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# Bow Clairvoyance Is Developed. =

INJURIOUS METHODS-THE USE OF DRUGS-DANCE | they certainly do produce results under favorable conditions, | myself submit to this process; I should never advise it to any | study of the Fourth Dimension of space. The physical brain OF ECSTASY—SELF HYPNOTIZATION—TENNYSON'S though not such results as any of us could possibly wish to one else. EXPERIENCE—REGULATING THE BREATHING—MES. Obtain. Indeed, none of the methods mentioned so far would

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When a man has studied the subject of clairvoyance suffi ciently to realize that the claims made on its behalf are true his next enquiry usually is, "How can I gain this power for myself? If this faculty be latent in every man, as you say, how can I so develop myself as to bring it into action, and so have direct access to all this knowledge of which you tell me?" In reply we can assure him that this thing can be done, and that it has been done. There are even many ways in which the faculty may be gained, though most of them are unsafe and eminently undesirable, and there is only one that can be thoroughly and unreservedly recommended to all men alike. But that we may understand the subject, and see where lie the dangers that have to be avoided, let us consider exactly what it is that has to be done.

In the case of all cultured people belonging to the higher races of the world, the faculties of the astral body are already fully developed, as I have explained in earlier lectures, But we are not in the least in the habit of using them; they have slowly grown up within us during the ages of our evolution, but they have come to us so gradually that we have not as yet realized our powers, and they are still to a great extent untried weapons in our hands. The physical faculties, to which we are thoroughly accustomed, overshadow these others and hide their very existence, just as the nearer light of the sun hides from our eyes the light of the far-distant stars. So that there are two things to be done if we wish to enter into this part of our heritage as evolved human beings; we must keep our too-insistent physical faculties out of the way for the time, and we must habituate ourselves to the employment of these others, which are as yet unfamiliar to

#### INJURIOUS METHODS. The first step, then, is to get the physical senses out of

the way for the time. There are many ways of doing this, but broadly they all range themselves under two heads-one comprising methods by which they are forced out of the way by temporary violent suppression, and the other including methods much slower but infinitely surer, by which we ourselves gain permanent control over them. Most of the methods of violent suppression are injurious to the physical body, to a greater or less extent, and they all have certain undesirable characteristics in common. One of those is that they leave the man in a passive condition, able perhaps to use his higher senses, but with very little choice as period of their action, and even the best of them can only safe. dower the man with certain faculties during this one physical life. In the East, where they have studied these matters for so many centuries, they divide methods of develop ment into two classes, just as I have done, and they call them by the names laukika and lokothra, the first being the "worldly" or temporary method, any results gained by which will inhere only in the personality, and therefore be available only for this present physical life, while whatever is obtained by the second process is gained by the ego, the soul, the true man, and so is a permanent possession for evermore, carried over from one earthly life to another. For most methods of the former class little training is required and when there is training it is of the vehicles only, and so at the best it can affect only this present set of vehicles and when the man returns into incarnation with a fresh set all his trouble will be lost; whereas by the second method it is the soul itself which is trained in the control of its vehicles and naturally it can apply the power and the knowledge thus gained to its new vehicles in the next life. Let me mention to you first some of the undesirable ways in which clairvoy. ance is developed in various countries.

#### THE USE OF DRUGS.

Among non-Aryan tribes in India it is often obtained by way he often obtains a great reputation for clairvoyance spoken through by some dead man, just as any other meburning of a mixture of drugs. It is probable that the clairvoyance of the pythonesses of old was often of this type. It is stated in the case of one of the most celebrated of those oracles of ancient days, the priestess sat always upon :8 tripod exactly over a crack in the rock, out of which vapor ascended. After breathing this vapor for a time, she became entranced, and some one then spoke through her organs in the ordinary way so familiar to the visitors to seances. It is not difficult for us to see how undesirable both these methods are from the point of view of real develop-

#### DANCE OF ECSTASY.

Probably most of us have heard of the dancing dervishes, one part of whose religion consists in this curious dance of sensible to the ground. In that trance, worked up as they are by religious fervor, they frequently have most extraorand remember lower astral conditions. 'I have seen someconnected with magical ceremonies, loathsome, indecent, horrible, such as none of us would dream of touching for of thought, word and deed in your operator; and how rarely any purpose, whatever results might be promised to us. Yet that is to be found you know as well as I do. I should never which I have already on several occasions had to refer, the

at all commend themselves to us, though I have heard of Europeans who have experimented with the Oriental drugs.

#### SELF HYPNOTIZATION.

Nevertheless we also have undesirable methods in the West-methods of self hypnotization which should be carefully avoided by all who wish to develop in purity and safety. A person may be told to gaze for some time at a bright spot, until paralysis of some of the brain centres supervenes, and in that way he is cast into a condition of perfect passivity. in which it is possible that the lower astral senses may come into a measure of activity. Naturally he has no power of selection in receiving under such circumstances; he must submit himself to whatever comes in his way, good or bad-and on the whole it is much more likely to be bad than good. Sometimes the same general result is obtained by the recitation of certain formulae, the repetition of which over and over again deadens the mental faculty almost as the gazing at a metal disc does. It may be remembered that the poet Tennyson tells us that he was able by the recitation of his own name many times in rapid succession to pass into another condition of consciousness. The account is given in a letter in the poet's handwriting, which is dated Faringford, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, May 7, 1874. It was written to a gentleman who communicated to him certain strange experiences he had when passing from under the effect of anaes-

#### TENNYSON'S EXPERIENCE.

"I have never had any revelations through anaesthetics; but a kind of waking trance (this for lack of a better name) I have frequently had, quite up from boyhood, when I have been all alone. This has often come upon me through repeating my own name to myself silently, till all at once out of the intensity of the consciousness of individuality, the individuality itself seemed to dissolve and fade away into est of the clearest, the surest of the surest, utterly beyond words, where death was an almost laughable impossibility, the loss of personality (if so it were) seeming no extinction, but the only true life. I am ashamed of my feeble description. Have I not said the state is utterly beyond words? This is the most emphatic declaration that the spirit of the writer is capable of transferring itself into another state of existence, is not only real, clear, simple, but that it is also infinite in vision and eternal in duration."

who has practical experience of realities can fail to recognize his heart pure enough to bear his part in the Divine workthe description as far as it goes, even though the poet just then he may become conscious of their presence and their is absolutely prerequisite for the man who would learn its stops short on the brink of something so infinitely grander. to how he shall employ them, and to a large extent unde. He seems to have held himself more positive than do many fended against any unpleasant or evil influence which he people who dabble in these matters without the necessary in may happen to encounter. Another characteristic is that struction or knowledge, and so he gained a valuable cerany power gained by these methods can at best be only tem- tainty of the existence of the soul apart from the body; yet porary. Many of them confer it only during the limited even his method cannot be commended as good or really training to its more earnest members. It is true that from

#### REGULATING THE BREATHING.

We are sometimes told that such a faculty can be developed by means of exercises which regulate the breathing, and that this plan is one largely adopted and recommended in India. It is true that a type of clairvoyance may be developed along these lines, but too often at the cost of ruin both physical and mental. Many attempts of this sort have been made here in the United States; I know it personally, because on my previous visit many who had ruined their constitutions and in some cases brought themselves to the verge of insanity came to me to know how they could be cured. Some have succeeded in opening astral vision sufficiently to feel themselves perpetually haunted; some have not even reached that point, yet have wrecked their physical health or weakened their minds so that they are in utter despair. some one or two declare that such practice has been beneficial to them. It is true that such exercises are employed in India by the Hatha Yogis-those who attempt to attain development rather by physical means than by inner growth of the mental and the spiritual. But even among them such practices are used only under the direct orders of responsible teachers, who watch the effect upon the pupil of what is prescribed, and will at once stop him if the exercises prove unthe use of drugs-bhang, hasheesh and others of the same suitable for him. But for people who know nothing at all of developed; some have more in one direction, and some in an kind. These stupefy the physical body something as and the subject to attempt such thing indiscriminately is most aesthetics do, and thus the man in his astral vehicle is set unwise and dangerous, for practices which are useful for one free as he would be in sleep, but with far less possibility of man may very well be disastrous for another. They may being awakened. Before taking the drug, the man has set suit one man in fifty, but they are extremely likely not to suit his mind strongly on the endeavor to train his astral senses the rest, and myself I should advise every one to abstain into activity, and so as soon as he is free he tries to use his from them unless directed to try them by a competent faculties, and with practice he succeeds to some extent. teacher who really understands what they are intended to you think it well to throw your strength into work along When he awakens his physical body, he remembers more or achieve. You may be the one whom they will suit, but the this line, you may do very much towards bringing these laless of his visions, and tries to interpret them, and in that probabilities are against it, for there are far more failures than successes. It is so fatally easy to do a great deal of and prevision. Sometimes while in his trance he may be harm in this way, that to experiment vaguely is rather like going into a chemist's shop and taking down drugs at randium may be. There are others who obtain the same condi- dom; you might happen to hit upon exactly what you needed, tion by inhaling stupefying fumes, usually produced by the but also you might not, and the latter is many times more

#### MESMERIC TRANCE.

Another method by which clairvoyance may be developed is by mesmerism—that is to say, if a person be thrown by another into a mesmeric trance it is possible that in that trance he may see astrally. The mesmerizer entirely domi. nates his will, and the physical faculties are thrown utterly and moral development, lest you should succeed in your efinto abeyance. That leaves the field open, and the mesmerist can at the same time stimulate the astral senses by pouring vitality into the astral body. Good results have been deed a curse and not a blessing, for you would then misuse produced in this way, but it requires a very unusual combina. them, and your last would indeed be worse than the tion of circumstances, an almost superhuman development of first. If you consider that you have made sure of yourself, purity in thought and intention both in the operator and the and can trust yourself under all possible circumstances to do ours, which we really do not want at all. It must be not our others of like benevolent purpose to resubject to make the experiment a safe one. The mesmerist ecstasy, in which they whirl round and round in a kind of gains great influence over his subject -a far greater power frenzy until vertigo seizes them, and they eventually fall in- than is generally known; and it may be unconsciously exercised. Any quality of heart or mind possessed by the mesmerist is very readily transferred to the subject, so if he bo towards clairvoyance safely, and can in no way do you harm, dinary visions, and are able to some extent to experience not entirely pure, we see at once that avenues of danger even though you should not succeed in your object. The open up before us. To be thrown into a trance is to give up first of these, though partiectly harmless and even useful. is thing of this, and also of the practices of the Obeah or Yoo your individuality, and that is never a good thing in psychic not suited for every one; but the second is of universal applidoo votaries among the negroes; but these latter are usually experiments; but beyond and above that element of undesirability there is real danger unless you have the highest purity

#### CURATIVE MESMERISM.

by those who understand it; that is a totally different matter, for in that it is unnecessary to produce the trance condition at all. It is perfectly possible to relieve pain, to remove disease, or to pour vitality into a man by magnetic passes, without "putting him to sleep" at all. To this there can be no possible objection; yet the man who tries to do even this much would do well to acquaint himself thoroughly with the literature of the subject, for there must always remain a certain element of danger in playing, even with the noblest intentions, with forces which you do not understand, which mended for trial by every one,

#### DESIRABLE METHODS.

What, then, it may be asked, are the desirable methods since so many are undesirable? Broadly, those which in stead of suppressing the physical body by force, train the soul to control it. The surest and safest way of all is to put oneself into the hands of a competent teacher, and practice only what he advises. But where is the qualified teacher to he found? Not, assuredly, among any who advertise themtheir instruction, and offer to sell the mysteries of the universe for so many shillings or so many dollars. Knowledge can be gained now where it has, always been available-at the hands of those who are adepts in this great science of of the men who know, and they have always been ready to easy, but its practice cannot but be of the greatest use to pose that they have taken the trouble to acquire it, in order that they may be able to guide and help. How can we reach but the rate at which he can move along that road depends you might not even know them if it should happen to you to ular way in other lines, and therefore no one can guarantee beauty to charm. "The fatality was terthe world. Their one great interest is the furthering of eyoneed fear that he can be overlooked if he is ready for that for having tried. This is what in various religions is called give no aid to the man who wishes to gain powers for himself | tion of it-I shall divide it into three successive steps: concening of himself, and by using for helpfulness all the power Now here is undoubtedly a touch of the higher life; no one that he already possesses, that his will is strong enough and aid when he least expects it.

It is true that they founded the Theosophical Society, yet bring a man into relationship with them-no, nor even membership in that Inner School through which the society offers closer relation with them; but none could guarantee that as a result of becoming a member, for it rests with them alone for they see further into the hearts of men than we. But always be sure of this, you whose hearts are yearning for the higher life, for something greater than this lower world can give, that they never overtook one honest effort, but always recognize it by giving through their pupils such teaching and such help as the man at his stage is ready for.

In the meantime, while you are trying in every way to develope yourselves along the path of progress, there is much that you can do, if you wish, to bring this power of clairvoy ance nearer within your reach. Remember that it is not in itself a sign of great development; it is only one of the signs, for man has to advance along many lines simultaneously before he can reach his goal of perfection. See how highly developed is the intellect in the great scientific man; yet perhaps he may have but little yet of the wonderful force which devotion gives. See the splendid devotion of the great salut of some church or religion; yet in spite of all that progress along one line he may have but little yet of the divine power and leaving almost no impression. You will gradually begin of the intellect. Each needs what the other has: each will have to acquire the faculty of the other before he will be perfect. So it is evident that at present we are unequally other, according to the line along which each has worked most in past lives. So if you particularly long for devotion in your character, by striving in that direction now you may attain much of it even in this life, and may assuredly make it a leading quality in your next life. So with intellect, so with every quality; so also with this faculty of clairvoyance. If tent faculties into action. I am not speaking here of a vague possibility, but of a definite fact, for some of our own members in this society setsthemselves years ago to try to train the soul along the pathrof permanent progress, and of those who persevered without faltering almost every one has even already found some definite result. Some have won their faculties fully, others only partially as yet, but in all cases good has come from their efforts to take themselves in hand and control their minds and emotions.

#### MENTAL AND MORAL DEVELOPMENT.

If you have this description higher sight, take yourself in hand first in the same way; tmake sure first of the mental forts, and gain your newers. For to possess them without having first acquired those other qualifications would be inthe right for right's take, even against your earthly seeming action, and to forget yourself in your love for the world, then there are at least two methods which will lead you

This first method is a purely intellectual one, a study to

has never been accustomed to act at all along those lines, and so it feels itself unable to attack such a problem. But the brain, like any other part of the physical organism, can I say nothing against the practice of curative mesmerism | De trained by persistent, gradual, careful effort to feats which appeared originally quite beyond its reach, and so it of a world unlike its own. The chief apostle of the fourth dimension is Mr. C. H. Hinton, of Washington, D. C. He is not a member of our society, but he has done many of its members an excellent piece of service in writing so clearly tells us that he has himself succeeded in developing this and dying who had been deserted. power of higher conception in the physical brain, and several of our own members have followed in his footsteps. One of to you are still abnormal forces. None of these are plans of these has developed astral sight simply by steadily raising clairvoyant development which can be unreservedly recomed the capacity of the physical brain until it contained the possibility of grasping astral form, and thus awakening the latent astral faculty proper. It is simply a question of extending the power of receptivity until it includes the astral matter. But I suppose that out of a score of men who took state. In the latter quarter of the up this study, not more than one would succeed as well and eighteenth century he established himas quickly as that; but at any rate the study is a most fascinating one for those who have a mathematical turn of mind, and where it does not bring increased faculty to see, it must was told me that on a return from one at least bring wider comprehension and a broader outlook over the world, and this is no mean result, even if no other be attained. Short of absolute astral sight, it is the only meth- tipathy to clergymen was ineradicable. od of which I know by which a clear comprehension can be Probably if he is now conscious of gained of the appearance of astral objects, and thus a defi- worldly matters, he regards the invanite idea of what the astral life really is.

If that line of effort commends itself only to the few, our similar tenor. the man. That is its great and crowning advantage; it leads a man towards these powers which he so ardently desires; ever published in America, there is a upon the degree of his previous development in that partichim a certain result in a certain time; yet while he is work rible, and the panic terror was even ing his way onward, every step which he takes is so far an improvement, and even though he should work for the whole lution, the helping of humanity; they need men devoted to of his life without winning astral sight, he would neverthe. The physicians very generally were rethis work, and they are ever watching for them; so none less be mentally and morally and even physically the better miss or unable to do anything to check work. They will never gratify mere curiosity; they will the method of meditation. For the purpose of our examinaalone; but when a man has shown by long and careful train. tration, meditation and contemplation, and I will explain what I mean by each of these three terms.

must be only one side of a general development, and that it | 1 am sorry that I do not remember. secrets to live a pure and altruistic life. There is no secret and Girard took charge of everything about the rules of the greater progress; the Steps of the outside, purchasing supplies and Super in my little book, "Invisible Helpers," I have given a list of bestowed his time and effort day and them according to the teaching of the Buddha, with the char- night. This continued till the epiacteristics which mark each of its stages. There is no diffi- demic passed over. the ranks of the society men have been chosen to come into culty in knowing what to do; the difficulty is in carrying out the directions which all religions have given.

higher clairvoyance is concentration-not to gaze at a bright circles, he probably had neither taste spot until you have no mind left, but to acquire such control over your mind that you can do with it what you will, and fix it exactly where you want to hold it for as long a period in the street. He hired him as you choose. This is not an easy task, it is one of the most difficult and arduous known to man; but it can be done because it has been done-not once, but hundreds of had got the money honestly and came times, by those whose will is strong and immovable. There to Girard. "It is all right," said the may be some among us who have never thought how much Frenchman. beyond our control our minds usually are. Stop yourself suddenly when you are walking along the street, or when you are riding in the car, and see what you are thinking, and why. Try to follow the thought back to its genesis, and you will probably be surprised to find how many desultory thoughts have wandered through your brain during the pre- Girard a pleasure, he made him a visit, vious five minutes, just dropping in and dropping out again, to realize that in truth all these are not your thoughts at all, away hay. He hurried down the ladder but simply cast-off fragments of other people's thoughts, in alarm, and asked his errand. The fact is that thought is a force, and every exertion of it leaves an impression behind. A strong thought about some other person goes to him, a strong thought of self clings about the thinker; but so many thoughts are not by any greatly relieved. "My ships always armeans strong or especially pointed in any direction, and so the forms which they create are vaguely-floating and evanescent. While they last they are capable of entering into any mind that happens to come their way, and so it comes that as we walk along the road we leave a trail of feeble thought behind us, and the next man who passes that way finds these valueless fragments intruding themselves upon his con- alarm. Mr. Girard placed his fortune sciousness. They drift into his mind, unless it is already occupied with something definite, and in the majority of cases they just drift out again, having made only the most not to be forgotten. A will disposing triffing impression upon his brain; but here and there he en- of millions can hardly pass unquescounters one which interests or pleases him, and then he tioned. It seems to be a maxim of the takes that up and turns it over in his mind, so that it departs belong to the lawyers, and the Jarndyce from him somewhat strengthened by the addition of a little experience repeats itself with Vanderof his mind-force to it. He has made it his own thought for bilts and Tildens. It is to be regretted a moment, and so has colored it with his personality. Every that Girard did not build his orphan's time we enter a room we step into the midst of a crowd of then have been more judiciously ex thoughts, good, bad or indifferent as the case may be, but pended; the institution would have the great mass of them just a dull, purposeless fog which is been just what he contemplated and dehardly worth calling thought at all.

If we wish to develop any higher faculty, we must begin probably have been an honorable and by gaining control over this mind of ours. We must give it faithful carrying out of his wishes. some work to do, instead of just letting it play about as it ! will, drawing into fiself all these thoughts which are not name it bears, and a beacon to warn master but our servant before we can take the first interest, always to choose the utterly unselfish course of step along the line of the true trained clairvoyance, for this is the instrument which we shall have to use, and it must be at our command and fully under our control,

This concentration is one of the hardest things for the ordinary man to do, because he has had no practice at it, and indeed has scarcely realized that it needed to be done. Think what it would be if your hand were as little under cation, and I have myself known both of them to be suc your control as your mind is, if it did not obey your command, but started aside from what you wished it to do. You Would feel that you had paralysis, and that your hand was

#### STEPHEN GIRARD.

Interesting Reminiscences of His Noble Career.

To the Editor:-In The Progressive

When the cholera plague visited

Philadelphia, and people fled from the city panic-stricken, Stephen Girard went the cholera abated cared for the sick

brook, was alive, he might tell the story better than I can. If my memory 1831. I was a school-boy at the time and read of him in the papers. priest, and that from that time his anby unordained priests as an offense of

"Wealth had no power to bribe, nor government was practically suspended. the epidemic or restore patients. Evdelphia did so.

Stephen Girard then stepped heroically into the breach. He took steps to organize hospital facilities for the reman co-operated with him, whose name used his own funds unstintingly, and

It is said that he gave little to private many enterprises which were undertaken and advertised. He was a Frenchman, and only an American by The first step necessary towards the attainment of the adoption. Active as he was in business nor leisure for the social life, but on occasion, he gave and did it generously.

One one occasion he saw a boy idling "I gave him the money to encourage him to be faithful and indus He was a Freethinker, and named his

vessels after the French authors. When the head of the Baring house was in Philadelphia, one of them returned from her voyage. Thinking to give Mr. The Frenchman was at his country seat engaged in haying. Mr. Baring found

"I came to tell you," said Mr. Baring "that your ship, the Volney, has arrived

"Is that all?" demanded Girard. rive safe. But Mr. Baring, you must ex-And back he went into the hav-loft. It was his mode of relaxation. Years

afterward Mr. Baring came again as Lord Ashburton, to negotiate a treaty. In the war of 1812 the credit of the

government sank so low as to create at its disposal to enable it to carry on its operations. The famous lawsuit over his will is

college himself. The money would sired, and so vastly more useful and extended in its scope; and there would

ment to the memory of the man whose frain from depending on a will to regu-late the bestowment of their fortune. ALEXANDER WILDER.

They could neither of them speak for rage and so fell a-sputtering at one another like two roasting apples .- Con-

Give what you have. To some it may be better than you dare to think .-Longfellow. ...

The United States imports a million lobsters a year.

In persons grafted in a serious trust negligence is a crime.—Shakspeare,

A Series of Letters. From Harriet Beecher Stowe Through the Mediumship of Carlyle Petersilea.

LETTER NUMBER ONE.

The instrument that is being used to give these messages to the world was not unknown to me when I was with you in the mortal part. I once tried to give readings from my book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," to the public, and Professor Carlyle Petersilea was the planist on that delectable occasion. If I made a failure of the reading, he did not of the playing, for loftier, sweeter music I never heard. I did not have an opportunity to thank him for the part he took in the proceedings, for after the audience was dismissed, on looking around, I could not find him-he had quietly disappeared. I never knew whether he received any recompense-for his artistic playing; but whether he did or not, he should have been heartily thanked, and although many years have passed since that time, it is not too late to thank him now, which I do most heartily and with all my soul.

I often thought I should like to hear him play again, but never had the opportunity, as I do not remember that we ever met again while I remained in the mortal part. Is it not a little curious that after all these years, together with the change that has come to me, that once more I should require his services?

At that particular time neither he nor I knew much of Spiritualism; but great changes have come to both of us. He now understands much about the soul of man, and I now know a great deal about the spirit body and the spiritual habitations of all the races of men. He has always been ready and willing to give his services, as a musician, when they have been needed, without money and without price, to those who were not able to pay, or where he thought he could help on some good work; and I now find a friend indeed in him.

Long before I departed from the mortal part, I became fully convinced that the spirits of those who had thus departed, could return and hold converse with those who still remained. I longed to write on the subject, but the mortal part being weak and infirm refused to obey my will. The mortal eyes had failed, the mortal hand trembled, the mortal brain was weak and weary, and the mortal frame could not endure the strain; but the spirit body was developing very rapidly, and soon it became too large and powerful for the mortal part, and strained at the connecting magnetic cords until they snapped asunder and the joyful soul and spiritual body went forth free-free as the ethereal air in which they disported themselves-but the desire to write continued with me and grew stronger and still stronger as time went on. I had wanted to write about the spiritual man, woman and child, but could not; and, perhaps it was just as well, for I did not then know so much about them as I do now, and might have made many fatal mistakes. I do not think I shall make such mistakes now, for the instrument that I shall make use of is exceedingly pliable, and I think I shall be able to write as I wish, and I wish to write all about my home here in the skies; not so much about my own personality, as about my work here, and the people, or spirits rather -we call the spirits here people-with whom I come in contact. I have tried to make myself acquainted with all nations and tribes and have endeavored to find out what was most needed among them, and it is of this I wish to write.

When I wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin," I wrote as it was given me to write. I could not write the sentences that were given me as fast as was entirely necessary, yet I believe the interest of the story was kept up to the end. I find that this medium cannot write the sentences as rapidly as I am able to give them, but still I hope to keep them connected enough to tell of things as I find them. I have found many "Uncle Toms" since coming here, many Eliza Harrises, a few little Evas, a great many Legrees. Topsys without number, many a good old mammy. I have often been surrounded by a number of these black skinned people. With upturned faces and streaming eyes they have kissed my hands and with groanings and sobbings thanked me again and again. Rise up. O my people, and be glad, for the day of your redemption came at last. They call me their "savior," and I call them "my people !

I thought I received my earthly mission direct from God, but I now find that I was an instrument in the hands of the and gave me that which I should write. I felt the spiritual afflatus and thought it direct from the Almighty, and so I said I did not write the book, but God wrote it. Well, that which was higher than myself did write it; and at that time this was God. Now when people write thus, they know it to be from spiritual beings, and now I am writing thus through another one of earth-or one who is still in the mortal part.

Of course, as a woman, I am more interested in wives, mothers, children and families, than in many other questions of the day which mostly interest men. Wives and mothers are the mainsprings of the world, but most people think men are. How mistaken-how very mistaken they are. I feel now that my work and mission to earth is mostly with and for women. I want to help the great world of womankind. I want to show them what to do and how to live. I want to show them how we live here. I want to write a series of letters entirely for women and children This is the crying need of the hour and the day. The blacks are free, but woman is not. A few may think they are, but they are mistaken. They are being stirred by the angelic hosts, but they are only stirred, they are not free. O, that I might write another book that would help to set the captives free; but this book can be written as a series of letters better than any other way; for, written as a book in the usual way, it might never see the light and consequently the time and labor of the medium be entirely lost as well as my efforts in that direction.

The medium tells me that fifteen or twenty books, that have been written by spirits, have thus been lost to the world; for, not being able to publish them, they have lain as uscless trash about the house. Now this ought not to be -and the few that have been published, although worth their weight in gold, lie stacked in an unused chamber like helpless and imprisoned creatures. The same weight in gold, lying there, would not be as precious as they are, if the people only could be made to understand it. Why, every page contains jewels far more precious than pearls or diamonds. What a rush there would be if the world, or even the neighborhood, were told that caskets could be purchased for one dollar, that contained four hundred diamonds and pearls each; some a few less and some a few more: and many were filled with solid gold. Now that is precisely what those books do contain for the souls and spirits of men and women, youths and maidens-truths, eternal truths, that they can carry with them forever; pearls of purity, and diamonds of truth, and written by enfranchised beings who have dropped the mortal part and gone up higher. I hope that my letters will not meet with such a fate.

The immortal Dickens has written a number of these books. Franz Petersilea has written others.. I have met him here and he is intelligent and noble indeed, ever reaching upward for the good and true. Mary Ann Carew Petersilea, his former wife, and mother of Carlyle, also wrote one most beautiful book, one that I desire to emulate but may not equal-it deals, as mine shall, with women and children Carlyle's brother also wrote an exquisite little gem. An ancient ancestor of his wrote a most remarkable book which he named Philip Carlislie. Nearly every detail in the book le true and, although written a few years before the depart

ure of Robert ingersoil, prognosticates his departure to the spiritual realm, for the spiritual world had need of him; and on the earth he was like a man shouting from a welf, "I am down here and I don't know whether there is a world above or not. I sometimes catch a glimpse of light, and occasion ally something like a star gives me hope, and then all is

dark again."

The spirit of a lady—a good and beautiful lady, a wife and. mother herself, dropped the mortal, leaving two young and lovely daughters on earth—wrote "Amy Lester," another

LIFE AND EXPERIENCES IN SPIRIT LAND | Jewel of great price; and this book was also the story of the real life of a little girl who, all unknown to the world about her, was a medium. Poor child! She did not even know it herself, and she went through with untold suffering in con-

> Every mother and daughter in the world ought to read this book. Talk about one of my books, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," for instance, why, I, myself, Harriet Beecher Stowe, think this book worth ten of it.

The medium says, "Oh, Mrs. Stowe! Don't write that." But I will write it. My book dealt with earthly things, and this book deals with heavenly things. My Eva cannot be compared with little Amy Lester; but Amy lived and Eva died. Amy is yet on earth within the mortal form, and Eva -Ah! where is she? Amy was a real, living, suffering child;

but Eva was an imaginary one. The heart of the real child was torn with anguish. My poor little Eva had neither heart, spirit, body nor soul, therefore could not suffer; and I feel glad that it was and is so. I do not like to see little

Then there was "Juno," written by spirit guides; and another, "The Princess Amee;" and still another, "Guy and Lucy," a book of the wild, wild West. Another by the Spirit Dickens, "A Celestial Wanderer." O, this is indeed a beautiful book, detailing much of his experience in spirit life. Then there was "Solon and Mary," a sequel to "Mary Ann Carew," written by the spirit of the soul mate of Mary Ann Carew.

These are not novels, my friends, but the true experiences of spiritual beings who have lived and suffered as you do, who still live but do not suffer; they have learned better as you ought to, and as you would learn by reading these book jewels. Then there is the "Discovered Country," "Oceanides," and others, written by Franz Petersilea; also his letters, published in The Progressive Thinker; the letters of Ingersoll, and the letters of Madam Blavatsky. I shall not hesitate to give her name although she withheld it. But, no doubt, the dear lady had good reasons for so doing. I do not wish my name to be withheld. It is altogether wrong, and a great injustice to the spiritual being who desires to thus communicate with the people still in the mortal part. I have just as good a right to my name now as I had before I dropped my mortal body, and my indignation would be very great and, really, I do not think I would write, if my name

Mr. Dickens tells me that his name was withheld in the story or book called "Mark Chester;" and he feels the injustice most acutely. It is a falsehood to say the book was written by Carlyle Petersilea. Those who are so chary about foisting falsehoods upon the world and crying fraud, are falsifying and defrauding. They are withholding the name of the real author of the book and foisting upon the public the name of one who did not write the book. The spirits are determined that these things shall not be. One might as well say that a saw did the work of a carpenter, and the carpenter had nothing to do with it. A saw is an instrument that a carpenter uses. Mr. Dickens used an instrument, and now it has been foisted upon the world that the instrument did the work instead of Mr. Dickens.

Mr. Dickens and his instrument told the truth. The other is false, and we are all determined that justice shall be done. The medium does not want credit for the work of another. It is enough that the humble instrument is willing and pas

If justice is withheld from the spiritual world it will react most disastrously upon those within the mortal part. So, he very careful; all of you, that you hinder not the spirit or his work: for he who stands in the way will be removed or cut down like a blasted tree. Heed the warning, you who think you know better than the spirits—those of you who think you can guide the spirits and tell them what they shall do and what they shall not. "The wind bloweth where it listeth. Ye hear the sound thereof but cannot tell from whence it cometh or whither it goeth,"

Carlyle Petersilea is not a writer. He could not write a book to save his life, unless, indeed, it were a musical work. Of course he is himself, and at home there, when he is not inspired by some of the old masters that are here. Ah, how they gather about him as he plays. What a glorious instrument they have in him, well fitted in every way for the work they desire to accomplish; and there are many others as well as he. Give everyone their rightful place and their just dues. Let no man take to himself the credit that does not given to a mortal man, the book falls like a dead weight. The book is not written for money nor fame but a free gift from the spirit. Can one do less than to give credit where credit belongs? Will you turn and rob the spirit who gives you the gift? That is just what many of you are doing to your own shame and at length entirely discomfiture. Let me warn you in time, for disaster will surely be the result. You say you want to work for Spiritualism, at the same time you withhold from the spirits and the world of mortals, the prodncts of the spirits, thereby saying that the spirits did not do it, but it was done by a mortal; falsifying and belittling, warping and turning backward the good—and truths that the spirit world desire to give to the mortal world-exalting yourselves and putting the spirit world, if that were possible, beneath your feet. He that exalteth himself shall surely fall. but he who does the work of the spirit faithfully, without money and without price, turning neither to the right nor the left, him will the angels glorify, and it shall be said of him: Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of the spirit, or soul, which is Lord of All.

Yours in all Truth and Sincerity. HARRIET BEECHER STOWE

(To be continued.)

IS IT WORTH WHILE?

Is it worth while that we jostle a brother, Bearing his load on the rough road of life? Is it worth while that we jeer at each other, In blackness of heart that we war to the knife? God pity us all in our pitiful strife.

God pity us all as we jostle each other; God pardon us all for the triumph we feel When a fellow goes down 'neath his load on the heathe Pierced to the heart: Words are keener than steel, And mightier for woe than for weal.

Were it not well in this brief little journey On over the isthmus, down into the tide, We give him a fish instead of a serpent. Ere folding his hands to be and abide Forever and aye in dust at his side?

Look at the roses saluting each other; Look at the herds all at peace on the plain-Man. and man only, makes war on his brother. And laughs in his heart at his peril and pain: Shamed by the beasts that go down on the plain.

Is it worth while that we battle to humble Some poor fellow down into the dust? God pity us all! Time left soon will tumble: 'All of us together, like leaves in a gust Humbled, indeed, down into the dust. Joaquin Miller.

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who claim to be Spiritualists in whom,

I can see but you little Spiritualists.

I can see you little s those weary of the burden of dally cares should find a mo ment's rest in the contemplation of the higher life that is possible for all, though attained by so few ldeal church of

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It has often and confidently been asserted that man's Ori. gin can never be known; but ignerance more frequently begin confidence than does knowledge. It is those who know that this or that problem will never be solved by selence Darwin.

### HOW CZAIRVOYANCE IS DEVELOPED.

useless. But if you cannot control your mind, that is dangerously like a mental paralysis; you must practice with it until you have at in hand and can use it as you wish. Fortunatelythoncentration can be practiced all day long, in the of Adepts, whom we call the Masters—especially if he had common affairs of every day life. Whatever you are doing, the privilege of having come directly into contact with one of do it thoroughly, and keep your mind on it. If you are writing a letter, think of your letter and of nothing else until it is finished; it will be all the better written for such care. If you are reading a book, fix your mind on it and try to grasp Buddhist most likely the Lord Buddha himself. Names do the author's full meaning. Know always what you are not matter, for we are dealing with realities now. But it thinking about; and why; keep your mind at intelligent must be to you the highest, that which will evoke in you the work, and do not leave it time to be so idle, for it is in those idle moments that all evil comes.

Even now you can concentrate very perfectly when your interest is sufficiently keenly excited. Then your mind is so of this ideal, and, letting your most intense feeling go out innocent children suffer, and I will do all I can to mitigate | entirely absorbed that you hardly hear what is said to you or | towards this highest One, try with all the strength of your see what passes round you. There is a story told in the nature to raise yourself towards Him, to become one with East about some skeptical courtiers, who declined to be Him, to be in and of that glory and beauty. If you will do lieve that an ascetic could ever be so occupied with his med- that, if you will thus steadily continue to raise your conitation as to be unaware that an army passed close by him as sclousness, there will come a time when you will suddenly he sat under his tree wrapt in thought. The king, who was find that you are one with that ideal as you never were bepresent, assured them that he would prove to them the pos- fore, when you realize and understand Him as you never did sibility of this, and proceeded to do so in a truly Oriental and autocratic way. He ordered that some large water-jars for you, and all the world is changed, for now for the first should be brought and filled to the brim. Then he instructed the courtiers each to take one and carry it; and his command was that they should walk, carrying this water, through the principal streets of the city. But they were to be surrounded by his guards: with drawn swords, and if one of them spilled one single drop of his water, that unfortunate was to be instantly beheaded then and there. The courtiers started on their journey filled with terror; but they all got safely back again, and the king smilingly greeted them with a request to tell him all the incidents of their walk, and describe the persons whom they had met. Not one of them could mention even one person that they had seen, for all agreed that they had been so entirely occupied with the one idea of watching the brimming jars that they had noticed nothing else of any sort. "So, gentleman," rejoined the king, "you see that when there is sufficient interest concentration is possible."

#### MEDITATION.

When you have attained concentration such as that, not under the stress of the fear of instant death, but by the exertion of your will, then you may profitably try the next stage of effort. I do not say that it will be easy; on the contrary, it is very difficult; but it can be done, for many of us have had to do it. When your mind is thus an instrument, try what we call meditation. Choose a certain fixed time for yourself, when you can be undisturbed; the early morning is in many ways the best, if that can be managed. It is not always an easy time for us now, for we have in modern civilization hopelessly disarranged our day, so that noon is no longer its middle point, as it should be. Now we lie in bed long after the sun has risen, and then stay up, injuring our eyes with artificial light long after he has set at night. But choose your time, and let it be the same time each day, and let no day pass without your regular effort. You know if you are trying any sort of physical exercise for training purposes how much more effective it is to do a little regularly than to make a violent effort one day, and then do nothing for a week. So in this matter it is the regularity that is im-

Sit down comfortably where you will not be disturbed, and turn your mind, with all its newly-developed power of concentration, upon some selected subject demanding high and useful thought. We in our Theosophical studies have no lack of such subjects, combining deepest interest with greatest profits. If you prefer it, you can take some moral quality, as is advised by the Catholic church when it prescribes this exercise. In that case, you would turn the quality over in your mind, see how it was an essential quality in the Divine order, how it was manifested in Nature about you, how it had been shown forth by great men of old, how you yourself could manifest it in your daily life, how (perhaps) you have failed to display it in the past, and so on. Such meditation upon a high moral quality is a very good exercise in many ways, for it not only trains the mind, but keeps the cal impurities; he must cease to defile his body with meat, good thought constantly before you. But it needs to be pre. with alcohol or tobacco, and try to make himself pure and Fiftieth Anniversary of Modern Spirit. ceded generally by thought upon concrete subjects, and when clean all through, on this lower plane as well as on the those are easy for you, you can usefully take up the more abstract ideas.

#### CONTEMPLATION.

which nothing is allowed to interfere; when you can manage | chic development, but I do very emphatically and distinctly it fairly well without any feeling of strain or difficulty, and say that the man who remains unclean is never free from without a single wandering thought ever venturing to in- danger, and that to touch holy things with impure hands is trude itself; then you may turn to the third stage of our ef to risk a terrible peril. The man who would try for the fort—contemplation. But remember that you will not suc higher must free his mind from worry and from lower cares; ceed with this until you have entirely conquered the mind- while doing his duty to the uttermost, he must do it imperwandering. For a long time you will find, when you try to meditate, that your thoughts are continually going off at a hands of higher powers. So will he draw round him pure tangent, and you do not know it till suddenly you start to and helpful entities as he moves onward, and will himself find how far away they have gone. You must not let this radiate sunlight on those in suffering or in sorrow. So shall dishearten you, for it is the common experience; you must he remain master of himself, pure and clean and unselfish simply bring the errant mind back again to its duty, a hun- using his new powers never for a personal end, but ever for dred or a thousand times if necessary, for the only way to the advancement and the succor of men his brothers, that succeed is to decline to admit the possibility of failure. But they also, as they can, may learn to live the wider life, may when you have at length succeeded, and the mind is defi- learn to rise from amid the mists of ignorance and selfish

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has been but the necessary preparation, good though it has DR. J. M. PEEBLES also been in itself;

Instead of turning over a quality in your mind, take the

highest spiritual ideal that you know. It does not matter

what it is, or by what name you call it. A Theosophist would most probably take one of those Great Ones to whom we have already referred-a member of that great Brotherhood them. The Catholic might take the Blessed Virgin, or some patron saint; the ordinary Christian would probably take the Christ: the Hindu would perhaps choose Krishna, and the greatest feeling of reverence, love and devotion that you are capable of experiencing. In place of your previous meditation, call up the most vivid mental image that you can make before, for a new and wonderful light has somehow dawned time you know what it is to live, all life before seems like darkness and death to you as compared with this.

Then it will all slip away again, and you will return to the light of common day-and darkness indeed will appear by comparison. But go on working at your contemplation, and presently that glorious moment will come again and yet again; and each time it will stay with you longer, till there comes a period when that higher life is yours always, no longer a flash or a glimpse of paradise, but a steady glow, a new and never-ceasing marvel every day of your existence. Then for you day and night will be one continuous conscious. ness, one beautiful life of happy work for the helping of others; yet this, which seems so indescribable and so unsurpass. able, is only the beginning of the entrance into the heritage in store for you and for every child of man. Look about you with that new and higher sight, and you will see and grasp many things which until now you have never even suspected -unless, indeed, you have previously familiarized yourself with the investigations of your predecessors along this path. Continue your efforts, and you will rise higher still, and in

due course there will open before your astonished eyes a life as much grander than the astral as that is than the physical, and once more you will feel that the true life has been unknown to you until now; for all the while you are rising nearer to the One Life which alone is perfect Truth and per-

This is a development that must take years, you will say, Yes, that is probable, for you are trying to compress into one life the evolution which would normally spread itself over many; but it is far more than worth the time and the effort, No man can say how long it will take in any individual case, for that depends upon two things—the amount of crust that there is to break through, and the energy and determination that is put into the work. I could not promise you that in so many years you would certainly succeed: I can only tell you that many have tried before you, and that many have succeeded. All the great Masters of Wisdom were once men at our own level; as they have risen, so must we rise. Many of us in our humbler way have tried also, and have succeeded, some more and some less; but none who has tried regrets his attempt, for whatever he has gained, be it little or much, is gained for all eternity, since it inheres in the soul which survives death. Whatever we gain thus we possess in full power and consciousness, and have it always at our command; for this is no mediumship, no feeble intermittent trance-quality, but the power of the developed and glorified life which is to be that of all humanity some day.

But the man who wishes to try to unfold these faculties within himself will be very ill-advised if he does not take care first of all to-have utter purity of heart and soul, for that is the first and greatest necessity. If he is to do this, and to do it well, he must purify the mental, the astral and the physical; he must cast aside his pet vices and his physihigher ones. If he does not think it worth giving up netty uncleannesses for the higher life, that is exclusively his own affair; it was said of old that one could not serve God and Mammon simultaneously. I do not say that bad habits on When this has become an established habit with you, with the physical plane will prevent him altogether from any psysonally and for the right's sake, and leave the result in the nitely mastered, then we reach that for which all the rest ness into the glorious sunlight of the peace of God.

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His Work and That of the Martyred Presidents.

I have been deeply interested in the letters of Henry Ward Beecher through the mediumship of Carlyle Petersilea, published in The Progressive Thinker. They sound and conform to the style of the great preacher when in the earth life, but his thoughts are different. He has fully discarded all of the myth and mystery of the old theology, and strikes out boldly for truth, justice and law.

He shivers with his added knowledge, at a single blow, the fallacy of a personal God, and the myth of the great white throne, with legions of angels sounding cymbals and playing on harps forever and ever for the edification of his august majesty and the glorification of the saints. In a word Mr. Beecher has demonstrated that what he preached in the earth life, that there was one God in three, and three in one. was false, and has learned that the only God is law—the infinite spirit that per-

upward for a great mind, now an exalt-

ed spirit. Mr. Beecher in the earth life was a strong man and great force in the theological world. He did much to enslave the earth mind, and he did much to emancipate it. His old man-made creed largely bound and fettered him in of Hope. his efforts to build up a better and more humanitarian religion. His impulses were strong to do this, but the worshipful, infallible creed cried, halt! Thus

far shalt thou go and no further. The impulses of the great preacher were for liberty, freedom of thought, action and purpose, for the elevation of his race to higher and better conditions, but like the fabled Samson he toiled, the giant he was, amid the coils and myths and fetters of those who claimed to be his friends, and who would not let him develop and unfold to them a better and more glorious religion of humanity.

is, has a fetter and manacle upon its that we should. every limb, and when driven to the wall for force and power, hurls back at you | we must not merely form ourselves that malignant shaft it has used for cen- into spiritual societies, to get speakers | me. He took my spirit form tenderly | person. turies-"He that believeth and is bap- and spirit messages, etc., but we must in his arms, as soon as the cord was eth not shall be damned."

to be saved, believe; if you will not, cause millstones that have no grist to then be damned! No mitigation, no es- grind proceed to grind themselves. is the religion of power and hate—not | will make more harmony among Spiritlove. No wonder that under its minis- ualists than anything that has ever trations, and its grasp for power, the been done. We will find our spirit world has been deluged in blood, and friends will be with us in heart and continues to be enthralled.

We can imagine, but very faintly retelligence of the spirit life and its real- teaching of the Brotherhood of Man and ities, to find all his earth-life concep- how best this may be brought about. tions of God, heaven and hell dissi- This will bring the assistance of the pated like a fog in the presence of a bright morning sun, and saw looming up before him that God was Law, and that heaven and hell were each conditions of the unfoldment of the spirit's progress, and that each struggling soul | this work and you will help them to | fect home life. Home! how few on the | no more. He considers it a privilege must work out its own salvation under the operation of laws, the product of by their own and your selfish desires. the universal infinite spirit of the great

Indeed, the gist of this great change of thought and life may be intelligently comprehensive couplets: "All are but parts of one stupendous whole, whose body nature is, and God the soul."

From this time on Mr. Beecher from the spirit side of life will be a great power as a pulverizer and disintegrator of the man-made and mythical religions

of the earth sphere. It was most fitting that the good Lincoln and Garfield and the renowned preacher should first meet the spirit of the martyred President McKinley, he who had been so foully slain and abruptly forced out of his earth-life and forced into the realms of spirit life, and instruct him in the duties of his new life. President McKinley was a very devout man, one of great ability and more; more than this he was a thoroughly honest man in all the relations loved his mother who was a devout Methodist. He believed in her implicitly and did not question that she might be mistaken. At her side in his boyhood days and later on in his younger manhood, he trusted and confided in her implicitly. These impressions and thoughts became crystallized in his younger life, and when called to face the stern duties of his after stirring and prominent life, he did not stop to question the truth of his early religious training. Millions of men, strong and intelligent, have lived and passed to spirit life with their faith alone for a guide, that what had been taught them deeming Christ on his right hand; no legion of angels to chant the glories and

At the first view, all smashed into smithereens. way, the great mind of the martyred great civil war which, under his guiding ing interest, that it will be my earnest in your life, for thought is the father lived notoriety. The public prints depresident believed he would see and hand, saved the nation from dismember- endeavor to paint a vivid picture to my of the deed and its offspring will bear face all this, and he thought that, per- ment. It was the ambition of his pres- friends of a few scenes and delightful a very close resemblance to its parent; the worse for wear, and a little smaller haps, Mr. Beecher might be the one idential life to put down the rebellion experiences of my spirit life. Though so by good thinking you will be doing than herself. At the crowd reception commissioned to usher him into the and if he could, free the slave, save the but a short time here I have lived al- something to help the world along, for in the depot, somebody asked her of the presence of God. How strangely this union, and to preserve intact the prin. ready an eternity of happiness. mythical man-made system of salvation | ciple of self-government. This he did, | has warped and fettered and forced un- and perhaps as we see it now no other given me satisfaction, and another time so that all who run may read the trend fensive outfit. numbered fallacies upon great minds of mind could have been found to do it so I will succeed even better. Will now of his thinking. the world as well as the millions who | well as he, and perhaps none other | say, good-bye to all, but look forward to do not think, but who are slaves to the | could have been found that could have | another spirit message of far greater |

praises of the king of kings; no local

heaven and no local hell.

dictum of the theological world. strong point in his attack upon this old to psychic control which enabled him to entering soon again this open door, I for fear his guilty looks will betray couraged, but you are only laying the colossal system of theological fraud- take daily counsel from the arisen bid you, good night. not only to better the condition of those fathers of the republic, who were equalin the earth sphere, but also the de- ly deeply interested in preserving the luded who have passed to spirit life, nation's life. and who find nothing true in spirit life as they were taught in the earth life re- Kinley were alike in many things, lating to God, Christ, a local heaven and | Both were thoroughly honest. Both | "I lové you, dear!" sulphurous hell, with millions of angels | equally had the courage of their convic- | There is no phrase so worn and old circling around the throne of the triune | tions. Both were deeply imbued with | In all the world, nor one so sweet God, singing and chanting his praises humanitarian thoughts. Both stood

forever and ever. 'Mr. Beecher's position is a strong one. | rock of principle. Both were far-seeing He has truth on his side and his point and highly impressional. of attack is invulnerable. It is the battle of truth against hoary-headed error entrenched behind centuries of deception. Let the battle proceed, and in the the energies of their lives were devoted. conflict truth will always come upper-

Mr, Ingersoll was an agnostic, and in | and destinies of mankind. his fight in the earth life against an infallible. Bible and the long train of fall three martyred presidents of the Repub-Incles that followed its teachings, did a great work and greatly aided in liberalizing millions of minds from the thralldom of degrading superstitions.

Mr. Lincoln was a mind of different mold. He was a natural psychic. He was himself mediumistic and an impressional medium. He held seances frequently in the White House. He was a far-seeing and a brave man, and always had the courage of his convictions. The communications he received through mediums in the White House had much to do in the conduct and success of the war. t. His emancipation proclamation. freeing the playes, was an inspiration

A BAND OF HOPE.

Why not organize a Brotherhood of Hope? After reading "A Wanderer in Spirit

Lands," and finding therein a descrip-

tion of a band of spirits working for the uplifting of souls out of darkness, the impression came to me, why should not Spiritualists in the flesh organize a Brotherhood of Hope on earth to co-opearte with the spirit workers? Would not such a move very much

strengthen the spirit band, and would not the spirit workers very much assist such mortals in good works?

izations which have become organic for good works; and there are many who grow, being only the fruiting of good thoughts and words.

What may be the form of an order of this kind I am not prepared to set forth in this suggestion. This must be deter-

That there is a great work to do to give light to hungry souls as spiritual food; that there are those who have fallen in despair and need physical assistance as well as spiritual strength and life, all good Spiritualists know. And by becoming organic for good works, what a power for the uplift. Spiritualists could become. As ye lift up others, so will those above you come to you and give you more strength and lift you up, is the spiritual law of all

So long as Spiritualists are merely spongers to seek tests and signs and wonders, they are not fulfilling the The old theologic creed, bound as it | great mission our spirit friends design

If we would fulfill our own mission, There, now, keep still! If you want | and rasp at each other. Why? Be- | ing embrace.

Good works is a wide field in which alize, the shock which came to Mr. to operate. In the first place to learn hours of reunion! Free from all world-Beecher's life when ushered into the in- to live for others will involve the higher spheres to our aid, the more enlightened ones, instead of only the earth-bound. Your spirit friends and relatives, who long to reach to brighter, happier states of existence, will join in progress, instead of holding them back

Good works must follow good, noble, pure, exalted thoughts as to how best to live that we shall no longer enslave and live off from the toil of others. These expressed in one of Pope's broad and | thoughts can be expressed in their organic societies, and so the blossoms will shed their fragrance upon this or- the many sad changes, the many de- who stands undaunted amid the storm them, all the privacy of other people, in A MOST REMARKABLE WORK. ganization and if the worms of selfishness, greed and impurity are kept off. the fruit will be peace on earth and joy | who strive to obey the promptings of | calm and serene. The waves dash high, in spirit life among the dear ones.

> But to become organic for good works is to gain power. Isolated effort is little good. Organization creates

> To put in practice the one precent. "Love thy neighbor as thyself," will make Spiritualism the savior of the world, from sin, sorrow and suffering. They can do it by being organic, and co-operating with the spirit powers on the other side.

Let the Band of Hope in spirit life have its band of mortal helpers for a few years, and see what will be the reof life, public and private. He dearly | sult; Spiritualists will then hang together.

Let those who favor this speak out in meeting, through the columns of the great Progressive Thinker. E. K. WALBRIDGE.

Pittsburg, Kans.

from the spirit side of life. No presi- | prises. dent of the great republic ever lived so largely the interior life as Mr. Lincoln. | that lead upward to the God-centre, to | are perfect. He had formed many correct views of the Divine Source of all love, wisdom When it is given to you to see the do not risk physical discomfort or exthe spirit world, and in his talk with the and knowledge, each path that is trod vastness of the universe, and then to nosure of any kind, and Chance is really emancipated spirit of President Mc- is full of needed lessons, and replete know that God has given his finest more beneficent to those who stay. must not be questioned, and when ush. Kinley, said to him that in his earth with a wonderful joy and peace: and work to the human being, you will then ered into spirit life they found no God life he had formed pretty correct views the trusting, loving, aspiring natures have more regard for his children. How who has landed in the midst of this city. upon a great white throne with a re- of spirit life, and was not very much | will always blend, and unconsciously | marvelous the working of the human | It is said she is attended by a press disappointed relating to it when ush- merge their own selfish wills and hu- mind when it is cultivated to the highered into it.

The world owes much to Mr. Lincoln. Spirits took him in charge when a boy. and through his impressional medium-Under his early training in a religious to be the director of the forces of the enlargement of a subject of such thrill- and take root and grow and bear fruit ing bargains for gain, out of her shortdone it at all. His peculiar combina- import. With my grateful thanks to

> President Lincoln and President Mcand were anchored on the deep bed-

The towering ambition of each was to hetter and ameliorate the conditions of the toiling millions. To this end all And the result of the labors of each will "I love you. dear!" be far-reaching on the future progress. No night so dark, no day so long,

All honor to the memories of the If only "some one" standeth near

From their serene higher life, from their spirit homes, with their larger knowledge of all human and spirit life; they will still remain powerful forces. and factors in helping to guide the great republic through the storms and strifes which will menace it in the fu-

iture. I hope the letters of Mr. Beecher Will be published in pumphlet or book form when concluded, and that they can be furnished at such a price that they may reach the millions. A' MUNSON. Medius, Obio.

### SPIRIT MESSAGE.

An Excellent Suggestion for Organic | A Communication From Abby A. Judson.

May I come in for a few moments my good friends? I wish to try and tell you some things of interest, if I am able to control this sensitive.

I have witnessed Mrs. Abby Hutchinmy earthly form, on this my near ap- life, and the soul will shrivel as the kerconditions of my last hours, I will do unlike the dead kernel the life in it still the best I can.

wholly free from my suffering form! works. Good thoughts are the buds help and purification of that daily on the great tree of life; good words are cross I bore for so many long years. I Thee."

> humanity, under better and brighter sunshine that was granted free to all. conditions more favorable to my longing, aspiring nature. How gladly do I now send you all this personal spite. There is no monopoly great news-gatherer exists. message, that I am now rewarded be- to God's love, his creatures from the yond my wildest dreams, for my earn- lowliest to the highest are of his Do- ad nauseam, with the crime of the

> itualism. nessed since I became a denizen of this | us by the teachings of the gentlest of | turn to the columns of The Progressive glorious spirit land. Would that I could mankind, Jesus of Nazareth, who Thinker, as one turns from the turmoil describe to you the meeting, the joyful found none so lowly that he might not of crowded dusty streets to cool waters bliss of reunion with my dearest loved stoop to comfort, and none so high that in shady pastures. ones, my parents, and many other noble he would not censure, thereby proving souls.

cape, no reprieve and no release. This To become organic for good works receive me with outstretched arms, and to seek for the jewel that is implanted brain and purse is backed by the largest strain and suddenness of my release. Oh! the exquisite joy of those first think he is.

ly cares and anxieties, free to enjoy is striving after the higher part should that blessed communion. For the first | see the beauty in every nature and realmeaning of that sweet word, "Rest." at last I have found rest, true rest. At | through all, and we are his children be- ways are! last I have found time to enjoy, time to ing trained for future usefulness in our the sweet, revivifying influence of a per- pancy when our time on earth shall be earth plane ever know what a blessing and not a disagreeable duty to do the departed for New York City. It bothand comfort is contained in the full re- | work that is allotted to him and takes alization of words, so oft repeated, but | up the burdens of life cheerfully and unseldom understood, "Home, Sweet, complaining, knowings that a cheerful

for humanity, with renewed life and in one so afflicted. vigor. No longer a white-haired old elastic step, tripping merrily over the you hear. grassy lawn of her father's home, you miracle be possible?"

universe.

ABBY A. JUDSON. Miss Ella F. Porter, Medium, Brooklyn. N. Y.

I LOVE YOU DEAR.

To lover's lips and maiden's ear. As this refrain: "I love you, dear." "I love you, dear!"

There is no change as time goes on; No new words seem to mean so much As when they're uttered fondly near In trembling tones: "I love you dear.

But hope brings comfort to the heart, To murmur low: "I love you, dear!"

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## SPIRIT MESSAGE.

Reflection on the Thoughts and Alms of

Man was created in God's own image, not the outward man but the inward of news-gathering gives us a broader man, the soul, the ego; and it is capable | scope of the minute items of the world's of cultivation. The higher, the purer son Patton's successful efforts to write the thoughts and aim of life, the more morning papers are becoming abnormal a good letter to her husband, and will the soul grow; but neglect it and monstrosities of the records of the evil though this is my first trial, and I feel give the thoughts over to bensualities of the world. It is not enough that the so weak from my sudden release from and things pertaining to the physical crimes are told in apt, forceful words, proach to earth, feeling many of the nel in the nut dried and weasened, but remains, and as the resurrection plant | deeds of thieves, thugs, burglars, mur-Oh, the blessed change, the sweet re- when watered will spread its tendrils derers, suicides, and all others who lief, the joyous reunion with my loved and take on new life, and bloom in Spiritualists have few, if any, organ- ones gone before, when my spirit was purity and sweetness, so the soul will scope. Terrible accidents, fields of grow when watered by divine love and war and carnage, brutality of all sorts Yes, "Nearer, My God, to Thee!" that longings. How necessary that man would be only too glad to become mem- beautiful hymn expresses the rapture of should understand these things and a good man dies they will let us see how bers of such a Brotherhood or Band of my arisen spirit when I fully realized give more time and thought to things he looks, if there is a crack somewhere workers. They know that spiritual that I had left my burden on the cross, that are of so much more value to life amidst the awful details of tragic horprogress can only be made by good and my many earth trials, and by the than the mere striving for gain and ror. It seems often as if good men and worldly honors, which in this world, their deeds were no longer needed upon unless rightfully earned, diminish in ef- the earth, the wholly bad having bevades and controls all formations and the blossoms; but good works or deeds am new living in perfect joy and peace, feet like unto one looking through the come the only famous exemplars of huare the fruits; and by our fruits shall and truly experience the glorious real- large end of a telescope. The laurel manity. No wonder that society is This is a great bound forward and we be known. By our deeds shall we lity of the words, "Nearer, My God, to wreaths are here granted to those that burdened by the influx of youthful have overcome the dragon of self-indul- scoundrels and criminals hurled into How thankful I feel that I was al- gence, passion, appetite and the strug- our vortices of evil terrors, lowed to take my departure from the gle for supremacy; not to those glorious earth plane at the time, and in the way | in battle array, calling on men to follow | human being can find a place to stand I did! I was called at the right, the in mad frenzy to take the life of God's upon, when they have brought themmined by the wisdom and love of those ripe and the fitting time from my field creatures because they dare to differ selves to the sticking point of enduring who have become workers in the Band of labor here below, to this glorious from them in their beliefs, and doom a new reincarnation. If this state of sunny land of peace and love, where I them to pass their lives in caves and affairs was taking place only in our

that in God's sight all men are created

tized shall be saved, and he that believ- come together for a high and noble pur- broken which held me enchained for brother because he has made a worldly States. It is reported by those who pose. To do, to act in this world. No hours in my suffering body, and like a success, perhaps by unhonest means; ought to know, she is "getting anxious" wonder there is no unity among spirit- | tired, weary child, I clung to him with | should he be set above his plodding | to be one of the great sisterhood of the ual societies, and they soon fall apart a happy heart, at rest at last in his lov- brother that is striving to help his Union. But with Arizona and New Mexneighbor and has the welfare of all in | ico "out in the cold," it does not seem He bore me swiftly to his spirit home, his heart? Man is too prone to judge probable the admission will be soon. where my dear mother was waiting to by the outer appearance and neglecting One of our leading newspapers, whose radiant face beaming with joy and hap | in each nature, but sometimes hid by an | sugar operator of the West, opposes the piness, too deep for words. Together uncouth covering, and are neglected on admission of Cuba, on the ground, that they cared for my new-born spirit, for earth only to shine more brilliant and a long time weak as a babe from the with radiant colors where man is judged by what he really is and not as people the imported sweetness. The compas-What more natural than that one who

time then, I fully realized the true izing that naught is created but is good, Yes, my dear, life-long friends of earth, there is one that is a overe all, and breathe, to drink in with every breath home he has prepared for our occuheart lightens the burdens, and that As I now look back upon my earth when bravely facing danger it fades as achieved for them, is that "on dit" peolife, as I review the many long years of | do the mists before the sun, One can | ple insist that it is their right to know my experience among you all, as I recall | not help but admire the man or woman privations, and cruel, bitter misunder and stress of life, never wavering in their estimation, should cease and the standings which fall to the lot of many the duty, in the storm but not of it, their higher nature, and to live the true but their feet are planted firmly on the life of the spirit when encased in the rock of ages, and they have no fear for fleshly body, words cannot do justice they have the consciousness of well-doin describing the thrill of exquisite joy ing. A cowardly conscience is the I feel now, and the gratitude which per- most demoralizing factor in the human vades my whole being, that I am al- make-up; it may be likened to a weathlowed this privilege to live on, and to ercock that turns with every change of have no right to know the things which Smith. In her trances she lives the progress here, and continue my work | the wind, and no dependency can be put

Better have one idea and stand firm lady, but now, my friends, could you see in that one, than to have one idea to-day the wonderful transformation which on a subject, and then to-morrow anhas taken place in me, by the opening other, and so on until you become a huof the door called death (though that | man chameleon. Let people know just misnomer should be called by its right. where you stand after you have thorful name, birth, not death) could you oughly made up your mind on a subject, now see the youthful maiden, with light, and be not turned by every argument

Stability is an attribute to be desired, might well exclaim, "Why! can such a you can not but respect a man that stands firm in his convictions although Yes, our loving father above has so he may differ from you. It is not given created us, and so planned the whole of that all should see alike and perhaps he this grand universe for His loving chil- is seeing things correct in the light that dren, that each step on the onward road is given him, therefore condemn him of progress, is full of delightful sur- not, but rather cover him with the mantle of charity, remembering that the hu-To a true child of nature all paths man mind is apt to err and that none

man desires in the overshadowing, pro- est plane, it can be, the direct reflec- in some shape. If her former flerce tecting, and all-powerful ruler of the tion of the Divine, but just so, too, can work, persistence and endurance of perthe unholy be reflected. Then how Now, as this sensitive is weary to- careful you should be that no unholy help the world, it looks bad for her to Deitrick, Mrs. Louisa Southworth, Ursula N. istic mind trained and educated him up | night. I will defer to a future sitting, the | thoughts should be allowed to linger one can not think unless he act and This first attempt to control has bring into actual existence the thought:

Our thoughts control our lives, they are written in bold characters upon our features. See the thief, how sneakwell did Mr. Beecher choose the tion of mind rendered him susceptible you. Miss Porter, and with a hope of ing, his eyes fearing to meet your gaze him, the one who makes a's study of foundation of the structure that will be character can almost always tell a per- completed in this world beyond the son's occupation by the little things skies where disappointments never that he unconsciously does. 60 See the come. Be very careful of the material look of grim determination and endur- | which you choose, for a poor foundation ance in the gambler's face, no look of | weakens the whole structure and if you his betrays the beating of his heart as wish it to stand the test of time it must he anxiously awaits his partner's call, be mortared, joined and every crevice and if everything he has on earth is filled with good thoughts, good deeds, lost he never moves a muscle but takes good actions, then you will have a foun-

it as a man resigned to his fate. Back of the giggling school girl there heavens. is as yet a shallow mind, but perhaps when time has sobered her it may has been a very pleasant time to me, to shine forth and astonish the world, be able to commune with the earth And so on through life as you go you sphere is not one of the least of our will see the truth verified and repeating | pleasant occupations, you may be sure; itself over and over. You will find it is a great satisfaction to us to know some so ignorant on this subject that I that we can still have influence in runshould you endeavor to enlighten them | ning the affairs of the old world, and they would laugh you to scorn and benefiting man in a marked degree. point to their heads as though you were light in the upper story. So it has been through all time, the reformers and thinkers have been scoffed at and feered until their lives have been unbearable, and instead of sympathy. sneers have met them at every turn, and not until death has relieved them sas, City, Mo., for this wonderful Oil. and some one else had reaped the re-Many cases life treated at home with ward of their labors, did the world give. out the nid of a physician. Persons at lattardy recognition of their worth, when flicted should write for illustrated book l'if their lives had been, made more thowing the various. diseases before penceable while living, their usefuland after treatment. Physicians en hoss might have increased ten fold and 15 cents.

## DR. PHELON'S LETTER.

Notes and News From the Pacific Coast.

Is it that the earth at large is growing worse, or because the improved system constant activity? But really, our but the artist's pencil, pen and engraver's tool are stretched to their utmost capacity to depict the likenesses and make and believe lies, may have full are brought into the news focus. When The greatest wonder is, that a good

can continue my life work for suffering dungeons, instead of in the pure air and city and state, we should feel as if all the rest of the nation were justified in Fanaticism does not stand for Chris- holding us up as a "frightful example." tianity, and the shedding of blood in the | But so far as we are able to gather up Oh! my friends! my many noble, ap- name of the Lord is just as unholy, just the shreds of information, the same preciative, loving friends of earth! as criminal as that of taking life for condition of affairs exist wherever any Why in heaven' name are we treated,

est work and devotion to the Cause of minion and no man can say to another, world, garnished by all its filth and di-Truth, to the grand philosophy of Spir- I am your leader, follow me; but we abolism, rather than with the good that were created brothers and should strive | belongs to the real, the truthful, and I wish I could tell you all I have wit- to follow in those paths marked out for the harmonious? It is with relief we Of course, everybody knows Cuba

has sense enough to perceive, the full-My father was the first one to greet equal and that he is no respecter of ness of her good-fortune in being conquered by the United States will come What is man that he should judge his | when she shall become one of the said once in the Union the Government will lose the tariff duties, it now claims on sion exhibited toward the financial department at Washington can be summed up thus: Immense sugar interests in the West would at once be competed with by the Cuban product. The people and all will be well in the end; that might possibly have an opportunity for cheap prices. How disinterested we al-

William K. Vanderbilt and his lovely wife, after allowing the elite of this city | UNITIOI Just the book for progressive to suppose they meant to linger on the Pacific coast for a time, have suddenly ers the brains of those who would like to know all things, why this is thus? The great drawback in the life of men who have achieved distinction, or had it all, even the minutest details. For actors never leave the boards of public expression, not even for a change of Fascinating, Interesting and Incostume. We are glad to know enough of the old Commodore runs in the veins of William K., to repeat in act his patertime so fraught with the situation, "the public be ---." We, as a public, ment on the outer. What the outer receives is a gift from us, and not their | Mars. Professor Flournoy and his felright.

The days of gold discoveries and excitements have not yet passed away from this coast. The truth of the matter is, only a skimming has been made, as yet, of the immense bulk of gold contained in the mountain vaults of this wonderful state. The last stampede with its accompanying rush is to Grass Valley. But these periods do not stir those whose business has become fixed, they affect only the transient population. When the whole population was transient, they could and did move almost everybody to go and see. Now, the majority stay at home, trusting to buying and selling, to get their toll from any new impetus to circulation in the stork market or elsewhere. Thus they

Now we are "up to" Carrie Nation, agent, and is evidently out for the coin secution were born of genuine desire to even have with her the means for drivpict her, clothed with a hatchet much hatchet. She produced a Bible, declaring it to be her only offensive and de-

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dation not made by hands eternal in the

And now, my friends, I will say this I thank you for this opportunity of reaching them through the material plane, and for the good you have done to me and mine. Yours truly,

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we would like to spend a quiet day at

home or in some secluded spot where

we could lay aside every care and re-

sponsibility for a few hours. It is sel-

dom we are granted this privilege, be-

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#### Moral Obliquity.

William Booth, who dubs himself "General," as head of the Salvation Army, in a speech in Boston, said that in the ranks of that army were 13,000 criminals. He wanted rich people to contribute of their funds to sustain the army, and keep these criminals out of temptation. If they did not, he proposed a strange and novel scheme to force them to give. He would make out a list of the rich who refused to contribute. and turn these 13,000 criminals loose to collect the funds!! In other words he would give these criminals permission to go out and raid the rich, by any and every means, robbery, theft, even murder, to bring in shekels to the treasury of the Army, so that these criminals may be preserved and other criminals

In law this is blackmail, high-handed and punishable. Is a man with an extra dollar in his pocket under obligations to give it for the furtherance of ematic arro gance of the Salvationists? No Christian sect has before threatened violence when the contribution box has been sent around. The threat shows how lit tle confidence "General" Booth has in the "conversion" of his 13,000 criminals. If truly converted they would not go out forcibly collecting even if commanded Booth does not believe they are so completely converted, that they will not re turn to their old ways, for Christ's and

The threat is so appalling that it ap pears impossible it could have been ut tered. We hope it was not, for the sake of our lingering faith in humanity.

#### The Pope Wants Spain Restored.

Booth's sake.

The Pope recently had an audience with a Spanish Grandee, and expressed a hope that Spain would soon regain her former greatness. Coming from the Pope by whose influence the dogma of papal infallibility has been thrust on the Catholic church, a hope is equivo- ality. lent to a desire that Spain should again become all that she was at the height of her glory, and for the success and world empire of that church there is no doubt that the Pope earnestly wishes it

What was that greatness Leo desires and hopes for? It was the possession of half of Europe and half of the New World. Then she had ships in all seas, that noured into her lap the treasures of the world. Her commerce had no competitor, and her pirate crews were the scourge of the nations who attempted to compete with her. She fostered the slave trade in its most detestable form, and in the name of religion blotted out the inciplent civilization of two great races, the Incas and Aztecs. Hence to "regain" her former position she must conquer Europe, wrest half of the continent of the west from the hands of its occupants, drive all other ships from the high seas, with its own superior navy, restore the slave trade and piracy, and renew the inquisition in restraint

So Pope Leo XIII would turn back the hands on the dial of time three hundred years!

Oh, no. Spain has been the darling and obedient daughter of the church, power, whose people are stupefied with ages of ignorance and bigotry fostered

by the Catholic church. The world is not hankering for this greatness of Spain, and it will never ome, however much the foxy Leo may lione for it.

#### SPECIAL PAPER.

This number of The Progressive to every reflective mind. Mr. Leadbeater's fourth lecture on Clairvoyance will attract the attention of occult students everywhere. It will be read with deep interest. The lucid account of the assassination of Abraham Lincoin will also attract attention of thinking minds everywhere. Other articles of interest in this issue. ..

The Negro Problem Solved.

As long as the preachers keep to the lines of the Bible, and vigorously threshthe old straw their ancestors have been flailing since no one can remember when, they are uncriticisable, because their subjects and treatment are beyond the range of reason, and their reiterations a jargon of words, which if ever meaning anything are senseless now. But when they break into politics or live issues, they are as impractical as children.

The negro question just now is exciting attention. What shall be done with the negro, calls out verbose editorials and high-sounding remarks from pulpit orators. The negro has not asked to have anything done with him, and is content to be let alone. Until he does, common sense would suggest he be allowed to work out his own salvation with such assistance as opportunity offers the whites to give.

The great trouble with the negro is was first advocated by philanthropists to free the slaves, every minister of Christs's gospel from Bangor to New black race, because Ham had done something when he came out of the ark. for which God branded him and sent slaves to the more godly offspring of the other sons. And when William Lloyd cure liberty for a runaway slave, a exhorter or enthusiast. preacher headed the mob which put a rope around his neck and dragged him

through the streets of Boston. Then the churches advocated colonizing the negroes in Africa. The impossibility of transplanting several millions of people across the ocean never occurred to these preachers. They had been so busy digging up Hebrew roots so they could exactly know what God was doing with the little horde of savages, known as Israelites, that they had never become acquainted with the practicalities. Why, the negroes would breed faster than they could be carried

awav! Now comes Bishop Hamilton, of the Methodist church, with a perfect cureall. In a sermon recently delivered in San Francisco, he advocated intermarriage. He said he had married whites to blacks, and whites to Chinese, and he had no scruples. He said further that it would "sweep away caste lines," and when asked if he would be willing for daughter to marry a negro, re that he should, if the general prejudice against such unions could be removed. As in the church all were equal, he argued they should be in contracting such

marriages.
It is quite true the negro question can be solved in this manner. The color line will be washed out. We shall have then a distinctively "American race," with kinky hair and a cream-colored complexion. The black man will come up and the white man will go down, but the white man will go down much faster than the black will come up. The mongrel race will be noted, as all mon grel races are, for retaining all the bad qualities of both ancestral lines, and few of the good.

We advert to this ministerial utter ance not because there is the remotest chance of it being acted on, but as an example of the incapacity of the ministerial mind to grasp living issues.

Such sermons through their wide circulation by the press, have influence. and many a marriage of the diverse races may be encouraged thereby. In most states these are justly forbidden by law. The opposing sentiment to such unions may be all wrong, yet it exists, and if the contracting parties are so enamored with each other that they can bear the social ostracism, they have capped into the battle of life, hard enough to the best equipped.

#### Patching-up Orthodoxy.

From the time that the doctrine of the trinity was first promulgated, unto the present, theologians have endeavored to explain and simplify the doc trine, to make it apparently reasonable to the minds of people who might not find it easy to swallow the dogma in its bald literal assertion.

And now comes Rev. Thomas D Ware, a student at the University of Chicago, who is doing post-graduate work, and who delivered an address be fore the Baptist ministers' conference. in which he attacked the theory of the trinity. He declared that there are not three persons in God, but that the trin ity is simply a symbol representing three conceptions of the one person-

He said the Athanasian theory of three persons in one God was unsatis-

factory. square itself with Christian experience the scripture statement of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and yet conserve great truth of the unity of God and the deity of Christ?" he continued. "Until we have this we can never hope to have a satisfactory theory of the being of

God."
Rev. Mr. Ware is 50 years old and has been a pastor of a church or a stu dent in a theological seminary the last twenty-five years.

Mr. Ware's theory is certainly more reasonable than any hitherto broached. But if it be accepted as soundly orthodox, what becomes of the previous the ories that have heretofore borne the brand of orthodoxy? Must they now be Did one "conception" die on the cross to make satisfactory atonement to another "conception" for the sins of the

world? What is orthodoxy, anyway?

#### Whatever it is, it is sadly in need of patching—but the more it is patched the worse it looks.

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WHEREVER SPIRIT MANIFESTA-TIONS ARE INTRODUCED INTO A PARTICULAR SECT, CULT OR CREED, THEY OFTEN CONFORM THERETO - TEMPORARILY AT. that he has not been let alone. When it LEAST-AND WORK ALONG THEIR

RESPECTIVE LINES. Take, for example Lonnie Lawrence Dennis, a colored boy about 9 years of Orleans, preached from Bible texts that age. He is an extraordinary evangelist, slavery was the proper condition of the | with an orthodox God, a personal Devil, a good-sized sulphurous hell-in fact he has a complete sectarian working outfit. As a boy in his normal condition, he is him and his offspring into the earth as not to any great extent unlike other boys of his age. He likes to play; shows no marked intellectual brilliancy, Garrison assisted in the attempt to se- and no indication of being a religious

> BUT IN THE PULPIT, THIS BOY LONNIE IS SUBLIMELY TRANSFIG-URED: HIS FACE BECOMES ILLUM-INATED: HIS FORM ASSUMES THE ATTITUDE OF THE ORATOR; HIS VOICE SEEMS TO CHANGE, AND UN-DER THE COMPLETE CONTROL OF OF 2,000 PERSONS AT GALESBURG,

> Lonnie Lawrence Dennis is a medium -a first-class medium controlled by an orthodox spirit-one who at least as sumes to be orthodox, for he has a complete working outfit of the ordinary revivalist, each part so admirably adfusted that an impressive weird influence is exerted over the colored population as well as many others.

Here we have an example of the allembracing, all-absorbing, and cosmopolitan character of spirit manifestations. Of course the ignorant congre gation doesn't recognize the real fact in the case that the boy Lonnie is merely a medium under the control of a spirit

HERE IS THE SCIENTIFIC ASPECT OF THE CASE, SPIRIT MANIFES TATION OR CONTROL IN SUCH A CASE AS LONNIE, ADAPTS ITSELF MEASURABLY TO THE ENVIRON-MENT OF THE MEDIUM. IT WOULD IN NO WISE BE ACCEPTABLE THE IGNORANT HORDE UNLESS IT COMES ALONG CERTAIN ESTAB. LISHED LINES OF THOUGHT AND ACCEPTED BELIEF.

There is a lesson-an important one -to be learned from this: Communica tion with the spirit world is simply ka leidoscopic-colored by custom, envir ment and the flexibility of those ministered unto to receive the exact truth, or a distorted truth, or what is assumed to be the exact truth served in an accept able dish to render it savory or pala table.

A spirit coming to earth to control a little colored boy, with a full-fledged scare-crow, orthodox creed to promul gate to genuine ignoramuses, may find some excuse for pursuing such an er ratic course under the pretense that he can better their conditions with such utensils of an effete theology whereas no right to subject their children to the burden, and bring them thus handiprepared for it. HENCE WE HAVE EXPRESSED IN

SPIRIT MANIFESTATIONS THE GRANDEST TRUTHS EVER CON CEIVED BY AN ANGEL OF LIGHT AND AT THE SAME TIME JUST ACROSS THE WAY THE MOST CON-SUMMATE FOLLY AND TWADDLE COMES IN ONE FLOWING STREAM FROM THE LIPS OF THE INSPIRED

THUS WE FIND IN SPIRIT MANI FESTATIONS AN ENDLESS, RAT-(JUST AS WE FIND IT IN THE 600 DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS SECTS)
AND HOWEVER PROMINENT OR UNSAVORY THEY MAY BE THEY ALL LEAD TO WHERE WE WANT THEM, - DEMONSTRATING COM PLETELY THAT SPIRITS CAN AND DO COMMUNICATE WITH MORTALS.

According to the Register of Galesburg, Ill., 2,000 persons heard Lonnie Lawrence Dennis, the colored boy evan gelist, at the Central Church in that city. For three-quarters of an hour, the little preacher, following out a line of thought, talked fluently, talked earnestly, talked wonderfully! His voice could be heard in every part of the church. When he had finished there was a great rushing and crowding to get to the front and speak to him. The evangelist stoutly refused to allow any one to shake hands with him. One woman asked to be allowed to lay her hand on his head; one wanted to touch his garment, but even that privilege was denied. "It makes him too tired," the mother said.

As a scripture lesson Lonnie read chapter of Isaiah. The Bible was a most too large for him to handle, and he tottered, as he tried to lay it on the

desk.

DURING HIS DISCOURSE HE MADE ATTACKS UPON WHAT HE TERMED THE FORMALITY OF PRES-ENT-DAY CHRISTIANS. He doesn't believe in theological sem

inaries and said that they generally edu cated preachers instead of Christians. After a most eloquent and earnes prayer the evangelist called for converts. Not any one responded to his call at the church, but at the evening service in Beecher chapel, after a dis course on "Lazarus, the Rich and the Poor," seven came forward. At Beech er chapel his mother told the story of

ed the aisles and the hallway, and many were turned away. During the afternoon discourse the

his life. Here, too, the audience crowd

little preacher said: "I want every heart here that knows the value of prayer to keep in prayer while I speak for a few moments." He began his discourse with the story of Saul of Tarsus, his approach to Damascus, his conversion and then drew-practical lessons from the life of Paul. His description of the conversion was dramatic.
"Paul was not one of those half-way

Christians, who attend church and have no religion or who exhaust all their religion in the pulpit and are simply the product of a theological seminary. Paul was a man of God, preaching the religion of God. O, that we had such Christians to preach the gospel today, not men educated in the theologiportrait of the author. Price 75 cents, cal seminaries, who, seeing a job with

## THE GHRISTIAN GOAL TRUST.

"The interest of the miners will be cared for, not by the for their goods than other stores. But the miners cannot selabor agitators, but by the Christian men to whom God in cure any employment, unless they trade at the company his infinite wisdom has given control of the property of this stores. 'The Christian men robbed their employes on one country." end of the line, and the public on the other.

Thus spake Baer.

Now real have the Christian men have cared for the mines was threatening, the Christian men of the coal trust miners. This is a part of the testimony before the arbitral supplied the dealers with coal. After election, when the cry never shaken by the trust.

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John Gallagher worked for 18 years in the employ of the Markle company and never received a cent of money. The work allotted to him was such that he always remained in the debt of the company for rent and provisions from the company store. His boy worked in the mines from his eighth year, until he lost one arm in an accident. The boy had to turn to school teaching in order to assist his father in paying off their debt. They had almost succeeded in clearing themselves, when the strike threw the father out of work, and they were evicted.

Thus-cared the Christian men for the interests of the

mines, had to work for the company as breaker boy to pay off of this country. They have heard the cry to unite as a class. his father's debts. His mother had to scrub the company They are clasping hands with the class conscious workers in offices, wash for the neighbors, and take in boarders to keep the international party, that alone can meet and defeat interalive. The longer they worked the more they ran into debt. The boy was earning four cents an hour! Let the children

come unto me!

a good salary, go to preaching, but

Christianity as Exemplified.

"O watch, and fight, and pray,

The battle ne'er give o'er,

And help divine implore.

Renew it boldly every day,

against each other.

tion.

It would seem that, in the case

bloody highways of human history.

able in neighborhood, social, political

and municipal affairs; the call from both sides is upon God to help "our" party, "our" friends, and "us." The

rules, even in the objects of prayers.

tant type of Christianity is exemplified in the case of Dowie, as reported launching objurgations against those launching objurgations and methods

who oppose his plans and methods and

But however much people may feel to

Coming closely to home surroundings,

men called of God to preach.

verted?

### Good Shepherd Nunneries.

A terrible state of affairs is that re-"One trouble with America to-day in vealed during the course of a trial in her religion, is that men are preaching that have never been converted. How the Court of Appeal at Nancy, France, can I or anybody preach religion to you of charges of cruel ill-treatment of sinners, if I, myself, have not been conyoung girls and women, entrusted to the nunneries for education and train-"I would that the Bible would lead ing. As stated by Secular Thought, of men as it did of old, when there was not so much finery, so much put on, so Toronto, the evidence of women who much pretense. We have quit falling had been inmates of the Good Shepherd Toronto, the evidence of women who on our knees, shouting and praying. nunneries proves that for many years We have quit going at the work full the nunneries have employed the labor speed. We have picked up formal of some 50,000 infants, girls and women SPIRITUALISTS SHOULD CONTIN- anywhere from five years old, in field UALLY BEAR IN MIND THAT SPIRIT work, sewing, and other occupations. MANIFESTATIONS ESTABLISH ONE generally for about sixteen or seventeen IMPORTANT FACT—SPIRIT RE- hours a day, feeding them scantily upon TURN!—AND IN THAT ONE IM- the coarsest food, m...king not the slight-RE- hours a day, feeding them scantily upon PORTANT RESPECT ALL AGREE, AND CONTRADICTORY MESSAGES est attempt at educating them, but re-MAY EXIST IN PROFUSION, AND alizing a profit from the "sweat, tears and blood" calculated to amount to about \$10,000 a day or \$3,000,000 a year. THEY ARE EXCEEDINGLY TRIVIAL IN IMPORTANCE AND HARDLY One witness, describing the routine of WORTH MENTIONING WHEN COM-PARED WITH THE WELL-ESTAB.
LISHED AND ALL-EMBRACING FACT the fields to work at 5 o'clock in the THAT THE SPIRIT SURVIVES THE morning, and after working all day, CHANGE CALLED DEATH, AND CAN | were set at needle-work in the evening RETURN TO EARTH, AND COMMUNwhen it was too dark for field work.

ICATE WITH FRIENDS THERE. KEEP THIS CARDINAL PRINCIPLE ALWAYS IN MIND. This was pastime after a hard day's work. sent to the numeries in order to get them-will rejoice to learn that many rid of them; but the evidence of witnesses proves that the girls were kept ualist. This pamphlet will arouse a practically as prisoners, only being al- healthy condition of the investigating lowed to see their friends through an mind, and it will then be prepared to iron grating and in the presence of of-From the time of Constantine until ficials; that they were entirely uneducated; that they were entirely unpaid the present, or from the time of the dominance of Christianity, so-called, to for their labor except by their scanty food and clothing; and that all attempts the present it has been characterat escape or insubordination were very istic of what are known as Christian nations to be engaged in warfare not the villalny of this charitable nunnery only against non-christian peoples but business will be seen when it is stated that in some cases as much as 35 francs The spectacle afforded by the pres-(about \$6.50) a month was paid by relaent existing great nations of the earth tives of the children. Maitre Prevost, in summing up the case against the nunneries, said that, while the majority those supposed to be most imbued with, and under the influence of the prevailof the pupils are respectable, they are ing type of christianity, is a sad illus- kept in prison like criminals, being pertration of the fact of the militant or mitted to see their parents only through fighting nature of the christianity of the gratings, a sister being present. Letters present and the past. Millions upon were intercepted, forgeries committed, and it was almost impossible for girls millions are expended every yearto communicate with their parents or wrung from the labor of the people who recover their liberty, even years after produce the wealth of the world—to they had come of age. The poor girls maintain huge armies of soldiery, and on leaving the Good Shepherd are almost a soldiery and forts. on leaving the Good Shepherd are almost fatally compelled to become criminals or prostitutes. M. Theophile Roussel, the French sociologist, writes:
"It is noticed that several licensed prosto build huge ships of war, and forts, and implements of destruction and wholesale carnage.

It is to be noted that each nation calls titutes in the Pas-de-Calais are forme upon God, its God, to favor its arms Good Shepherd girls, and this is the case in other departments." The Bishwith victory; and each nation gives thanks to God when its soldiers or batop of Nancy says that the nuns can tle-ships win a great victory over the enemy. Each Christian nation gives compel the young women to stay by re-fusing to give them money when they glory to God for helping it to out-slaughter and conquer the other Christian nawish to leave; and that the cases of girls being cast adrift penniless, after working in the service of the nunneries Christian peoples praying and fighting for twenty or thirty years, thus being go together, hand in hand over the driven to suicide or prostitution, are "crimes that cry to heaven for vengeform the same characteristic is observ-

On a smaller scale and in a milder ance." And so say we. But wherever the Church of Rome is allowed to carry on its propagandism without restriction, there we shall see such things as these, and others as shameful, if not so spirit of militant selfishness reigns and is truly the motto of the Catholic Church, in the vicious, unscrupulous, and tyrannical aspects of its methods wherever it gets a free hand; and we have only to read its literature to that, in every case, its action in these directions is only limited by want of opportunity or the opposition of its in

In our judgment, any inquiry into treatening God's curse upon them, in tended victims. not conform to his wishes and will. Catholic methods in such cases will alone form or another because they do ways reveal-as they always have reobject to his style and manner, it must vealed—a similar state of affairs. An be conceded that his ways are in accord institution the stability of which dewith the ways of Christianity all along pends upon secret methods can only be down the ages, as it has been exempli-fled by the professed followers of the where some extraordinary circumexposed in such cases as the present, stances produce a rebellion or some dis We have been led into this vein of pute among the authorities. The Jesu thought by the fact as stated in the itical system hides a multitude of outdaily press, that the policemen of Zlon rages. The fact that this great crime City are required to meet for prayer, at has been carried on successfully for so a certain hour daily. Why not? Regimany years in "infidel France" without teen beautiful, soul-inspiring an exposure, proves that the mass of with Music, by C. Payson Longley, and policemen, as well as soldiers have the French people are still subject to Price by mail, 15 cents, For sale at this office. a certain hour daily. Why not? Regi- many years in "infidel France" without

need to "watch-and fight-and pray." the harshest form of priestly tyranny.

Before election, when the cry for national ownership of the

tion committee appointed by President Roosevelt. It was for national ownership had subsided, they cut off the coal supply, and proceeded to screw the prices up to the top notch. There is no reason for this shortage of coal but the pound of flesh. People are dying of cold within a stone's throw of the rich-

est coal mines. Coal riots have broken out. The American people are suffering, because the Christian coal barons have a right to do with their property as they wish. And they wish to make profits, even if every cent of profit costs a human life. The railroads, the friends of the coal barons, are not suf-

fering from the coal famine. One capitalist hand washes the other. You give us cheap rates, and we'll give you coal. The law forbids this, of course. But divinely appointed rulers are above the law. The will of the Christian men is the supreme law in this free country.

Yes, this is a free country-for the trusts. They freeze the people to death for profit. They kill the husbands, and Hazleton to secure a shelter. All the while, the Christian force the wives to sell themselves and their babies for bread. They spread desolation and misery over the whole land, in the name of profit.

> But the Christian men are nothing but insolent pretenders. The god that appointed them is Mammon. The wisdom that has given them control over the wealth of this country is

The real power in this country are the wage workers and small farmers. The flower of American manhood and womanhood is found among them. Only their patience and generous endurance permits the robber barons to ply their nefarious trade.

The wage workers and farmers have followed the false leaders of parties. Honest and trusting themselves, they have relied on the deceitful words of the tools of the capitalist class. But you cannot fool all the wage workers and farmers all the time.

The American proletariat in factory, office and on the farm is opening its eyes. Their ears are no longer closed to the message of freedom from oppression by the Christian men, to A twelve-year-old boy, whose father had been killed in the whom Greed and Cunning have given control of the property national exploitation. The American proletariat will soon break the chains of the

capitalist bondage by a united vote for the party of their The companies charge from ten to twenty per cent more class.—Appeal to Reason.

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DEAN CLARKE. 7 Winthrop street, Roxbury, Mass.

A RECOMPENSCE FOR PAIN.

A man is better for having loved. Though all of the sweets have per ished. And years have only the baseness proved
Of the woman he once had cherished.

The more of charity now he feels For hearts 'neath the weight of sor row,

His past is gone, but he fervent kneels At the shrine of a sweet to-morrow. A sweet to-morrow that yet may hold The joys that a false one shattered, He scorns the love that is bought with

gold. Like rose peals fallen, scattered; 'Tis only fit to be trodden deep, In the turf of a quick forgetting; He still dreams on in his troubled sleep, Of a passion no scars begetting.

And sooner or later to all men come The bliss of a love that's lasting, That's better far than the other one, Made sweeter the while contrasting The truth 'gainst error, the false 'gains'

true, What priceless joy in the proving! Till all is tenderness long years thro' A man's the better for loving. · Roy Farrell Greene.

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#### for the past week. We were cared for by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Francis, of The Progressive Thinker, one night in Chicago, and by Mr. and Mrs. C. Munson, in Beloit, Wisconsin, four days. These good people did everything in their power for our relief, making us

feel at home, which meant much to us, and for which we are truly thankful. We filled our engagements, not missing a single meeting. Mrs. Sprague was unable to attend one meeting and I carried it on alone, though I was too hoarse to do justice to myself or the audience, I should have been in bed at the time. We very much appreciate the kindness of all our people with whom we

meet. Everywhere we go we are treated with the greatest kindness. At this writing neither of us is entirely free from the unpleasant grip of lagrippe but we keep on with our work,

ever pushing ahead. The missionary work is awakening the people to a realization of the need of united action through thorough organization.

If everyone would contribute something to help along our beloved cause, and each would lend a hand to aid in the work, our organization would soon grow strong and would be recognized by the world at large as a great factor in the civilization of the race, and in human progression.

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E. W. SPRAGUE.

#### To the Spiritualists of Iowa. I have been engaged by the lowa

State Association to serve you as the state organizer for the month of April. The time is near at hand when that work will be taken up. In order to make it effectual I must have the co-operation of all the Spiritualists in the state. I desire to visit as many places as possible during the month and organize as many societies as I can. I want the friends to give me the use of the hall or parlor, take up as liberal a collection as they can, and entertain Then I want them to organize and band together for the bettering of their own conditions, and help the state in their work. All money taken in for the work, to be turned over to the state association.

I will go anywhere. Just give me a chance to come and help you, and I will do all I can to build you up. The time is short, my friends, and I want responses at once. So please send to my home address, 114 President street, Wheaton 111. I desire during the month to visit fifty places, and you good people of the state can help sending for me.
Come, friends, let us all go to work

and show the world that there are many Spiritualists in the great state of lowa, and all are ever ready to go to work. Who will be the first to respond?

G. H. BROOKS.

#### "SLEEP'S MYSTERY." 'The night-time of the body is the day-

time of the soul."-Jamblichus. O, Platonist, thou didst write well;-And yet, of sleep; pray can'st thou tell, Of its companionship, as soul Essays its flight 'mid Being—all?— "Our dreams of immortality Are they but dreams of fancy free? Or hold we not a mighty tryst, With loved ones, all; that day hath missed?

En rapport we, with myriad host (E'en God is known as Holy Ghost,)
Is sleep a seance with earth's "dead;" And by their counsels are we led? And by their counsels are we lear worsted, is sense, by what it sees in this great world, to hate, to please; The soul would sink in tired despair, if sleep came not, relieving care.

The curtain falls o'er wearied eyes— The soul steps forth-(O glad sur-

prise!) And finds itself informed of life, And given strength for coming strife. Aye, taught of God (the mighty host We personate as Holy Ghost) Why may we not, in morning's light, Receive these messengers of night? O, hour of sleep; thou hour with life. Above earth's turmoil, care and strife, Ave, may we not in morning's hour, Receive thy word, receive thy power? Ah, then, we would not write of sleep-A mystery, that is so deep, That man cannot solution find; Nor by our dreams, the human mind; For we would know of angel guest, ' And watch for word of love's behest; Nor wait for sleep's enchantment deep; Nor need we tell the "soul's restorer,"

Sleep! Yet soul grows weary of its load The load of earth-weary the road By which it gains of earth, to keep, And welcomes still "Death's Twin 'sleep"!

But then: "The sleep that knows no waking,—
"The soul its load of earth forsaking;" We dread it not: for it is rife With all that is, of human life! We know by it; the Life Sublime; The worshiped life of every clime; And too, we know our seance-hour, is but reveal of its great power! Aye, sleep is life!-"The dreamless !.

sleep,' As Death is named, this life doth keep. And we may know as we are known, As sleep comes on—assumes its throne, Aye, Sleep is Life set free from earth; A daily death? A daily birth! And man in seance grows apace,

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# The Elssassination of Abraham Lincoln.

### Planned and Executed by surely be lynched. Bless the Lord, so little time to see you, but I will read them the more it seems to me that God has written them for me as well as Moses." On the 14th of April, 1865, ten months after this last inter-Jesuit Priests

death his assurance that something serious was about to happen."— witness the condemnation of the Washington Post, July 6, 1902, on "Prophecies and Omens."

That lapse of memory probably in the condemnation of the David Davis took his seat on the intrigues and emissaries of the condemnation of the lege at that place, refused to swear, but made a written declaration October 20, 1883, duly signed, saying that he told witness the condemnation of the large of the condemnation of the work in the priests in charge of the condemnation of the lege at that place, refused to swear, but made a written declaration October 20, 1883, duly signed, saying that he told witness the condemnation of the large of memory probably remember from whom." That lapse of memory probably

that year he defended a Catholic priest, the late Father Chiniquy, of the Romish priesthood in general.

St. Anne, Illinois, before a Jury, on a false accusation of crime. It first trial was in May, 1856, at Urbana, seventy miles distant from the lincoln turned to his client and borne of the accused.

Mr. Lincoln turned to his client and seattling special by Lincoln turned in priests by Lincoln turned to his client and in means your sentence of DEATH," said Chiniquy, "and I have it from the lips of a converted priest that, in order to excite the fanaticism of Roman Catholic murbane in norder to excite the fanaticism of Roman Catholic murbane in priests have invented the story of your being born a Catholic and baptized by a priest. An apostate from the lips of a converted priest that, in order to excite the fanaticism of Roman Catholic murbane in a Catholic and baptized by a priest. An apostate from the lips of a converted priest that, in order to excite the fanaticism of Roman Catholic murbane in section of the story of your being born a Catholic and baptized by a priest. An apostate from the lips of a converted priest that, in order to excite the fanaticism of Roman Catholic murbane in section of Roman Catholic murbane in section of Roman Catholic murbane in priests have invented the story of your being born a Catholic and baptized by a priest. An apostate from the lips of a converted priest that, in order to excite the fanaticism of Roman Catholic murbane in a Catholic and spatized by a priest. An apostate or a false accusation of crime.

Accepting a fee of only fifty dollars for his services in the two trials, here is an outcast who has no right to live.

Church of Rome is an outcast who has no right to live.

Here is a copy of a decree of Gregory VII. [Hildebrane] in 1873-1885 proclaiming that the killing of an apostate or a false accusation of crime.

I means your and I have it from the induced by a priest. An apostate from the church is an outcast who has no right to live.

Realizing the imminent danger. home of the accused. Mr. Lincoln said: perjured priests, and his client would you weep? You ought to be the and more, it is not against the South alone we are fighting, have been acquitted but for the most happy man alive; you have but against the Pope of Rome and his perfidious Jesuits, who are the principal rulers of the South. The great man blunder of allowing a single Roman beaten your enemies and gained a jority of the Catholic bishops, priests and laymen are rebels Catholic on the jury.

ber following. The testimony of a priest; "the joy I should naturally warn him against impending dangers, but could only shake priest named LeBelle, against the feel for such a victory is turned to hands with him. It was just after the grand victory of the character of Chiniquy, was of such grief when I think of its conse- Monitor over the Merrimac, and the conquest of New Orleans Chiniquy procured the affidavits and adduced facts which a nature as to horrify everybody. quences to you. Not less than ten an interview. The cross-examination by Mr. Lin- or twelve Jesuit priests came from coln did much to break the force of Chicago and St. Louis to hear my the direct testimony, but he feared sentence of condemnation. But inits, effect on a jury unacquainted with stead of that you have brought the ister influence of the jesuits. We owe it all to ant ministers, when they were to be hanged. But on the the character of the accused. When thunders of heaven on their heads; cause, if the people knew what I do, this would become a re-Lincoln said to his client:

that I see great danger ahead. I bloody eyes." feel that the jurymen think you. At first Lincoln treated the warnguilty, and that you will be con- ing lightly, but afterward he said: The President then asked Chiniquy if he had read the letdemned to a heavy penalty or to the penitentiary, though I am sure you are nowfootly in the penitentiary are nowfootly in the penitential penitentiary are nowfootly in the penitential penitentia pennentiary, though I am sure you are perfectly innocent. It is very where a man dies, provided it is at Pope at you personally. You know how many liberty-loving probable that we shall have to con- the post of duty." front LeBelle's sister tomorrow, who The election of Lincoln to the Northern armies has been the aim of the Jesuits. Secret will confirm the false testimony of presidency, four years later and bishops, ordering them to weaken your armies by detaching the brother. Her alleged sickness again to a second term, was unanities doubtless as a first interest of the second term, was unanities of the second term and pressing letters have been addressed from Rome to the bishops, ordering them to weaken your armies by detaching these men. The bishops answered that they could not do it is doubtless a feint, in order that her mously opposed by the Catholic pope to recognize at once the legitimacy of the southern evidence may come in after that of priests. The Church of Rome looked republic, and to take Jeff Davis under his protection by a is evidently in the hands of Bishop poleon to send an army to Mexico, President, is not a fanciful interpretation of my own; it is O'Regan and her brother, ready to so as to be ready to help crush the priests of Rome with whom I have had occasion to speak on priests. With a little more pressure on the witnesses many female testimony, particularly when in opposition to Lincoln. Only one the woman is absent from court. bishop dared to disobey! The only way to be sure of a favor- Father Chiniquy had now re- worth a whole army by his ability and courage. Gen. Meade bly guilty, so that the verdict might receive the approbation able verdict tomorrow is, that God nounced the Papal creed and become has gained the battle of Gettysburg, but he was surrounded of all, without creating new bad feelings. And this, they Almighty would take part and show a Protestant. At the end of August, Hancock, Howard and others, and yet he let the REBEL nothing he so much feared as a war between Protestants and your innocence. Go to Him, for He 1861, a Roman priest whom he had ARMY ESCAPE. When he was to order the pursuit, a Catholics.

and conscientious priest, who was soon to renounce the error of Papacy and become a devout Protestant.

Sadly did he betake himself to his room, where, through the night, he wrestled in prayer

But of Called them his dear Trients, invited them to go back home peacefully, and they fibried? The Pope and his Jesuits home peacefully, and they fibried? The Pope and his Jesuits home peacefully, and they fibried? The Pope and his Jesuits home inst guishot at Fort-sumtar by the rabid Romanist Beaure gard. They are helpling the Roman Catholic Semmes on the company of the proof in hand that Bishop Hughes, whom I sent to Rome in the hope that he would induce the Pope to a wrestled in prayer. But of highly would have done it when I went urge American Catholics to be true to their outh of silent wrestled in prayer. But of highly would have done it when I went urge American Catholics to be true to their outh of silent wrestled in prayer. room, where, through the night, he wrestled in prayer. But at 3 o'clock through Baltimore had not defeated had acted honestly according to his promise to me, is the very man wire advised the Pope to recognize the Southern very man wire advised the Pope to recognize the Southern opened it and there stood Abraham have proof that the company selected christ advises it. We must all die sooner or later, and it makes very little difference to me whether I die by a dagger president Lincoln, I have a letter from an aged correspond.

have the perjured priests in my hands. Their diabolical plot is known, and if they do not fly away before the dawn of day they will disguised plots. I am sorry I have the perjured priests in my led by a rabid Roman Catholic named Deuteronomy iii: 22-28, where God told Moses to go up to the Deuteronomy iii: 22-28, where God told Moses to go up to the be allowed to pass over Jordan. "My dear Father Chiniquy," A JESUIT have the dawn of day they will disguised plots. I am sorry I have said Lincoln, I have read these strange and beautiful words several times in the last five or six weeks, and the more I washing

"President Lincoln expressed at the last cabinet meeting before his fled, but there were numerous other fled, but there were numerous other ago, he found a formidable conspiration."

H. Seward, Two or three hours before these assassinations occurred a Catholic landlord at St. Joseph, Minn., told Franciscus and Joseph Minn., told Franciscus and Was the "assurance" expressed bench, and the complainant, Spink, by President Lincoln a mere pre- a tool of Bishop O'Regan, rose, pale and trembling, to ask to be allowed and trembling, to ask to be allowed The next day Chiniquy was received again by the Prest. The first intimation that came to to withdraw the prosecution. The dent. "I want your views," said Lincoln," about a thing that the ears of Abraham Lincoln that he motion was of course granted, but is excedingly puzzling to me. A great number of Demowas to become a victim to the vengeance of the Romish priesthood
was in October, 1856. Twice in Twic

demolished the testimony of two "Father Chiniquy, what makes the hand of an assassin. Let his will be done. I feel more most glorious victory."

The case was tried again in Octo- "Dear Mr. Lincoln," answered the the Enemies of Liberty." the court adjourned in the evening you have made the walls of the Lincoln said to his client:

you have made the walls of the character. If the people could know what Prof. Morse has catholic named Brothy. Booth and Welchman were pertoid me of the plots at Rome to destroy this republic, if they want led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit of going to St. Aloysius church what led that he was in the nabit "My dear Mr. Chiniquy, though I hope tomorrow to destroy the testimony of LeBelle, I must concede hope to Mr. Chiniquy, and I must concede hope to Mr. Chiniquy, though I have hope to Mr. Chiniquy, the priests, monks and nuns who land on hope to Mr. Chiniquy, the priests, monks and nuns who land on hope to Mr. Chiniquy, the priests, monks and nuns who land on hope to Mr. Chiniquy, the priests, monks and nuns who land on hope to Mr. Chiniquy, the Mr. Chiniquy have hope to Mr. Chiniquy have hope to

her brother. Perhaps we shall have upon the division between North blind slaves understand that you are outraging the God of to meet her testimony as taken before and South as her golden opportunisome local justice, which will be all ty in America. She ordered her That letter means that you are not only an apostate whom the local justice, which will be all ty in America. She ordered her That letter means that you are not only an apostate whom the local justice, which will be all ty in America. the harder to rebut. That woman elder son, the Emperor Louis Na-brigand whom every Catholic ought to kill. This, my dear swear to anything they order her. Northern States. She bade the this subject. I conjure you, therefore, to protect your own of the priests would have been compromised. But the civil Nothing is so difficult to refute as bishops, priests and people to vote

there was a loud knocking at his their plans by passing incognito a few confederacy. My ambassadors in Italy, France and Engdoor. Quickly the tearful priest hours before, they expected me. We plans of the Jesuits. But I see no other safeguard Against the "Cheer up, my dear Chiniquy; I and organized to murder me was thrust through my breast or from an inflammation of the

ou are saved."

The next morning the court house not let you go heigh telling you hat view, at ten o'clock in the evening, President Lincoln was ould not contained. could not contain the crowd that a few days ago, Prof. Morse told me at the same hour Lewis Payne attempted to murder william David Davis took his seat on the the intrigues and emissaries of the remember from whom." That lapse of memory probably

but against the Pope of Rome and his perfidious Jesuits, at heart, and, with few exceptions, they are pro-slavery. I which was printed, as follows:

the Union. To detach these men from the ranks of the every Catholic HAS A RIGHT TO KILL, but you are a lawless the unanimous explanation given by a great number of

Precious life."

Gen. Sheridan remains true to his oath of fidelity and is best policy to punish only those who were publicly and visi-These words are recorded by Father Chiniquy in his book, "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome." They are perhaps a little colored, coming the perhaps a little colored, coming and conscientious priest, who was a disguised where the pursuit that the stranger was a disguised Jesuit. Aften ton minutes' conversation with him, Meade made such arrangements for the pursuit that the enemy estanged almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards the red the red or July; that then he took in back to Laplerre, who kept him in his own father's would hold him respinsible, if he did not stop the riots at once. He then gathered the rioters around his palace, called them his deard riends, invited them to go back home peacefully, and they shedyed? The Pope and his Jesuits have a strength was a disguise by himself and Laplerre to Quebec. It further appears that he were shad been arranged by the priests of Rome. It is evident that the enemy estanged almost untouched, with the loss of only two guards that the the head of pursuit, and they dearly the responsible of the pursuit. At the not murderers had been arranged by the priests of Rome. It is evident that the enemy estanged almo gard. They are helping the Roman Catholic Semmes on the contains and Boucher, who accompanied Surratt in the carriage, were the ance, and whom I thanked publicly, under the belief that he of Watson. Our government found him out, and the Pope land, as well as Prof. Morse, have warned me against the THOSE MURDERERS than to be always ready to die, as

cognizant of the plot to assassinate Lincoln and Seward.

Mr. Conwell was chaplain of the First Minnesota regi ment. Mr. Bennett was a resident of St. Cloud, eight miles lage hotel not later than 6:30 p. m. While Mr. Bennett was Mr. Conwell that Lincoln and Seward were assassinated. Allowing for difference in time between St. Joseph and Wash ington the news of the assassination had apparently reached

had heard such news. The nearest railroad station from St.

The next day, April 16, Chaplain Conwell started for church, where he was to preach. On his way a copy of a

On Monday, April 17, Mr. Conwell addressed the St. Paul Press the following paragraph:

"A STRANGE COINCIDENCE.

"At 6:30 p. m., Friday last, I was told, as an item of news, eight miles west of this place (St. Cloud), that Lincoln and

editor, another communication was sent by Mr. Conwell,

"The integrity of history requires that the above coincidence be established. And if anyone calls it in question,

executed by Jesuit priests

Were all the convicted conspirators Roman Catholics?

ery conspirator in custody, is, by education, a Catholic."

never seen him and did not hire him to dig a gutter for me."

Had father confessors appeared with Payne, Atzeroth and Harold on the scaffold, that would have opened the eyes of TIONS WERE PLANNED by Jesuit priests. The murdorers trine of the church. St. Liguori says:

neighbor to conceal our religious faith, as when we live or deaths, or even the wrath of the tyrant."-(Liguori Theo-

Dr. Mudd, at whose place Booth stopped in his flight, was a Catholic, and so was Garrett, in whose barn Booth was

After the murder, Chiniquy came to Washington in dis guise. He found the influence of Rome at the capital was almost supreme. The only statesman who dared to face the clearly in evidence before the military tribunal that it was war was hardly over, and the Confederacy, though broken down, was still living in millions of hearts; formidable ele

sent to Rome, where he enlisted as a Zouave under the name was forced to give him up. But in so doing the Jesuits managed to have him escape to Egypt. There he was arrested

ent, dated May 24 1896, in which he says:

"A few days before the death of Lincoln I read in a Rich mond paper: 'We have a little surprise in store for the

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new book in these lines from "Aurora

"If a man could feel
Not one, but every day, feast, fast, and
working-day,
The spiritual significance burn through
The hieroglyphic of material shows,
Helceforward he would paint the
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ITEMS.—Bear in mind that items for the General Survey will in all cases be adjusted to the space we have to occupy, and in order to do that they will generally have to be abridged more or less; otherwise many items would be society in Denver, and the building of crowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line a suitable place of worship has been deitem is cut down to ten lines, and ten lines to two lines, as occasion may re-

Take due notice, that all items for this page must be accompanied by the full name and address of the write' will not do to say that Secretary or Correspondent writes so and so, without giving the full name and address of the writer. The items of those who do not comply with this request will be cast into the waste basket.

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Petersilea and now appearing in 'The dies' Helping Hand Society of Fresno." Progressive Thinker, were written about The Journal, of Racine, Wis., says: two years ago, hence are in harmony with events referred to in them.

Rev. G. C. Love has changed his address to 247 Hermitage avenue, corner | was enacted. They appear nightly and Van Buren, West Side, where he may resemble images of the suicide and his be addressed until further notice. Mr. Love stands high as a lecturer in be- white. At first the residents of that half of Spiritualism and its philosophy, neighborhood regarded the reports as

Mrs. Catharine McFarlin's lectures in Chicago were much appreciated. She is now stopping at No. 166 Juneau avenue, Milwaukee, Wis., where she can be addressed for engagements.

The Sun, of Aurora, Neb., says: "The Hastings Republican states that on Feb. 7. Mrs. F. Gibout visited Dr. Schles- dead. It was four days after Hebblethinger, the Spiritualist, who told her that | waite had been buried and the body of | her stomach contained a living lizard. Mrs. Riemer shipped to Two Rivers. He told her the kind of diet to take and The girls had attended a dance that that if she followed his directions she evening and came home about one would soon get rid of the tormenting o'clock in the morning. According to thing. Mr. F. Gibout, husband of the their version of the story a half a block lady, and who represents the Fraternal ahead of them on the same side of the Life Association in Hastings, relates street they saw two forms which resemthe following: 'Mrs. Gibout has been bled the murdered woman and the suisuffering for fifteen years from a mal- cide and which were promenading back ady causing unusual symptoms. The and forth arm in arm near the spot affection was of the stomach, and at where the deed was committed. Their times she was afflicted with a sensation actions portrayed them as being in a as if something were revolving in the happy and contented mood coupled, stomach accompanied by scratchings seemingly, with a feeling of elation over and bitings. By physicians it was vari- the fact that at last they could be toously diagnosed from dyspepsia to an- gether without being disturbed. The

a Spiritualistic medium who has been in ened the young ladies and for a moment the city recently, she was informed that they stood transfixed. As soon as they the sensations were caused by a living recovered from the shock they hurriedly lizard within the stomach. This was retraced their footsteps to the corner day the lady was rid of what appeared | reach their homes.' to be the tail and hind leg of a lizard.

great pain and the utmost agony." Speaking of the book that explains the tricks of bogus mediums. Harry Mc- umship of Mrs. H. C. Ebertshauser. Auley says: "This is, I think, a work | which were recognized and pronounced that will do a great deal of good, and I correct by the recipients. Mrs. Ebertsam glad that some one has the courage hauser is a conscientious and honest to go after the syndicate of scoundrels who are stumbling-blocks in the way of | work at Lake Brady for several seasons the honest investigator."

Sarah M. Dudley writes from Muncie, Ind.: "I have been filling an engagement at this point since February, and 1 am happy to say I have by my inspira- Cavendish to have set aside the deed by esting. We had with us Mrs. McFarlin, of February, and the church was filled tional speaking and public and private which Maj. C. H. Strutt is alleged to who has been serving the Englewood to overflowing. He is a trance speaker, Since my coming there has been organ- of Cavendish's estate. Cavendish is a ized a Ladies' Aid and Children's Lyce- wealthy African explorer, who married um, which promise well. I should like to correspond with secretaries of socie- theater, in April last, and whose name also among the speakers to give us of humanity. He has been very pleasties who might desire my services for had been connected with that of Edna short engagements. Can furnish best testimonial as to character and ability. to the court the working of the plan-Address me at 502 S. Franklin street, chette, or writing table, through which Muncie, Ind."

"Over the body of Henry Nulte, an aged periments culminated in Mrs. Strutt hoarding-house keeper, who died last writing with the aid of the planchette Wednesday night at his home, 151 upon an open Bible. 'I believed the Louisa street, Mrs. E. B. Price, a Spirit | communications were from my mother,' uglistic medium, preached a funeral ser- he said. These experiments in Spiritmon Sunday afternoon while presum- ualism continued daily, being interably under spirit control. Mr. Nuite rupted only long enough for meals. Conwas a member of the South St. Louis tinuing. Cavendish said: 'We also had Spiritualist Society, and the sermon communications from angels and arch-lished a three months' course of lectures was in accordance with his expressed angels. All sorts of messages came wish. The room was darkened and from them-prayers, poetry, and stories Mrs. Price, clad in a long black robe, of processions in heaven. Sometimes went into a trance. The sermon occu- the angels made reference to business pled half an hour or longer. The me- matters. Their advice always coincided dium claimed not to have remembered with that of the Strutts." any of the words she had uttered after | Captain Geo. W. Walrond writes: she had passed from under the control | "Moses Hull, one of the foremost Spirof the spirit. Several hundred curious itualistic lectures and Bible interpreters people gathered about the house, but in America, reached Denver last week none of these were admitted. The fu- and gave four sermons in the Unity neral closed with the singing of hymns. | church .to very large audiences. The interment was in St. Marcus Ceme Friday he lectured on 'The World's

Mass.: "The Lynn Spiritualists Associa- ism Compared": Sunday, 2:30 p. m., tion was favored by having for their "Resurrection of Jesus in the Light of speaker on March 1 and 8, Rev. May 8. Modern Spiritualism"; Sunday, 8 p. m., Pepper. We wish some of our Spirit. "Angels-Are They Spirits of the Dead, ualistic friends who think the cause of and Do They Communicate with Earth's Spiritualism is declining, could have Inhabitants?" ... He certainly (notwithseen the audiences that came out to standing an attack of grippe) was more greet Mrs. Pepper; all available space than usually eloquent and masterful; he in the hall and ante-rooms was com- held his large audiences spellbound, for plotely filled long before time, later | they listened with raptrattention, and comora being unable to gain admit yet frequently there were outbursts of tance; and the best of it is, they are not | universal applause. His Biblical illusall merely curiosity seekers, but many trations of Spiritualism, mingled with of the representative business men and his personal reminiscences and experi- and vicinity procured a charter from spirer of the address. It was deeply in the Year 200," etc. A condensed statewomen of the city could be seen in the ences and a most convincing effect on audience. Efter's full orchestra fur his hearers. His visit to Denver will nished music, and circles were held by most certainly rekindle an interest in many different mediums between the spiritualistic thought as well as in the munion, with fifty charter members meeting, March 19. After supper a few services. March 22, Dr. George A. Ful. Bible. Mr. Hull returned to. Whiteler will be with us, and on the 29th, we water Wis on Monday, evening to reshall celebrate the anniversary with ap. sume his duties as president of the Pratt | secretary. The attonuance at the propriete exercises."

SPECIAL NOTICE.

G. W. Kates and wife can be addressed at 3015 Pine street, St. Louis. lieving that the cause of truth can be Mo., in which city they will help at the best subserved thereby. Many of the | Anniversary of Spiritualism, March 29, diametrically opposed to his belief, yet April, May and June open for calls in cards, after which the audience was that is no reason why they should be the middle-west, where their services as suppressed; yet we wish it distinctly N. S. A. missionaries should be actively understood that our space is inade- employed. They report that the month quate to publish everything that comes of April is open to calls in either Misto hand, however much we might desire | souri or Iowa. If places further west | gifted test medium, Mrs. A. Nelson, to do so. That must account for the desire their services, the calls must be gave tests and messages, and the guests made at once.

> Wednesday afterwards. He has leased and orders should be addressed to him. The Sunday evening meetings will be devoted exclusively to the Spiritualistic science and philosophy, with tests and demonstrations of spirit return. The organization of a strong Spiritualistic layed and retarded by Mr. Walrond's illness; but steps are now in progress for bringing this project to a successful issue. We wish Mr. Walrond and our Denver friends every success.

Mrs. H. M. Hoppock writes from Fresno, Cal.: "Brother Allen Franklin Brown and wife came here to Fresno, and helped to start a society, which is increasing all the time. Brother Brown is a fine inspirational speaker and psychometric reader from the rostrum. Sister Brown is an accomplished astrologer. She is great help to her husband socially, and has made many friends in and for the society. One of The messages given through Carlyle her good acts was to organize the La-

cinity of the place where the recent Hebblethwaite-Riemer double tragedy victim, both of whom are robed in purely imaginations on the part of some of the more superstitious, but since the apparition has become quite frequent the skepticism of the unbelievers has weakened considerably. Two girls who live on Hagerer street, are said to have been the first ones to notice the presence of the supposed spirits of the two gina pectoris. Upon consultation with sight of the apparition of course fright-

on February 7, and the following Tues- and then walked around the block to Irving Jackson writes: "Sandusky, and on Thursday morning last the re- Ohio, is experiencing quite an awakenmander of the reptile, nearly one foot in ing in spiritual matters. Albert W length, was passed from the stomach. Wadsworth, president of the Ohio Spir-This reptile however, was in such a itualists Association, who delivered two state of decomposition as not to allow lectures here a few weeks ago, was seof positive identification as a lizard, but cured for a return engagement Sunday. it was the body of some creature which | March 8, and delivered two splendid adhad lived in the stomach.' It is sup- dresses to large audiences. The seed posed that the reptile was swallowed sown by the N. S. A. missionaries, Mr. when very small by drinking water from and Mrs. Sprague, is beginning to bear a spring down on the Blue river. This fruit, the Society for Psychic Research, is the theory advanced by Mr. Gibout. organized by them in January, is adding He states that during the process of new members at every meeting, and dopassage and dieting his wife suffered ing much to spread the truth. At the close of Mr. Wadsworth's lectures. messages were received through the medisensitive, who is well known for her

past." The Chicago Tribune has the following from London, Eng.: "The Court of test work given universal satisfaction. have obtained almost complete control society the past month. While this and is new in the field and gives prom-May previously. Cavendish explained the spirits are supposed to communi-The St. Louis (Mo.) Chronicle says: | cate with mortals. He said that his ex-

Bibles and How to Use Them": on Sat-Mrs. A. A. Averill writes from Lynn, urday, "Biblical and Modern Spiritual-

Institute."

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greeted with some finely rendered selections by the clever child reciter, little Caroline Keller, who is a host herself. Then Mrs. McFarlin assisted by the were highly delighted by their accuracy. Then followed another feast more mate-Captain G. W. Walrond, the veteran | rlal, provided by Mrs. Oswald, good cofworker and lecturer on Spiritualism and 'fee, cake and sandwiches, Everyone Astrology, has completely recovered seemed to enjoy the evening. Many refrom the paralytic troubles which he grets were expressed by those present

had last year, and will resume his in taking leave of Mrs. McFarlin at her meetings and lectures again the first departure from Chicago. The best Sunday in April, and every Sunday and | wishes of her friends go with her, wherever she may go to scatter the seeds of written plainly with ink on white a large hall and offices at 1510 Glenarm | truth. We only hope she may return to paper, or with a typewriter, and only on street, Denver, Colo., where all letters | us again with her loving ministrations. She is a true, conscientious minister of Spiritualism, and her guides are educated and exalted souls." Frank T. Ripley, speaker and test medium, has the Sundays of April, May and June not engaged. He can be engaged for lectures and tests. Address

> Vernon, Ill.: "Mt. Vernon, Ill., is a good field for a good medium or speaker, or both combined." Allen Franklin Brown, inspirational speaker and psychometrist, will spend the summer months in the northern and central states. 'He wishes engagements with camp-meetings and local societies. He is a successful camp chairman. Ad-

street, Newport, Ky., during March.

A. T. Levick, M. D., writes from Mt-

L. S. Hoover writes from Muncle, Ind.: "Mrs. Sarah M. Dudley, M. D., is creating a deep interest among the Spir-She is one of the finest speakers and "Ghosts are said to be haunting the vi- test mediums that has ever been here. We cannot speak too highly of her."

cisco, Cal.

home wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents, in Brodhead, Wis., at high noon, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. None but relatives and immediate friends witnessed the ceremony. The contracting parties were Miss Mac Evans and Mr. Rodney Bucklin. Mr. Bucklin owns a home in South Dakota. He will soon return and take with him as pretty and as agreeable a companion as ever entered a young man's home. The young couple are beloved by a large circle of friends and embark upon the matrimonial sea with every prospect of a happy voyage. 'May their wedding tour be through the spheres, eternity their honeymoon. The marriage ceremony was conducted by the writer."

C. H. Figuers writes from Cleveland Ohio: "Cleveland is not to have a general meeting on Anniversary day this year. Why, it is not so easy to say. The West Side Spiritual Society will hold its meeting on Sunday, March 8. The East End Spiritual Society have hired Memorial Hall, 170 Superior street, and holds its meeting at that place, Sunday, March 29. A fine programme has been arranged. The afternoon will be mainly devoted to Lyceum work, and there will be a contest for the Angell Silver prize, by the children of the East End Lyceum. The Mattie the annex. The proceeds of the supper will be devoted to the Lyceum. We intend using home talent as we believe that there is some as good test mediums in Cleveland as are anywhere, and their work ought to be better appreciated. We have several good speakers who live here, and we intend giving them a fair show. The Spiritualists in the adjacent towns can come and bring their lunch, and they will find a good place to eat in. Mrs. Charles Henwood has charge of the music and judging from our past experience we may look for something good. Mr. R. R. Mills will have charge of the lyceum work, and his team of lyceum children will give an exhibition of fancy drilling, using a small United States flag in the exercises. So come out, friends, and let's All street cars in the city pass in front of Memorial Hall, corner of Bank and

Superior streets.' H. F. Coates writes: "Just a few words as to what we are doing at Kenwood Hall, 4308 Cottage Grove avenue. Chancery to-day heard the evidence in Our afternoon meeting, 3 o'clock, on the extraordinary suit of Henry H. S. | Sunday, March 8, was unusually inter- | er and test medium during the month was my first time to meet Mrs. McFar- ise of great future success. He is a lin, I cannot say too much in her praise. | thorough Spiritualist, and is working Isabel Jay, leading actress of the Savoy Mr. J. G. Becker and T. W. Sherk were for higher results and the betterment ing and instructive talks which attract ways given by myself and others. Masdience is increasing and we hope to outgrow our present hall in time. The Progressive Thinker is always to be found npon our table where anyone wishing a copy can procure one.'

E. R. Fielding writes from Washington, D. C.: "Mrs. Lees Edson has fin for the First Association, Masonic Temple, followed with tests. Miss - Aneta month of March. She will give lessons A street Southeast, every Monday evening. Miss Truman is well known as an advanced thinker. The Ladies' Aid met at the residence of Pierre O. L Keeler. A progressive euchre party will be held at Mrs. Chatman's, 110 C | gramme for the auspicious occasion. street S. E. The next card party will Aid at Mrs. Wilbur's. The Progressive Spiritual Church meets at Temple Hall, 12th and H streets, Northeast; lecture | flags and cut; flowers." by Mrs. E. E. Compton, assisted by Mr. A. H. Terry in giving tests. The Educational and Religious Society of Spirit- and Sister W. H. Leidigh. I am having ualists holds services every Sunday at some good manifestations. The people 8 p. m., at Smith's Hall, 516 9th street | seem to be pleased with my trumpet se-Northwest. Mrs. E. E. Compton is the | ances. I will be here until the First of speaker. After the lecture she gives messages from the spirit side of life. I can do good for our cause." Other mediums will be present."

A. Y. Gordon writes from Massillon, president, and Brother : Thomas Burd meeting was not all that could be de quit."

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sired on account of rain falling steadily nearly all the day. After the organiza- American. Also several books pubtion was completed. Sister St. Omer | lished in the early days of Spiritualism Briggs delivered a fine address. The and now out of print. Correspondence course of lectures' delivered here lately | solicited. by Brotheric. W! Kates and wife is John Oswald, Chicago, writes: "A so- largely the cause of the present enthus- itualist Temple, Galveston, Texas, that cial farewell was held at the parlors of lasm among our people; also lectures by they have been favored with not a few Mr. and Mrs. John Oswald, 5823 Aber- Brother Meses Hull that were heard very nice articles for their coming badeen street, Wednesday evening, in here in Massillon six years ago have | zaar, March 28, 30 and 31, for which compliment to Mrs. Catharine McFar- not been forgotten. Some of the phys- she is very grateful, but hopes that othlin who served the Englewood Spiritual | ical medium that have been with us in | ers will kindly respond to the call for Union for February. The early part of | the past have done good work; likewise | fancy or useful household articles for sentiments attered in an article may be 30 and 31. They have the months of the evening was devoted to music and our home circles are making many con- their bazaar. verts to the true philosophy of Spirit-

Mrs. Dora Dean writes from Dallas,

Texas: "Sunday, March 8, the First Spiritualist Church of Truth Seekers of Dallas, had one of the most interesting isters were present to listen to our able and eloquent speaker and medium expound our philosophy. In the evening the hall was filled, many sitting on the floor and others standing. At the close of the address, the subject being Marriage, while the wedding march was being played, Mr. Joe Yates and Mrs. Milda Palmer marched down the center aisle to the front of the rostrum which was elaborately decorated with choicest flowers and foliage. There the Rev. sacred bonds of matrimony. The bride was beautifully gowned and looked all mail matter to 404 East Fourth take in securing the services of our worthy representative to officiate on any and all occasions. If the Spiritualists of Dallas and other cities of Texas realize what is for their best good and spiritual advancement they will certainly keep this worthy lady in this state as long as possible. Under her ministradress 1429 Market street, San Franbers and interest daily."

Eva L. Stewart writes: "At our social given on Feb. 18, we were very successitualists here, not only the Spiritualists | ful. Mr. Stillman for the musical and | with drinking water that is better than but the thinking masses of this place. Miss Harold as reader, did themselves | all the medicine in the world, also good credit. Mrs. Elmo being sick, she sent her better half and we were entertained | interest every one to come and enjoy by tests by him. Mrs. Hodge gave good | a few weeks with us, and we know you Mattie E. Hull writes: "A pretty tests. Mrs. E. Kline is our test medium. We all feel that we can't give her enough praise. We had with us for the past four weeks, Madam A. Lazhell, who has given good tests by psychomet- to the Ladies' Auxiliary, will receive ric readings. On March 14, we hold a our most heartfelt thanks. Send all Harmony Circle at Mrs. Mann's parlors. The object of this for the members to 386 Twenty-third street, Detroit, Mich. become more acquainted with each other. On March 21, we are to have a social entertainment at our hall, 323 East 55th street, to consist of music, tests, messages and dancing. Lunch will be served. A hand-painted velvet sofa pillow will be raffled off that evening. The fillow is valued at \$5. Last Sunday we had a talk from Mr. E. Dierkes on how he was forced to become a Spiritualist. He is a fine speaker and anyone wanting his services will | earthly thought realm was to teach us do well to correspond with him. His address is 743 West 66th street. March 22 we are to have Rev. J. M. Green, of Oak Grove speak for us. On the 29th we art to-hold a jubilee in honor of the anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, of perception who are wanting in the and invite all good mediums and speakers to be present and help us in the

the hall between the two sessions." J. Shaw Gillespie writes from San Francisco, Cal.: "It is with pleasure that I announce that arrangements have been effected whereby the permanency of the Philosophical Journal is assured. E. Hull Social Club will serve supper in At a meeting of the board of directors, on Friday evening, Mr. J. Munsell Chase and myself associated ourselves with the management. Mr. Chase has been engaged as editor. The Journal will appear regularly, and we trust as time goes on improvements will be

good cause. Lunch will be served at

W. J. Elmo writes: "Crowded to the door-that is the kind of meeting the Chicago Spiritual Alliance Society of Lakeside Hall, 3103 Indiana avenue, are having. The Hon. R. Gilray will speak low desire does not satisfy the craving Sunday, March 22. Come early. Mrs. of the highest within us, so in time has Elmo, assisted by Mr. Charles J. Peterson, will give tests and messages."

C. D. Benner writes: "A quiet wedding took place in Washington, D. C., Thursday, March 5. The contracting est in the unfolding from within, from parties were Dr. J. M. Temple and Mrs. S. B. Packard. The ceremony was perhave a genuine home celebration. Re- formed by the Rev. Alexander Kent. member the date and place of meeting. Only immediate friends of the family

Mrs. Hattie G. Webster writes from Columbus, Ohio: "The West Side Spiritual Church has had exceedingly interesting meetings during the months of January and February. Prof. J. O. Drummond served the society as speaksome very beautiful thoughts. At 8 p. | antly associated with the West Side m., Dr. Hewitt, gave one of his interest- | church since its origin some two years ago and has contributed his talent as to be true to ourselves is to so use our the intelligent mind. Messages are al- | well as money towards the fund for the payment of the church, and the officers ter Howard Sherk has consented to as- | and members are very grateful to him sist the music with his violin. Our au- for the same. Mrs. Edith McClossen is | tice of itself; so the great, lasting pleasserving the society for four Sundays | ure of endeavor is in itself, in the doing. this month as lecturer and test medium, with excellent results. Mr. Homer Green, a test and trumpet medium, has also done good service for the church. He followed Mrs. McClossen with tests and readings, and has also given the society two fife trumpet seances which netted the dhurch neat sums toward their payment as well as to spread the Truman speaks for this society for the philosophy through the demonstration of the phenomenal. He has expressed in the parlors of Mrs. F. A. Wood, 402 his desire to see the West Side Church grow, and says helwill do all he can to help us. The last Sunday in March will be celebrated as the Fifty-fifth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, with conference service and an appropriate pro-A number of speakers and test mediums be held at Mrs. Keeler's, and Ladies' will be present with us, and help to make the event one long to be rememhered. We will decorate with plants.

C. J. Barnes writes: "I am now at Villa Ridge, Ill., stopping with Brother April. I will make my stay as long as

Mrs. Lily LeSieur writes: "At our last Band of Harmony, March 5, at our af-Ohlo: "The Spiritualists of Massillon | ternoon session. Kate Field was the inthe Ohio Association of Spiritualists, teresting. We had a large attendance. and have perfected an organization to both afternoon and evening. We shall be known as the Church of Spirit Com- | hear from Marietta Holly at our next Brother Matthew Miller was clected | articles left over from our bazear, were disposed of at auction. Miss Hallie W. P. Fredon, M. D. Price to center Messenger drew the red and white

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Mrs. Harriet Heyne writes from Spir-Correspondent writes from Beaver

Falls, Pa.: Spiritualism in this place is spreading rapidly. The society, although young, gives promise of a bright future. Mrs. Emma Nutt Moore, of Jackson, Mich., is serving the meetings of the season. Our lyceum is society for this month. The audiences being well attended. The orthodox min- are large, and thoroughly interested There will be appropriate anniversary exercises held. The lyceum is a bright feature of the society, and under the able ministration of its efficient officers is doing well. Dr. G. W. Renner, trumpet medium, is doing good work. Mrs. Moore's home address is 111 West Mason street, Jackson, Mich., where she will be pleased to hear from societies desiring a speaker and medium." J. F. Stafford writes: "There was a

meeting held in Hopkins' Hall, March Nellie S. Baade united these two in the | 13, at which time some of the most convincing tests that I have ever listened to were given. We have had Mrs. sweetly while she responded to the Emmliss Blake, the noted medium of questions relating to her vows, while Grand Rapids, Mich. Her tests are of the groom looked manly and noble the highest order. Calling people in while he promised to love, cherish and the audience out by name and relating protect the lady of his choice during | circumstances that occurred in some their natural lifetime. The ceremony cases years ago. Mrs. Alice Gehring, was most impressive, and we wish to | who is a resident of our city, gave tests. say no society or people make any mis- | She can convince the most skeptical person that spirits come to each one of us when the chance is given them. Then comes Mrs. Mary Concannon, who is fast developing as a speaker." Mrs. Ben Knowles writes: "To all

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The great object to be attained by the propulsion of Spiritualism into our of ourselves, and all projections of mental effluvia into our aural bodies is for the same purpose.

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In the doing, then, is to be found the extreme pleasure of achievement, no matter how trivial the act may be; and as Nature in us, as in everything else, is ever seeking a state of happiness, anything that gives sensation of pleasure is in just so much heavenly. The pleasure, then, of personal endeavor is in the accomplishment of desire. This is as true of low desires as of any, but the to be abandoned; the highest seeks to lead, so all efforts in this direction give most pleasurable, heavenly effects.

The joy in personal endeavor is greatthe consciousness of achievment, which means to us greater sense of power, of enlargement.

One great difficulty among people who come into Spiritualism and to the knowledge of the fact of having guides, helpers on the yon side, is that they immediately fall into the error of looking to them for help and lean on them, as a loafer does against a lamp-post, not realizing the office of a true guide is to assist in unfolding themselves, their own true selfhood. To this end suggestions are given, then the individual is

These helpers might use their ad-anced knowledge to do our work for A series of lessons on the relations of the vanced knowledge to do our work for us: but would that unfold us, would we be happier, stronger? No: for it is out of ourselves we draw to benefit, and in this alone is the real satisfaction. Then powers as to be able to reach a plane of happiness, a heaven. Virtue is its own reward, in the prac-

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N. S. A., and many writers, use the ex- respecter of persons? Would it not pression, "Infinite Intelligence." If have been better to use the "flaming growth in equality and power is a law of sword" on the walking delegate before matter and spirit, as revealed in Na- he entered Eden? How can we reconture, can there be any such thing as "In- cile this action of the Grandpa with pression if correct, preclude progress?

A. As a folk-lore story, embodying Should we not rather speak of this all-Does not the ex- justice? the limit of power and growth?

ference between them. The history of the good brother is killed, the bad on creation reveals the remarkable fact that if an intelligence exists, and has wrought through matter, it has not been allowing nor allowerful. Thus in the good brother is kined, the bad ship remains, and God makes life a hardship for him and all his descendants, because he is evil. all-wise nor all-powerful. Thus in the | Why is Cain, the first born, evil? Be

The progress of living beings from comes to an end. If we call this creative power God, we shall be under the necessity of believing that God is a being of growth and a learner by experience. This history of creation is a record of mistakes and blunders, as a man in darkness sees a far-away light and with unsteady and faltering steps makes his way toward it, always guided by it, and going in the same direction. Creation has proceeded on exactly the same lines that finite inventors work in perfecting their inventions. Thus take he steam engine as illustrative. What an uncouth thing it was at first, but the best its maker could then evolve. It was improved and improved, each ma-chine being more "fit," until after thousands and tens of thousands of failures, an engine that by fulfilling all requirements and conditions of the laws of heat and water, is perfected.. Had the first inventor been infinite to the degree of having the knowledge of those who came after him, he could and would have made his first engine as perfect as

Hence, if we were to suggest a designation for this world-force, it would be Progressive Intelligence. It is "Infinite," as surpassing human understanding; it is universal, as it must be in every part of creation, and it is progressive, for it advances by growth. may speculate, and build theories on the definitions we give to words, but let us be modest, and honestly confess the evolution and growth is before us and our descriptions and classification of the phenomena, we call science, but of the force, the resistless energy which pushes the mighty tide of events on-ward, we know absolutely nothing.

Lewis Erickson: Q. Is it possible for a human body with its organic elements to be produced except by birth and growth?

A. This question arises from the claims made by believers in materialization that it is possible. If, however, we pause for a moment to consider, we shall conclude that it is self-evidently impossible. Could a body be thus materialized, it would be able to remain indefinitely, and not subject to momentary "dematerializations." There is one process and one only by which a living body can come into existence.

Or is it the ghosts In silver hosts
Of birds that we

H. Augir: Q. Have we any reliable knowledge of the condition of Napoleon Bonaparte on his entrance into spirit and Spiritual Universe," By E. D. ife; and his present condition?

A. When the spirit of Napoleon es- comprehensive view of the subject; caped the confining bars of his physical philosophic, historic, analytical and critbody, and the fetters of his keepers, he was bereft of all the gand and tinsely the power and prestige he possessed in earth life. The material world had passed from him. There was nothing

or exercise his genius for diplomacy of war. He carried with him not a single thing that served his purposes in this life. Yet, most potent of all, he retained luded soldiers who had been sent to slaughter by his command and given up their lives for his advancement and glory, had been drawn together by the foelings and sentiments which had act-uated them in this life, and these had patiently awaited the coming of their great chieftain. His dazed spirit was met by the former courtlers, generals, and officials and a court established, in exact correspondence with the glories of the Napoleonic empire. That court is yet maintained, and will be until the ing compels the answers to be made in the most condensed form, and often clearness is perhaps sacrificed to this forced brevity. Proofs have to be omitclusions, and in social parties, the sertive, which of all things is to be dep- deeds of earth-life recounted. All these plans are subjective—that is exist only in fancy, yet such is their vividness they become objective realities, as the

M. H. Darrow: Q. I come to you for help in my Bible studies. I find that Cain, the first son of Adam, was a tiller of the ground, and at a certain time took of the fruits of his toil an offering the most choice of his flock, and he and his offering were received with favor. This resulted in a strike, for which Cain and his descendants have ever since been blacklisted. As both brothers had done the best they could, without They ushered in an era grand N. B. Freeland, Oklahoma: Q. The promise of reward, was not the Lord a

pervading power, as universal intelli- Cain and Abel has few equals. It porgence-not infinite as having reached trays the simple faith of the childhood of man; the trusting confidence with A. The real signification of infinite, which he approached his gods and his is that it is something beyond our comprehension. To a Congo negro a thousand is an infinite number. A billion to most minds, is as infinite as a trillion, for there is failure to appreciate the different forms of the cause of the quarrel of two brothers, and the had one

creation of worlds, the result was not a cause his father was the Evil One. success. In fact, it would appear to hu- Eve's sin was a great deal more than man reason, that the best only came as a cating the forbidden apple. She paran accident after countless failures. In our solar system the outer planets are Hence Cain, product of that infinite so far from the sun that they have a crime, merited the anger of the good winter climate, the nearest broils in the God. After all I have a whole-hearted heat. The inclination of the axes of sympathy for Eve, even if she did by the planets makes a greater portion of her curiosity bring tribulation to the their surface untenable by living be- world. According to all the accounts, ings. The zone of the planetoids utter- Adam was the most contemptible sneak ly falled in producing a planet, forming that ever hid behind a fig leaf. If this instead innumerable fragments. Saturn alone is given rings. Now it is an advantage or a disadvantage for a planet to have rings. Saturn's inhabitants, whose inspiration is drawn through the with the heavy shadows of these rings | Pope, from Christ uimself. The priest constantly sweeping over them, must will tell him to believe just as it is regard them as a nuisance. We are written, and stop thinking about it. If glad there are no such useless append-he is unsatisfied, and continues his in-ages attached to the earth. easiest passages to harmonize with reathe cell of protoplasm—or amoeba—to son. For instance, when Cain had man, is marked by innumerable failures killed Abel, Adam was the only man beto one success. These creations, side himself on the earth, yet he comswarming land and sea, proved to be plained to the Lord that "Every one "unfit" and perished to make room for that findeth me shall slay me." So the "fit," which in turn were Lord put a mark on Cain and sent out a blunders of creative energy. Again and proclamation, that if any one did kill again they perish; again and again Cain, he would take seven-fold vengetheir places are filled by new attempts, ance. From Cain's anxiety, we would the last are most "fit." Sometimes the last is least "fit" of all, and the efforts fear? How came a nation in the Land They came to teach us of the spheres My friend, if you want to believe this Where every grade of soul appears story "as she reads," don't think, don't reason: just believe!

#### HOW OLD AM 1?

'How old am I?" Do you ask to-day, And how many years do I count? And what does Time on his dial say? Will I figure the real amount?

To tell the truth—the real truth

'Tis a power I do not possess. Since I must speak from my point o view.

From my sorrow, or happiness. For Time and I can never agree, On the varied dates that he writes. Because the years are so full, you see,

Of life's moving shades and it And, too, we cannot judge by the signs

For the face of youth may be old, And care may draw on the brow its And the heart be cankered and cold This body I live in-though 'tis mine,

To "use" or "abuse," as I choose. Is only my house, my name and sign, To keep for a time-and to lose.

The longer "I" live, the more "I" feel, That "I" shall forever be young;. The youth of the soul, all shall reveal, Its glories forever be sung.

"How old am I?" Do you ask to-day? "How old am I?" Do you as a way,
Just as old as I feel—no more—
"Tis heart-beats, not years that build
life's way,
And the deeds that we keep in store.
ELLA DARE.

#### FLYING FISH.

Out where the sky and the sky-blue see Merge in a mist of sheen; There statted a vision of silver things, A leap and a quiver, a fish of wings, The sky and the sea between.

Is it of birds from the blue above,

Of birds that were drowned at sea?
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BY DEAN CLARKE.

his love of power, ambition, and selfish-ness. His marshals, captains and dearound The ever welcome day, To talk with spirits passed away.

When first we learned a way was found With thankful hearts once more meet Upon the shores of time,

With speech and song the day to greet
Which brought this light sublime. Events more grand have oft occurred As view by human sight; Than those strangs raps at Hydesville heard.

On that eventful night,

But no event on history's page That more important seems. Compares with that which gilds this age With heaven's refulgent beams.

Nay, e'en the light of Beth'lem's star Will pale in coming years, Eclipsed by this through "Gates Ajar" Which now on earth appears,

Far brighter than the "Star of Hope" Dawned this great Sun of truth, Which leaves no shade through which To find immortal youth.

Those signal sounds that then were heard Announced a mighty power, Which came to give God's Living Word; Adapted to this hour.

Those tiny raps had import great
Of mighty things to come,
Of world-wide change in Church and To country, and to home.

For freedom, truth and right, Which shall prevail in every land Upheld by God's own might.

The hosts of heaven then came once more As in the ancient days,

In many forms and ways. They bore the seals of God's decree Discourse with man to hold, And spake with His authority

The spirit on all flesh to pour

As angels did of old. They were the promised comforters Returned from spheres above, Truth's authorized interpreters And almoners of love.

They came to preach a gospel new-Glad tidings to all men, And peace on earth once more renew, Good will to bring again.

They came to do God's will on earth As it is done in heaven. To teach mankind the precious worth Of life that here is given.

They came to bring the bread of life To feed our hungry hearts, To banish want, and woe, and strife, And teach diviner arts.

They came to comfort those who mourn And wipe away their tears, To bind up hearts with anguish torn, And banish all their fears.

They came to set the people free From every yoke that binds, Or holds in thrall-the liberty Of bodies, souls, or minds.

They came to heal the sick once more To cure the halt and blind, And all the spirit gifts of yore Restore to bless mankind.

They came to prove there is no death. But 'tis a second birth When mortals yield their vital breath And leave their mother earth: That soul and spirit rise above

To realms of endless day.

Where all shall meet the friends they

where they as spirits dwell, And finds a heaven or hell.

They also taught that heaven and hell Conditions are of mind— That he who does each duty well No future hell will find;

But he who lives a selfish life-A slave to lust and pelf. Will enter spheres with sorrow rife-A hell within himself!

They came to teach Progression's plan Which works without a flaw, To elevate the race of man

Through Evolution's law; That it continues through the spheres Uplifting every soul. Until no stain of sin appears,

Nor evil gains control. But most of all, they came to teach Our duties here below, That we must practice what we preach

And good on all bestow. Belief they tell us will not save From retribution just.

A soul that is a willing slave To evil thoughts and lust. But we must work Salvation out

By duties well performed, From sinful lives must turn about And be in thought reformed.

Through education we must rise. To gain the higher light, And e'er aspiring to be wise Must work with all our might.

For every blessing that we crave, We must by effort, earn, And when our souls we seek to save

We must from evil turn. No martyr's blood, nor "saving grace" Atones for human sin. But Love and Truth redeem the race And makes them pure within.

Such was in part the mission grand For which the Angels came Proclaiming truth in every land In God's most holy name.

O'er all the earth the news has gone And millions now rejoice, That though their friends are spirit-

They hear their "still, small voice." No more we weep in blind despair \Uncertain of their fate, We know they've found a world more

Than was their earthly state.

We know they're neither dead nor

damned, Nor waiting for their doom-Is now an empty room.

The revelations they have brought

Have changed the old belief,
And horrid creeds that once were Have, come to final grief, - to the The grave has now its vict'ry lost

And Death has lost his sting For souls no longer tempest tost... The glorious tidings bring Then let us raise our standard high Of "Truth against the world."
And yow, while we its foes defy
It never shall be furled!

#### PROGRESSION.

Changes in Bellef—An Old-Time Spiritualist Passed On.

How the world changes progression marks each step his human life. It seems sometimes as if we were almost seems sometimes as at we were amost living in the spiritual teglay, there is such a growth of new ideas, broader views for the benefit of mankind, a nearness to the Infigite in individual thought and action in the spiritual teglay was the children much attention. Mr. Edward Penn, a member of the church and a lover of the lyceum work wished to have the honor of defraying all exsion. law unjustly administrance. sion, law unjustly administered, men Penses, which was granted him with bowing before the mighty, god of mammon, rolling in untold wealth; while perhaps within a stone's throw of their elegant homes little children, half-clad, go, supperless to bed. What a contrast! but the mills of God for them to invite a young friend or party to the children. It was an evening long to be remembered. Each pupil received two invitations, one for themselves and one for them to invite a young friend or party though along the practically many thanks, and which practically many thanks are practically many thanks. only that which enpobles the character, uplifts and elevates the soul, will be of any real worth, in the continued life

that is to be. These thoughts were suggested by an article recently published in the Congregationalist and Christian World, in which the writer refers to the fact that many eminent clergymen, both among the Congregationalists and Unitarians, believe that the time is coming when these two denominations will ultimately unite as one, And then, after giving a brief summary of past and present ideas as regards the Unitarian belief, he adds: "Congregationalists no longer affirm as a dogma the total de-pravity of the human race, while they give greater emphasis than formerly to the humanity of Christ as the manifestation of God," etc. Not believe in total depravity! How

my mind goes back to the old white church of my childhood; again I see the dear, care-worn faces of those men and women who, Sabbath after Sabbath, never failed of being found in their accustomed place, listening with awe and reverence to the severe truths, so forcibly expounded from the high pulpit. Ah it was a pittless creed, but they tried to conform their lives to its precepts, and died in the full hope of a blessed immortallty beyond the tomb.

How their hearts would have been cheered by this clear light of the twentieth century, fear and superstition givof a heaven-born hope. But somewhere, still working for the good of humanity, who can say that they were not unseen agents, in bringing obout this new dawn, for whose noon-day radiance we

We know to-day that the strongest powers are silent ones, and that the material universe is permeated and acted upon by spiritual forces. Science. sculpture, music, the crowded mart, and the deep quiet of peaceful homes, are oft touched by a vanished hand, Sunday, Feb. 8, there passed to the eternal shores, one who was in full harmony with the present religious move-ment, Daniel P. Wilder, in the 85th year of his age. He was one of the early pioneers of Spiritualism in Vermont; at whose home Achsa Sprague first gave to the world her messages from another life, and later on through his assistance

commenced her career as a public speaker in the stone church at So. Reading. About thirty-five years ago he built a large hotel at Plymouth Union, whose hall was dedicated to the use of Spiritualism. Here, year after year, in the beautiful month of June, the state association met in a three-days' convention. What a long list of lecturers and mediums, most of whom are now on the other side, have stood upon that platform. Warren Chase, Isaac P Joseph Stiles, Geo. A. Fuller, Jennie Ha-and friends of the lyceum, in recognigan Jackson, and many others which

space forbids me to mention. Kenyon, Sarah Wiley, Austin Simmons, the children is, that he gave each pupil Fannie Davis Smith, Abbie Tanner of the lyceum an examination of the Crosset, while here in the early days head and face, putting into writing the ame Maud Lord Drake, bringing to so many saddened hearts messages of joy which they were best adapted, which and comfort from their angel loved will no doubt be of great benefit, com-

Near by stands Liberal Institute. which for a while, as its name indicates, flourished under undenominathose rooms echoed to the joyous laughter of merry students-all is silent and deserted; the old bell hangs speechless; and in the belfry tower, doves build their nests, flying to and fro at pleas-

And he who took such an interest in all this, whose hand was ever open to but something seemed to make his aid the cause he loved, was almost the voice quiver as he tried to find words to last of the old co-workers for Spiritualism to cross the river. In the great parlor of the home he held so dear, Mr. A. F. Hubbard, inspired by the influence of Achsa Sprague, conducted the simple funeral service. And over the quiet threshold he was borne to the little rest beside the wife who, twenty years before, had preceded him to the shores immortal.

One after another they whisper low, good-bye, yet only for a little while: for us the day and night of earthly experience, for them a better land and better love-then we shall meet.

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And trusting God the whole to bless-Bless each his fellow man. Then strike your harps ye angel choir And join each earthly throng, To chant the theme that now inspires

Our hearts with joyous song. Let heaven and earth their love display For truth that makes all free, And make its glorious "Dayning Day Both worlds' Grand Jubilee!

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The pupils of the lyceum of the First Spiritualist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., had a grand treat on the evening of Feb. 26, at the church. A party was arranged for them to honor Rev. Victor many thanks, and which practically made it Mr. Penn's party to the chil-dren. It was an evening long to be reare grinding sure, though slow. And rents. The church was arranged in when viewed from a higher standpoint, parlor effect and handsomely decorated

with palms and potted plants.
At 8:30 o'clock Miss Florence Beebe, planist for the evening, commenced the evening's enjoyment by rendering a two step. Soon the floor of the dance hall was filled with young dancers, many of them being masters of the art, while some were just learning to step to the music. Every face beamed with happiness, which made questions as to their enjoyment unnecessary. The leaders of the different classes and a few adults who were present, assisted the young dancers, also the infants to amuse themselves by different games in the lecture room. If the amount of noise, they all made is any indication of a good time, the effort to describe their happiness would be a task. They were all too animated to talk in the ordinary pitch of voice, and therefore had to give vent to their enthusiasm with greater force, which privilege was granted them all beforehand. It was the children's night, and we were glad to see that they realized it. It was a case of the adults to "go away back and look on." At 10 o'clock the conductor of the ly-

ceum, Miss Bessie Starr, called the chil-

dren to order and arranged them for a grand march. The strangers all took part in the march, the different colored flags being used which made it a beautiful sight. The march was nicely outlined and every pupil kept perfect time lined and every pupil kept periect line to the music. Mr. Wyldes, Mr. Penn and President W. L. Albee were requested to be seated in front of the rostrum, and as the line of march passed them the children all waved their flags over the heads of honored guests. After the banners had been delivered and a countermarch with a few fancy circles around the healt the two columns were around the hall, the two columns were marched up on opposite sides of a long table that had been prepared for them. At the signal of the conductor all were seated and every voice was raised to its utmost volume in singing that beautiful song, "Love One Another," composed by their loving and esteemed former conductor, Mrs. Mattle Hull. Next a letter was read from Mr. and Mrs. Hull, from Whitewater, Wis., in reply to their invitation, in which they expressed a heartfelt appreciation, and regretted their inability to be present. They extended their love and benediction to all, and especially Mr. Wyldes in whose honor the children had assembled, wishing him God-speed and much success in his good work for humanity. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Hull, for your kind words to us all and the many grand lessons we have received from you in the past. With the letter and the song we realized your presence in spirit.
At this point of the proceedings,
Mrs. Barr was called on to perform a

duty that had been her lot to take the lead in, by request. With appropriate words a beautiful gold watch tion and appreciation of the good work he had done during his stay here. One And our own state speakers, Nellie of the things so much appreciated by principal traits and ing from one who is thoroughly versed in that science. Many of the readings have been confirmed by parents, as to the tendencies of their children. Inside of the watch were engraved the words, "Lyceum and friends of the First Spiritual Church, Buffalo, N. Y., Feb'y, 1903," and on the outside the monogram "V. W." was beautifully engraved. Mr Wyldes was almost riveted to his chair by the surprise: he arose to respond amid great applause of the children, express himself, and the friends who were seated close enough detected something in his eyes that expressed the depth of his appreciation. Among his remarks he said: "I am not worthy of this. I am only a servant in the hands of a power that molds every human being to what they are. I have not done as much as I would like to, but all that time would permit. I will try to earn this reward by serving you in some way that I may become worthy of your expressions of love and good will."

Mr. Albee next made some very good remarks, calling attention to the necessity of the young to choose good company and keep themselves respectable both in appearance and in mind, and not let themselves go down the path of ruin by yielding to influences of others of a less refined type. He paid his respects to Mr. Penn and thanked him for his generosity, and hoped that the children would all grow up in this cause, and when they reached his age would still continue to support the cause of reform.

Mr. Penn seemed happy through and through at the children's enjoyment, and in his remarks said that he was fully repaid by seeing the children having a good time, and as no doubt he would soon pass to the other side of life, his best heaven would be in coming back and seeing this lyceum and other lyceums prospering and the children growing up to manhood and womanhood in the Spiritual cause. He closed by saying he hoped the tree of spiritual truth would grow and expand until its branches reached from pole to

The children all listened very earn estly to all that had been said, and the next thing was to partake of the delica-cies of which there was an abundance. Ice cream, a variety of cales and fruits of all kinds. The table was beautifully decorated with potted flowers and flags of different colors fastened to every third chair, giving the table an artistic effect. Sixty-seven children in all were seated.

After refreshments, dancing was resumed for a time and then an intermis

sion, at which time Master Harold Roberts, a visitor, favored us with a number of songs, and Master Ralph Inylor, one of our lyceum pupils, with a beautiful melody in the form of war bling. Master Taylor manipulates his lips exceedingly well and is destined to Arclent and Modern Mysterics Classible a master of the art. Master Roberts ned and Explained." By Andrew Jackban Davis. We have befow copies of make a success as a singer if he stroutiful work by the cessbrated seer. choose that as his vocation. Dancing that, \$1.10.

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smiling expression, indicative of a good time. We believe the children were benefited and that our lyceum will be benefited in the way of growth, by this

assembly.

Those who arranged for the party and assisted the children in their merry time were Mrs. Starr, chairwoman, Miss Starr, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Van Buskirk, and Messrs. Beesing, Eddy, Phelps, Hanson and Dr. Hagen.

We thank this paper very much for the publication, as the children will all want a copy with this account, being the first party held especially for them, and may also be of interest to other ly-ceums. HENRY L. HANSON. Buffalo, N. Y.

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Unfortunately for myself, I was confined to my room by temporary illness while they were here, but so many good reports have come to my ears, relative ing to know the true and honest status to Mr. Sprague's lectures, and his talks with those of Mrs. Sprague to the students in the class-room, I feel in justice to make this acknowledgment through

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there was for Spiritualism in White-water, they would not only feel proud, but they would desire to encourage the enterprise and help as much as possi-

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Another of our old pioneer Spiritual ists, Manson B. Woodcock, of Battle Creek, Mich., passed to spirit life, Mar. 6, aged 76 years. He served in the civil war. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. P. T. Johnson.

D. W. DIXON.

Passed to spirit life, Feb. 25, 1903, Ida A., wife of Wm. N. Bennett, aged 51 years. She was a firm believer in the Spiritualist philosophy, and read The Progressive Thinker and the premium books with much interest. She was a true and loving wife. She leaves a husband to mourn her loss, but who expects to meet her on the other side. Bristol, Vt.

Mrs. Katie Calvin passed to the higher life, from the home of her sister, Mrs. Will Raymond, March 6, aged 46 years. She leaves a daughter and two sons who realize that their physical loss is her spiritual gain. Services conducted by the Rev. Mr. Craig, from the home of her uncle, Mr. Ansel Goodspeed, Hartford, Mich.

MARCELLA GOODSPEED.

state and lived in it the most of his life. He leaves two sons. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. GEORGE H. SMITH.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Danforth, 3746 Dearborn street, March 9, spirit communications, and questions, May Park, after a long illness and great suffering, passed into the realm of spirit. The funeral services were held at the above address, March 11. Miss Park, by kindness and charity, won for herself a heat of falorida where love. for herself a host of friends whose love and sympathy gave her strentgth to endure the awful pains that attended her Cowen, test mediums. Services, 8 p. m. illness. She was known for many years past as an earnest defender of Spirit-ualism, and at all times she was in readiness to give proofs that Spiritualism. was true. Truly a grand, good woman 8 p. m. Messages by H. F. Coates and has entered the kingdom of truth, to others. Plenty of good inusic. send back messages of love to those she held in high esteem. By her request the funeral services were conducted by

Passed to spirit life, Feb. 16, at the by Mrs. Schwann and other good speak age of 78, Charles E. Sanders, Gilroy, Santa Clara county, Cal. He was a native of Nova Scotia. He took ship at Boston in '49, came around the Horn to California. He was a pioneer worker Van Buren Opera House, corner of in the mines a few years, and then settled on a farm where he passed away in the firm belief in the truth of the Spir-vited to attend. itual philosophy.

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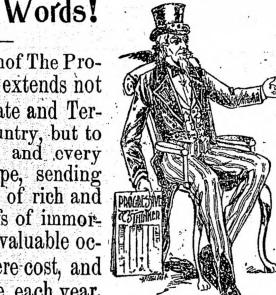
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