, Such considerations lead me to con our Father." Not in the sense of our clude that all life is not the same life

As I understand it, life is an elementples that are everywhere present wher, as well as mental attributes. ever space and matter exist, and therefore limitiess; and that our souls are but polarized atoms within that boundiess ocean. By no means is it reasonable for me to believe that all life is the same life. From my careful study of the universe. Further, "Not only is this Being (life, principle) ple of life which being polarized under end." suitable conditions, produces man; and another elemental principle that pro- have come to know that the power is duces a horse; another an oak tree, etc.

warlety in the universe of life as in the means that the "power" is one as we universe of matter, and likely greater? are one, but rather in its endless chain This fact, if a fact, does away with of cause and effect. pny farther search after missing links, "Once more," he says, "we are com-

in what seems to me its proper limits, How the law of evolution can change one elemental into another elemental is strangely miraculous to me.

That the law of unfoldment and infoldment can change the form, eliminate, imperfections and reject alloys, I am readily comprehend and fully understand; and to me this is the complete scope and function of this law.

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but brains like that of Shakspeare, and | versally the same. Intelligence em- | the reason of the dawning (wentieth spiritual natures like that of Jesus." braces comprehension and facts, while we know that the law of evolution in nature's law is above both comprehenits effects vibrates, swings forward sion and facts. Nature's law is the and backward as a pendulum as cir- great commander of the universe actcumstance and environment, favorable or otherwise, may control. But it has never yet evolved a mouse into an elephant, nor retrograded an elephant attribute of this life principle and may been my good fortune to read a sermon into a mouse. Much less has it evolved

thank the noted gentleman for an intellect like Shakspeare's can be uttering it, and the editor of this paper evolved from the same elemental prin-for publishing the same. It is worthy ciple, where the type-form and characof the most careful study; of being read teristics differ only in degree. But to wholly change the type-form and gen-Speaking of some thing some princi- oral characteristics both mental and ple, some power, some being, that is ev- physical is an astounding proposition

our Father." Not in the sense of our ordinary use of this word, however, what could give us life but life itself? That this great universal ocean of life is made up of varied elementals and more than likely of many compounds, may please one to call it, is a part of the universal ocean of life that pervales the limitless universe I have no when surrounded by such conditions as a limit that the important in the material universe; each seeking an expression in material form when surrounded by such conditions as will polarize, or personalize, its varied atoms. This hypothesis rationally acal principle or, more properly, princi- counts for the variety of material forms

Again he says, "In the next place we this matter I am forced to the convictor substance) omnipotent, it is eternal. tion that there is one elemental princl- We cannot dream of a beginning or an

"In the next place," he says. one." I cannot understand by this last Why should there not be as great a remark that the distinguished divine

In what seems to me its proper limits, gent." Upon this proposition I entergent." Upon this proposition I enter that ideas widely divergent from my estimated author. To me it has of late appeared that intelligence, love and the appeared that intelligence, love and the appeared that intelligence is over any other passions are attributes of personality and have no place in universal being or any have no place in universal being or attributes. That the thing which approaches nearest and perhaps in some way alled to intelligence is law, as ture's law. But that it is infinitely any perior to intelligence; so superior that it is action but the constitutes are the perior to intelligence; so superior that it is infinitely any perior to intelligence; so superior that it is action but the constitutions are the constitutions are the constitutions.

ing from within outward, while intelligence acts from without inward. Nature's law is the governing function or bear the like relation to this universal principle as, intelligence bears to a finite being, except that the mode of

Being an attribute of infinity, natural tory and breathing systems act; overiding even our intelligence or conscious will power. Under this hypothesis I see no use of intelligence in a universal substance or

being, for it could in no wise change its higher attribute of law; neither could love or any other passion belonging to finite and intelligent beings belong to it, for they would be inoperative. To Man is in the habit of endowing universal principles and all pervading spirit with the same attributes that he

ossesses, not considering that it is the

ifference in attributes or qualities that distinguishes one from the other as well in the spirit world as in the material world. To me this seems strangely illogical and unsatisfactory. A personal God would naturally be endowed with like attributes as other personal beings of a high order and with reason. And as man's bighest attributes are intelligence, love, etc., man has always endowed his self-created

ersonal gods with all of his qualities. It is before the shrine of such a mythical personal god that the worshipers bow, cringe, praise, flatter and call upon for help, in our churches, of today, however much they may declare to the contrary. Their conception and comprehension

of a universal ocean of life or spirit, that is wanting in the attributes of intelligence, love, hate and other quallties that pertain to finite beings; that knows no moral code, because morality

knows no moral code, because moranty cannot apply to it and only applies to run or such beings as men; is so indefi-nite that they dismiss the study of the subject, content to continue their wor-ning of the ged of the hateful and crust ancients whose supposed attributes are much like their own. But I am Empty to observe, that ever m our churches, this abomination of a new is many bo, manuscribes and these

century; and that such minds as are possessed by such men as the Rev. Minot J. Savage, are departing from the old, worn-out ways, happy if they to conclude therefrom that all of its atto that power that governs all. All attributes, sensations and aspira-

tions that pertain to man would be wholly useless to the spirit of life that pervades the universe for the most obrious reason that it could not exercise them; and nature perpetuates no useless and unnecessary attributes or

The attribute of inherent law, whatover it may be, supercedes and does away with all these lesser and imperfect attributes in this universal life ether. This natural law is inherent in and co-equal with this life substance that pervades all space, while intelligence is something that is acquired.
And while we are a polarized part of this life substance it is not necessary to conclude itherefrom that all of it attributes and the same as ours.

To illustrate, water may be changed luto steam, (when we find its attributes wholly changed; and again into ice, and the affibutes of ice and steam are no more alfke than the attributes of man and fills universal life substance.

man and fils universal life substance.

Further on he says, "We know, be further on he says, "We know, be some substance in that the universe is you the side of goodness." I should say on the side of goodness." I should say on the side of goodness." I should say on that the universe has a whole knows or that the universe has a whole knows or that the universe has a whole knows or that evil, as we is nothing but good. That evil, as we is nothing that goodness a substantial that the series of some substantial that he was a sof living together so that no clety; as of living together so that no one may enjoy any greater or better privileges than any other and that each one may enjoy" every privilege that may not in some way abridge the rights of others. To me it seems, self-evident that a finite being could not offend an infinite

being; much less do anything contrary to its laws. We may violate the laws of man, no matter, how intelligently formed, as by stenling our neighbor's horse, or assaulting his person. But we horse, or assaulting his person. But we cannot violate a law of nature. If we jump off a preplyice, it is the law of nature, that we will be hurled into the chasm below; so that the law is not violated but verified.

A fluite being can no more offend an nuoite being and violate its laws than

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OGGULT MYSTERIES.

### OCCULT PHENOMENA.

That Occurred Many Years Ago.

THE BELL WITCH MYSTERY-ONE OF THE TRADITIONS OF ROB-WITH FAMILY,

Red river, began to appear certain oc- grand rascal; I won't trust you." Times.

children and some slaves removed to stop this time." Red river from South, Carolina, purchasing there 1,000 acres of rich land, boy Hairy, who was accustomed to sic formulated his ideas very clearly, but spondents. Longmans, Green & Co. Bell's daughter, Bessle, a winsome and the dogs on in pursuit of hogs and such as they were, here was a distinct belles of the county.

peace. Then came two strange premo- how do you feel now? Hold out your one of his bodies, die and perish. It nitions of evil, which were followed by hands, Luce, and I will give you some- was evident, therefore, that his father the manifestations, the very telling of thing." which to-day raises the hair of Robertson county children in terror.

like human laughter, and then turned tery. away with a loud whirr of wings.

floor, disturbed the family at night. As days upon this earth would be few and tongue stiffened and his cheeks pro- gain.

their affliction had been told Mr. Johu- left in the place. son led the Bells in prayer, asking that the manifestations should cease, or at nearby hamlet, was sent for. Neighleast that there should be an explana- bors were called in-John Johnson, Altion of the mystery. After Mr. John- exander Gunn, Frank R. Miles and othson and his wife had gone to bed the ers. When all were there Kate said: familiar noises were heard in their room and the bed clothing was snatched Jack. I have got him this time. He from them. The next morning Mr. will never get up from that bed again." Johnson advised the Bells to make The physician could not tell what was nice and easy.

that she had determined to torment leave, Kate commenced to sing a flip-"old Jock Bell out of his life" because pent air, of which the refrain was "Row of a fancied slight to Mrs. Butts while me up some brandy, O!"

prays. How I love to hear him." The denly stopped. The horses tried to pull; called (there used not to be much ethics lighted and windows closed against the new part. The voice would tell of wheels, but still the wagon did not appearance of dead persons' ghosts, dashed through the hall and threw it. hall in which to hold our meetings. The events which had happened in that part move. "By the eternal, boys," yelled that if ghosts proved anything they self against her with the joyous bounds good Christians(?) would not allow us of North Carolina where the Bells had General Jackson, "It's the witch."

man, the school teacher, Joshua Gard- A "witch layer" was present, who anything too much. It seems a little his head out from under the sofa. per by name, was courting Bessle Bell. | boasted of his wonderful powers. He too much, it is true, for our mental Sometimes when I am reading he will filled, and many could not get in, and at had been good. Our special visiting He seemed likely to succeed when sud- had a horse pistol which was loaded swallow, but it was not at all too much suddenly appear beside me and look up last the doors had to be locked to keep dealy the unknown spirit took a hand with a silver bullet. He had also the for the savage. If ever there was a at me with that little coaxing sound he the rowdles from disturbing the meetin his affairs. When the two young tip of a black cat's tail. He stated that proverb that expresses wisdom gar- always made when he wanted to get on lovers were together the soft low voice he had shot the cat from which it was nered by hard experience it is that my lap. Or, again, he will they his cold could be distinctly heard saying, taken with a silver bullet, while sitting which tells us that "appearances are nose against my hand. There is no Gardner; please, Betsy Bell, don't mar- bit of tall on his nose he could produce | We must go back to have another see him perfectly distinctly." ry Joshua Gardner."

ter or human word of mouth later.

How man lost demonstrations of affection. Calling at lists and investigators, feeling happy the list of stone fathoms does in the list land to the lists and investigators, feeling happy Bell's slaves, was often into in our was pear, so that they could see him run, his ax of stone, fathoms deep in the the house one day after his death, mind, old Jack; I'll attend to that rascal voice said: "All right, general, I am on find it by diving; it was completely to hear a gentle scratching at the door to McClure? The Christians. Who next time."

again. Mr. Bell began scolding, when Mr. Smarty, here I am. Shoot!"

got me by the neck." He writhed and same result. danced around and the next minute! in striking flesh were beard. Harry death. Then he fell headlong into a joven hand. corner as if tossed there with great!

and Mrs. Bell one evening when she has got me! Oh, Lordy! He has got me they belonged—it was proved by the Whether the explanation is telepathic that impels us on to greater effort, and had visitors, thought by strategy to by the nose!" Then he bolted out of simple fact that he had seen it; for if or more intimately concerned with the I think ought to help awaken those keep the witch out of the room. She the door. secreted a black girl named Anky in a A woman named Ayres is yet living, proverb that appearances were decep- Mrs. Bancker does not attempt to say, to a realization of the fact that it is the trundle bed in the room. In the midst who as a baby, received a spanking tive he had a most perfect faith in that She does assert that the little ghost is a duty of every true Spiritualist to do his of a general conversation among Mrs. from Kate. The baby was very fretful rather contradictory one of our colning, persistent and familiar visitor.—Chi- or her part in helping the good cause here for the west, Jan. 20, going to Chicago Vegetarian Society. Price 25 Bell and her guests, the voice of Kate | and the mother had to get up frequent- that says "Seeing's believing."

was heard to say distinctly, "There's a nigger in the house. It's Ank, I smell old Bell kitchen is standing. It is neg-her under the bed." Then underneath jected, overgrown with bushes, and is few religions there is any belief in the An Houset, Legitimate Enterprise, Backed Startling Spirit Manifestations nearly scared to death was heard a still the object of awe, and negroes will the terrestrial body; and this is possible The black girl jumped from under the sheet. On her face was a white froth, and she said, "Oh, Miss Luce (that being Mrs. Bell's pet name), the witch tried to spit me to death."

On another occasion Calvin Johnson, ERTSON COUNTY CONCERNING a man well known as honest and truth-WHICH THE PEOPLE SPECU- ful, asked Kate to shake hands with Dreams and the Idea of Immor-LATE TO THIS DAY-AN ENTIRE- him. She agreed upon condition that TLY ORIGINAL GHOST WAS THIS, he would promise to grasp her hand. FOR IT HELD CONVERSATIONS He promised and said that he felt a touch like that of a lady's hand in his. His brother tried to 'induce her to In the year 1817, with the beautiful shake hands, but she refused, saying: scenery of Robertson county, near the 'I know you, Jake Johnson; you are a cult phenomena which to this day re- In those days Shakers traveled

main a tradition in the county, and through the country, trading with the even through a great part of the state, people. Two of them often stopped at known as the Bell witch mystery, says the Bell home and were always made ness, says to his wife: "I have seen my dreams are made on" is scarcely as true a Chattanooga letter in the Philadelphia welcome. One day when they were Times. seen approaching, the witch voice was heard to say, "Those Shakers shan't

Then it assumed the tone of the negro Jeautiful girl, was sent to the best breachy stock. The voice "set the dogs and definite addition. schools of the neighborhood, received a on" the Shakers and drove them off.

splendid education and was one of the Mrs. Bell in 1820 had a prolonged had come and talked to him. His sickness and became very weak. One father, therefore, was not dead. And For thirteen years the family lived in day Kate said to her: "Luce, poor Luce, yet he had seen the father's body, or

The lady held out her hands and hazelnuts were dropped into them. They and capable of reappearance. Mr. Bell was one day walking through were laid aside and the voice said: Thence the primitive dreamer would shost, trailing through the silence with functional strength of a part of the man, of one side of his weight of hands had abayed the relational strength of a part of the man, of one side of his weinging of hands had abayed the relational strength of a part of the man, of one side of his weinging of hands had abayed the relational strength of a part of the man, of one side of his weinging of hands had abayed the relational strength of the silence with sweeping white garments and a blast of a part of the man, of one side of his weinging of hands had abayed the relational strength of the silence with sweeping white garments and a blast of a part of the man, of one side of his rlous animal, which looked like a cross not crack them. "Well, I will crack being, so to speak of it, after the death wringing of hands had characterized between a dog and a fox. Bell fired, them for you," said the voice. A sound of the other. the range was point-blank and he could like that made in cracking nuts immedihere sworn he hit him for he was a stelly followed and greated mute. have sworn he hit him, for he was a stely followed and cracked nuts great distance away from the place in and again to revisit the scenes it loved good shot. The strange animal, how- cropped upon the bed within Mrs. Bell's which he was sleeping. When he awoke ever, never moved, but after the smoke reach. Persons were present upon this we may suppose him telling his wife cleared away looked at Bell with a ma- occasion and the ceiling was examined. that he had been on a journey into a far steps about the house, and inarticulate Helous aspect, gave what seemed to be There was no hole in it and this mani- country and never had traveled so a bark, but in which lurked a sound festation, like others, remained a mys- quickly before.

had assumed a large, strange and terri- the strings into a double hard knot. fying shape, black as a crow and of After they had gone on a few steps the tremendous proportions and then flew other shoe flew off. It was replaced by the son and securely fastened. While The spirit manifestations which fol- they were returning to the house both lowed consisted at first of rappings on of the shoes were jerked off and Mr. the door and walls of the house. Later Bell was violently slapped in the face the rappings were heard in all parts of by an unseen hand. His face was viothe house and sounds like rats gnawing lently contorted. Then his whole body at the bed posts, changing in a few was affected in the same way. It was months to sounds like the noise of upon this occasion that Mr. Bell's trace chains being dragged over the health broke. He predicted that his soon as a candle was lighted, the firmly prayed that the affliction might sounds cented. Mr. Bell, too, began to pass from him. He sickened upon suffer at night a strange malady. His reaching the house and never left it

truded. He felt as if a small stick had | One morning, when he failed to been placed with great force against awa e at the usual time, his wife went to his bed and found him in a heavey For a long time the distracted family stupor. The family was summoned, were too proud to tell of their affliction. And when the son, who had been admin-At last the state of affairs became un-listering medicine, went to get a dose be cudurable and accordingly James John- found that the bottle had been removed son and his wife were invited to pass a and a smoky looking phial, half full of night in the house. After the story of a dark, minister looking fluid had been

Dr. George Hopson, of Port Royal, a "It's uscless for you to try to relieve old." their trouble public. This was done. In the phiat. Some of it was forced It was not long afterwards that the into a cat's mouth, and the animal died most characteristic mark of the strange in convulsions soon afterwards. Mr. spirit made its appearance. It began to Bell died in the morning of December speak. The voice was low, almost a 20, 1820. The burial services were conwhisper, like a weak, childish treble. ducted by three clergymen of wide local The Rev. James Gunn, an itinerant distinction, one of them, the Rev. Sugg preacher, soon afterward investigated Fort, a member of a family which has the now well-known spirit, and it was long been one of the most distinguished trance, death, when the soul (so to to him that the spirit revealed itself as in the South, and it is yet represented speak of his notion, for convenience "old Kate Butts' witch." Kate Butts by some of the country's best known sake) went wandering, there was a difwas an eccentric, voluble woman, the and wealthiest families. The other ference in the manner of breathing, wife of a respected neighbor of the clerkmen were the Rev. James and Bells, who had had in life a sarcastic Thomas Gunn. After the grave had tongue. To Mr. Gunn the spirit said been filled and the family had turned to

she was living. From that time the in- From Mr. Bell's death until February, visible spirit or witch was known as 1828, the spirit disappeared, but in that year returned again to the Bell home. With time Kate's voice grew stronger, It quickly resumed its manifestations kind that it had worn during life-or literally never known a sorrow. At all and her favorite utterance was a repel and became more famous than ever. | would again wear in life, if it were but | times obedient to a word, he was sintition of Mr. Johnson's prayer the night | Visitors from afar were attracted to he visited the Bells home and the sing- the place. The most distinguished was ing of a hymn which the family had General Andrew Jackson, who came "old Sugarmouth," and she was fond of When near the Bell homestead the team thought. The late Professor Chandler, death that the little ghost appeared. saying, "How sweet old Sugarmouth carrying the tents and provisions sud- Professor of Moral Philosophy, as it is Three months later, when fires were voice seemed to come from near the the road was level, the driver plied his of morality about it), at Oxford, used cold, Mrs. Bancker returned late one ceiling and at first generally at dusk. | whip, but the wagon would not budge. | to say, of those that tried to found any afternoon from a shopping expedition. | we held a parlor meeting and a scance. Some time later Kate began to play a Several men put their shoulders to the argument on a life after death from the As she opened the door a small form

lived. The news was invariably accu- "All right general," came a voice from Proved that man was immortal, but in life. She was startled, but never their "sacred" halls, and there being no rate and always a month or two in ad- the roadside. "let the wagon move on, that his hat and coat were immortal, doubted the reality of the experience. vance of what reached the Bells by let- I'll see you to-night." The wagon then too, for whenever you met a ghost you proceeded.

At this same time an estimable young | The party stopped at the Bell home. | Therefore, he said, ghosts proved if when I was alone. I can see him poke | to accept the private pariors of our sis-"Please Betsy Bell, don't marry Joshua on a woman's coffin. By stroking the deceptive." a light and flash it upon a witch, in the look at that dreaming man with his Mrs. S. Whittaker, Mrs. Bancker's at first, but Mrs. Sprague gave them It was Kate's dislike of negroes darkest night, but the witch could be wife by his side taking notes, to be sister-in-law, was the second who saw some messages and tests that quieted which led to the last and most striking seen only by himself. Late in the night used with much caution subsequently, the little ghost. Tatters, had been them, and though "they came to scoff, proof of her existence. A negro house General Jackson whispered to a friend by reason of the instrument of convict strongly attached to her, the sound of they remained to pray," and we left the loy, named. Harry, who was one of that the fellow was a great coward, and tion. ares. One day, when all were Soon light footfalls were heard, and a river, as he swam across. He could not when all were absent, she was amazed hand, ready for business." Then it ad- dead to him, lost forever. Yet he went inside and a familiar whine of disap-

the voice whispered, "Hold on! I'll fix The witch layer stroked his nose with depths of the river, or else there would she stepped into the hall, she started side the house and tried to disturb our the tip of the black cat's tail, took aim, have been nothing strange.

The parents distinctly heard a noise death. like some one spanking a child. The father and mother rushed to the rescue, and the blows ceased. Careful search falled to reveal anything or anybody in the house. Mrs. Ayres says her mother factor in natural religion toward inductive many a helief not indeed. mainder of the night.

as 1861. To this day a portion of the had died. (N. Y.) Herald.

perience. This primitive man, waking and women who never dreamed, it up one morning from the first dream, would have been not a little different. the first experience of the kind of father, whom we saw killed a year ago. as if it were a little inverted to "We are He came and talked to me last night." So this makes a new departure in the ideas of the man and his wife about the nature of man. No doubt he had not

was composed of two beings, one of

On which his wife would contradict and hopped away. Several days later One morning when Mr. Bell and his him and say that he had been here, in Bell's son, Drew, saw a large turkey son were on their way to the hog pen this place, asleep, all the time. At near the house. He ran in for his gun. the elder man's shoe was suddenly first, probably, the man denied this, and When he returned the supposed turkey jerked off. The son replaced it, tying the wife would not insist, for the woman's rights, and especially her divine right to contradict her husband, had not yet been invented.

The instrument of conviction in those days was not the syllogism but a stout stick, so the wife would acquire the art; would learn from others besides 'his wife, others as well equipped as himself with the weapon of primitive conviction, that he had not stirred from beside his fire, even though he appeared to himself to have gone to a far coun-

So then he would acquire another idea, supplementary to his notion about the life of his father's soul after death. He would argue that while he himself to all appearance was altogether here, asleep by his fire, it was in reality only half of himself that remained here, the They thought he was "asleep. other half journeying off to a far country and seeing strange things.

The conclusion of that, again, was that man was composed of two parts, of which one would stay asleep by the fire and the other go wandering, and it was likely that this same other part of intelligence and affection. From the that went wandering when the first part was asleep, also went wandering lished himself in the hearts of his own when the first part was dead and thus, ers. simply and naturally, the apparition of dend people is accounted for. It is all

And in this we see the beginnings of the idea of the prophetic trances that have pleased the notions of man in all countries at a certain stage of intellect-

Primitive man, being observant, as he had to be if he was to live, did not fail to notice that in those conditions, sleep, placed in his pen the great quadruped from the manner in which the man breathed when awake and when his soul did not wander.

death as the soul left its tenement. naked. It usually appeared clad with chuck was in view. some kind of covering, always of the Heaithy, happy, and active, he had

the soul of some sleeping, not of some gularly decile and comprehending, and doad person appearing. This is a consideration that leads to able

another line of the primitive man's It was not immediately after his proved too much; for they not only with which Tatters had welcomed her to teach our "heretical doctrines" in always found it decently dressed.

A few days later. Harry was late dressed the witch layer, saying: "Now, blin Hodd not see it down to pointment. She tried to put the idea

The boy was kneeling in front of the pulled the trigger of his pistol, but it It would merely have meant that his "There goes Tatters." she said. He hearth. Suddenly he yelled with fear failed to go off. He was told by the soul, his second self, went wandering ran across the hall just before me." and pain. "Oh. Marse Jack, something's witch to try again. He did so, with the and saw it there, being a better diver The third witness is Miss Page, Mrs. than his body. But he saw the ax Bancker's sister. Miss Page is not a with the assurance that we should be "Now it is my time," said the witch. hanging up on the tree bough where he dog lover, and she always disapproved called there again at some future time. sounds like those a board would make "Look out, you old coward and fraud?" always used to hang it. It was there, of the great care lavished on Tatters, when we would be granted a public Sounds were then heard as if some. So this proved that, like his father, One winter day, calling on a visit, she hearing. velled that he was being beaten to person were slapping another with the and his dog, his ax too, had a soul, a suddenly exclaimed: second self, that could move about-it "There is Tatters! He ran upstairs The witch layer commenced to cavort seemed a constant attribute, of these before me, and now he is here!" about the room, screaming as if in souls to ha a much greater freedom of Nothing could convince her that she beloved Spiritualism? These experi-The spirit seemed to dislike negroes, much agony: "Oh, my nose! The devil movement than the bodies to which bad not seen him. primitive man had not assimilated the question of whether animals have souls, self-satisfied and inactive Spiritualists | We are serving the Philadelphia (Pa.) office.

to rock the cradle. Finally Kate He believed because he saw. That sald: "Patsey, why don't you slap that was all. And from this belief several child, and make it behave itself? If rather singular results followed, He you don't, I will." saw that his father had a life after

told her about it often, and said that ing in primitive man a belief, not indeed she behaved "like a little lady" the re- in immortality-there is "no "elidence second that he conceived the life after death After 1830 the demonstrations De- as likely to endure forever—but in excame fewer, but residents of Robertson Istence for a while at least after the county tell of occult phenomena as late body that he was best acquainted with

the sheet where the young negress lay, uncanny-looking even in daytime. It is existence of the soul before its birth in noise like that of a person spitting, not go near it, although the noise has to be accounted for on the grounds that not been heard for years .- Rochester dreams would naturally show the sleeper nothing of which his waking sense had not had cognizance; nothing, that is to say, that he had not seen, THE OCCULT IN DREAMS. that is to say, that he had not seen, heard, or so on, or combinations that the imagination could weave out of things of sense.

It is an interesting speculation, though one that does not lead to much solidity of conclusion, what the course of human psychology would have been of mind as to be able to look on at his own mental operations and take intelligent cognizance of them, his first dream must have been a very funny ex-Had the world been peopled by men

> As history makers, dreams have played such stuff as dreams have made us." "Dreams and Their Meaning." By Horace G. Hutchinson, with many accounts of experiences sent by corre

Mrs. Gerald Bancker's home at 405 which was dead and the other still alive West Twenty-second street, New York, is haunted. Not by the traditional this strange little specter that, in defi-

> Only a soft pattering of light footsounds as it pauses beside one or another, or a swift, cold touch on the hand announces its presence. For this little wanderer from the misty beyond is none other than the ghost of Mrs. Bancker's fox terrier, Tatters.

Three people have seen it-three people in the fullest possession of their senses-and all are willing to swear that no delusion of fond affection for a dead pet, no momentary disorder of the nerves can account for it. It is a fact that they offer to explain by no hypothesis. Tatters has appeared and does lence. But after a while the husband appear. The only theory advanced is that love of home and friends has proved stronger than death. If such love means spirit, the little dog has surely evidenced it.

> It is a year and a half since Tatters died. It was a hot night in August that he stretched himself out on the pillow he was wont to affect; and looked up to attract the attention of Mrs. Bancker, who was passing by, "Lazy boy," she said, caressing his

> That caress was his last, "Tatters' head sank back and his eyes closed When they noticed him an hour later he was dead. Heart disease had killed him. The dog had been in the family for eight years, and was endeared to Mr. and Mrs. Bancker by a thousand proofs moment, when, a 3-week-old puppy, he was brought into the house, he estab

> His acumen was his by heredity. He came of aristocratic lineage. His mother, Gyp, was known as "the elephant dog" at Central park. The keepers still tell of the warm friendship between the small fox terrier and the big elephant, whose whims were often the despair of the attendants. In the eleplant's ugliest moods, when all else failed to conciliate him, if Gyp were ceased his trumpetings and became quiet. He yielded to Gyp's influence as

if under a spell. This magnetic power undoubtedly descended to her son. Tatters' father was Tatters I., who was one of the greatest ratters in the world. From this side of The breath was the outward and pal- the house Tatters got his ability as a pable sign of life, that ceased with hunter when occasion offered. During summers in the country he was distin-And yet the soul seldom appeared guished for his prowess when a wood-

his loss to the Banckers was irrepar-

"From that time on," says Mrs. Bancker, " I began to see him, mostly over his own property, we were driven question of hallucination sabout it. I

her voice being sufficient to cause wild people inside the house both Spiritualback with a cry.

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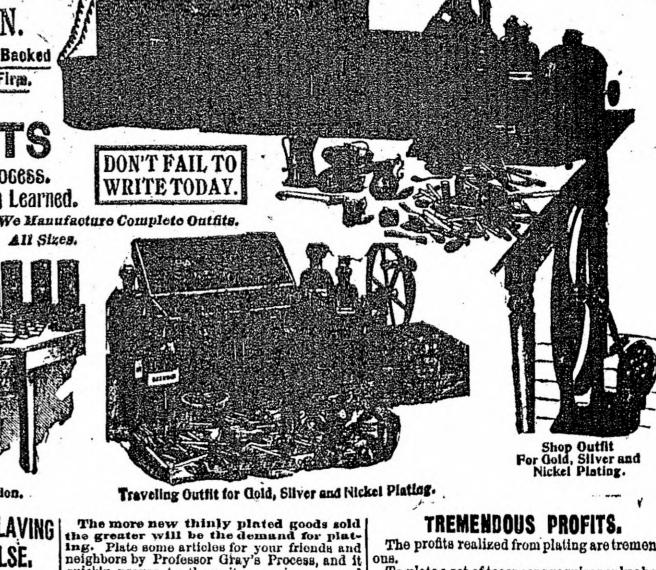
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Report of Mr. and Mrs. Sprague.

Our work for the month of December was principally in the state of Ohlo. We held 28 meetings and organized three societies. We began the month's work at Findlay, O., where we remained five days, holding meetings and senuces, closing the work there by organizing a fine society composed of 34 members. This society we chartered with the Ohio

State Association.

We next visited McClure, Ohio, where Our friends in this place were refused a hall that belonged to a liberal thinker who was free to exercise his own will ter, Mrs. Kate Henry. The house was ing. They then made considerable they finally went away. A few of those who were admitted into the house so. seemed disposed to speer and ridicule over the results of these two meetings.

was it that refused to let our people use the balls in McClure? The Christians. Who was it made the disturbance outmeetings? Who was it? It certainly was not the Spiritualists, nor the Liberalists; then who could it have been? We left our good friends of McClure

Who was it that opposed our coming

Spiritualists, doesn't this make you feel like helping along the missionary work and standing more firmly for our ences give us inspiration of that kind

We next visited Lima, Ohio, where, days, then to Pittsburg, for January 30 we found many of our old friends of termer years still working in the vineyard of Spiritualism. We were glad to meet these dear friends once more. Lima has a very good working society. It is chartered with the N. S. A.

The new president of the society. whose name has gone out of my mind, never having met him before, is an earnest worker and faithful supporter of the N. S. A., together with Brothers | with every new experience. The N. S. Hale, Chown and Hawkins, Sisters Les- A. should be upheld and encouraged by ter and a score of other true hearts and every thoughtful and earnest Spiritualwilling hands are faithfully upholding the cause in this pretty little city.

the cause here, converted a few-who were not inorable to the N. S. A.-to a belief in its work and importance, and added nine new members to the society. From Lima we went to Chardon, O., where we met with terrible weather. held three public meetings, one seauce. and one business meeting at which we organized a society with 10 members. We would undoubtedly have doubled I heaven, that all lovers of high grade that number if the weather and roads | novels are charmed with it, and its missionaries when sent into Ohio, can finish the work. They should be sent out at once; but the Spiritualists of the noise, but it was a very cold night and | country are not yet furnishing sufficient means to warrant the N. S. A. in doing

> We visited Middlefield. Ohio, organized a society of 23 members and chartered it with the Ohio State Association. We were told that if the weather and roads had been good we could easily have raised the number to 50. Both of these societies are composed of excellent people, and will increase in numbers and usefulness as time goes

> We visited Alliance, Ohio, where we found good Brother Lockwood demonstrating the truths of Spiritualism scientifically. We had the pleasure of attending one of his classes and one of his lectures, which, to us was a great treat, as it was the first opportunity for us, though we have known the good brother for years,

> We did some good work in Alliance, which we feel confident will bring good results in the future. We next visited Pittsburg, Pa., where we assisted Bro. and Sister Kates in a meeting at the Sixth street church. Your readers have been informed of this meeting through the report of Brother Kates, so I will pass it by.

Spiritualists Society for the Sundays and Fridays of January. We will leave Eagle's Mere, Pa., for two or three | cents.

to Feb. 3. We have an engagement at Battle Creek, Mich., with the Michigan State Spiritualists Association, at their midwinter convention, for Feb 7, 8, and 9,, and at Owosso, Mich., Feb. 14 and 16. Parties wishing our services may address us at Rochester, Ind., and mail will be forwarded to us.

Our faith in organization increases ist. "United we stand, divided we fall." Let us all unite under its glorious ban-We created considerable interest in | ner and help to make it the great power for good it is destined to be.

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#### The Vell of Isis.

vance has been made, mystery still re- convert the city into a metropolis of between extremes which accords with the revised or amended Hebrew text, being to the Babylonians the child of nominational orthodox college, and by bodies. deepest thought and investigation, and and its people into better citizens. character, who cried,

me sorely if I solve it not."

or re-affirmed two discoveries which clared to be its natural term.

fessor Loeb in its faculty. It is also an honor to Chicago and to the whole nation to have in its citizenship an inis to be congratulated on having Pro- nients. vestigator whose work attracts world- vate in the masses the love of the beau- perfectly disinterested spirit, from the days of the week, one of which in fact of Achilles and of Alexander the Great. wide attention. Yet it is to be feared tiful they would help to make this pres- point of view of a criticism founded (Dies Vencris, Friday) has a female I now proceed at once to ask conservthat the chief present effect of Profes- ent world an Elysium. Art will save upon the facts of a comparative study delty. The respective numbers of the ative or moderate critics (for I take the sor Loeb's natural elation upon the lay- us in this age of iron and cotton from of the historic legends of the East. The descendants of the two words to be almost synonymous in etc., as the Old Adam in Rev. Hardin advancing our own spirituality. men will be to raise false hopes and becoming ourselves iron and cotton results are very different from those influences of modical to the suggested of the sugges strengthen the influences of medical things.

recognized value, but those who vend it thirst for the life of the mind beautiful- this is a first attempt, and Winckier de of a tribe; Ephraim and Manasseh are perfectly well. They regard Winckier de but those who vend it thirst for the life of the mind beautiful- this is a first attempt, and Winckier de perfectly well. They regard Winckier de perfectly well. as a nostrum, it is to be feared, will be it embroidered, so to speak, by the del- serves credit for not heing too fastidiaided in deceiving the public by the icate hand of imagination. To make ous, and venturing to publish many cunning use of Professor Loeb's name. the average man more artistic we must things which may perhaps only be ser- all the tribes which subsequently derived from having been trained in the If one chemical preserves life in sea ur- appeal to his mind through the avenues viceable as working hypotheses. chin's eggs it is possible that another of a rational religion, an elevated may be found that will arrest disin- drama, a clean newspaper, a great littegration of human tissues. We shall erature, and, above all, artistic environ- most significance is this—that the ma- divine character lies in Genesis 37:10, questions they doubt his competence. doubtless soon be afflicted with quacks | ments. pretending to have found that chemi- A people without art would be a peocal, and thousands of men who cling to ple without intellectual life. We must derived from mythology. The Semitic to him, The interpretation given in tached much importance. But if they sible. life and fear to face their final audit see beauty as well as utility, must play peoples, however, whose gods were 10- verse 10 is, "I [Jacob], thy mother and persist in this attitude, I greatly fear

work, and thence to derive mischievous ceptible to the message of beauty.

nal life on earth, but their search has passions the former aspires to direct may be assumed; the influence of the for Joseph's going to Egypt, for Egypt vestigated from a virtually new point been ever vain, and their demand for them to nobler uses. Religion eradiimmortality has had to seek satisfac- cates, art transforms; religion would tion in belief in another life after what cut off the right arm and pluck out the we call death. There is always the re- right eye; to art the body is as sacred Kinglet would look out for a poet or tribes of Israel (necessarily twelve, be- least provided that this training is no curring decimal of the man who would as the soul. Religion would lead us to scribe who could transmit the royal cause of the signs of the Zodiac), to-longer permitted to issue in the selfsquare the circle, always the missing heaven malmed; art is not satisfied uncog or lever of the seeker after perpet- til the whole man is saved. nal motion, always the overlooked error of the chemist or the biologist to dis- troubled mind, not by sapping its enerappoint the hope and destroy the illu- gies, but by creating counter activities natural heroes of mythology. One scribe ness of knowledge than by any previous critics. sion. Hence it were wiser for scientific to overcome the discord by harmony. It men, however they may amuse them- is by art more than by sermonizing, by selves by juggling with life, frankly to great pictures more than by prayers, hibit. To do good is not to be an artist, confess in advance and always insist that the evil tendencies in us shall be- but to do good for the pure pleasure of that they cannot create it, cannot pro- come regenerated. long it beyond its appointed time, and It is a question whether an artist that here is the veil of Isis that none should ever paint battle pictures. The hath lifted and none ever will—the se- real mischief of war can never be told cret that man can never learn, because by the brush, for it is not the carnage, it is known to the Creator alone.

he cannot pass," said the Hebrew phil- nost. Such evils come also by the flood osopher, ages since, of God and man, and the earthquake, the summer's affirmative speeches, with my eight re- in the divine authority of the Bible is Whoseever, wittingly or unwittingly, sun and the winter's snow. induces his fellow men to deny or evade that eternal truth is no benefactor of of a moral principle to which the poet humanity, but a blind leader of the and the orator can give expression, but now proceed soon.

blind into the ditch of despair. "Thou hast appointed his bounds that | canvas. he cannot pass," is the Everlasting Nay of truth against which all the years of generally, at least, give us pictures of I will take it back in the book to be attain to such accuracy as we may ex- avoidable delay in preparing the manuhuman science and wisdom dash them- peaceful landscapes, the grandeur and published. selves to pieces. The fountain of life level ness of nature, of sky and sea; he Pease Fox, or any other lecturer, I will the Rev. Marcus Dods, even the four is ever hidden from human eyes, and must reveal the "human form divine" science must bow to the eternal fact.

Bible Interpretation.

While the good Methodist brethren | masters loved to paint. are perturbed in mind, and considering what they shall do with Prof. Pearson as a place for the marketing of pictures. because of his unorthodox and unliteral Only such works should be hung on its interpretations of bible statements, it ways as the treasures of the people. might afford them healthful thought to The committee should have no thought | "Meatless Dishes." Very useful. take due notice of the following fact of the commercial possibilities of an ex. Price 10 couts.

given in a special telegram to the Chicago Chronicle, from Nashville, Tenn.: "Mrs. Bula Abbey, wife of a young merchant near Sparta, Tenn., died last night as the result of pulling out one of her eyes in a fanatical and literal interpretation of the scriptural injunction, "If thine eye offend, pluck it out and cast it from thee, for it is better to go

into heaven having only one eye than to suffer the torments of hell fire." Her mind became unbalanced over religion early last autumn and since that time One year, ...... \$1.00 she has been noted for strange vagaries in religious work. She insisted on being immersed last month on one of the coldest days in the year, and for a time wished her husband to sell his business and give all to the poor."

This poor woman is regarded as un balanced in mind because she wants to obey the plain, literal instructions of bible texts. Prof, Pearson is thought newed the paper is discontinued. No bills will be sent for extra numbers. "unbalanced" because he does not construct the paper is discontinued. No bills will be sent for extra numbers. counts as literal truths.

#### Beautiful Ideals.

The scientists and thinkers of the ed by the daily press, in an address in world, in all ages, have sought to solve the Grand Opera House, Mr. Mangasa- us who study the Old Testament is not whether with our still more fragmen- weapon which the Moon-god is repre- lished by them for fifty years past. the problem of life, the mysteries of rian asserted that love of the beautiful how to avoid committing ourselves to tary knowledge of Hebrew legends it is sented in coins as holding in his hand. A sensation, however, is caused by others. In so doing much good will and existence. From age to age the search will transform Chicago. Art, he said, the peculiarities of this or that critic or possible to systematize the mythic ele- Mystic elements are also to be found in the fact that these utterances are now must be accomplished which in return of the world's philosophers has con- is the saving power that is to overcome Assyrlologist, and how to suggest to our ments in those legends to the extent Saul's son, Jonathan. As the son of tinued; but, whatever apparent ad- soot and smoke and dirt and which will pupils and to the public a middle road that Winckler desires, and (2) whether Saul, Jonathan is a solar hero, the sun made by a Professor in a distinctly de- to ourselves while in our physical mained to confront and challenge the stately buildings and spreading parks, how by a combination of old methods preference to the Massoretic, is trust-

the most advanced thinker has still The Art institute by the lake is a new point of view, to reconstruct our Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, then, are the case with another solar hero of the been in the mental state of Dante's credit to Chicago, he said. Though we study, and how by the gentlest possible lunar heroes. In the case of Abraham Hebrews, Joseph. But Saul and Jonaare, comparatively speaking a young transition to introduce our pupils and this is, according to Winckler, doubly than also represent the constellation

problem of endless life. That is the the enormous expenditure of means. apt to place upon Professor Loeb's art as a redeemer. It will be more sus-Art differs from religion in this, that

Again, art brings peace to the

the blood-soaked fields or the heart-"Thou hast appointed his bounds that breaking scenes which condemn war Mr. Hull and myself.

The shame of war lies in the violation which the painter cannot catch on his

A painter should, if not exclusively. beautiful women and children; he must doubtless, they will. give us scenes of quiet and sweet home life; such scenes as the great Dutch

An art institute should not be used walls as deserve to remain there al-

## PATRIARGHS AS ASTRAL MYTHS.

Biblical Scholar's Statement of Important Facts, for Spiritualists to Consider.

A Chapter That Should Be Preserved for Future Reference.

TION OF THE OLD TESTAMENT-PROF. T. K. CHEYNE'S HIGH SCHICHTE ISRAELS"-COMMUN-OLD TESTAMENT-BIBLE CHAR-ACTERS FROM ABRAHAM TO SOLOMON MAY BE EXPLAINED AWAY.

Prof. Thomas Kelly Cheyne, D. D.,

with new, and by the attainment of a wortny. We love wealth and enterprise; we torian, I will endeavor to give the read- region of the Eughratean civilization.

reached by a criticism which is mainly nificant for the calendar. By art we mean the seeing under all literary in its character. They may

Hostilities to Be Resumed! There was a little misunderstanding least, on the Divine authority of the

doing it is to be an artist.

Mr. Hull desires to affirm all his eight | "Disbelief among Christian ministers | Holy Scriptures." plies; and then my eight affirmative not limited to the Gid Testament. The speeches and his eight replies to follow. Rev. Marcus Dods, lin a review which speeches and his eight replies to follow. Rev. Marcus Dods, lin a review which line of the control of the c I agree to it fully. The debate will appears in the British Weekly,' claims

quoted Mr. Dawbarn, or any other man, strove by purely human methods, to

But hark yel. There is not a more always infallible. W. F. JAMIESON.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

AN ANGLICAN CHURCHMAN ON would teach another, and so by degrees writer. It is, of course, not stated that THE MOST RADICAL EXPLANA- fixed forms of expression of mythic the early legends are historically worthorigin would arise, providing a setting less; wisely used, even the early legends PRAISE OF WINOKLER'S "GE- other natural thing. Trained literati more is this the case with the later were always ready to adapt them to the legends attached not to humanized TATORS ADVISED TO ACCEPT changing wants of the time, as when delties, but to historical persons, such, HISTORICAL TREATMENT OF the post-exilic Hebrew writers created for instance, as Saul and David. David anew simply by putting a fresh By a criticism keen as a sword, interpretation on the historical and Winckler derives many new and some

geographical data of the old legend. Prof. Thomas Kelly Cheyne, D. D. countries. The economy of legend is ally set them aside, he furthers the infellow of Bullol, Canon of Rochester marvellous. The same thing is told with terest of historical inquiry. Saul is There can be no doubt that beautiful tion of the Holy Scriptures at Oxford most different persons in widely sepa- opens the succession of Kings, as Sin, There can be no doubt that beautiful from the Holy Scriptures at Oxford Inversity, is a leader among English not be made.

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The Processive Thinker is formiged to change can not so that the mid spiritualisting influence, tending to the Holy Scriptures at Oxford University, is a leader among English rated parts of the earth. Everywhere the forms of the solar heavy place the first lecturer at Oxford the local god is the centre of the world.

The Processive Thinker is formiged to change can not solar hero. The very names of the Kings probably indicate this, Sayce's the postage the cylical stance of the original day of the original legends was determed to the mid and printitive legend reappear. Age for the ideal beauty, it is a tender or the world and expound the main results of hold and expound the main re Hence we can assent to the claim of Mr. Mangasarian, of the Independent Religious Society of Chicago, that art is a saving power, and may regenerate the assignment of the Church as saving power, and may regenerate the assignment of the Church as saving power, and may regenerate the control of the Church as saving power, and may regenerate the control of the Church as saving power, and may regenerate the control of the Church as a saving power, and may regenerate the control of the Church as a saving power, and may regenerate the control of city, morally and physically. As report- Prof. Cheyne is from the Nineteenth lonian mythology and legends is frag- diadem and his spear, the former of conclusions arrived at by scholarly in- elevate them to that plane of Spiritual-The most important point for those of sound, and the only questions are, (1) the Moon-god, and the latter to the vestigators all over the world and pubthe average opinion of scholars, but on which Winckler often depends, in

epoch making. One is that several pro- yet these modern gods have not alto- figuity in the second volume of his cause Sarah, being the counterpart of a lance star and a bow star.

also plausible facts from the accounts ing parallels to stories told in other the stories, so that we may provision-

the moon; and Jonathan, being a reflec- a man of admitted scholarship, who tion of the Sun-god, virtually dies and has been considered strictly orthodox will ever be. We must push onward rises again (I. Samuel 14:44-45), as was himself.

electric force generated by the contact ed that our allegiance to art is not very of view, and no recent book perhaps fore Abraham's sister; she is the wife one, for Dod, as it should be read, i. e., a consequence, lay minds are liberated of our mediums from the rostrums; of electrically positive and negative decided, but art will in the end conquer can do more to correct this than Winck- of Tammuz, and therefore Abraham's "beloved," belongs to the divinity Tam- from superstitious worship of long- they are afraid of what people will say. food atoms. The other is the possibility, by the use of certain chemicals, of prolonging life in certain living things—in this case sea urchin's eggs—beyond beautiful take pattern bea in this case sea urchin's eggs—beyond what scientific observation had de- chary with her gifts—that art must be er orthodoxy, or in the sense which is sheba, "the well of the Seven-god," that cannot therefore be a surprise to be told to stand or fall, according as its agree—ind one can help us without our willingsummoned to fill up the gap. Chicago winning much favor among more recent is, the Mon-god. Jacob, however, is that the giant Goliath corresponds to ment with science, with known facts, ness. theologians, viz., as the "great leader of much, more definitely described. His the wild hunter and tyrant Orion, the and with common sense, shall deter-From the viewpoint of pure science, caunot be called a beautiful city and it a racial movement, and one who has father-in-law, Laban, reminds us by his rising and setting of which coincides mine. these are interesting discoveries. If is difficult in a muddy and sooty city to left his mark upon his fellow tribes. very name of Lebena, the moon, and with the winter and summer solstices. true, they are extremely important to be esthetically happy-it is hard even men, not only by the eminence of his Laban's two daughters, Leah and David's friendship with Jonathan is onslaught on Prof. Pearson, showed ical body or after we have taken a spirscience, and the University of Chicago to be good in such provoking environ- superior gifts, but by the distinctive Rachel, represent respectively the new also explained mythologically; it corre- that a degree of the "Old Adam" still itual body. Our spirits must and will features of his religious life." Winckler moon and the full moon. Dinah, Leah's sponds to the friendship of the mythic lingers in his nature, when he declared be developed and the sooner we begin

Joseph is a hero second in importance | ward problems and solutions like these? | obtain in the churches when a leader in | May, 1901, we organized the State Spir-Electricity is a therapeutle agent of things the ideal-it is the hunger and often be insufficiently grounded, but to none; his name is not properly that What their present attitude is I know thought veers away from the orthodox itualists Association of Kansas, for the the tribes which he impersonates. In a as an extremely clever but wild critic, larger sense, however, he impersonates who lacks the claim to consideration formed the kingdom of Northern Israel, methods of the schools. They are willand of whom he may also be regarded ing here and there to take suggestions The result which Winckler thinks of as the patron deity. The key to his from him on points of detail, but on big terial which legend in the East has where Joseph dreams that the sun, and they would regard with some susworked into the semblance of history is moon, and the eleven stars did homage picion anything to which he himself at- way, to refute his propositions-if pos- knowledge of spirit return. All phases will believe them, to their loss and as well as work. If I could revise the cal gods—originally the stone or the thy brethren." But the mother has no that they will condemn their own labor meaning of words I should apply the tree—could not develop a mythology; place in an act of homage, and it is in to comparative sterility. Almost all For in the end such attempts as Pro- word "infidel" to those who see the fessor Loeb's to unravel the secret of world always in prose, never also as a ples had were borrowed directly or in- the Babylonian, that the sun is femi- of criticism—both as regards the form existence, while they may gratify scipoem—who hear its noises but have no
fluence, too, is not excluded. This was
the Moon-god (Jacob) with his children,
Testament—has been accomplished, and entific curiosity, can lead nowhither. car for the silences of nature; who naturally the case with the Hebrews. who bowed down before the Sun-god how imperfect that is no candid critic They are like the efforts of other ex- never dream a dream or paint a mental The basis of their legends is in the main (Joseph), his son. The rest of the story perhaps will deny. Would it not be betperimenters to square the circle, to dis- ricture or behold a rainbow in the sky. a borrowed mythology. If now we turn of Joseph now becomes clear. The ter to put aside prejudice, and suppose perimenters to square the circle, to discover a self-reproducing force or "perpetual motion," to find the foundain of youth, or to compound an elixir of life. One of Professor Loeb's enthusiastic for centuries faithfully and with common worship; success in delaying the death of living attached themselves to historical per- Joseph also represents Tammuz, the still be subjects apart from this wide interpretation the lay public is but too But humanity will take more kindly to sonages, such as the Judges, regarded sun of spring tide, who dies and passes study which require special consideraas representatives of the several tribes, into the under world, whither Istar de- tion. But at present all the subjects capable of writing these myths down raised out of it. Hence another reason mar, exegesis, history-need to be inwould naturally relate these achieve-inected with an astral myth is not a new ment of the most progressive critics. ments in such a way as to remind the idea, but it has been worked out by which is beginning to be too character-

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clergy of England are shaky, to say the

for the wifters of the Gospels, not May I here say that if I have mis- divine inspiration, but simply that they pect to find in any faithful and com- script for the printer. If I have done injustice to Mrs. Nettle petent historian. Thus, according to on many points, and who were cer-cents. For sale at this office. from the old-fashloned Christian doc- benter, the noted Theosophist lectures inspiration of the Holy Ghost! We are cents. For sale at this office.

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Such a large scale to their solution as halt at Harran, which is the second Winckler, not as father and son, but as scholarship tend to emancipate thinkers with their phase of mediumship demonstrated and his-great centre of lunar worship in the brothers—as divine brothers—the one distinguished by his spear or lance, the from the thraldom of medieval systems strate to a friend the spiritual power many of his fellow men regard as are devotees of comfort and commerce; prehistoric period of Israelitic an- Abraham's sister and his wife? Be- not less than the Babylonians, knew of Unnatural miraculism and myth are afraid some of their friends will find And now comes Sarah to be at once other by his bow. In fact, the Hebrews, of theology and bible interpretations. | within themselves, instead of being labeled and stowed away in the respect- out that they are Spiritualists and cesses of life are due not to the beat gether crowded out of our minds the Geschichte Israels. The great danger Istar, has a double role. She is the As for David, he too wears a bor- ive niches and pigeon-holes to which would then ridicule them. This, my furnished by food eaten, but to the love of the beautiful. It may be object- of many Biblical scholars is narrowness daughter of the Moon-god, and there- rowed name, yet no undistinguished honest scholarship assigns them; and as friends, is much that is holding many

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#### Bow Way a Knowledge of Spiritualism Be Obtained?

## A Discourse

#### By Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, at Corry, Da., August 4, 1901.

great spiritual outpouring since the world began, and it to be possible.

timony; yet it is the kind of testimony that most people believe the most in. You trust your eyes, your hearing, your external senses, and yet we know that the vision is fallacious; we know the human hearing is liable to err; we know the human senses are very limited in their discernment of even ordinary daily things. It is the mind alone that aids the senses. Mathematics assist in accomplishing what material science desires to illustrate; and with the mentally or spiritually.

Spiritualism came from the spirit side of life, and through manifestations of the senses challenged the inquiry of man. For in endeavoring to discover the cause of the "Rochester Knockings," to discover how the writing upon locked slates was produced, and the various forms of materialization, the whole world of scientific thought has been challenged to explain those manifesta-tions. In doing so it has admitted human thought into the realm of spirit life. For, inevitably, these manifestations, when you enter into communication with them, ed, the meaning of everyday life will be more clearly reclaim to be presented by spiritual beings.

Now it is within the province of every human being to know whether these manifestations are true or not. If you have no mediums here, you can go to Cassadaga, or wherever there are mediums through whose instrumentality you may investigate.

It is useless for people to say in this day and age of the world, "I have had no evidence, but I would like to have." The same endeavor applied in this direction, that is applied in other directions, will give you knowledge on this subject. You can receive the evidence if you will receive it. If you wish to send a telegraph message you do not is determined by the growth and unfoldment in the earthwait in your house for some telegraph operator to bring his instrument there—or if you wish to receive a message by electricity you seek the methods. The same is true portunities better while here. If they have been selfish with reference to these spiritual manifestations: You must seek those who possess the gifts of the spirit, or you that such a state was a clog upon their spirits; that through whom the manifestations come. Or, if you pre-fer, arrange a "circle" in your own household—there is a they had not sought for spiritual treasures more than for "psychie" or medium in most every family—and you can material treasures. receive the evidence there. Just as thousands and tens of thousands of people have.

present speaker has been at Cassadaga Camp, where there opportunities that are here to unfold the spiritual nature; were many people, statesmen, scholars, orators, many who had never investigated the subject before. They received messages from their departed friends through various meclare, that in those messages they receive the declar diums there. Writings from their spirit friends were re- that these powers which were neglected upon the earth through which it is impossible to pass unless you have shadow of doubt concerning spirit life.

There are also inner ways of knowledge. Of course it a better and higher condition here and hereafter. is of no particular interest to any one excepting yourself. The average human being cannot bestow or receive any- at a time is enough for me," he did not realize that the If you have impressions that you cannot explain, if they struggle in the world of mammon no longer occupy the thing by your knowledge of spiritual truth. The average larger portion of this world is in the world of spirit, which seem to be truthful, follow them. You often say in your brain, and heart, and hand, but fraternity shall abide, and human being needs spiritual truth as a present possession:

But," you say, "we have our faith, we have our religion, we have our hope of immortality." But that does higher possessions. Now released from time and sense, material passion and external interests have shut this avenot take the place of knowledge. Faith is beautiful; it is and human intellect, Mr. Ingersoll is undoubtedly sorry that you do not know about spiritual the flowering out of one's spiritual nature; it is that upon that he did not avail himself of the opportunities he had things? Otherwise you would be holding communion

In all human affairs if you can have knowledge you consider that it is better than faith, or hope, or belief. A make no preparation for the cold, should make no preparation for the doctor to prescribe for your little girl "be-death, so far as animation normal or abnormal is considered to the physician. Very likely you would trance, that to all observers the subject is a counterpart of send for the doctor to prescribe for your little girl "be-death, so far as animation normal or abnormal is conknowledge of mathematics serves you better than the be- ration for warmer clothing, and provision to sustain the knowledge of mathematics serves you better than the be- ration for warmer clothing, and provision to sustain the cause she sees things." If you knew that "seeing" was lief that there is mathematics. A knowledge of chemis- bodies of the men who accompany him should they be the precursor to higher knowing; that this and other gifts powerful concentrator, can be made to assume the coldtry serves your human life better than simply to believe caught in the fields of ice and snow. Would you not say, of the spirit is through the only faculty of the human be-ness and rigidity commonly associated with death; can that some one else understands chemistry. So the knowl-

spares no labor or experience to make himself perfect in lead to no blest haven; and they may have encountered physical unfoldment. "Physical Culture" is one of the many obstacles of their own ignorance on their journey. departments of all well-regulated schools. There are When you realize this you will equip yourself for your professors and teachers of both sexes in the poetry of mo- eternal journey as you would equip yourself for a voyage tion and in the beauty of perfect physical expression.
You consider that the intellect must be unfolded to its fullest capacity. We regret to say, that we think your practical intellectual ways is because they are going to schools are systems of "cramming" instead of systems of be men and women, and that they must have this knowlperfect unfoldment in education. By and by, as these edge of mathematics, this knowledge of language, of plants, these levely blossoms have been carefully trained grammar, this higher education to fit them to cope with to unfold what is from within, your human education will the conditions of life. The boy who would be a merchant be a process of unfoldment; and the individual life will be must understand somewhat of the rules of trade-too as perfect as the most perfect of these flowers. But as often they are rules that we would not wish any boy of long as education is something induced from without in- ours to know. The girl who would go out to teach or obstead of unfolding that which is within, it will simply tain a livelihood with her hands must have some knowlbe mechanical. Frequently whatever intelligence there edge of that which she wishes to do. But here are thouis, is crowded out of the young child because of this pro- sands every day in your world passing into the spirit realm cess. When, however, the new system was introduced, with no thought of whither they are going, with no prepa-Froebel saw in the child the germ of the future man or ration of spiritual knowledge, with only such preparation, it is a very easy thing for two friends to misunderstand woman, and the "kindergarten" took the place of the perhaps, as comes when death opens the avenue between cramming and crowding process. Whenever you intro- them and the spirit-realm. duce in education the principle of the religious or spiritual proposition of the unfoldment of that which is with-in, whenever this becomes the principle of your schools, not half as fearful as the step the boy takes when he goes then your educational system will be perfect.

be so unfolded, it is also necessary that the spiritual pow- of it prepares you to go. ers shall be unfolded; that every human life shall know all that is possible to be known concerning his or her spir- vision of angels and the loved enes around the death bed; sulted a lawyer, who had some sense. He was an old itual nature. Because you will find after a while that those whom you can remember in the household who have friend of theirs. He said: "My dear friend, is there no

present existence in the world, that in proportion as this all lives to pass as joyously into the realm of spirits as you spirit power is unfolded, so is life more perfect. We do receive them into this world, would it not make human and your house, and your family have no home? You not mean merely theological propositions or dogmas, but life more beautiful and lovely? And would there not be were friends and neighbors, and the best of feeling existed we mean the spiritual life, that which pervades the hugarlands of flowers instead of sable drapery, and songs of between you; there was nothing you would not have done man existence, that which exalts and purifies the affections, that which makes the intellect more clear, that beauty and joy instead of those of sorrow, with no garb of go to him the next time this comes up and say: I don't which dominates the moral purpose of the individual and mourning to cloud your lives and cloud the lives of the mind this little piece of land, you can have it, it is nothing no one can have an exalted life who is not dominated by spirits that have passed from your midst, and with knowl- to me. It is better to sacrifice the land than your the spirit that is within and the spirit above; even though edge, and hope and love, and "God speed," and the con-friends." he or she does not know it. It is this knowledge that sciousness that their presence, as a crowning light, can be gives the real value to life.

The whole realm of existence in which your spiritual

Truth comes to humanity in two ways: It comes by outmeasure to perceive these things, but they have been sepward signs and tokens that proceed from the spirit side of
life towards mortals—such as have accompanied every ity pervading the human existence has never been thought

and truth, in some times were soon trying to see who could make the life towards from the spirit and spirit makes the hand more accurate in the performance of its duty, makes the heart more truthful in the fulother befter? And were they not in a better stafe to enter

Those that are spiritually endowed; we mean by this, are realities. You do not have to go back to the poets as body, and know whither you are going, the drudgery of each other was more valuable than all the land they those who have spiritual perception and discernment, and and ancient philosophers to learn that "millions of spirit-life is not so hard, the weary round of toil is not so diffiour than all the land they life is not so hard, the weary round of toil is not so diffiintuition, require no external testimony concerning a fu- ual beings walk the earth both when you wake and when cult, and the daily burden is not so hard to bear, for you When you approach humanity with that kind of spirit, intuition, require no external testimony concerning a Italian beings walk the earth both when you wake and when turn life and immortality. Those who are not spiritually endowed must receive the knowledge through other earlier by the Greek poet Hesiod. Then this realm, in sources.

In this world of utility, this age of great "practical utility," as it is called, this age that is looking mostly to material science for unfoldment, the manifestations of Shrifty livelihood. She lived in a small room and performed her material science for unfoldment, the manifestations of some very are all journeying thither, and will one own work, moving her body around with her hands, wash-Spiritualism have come as an answer to the great human day, sooner or later, cast aside the physical body, but be need for testimony that will satisfy the mind through the cause you are spirits now. That which sees is not the eye, spirit and body together. But, with the knowledge of sees. This, of course, is the most fallacious kind of testimony that will satisfy the mind through the cause you are spirits now. That which spirit life she said: "Oh!'I have so many blessings, I am that you are afraid or ashamed to have them see. "I do hears, and speaks, and performs the tasks of daily life is never alone." This knowledge kept that dear heart not want the spirits to know what I think." Then uplift the spirit that is within you. If there are more attri-strengthened, and her life pervaded by spiritual powers, your thoughts until they are as clear as the noonday sun, butes of the spirits than have been perceived or recognized; if you have powers that have been hidden and only partially unfolded or altogether set aside, it is quite important that you should know it.

The race is entering into a higher spiritual existence. In the French Academy of Sciences, not many years ago, crucible of the chemist and various experiments in science it was proposed to include a "sixth sense," which was to you can prove a proposition after the proposition has been be called "Intuition." That proposition did not prevail perceived mentally. But you cannot prove a proposition among the scientists; but a great many scientific minds of to another human being who is not capable of receiving it Europe and America have come to the conclusion that this realm which you perceive through intuition is the larger realm of life, and the world is growing more and more into that inheritance. As the brain to-day presents a more perfect structure, than the sloping forehead and high egotism of the earlier races, as the human intellect in the facial expression reveals more nobility and more intelligence, so the spiritual powers, when unfolded reveal themselves in the expression of the countenance, in the light of eye, in the screnity of spirit, in a philosophical mind. As this spiritual power is more and more unfold-

> The next step of life, which you pass into through the change called death, is of course only one of the steps of eternity. But as human existence is found to be a preparation for it, your spirit friends are very anxious that you should know as much as possible about your own spiritual natures, your own spiritual possessions. And it is possible to know about this. You can enter into communication with your spirit friends; you can ascertain what the occupations and conditions are in spirit life. They will tell you the condition of the spirit on entering spirit life ly state. They will uniformly tell you that they wish they had found a better opportunity or had improved their opand worldly, seeking only for material gain, they will tell

To use the things of life wisely; to have a suitable home and surroundings is the perfect right of every human be-This knowledge is not secluded. Within a week your ing. But to use the powers of the spirit to improve the aware that the "kingdom" of which he taught was not a

Those who receive messages from the spirit states de-clare, that in those messages they receive the declaration, diums there. Writings from their spirit friends were received with no human hand to intervene; and forms were seen that were not produced by any external methods; and inspired thoughts that came from those outside of mortal life. It rests entirely with yourself whether you will spirit they are deformed by lack of spiritual unfolding wise counselor, the healer said, "The kingdom of heaves the shadows of your earthly know about this subject, whether you will grasp this proposition, or whether you will still wander in the proposition, or whether you will state to have more of that knowledge that can lead to shadow of doubt concerning spirit life.

It rests entirely with yourself whether you will grasp this proposition, or whether you will still wander in the shadow of doubt concerning spirit life.

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It rests entirely with yourself whether you will grasp this proposition, or whether you will still wander in the shadow of doubt concerning spirit life; that people are faith or attain by some external form or ceremony.

We know Jessus, the teacher, the beneficere friend, the wise counselor, the healer said, "The kingdom of heaves with that the spirit realm is within;" and it is this this figure to face with that the spirit realm that you would desire to know more of that spirit to restore that which has been neglected, to reveal that the spirit realm that you see now "through a glass darkly."

In the these powers which were neglected upon the earth thoughout eternity.

In the tisn move and throughout eternity.

We know Jessus, the teacher, the beneficere friend, the benefice ual state, to have more of that knowledge that can lead to which has not heretofore been known.

had been neglected; that with the knowledge of spiritual daily life: "I wish I had followed my impression, my inattributes and powers the human race would enter into its tuition." Why, do not you know it is because reason, which humanity feeds. Hope is beautiful; it leads one to on earth to have greater knowledge. For when you are with spiritual beings as freely as with one another. Your desire knowledge, or aspiration for a knowledge of that going into a country that you are unfamiliar with, and for spiritual vision would have been opened to spirit life, as it which lies beyond, and encourages one. But knowledge which you are not equipped, your limitations are painful is in many cases. to you. Suppose one who is starting out to discover the "He is foolish; how can he start out on such discoveries edge of the laws of life and being pervaded by this spiritnal power will exercise a most beneficent influence upon
human life every day.

The is rooms, now can be start out on such the spirit without any preparation?" Yet people expect to start
out on the voyage of eternity when leaving the earthly
human life every day. It is most important to know that man is spirit here and blind faith in the theology that has been taught them), now; that the spiritual faculties require unfolding, devel-oping and feeding. You train the body; the athlete have already gone. But the course they have taken may

However, with the light of knowledge the step that peoout in the world to meet its temptations and its trials. It side for many years. By and by there came up a contro-If it is necessary that the intellect and the body shall is the inevitable step that all must take and a knowledge

You recall such instances as a dying saint who sees the the spirit is life; that the body is simply the instrument, passed away with a smile upon their lips, recognizing the dear ones that have passed on and call them by their in the end you will both lose your farms."

Express itself.

The body is simply the instrument, is there no dear one that have passed on and call them by their in the end you will both lose your farms."

Express itself.

"But I am going to fight this thing out," said the farm-Spiritualism has taught, in the fifty years or more of its bed scene." If it were common, if it were universal with with you day by day and hour by hour?

"But," asks one, "does not the knowledge or thought of

The New Light, the New Revealment of Spiritual the presentation of religious thought and truth, in some things of the spirit, and not attend to our duties here?" other they were soon trying to see who could make the fillment of its daily life of affection, the mind clearer to into the next step of existence? That was the result of These spirit friends that have passed from human sight perform its part. If you know that you are spirit as well one sensible man telling them that their friendship for

so that the burdens of human existence did not rest and you will not be afraid to have an angel of light see heavily upon her.

How much lighter your daily toil would be if you knew that in spirit life your friends were brooding presences, helping, strengthening, and guiding you; with this your counting-room, perhaps in your hours of daily toil, animating knowledge your bodies are but performing the and that she may know every thought of unworthiness; if necessary task, until you shall take on the next higher you take advantage of your neighbor or friend, does that step. How much more ennobling would human life be make you feel uncomfortable? Then let your thoughts as printed at the top of the first page, if instead of the mere delving and diving for physical ex-

istence you could know that it is the unfoldment of the if your spirit child can see what you do and think. spirit; that the great lesson of human sorrow is neither penalty nor punishment, nor revenge, but simply unfoldment. Sorrow teaches patience, fortitude and loving kindness for others. If you have wept because of your own sorrow, you understand how others feel who also

When the great Teacher and Master of Nazareth knew the meaning of sorrow and was brought, by divine compassion, into sympathy with the world, it was because he knew the meaning of sorrow by experience. When Buddha Gautama went out from his father's palace, from the pleasure-house that was reared for him, to seek knowledge and the meaning of sorrow, when he saw death and all the things around him that he could not explain, bye and bye, through prayerful observance, by listening to the voice of the spirit, not among the sacred men who tortured the body that the spirit might live; not among the recluses, who thought they had obtained conquest by separating themselves from the world, but beneath the won drous tree whose branches spread above him, whose leaves were vocal with the voices of the night, he heard the voice of the Spirit, he was shown the great mystery of life How it is for conquest and unfoldment; how victory over selfishness or sorrow is the divinest achievement of life; when this knowledge came, instead of going back to his pleasure-house and living the life of idleness and luxury, he taught. He taught among the people, ministering unto them. He fold the great meaning and lesson of sorrow through which they were passing. He pointed out to them the great light and attainment of the vision he saw

When Jesus trod the pathways in Palestine, he led the people to a knowledge of spiritual truth. He made them kingdom of the dust, but a kingdom of the spirit, and he said, "the kingdom of heaven is within you." How many churches teach that it is some far off region? some citadel of light with alabaster thrones and gates and walls

Sometimes children have this spiritual endowment, and ing that is endowed from the spirit, you would cultivate even be subjected to crucial tests of what would be pain t as carefully as you do the gift of music, or painting, or and torture to a person in his normal state, yet be resusci any other gift that manifests itself in your children.

The race must grow, sooner or later, into this spiritual inheritance. It is not always intended that prophets and seers, and those endowed with "gifts of the spirit" shall be the only ones to teach the human race concerning spiritual things. By your own firesides, at your own hearthstones, in the midst of your own family circle, this voice cause of this seeming phenomenon is, the body of the will be heard, this testimony will be offered. It will not subject is temporarily charged with a stronger degree of be in forms and things to frighten you. Spirits are not magnetism than the individual can generate, and the the "ghosts," and "hobgoblins" of grave-yards. They are spiritual intelligences, beings that have dwelt in your pidst, in your own households; they are your dear friends, and a part of your life and your light, and if the spiritual family is really that which constitutes the household in eternity, then of course it is just as much a part of life that this communion shall be between the spirit and human state as that you shall have conversation with each

You have great trouble in not being able to make one another understand. The language you use is imperfect and you frequently misuh erstand each other. Not methods were employed, these varying in many ways acwithstanding the great affluence of the English language each other. In human life you get cross and quarrelsome, and go to law merely because you do not understand each other. Now when your spirits are right you will under-

stand each other better here.

We knew two friends, farmers, who had lived side by versy about the line between their lands, and one farmer moved the fence this way, and the other that way, until at last there was great trouble about it, and they had some words, angry words, all went to law. Finally one con-

"But I am going to fight this thing out," said the farm-er. "I say so and so, and he says so and so." "But," said the lawyer, "do you want to lose your farm

"Why, I cannot do that!" said the farmer. "Just try it," said the lawyer.

So the next time the farmers met, he did as the lawyer natudes are found has been measurably hidden and stulti- spirit life and influence unfit us for the daily duties of suggested, and to his great surprise, the man said, "I do must result from perception of something we have not field. You have been able, through religious exercises and life? Is there not danger that we shall seek too much the not want the landy you can have it." From fighting each perceived.—Spencer.

and know what you are thinking. But if you think your daughter (your daughter with shining eyes and wonderful hair), with loving thoughts bends above you, perhaps in

Undoubtedly when Dante, in his vision, saw the "Inferno," he was looking out on the earth conditions, Boards of Trade and Stock Exchanges, and hearing the demons of mammon howl and scream toward each other. But there are no such infernoes in the realm of spirit excepting those that you make. You take your heaven or hell with you. "The kingdom of heaven is within." Then so is the kingdom of hades. If you want hades it is ensy enough to have it. Passion, striving, selfishness, contention, all these things make it. We know an angel of light could not witness a more perfect picture of hades than the human conditions that are created by avarice, greed and human selfishness.

If this spirit realm, impinging upon yours, does nothing more, it tells you that you "reap what you sow." That the next step is just as you have made it. That every human life must ultimately work out the conditions of spiritual unfoldment by growth in time and eternity.

Do you want to know about this? You say you want to know a little about it. You want to know about it to the extent of having messages from your spirit friends. But you do not want to know enough of it to live it, to bear it forward in your daily life, to make of it the theme and song that constitute the key-note of existence, that this spiritual life is yours, that every faculty, every attribute, every high pursuit, every divine endowment-in their spiritual essence-and the highest potency are yours, and that one day you will sing the songs of praise.

When you will have conquered and triumphed over the conditions of human life by this unfolding spiritually, what a beautiful human race it will be! All children will have the face of angels, all countenances will beam with intelligence, differing only as each star "differs from another in glory." Physical bodies will not be maimed, dwarfed and deformed as now; physical sickness and suffering will be overcome by the knowledge of the power of full continues the same argument prethe spirit, and all human beings will come forth upon the earth in the charmed knowledge of spiritual beings, here

invisible realm that you see now "through a glass darkly." By observing your own premonitions and impressions Then shall the boundaries of human life expand; then When the great Agnostic said in human life "one world this faculty of intuition will be more and more cultivated, shall the nations learn war no more; then shall the great peace shall govern all the earth. Then man shall enter into his spiritual inheritance and the endowment of the skies, and be one with the angels.

#### Does Electrocution Kill?

Any student of psychology knows it is a comparatively simple feat of power to throw a "subject" he is accustomed to influence into so deep and complete a sleep or tated into natural activity again, and aver strenuously he had no consciousness of events transpiring while he was

in the quiescent or trance state. Others say they knew every circumstance, but were powerless to move or act, in the slightest degree. These are demonstrable facts and it is futile to deny them. The body being a vehicle of expression or in other words, a reflector and transmitter, of emotion and sensation, it will manifest forth the strongest power operative upon it, at any given time.

In cases of electrocution the victim's body is charged with power far beyond its natural capabilities, so it is temporarily paralyzed and quiescent, incapable of any move ment. Rigidity, coldness, inanimation, even the first signs of putrefaction are not infallible signs of death. and there can be no doubt in the mind of men who under stand electricity and magnetism, that each and every man subjected to electrocution could be revived if the proper cording to the individual's peculiarities who has been subjected to the same. The only way to effectually destroy physical activity, so that the victim is thoroughly and completely released from the body, is to generate such an enormous degree of power, that the body shows signs of being burned, which would be too barbarous a proceeding for men to want to contemplate, who had any instincts of kindness in their souls; though it would be generous to do this rather than to simply stop power of motion, leaving ofttimes, clear, active thought. If so desired, I will go further and deeper into the subject, from a psychologist's standpoint. VICTOR ILLUMINER. psychologist's standpoint.

Only the vulgar person seeks to adorn his short-comings and give them an air of respectability.-Confucius. Little enough will your religion profit you, if your deeds do not accord with it .- Jussuf Ali Mustapha.

Of all the advantages which come to any young man, I believe it to be demonstrably true that poverty is the greatest .- J. G. Holland.

He that can work is born king of something; is in communion with Nature, is master of a thing or things, is a priest or a king of Nature so far. He that can work at nothing is but a usurping king, be his trappings what they may; he is the born slave of all things.—Carlyle.

In proportion as we love truth more and victory less. we shall become anxious to know what it is which leads our opponents to think as they do. We shall begin to suspect that the pertinacity of belief exhibited by them HE COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATUY,

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the General Survey will all cases be tained a large audience on Sunday, Jan- street." py, and in order to do that they will during January. pears. This rule will be strictly adhered to.

If we have not space to use them.

giving the full name and address of the suddenly disappeared from view, and writer. The items of those who do not further chase was abandoned. Many into the waste basket.

and in each instance it is said the cir- older ones, too." cumstances have been foretold by a blind fortune-teller living there. The shalltown, Iowa, where he can be admen were Stuart R. Young, former city dressed. treasurer, who committed suicide Nov. killed, and Will Goddard, who was tional elopement and marriage of pretty killed a few days ago by the discharge | Marie Nassr, 17 years old, daughter of \$20,000 to \$35,000 on the strength of the the girl disappeared and the frantic

fortune-teller's prophecy. singers. I never saw such a grad de-leye. She described the sensation as

relopment in Spiritualism." Crookes, of England, inventor of the X-ray tube, which has been such a boon physical or psychical is of little consequence—is involved in this occurrence is not with me a matter of opinion, but world his impressions on the subject in beauty. She has taken a course in coma book. Prof. Wallace was a co-worker mercial business and has assisted her and compeer with Darwin, and is to- father at his office in the capacity of day regarded as one of the leading sei- bookkeeper." he is talking about."

nothing like it that can compare with as a lecturer and musician. Address and Mrs. Sharlow entered their home. the instruction we gain from its pages, | me in care of The Stoddard." Dr. T. Wilkins is just splendid. His Dr. D. M. King, of Mantua, Ohio, will controls are funny and interesting, and lanswer calls to attend funerals, and fill when he writes about his mother I can lecture engagements for the balance of take off her watch and chain, an impos- has been prepared, and it is hoped a valist Association, of which the writer come very near to him in spirit. You the winter, either by the Sunday or by sible feat over a spreading Gainborough large attendance will be present at the is a member. has the most stringent duce better results than the Ohio river can count on me as a life member. I the month; also can fill camp engage- hat. The ladies came to her relief, and am nearing my 78th year, and am look- ments during June, and a part of July | lodged her on the plano stool. For a ing forward to the time when I shall be and August. Will serve as chairman or moment she wilted right down, and done with the things that perish."

writes: "We have found 'A Wanderer crease their membership, please adin the Spirit Lands' very interesting dress as above." and profitable. My husband thinks it | C. H. Mathews writes from New Philone of the best he has ever read. Your adelphia, Ohio: "The Boston Traveler, in verse to the gifts presented. A genpaper comes as a very welcome guest from which you quote, tells of a seance eral good time followed, in which re- have applied for a charter from the N, lie upon the table at least one month.

attle, Wash .: "The Seattle Spiritualist | Helen Weston and daughter, material-Association held its annual meeting for | ized and sang, etc. The names of these | tion farewell reception to Mr. and Mrs. | worthy souls were equal to it. May the | Hull should be heartily endorsed. We the election of officers January 15, 1902, arisen spirits is Western. They were Dawm, at the home of Vice-president angel world stand by our side, and bless are demanding recognition as a dis-A fair representation of members was fine star actresses forty years ago. I Stacey. Mrs. D. had for a long time this newly prepared field, and may all tinctive scientific and religious cult: present, who expressed themselves as saw them on the stage in Cincinmti | presided at the piano at the hall, and | lovers of truth and light send us their greatly pleased and encouraged by the and the East, when Mrs. Bliss gave se- both were most active Earnest Worksuccessful work of the society during lances at my parlors in 1888. These ers. They were lovingly remembered the past year and its present prosperous | girls came and gave us a grand maticondition. Perfect harmony and unan. nee. Lucille sang a verse from the Bo- ty, which accompanied some appropriimity prevailed. R. F. Little was re. bemian girl, and posed and dressed as ate gifts. Not an unimportant part of is making to make a success of Brother president; Mrs. Swan, treasurer; Walter ence of Mrs. C. B. Bliss. Those who a little twelve-day-old angel boy, that a college that shall be free from secta-Hall, secretary. Mrs. Stockey was ap- know them are no longer 'amazed' at swung in a modern cradle. The baby rian bias, and Phope every Spiritualist pointed corresponding secretary. Trus: their manifestations. The spirits rap tees: Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Lapworth, their approval while I make this correc-Mrs. Smith, Mr. Ross and Mr. Peterson. | tion and indorsement." W. J. Colville has been with us during J. M. Holladay writes from Council the last two weeks, giving two lectures | Bluffs, Iowa: "Sunday, Jan. 19, brought nearly every day since his arrival. He victory for the new philosophy here. leaves for the East early next week, Mrs. Fritz, of Omaha, was touched and we much regret the shortness of with great force from above, excelling his stay with us. It has been a season her former self. Mr. Thompson, of Ful-

of spiritual advancement to us."

Dr. H. V. Sweilngen writes as fol-

suppressed; yet we wish it distinctly to do so if they can prevent it by ridicule and ostracism, the only two methods of prevention left them, for they 13th verse." to hand, however much we might desire have long since failed with reason and to do so, That must account for the largument. As a Spiritualist I would not be true to my conviction and knowl-WRITE PLAINLY .- We would like edge if I did not here and now affirm

in. God is not a God of the dead, but

adjusted to the space we have to occu- uary 10. He will remain in Columbus

cation, should contain the full name and be material of flowing texture. On all source. Following the usual custom of help and strengthen the society. We address of the writer. We desire to other occasions she has shown herself | these fellows, the 'Doctor' said he was | have been serving the society with lecknow the source of every item that ap- in long black robes, and a mourning very sorry, but his wife had been tures and platform tests every Sunday veil over her face. She does not seem taken suddenly sick, and could not be evening since Dec. 22. Our audiences, to confine herself to any particular present. Spiritualists were ignored although not very large, are intelligent, Keep copies of your poems sent to place, but has been seen on different | when the call was made for a commit- and evince by repeated attendance and this office, for they will not be returned streets and at all hours of the night. | tee. The 'Doctor' spoke of the effects | steady increase that the writers efforts She suddenly appears before the be- he carried. Genuine mediums do not are appreciated. Sunday, Jan. 19, the Bear in mind that all notices for this lated citizen in a noiseless manner, and | carry such 'truck' around with them. 1 | writer after the regular lecture gave as page are cut down to suit the space we as suddenly disappears. On two or ask the friends to beware of this fel- a slight change from the regular test, | Spiritualistic literature controvert the three occasions she has given chase, low." A Joliet paper says: "There was some life-size spirit pictures, in crayon, assertion. Nevertheless, it is apparent and the frightened individuals declare not much to mark any difference be- from the rostrum, giving names and de- to all. I think, that in the ratio of the Take due notice, that all items for it is, with only the fleetest running | tween the alleged Spiritualistic seances | scriptions also, which made them all | demand made upon us by an earnest | lars. But these poor penighted soms this page must be accompanied by the that they have been able to keep out of of Charles H. Foster Sunday night at | readily recognized. The friends of the and ever increasing constituency, for | need a missionary! What shall we do? full name and address of the writer. It the way. And on one occasion an at- the Joliet theatre from any ordinary society are a genial and agreeable exact information and competent represent the way. And on one occasion an at- the Joliet theatre from any ordinary society are a genial and agreeable exact information and competent represents the means to supply

comply with this request will be cast stories are rife as to the true nature of the spent a great deal of time telling is making many converts to truth. We in, has called our attention to one of Dr. J. O. M. Hewitt is engaged for sons believe it to be the spirit of a wo-February with the First Temple 80- man who died recently, after months of ceeding with each number he would ex- pleasure of coming in contact with. He best of motives, has had the effect of clety of Spiritualists at Newport, Ky. great suffering, and that her spirit has Within six months three of the most returned to harass the city. It has re- had done it, and then show how it tions, and on many occasions has given ters, and as a consequence the general ceived by us from two really most exprominent of the younger men in Louis- sulted in keeping a great many children | would be impossible for him to do it | very satisfactory seauces under abso- public has failed to grasp the true ville, Ky., have met with violent deaths, In off the streets after dark, and a few

J. M. White is now located at Mar-

The Chicago Chronicle has the follow-29; Austin Kent, who, while visiting in | ing from Toledo, Ohio: "Hypnotism has St. Louis, was struck by a train and played an important part in the sensaof a gun he was cleaning. Goddard in- Michael Nassr, the wealthy Monroe creased the insurance on his life from street wholesale fruit dealer. Friday father appealed to the police. The girl Mrs. Ted Smith writes from Bemidji, finally telegraphed from Dayton that Minn.: "Our society was organized two | she had been married and begged her years ago with twelve members and father to come and get her. Miss Nassr | body of a person. This alleged materi- | Kate R. Stiles, of Boston, Mass., who one or two undeveloped mediums. We was married to Ameen George Yarid, a alization took place at the end of the is doing a grand work for the cause of now have a society with forty members, peddler of Oriental rugs, whose home is medium (ordained). Mrs. Ted Smith, two weeks ago and met the girl in her several healers and two materializing father's office. Yarid accepted an invimediums. We have excellent meetings tation to visit the home of his countryevery Sunday night, with a crowded man and while there declared his love hall, a nice bank account, our hall rent for the girl. She declined his attentions, paid, steam heat and electric lights, a she says, but he met her alone on this fine organ and a well organized choir of occasion and looked her steadily in the 'creepy' and told her parents she was Kent E. Percey writes: "Sir William afraid of the strange young man. He called at the office several times and she says that he exerted a peculiar into humanity, says: 'That hitherto un- fluence over her. She remembers nothrecognized force-whether it be called ing of the trip to Dayton and has no knowledge, she says, of a marriage ceremony being performed. When the girl was told by the young man that she of absolute knowledge.' Prof. Alfred was his wife she scorned him and her Russell Wallace, LL. D., F. R. S., says first act was to telegraph for her father, in referring to his investigation of the who went to Dayton and brought her phenomena of Spiritualism, that the home. The groom was left in Dayton. facts beat me.' He has given to the The girl is of the Oriental type of

entific men of the world. And further Mrs. Hattie Cooper Westlake writes permit me to quote the great French from Marshalltown, Iowa: "The First marian: 'I do not hesitate to confirm my flourishing condition; services every Mrs. Sharlow, the secretary, on her for- 6 to 10. conviction, based on personal examina- Sunday evening; great interest is man- ty-third birthday. By a clever ruse her tion of the subject, that any scientific lifested in the work, and we hope soon husband induced her to attend an early man who declares the phenomena de to have a lyceum. Mr. John D. Vail is nominated 'magnetic,' 'somnambulic,' our president, and having the cause of 'mediumistic,' and others not yet ex- Spiritualism at heart, he works with a plained by science, to be 'impossible,' is will for the good of that cause. I am one who speaks without knowing what the paster of the church for the present. Our State onvention was very success-Mrs. M. K. Glover writes from Wor- ful, and accomplished good work. Mr. cester, Mass.: "Words are inadequate Harrison D. Barrett and myself were to express my great pleasure in the the speakers; Mrs. McCoy and Mr. reception of The Progressive Thinker | Wheeler, test mediums. I would like to | possession of the organ and music befrom week to week. In fact, there is make engagements for camp-meetings

as lecturer, with psychic lessons during owned up this was the first time she Mrs. McKinley Creighton, of this city, the week. Societies who wish to in- ever had a surprise. Just here she en-

held at Mrs. C-'s, and to 'their amaze-Mrs. H. A. Stockey writes from Se- ment,' the three spirits of Lucille and

of intense interest, and we believe also lerton, Neb., made an excellent address, which the audience received with J. A. Lant writes from Detroit, Mich .: | clapping of hands. Mr. Thompson is on The Society of Earnest Workers have the National Association board. This now an active Ladles' Ald, with the fol- was at the Rudd meeting, on Twentleth now an active street, presided over by Capt. Witty. At ties from March 1, 1902. Address him must add their influence and their ble, in a uniform system through low: vice-president, Mrs. Goucher; sec. the up-town meeting, in Justice Bry. at 27 East Washington street, Fort mite." retary, Mrs. Carlson; chaplain, Mrs. God- ant's office, Madame Russell conducted | Wayne, Ind. ley. They meet weekly at the homes of the evening services, giving her usual | G. H. Brooks writes: "I close my la- in receipt of Dr. B. F. Austin's hook. members. Mr. and Mrs. Daum left for satisfaction. Wilson Duncan aids the

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the meetings at her house, and pleases

Mrs. R. Maynard writes from Victo-Thinker of January 4, I came across the | Mason street, the home of Mr. and Mrs. found it was a birthday party of Mrs. | give my stopping place." Scripture, cake, giving the recipe for it. Baade, at Jackson, Mich. Now, as my birthday is in January, I investigate themselves nor allow others | ridge for the recipe. Solomon's prescrip- | am reading from articles." tion for making a good boy, Proverbs 23d chapter and 11th verse, should be

W. C. Mann writes from Louisville, Ky .: "Christmas Eve, as the clock was striking the hour of 8, there marched who is an old and staunch worker for up the alsle of Speed Memorial Temple, to the strains of the organ, Mr. Edgar Burchy and Mrs. Anna Gladen, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of must make speed equal to about four the spirit-deserted body that lies there. Mr. and Mrs. O. Kircher, of 1506 Van Buren street, who were joined in wedof the living. The day of one's death is lock by the Rev. Mary Mann. The better than the day of one's birth. bride carried a bouquet of pink roses, that had been produced at a material-P. C. Brown, of Staples, Minn., has | izing seance the evening before. The paper, or with a typewriter, and only on all the premium books. He is highly services were bery beautiful and impleased with The Progressive Thinker. pressive. Mr. and Mrs. Burchy will be ity and the phenomenon of Spiritual-ITEMS .- Bear in mind that items for | Frank T. Ripley writes that he enter- at home to their friends at 520 Clay ism. Mrs. Dr. Sweringen is the able

Ralph Wilson writes as follows from Jollet, Ill., in reference to "Chas H. generally have to be abridged more or The following comes from Bushnell, Foster and Company of Mediums": less; otherwise many items would be III.: "Bushnell has a ghost-a female | "The enclosed advertisements speak for | the Ladies' Ald meets every Wednescrowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line ghost, if there be sex in the spirit | themselves. 1 did not attend the meet- | day. Although well along in years, and Item is cut down to ten lines, and ten world. She appears dressed in deepest ing, as I knew from the glaring adverlines to two lines, as occasion may re- mourning. Only once has she been seen | tisement what it would be, but the in- | Powers is always with her old-time ferquire. Every item sent to us for publi- in white, and then in what appeared to formation I have comes from a reliable | vor trying to devise some new way to will not do to say that Secretary or Cor- | tempt was made to capture the spirit, | trickster or magician. And what is | crowd of people, and did space permit respondent writes so and so, without but after a chase of several squares she more disappointing, there were no we would like to give all their names. ghosts and unseen hands to distribute | E. E. Parker, crystal reader and trumflowers among the audience. Mr. Fos- | pet medium, is doing a grand work, and the apparition. Many superstitious per- the audience it was not trickery, but the consider him, all in all, as one of the them. The injudicious issue of ordinaresult of an unseen force. Before pro- finest public mediums we have had the tion certificates, though actuated by the plain how some magician or trickster submits on every occasion to test condi- lowering the standard in certain quarthe same way. He gave one example lute test conditions to a crowd of skep- meaning and import of our helpful phiof slate-writing, one of mental telegra- | ties, many of whom were prominent | losophy. Many certificates have been mysterious and best of his performance was the disappearance of his assistant with a cloth nailed to the floor [a trick. of course]. The curtains of the cabinet were drawn shut. After a brief wait, pictures and platform tests, 27 East the cabinet was opened, and in the semi-darkness there could be seen a formance was not one that could con- dressed at No. 71 Pearl street, Charlesvince anyone in the slightest of the town, Mass." truths of Spiritualism, although the inwas on the stage all the time examining | Coopersville to Grand Haven." various instruments used. How Mr. Mr. Foster was able to take off a pair of handcuffs fastened on his wrists by one of Joliet's policemen, and put them on a teries of the evening [a trick any magiclan can do.]"

333 Michigan avenue. The Earnest | land avenue." Workers are gaining in numbers, strength and usefulness. They are evening entertainment and kept her away from home until 9 o'clock. Meantime the Earnest Workers poured in and took possession of the house. After arranging the presents, among which conspicuously was a beautiful lamp, reflecting a soft red light, a glass water other nice things, the company took gan. Amid the din of happy voices. Mr. Her first impression in the uproarous welcome was that the house was on fire, for the first thing she did was to about the event. It was a sort of deed were a part, which was kept up until 1 o'clock. Another event was a combinaby a letter of gratitude from the socie- much gratified with the stand Brother stances will permit.

the Earnest Workers." tests and automatic pictures, is open for | that every Spiritualist will feel that in engagements at camps, or with socie- order to make it a grand success they

farge audience at this half last Sunday." I fails to provide seats for all who attend | main until eltner Saturday or Sunday, | how they out loose from the antiquated | at this office.

missionary work duging the week in Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, and desire to correspond with all who would like to get up meetings. All mail and ria, B. C.: "On reading The Progressive | telegrams for me should be sent to 220

G. Partridge, No. 2576 Fulton street, Geo. W. Brownson speaks very favor-Chicago, and the novel feature of the ably of the lectures and tests of Nellie apoils, Ind.: "During" the past two

Stella A. Keres wates from Worcesthought I would hunt up that recipe, ter, Mass.: "The Prople's Spiritualist whose teaching of the philosophy of and make a Scripture cake, too. I did Society held its Sunday evening meet. Spiritualism has been of great benefit so, and it was a success as well as a ling, and as usual when Madam Bruce, great novelty. Quite a number came in of Boston, is with us, the house was best subserved thereby. Many of the like Bishop Foster, in most distressing to try it, and said it was good, and a crowded. There was a good attendance doubt of immortality. But they will not great novelty. Thanks to Mrs. Part- at the Monday evening circle, the Mad-

Henry Brockbank writes from Fort Wayne, Ind.: "The First Spiritualist Church of Fort Wayne, has awakened again into renewed activity under the newly elected president, Mr. Pearce. the society. He is a good trumpet medium despite the fact that he is not a professional, and only sits occasionally for the amusement of himself and friends. Mr. Brindle, a genial aggresslve worker, is the secretary and treusurer of the society. Mrs. Brindle's spir-It messages do much to' convince the forward with much interest to her skeptic of the truth of spirit return. whilst Mr. Miller's psychometric character readings attest to his psychic abilpresident of the Ladles Ald Society, and is ably seconded in her efforts by the wife of the president, Mrs. Pearce, and also by Mrs. Powers, at whose home not enjoying the best of health, Mrs.

phy, one of the trausmutation of water. | business men of the city. The prospects | issued to applicants wholly incompe-A few more experiments he did with for Spiritualism look very bright in Ft. tent to meet the responsibilities ashis cabinet, sometimes with one of the Wayne, and although the prejudice is investigating committee. In practical- strong in some directions, yet that can and received them simply as a modifyly all the cabinet experiments he was be overcome in course of time. We x-e ing inducate of the moral lapses of the well bound and sealed up. The most | pect to continue with the society until | past, or to prepare the way for the the end of February, after which date practice of unsaintly virtues-in the fuwe are open for engagements at camps, ture. Men will still "steal the livery of who was placed in a box and covered or with societies." Address Henry heaven to serve the devil in. Brockbank, the English medium for inspirational lectures, automatic spirit

Washington street, Fort Wayne, Ind." E. F. Yeaton writes from Richmond, general system operative throughout sheet as though wrapped around the Va.: "Our society at this time has Mrs. cabinet opposite to where the assistant | Spiritualism in this place. She is deremoved from the box containing the South during the Autumn of 1902. Soman he was not there, but he came cleties desiring her services can correbounding from the audience. The per- spond with her, and letters can be ad- good results in the past.

D. A. Morrill writes: "We have been vestigation committee of reliable citi- here at Conklin, Mich., for the past zens assured the audience that there week, and have made a good many conwas no trap door under the cabinet, and | verts to Spiritualism. We expect to stay no way for a person to get through the here another week, then I will go to selves for the work in hand. Even the brave Spiritualist in such localities. We back part of the stage curtain which | Coopersville. My wife and I are hold- common artisan and mechanic must was all in one piece. The committee ing trumpet seauces. We will go from give proof of efficiency, if they would this to prove it.

R. McLaren Angus writes from Cleveland, O: "I am working hard to draw all the meanins into harmony with each other; also the Spiritualists. pitcher and chair was one of the mys- I will be engaged until the 30th of March in the Superior street church. After that date I will be open for en-I. writes from Detroit, Mich.: "Dr. | gagements. I would like to take hold Julia M. Walton spoke Sunday after- of some weak society. Terms very reanoon and evening to large audiences, at | sonable, 'Address me at No. 260 Wood-

G. W. Kates and wife had successful meeings in Gallipolis, Ohio, January 17 working together with the utmost cheer to 22; Lancaster 23 and 24; Springfield, and harmony. During the week a de- 26 to 30. They will be in Cincinnati, astronomer and author, Camille Flam- Spiritualist Church of this city is in a lightful surprise party was given to February 1 to 5, and Evansville, Ind.,

Last week Will C. Hodge started for clety, sever connection with state and California, and will stop at San Diego. Mr. Hodge has been long and favorably all for the sum of one dollar in United amongst the Spiritists. known as a most excellent man, devoted | States coin. The party of the first part | No one sees the need I herein expose, at all times and places to the best inter- meant well, perhaps, but the party of more than does each of the N. S. A. ests of our cause. His lectures are log- the second part did not feel compli- missionaries. I believe that a brave at- gestive and instructive book. Price \$1.00. ical, instructive, and at times eloquent, and our California friends can now set, an aquarium with gold fish, and have an opportunity of hearing him. His address for the present will be San

> cial entertainment on Thursday even- can grant certificates of ordination. January 30, in its regular meeting. The locals can only recommend the applace. Room 020 Handel Hall, 40 Run- plicant. The locals can only recomdolph street. An interesting program mend the applicant. The State Spirit-

entertalument. Geo. A. Kiehl writes from Lancaster, Pa.: "Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, missionaries for the N. S. A., have just completed a course of public lectures period of at least one year; that he dured the ordeal of having a poem read | here on Spiritualism; the first ones ever to her by the scribe, saying nice things | held in this city of \$5,000 inhabitants. These worthy people-have organized a society here of thirty members who freshments, song, music and dancing | S. A. It took at mighty effort to succeed in sowing the golden seeds of Spiritualism in a place like this, but these best thoughts and wishes."

L. H. Warren writes: "I am very

Moses Hull has taken and the effort he elected president; G. W. Knight, vice- of yore, Their best doings are in pres- this happy meeting was the presence of | Pratt's donation of his fine building for | Spiritualism. was admired by all, and Mr. and Mrs. | --yes, and every Liberal in America Stacey were heartily congratulated. will feel it their fluty to do something to This social gathering was a most enjoy- help this grand enterprise along. I am | will take a new impetus all along the able one. Three mediums were under an old man, with an invalid wife, and line when we succeed in getting our control, and all giving tests at the same | am an invalid myself, but we will do all best material to the front. time. The refreshments were abund- we can with our influence and money ant. Miss Mabel Goucher will preside to help push this grand enterprise to a at the plane. Mrs. Walton will speak | completion. I would suggest that it be at least once a month, it is hoped, for named Pratt's Non-Sectarian College. where any young man or woman can Henry Brockbank, the English medi- | get an education as free from sectarian um for inspirational lectures, platform | blas as the air they breathe. I hope

> C. H. Mathews writes: "I am this day bors in Newport, Ky, the last Sunday | What Converted Me to Spiritualism.

when I will go to Milwaukee, Wis., to Christian Dogmas that have held the serve the Unity Socrety for February world in intellectual bondage for over and March. Fram very anxious to do | 2,000 years. To know that the grave does not end all, and that there will be a hereafter, has been the mission of Spiritualism, with its phenomena, to establish beyond the shadow of a doubt To Mr. B. F. Austin and his intelligent contributors, we owe a debt of gratipiece, 'Her Half Century Mark.' 1 J. C. Bump. I will as soon as settled, tude for the light they have shed upon a benighted world."

> B. Frank Schmid writes from Indianmonths we have had with us Amanda Coffman, of Grand Rapids, Mich., to many just entering on the threshold of our cause we love so well. She teaches a religion of love, of truth and of progression, and we naturally become infilled with her own illumination, and our souls respond to the inspiration of the new thought and a newer cycle and action permente the life forces of all that love truth. Her test work is most satisfactory, and brings comfort to many a sorrowing soul, and the members of The First Spiritualist Church have been greatly benefited by her ministration. Societies will do well to engage her, as they will not be disappointed. During the month of February Manna Strafford, of New York City, will serve our organization, and we look

### ORDINATION CERTIFICATES

Practical Suggestions and Recommendations.

I was very much pleased to notice in a recent issue of The Progressive Thinker a communication from the pen of Brother D. W. Hull, of Norton, Kan- are often told that the N. S. A. should sas, relating to the matter of granting ordination certificates, and other forms | not worry the audience by taking a colof authority to act as an official representative of the cause of Spiritualism. I am not prepared to admit that Spiritualism as a whole, is less ably represented than formerly.

The columns of The Progressive sentation, we are in arrears to a hu-

miliating degree. However, we are beginning to study causes, and Brother Hull, in my opinsumed, while others have applied for

Whatever the motive, the Spiritual istic movement has been retarded. Like Brother Hull, we think it time to call a halt, and if possible, devise some the several states-or perhaps betterone national in its application.

We need not follow in detail the methods employed by the old school of or two hundred Spiritualists here, only a fine physical medium, one lecturing in New York. He came to Toledo about | had been placed. When the cloth was sirous of working in the West and thought, yet it might not be out of one man besides myself comes out and place to follow in a general way those says so. A good medium to do private systems that have been productive of work is first needed here. One they can

> tors, and all professional men and wo- everything." men are expected to produce the evidence that they have qualified themoccupy the best positions. And these chants dispose of their surplus stock.

Merit, competency, and system as to authority, are three leading requisites in this matter, and the sooner adopted | ually. I will freely give my service, the better for all concerned. In this The Band of Harmony will give a spe- | state (Washington) only the state board | Mrs. Kates, Mr. and Mrs. Sprague and regulations, before a recommendation | valley from Wheeling, W. Va., to Cairo, can be issued. Among others, it is re. Ill. quired that "the applicant shall have been an approved public worker for a shall have been a member of the local chartered society for at least six months. That application shall be referred to a special committee, and shall Our progress may be a little slow, but it is better, and more enduring. This movement suggested by Brother

and it becomes our bounden duty to as fully and faithfully represent the principles and policies involved, as circum-I am glad to believe that hopeful signs are appearing upon the horizon of

In our city our cause is taking an upward tendency, slowly but surely our standard is rising, both within and without our ranks, and the good work

The Sentile Spiritual Association receiving at present, the ministrations of that ceaseless worker, Brother W. J. Colville. It is needless to say that he | twenty years' suffering, by this wonderful new will leave a marked impression upon the minds of our people. There are few like him in talent and endurance. . While the various duties placed upon

us are being met, let us unite, if possiwhich to place able and conscientious | City. workers' in our public work. Senttle, Wash. R. F. LITTLE.

"Nature Unre." By Drs. M. E. find their new home in Boston, on Tuesday meetings with a skillful use of the vio- in January, and return to my home in It contains the testimony of one hun. | Rosa U. Conger. Excellent for every inst. Mrs. Rose Ferris addressed a lin, and with singing. Airs. Rudd never | Whenton, Ill., at once, where I will re- | dred intelligent, brainy people, as to | timily. Cloth, \$1.60 Oand \$2. For sale | this work by the celebrated seer. Cloth, \$1.10.

MISSIONARY ITEM.

G. W. Kates Offers Some Stirring Words.

As Spiritualist missionaries we mee much that taxes and worries us, and we get much that aids and comforts us. Perhaps the balance is in favor of the good. Yet, we are always prone to speak of the defects and mistakes, in order to offer correctives and preventlves. No class of persons should examine their conduct and allegiance more than the Spiritualists. And none should be more praised for good work than they who stand out boldly for the truth and right. We meet the latter nearly everywhere; and our cause is promising because of it. Such people increuse the "grit" of the missionaries to go ahead; and we in turn infuse new courage in their already resolute intentions for public espousal.

But the writers of pessimistic despair always chills us and makes our life sad as we contemplate their cowardice and lethargy. The time has come not to mince mat-

ters in relation to the advance of Spirit-

ualism in localities. It is too often

plain cowardice that prevents the misslonary from getting help in localities to hold meetings there. We write encouragingly and offer our services on any basis that can be made agreeable or possible. We often agree to assume all expense-and never ask a positive fee. We do ask to have a hall and entertainment supplied us if possible. When this is not a possibility, we are always willing to go if some one will attend to the arrangements for us at our expense, We offer every possible inducement to hold meetings. What more can we do in the name of the N. S. A.? Yet, we hold meetings free of any charge and lection, and pay all bills incurred-purely to help spread the truths of Spiritualism. That sounds well! It would be noble of the N. S. A.

But, the only trouble is, we would at tract to our meetings the idiotic and Thinker, Banner of Light, Light of miserly hypocrites who have such small Truth, and the well read issues of other | souls that we could not impress them the need?

Will some such persons please tell us how we can do all they desire of us? Perhaps many good people much poorer in the world's good will supply the N. S. A. treasury. Such are usually the most liberal contributors.

Listen, dear friends, to the following cries from the wilderness, lately recellent little cities, and you will see how some places need a missionary and a brave leader:

"We have a great many Spiritualists here, but the trouble is they don't want any one to know it. You could not get them organized; and I doubt if you could get half a dozen of them into a public hall to hear a lecture." Would you call such phenomenalists Spiritualists? This is the boasted condition that the so-called scientific Spiritualism develops.

Would not a little religion help such materialists-for they are not Spiritual-

Perhaps some hell-fire might burn away the mental dross. Listen again: "This place is not rendy for the work you do. While there are possibly one call on without attracting attention. As Our orthodox friends require a spe- for hall work, all of the city officials are cial theological training of those who against it. The people here are very enter the ministry. Our lawyers, doc- narrow and creed-bound. Churches rule

And so will the people continue and the churches rule until we can get some need the missionary work! I publish

And I propose that a fund he created requirements are leading to higher to send the N. S. A. president and standards and better results. How either Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, or Mrs. much more important that we, who Kates and self, with him, with an agent claim to be able to prove the great fact in advance to secure halls and adverof immortality, should see that no mis- | tise. Get all the local help possible. takes are made in the selection of those | charge a door fee and present Spiritualwho publicly represent us. It is but ism to the people. The routes to be arfair to state that not all of these mis- ranged should include in rotation every takes have been made by state or Na- locality. Stop one or two nights in tional associations. There are not a few | each place and let the people know that incorporated societies, operating inde- Spiritualism is the great truth and the pendently, that are issuing certificates | Spiritualists the best people on earth. If in much the same manner as our mer- we can get money enough, make the meetings free and take voluntary col-Not long since, one of the "solicitors" | lections. Let the world know that we from one of these organizations ap- are alive! We are fooling with the misproached the writer with the proposi- | slopary work. We must go at it with | tion to resign as president of a local so- | vigor! We cannot afford to-any longer national, and be "ordained," etc., and ists, and if possible cure all such

tack upon the citadels of bigotry is necessary, and will result in great good to our cause, both fluancially and spiritwithout extra remuneration, and so will

President Barrett, I am sure. The effort is worthy of a trial. When the financial backing is assured, the work will be done. And no district needs it more, and perhaps would pro-

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NOTE .- The Questions and Answers have called forth such a bost 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 Morced brevity. Proofs have to be omit-ted, and the style becomes thereby assertive, which of all things is to be deprecated. Correspondents often weary with waiting for the appearance of their questions and write letters of inquiry. The supply of matter is always several weeks ahead of the space given, and hence there is unavoidable delay. Every one has to wait his time and place, and all are treated with equal favor.

NOTICE.-No attention will be given anonymous letters. Full name and address must be given, or the letters will not be read. If the request be made, the name will not be published. The correspondence of this department has become excessively large, especially letters of inquiry requesting private anawers, and while I freely give what wer information I am able, the ordinary courtesy of correspondents is expected.

HUDSON TUTTLE.

"American": Q. What do you think of swearing? Is there any great sin in

doing so?
A. It is said that no savage races swear, and so far as the literature of the ancient pagan peoples informs us, swearing in the modern sense of the word, was unknown to them. The commandment against swearing has no reference to the profaulty of to-day. Among many peoples the very name of the one great God has been held too sacred for utterance. It must not be spoken, and various means of phraseology and euphony were employed to avoid so doing. This is not strange when it is considered that among them it was considered treason to speak aloud the name of this ruler.

The injunction was not against profanity but against speaking the name at all. With a more perfect knowledge of the relations of man to that which passes for God, it cannot be entertained that the Creator is in any way injured or offended by anything man as to man himself.

Swearing is the language of passion and is its intense expression. Its use at once shows want of self-control, or the ylelding of the higher faculties to the lower. The most that can be said in defense is that it is used to give emphasis.

But does it do so? Rather does it not weaken? Which had you rather t friend would call you, a good and true man, or a damned good fellow?" one case it would be praise, in the other it would be questionable in what way you were a "good fellow." One who would call forth praise in such

language would at once be judged of inenviable character.

If a stranger should make a statement, would anyone believe the more fully because he had begun it with a "By —?"

Rather the oath would reveal a character liable to be swayed by impulses and desires.

It is said that General Taylor, when his men were rushing on the enemy, and covering the field with the dead, saised in his stirrups, and waving his sword, cried, "Give them hell, boys; give them hell," and Admiral Schley, in the heat of battle, when it was sag gested that the Texas would be in his way, said, "Damn the Texas." These phrases were the language of passion at white heat, and in the carnage of bat-Mhite heat, and in the carriage of backle, if anywhere, have place. Yet, do they belittle the hero, and show that instead of the cool judgment of a commander, for the moment at least, the tiger had control?

Swearing is the dialect of the saloon, the house of shame, the dive and the slum. It comes from the swollen lips of the drunkard, the prostitute, the abandoned. It is the vernacular of the criminal class.

It never ornaments, intensifies, or illuminates speech, but always drags it into the gutter.

The man who constantly calls on God to damn everything he dislikes, damns it himself, and damns himself at last. His thoughts grow into the dia-bolic words with which he expresses Hence, although it may not be a "sin"

to use profane words with thoughtless abandon; a sin as the religious world understands the term, it is a vicious habit, without one redeeming quality, and its indulgence weakens the selfcontrol which should be the one great object of life to maintain. The constant effort to express the thought in pure phraseology, reacts on the mind, and strengthens the higher spiritual faculties.

I. T.: Q. How many Jews are there in the world?

A. The Hebrews are indeed a scattered people. While the number in all the world is estimated at something over 6,000,000, in Palestine, their alleged home, there are but 25,000. Yet this "scattering of the nation," cannot be claimed as the fulfillment of prophecy, for there never was a time record-ed in their history when they were not. And when their strict adhesion to their laws and customs is considered, their arrogant claim of being a distinct peoespecially favored by God, which holds them fast to their traditions, and prevents intermarriage with other peoples, the preservation of their distinct nationality requires no miraculous interpolation.

In despotic Russia or free America, among Mohammedans, Buddhists or Christians, the Jew adapts himself to circumstances, yields when he must, but retains his race characteristics, and igs to the God-favored race.

B. F. French, Arizona: Q. (1) Does the North Pole always point to the polar star?

(2) Does not the northern hemisphere receive more sunlight and heat than the southern? and does not this account for the greater amount of ice said to be

at the southern pole? At the southern poler

(3) What of the prediction of scientists that there will be polar displacement by which cities will be destroyed and continents made waste?

A. (1) The form of the earth, that of, an oblate spherold, received by rotation on its axis when first launched into space, absolutely prevents any change. In the position of the poles. There is a slight movement of the poles, around a

within itself, so that the mean direc-

tion is always the same. To assert that there has been a change in the position of the poles, is contrary to the well-known laws of motion, and snows ignorance of their mathematical demonstration.

The North Pole does not point to the polar star unchangeably, and the position of the star is occidental. It recedes from the pole year by year in the slow but wonderful procession of the stars. Bright and conspicuous as is the polar star, it belongs to that class of stars so remote, that their least distance only can be determined, and for this star it is 2,062,650 times the distance of the sun from the earth (92,000,000 miles) or a space that would take light traveling 102,000 miles in a second, thirty-two years. Hence it will be appreciated how vast the movements must be at such distances to be recognized even in

(2) At present the northern hemisphere receives more sunlight and heat than the southern, for the summer is seven and a half days longer than the winter. This, however, is a condition not perpetual, as after some millions of years the summer will be shorter and the winter longer, the southern hemi-sphere having the reverse. But this does not account for the present difference in climate between the Arctic and Antarctic zones. This must be sought in the preponderance of land in the north, and of water in the south, and the direction of the vast oceanic currents which introduce the warm water of the tropics into the northern seas.

(3) No "scientist" worthy of the name has ever made such prediction. Such prophecies came always from the ignorant, or by those whose egotism is luflated by a smattering of knowledge they have illy digested.

Scholar: Q. Is President Roosevelt the author of the phrase, "a strenuous life," now so much used?

A. President Roosevelt published a book in 1900, under the title, "The Strenuous Life," which popularized this expressive phrase.

"Z." Q. (1) What is the velocity of electricity?

(2) Do the waves of the primary colors, which blended make white light, have the same velocity of transmission? A. (1) Calculated at 288,000 miles per second. Probably future investigatious will show that currents of different intensity have different velocities. (2) While each primary color depends on the rapidity of its undulations, or vibrations of the ether, the velocity of all in space must be the same, or the light would be colored instead of white.

Prof. Rudolph: Q. Can "water on the brain" in childhood or youth be produced by prenatal causes? and by what causes?

A. Interference with early growth, can say, and whatever injury may come by illness of the mother, overwork or mental strain might produce nervous wenkness in the child resulting in dropsy of the brain or hydrocephalus. So many causes might lead to this effect that it would be difficult to select one from the other.

Heredity might have the effect to make the brain of the child more susceptible to degeneration and secretion of serum from the blood, but it is not entertainable that "water on the brain" is a disease that is transmissible from parents to children, otherwise than a tendency.

Doings at Lake Helen, Florida.

The meeting Jan. 19; was very grat fying to all who are interested in Spir-itualism and the Southern Cassadaga Camp. The pavilion was crowded and chairs had to be brought from the hotel to accommodate visitors.

The speaker was Dr. Hilligoss, president of Camp Chesterfield, Indiana. He welcomed all as brothers and sisters and described in detail the different manifestations of "love," as brotherly and sisterly love; the love of a friend to a friend, a mother to a child, the love set for an example by Christ when he spoke, "Love ye one another!" or the love to do good to all; and finally celestial love, or God in man, which ever p ompts mankind to conquer selfishness and unfold spiritually by doing our duty to one another.

When we have reached and understand that love, the speaker claimed, then Spiritualism will no longer be stigmutized by society, and even the most learned men will embrace its truth and acknowledge that Spiritualism is the only religion which proves the truth of its teaching: spirit return or spirit communion.

My pen is too poor to express the beautiful thoughts brought out by the speaker. He seemed to be carried be-yond himself and feel the power of love (God) all through his lecture

The president, Mr. Bond, thanked him with words prompted by the deepest emotion. He then continued: It is very gratifying to me to know what great talent we have among ourselves before the regular season commences. I have in my hand a communication which was handed to me to-day by Mrs. Thompson, with the request that it be read publicly and delivered to him for whom it is intended. It reads as fol-

lows: Lake Helen, Fla., Jan. 16, 1902. We, the undersigned, have recently listened to a series of lectures by C. Hagen, entitled, "The Laws of Nature, or How to Obtain Health, Wealth and

Happiness." To say that we are well pleased with the same does not nearly express our feeling of gratitude towards Mr. Ha-

We cannot but admire his sincerity and simplicity in demonstrating the truth of his teachings and their practi-cal application to individual needs. We sincerely believe that all who lis-

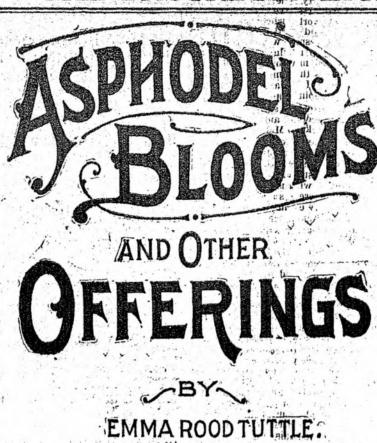
ten to his teachings and follow his instructions will be greatly benefited, and will become better men and women. Signed: Mrs. O. B. Webster, Mrs. Eliz-

abeth Hatch, Ira W. Hatch, Dora . E. White, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. E. E. Anderson, Mrs. M. White, Miss Marguerite Webster, Elizabeth H. Thompson, Mrs. Mary A. Estep, Mrs. C. U. Francis, Mame H. Coburn. Of course Mr. Hagen was greatly sur-

prised and very thankful for such high esteem shown to him by his scholars. Then Sister Carrie E. S. Twing in vited all "gentlemen" to a ten party Wednesday afternoon, requesting them to bring their teacups and spoons along as well as their ladles, and promising lots of surprises for all gentlemen accepting this invitation. Have you ever heard of a gentlemen tea party? I fancy that I will have to write again and let your readers know something about this latest scientific discovery of Sister Twing, a "gentlemen tea party.",

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the inserting of tubes into arteries, as

advised and practiced by Stephen

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hibit at the Paris exposition of every-thing available to throw light on "the

cruelest cruelty" and a large amount

of money was raised for this purpose,

but it was impossible, in the land of

break-down. She wrote to me, "I am so

there is so much I want to do. I am not

we knew she had dropped in harness,

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To Mrs. Fairchild-Allen.

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Stagger the soul, and shake the

gone. Gone! Gone! How can bue word so blain and small,

strongent tonal

Borely are we bereftl

Unnerved at last, dear hands!

her memory:

strong nor well and am taking treat-

tures, a monthly publication.

animals undergo atrocious suffering

muscle.]"

They were made to realize that in

So strong, so sweet, so true! How can we spare you, braye heart, from your place? Who can take up your task, and work A Tribute to a Humanitarian

away as vallantly What other holy face Can so inspire us with its soulful play? .

Rest, dear soul, rest awhile-Give us one word,-one smile! Inspire us that we stand For what you wisely planned!

You were most loyal, veiling e'en de-That others might not veer at your

despair. O, did we sense your zeal, your trembling feet;

Your sacrifice 2 more e'en than you could bear! EMALA HOOD TUTTLE. Berlin Heights, Ohlo.nt

IN PURSUIT OF FACTS.

which was a revelation to those who had revered scientific research and Detailing an investigator's Exasked no questions. Mrs. Allen clearly perlence.

I am in pursuit of facts. Millions, billions of people have sought for truth, making a vivisector there is great danand the brains of the world now, as in all the past years to thow whether "If a man die shall he live negati," Theory, theology, philosophy, do not answer the animals-also poisoning, burning, freezritating the bared nerves with electricity, dissecting out the stomach and other organs, etc. It is done in nearly all the universities and medical colleges of the reals. great question satisfactorily to humanity. Millions have hedepteit the sounder the burden of oilts cuncertainty. leges of the world. Anaesthetics fre-In the absence of anything better quently cannot be employed-according countless millions of the human family to the published records of the vivisecthave taken hold of the Christian "plan The range and variety of experimen- of salvation," Myriads have planted tation and consequent suffering is most graphically described by Dr. Matthew able throng in all the areas and the planted martyrdom therefor, but the innumerable throng in all the areas areas and the change in all the areas areas areas areas. able throng in all the ages of the Woods, president of the American Auti-Woods, president of the American Anti-Vivisection Society, in an article in the Journal of Zoophily, of Philadelphia. Journal of Zoophily, of Philadelphia. He says, "It is not alone the cutting of the flesh that is called vivisection, but Christianity has never yet come up to the brain-burnings of Goltz, the bakings the demands of the world. Something

Brown-Sequard, the electric stimulations of been the yearning of the great human heart. know, I have for many years of my life unceasingly caught at every floating straw in the hope of riding safely on the top of the wave. I have sought in vain for solace, abiding rest in the Christian hope. Nothing is offered but a blind unreasoning faith based on a fabulous old mythological story of the Christ, so antiquated and stale that the moss and mist and myth of the distant past cover it all over with improbabilty. How can an intelligent mortal be content in so momentous a matter with such an intangible structure as the Christian religion? Feeling thus, I have

don; stopping windpipes with corks; keeping animals forcibly under water ever been alert for something better. until almost dead, then, by methods as cruel, restoring them to consciousness; holding the heads of Guinea pigs in Three years ago I and a friend, who like myself, was groveling in the slough of spiritual despond, secured a brief vabasins of quicksilver; cramming the cation and determined to spend the mouths and larynxs of dogs with liquid short time allotted us at the spiritual plaster of Paris until it solidified-such camp-meeting then in progress at Chesterfield, Ind. This place had been practices as these, although knives are not used, and cutting unnecessary, are described as an inviting resort, and excellent for a short recreation. We had also heard of the alleged spiritual phe-[Curare. There is employed to a nomena manifested there through the great extent, in vivisection, the drug so-called medium. Never having come sensibility acutely remains. According in contact with anything of the kind. to Claude Bernard, who was named the and having no faith whatever in its genuineness, prompted by curiosity and desire to enjoy an outing for a few without being able to cry out or move days, we took the train for the camp, reaching there late in the afternoon. We were entire strangers, never having been there before, and never - having seen any person on the grounds. Seeking the camp hotel, we are our suppers ficer in the Illinois Anti-Vivisection So-being careful to conceal our identity by ciety, organized of the International refraining from registering our names, ciety, organized of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals So-ciety, and editor of Our Fellow Crea-Over the entrance to many of the cottages scattered over the grounds was a sign or placard, indicating the business or calling of theli occupant, such as "Trumpet medium," "Independent talking medium," "Chairvoyant," etc. Seeking one of these as the shades of the evening came on the company with a farmer and his wife and daughter, Pasteur, to secure space for anything a farmer and his wife and daughter, which could damage the ideals of and two other parties swhom we hap-Frenchmen. So she was obliged to pened to get in dompany with, we ex-

abandon the original idea. This was a pressed our desire to the medium of great defeat to her sensitive soul, and forming a circle for a zeance. This was we believe was a factor in the final readily accorded us and we went inside the cottage consisting of one room, setired. I always need more money and curely fastening the didor and the two am nearly sick for the want of it for windows. A small, plain table upon which sat a lighted flamp and a tin horn or "trumpet" and the chairs we ocments hoping to brace-up." The next cupled, constituted all the furniture in the room. The medium, an unlettered and was gone. Here are a few lines to Irish woman, with a decided brogue to her talk, placed the table in a corner, sat the trumpet down on the floor, seat-

ed us in a circle around it, and after admonishing us to respond to all questions propounded to us by the spirits, and to talk freely to them, blew out the light and all were in talky darkness. Morey's vast army stands
In tears, and wreaths of rue,
Sobbing a last adleu.

No good-bye word, no warning of your

No good-bye word, no warning of your to meet what shortly followed.

We were asked to join the medium in singing, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," which we all did as best we could. Then there was a deathly slience except that I could bear my heart go thump, thum, thump. Presently suspending toucced both my bases and

mediately by me, one on my right, one on my left, and another in front of me, all saying, "Papa, Papa, Papa!" I promptly said, "Who are you?" and the answers came in rapid succession, "I am June," "I am Carl," "I am your little Bennie; don't you know us, papa?" These were the names of my three lit-tle darling children, who had passed away years before, the youngest and last to leave me-Bennie-five years prior to that time. Impulsively I reached out to take hold of them, for I could feel them touch me, but this effort only provoked a hearty laugh from them all as they said, "Dear papa, you can't take us up as you used to do; you can't see us, but we can see you; you have, oh, so many grey hairs"—and I could feel something as if a hand passing over my temples, where my hair was beginning to get slightly grey.

Well, all this was indeed a "stunner," for who in the circle could have ever

known Carl,; June, or Bennie? My

friend who was with me had never seen them or known of their existence, and I

do not think I had even thought of the first two of them for many months— perhaps years—they had left me so long before. I was much overcome by their apparent presence, but as 800n as I could recover my self possession, I questioned them closely concerning their identity, the time, place and cirtheir identity, the time, place and curvatances of their leaving me, and, strange to relate, every response was exactly correct, even in the minutest detail. I enquired, "Bennie, what was Mamma doing to day?" The answer was "Earnest (our youngest child, at home, 00 miles away) was playing, and fell off the teter board and hurt himsalf hadly and mamma considerable. self badly, and mamma carried him in the blue room and laid him on the bed, and he cried, and cried and cried, but at last he fell asleep, and so did mamma, and when I left there this evening they were still asleep." Several days afterward, when I arrived at home, the first thing I said to my wife was, "What were you doing last Saturday after noon?" A moment's reflection, and she responded, "I heard Earnest crying out in the yard; I ran to him and found he had fallen off that hateful old teter you fixed for them, and had hurt himself-as I at first thought-badly; I car ried him into the blue room and laid him on the bed, and to comfort him, I lay down by him; he cried a good while but at last went to sleep and so did I and we both slept all the afternoon Why, what made you ask me this?"

Well, after much more conversation with these little spirits, as they claimed to be, they, one by one, bade me good night, promising to see me again at the first opportunity, and they were gone. What immediately followed in this seance must be preceded by a brief explanation. Five years prior to this time my aged parents had departed this life and only a few months before my visit to Chesterfield, I and my brother-who is an orthodox preacher—had completed a monument to their memory. We had abored all day in connection with the help employed in getting the monument in place and in giving the finishing touches to the grave. After the help had departed and we sat down in the shade to rest, I said to my brother, "Do you believe father and mother are cognizant of what we have done here to day in respect to their memory?"

He responded affirmatively, and

quoted some scriptural passages in sup-

port of his opinion, and thus we kept up the conversation for some time be fore we departed for our respective nomes. With this explanation I will relate what followed after the alleged spirits of my children had gone from our circle. The trumpet which had stood on the floor undisturbed up to this time seemed to be taken up and was flourished around, touching nearly all of us with a slight ringing sound; front of me and a voice through it so like my sainted mother's that there seemed to be no mistaking it, called my name, and with melting, loving tender-ness and familiar accent, described her joy and happiness because of this first opportunity since her "crossing over" of communicating with me. She mentioned the spiritual presence with her of numbers of my departed friends and relatives referring familiarly to them by name. She also said, "My dear boy, when you and F-- (my brother) had completed the monument to father and I, and when you sat down to rest and you said. 'I wonder if father and mother have a knowledge of what we have done for them,' I was right by you and tried hard to manifest my presence to you af that time, but could not do so.' I had not once thought of the conversation referred to between my brother and myself since it had occurred until my attention was thus called to it. I also afterward spoke to my brothe about it and he recalled the conversation as I have described it. Many other marvelous things oc-

curred during this trip to Chesterfleid I found myself at once fairly launched on the sea of investigation into the oc cult mysteries of Spiritualism. During the years that have intervened I have lost no opportunity at whatever cost of time or means to try to discover the mysterious source of these phenomena. I have encountered hundreds of like manifestations given under the strictest possible test conditions which have neither time nor space to detail I am still endeavoring with all my might to determine whether there is any other possible explanation of the phenomena than that given by Spiritualists.

A. J. W. Shelbyville, Ind.

BOOK REVIEW.

The Story of Abraham Lincoln, or the Journey from the Log Cabin to the White House. By Eleanor Gridley. Abraham Lincoln was and is an interesting character, and will always remain such; and everything pertaining to his life and work on earth is of interest.

This book is decidedly unique in its presentation of the subject, giving much of especial interest concerning Mr. Lincoln's, early every-day home and greatness as a lawyer and states Mrs. Gridley has done well in respect

to the facts of Abraham Lincoln's life. and the faithful and well-expressed manner in which they are portrayed. The book is for sale by the author No. 6457 Langley avenue, Ohicago, Ill. and will be sent postnaid by her on re-ceipt of the price, \$1.50.

"The Panthelsm of Modern Science." By F. E. Titus, Barrister, Toronto, Can-By F. E. Titus, of recent investigations into Life, Force and Substance and conclusions therefrom. Price 10 cents. For sale at this office.

The Kingship of Self-Control." By with Kingship of Self-Control.

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Tust How to Cook Menls Without Meat." By Elizabeth Towns. Excellent. Price 25 cents.
"Heating Recess size Effects." By

Vivid Account of a Terrible Psychic Experience.

I have always felt a strong aversion to detailing any of my personal experiences that relate to mediumship, or to describing any impressions that were aroused in me by the influences that operated on me under the conditions of passive receptivity. I am consclous that some of these are of such a nature as to excite incredulity in those who have had no contact with psychic phenomena, and such persons must receive them wholly on faith.

There is no way to demonstrate that what you have felt, actually occurred, and as it is outside the realm of common browledge to the realm of comiron knowledge it is but natural that it will be regarded with a disposition to confine it to very narrow-limits, I can only emphatically declare that what I shall now set forth actually transpired to me and that the language I shall employ is very inadequate to convey the reality and vividness of my experience which left such indelible effects that I cannot at this late date recall it without a shudder. I have been through the beat of battle and have heard the shricking missiles of death make discord in the surrounding air, but never has such intensity of feeling reached its maximum as it did in the overwhelming visitation when I even felt that my very soul would be rent asunder by the disery that overshadowed it.

It was more than forty years ago that was a member of a small circle that organized with a view of following up the various phenomena that are associated with the developments of spirit power. We had been meeting once or twice a week for three months or more and I had felt the convulsions or shak-ings that accompany psychic developments. There had been no very notable display until now, but I realized that some exterior power was becoming more potent with each succeeding se ance and I was waiting with interest, but not with fear to see what it would lead to. I did not doubt that I could take care of myself anywhere in the realms of nature by strong self-assertion and imperial will power.

One night as we sat down to our experiments the air seemed surcharged and almost explosive with some force that dominated everything within it. I found myself responding to this power and was soon wholly subject to its sway. My eyes went shut and I felt myself merging into an unconscious state; that is, unconscious to physical surroundings but intensely sensitive to new relations that my mind took cognizance of. Suddenly it seemed to me that I was falling through space, and I finally landed in a dark and gloomy re-gion that was inexpressibly forbidding, and that filled me with the profoundest serrow. Although the place was dark, one could in some way penetrate the The surface was a rocky desert without an object to cheer the vision, It was rough, too, and full of pit-holes. and when I attempted to travel over it I would tumble into these and the sur-face of the rocks was so covered with a slimy deposit that in trying to get out I would slip and fall back continually. The atmosphere was stifling and the inhaling of it only added to the depression of the place. I tried to reach some of the forms that were roving over this region, hoping that I should receive some information or sympathy but as I ap-proached them they would recede, and observed that none of them could come near to one another. They would give utterance to the most heart-rending moans, indicating a suffering constant and profound. The woe and anguish

of the place seemed infinite. No language can describe my sufferings. I looked on every side for relief in vain. My very soul was rent with distress and in my agony the dark adows would go flitting by and their dismal walling would fill me with a chilling horror. How could I longer endure.

In my agony I cried out: Oh. God! oh God and angels! is there no hope; no escape from this horrible place? n-ust remain here, let me be annihilated

and become extinct. I had reached, I felt, the utmost limit of suffering. While I cried out with all my fainting strength I saw on one side a place that seemed lighter and with a sudden gleam of hope I stumbled to-wards it and presently began to fall, and with a loud wall and shout I landed in the circle where my feeling of gratftude and escape overwhelmed me, and broke out into a loud paroxysm of weeping that overpowered every vital in me, and while convulsions shook my frame, I shouted, Thank God! thank

The atmosphere was so surcharged that all the circle wept with me. It was near an hour before all were calm again, and the marvelous influence of this experience pervaded me for days. I felt so grateful and so thankful that I ed got away from that dreadful place. Since then no arguments could convince me that there is no hell, though it may differ greatly from that formerly delineated by the Vesuvian orthodoxy, its penalties are sufficiently acute.

I have frequently pondered on this experience and wondered whence and why it came. I am sure it had not : subjective origin. If so there must be springs of action within us that are not dependent upon the will and that we are wholly unconscious of; but that yet have the power to arouse the mind to the most vivid realization of scenes that we have no previous knowledge of, but that are forced upon us by some exterior influence that we are not well acquainted with.

Some one may suggest that this pic ture was the reproduction of something that had previously been presented to the mind and had lain dormant until a favorable nervous state had revived it so satisfactorily explained. Previous to this incident I had never read any of Swedenborg nor Dantes' Inferno nor anything similar from Spiritualism. I had not even personally speculated upon what kind of pince hell might be or the nature of its suffering. I had so far repudiated the surging fire and sulphur stench as to leave no credence of that in my nature. Is it likely that my mind would invent a new kind of hell and subject myself to its suffering torture just to see how it would work? Nothing can be more improbable. To me this experience is inexplicable by theory, and it remains as one of the mysterious facts of psychic rances.

Good Work at Wheeling, W. Va. I feel it a duty and a privilege brough your valuable columns, to let this section of country, If anyone thinks, Spiritualism is dead, or dying here, a short visit to our city and society

would satisfy the most critical that there is a great awakening going on. The talented missionaries and mediums of the N. S. A., G. W. Kates and wife, under the auspices of the what Progressive Spiritualist Society of Wheeling, W. Va., closed an congruentant of eight days in our solder. Mr.

TWENTY MINUTES IN HELL of being the grandest and most eloquent gentlman and lady who ever were heard gentlman and lady who ever were heard from the rostrums in our city. The Odd Fellows' Hall was secured, which was very spacious, holding nearly 600 peo-ple, and almost every meeting it was taxed to its utmost capacity, and in one instance the door had to be locked, not even standing-room obtainable. The interest was intense. The lectures of Mr. Kates were of high character; he dwelt upon facts pertaining to this and the other life; he held his audience spellbound, and every statement that was made was riveted upon his hearers in a manner that-commanded the highest respect, even from people who had not known the blessed truth of spirit re-

urn. Mrs. Kates is a wonderfully attract ive lady, endowed with grand oratorical powers, entrancing in her manners, beautiful in her language, she stands be fore her audience without notes, and words of truth come from her lips, which carry comfort to many a sorrowing one. All through her talks Which were rendered so touchingly, a pin could be heard drop, and she in many instances would move her hearers

Time and space will not permit me to do these good and eloquent people justice. Our people feel thankful that Modern Spiritualism has such able advocates upon the platform, and the amount of good they have done among us is beyond human estimate. In all their meetings, upon the platform could be seen the form of our worthy home medium, Mr. G. W. Way. This gentleman is well and favorably known as a pure and gifted man, possessing remarkable clairvoyant and clairaudient powers. He together with Mrs. Kates, gave some overwhelming evidence to many persons present, that the dear one were very near them. In conclusion, I would say, I wish it was possible for every city and hamlet to be vis-lted by those grand workers, Mr. and Mrs. Kates, We will one and all wel-

come them back again to our city. Wheeling, W. Va. E. S. DILLON.

SPIRIT ANIMALS.

Reincarnation and Metempsychosis.

In The Progressive Thinker dated January 18, is an extract from Light, London, England, of a most remarkable nature. It tells of the appearance of a spirit dog to the clairvoyant view of children in the first instance, and afterwards to the maid, and then to the lady herself, the mother of the children. This lady is described as an excellent drawing and writing medium, and her writing, impelled by spirit power, a pears in the form of a spirit dog, and that he is by this means forced to learn what fidelity means, having been dur-ing life a cheat and had robbed his master. He asked for prayers from this family that he might be restored to human form; on their complying with his request the appearance of the dog became fainter and fainter, until at length it disappeared altogether. To those unacquainted with the vari-

ous and peculiar states of souls on first entering spirit life, this must seem an undoubted proof of the truth of metempsychosis. Apparently it presents such an assurance to those ignorant of psychic power in spirit life. If one such case were proved as a certainty, there could be no more argument left to op-

pose it. Theosophists deny metempsychosis, yet they uphold reincarnation. Had we

as strong evidence for the truth of reincarnation, as this relation gives, on a cursory glance with regard to metento give it credence.
Strong as the evidence appears to es tablish the idea of metempsychosis, yet upon examination into the psychic law of the spirit world we come to learn the wonderful power of this law in its effect on a darkened soul, and as an instrument to awaken in him remorse and

repentance. So many spirits enter the life of spirit in such a deplorably ignorant state as to be totally unaware of the change and, subject to psychical hallucinations which astonish us. It is more than probable that this spirit left earth with the idea of metempsychosis strongly imbued in his mind, consequently when conscience was aroused to perceive the wrong he had done in robbery of his master, his thought would lead him to imagine he must enter the body of a dog to learn faithfulness. The thought would grow so strong as to actually become to him as a reality, and so strongly was it imprinted that he was able by psychic influence to cause his thought to appear in bodily form. In order to free himself he sought the aid of mediums, and besought their prayers. His faith in these prayers was so powerful that he became loosened from this idea and gradually it faded from his mind, and consequently from the spiritual view of the mediums. It is through such psychic influence that the idea of elementaries, fairles, gnomes, hobgoblins and headless creatures are brought to the vision of some; all these owing their ex-

istence to unseen psychic power and having no real existence. We have been assured on high authority that there are no such creatures as these in reality. One sees, however, in this example of this spirit dog, the harm which such false ideas in earth life may do to the unhappy spirit, and how such false teachings carry their influence into the other life, and thereby retard the advance of the spirit to a higher knowledge and understanding of that life.

It is, however, a fact that real spirit forms of animals appear to mediums, for animals exist there in spirit life and are sometimes brought to earth by spirits. But in this instance the form was with increased intensity. It cannot be but the crystallization of a thought by spirit psychic power. The spirits of animals have been seen to follow their old masters, to whom they were drawn by the force of attachment. It does not at all follow that because a spirit makes a statement that he is forced to take on the appearance of an animal, that such a thing, even if it were proved as a re-ality, could substantiate the dogma of metempsychosis-for this latter entertains the idea of man living again on the earth in the form of an animalwhich being repugnant to reason and to nature, it becomes unnecessary to take the pains to refute it.

It is the first time I ever heard that

"bloodthirsty souls in course of retrogression eventually land in the outward form of even a deal" It would be well if people were instructed to know that the human soul divine never did emerge from the animal, as the writer of this article leads us to suppose. The morta body did evenlye from the lowest stage of life and in the ages past, has beer evolved the higher animal called man : At residence for the divine spirit na

ture, but in all animal nature beneath him was not found an appropriate re ceptacle in which to incarnate the cut vine soul. Man alone is fitted with th contulex nervous organizations capabi

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This work is an object lesson of the value of mediumship. If mediumship was utilized by all Spiritualists in the same way that the Spiritualists of Spring Hill, Kansas, utilized W. W. Aber's mediumship, we should hear little of the frauds that we now hear. Somehow Spiritualists don't seem to realize that it is useless to attempt to indoctrinate a person into Spiritualism until he is morally, mentally and spiritually ready for it. Persimmons until thoroughly ripe, are unfit for eating, and a person who is not ripe for Spiritualism is not fit for it and should take a thorough schooling in Children's Progressive Lyceums before he is indoctrinated in our sublime philosophy.

This thing of getting up a promiscuous materialization circle is one of the greatest mistakes that Spiritualists ever made, and one that has been the most prolific source of fraud of any other dozen things that one can think of. The seances at which the manifestations herein recorded were produced were before old and experienced Spiritualists, men and women who had had large experience in intercourse with the spirit world and who had been readers and thinkers and thoroughly understood our beautiful philosophy. They carefully guarded against the admission of anything likely to interfere with the harmonious conditions necessary, admitting not more than one or two outside of their circle at any seance and those none but full-fledged Spiritualists.

Mr. Aber has traveled over the country many years giving public seances, and many have seen the manifestations in his presence. But outside of Spring Hill, I believe his work has done little good except to satisfy curiosity seekers, who are not worth wasting our time on. I say this with the full knowledge that at various times people have been brought to see the light of Spiritualism nt his seances. Some of those thus convinced were worthy people and will use of it, etc. There are still others who their knowledge for the edification of tell us of the slums of the spirit world. the public; others, however, have been of the people who sit in darkness out of ever since seeking tests and will thus sight of the great light, of the miser continue till they die, just as the lonfer who sits in the presence of his gold grows grey sitting on the store box, talking gossip or telling smutty stories. Worthy people thus convinced of the truths of Spiritualism would eventually have been reached, and we should not then have the dead weight of phenome- much is related as could be expected

nalists to interfere with the progress of the work. This work, "Beyond the Vail," is a companion to the other work produced before this medium and the same circle, this circle altered only by some deaths and the introduction of new materials to supply their places. Although it does not give so many insurmountable tests as the companion, "Rending the Vail," it is fully as valuable and I might say more valuable to the initiated than the one first issued. But I would not, if I could have my preference, have the reader read one to the exclusion of the other. In fact, the two belong together, and should be read scriation. I do not believe in bibles as books of authority, nor in fact do I belleve in any other than individual au-

ommend this as a bible, calculated to teach men and women of the conse-quences of our conduct in this life upon the future life. It tolerably acquaints us with the conditions in the other life, or the life beyond this. I was going to say it roughly acquaints us with these conditions, when I realized that such a thing as that would be impossible. But it does give us such thorough khowledge of life and occupation in the spirit world, of what our deportment in this life has to do with our homes there," of what we shall find that is interesting when we reach "the farther shore," and this knowledge is supplied in no other works except in Spiritualism, that I feel no hesitation in saying to the reader, procure these books and lay them on the stand and study them as your bible. You cannot understand them too well. (And I would also say the same by Nature's. Dlylne Revelations, by Andrew Jackson Davis.)

Although: there are not as many tests in proof that a power other than mortal superintended the production of this work, as there were with the produc-tion of "Beyond the Vell," yet there are sufficient to establish its supermundane origin. In one instance two spirits appeared in different parts of the room at the same instant, the voices were also different from each other, several of them were heard talking at ! the same time, distinguishable in sound and volume from each other. One spirit talked in the Spanish language, but not being well understood he talked in the German language: which was understood by one in the circle who held converse with him. But for this, he, notwithstanding the English language could not have made bimself understood. the rapidity with which some of the writing was produced. Twenty-six words per minute is as fast as the best average longhand writers can write.

A few will write as high as 40 words per minute, but it is generally illegible to all but the writer, and sometimes he even has difficulty in deciphering his own manuscript. But on several occasons words were produced in longhand at the rate of from 200 to 600 words per minute, the spirit writer meantime either holding conversation or talking to members of the circle at the ordinary rate of talking on an entire different subject from that on which he was writing. The ordinary speaker usually

hour, or six times as fast as the average shorthand writer writes. Another test was in the style of writers and speakers. Not every one can distinguish between the vernacular of different writers and speakers, but those who make a study of books can often easily name the author when they hear the language used. Here those of us who were acquainted with William Denton will discover that the language used by the Professor was Dentonian in style. As an illustration I want to subjoin an extract:

speaks at the rate of 6,000 words per

hour, but here are spirit writers writing on one subject while talking on an-

other, at the rate of 36,000 words per

"You cannot dodge Spiritualism straight. If you go to the four corners of the earth, you will find Spiritualism all the way. And if you flee to the mountains and stop over night with the woodman in his cabin, you will find Spiritualism there. The miner, the camper, all will tell you something of Spiritualism. There is no language nor speech where its voice is not heard. Its line bath gone out through all the earth and its words to the ends of the world. world, you may undertake to stop its going, you may try to reverse the motions of the starry heavens, and to turn the sun back in his course—you may as well undertake all that as to try to blot out. Spiritualism—You can blot out. out Spiritualism. -You can blot out Spiritualism only by blotting yourself out. Spiritualism has come to stay, and while the church sets up Its opposition to Spiritualism, it plays a boomerang, and in a few years your churches and religious dogmas set up and supported by the sword of Constantine, as the walls of Zion, must tumble to Spiritualism, for Spiritualism is founded in eternal truth as the rock upon which it builded, baving its superstructure of unfolding humanity, rearing its dome aloft and out into the everlasting

Had this statement been made thirty years ago, when E. V. Wilson was well known, thousands of persons would have had no difficulty in guessing who was the author. Certainly no one who knows the medium, would ever make the mistake of supposing it to be a production of his. Recently, in talking with a quite prominent Spiritualist on this subject, I was told that spirits did not produce this book "Rending the Vail." How was it done then, since the whole work in every particular is beyoud not only the mental caliber of Aber, and so entirely different from his mode of expression? I was answered that J. H. Nixon wrote it. But to assome such a thing is to assume not only that he was a fraud, which considering ils reputation, was difficult to do, and we also had to assume that those who had signed affidavits were perjurers and villains, and all of them people of good reputations, in the neighborhood where they live.

In all, about two hundred and fifty spirits came and talked to the circle. Some gave their experiences in passing from the mortal to the immortal, some their experiences on waking up to spirit life, others their experience while in their darkened condition in spirit life, and the process by which they became enlightened as to their then condition, and also in working their way up out of the condition in which they were, some their experience in missionary work as they are trying to persuade people to reform, "preaching to spirits in prison," and others in the several occupations in which they are employed. Some describe the beauties of the spirit world, its scenery, architecture and all that they are able to make us comprehend robed in filthy rags while the imaginary wraiths of the victims of his cupidity haunt him much as the victims of some murderers haunt them in their cells while awaiting death. In fact, as from two hundred and fifty persons relating their separate experiences.

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Passed to spirit life, from his home at Mantua Station, Ohio, on January 8, 1902, Lewis King, aged 71 years. Bro-King was conductor of the Progressive Lyceum in Cleveland, O., for many years. He and his wife have been earnest and active workers in the cause of Spiritualism for fifty years. They were charter members of the National Spiritual and Religious Association, and have never faltered in the upbuilding of Maple Dell Camp. The funeral services were conducted by Hon. O. P. Kellogg. assisted by the members of Mantua Lodge No. 647 K. of P., whose burial rites were very impressive. COR.

Samuel Davis was born in Conway, land, O., Jan. 11, 1902. He had been an earnest and faithful advocate of Spiritwere placed in the cemetery at Hiram Rapids. D. M. KING.

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