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Sar'gis to the Front.

# This Eminent Thinker Has Something to Say of Theosophy and Kindred Matters.

To the Editor:-The Progressive chela and accept a gooroo as a pilot-a once characterized the Brahmin in the Thinker is an exceptional publication. sort of ascetic trainer who prepares you days of long ago, when the great minds Rectic in interest. Particularly is this geration. The man who reasons, who requires with a postulate a fact or two

The letters of Beecher through Carthrown in to give it character, becomes lyle Petersifea, the lectures of Prof. impatient of this ever assumption with Leadbeater, of Mrs. Richmond, the an always absent color of fact, and to be weird statement of Baba Bharati, the "holy man" Hindoo, the interview with for that illumination of mind that ac-mogony was evolutionary, idealized, Dr. Peebles, together with other mat cepts hypothe ters make a variety of reading that pro- work with it. cepts hypothesis without a single fact to vokes the admiration of those free to These theosophic brethren are very think.

It is not the purpose here to be even critical much less censorious on the one hand or to go into conniptions one way or other over any of them. It would be a very stale world if everybody agreed with everybody. It might be the be-atific state of the universal brotherhood devotee, but an invertebrate existence to the ordinary vulgar.

The object of this talk is to comment

things. on some of the things suggested by Baba Bharati on the one hand and Leadbeater on the other. It is a blessed pe-cultarity of the average human to most seriously discuss things he does not and cannot know. The callow call this mental exercise religion, and the learned style it metaphysics, while some in trade of these navel-gazers from time even assume it to be philosophic. But beyond tradition. Every healthy, informed brain knows that abnormal the text book savant insists that we receive it as scientific. But when the physical training and practice will proiconoclastic outlaw comes along the mote abnormal nervous and consequent show begins to exhibit its real tinsel mental activity, and the observer of and the posturer before the shrine of hysteria needs no theorizing about Sam the last word in knowing. Suffice it in the occult becomes simply an actor be chita, Prarabdha, or Kriomana Karma that direction to say: That conceding chita, Prarabdha, or Kriomana Karma fore the painted scenery. But when we read the well-constructed sentences of to understand the situation. The trouble about Spiritualism is that

it is too simple and matter of fact to the Theosophist and the forest wanderings of the holy Hindoo after the divine breed a sacerdotal class. Without too much preliminary writinflux, efflux, or the conflux of the two, we are at a loss which to do deplote the rudimentary state of our intelli-gence or egotistically to thank our stars ing it may be well to refer to views com-ing through mediumship. What is said is the thing, important rather than who

that we live in a practical age, in which the conditions that most contribute to human happiness and content are basically dependent on the ease and abundance with which the necessary three meals a day are obtained by the average man, women and child. For after all, human progress and happiness rest upon the possession of these essen

HINDOO IDEALS.

Now, nobody, no scholar, no thinker

Devoted, distinctively, to a particular to live on charity and sleep on the bare of the world sought wisdom in India as department of knowledge, yet it is so ground. This may not be a reverent to the science of the soul, it has degen-diversified in the character of its contri- form of speech as to our theosophic erated in spirituality to a cunning and butions and contents as to be really eco friends, but in essence there is no exag- sophistical subtlety, and closed its eyes to the higher light of Brahm.

**OBJECT OF VEDIC RELIGION.** The object of the Vedic religion and its early teachers was to open to the and symbolized by the egg that floated in the vast waters, over which Brahm brooded and from which was born the considerate of Spiritualists as long as earth. It is thus easy to see the se-

they can get access to our platforms quence that by their cosmogony all lifeand newspapers. But when it comes to forms, all souls are the offspring of neighborly returns they are as close as close communion baptists. And when planetary conditions and originate in the concentration of forces which enter the skin of diplomacy is scratched the into planetary construction in individ-dogmatism of uncharitableness is dis-closed, full armed as that of the fretful form of the doctrine of evolution. orthodox porcupine. It is refreshing once-in-a-while to hear from a robust But not to be too tedious: What has this life to teach? Simply the develop-

ment of form powers, and when this is secured what call or use for farther form life—for all that earth can teach is mentality like Brother Peebles, on these Theosophy; aside from its incomprehensible terminology, its quackery in what is embraced in the perception of Hindoism, is the perpetuation in westthe five senses. Spiritual unfoldment ern mentality of all the vagarles about belongs to the spirit and can be achieved in the spirit world after the "spooks," "elementals," "astrals," "shells," etc., that have been the stock "astrals," planet has done its preliminary work.

KARMA CRITICALLY EXAMINED. It is not the purpose here to enter into an argument on an admitted hypothe sis, for that is treading a circle, but more as a form of protest against the assumption of superior wisdom, if not what has the support of scientific demonstration and of spirit endorsement both-that life-forms are from the planet and embryonic, there is but one logical conclusion-that to destroy this

embryonic life is to destroy an individual-life-germ. The common law recognizes infanticide as murder. Nature is only a synonym for eternal law. There is no haphazard or caprice in her work-

ETERNITY OF MATTER. The great lack of Theosophists is that ing. Therefore all human beings in they fail to conceive of the eternity of the body must be reincarnations and matter as well as spirit, and fail to con-nect the two as correlated in the cos. Science tells us that the planet is punishes as infanticide. Or. put in par-not in the same condition as in the lier stages. It shows to day that life. of a bad karma suspends its rules and forms are controlled by the varied con- allows an embryo soul to be ousted or ditions of planetary localities-the rep- obliterated at the instigation of a selftilian and saurian preponderate in the ishness that wasted its own opportu-

dent of Spiritualism, can understand this without entering on the exposition of the topic, which to all such would be but a recitation of accepted teaching. SAR'GIS. **REINCARNATION.** 

### ITS NECESSITY VIVIDLY POINTED OUT.

The Views of a Prominent Spiritualist. Men have been born in late centuries

who by common consent are acknowl edged as born ahead of the age in which they lived, while many whose names never appeared in politics and print were likewise great, and a power for good in the land. Let us consider these men passing into spirit life with the lessons they had learned from their own and past ages, and with their own self-hood pre-eminently cultivated to the noblest and highest status of true manhood, they naturally would step in upon a bright and elevated stratum in spirit life, and there onward learn still higher

Necessity for Reincarnation.

Three thousand years prior to the ves of these noble men, others were born, through the same law; and each working out his own destiny. To them this little world was flat, and the majority of them born into servility. They might have been as honest as the major-ity of men in these days, but of the three thousand years' progress follow-ing this THEY COULD NOT KNOW. They also passed to the spirit world, but unless following close to the earthplane, they would to this day be ignor ant of this progress.

Still Farther Evidence of Its Necessity. Three thousand years still farther back among the ancients others were born, probably as herders of . their flocks like the Laplanders; whom by a hundred years of modern training could not be enlightened; nor would they know of our six thousand years progress, and the blessings and conveniences we enjoy to-day. As this was prior to the Age of Conquest their food and scant raiments were all they cared for. These also fulfilled their destiny. Reason was in its infancy, and but by instinct they complied with nature's lemands. They also passed over the River Styx to a stratum according to their understanding-shorn of the grand earth lessons of future ages.

Evidence Cumulative. Merging into earlier antiquity, retrospectively, another ten thousand years, men were born as they are now; their animal propensities predominating; their weapons for defense against mammals were crude: their language a jar gon only understood by their associates; their lives but little above the fierce brutes surrounding them; their food fish and what animals they could by chance destroy. These crude men also at death went into the spirit land half man and half animal in instinct. They were born by the same law of propagation of the species, but, alas, what opportunities had they, compared to the present; and would it be decreed for them to follow the workings of earth's progress for sixteen / thousand ears to the present in order to become enlightened? IT WOULD SEEM AN EXTREME INJUSTICE FOR THEM TO BE CHAINED TO EARTH AS A PUNISHMENT FOR A LIFE THEY

spiration of a spirit from the Aryan or its individuality. Again, children of the India heavens. Reincarnation came into same parents never look exactly alike, the western realm of mentality coinci- nor have the same voice, tendency, dedent with the contact of European sires, aptness, etc., even with the same environments and training; only inher-tions and philosophy of India. Any stu-

transmitted to the tiny bodies, but the spirits or real "selves" differ. About thirty-five years ago when the uestion of reincarnation was first actvely discussed, some men shrunk in hely horror away from the idea, while others reasoned on its possibility; and It was made apparent then that mostly those of our brothers who had made this life a failure were the ones decrying it. This is a grand old world with its everyday lessons, its beauties, its advantages and its commodities over the age a century ago. It is a world of grand opportunities for the unfoldment of self-hood; and by studying what life is, and how to make the best use of it, man will bless his destiny's star for its guidance, BE IT THROUGH OTHER EXPERIENCES EARTH OR

THROUGH OTHER PROGRESSIVE CYCLES, AS HE INTUITIVELY MUST KNOW THAT WHATEVER IS NEED. ED FOR HIS HIGHER DEVELOP-MENTS, HE WILL HAVE TO PASS THROUGH IF HE LIKES IT OR NOT. Pocatello, Idaho. C. J. JOHNSON.

#### A Few Words by the Editor.

We have received many articles in reference to reincarnation-some favoring it, others opposing it. We select one article, by Sar'gis, one of the foremost thinkers of the present age, and spread that before our readers. It contains, nicely elaborated, all the essential thoughts contained in the shorter articles we have received against reincarnation. We follow his article by one from C. J. Johnson, an Idaho medium and philosopher, and there we will let the matter rest for- the present; nothing can be gained by continuing the discussion at the present time.

Next week we shall publish an admirable lecture from Mr. Leadbeater, on THEOSOPHY AND SPIRITUALISM. It is chockful of thoughts sustaining every phase of Modern Spiritualism, and he gives some excellent advice. It will be read with deep interest. All of Mr. Leadbeater's lectures have been read with deep care by the students of the occult. They constitute a veritable mine of valuable information, and they have done Spiritualism good and helped the cause of Truth, and given a healthy tone to thought. He is entitled to the thanks of every one in our ranks.

ABOUT REINCARNATION.

THE TRIALS OF LANDAHL

Translated From "Voices and Visions From the Hidden World."

A student at the University of Upsala, Sweden, of the nation of Westgothia, by the name of Landahl, roomed 'during the fall term of 1821 together with two of my friends, Q. and T., with the former of whom I had for several years been connected by the bonds of a close friendship. The house was located at the Dragarbrunns-street and belonged to a blacksmith. As is the habit of students they had crowded themselves together in two rooms. The outer one was perfectly dark and could only be used as a store-room for trunks, clothes and other things. In the inner one Q. and Landahl slept in the same bed, while T. had his resting-place on a sofa at the opposite wall. October 14, Landahl intended to leave

Upsala in a couple of days, and towards the evening he called the attention of his friends to the fact that he never slept for the last night at a place, where he had lived for some length of time, but the rooms were haunted. 'Why," as he expressed himself, "it also might happen that something would be heard this or the next night." This, however, was only said "en passant,"

and they paid little attention to it. Meanwhile after Q. and Landahl for a while had been lying in their bed reading, and T. already had fallen asleep, the candles were extinguished at a quarter of 11. About two minutes thereafter Landahl's matchbox fell down from the mantelpiece shelf, together with sundry other trinkets. They could not discern what it was. The matchbox, in which the steel was movable, and could be turned around, commenced to move to and fro on the floor, approach the bed, jumped up and rolled around on the quilt.

"Well, now it is here," Landahl exclaimed, and pulled the quilt over his face. Q. kicked off the quilt with his feet so it fell on the floor. For a while there was a silence. Soon, however, it commenced to rap in the wall, and straightway there was heard a hard knock at the door to the dark room. After the candle was lit we found it was Moller's Church History, which before had been lying in the window, but now from the floor had rebounded so far as to be found lying at the center of the floor. After a little while the chair on which Landahl's clothes were lying, commenced to rock to and fro, 10 creak and scratch the floor and move forward. The two bedmates then became rather scared and Q. exclaimed: "No, now I an end to this." In the same moment | claims, "Come with me and you shall the chair was overturned and the see him!" But when D. resisted him, matchbox, together with certain other

past 1 o'clock when all the noise Ceased. The follo'. Jing day Q. and T. called on E. to tell him what had happened, and he at once went home with them. The noise was continued in full daylight upon their return.

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The door between the two rooms was open, and into the outer room, where andahl's trunk was standing, came flying from the inner one (one at a time) his pocket-knife, candle-snuffer, matchbox, flute, shaving set, razor strop, and seal. Landahl was absent when this happened and no man except the above-mentioned three persons was present. About 1 o'clock they went out to eat their dinner, and on returning, met a countryman, O., who joined company with them in order to also witness something wonderful in the rooms where they lived. Neither was it very long until his curiosity was satisfied, for diverse trinkets hurried of themselves right before his and his friends' eyes, from the inner chamber to Landahl's trunk in the dark closet. At two o'clock, and after O. had left, a book jumped from a corner in the dark room and was slung forward over the floor. Thereupon everything was quiet for that day.

For the next night two countrymen, O. and D., were invited to be present. The light was put out at a quarter to 11. The table which was standing in the center of the floor soon made certain meaning motions, advanced a few steps and with a loud noise threw off two pairs of paper scissors, which were lying on the top of it. After a while T.'s keys flew across the room with a clinking sound. D., (as he afterwards confessed) opened his mouth for a solemn exorcism, when suddenly a slipper comes flying from the floor and hits him on the mouth. But not allowing himself to get scared, he exclaims with a loud voice: "In the name of the triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, I conjure and ask thee, for what purpose does this happen?"--to which, however, there was no other answer than that the table swiftly fell over and dragged a chair with it.

The candles were lit and after the New Testament had been placed on the table, which was put on its legs again, the light was put out for the sec-ond time. The caldle stick now seemed very disatisfied with its position and the candle-snuffer fell to the floor. Then O. lit the candle again. It was not put out any more. All remained oulet. It had struck 12.

The previous day towards the evening Q, and T. had gone out. D. and Landahl were home alone. The latter one opens the door to the closet, saying, "Now I will conjure the spirit," but he rushes back into the room again pale get up and tip the table myself to make and haggard, and grasping D.'s arm, ex-Landahl dropped down on the bed-apthings and trinkets jumped up towards the bedstead, so that Q. again retired Landahl left Upsala, became a minis ter in the diocese he belonged to, and died not long time thereafter. As the causes for the trials he suffered, he has given several explanations. At one time he said that an artisan in the city of B., on his deathbed had accursed him: at another time that he himself at a certain occasion and without his own fault and guilt had committed a grave crime, which here on earth only in that way could be punished. So the story goes! What is told above is true. REV. A. LUNDEBERG. Translator.

k. swledge that comes from the past fauna are found on the elevated habithrough Hindoo ideals and literature. Lats of the temperate zone. And so in karma that it may work out the conse modern or what we call western civil- degree of man. If so in this age what or quences of its own imperfections. But that time when the normal life tempera- there is no end to the stultifications the iz, tion, their impracticability becomes ture of planetary forms was higher than working out of this reincarnation byat once overwhelming. If they are the now. The men and animals-the cave pothesis involves. true way, they are simply nonsense to man and the saurians of that age are us. For thousands of years these now extinct-because the planet is un over the lecture by Prof. Leadbeater in

says it.

MODERN BRAHMINISM.

TRINES.

dreamers have taught and held these suited to their existence. same things-and yet they have been the some leader, protection or as thousands of years ago."

#### TRAMP ENTHUSIASTS.

But what seems so strange is that this as its credential. modern men, schooled by heredity and The oriental mind has ever reasoned environment in the condition of mod- in the apriori manner. It begins with a ern civilization should go to these tramp spirit in control of everything enthusiasis for the wisdom divine. The which grew the mythologic gods of the prisoners of the middle ages confined in western nations, who were not equal to The task is not an agreeable one to so filth and fed on bread and water are by the subtleties of the Hindoo mind. But criticise a gentleman so sincerely escommon consent by our civilization can our modern theosophists while plagia teemed as Prof. Leadbeater, but his very onized as martyrs, but when such are rists in some respects carefully eschew voluntarily assumed in. India the that which even to them is inadmiss makes the exception the more notable. ecstasy of communion with the divine is able. They do not tell you that one of the reward. The human mind is a curi- the most effective ways to escape a bad ous thing after all.

A HIT AT REINCARNATION.

To read Prof. Leadbeater's lectures one is attracted by his clearness of had to be suppressed by the civil power style, the seeming spirit of fairness, lib-

erality and charity that pervades his assurances and the courtesy toward all other forms of opinion. But when you the vedic religion. That teaching was come to his defense of his own views or essentially in accord with the Spiritualthe argument by which he seeks to sup- ist phenomena of to-day. It taught of at their character. It matters not that by which spiritual happiness was to be there is not a scrap of evidence to sup-secured. One of which was the return port the dogma, you are simply told that when you know more you will un tals-thus demonstrating immortalityderstand. Here are a series of postu- and that such return would, be deterlates, many of them as familiar in ethics as the multiplication table in mathematics, and from these a theory pro-jected. If you cannot agree, it is con-soling to be commisserated for the partially developed condition of your mind and to be assured that as you grow wiser you will be able to see the truth. even though it is velled in a mere hypothesis. This assumed superiority is,

in the discussion of ethical questions insufferable and in face to face discussion would be insulting. Again, they tell you that such and

such things are so, that what a man gains by experience in one life, like degains by experience in one life, like de-posits in a savings bank, is available in learn through mediumship, is its influ-another, and so on indefinitely. And ence upon the spirit world of India, when you ask them for a reason they. tell you it must be so, because they cannot think it out any other way-that come re-embodied in order to realize this life is too short for one to acquire their promised relief from their imper-

moment seeks to undervalue the tropical while the mild, grass-eating nity. Or to sum it up: A spirit with bad karm is to kill a soul without a But to return: After carefully reading

The Progressive Thinker of December Human forms, animal forms, vege. 27, its statements and its data, and then prey of every spoiler from Alexander to table forms, mineral formations are all its assumptions, the feeling is simply Clive. Its people instead of following results of planetary forces, and that one of amazement. Aside from his no-some leader, bold to undertake their they subsist from planetary sustenance tice of Spiritualism, which with all due protection or emancipation, chose ought of itself to settle the fact to respect is not worthy a public teacher, rather to go after their "holy men" who thinking minds. And all life forms are there is not a single experience in it that consulted and invoked the divine guid. from planetary relations-they are em. is not obtainable and has been obtained ance by sitting cross-legged in caves or bryotic. To assume then, that this em- through mediumship and Spiritualism. at the cross-roads, tailor fashion, look-ing down their noses at their navels. It won't do to say that this is exaggera-tion do to say that this is exaggera-mother form—can be ousted by a vag. names of modern men are to be quoted tion, for it is of daily observation by travelers in India. But just turn to Baba Bharati's own account of how he when our theosophist friends "get to Spiritualist, who obtained their proof attained divine wisdom, and then his as- know more," they can understand it as through mediums. And why does he surance that they "are the same to-day we do. Planetary life is the beginning soil the otherwise good taste of his lec of form-life-the planet being the first ture by the fling at Spiritualism, that form. Even evolution has no standing "many people think there is nothing to

be found along that line but fraud and at the bar of intellect until it presents deception," when he has to admit that himseif did find otherwise? It is time Spiritualists resented this pharisaical superciliousness in those who seek their audience only to abuse their hospitality. eminence in the courtesy of opinion He tells us it has taken him some twenty years to study what he teaches. karma is to pass out of this life in in-fancy. And they don't tell you that Well, for this writer, that is about the time elapsed since the study of Spiritualism began. That study was undergrowing out of this idea infanticide has taken with the idea that if its postulate was correct the fact was eternal and universal. A village philosopher once

Modern Brahminism, with its reincarsaid that "it takes all kinds of people to make a world." So of the spirit world nation, is not the original teaching of -for all those people go from this world to that. So the investigation was not confined to the 400 of either world port them, you can plead astonishment eternal life, its nature and the methods But all manifestations were sought and welcomed. And all mediums as wellintelligent or ignorant-of the highest of the spirit to earth to manifest to mor-tals—thus demonstrating immortality— and that such return would, be deter-mined by the mental bias of the indi-vidual. How, suggestive is this teach-if a the key to all rational think-ing in things spiritual... But in the because he is And not one of them ng in things spiritual... But in the because he is. And not one of them ands of a caste priesthood this return ever announced that they were reincarwas in time made to embrace reincar- nations-though some mediums like nation, as the great mass of mind could |"the masters" or Dowie, so declare they not comprehend how this could be with- are. But while theosophy was not in out a body to manifest through-hence the study yet the information and lesre-incarnation was devised, and taught sons of those twenty years of Spiritual-by the priests as it formed a strong in- ism are better told in the Professor's fluence in the perpetuation of caste. ecture than had the task fallen to the undersigned. He calls the facts recited EFFECT OF REINCARNATION DOCas theosophical, on the other hand the

same experiences and lessons, are those of Spiritualism. While it may it lustrate the different view different minds may take, the result is for the il where myriads of spirits hover over lustration that a common truth is not mortals seeking for opportunity to be affected.

And so it comes at last in this in stance that Theosophy has no message everything, that it is a reproach to Di- fect development in earth life. So de- that has not been anticipated by medivine economics to deny a farther chance plorable is this condition that it infects | umship-save its specialty which is hyor opportunity and so to get graduating the mental atmosphere of India. The pothetic only. Why, controls have ad-equipment. Then, if you tell them that effect of this condition on the sex im- vocated reincarnation, but never that session of full individuality or selfhood You cannot think their reincarnation pulse may account for much that is oth- one said that they had ever known one-Will CALIDOL think their reincariation pulse may account for much that is other of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to conception. Also, that they had ever known one prior to conception the shift of said that they had ever known one prior to be said that they had ever known one prior to be said that they had ever known one prior to be said that they had ever known one prior to be said that they had ever known one prior to be said that they had ever known

Another Argument in Favor of Reincar nation.

HAVE NOT CHOSEN.

Still another ten thousand years farther back in the age of this planet, men were also born by the same law; but they burrowed in the ground like the fox and the bear, fearing their enemies, the wild brutes—the tiger, lion, cave bear, and others. Their organs were so limited that naught but a grunt or a shrick was capable for them to utter. They had no weapons but the rocks and stones to defend themselves with, and their food the same as their enemiesthe brutes. These also were mortal be-ings, and at death went to the spirit Now, is it possible or probable la'nd. that these children of humanity who were only taught this first, lesson of were only taught this hist, lesson of mortal existence, and debarred from knowing of its later possibilities, or is reincarnation a probable fact?

#### Pointed Questions.

IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, IMMOR TALITY IS SHUT OFF FROM THESE MORTALS, WHERE IS THE DIVID-ING LINE? IF IMMORTAL, WHERE WILL THEY LEARN THE LESSONS OF THE PAST AND PRESENT WHICH BLESSES US TO DAY IF THERE IS NO MORE EARTH EXPE-RIENCE FOR THEM? A PUPIL TAK-MUSIC WILL NEVER THRILLETHE HEARTS OF MEN WITH, MELODY, NOR WOULD UNIVERSAL LAW BE JUST IN GIVING ONE ALL OF THIS WORLD'S ADVANTAGES WHILE DE PRIVING OTHERS OF SINTHE SUR-ROUNDINGS, OPPORTUNITES, FAC-ULTIES AND EXPERIENCES, A spe-cial law for a certain few. is a lawless law, and every reasoning leads on to a recompense somewhere in this broad universe for everyone wild has been unequally dealt with.

Another Important Point Considered, in Favor of Reincarnation.

If soul life commenced at conception it must of necessity end at death, which we have had proof of through all his toric ages, and more particularly this last half century, that it does not, but that man's individuality is fully resession of full individuality or selfhood prior to conception. Also, that the spirit

Some Advice by a Consistent Spiritualist.

To the Editor :-- We have been delighted with the lectures of Mr. Leadheater, the English psychic, and we desire to express our appreciation of the grand work he is doing. He teaches reincarnation, as one of the Theosophical tenets, and he gives cogent reasons for his belief. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, brilliant and versatile-one of the best mediums that ever stepped on the Spiritualist rostrum, and an author of wide repute, also teaches reincarnation, or rather, as she terms it, RE-EM-BODIMENT. She receives the infor-mation she imparts, from the spirit spheres. She talks eloquently on the subject, and has a large and enthusiastic following.

W. J. Colville, a wonderfully brilliant speaker, and a medium known the world over, also claims that reincarnation is a fixed fact in the spiritual and material universe. He has a large following. In a body the Spiritualists of France are staunch believers in reincarnation, having adopted the views of the medium, Allan Kardec. Scattered all through Europe are devotees of this doctrine. The proper way to do is let each one quietly believe as he desires on this subject, and avoid acrimonious jars or vibrations. There can be no particular harm in believing, or NOT **BELIEVING**, in the doctrine of reincar If true, all will come under the nation. law, whether believers or not; if false, then, too, each one will remain "adisturbed.

We have found after a great deal of investigation, that there exists a very wide DIVERGENCE OF OPINION among Spiritualist teachers-one flatly contradicting the others-hence we should be exceptionally mild before we commence to criticise Theosophists. who are doing a grand work in liberalizing and advancing the world to a higher plane. Before spending our time in bit. terly criticising them it would be well for us Spiritualists to try and harmonize some of our many flat contradictions.

CONSISTENT SPIRITUALIST.

THE PILGRIMS.

Their path who shall unravel, Their purpose who unroll? From out the past they travel, The future is their goal.

Theirs are the forward faces, The spring's Arcadian airs:

The old eternal graces Of youngling Time are theirs.

Or gold the sky or ashen There broods within their breast The sleepless pilgrim passion, The sweet divine unrest.

They neither flag nor falter, They tarry not nor tire: Their aim they will not alter Although a king desire,

They fear not frost nor fever, Nor fire nor famine they: They follow fate, the weaver, Forever and a day.

Now tell their eyes the story Of more than mortal tears, Now gleam with starry glory,

The passing pligrim years. -Lippincott's Magazine.

under the quilt. While this was going on T. awoke, and upon hearing Q. and Landahl talking aloud he asked what was the matter, and they told him what had happened.

In the same moment the water decanter, which they had standing near the bed, turned around, and after a little while it fumbled and rapped at the door to the outer room. This increased their fear so much the more as Landahl, on being asked what this might mean, said he believed the door would fly open, and his trunk, which was standing in the outer room, come marching in to be opened and receive his belongings for the intended departure, as they before of themselves had been thrown into it. For such an occurrence they were not willing to wait but with one voice asked Landahl to rise and light the candle. After some hesitation, constant conversation thus to deaden

from fear not to find the matchbox, he was prevailed upon to do it on condition that his chums should keep up a the noise made by the unruly furniture. At last fire was struck from another matchbox from the one which had moved around. Two candles were placed on the table, which was put be-

tween the two beds. It was then about 12 o'clock. After it had been quiet for rather a

iong while some trinkets again com-menced to move. The fiint flew from the chair to the wall, the prop flew from Landahl's inkstand and hit the wall, his seal dropped down from the mantelpiece shelf, and at last the chair on which his clothes were lying was seen to move, scratch to and fro, tip over and in its fall take with it another chair. Moller's Church History, which had been taken up from the floor and put in different places, was not willing to lie still anywhere. Now the chums feared that the table also would like to shake off the candles, so much the likelier 'as T. had uttered that he had noticed some suspicious motions. Then Q. grasped one of the candles, and no sooner had he got it in his hand than the table was turned over. After they had put it up again and replaced books and other things, which had followed in the fall, Q. and Landahl held one candle each.

Now the table was shaken again and fell upside down with such force that the floor trembled. They helped it to its place again and under an uncanny silence waited for what was going to happen next.

After awhile one of Landahl's rubbers approached the bed, and when he with one of his hands shoved the spittoon closer to the bed, the rubber followed, touched Landahl's hand slightly, and

raised itself up towards the brim of the spittoon. The water decanter now also showed great signs of unrest and rocked so the water splashed in all directions. About the same time Landahl's seal, which was lying beside or in Q.'s pipe, jumped high in the air and fell down or the floor. The table now lifted one of its sides as if it intended to throw itself over the bed where Landahl was lying. But Q., who had moved over to the sofa at the opposite wall, got hold of the table, and said: "I protect Landabl"; and as he uttered this it turned in the opposite direction, threatening to visit But it quickly sunk down again. Landahl rose, produced the New Testa ment and placed it on the table. Noth ing further occurred that night. It was

CONSOLATION TO MOURNERS.

Naught e'er is lost in death, so-called, Though loved ones pass from view, And we look on the corpse appalled. Death only makes them new.

in death all earthly fetters fall And spirit is set free;

Ah! this great change must come to all, Though worm or man it be.

We look upon the form in death And sorrow dark and deep Jeems grasping for our heart and breath.

Yet peaceful is that sleep.

The pulse is gone, the life is gone, The life to us so dear,

The liberated soul goes on To seek a higher sphere.

We, left behind to weep and mourn, So lonely every day,

Try hard to look beyond that bourne For those we laid away.

We seem to know that they are there. For love looks back through space And smiles and beckons us somewhere, To meet them face to face.

Man shuts his mortal eyes in death And gasps, and all is o'er; sigh, and with the sighing breath Flits to the other shore.

Lay off the old, put on the new: Thus rise we from the low Of earth, and pass from mortal view To scenes we do not know.

He glides about from place to place And meets old friends in awe; They never look into his face, But silently withdraw.

There hangs about the earth a screen Through which but few can see, kind of curtain drawn between Earth-souls and souls set free.

Could all perceive with spirit eye, Disjoined from mortal clay, They might discern that those who dig Are not so far away.

We find the earth a lonely spot When loving ones pass on; They may be nearer than we know; The soul may not be gone.

We wonder why we see no more A sister's smiling face; No doubt she wonders from that shore If we her form can trace.

No doubt she oft stands very near And looks into our eyes And wonders why she can't appear And bring a sweet surprise.

Some day, some time, we shall behold The loved ones free above, Where none grow weary, weak and old, And there renew our love. m WILKING DR. T. WILKINS.

### THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

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conditions. But this I will suggest:

injure results so long as such persons

are honest with themselves, and oft-

times such conditions strengthen re-sults, while with the negative medium

the case is directly reversed, hence he

who would investigate must be fair and

honest at least, to get the best results;

not necessarily a believer in the phe-nomena or philosophy, but simply hon-

est, and herein lies the real value of

that principle of honor which is indeed

one of the corner stones of spiritual

And it is after all a natural science,

best and highest that in us is.

ena, physical and mental.

as nature has recorded them

and happiness?

Marcellus, Mich.

In tools of stone

In skulls of bone.

In monster form

Or in the coal beds o'er the land;

That stood the storm

Till evolution brought a hand.

tions.

LIFE AND EXPERIENCES IN SPIRIT LAND A Series of Letters From Harriet Beecher Stowe, Through the Mediumship of Carlyle Petersilea.

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#### LETTER NUMBER TWO.

It is not my intention to write a detailed account of my own entrance into the spiritual world, or of my private experiences therein. This does not properly belong to the public any more than my private home life did on earth. I shrink now from the gaze of the spiritual public as much as I shrank from the gaze of the curious and the vulgar of earth. I could not associate here with the low, the vulgar, and the vile, more than I could have done there; but a very little of my experience I will relate.

For two or three years before I departed from my body entirely, I was in the spirit world much of the time, and really inhabited two worlds at the same time, not entirely uncon scious of my earthly surroundings, yet fully alive to my spiritual estate and conscious of all appertaining thereto. My mortal brain was too weak and dim to make this known to those who were with me in the mortal; still, sometimes I was able to say a few words which I thought might be understood.

Visitors often expressed sympathy and pitied my condition. This surprised me very much, and annoyed me also, until at last I desired to see no one outside of my own immediate friends.

I could not tell these visitors of the heavenly life I was leading and that it was their joyful congratulations that should have been given instead of their commiseration. It was with me like this: No doubt many have known persons of earth whose home was in an old and dilapidated house. They wanted a new and better one and as they could now afford it they commenced to build a new home. The new house should be very substantial and beautiful, fitted up with all modern conveniences and elegantly furnished. While this was being done they were constantly flitting back and forth from the old home to the new, looking after all the details of the new until it should be ready for occupancy, and they did not wish to leave the old until all was ready. In this they took great delight; but their neighbors were constantly bewailing their anticipated departure. What a pity for them to leave the old home; and as these neighbors had never seen the new one, and as the departing ones could not make them understand about it, they continued to annoy the departing ones with their bewailings.

Now I think I have made it clear to many what my condition was at that time; but I was eager to get away from the old tenement of clay entirely, and only through a kind natural law remained until my new home in the spiritual world was complete and ready for me to take up my abode within it. Friends, in many respects it is very beautiful; in some it might be improved, and I am now busy making those improvements. I hope that he who runs may read my true meaning in this metaphor.

There is one other point, concerning myself, that I wish to touch upon. While thus roaming away from my earthly, or the old house of clay, to the beautiful new home in the astral world, I often visited people still in the material world; people who attracted me by their thoughts of me; and I often heard them say: "We are sure that Mrs. Stowe must have departed this life. Surely, we feel her presence near us, together with impressions and messages from her to the people." These good friends were not mistaken. I was near them and did impress them. Still I was not wholly disengaged from the material body. I had not entirely vacated the old home but flitted a great deal; and allow me to tell you, dear friends, that a spirit nearly disengaged from the body is always more plainly visible to those within the mortal part than one who has been away a long period of time. The astral, or spectral form of one considered among the living, is more dense and clearly to be seen by those of earth than one who has entirely vacated the premises never to return to live in the old house again.

So, when a medium makes a mistake, and in seeing the astral form of one who is considered not dead, describes it and gives messages from it, do not say that medium is a fraud. That medium may have been truthful and sincere, but not and the man her worshiper. But for her no man would ever exist or come into being; and unless matter and spirit-or magnetism-were joined in wedlock, or matter covering spirit-or the magnetic flame-there could be no atoms. So, unless woman, the magnetic center, attracts to herself, welds, weds, or holds the male, nothing can result or come into existence. But she attracts and weds the male and the result is the world of human beings and the world of spirit-

ual and angelic beings. Now when gross matter is thrown off all these things be come clear to the spirit. The male and female elements are never lost throughout eternity. A man is a man forever and ever, and a woman is a woman. One cannot exist without the other, or if they exist, they are useless in the creative world. If there was no matter for magnetism to attract, there would be no worlds in space. Magnetism and matter must wed or there would be no result.

I do not intend to enter into the formation of worlds. Only of men and women, homes and children, and their results shall I continue to speak; but it was necessary that I should speak of the atoms which form the nebulae that go to that is high and holy, sweet and pure. make up worlds, thus tracing the true principles down until we get to woman, the female principle in nature or within nature, and man the material or male principle which surrounds, protects and conceals woman at the core of his being or the center of his heart.

Thus one perceives that woman is the governing power of he world, although man thinks he is; but he is mistaken. Now when man puts woman below him in his mind, he is reversing the natural order of things, he is trampling down the spiritual and exalting the physical or material: That is just where the earthly world stands to-day. It has gradually crept up from the lower animal nature until it has arrived at the intellectual physical, but the spiritual is still hidden beneath or within the coarser covering of matter. One condition is always the type of another. As the male is still dominant, holding the female in subjection, so spiritual things are still hidden to the masses, or but dimly discerned, and covered over with a mass of error and rubbish that time alone can remove together with much labor.

Now woman must work diligently and strengthen men's hands for the herculean task; but woman being the secret or spiritual principle, must work with the spirit, or spiritually The moment a woman becomes unsexed she loses her spiritual power. Be very careful, my sisters, that you do not become unseved or strive to take the place that natural law intended for man; but you should strive to inform yourselves where your naturally rightful place really is: and to give you some information on this point is the purpose of these letters.

Woman, as yet, does not always know where she belongs; she does not always fill the position intended for her by nature, but when she gets very far out of her place, nature usually scourges her back again, for when natural law is broken, great suffering is the result.

Now you ask me, "Where is her rightful place?" and I re nly: In the center of her husband's heart, at the very core of his being, the queen of the home or covering. He provides for her, the mother of his children, the central moving power and creator.

Paul said: "If a woman wants to know anything, let her ask her husband at home." But I say unto you: "If husbands want to know anything, let them go straightway to their homes and ask their wives in secret to tell them what they want and ought to know: and any man who does not do this will always go wrong, for true spiritual knowledge can only be obtained where it really exists, with the spiritual part of himself, the interior core of his heart and home, his wife. If you want to know anything, husbands, go home and ask your wives, and if the wife is wrong and not right, all the men of the world will never be able to make the world go right. If the woman is wrong the husband can never be right.

My sisters, think of the awful responsibility that rests with you. O, I know that many men will cry out at this; but let them cry, and then if they have good and true wives at home, let them go there and ask the wives what they think about it, providing these wives are intelligent and spiritually minded.

One may ask. "How about the unmarried or single men? There should be no unmarried or single men except boys and youths who have not arrived at a proper marriageable age, and these should yet be under the mothers' care and influ ence. All nature points this out most clearly.

### WHYNOTBETTER SUCCESS?

Picking Out the Obstacles That Prevent Advancement.

-- 121 .110 In the sphitual papers for the last two years I have noticed that a great mah new societies have been formed, and Idalso notice that there has been a large number re-organized. This looks well and encouraging, but

there is an indercurrent of thought in this last wor'd "reorganized," which has led me to investigate to some extent, and by looking over the records of the past we find many places where there has formerly been a flourishing society, and where there is none today, and truly there must be some reason why societies go down, some reason that is either not understood or not heeded. and we ask the question, why is it for we feel that if there is any teaching it most truly comes to us in the sweet message, the inspirational lecture, and the holy communion with our loved and lost.

growth, and it is that self-improvement Nevertheless we quite often hear of in goodness, fairness, friendship, sym-pathy, and advancement in knowledge ome strong society going down, and in its place we find a few Christian Scien of man's higher self, that prepares him a few Occultists or Theosophists, for the best results, and most substanand a few Spiritualists, and besides these a few that cannot quite accept the tial proof of the continuity of life; so teachings of either of these divisions. we see that Spiritualism is not based They usually want a God-made and Godupon ignorance or wrong, but upon the governed universe, and reincarnation; vet nearly all accept the continuity of life as set forth in real Spiritualism, and the science of life, for the laws of Why this separation?

Is it not a fact that, in trying to hold a liberal platform, we have allowed Oc-cultists, Reincarnationists, and many others to come on our rostrum and to advertise the lectures as if the speakers were really Spiritualists?

I attended a mass-meeting; the bills were sent out with an invitation to all to come and hear the able lectures; one of the supposed best was an Occultist, who there and then had much to say against mediumship in any form; in some knowledge of the conditions and fact ridiculed some who had given some we obtain better results. fine public tests to entire strangers, pointing them out in the audience This Occultist said you must get these things yourself, but never give up to be come a medium; you don't have to be a medium; I can teach how to get it vourself.

This talk was very disgusting to many who had come expecting to hear a spiritual lecture. To others it was grand; they were ready to learn, and a little later they did pay their dollars for the lessons, but at last reports not a single case of spirit communion from following the lessons, but said Occultist gained a good many dollars from those who were persuaded to take the lessons. and they have become so enthused, that now after three years they have only a few of them got out from under that mesméric influence far enough to begin to think for themselves.

The above is given only as an illustraress from reptile to man, the develop. tion of what results ofttimes, by adverment from the low narrow skull of pretion of what, is with any pet theory or historic man to the high and broad, inmoney making scheme, as a Spiritualist ecturer. Bdt this is not all. We find thinker. there are many professed Spiritualists who attend a few lectures and then On enquiry they say, "Well, if I stop. attend lectures and spend my time and money for them, I want to hear something pertaining to Spiritualism."

I have attended as many as four lectures in two years all from one speaker. who Liknow can, and sometimes does give fine lectures, but these four were, each of them, at least one hour's talk about the speaker's travels here and there; fittle personal incidents which might be interesting to some, but it was not what was expected as a grand lecture for a spiritual grove meeting where hundreds had come to hear a grand spiritual lecture by the noted . vague theory. But he must remember there is an ENDLESS CONTRADIC-

Many brought their friends who were not Spiritualists, hoping they might get

#### law governs every case of said phe-Personal And to bring about conditions that will produce harmony between the spir-Magnetism it forces and the natural law governing, or in other words conditions that will make it easy for our spirit friends to operate through or by the laws gov-erning the special phenomena, is the

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Yes, evolution takes us from the cave ill, and its distribution was not interfered with. to the mansion: from the ox and cart to Not long ago John D. Rockefeller, the richest the mighty rushing train; from the foot man in America, said, in talking to a Sunday or mounted message boy to the teleschool class, that he regarded his success in life graph and telephone; from the tallow largely to his ability to influence others. Lindip to the arc light; from the bark cacoln, Lee, Napoleon and Alexander the Great, all won name and renown by their wonderful power of personal influence. Jay Gould piled noe to the monster steamer: from darkness to light: from ignorance to knowlup millions by this same power. J. P. Morgan edge, and who shall say that it will not organized the billion dollar steel trust and entake us from death and torment to life riched himself by millions simply by his marcelous ability to influence others. There are H. L. CHAPMAN. to-day thousands of men with the brains and education of Mr. Morgan who are practically paupers. They have the ability to organize a The writer of the above wants MORE trust, but they have not sufficient power of per-SPIRITUALISM and less THEOSO-PHY; more TRUE science and less sonal influence. Personal influence, will-power stamina-call it what you will-has from the

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understanding all the hidden forces of nature, has innocently made a mistake in the interpretation of them; and in my case, many made this mistake. I now desire that justice shall be done them. This is all I wish to say of my own private affairs at present. I may touch upon some of them a little later on.

Wives and mothers, women and children, together with their homes and schools in the spiritual or astral worldmy present work is with and for them, and we carry much of this work down to earth, thus uniting our work here with

#### our work below.

The female element is the nucleus around which all other elements revolve, even to the formation of worlds. The point of magnetic flame at the heart of each atom is female the attractive power that holds the male or material element about it. Many have been taught to say father God and mother Nature; thus conveying the idea that the female is lower in the scale than the male; that the great Almighty God, or male principle, is the creative force acting upon mat ter, or the passive female. Here, in the spirit world, we are taught entirely different. The female, or magnetic force, is the nucleus that binds and holds together all the worlds in Space.

Magnetism shields or covers itself with matter, and then makes use of matter toward forming all material things. The magnetic-the mother-the female element-is the central force or power which moves all things. In that sense God, or the creative, moving power is a woman and not a man, or a female and not a male. It should be mother God and father Nature.

Now I am well aware that men will sneer and cavil at this. Let them, if they are so pleased to do. Women have borne for ages, without demur or cavil, the assertion from men that the great creative energy was male, or a man God. It is high time that the tables were turned and man should now bear the stigma-if stigma it be-that the male is lower in the scale than the female; that the female is the creative energy and not the male-that the female makes use of the male for creative purposes, and not the reverse-and the same principle that creates the atom, that is, the magnetic flame which covers itself with matter or makes use of it for a shield or covering, continues on and on until at last woman and not man stands at the apex. He represents all material things, she all spiritual things. He is matter or nature, and she is spirit or God. Man, in his material physical strength, has trampled upon and put beneath him woman so long, that when one should say that woman is higher in the scale than man, a great universal shout of derision would arise, and men would commence to hammer.away with all their greater physical strength, their dominant bluster and bravado, at the great eternal truth; calling the truth not truth but falsehood. But truth smiles at them serenely and evades them spirit. 1. . . . th' .' . ually.

Truth never bullies nor blusters, nor dominantly hammers. but stands firm, serene, and patient, biding her time which is sure to come at last. Her smiles are like a refining fire, or like the magnetic flame, at last attracting and holding all things. The male is attracted to the female and not the female to the male. She attracts the male and then holds him by the power of her attractive force. The man does not attract the woman and then hold her by the power of his attractive force-no, oh, no-just the reverse, and if a woman lets a man go she has lost her attractive force, or power. The truth is she does not love or want him any

longer. He may be too coarse or repulsive to assimilate

with her. He is not a proper shield or covering for her. Why are homes constructed? That they may cover and shelter women and children; and the woman is the heart and core of the home. Around her all home,life revolves. She is the magnetic center, the true fisme that reaches out and graws all these things to herself. She is the queen of home -the spiritual creator-in other words, the God of home,

A young man should marry immediately he is of a proper age, set up his own home and place his wife within it. The young and beautiful girl is the magnetic flame that will

attract and hold him fast. All that is good, pure and holy should belong to woman, for all things hinge and rest upon her; and if she is wrong then heaven pity the world. If the world is wrong it rests with woman to set it right or it will never be set right.

#### Man's duty is to woman; and it lies nowhere else; her duty

is to man and to her children, and it is nowhere else. It is useless for her to go about trying to reform the world and leaving her own home unreformed or not formed at all; or for him to go about telling others what they ought to do, and not doing anything for his own wife or children, not forming a covering or home for her or them. Let each man and each woman begin to reform the world right at home; let them begin directly with themselves. Let the woman begin with her own spiritual being, then let her rays of light attract and hold the husband in his proper place and then let her teach her children; let her, as she ought to be, be the mainspring or moving power around which all the others revolve; and,

for all the foregoing reasons, communism will never be a success upon the earth, and is not at all practiced within the heavens, or not the highest and best heavens.

Nature again points out the right direction here. All nature moves in circles or families. The primary atom is magnetic flame and material covering. A nebulous mass is a congregation of atoms and molecules-the molecules being a congregation of atoms. The nebulous mass at length forms suns. Suns at length form a family of worlds; and this is a type of all things. All nature on the earth forms into groups, or circles, each one being a family. Man and woman unite and form a family, and by families congregating, towns. villages, cities and so on, but all must depend on the private family or home circle with the wife and mother hidden within it as its power and moving cause; consequently all spirits who write through this medium, believe and write only of the home; not a great home for many single persons, but a small private home for each family. These can be gathered into, a community if necessary, but the home must forever remain intact.

Now within the home reigns the mother supreme. She is queen in her own domain and she need not aspire to be a queen anywhere else on the face of the earth, and is not anything else within the heavens. She need not be a queen in society. Society does not need her and she cannot be queen in society and at home at one and the same time. If she is a queen in society her husband has no queen; her children have no mother in the proper sense of the word. She can not be the core of her husband's heart and the queen of

many other men at the same time. Now what do I mean by the queen of many other men? I will tell you.' A woman goes into what is called fashionable

oclety .. What for? To be admired, principally. Admired by her husband? No; he is generally the last one thought of. To be admired by other men. .. Many fashionable women will now cry out, "O, no! That is not true," but in the face of It, I repeat my assertion-to be admired by other men. She does not care particularly, for the admiration of other wo. men, for she well understands that other fashionable women are, as a rule, jealous of her. ... They do not admire her.

#### They usually despise her in their hearts, especially if she be very handsome and exceedingly charming. No; she seeks

the admiration of other men, and does all in her power to obtain it, and when obtained, of what value is it to her? . Can she bo the queen and heart's core of more than one man? Certainly not; for to be other, than this is to be a courtesanin thought if not in deed-and as one thinkoth so is one. (To be continued.)

At another time an hour and a quar-

ter was given to discussing, and afterwards about three hours by many, cussing, "the fourth dimension of space."

At another time an hour and a half to "Reincarnation:" and so it is that our rostrums have been filled with some one speaking on some unproved and un provable theory, something that does not correspond with, in fact, something diametrically opposed to the teachings of nature in any phase. What we need taught from our

trum to-day is, more Spiritualism, less theorophy; more true science and less vague theory; more evolution and progression, less creation and creator; more humanitarianism and brotherly love, and less jealousy and selfishness; more about what we know, and can demonstrate, and less about what we don't know and no one knows

Do we not know that teaching as true what they do not know is the fault with theology in the past and to-day? Shall we copy the faults of others, and with them their mystical three in one personal creator? or shall we teach what we know to be true? There is plenty in the line of truth that may well be taught to the waiting hungry masses. Enough in Spiritualism, its phenomena, philosophy and teachings to keep our speakers busy for years to come; these under the irresistible force of evolution (which may well be a subject) are constantly broadening, growing, compre hending more of the mighty laws that be, more of the subtle power of soul. If we are, or are not teachers, let us be candid with ourselves. Let us strive for the purest, the highest and best. Let us live good, noble lives. Let us search for knowledge, forgetting not that all knowledge was primarly gained by investigation of natural phenomena. We are conscious of life, can say "I am.

Would we know of a life after physical death? If so, let us investigate spir-itual phenomena, get the proof of the continuity of life, then study the philosophy and teachings.

As a pasts for true spiritual knowl-edge, we find that careful, candid inves-tigation is essential, being sure at each step that each thought or theory is in harmony with natural law.

We had that Spiritualism embodies in itself all that is true knowledge; by, this I mean all that nature demon-strates to be thue and right, and all that can be demonstrated to be in harmony with nature. 94 Spiritualism takes it name from the

fact that it teaches spirit communion and continuity of life, without the fear of hell or an angry God whom it was supposed created and governs all

things, Instead, Spiritualism teaches that all will reach a condition of happiness, ex-actly according to what they are, which is the exact measure of what their men-talities are prepared to enjoy, basing this belief on the principles of evolu-

Now to look the matter carefully over, we find the continuity of life has been demonstrated in all ages by spirit mes-

sages and manifestations: not usually assisted, by man's efforts, but generally and wherever they could, but we find those phenomena, could, only be pro-duced when proper conditions occur. We have also found that by studying these conditions, we have learned how to make conditions such that said phe-

omena can occur more frequently and successfully. It is found that natural

TION going on among our own speak-ers, in reference to SIMPLE PROB-LEMS—some declaring that the moon is a DEAD WORLD, and some asserting it is just evolving into a condition to prepare it for HUMAN LIFE. Leading speakers declare that the idiot is NOT IMMORTAL, while others assert that his condition is the RESULT OF MAL-FORMATION, and at death he LIVES ON ETERNALLY in the spirit realms. | employment, to secure an advance in salary, to The critical mind realizes THIS SAD win the friendship and influence of others to STATE of affairs, hence looks around a Theosophical meeting to see if he can DISENTANGLE HIMSELF from the web of CONTRADICTIONS that encircles him; hence it is strictly as legiti-mate to hunt for truth in THEOSOPHY as it is in SPIRITUALISM. What the Critical mind wants is THE TRUTH, and he often finds it OUTSIDE OF SPIRITUALISM.

#### A MAN'S SOUL.

What is the soul? Whence comes it to mankind? Is it nature's natural Spark the crowning touch that Turns the dark into Day? Ah, who shall say!

Does it inhabit the Body? Or does the body inhabit The soul, like the mole dwells In the ground? Or does it Hover around, vainly trying To make its influence felt? It may. Ah, who shall say!

Is the soul but the Conscience? That mysterious Impulse, that dares to whisner "Right and wrong" to the motley Throng, who now and then Feel its presence, that helps To dispel the dread of the Day when we shall know? . It may be so. Ah, who Shall sav!

Is the soul of man A thing apart? Oh, is man A mere reflection of His soul? Does he exist for Nobler ends? Or, is he but The husk that attends The soul in transit from Whence it came? Does He defame, or lift it up According to his moral Self? It may be. But who shall say?

Is the soul the silent Voice of God? Or is it a Gift from him to the corpora Self-a part of his very Being, which he will claim When the time comes for Mortal man to descend And the soul to ascend. Thope it is so; But who shall say?

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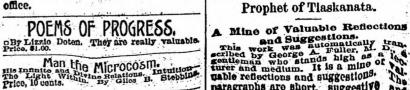
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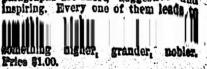
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The Passing of a Spiritualist Lady

Believing my mother's death and funeral to be quite unusual, and thinking that an account would be interesting to the readers of The Progressive Thinker, I give the following:

For eight years my mother. Mrs. Margaret M. Joslyn, has been an interested and very active member of our family circle. Ever ready to help all weary spirits on the road to a new light and life. Although she was not a medium herself, the aid she gave the cir- had done all she could, so the most of cles for the past years would have been | her time since has been spent with spirindispensable. Her unselfish nature, it friends. She has carned the reward her great desire to help others, drew that that new life brings, yet will be many a spirit to her side in sympathy | ever seeking to help others. for strength. Being both clairvoyant

and clairaudient myself I was always able to communicate for them and thus we have been the means of helping many on their way to better conditions. But at last she was called to join those she had helped. After six weeks of long, weary suffering, her spirit was

severed from its earthly home to begin , the long journey into eternity. Four

weeks previous to her death we believed we were called to give her up, as there was then every indication of death, but we worked so hard to keep her, and the ever ready spirit power came to my aid and she was called back to better prepare us all for the change that was inevitable. Through them I was able to give her strength almost to the time of her death, and during the last four weeks of her life she became quite strong and even walked to her chair and sat up an hour at a time.

But the change came suddenly at last, although this time we were all quite ing anything that is not promise perprepared and her spirit was enabled to sonal, present gain. However, I found that we should suffer that a lesson might be taught.

us to endure. As I was unable to do meetings that were ever held in Abi- toward the mark of the high race.

lives. She added words of encouragement, and hoped that the time might soon come when there would be a general belief and understanding of spirit return. Everyone sang as she desired and then the spirit of a man well known to

thy with and still interested in their

all present while in mortal form, then took advantage of the opportunity and gave a short but forcible address.

At the grave my mother entreated the friends not to think of her as lying beneath the sod, but to endeavor to believe that the real woman that they had known was among them though unseen. After the funeral she felt that she them here.

INZA JOSLYN BARRY.



Her Work Checked But Not Abandoned,

Dear Readers:-- I promised to keep you informed of my whereabouts when last I wrote you from Topeka, Kans. But my movements have been so slow well as time between reports.

I remained in Topeka one week meet- of sin, and each and every one may, if est writers have cast their allegiance on ing friends privately and at the Sunday evening meeting. There are many progressive Spiritualists in Topeka, but the average attendant has not yet learned, wilderness of woe, so close, and yet so "It is more blessed to give than re-

receiving tests and holding local circles, caring little for co-operation or assistdo that which will always be a satisfac- those who believe that "in union there content, with that cry in their ears? often hear it said that the churches are for others must so long linger near the tion to those present, especially those is strength," and such are always ready And what will give them light? Only endeavoring to capture and absorb Spir- gateway of pain, when hope for his remost dear to her. It seemed necessary to assist any cause that will benefit the the knowledge of the world, and their itualism. That is good; let them cap. covery is abandoned. world, consequently I received some duty to others. help for the Institute.

For two night previous to her death I From Topeka I went to Abilene brotherhood of man as I see it now. There is plenty of it for all the world. was unable to wait upon her during the where I was entertained at the home of We must be helpful to our fellow-men, hight. About four hours before she J. D. Haskell and made to feel the lest in some trying time the "spirit of years ago of Spiritualism: "If true, it attended, which was held in the Budingbreathed her last I saw her spirit mak- warmth and comfort that is such a con- Power" may leave us, and we would be will become the one grand event of the ton parlors. ing an effort to draw away from the trast to the life at a hotel, where at best in a worse plight than we were before world's history, and will give an imperbody. (To us she seemed unconscious.) one is conscious of being simply a trav- we accepted the "Ruler" of all as our ishable lustre of glory to the Nineteenth The hands reached up in an almost dis- | eler with the transient public. Mr. Has- | Guide. tracted manner: the face was drawn kell had arranged for two meetings in

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ANNIVERSARY THOUGHTS.

The world is growing Better. Projects It seems to me expedient that I should try to write a few words of com- most commonplace to-day would have camp season of the Southern Cassadaga fort and of warning from this the land | staggered our forefathers. There is immortal. To say I am somewhat sur- | coming into being the religion, of the listory of this camp has there so prised is putting it mildly, very mildly, heart to balance the march of intellect. indeed. This world is a world of to lighten the cold peaks of the intelwork, and to some of us of worry also. lectual mountain chain. Fierce hatred To us who have given so little thought | burns in the bowels of ecclesiasticism | sire for homes here that has taken hold to the common things of spirituality, to see signs of the downfall of hierarch- of people enough to make their desire the lesser things I might say, it is with al authority which only makes a babel true to lease lots and build. pain and sadness we begin to learn of of human thought. A half century has

marked great changes in thought and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bartholomew, of Buf-To be able to preach good sermons on | knowledge in contemporaneous history | falo, N. Y., is one of the prettiest and the earth planet, and have them copied | -- a bold swing of the pendulum of largest cottages here, and they have in some of the leading papers, is a nice progress that enables men to look at leased a lot directly in the rear of their thing for the earthly man. I found it | the truth without quaking. so, and I think I voice the sentiments of There is the soul's emancipation and

a great many. To come here and find the establishment of liberty yet to be lot for garden and shrubbery. outwrought, and myriads are leaping into the divine fray that shall make the getting along finely with his new cotso pleasant. Here also I voice the sen- twentieth century memorable and important. The church is being absorbed for his wife that was given up by the

My life was, I am glad to be able to by infidelity-its members are begin- physicians of the north last year, and Publishers' price, \$1.50. We will send the book postsay it, a fairly good one, and I trust I did | ning to think-its preachers beginning | came upon the grounds looking more | something to better humanity, but alas! to move onward. A few intrepid souls likely to cross the "little step of sea" to missed some very essential things. have dared to walk behind the throne spirit land than to remain here, is well To do good to the human family in some and the altar and told the world what and planning for the new home.

way is granted to every one. Some they saw there. A few brave theolo-Mr. M. H. Clark, an old camper here, that I have waited to put distance as | can lessen the burden of poverty, some gians have hurled bombshells against is putting up a roomy cottage on Woodthe burden of sorrow, some the burden the myrmidons of tyranny. The bright. worth hill.

> they will, find some work, so they may the side of development and progress. shine forth as a star on a cloudy night. | and this gives new life and great im-There is so much to be done in this | petus to progressive thinkers.

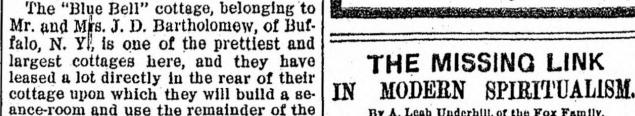
spiritual men and women struggling as church-members visit our mediums and watches by the bedside of her husband, I never have seen people struggle be- are convinced of the continuity of life. who now only prays to be released from fore, for light. "Light," the eternal cry and some of them have private medi- his poor suffering body. It is sad that is "light" Who could go away and be ums developed in their own homes. We he who has spent his life and strength

ture all they can find of it, and this Never have I even dreamed of the truth will be a great help to them.

We change but little by leaving our the minds of millions who know "the and showed deep lines of mental an- the court house, that being the only mortal bodies. I seem to be the same grand event" has been demonstrated of guish. Her great trouble was in leav- available hall and an excellent meeting- man, only younger and stronger, and the spiritual dispensation, fraught with ing us, she felt it would be so hard for place. These were the first Spiritualist more determined to "press on inestimable blessings to the human

The last bell has rung, the last sermon preached and locture given, of the Camp of the season of 1903. Never in many people attended the meeting and remained upon the grounds so long, and never before has there been such a de-

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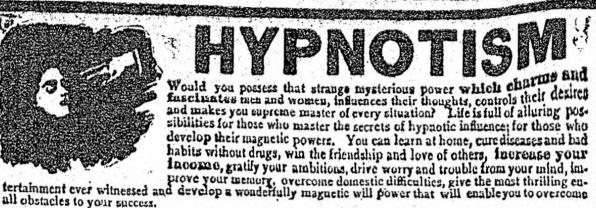


A. K. Skeels, of Cleveland, Ohio, is tage. He works with a happy heart,

he has been beautifying for the last year, has bought the cottage of Mrs. Some knowledge of the future life is | Carrie Pratt, of Attleboro, Mass. Mrs. far from earth, I would not if I could, go being drilled into the churches- Pratt with the aid of competent nurses, ceive." Their interest is centered on to any place of rest while there are preachers preach it, to some extent- and many sympathizing friends, still

J. Clegg Wright has returned to his home at Amelia, Ohio, previous to filling his engagement for April at Wash-The Scientific American said many ington, D. C. His class has been well

Prof. W. F. Peck starts for St. Louis to-day. He has never been more inter- 15 cents. esting as a speaker, and never displayed century." This "If" no longer exists in his versatility as a worker from the most scientific lectures to the conducting of entertainments which have been most excellent, he having had very willing helpers, and the evening of March | mentaries and a copious glossary of Sanskrit terms. The darkness of centuries is illumstormy with promise of a blizzard in the you may think. I have much to do ere ined and the kingdom of heaven is at capped the climax. The woods were and fervently prayed that I might be air, the house was well filled, and the the judgment day shall dawn. I have hand. The goblins of superstitious full of people, and nearly two hundred given strength when the last hour meetings received with intense interest. nothing to say regarding how and why fear have vanished-gloomy forebod- enjoyed the show, and some city people finally came to help the struggling, Mr. Haskell is a prominent man, much I am sending these few words to earth. ings concerning the future are gone- said they had paid a dollar in the city respected, and the fact that he endorsed In all beliefs, please God, there is death has lost its sting and the grave to see shows which were not as amus-I then went to the neighbor's to care the subject gave us prestige and good truth, and for the belief of the woman holds no terror. Angry gods are de- ing and creditable as our last entertainfor my baby boy, whom I had taken audiences. I would advise our reliable that allows me to give my thoughts to throned-devils are cast out-burn. ment. His niece, Miss Grace Hawtin, away in the early evening. At five workers in passing through Abilene to her, I am exceedingly thankful. Much ing hells have dropped out of sight. The who has been the sweetsinger of the o'clock a. m., my husband came for me stop and give our Brother Haskell a lift has been said about me and my work, morning light of a glorious new era is camp, accompanied him, also Auntie to tell me our mother had passed beyond in his missionary work, as he stands more may be said before the sun of breaking, and coming events of vast im- Hampton, who is known north and physical suffering. I calmed myself as alone in that section, but unless eternal day shall rise, but I shall try port send their joyful portents to light south, and from sea to sea, and who has soon as possible for the time had come straight work is done, I will say it more diligently than of yore to do good our toilsome pathway. "The foot-prints aided in all the entertainments, took of angels" in our homes and along our leave of us. She plays upon a guitar Some one may like to know my work, daily lives make bright the hours of she has used for forty years, and with My next stop of any consequence was as I shall not be apt to touch upon this trial and temptation. Progression's her fingers to touch the strings there is rugged march is made easier by sweet sweet music yet, and the old plantation



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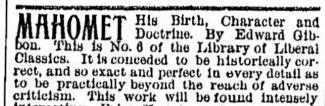
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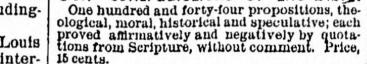
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anything more for her weary body, 1 passed out into the cool air of the night anxious spirit.

when I felt I was called upon to help | would not be advisable to stop, for they | to all. her all I could, for I knew it was so hard | will meet with but little sympathy. for her to leave us. Her unselfish nature made her feel she must stay to help Ellis, Kans. Here I was met by that subject again. I will say I teach. I am us longer. I passed into the room. noble-hearted woman, Mrs. Ella Ross, a teacher in a very lonely neighborplaced my hands upon the body which and taken to her home where I re- hood. My pupils are not overly strong, was still warm, and then turned away mained during my stay in the town. I they are, many of them, sick, sinful spir-

and sat down to the organ, for it had held two meetings in the G. A. R. hall its that came from earth with the disbeen about fifteen minutes since she which were well attended and which gust of living on their faces. Can you had taken her last breath. Friends who created considerable stir, as several of tell earth friends what class of people ished hand, and the sound of a voice were not Spiritualists came to lay out the ministers were present and took oc- they are? I will tell you; they are the that was still" have made thousands of the body, but I asked them to please be casion to speak against Spiritualism the suicides. Some of the most deplorable seated and I began to play softly the following week, being careful to make of all people are among them. spirit mother and sister who were waiting or her.

body, she said,"'You'll take care of it;" nd then supported by her mother and Fister she came slowly toward me with that mother love and anxiety. "Oh; Inza, you've got it all to do now, and softly, I said, "All we care for now is that you may be happy in the new life."

She complained of being tired and desert. wished to lie down, so as my cot stood near the organ she sat down, and then for the first time she saw her sister and spoke to her, but as she caught sight of one of the friends who had come to lay out the remains, she said, "Oh, I am so glad you have come to help them." This seemed to awaken her senses more than anything else, because she felt we place our religion before the people would be relieved.

During the day she went with us to the cemetery and helped us select a grave.

Quite early in the evening, when was preparing the sleeping-rooms that we might all retire, I saw her coming up the stairs alone. I told my father who was with me, that she was coming. As she walked toward me she said "Oh! we have all had such a long, hard time, and are tired and need rest and sleep. No home can yet be so dear to me as this where I have been so kindly watched over and cared for. Come, let

lene, and although both nights were calling." I am not resting in peace, as

we have neglected some of the rudi-

timent of a great many.

ments of knowledge of this place, is not

pieces she liked. I saw her spirit sure I had left town before attacking Oh! how dreadful to take your life standing by the body undecided and be- my position. I am ready to prophesy and throw your spirit into this world body and soul. All true seekers after wildered, seeming to know not what to | that the next speaker who holds meet- | with nothing, and in many cases a | knowledge who have heard the "knock". do. I spoke to her gently saying, ing in Ellis will draw still larger crowds clouded mind. The Bible says, "as a of the visitants and opened their doors "Come, come, mother, come." I called than I did, as in this place also there tree falleth, so shall it lie." And I to receive the truth, are instructed with he must be excused. As it stands now several times before she seemed to had never been a Spiritualist meeting have found it so in all cases. Why I out the aid of priest or clergy. The it is E. W. Bond, president; G. N. Hillihear me, and neither did she see her held, and the people are ready and hun- was chosen for this work I cannot see, evil-doer hears the kindly voice of warngry for these grand truths, having been but I came here one day and they ing of guardian spirits, who show him led by one woman who "through the val- seemed glad to see me, and I concluded the harvest of sorrow and suffering he

At last looking almost fondly at the ley and shadow of death" has herself if it was the will of the Power above that will inevitably reap in spheres of darklearned, so that she can teach others I remain and try to teach them, and get ness he shall enter, unless he ceases to "There is no death." Mrs. Ross is not them to undo the many evil things that do evil and learns the better way. only a noble woman but a consistent must be made right ere they can have Spiritualist as well, and her genial hus- peace and light, I would do so, and which has been hitherto as dubious as band and darling little daughter, with hearing no voice to the contrary I re- the riddle of the Sphinx, is now clearly Mrs. Eva Carrigue, vice-president; Mrs. with the baby to care for." Still playing flowers and birds, make you feel their mained, and to-day finds me busy. My solved. Life and immortality are now home is one of the "rest" places of this | spirit still lives and strives to help the | far more distinctly brought to light than world, as the oasis is the blessing of the more unfortunate in the shadowless ever before. What prophets have fore-

My next stop is at Denver, Colo. now to describe it. I hope to be al- hoped to see, is ours to possess and util- in the treasury of the association. Here I arrive at 7 a.m., a stranger in a lowed to write at greater length some ize. The altars of science have been strange city, 10 degrees below zero. day, and on some more interesting lighted by descending fires of inspira-Where shall I send my baggage and get | topic than myself. For this time my | tion, and spirits reveal the great se- | tinue to do so; all articles sent can be | It has excited great attention in this breakfast? Where find a friendly face message to earth is, Strive all with one crets of nature to her savans and sent to our secretary, Mrs. Eliza Phil- country and in Europe. Price \$1.50. that will greet me in behalf of the work | accord to help fallen humanity, and lay that has sent me out into the world to up for yourselves treasures in the spirsolicit, and find friends that shall help itual world. Farewell. where it can compete with other pro-

of course obliged to go to a hotel, therefore I took a room at the Albany where I remained over a week; in the mean- ber of the prominent business men mists before the rising sun. time as it became known that I was came to me and requested me to write there I met many beautiful people and Mr. Hull and ask him to come to Deninterested them in the effort being ver and deliver a course of lectures, tion is more visible than in Denver; it call, the Unitarian church was engaged filled with mental and spiritual knowl- to us. seems to me that nowhere else is there for the lectures and Mr. Hull arrived edge. Man's spiritual faculties and more of a demoralized condition among the afternoon of the 5th inst., but when powers are now unfolding as never be-

companionship of returning friends, songs have a sweeter meaning when who cheer us on to high endeavor and coming from her lips. noble daring. The hotel has been well patronized.

Grief is changed to gladness and tears The ladies of the dining-room have had are chased away. "The touch of a van- a large patronage and have kept up the excellence of quality and quantity. There are many things about people mourners rejoice with unspeakable joy. and events that I would like to mention, The sick receive the balm of healing but have taken up so much space in the from ministering spirits who heal both past, I cannot do it. The election of officers and trustees resulted in the election of all the old trustees excepting W. F. Peck, who felt goss, vice-president; Mrs. J. D. Palmer, corresponding secretary; H. S. Twing, secretary and treasurer; A. A. Butler, M. H. Clark and F. E. Bond, trustees. Financially the season has been a

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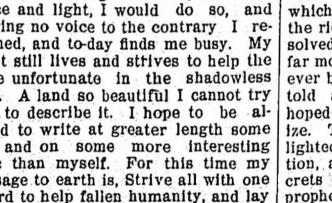
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us all retire, for I am going to stay here to-night with you that I care more for than any one else."

All the disturbances around the body in the room below did not annoy her; to be with us was all she desired.

In the morning she came to me and said, "I wish you would all gather in the front room and play again the daughter, that they might realize her presence and be helped to look upon neighbor had been with us so much during my mother's sickness, her many kind acts made her seem near and dear in our trying time.

My mother then talked to us freely, their inevitable turn.

At last she said to me. "I wish you would talk to the friends for me to-day." I thought she was asking something ranks of Spiritualism for recruits. that would be impossible for me to perform, but I replied, "I'll do the best I can, mother, I can only try." There services that believed in spirit return, but as they were our friends and people that she had cared for. I felt if I did speak for her that it would certainly would insure success, but while from Moses Hull has few equals and no supeleave a lasting impression upon some my heart I wish it might be so. I fear minds at least.

When the hour came, I felt my our people will, I fear, so blind them strength had gathered for the occasion. | that they will not recognize it till it is too I took my position at her head. As she late, as is the case with some of the oth- superstition and slavery. This is hisrequested, the body lay outside the cof- ers. Many of the workers have no edu- final great effort, and should appeal to, fin in a bed of beautiful green leaves, cation and the representative people and enlist every Spiritualist in an effort sprinkled here and there with bright | who wish to learn say they cannot at- | to support and sustain this school for flowers. The face had taken on a very pleasant expression and seemed to al- have done very little for themselves | ers. most speak that which she desired we | and can do nothing for others." all should, feel. The services were opened with a poem that had been written through me some years before, en- ent conditions would, support the work, with any who wish me to stop and hold titled, "A Misguided Soul, or the Out- will not even identify themselves with meetings in the interest of Spiritualism come of Wrong Teachings." This was the name, yet they would gladly promul- in general, and the Morris Pratt Instia favorite of hers, and as I read I'ex- gate these truths and further the cause tute in particular. Please let me hear plained it for her. She then spoke di- if it could be done in an acceptable rectly to those present, saying that al- manner. This was clearly demonthough the body lay lifeless and cold, strated to me when it became known I. "Astral Worship." By J. H. Hill. M. her spirit was fully alive and in sympa- was there in the interest of education D. For sale at this office. Price \$1.

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gressive lines of thought? I had been

unable to secure any addresses and was

nized by other states, the result is that instead of one, two or three good strong societies, that support their speakers view to helping those left behind to look house, there are numerous little knots speaker, and pay his way across almost when our time should come each in or no wiser than they were, while the three or four discourses on what is in

> own, and are drawing largely from the There are good workers in Denver, honest, sincere workers who are doing

all in their power to hold the banner for it, as the lethargy that characterizes | to laying aside the responsibilities of a

long, active life in behalf of liberating the human mind from the thraldom of the education of our workers and teachtend those meetings, that "the leaders I shall soon return to Colorado and continue my trip to the coast. I will be Consequently persons of means who glad to make appointments en route could and should, and who under differ-

grippe and on reaching the high alti- with psychometric, clairvoyant and tude was prostrated, still he delivered | clairaudient powers transcending the passed an ordinance that imposes a li- his Friday evening discourse, and Sat- "spiritual gifts" of ancient seers and That I'm the little feller who

was obliged to sit down, but never in Guided and inspired by great souls emancipated from the flesh, the scientist and philosopher are formulating new theories, new systems and better methods for evolving civilization and

In the new spiritual Era nothing is the body and she then requested us to persons the law would reach are the advised me to accompany him as they held more sacred than Truth. Tradialso send for a neighbor lady and her ones to hide behind its skirts, while the did not consider it safe, for him to tions and customs, however venerated travel alone. We arrived in White- by others who live in fog-land, are set water at 1:15 Wednesday afternoon, aside by spirit-illumined minds that have no further use for swaddling clothes, or nursery tales of theologic lore. Bibles and rituals, fanes and Think of this, friends of the cause, cloisters, genuflexions and incantations, could a more eloquent appeal be made | are all forsaken when the inspired soul in behalf of an educated ministry? is filled from living fountains, and diarranged her funeral services all with a comfortably, and own their meeting- When men will beg for a Spiritualist vine messengers need no invoking.

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To stay out in the storm, A shiv'rin' 'long the street, with not 'Nough clothes to keep them warm.

An' when I go to bed at night I cannot sleep; instid I lay there in a fearful fright. To think of what I've did.

got my sled a month ago, When all the ground was bare, An' not a single patch of snow Near, far, or anywhere.

waited for it every day, An' when it didn't come. thought I'd just kneel down an' pra Fer them to send me some.

Then, hopeful, I went off to sleep, An' in the mornin' found The pretty feathers' two feet deep, 'An coverin' all the ground.

My sled is in the basement now; The coastin's just as good. But I don't go-fer I, somehow, Don't feel as if I could.

Last night I found a little bird Out on the sidewalk dead, choked, an' couldn't say a word, But I took home that sled.

A little boy was nearly froze, Ma said the papers say; He didn't have no good warm clo'es To keep the cold away.

An' all because I prayed for snow For that there mis'ble sled: I hope the boys and birds don't know, They'd ought to kill me dead. I prayed for it to go away, But since I killed that bird I can't expect that what I say To heaven will be heard. An' when I think about the Spring,

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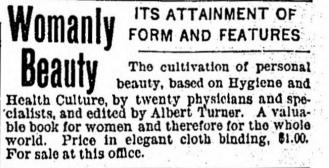
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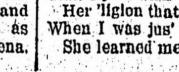
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ary, comes to my library room, and is either unconsciously effort to "deal a staggering blow"-in his "Beyond the Valentranced, or clairvoyant. Sitting for a few moments quiet, ley" (page 188). His reply, while discreet and generous, passive, he glides into the clairyoyant state without a facial gave him the opportunity of plainly stating his belief in "the

Infinite Spirit;" in a "sensible communion between the peolime scenery, encircling emanations of both mortals and im ples of earth and their relatives in the Summerland": in reexalted spirits, and then again with celestial angels whose and the next"; in the "universal triumph of truth, justice, love," etc., all of which constitute the very core of Spiritual-

It greatly gratifies me to learn that our Theosophical co- ism, which, by the way, is good enough for me. To save workers are giving more attention to clairvoyance in their room. I condensed, without changing an idea, the letter and spiritual regeneration, making it a very altar of worship in "branches"; for as all know, clairvoyance is one very import the reply. I pronounced no judgment upon Mrs. Britten's the widest and deepest sense of that word. ant department of Spiritualism. For nearly a quarter of a motives, and Dr. Davis required no defense, as there had

#### Why Did I Bring the Matter Up?

Because, when in Australia, New Zealand, and even in London, this matter was referred to a half-dozen times.

dium, George Spriggs. Naturally, he hoped to hear from his Davis is not a Spiritualist." My invariable reply was, A. J. Davis is not only a regal-souled reformer, but a Spiritualist nel a sitting. He then appealed to Mr. Terry, editor of The in the broad and true sense of that word; and really, I know

They are a trinity in unity.

#### Is A. J. Davis Alive Now?

Twice was I asked this in Sydney, and one of these questioners was a Unitarian layman with strong Spiritualist convictions. Such questions were confessions of a most pitiful The direct antithesis of materialism is Spiritualism. They ignorance-an ignorance that said, "I don't take any Spiritare as stubbornly disunited as oil and water. The atheistic materialist's confession of "unfaith" may be thus summaualist newspapers or journals."

Friend Davis was never so "alive" as to-day, and his books, like Hudson Tuttle's, Moses Hull's, and others, will live on earth, immortal. Temples stand long after their scaffoldings bathed. About six or seven p. m., eight hours later, we saw have fallen. Dr. Davis, treating the sick, physical and men- the party returning, the young mother bearing her babe on tal, and believing in the sound doctrine of "one thing at a

time," does not lecture now nor attend the lyceums; and yet, it is not forgotten that he originated the progressive physician. This is child-birth in heathendom. Compare it lyceum system-a system that educates the child physically, sumed attributes of matter, golarized and non-polarized; yet mentally and morally. Writing of friend Davis and the ly- Christian civilization, where it is estimated that seventeen ceum movement, reminds me of the Pauline passage (Cor. lil:6), "I (Davis) have planted, Apollos (the Tuttles) have mine, so far as I can, every man's belief in God. in the Christ | watered"-and-and, I was about to quote the rest of the spirit of love, his trust in immortality, and his knowledge of verse-"God gave the increase," but knowing the supersensitiveness of some of my brethren, I refrain from mentioning the word God as much as possible, but I will venture upon purchase of the mourning outfit, the costly casket, the deli-Davis' definition, "the Great Positive Mind"; and also that of cate cards of invitation and the splendid array of carriages! destruction and dissipation into mud, dust, and drifting the illustrious Alfred R. Wallace, "the Supreme Mind of the Universe." " What of Woodhull and Claffin in England?

This is a normal question, considering that Victoria C Woodhull was twice elected president of the National Spiritualists' Convention. Not long after her reaching England influencing spirits, sometimes by mesmerists, and often by further believe that if people would be good members of so she married into an old family of wealthy bankers, the Marciety, and be happy, they should believe in my unbelief-that tins. Her marriage to Mr. John Biddolph Martin was emphatically a love marriage. They were both happy. Dying, Is this a cheering outlook-a desirable consummation? If he willed his immense wealth, including the Norton Park not, investigate Spiritualism, and get what you have a right | estate, to his wife, where she and her daughter. Zula-Maud Woodhull, now reside in luxury. The palace-like residence is called "The Gables." Once, in connection with Mr. and Mrs. Hill, and Mrs. Cadwallader, I dined with Mrs. Martin and her daughter, and was charmed-electrified with the decorating, paims, paintings, statuary and massive library of been somewhat modernized in many localities within a few commenting recently, upon some of our National Spiritualist books so choicely classified. Mrs. Martin is now writing a years. Flowers measurably mitigated the gloom, and music biography of her life. She entertains the literati and the

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#### Why Expose Medium-Frauds?

What the good of it? They drift to some adjoining village, or city, and continue their deviltry. And further, many spiritists delight in being "humbugged." It is exciting in a dark The excellent writings of Brother Howe always interest room to unwrap a sheeted ghost. If the medium was grabbed me. His trance utterances have not only charmed, but often | and held, "it was transfiguration." But how about the muslin fixings? Were these also materialized. I do not deny that invisible intelligences may so manipulate the etheric essences and aural emanations as to make visible forms; and yet, I believe that NINE-TENTHS OF THESE "SHOW-SE-IFESTING SPIRITS, ARE DOWNRIGHT FRAUDS! These public manifestations in theaters and halls will gradually be relegated to the privacy of the parlor and the home, where parents and children, and friendly investigating neighbors may meet for meditation, music, spiritual readings, and spiritual manifestations.

SHUN THESE TRAVELING, ADVERTISING MEDIUMS AND THEIR SHOWS AS YOU WOULD A DEN OF COBRAS, They lead to mental derangement, and demoniac infestamortals, talks with wandering, obsession demons, then with wards and punishment for good and evil, both in this world tions. Subscribe for Spiritualist journals and see how many of these "spirit-tramps" have been exposed. Keep yourselves posted-read and remember. And further, have one room in your own house dedicated to spirit ministries and

#### The Science of Being Born and Dying.

There is altogether too much fuss made about these two interesting events, childbirth and death. When in India a

few years ago, the guest of an English physician out at Kilpauk, a suburb of Madras, a Hindoo tapped at the door while we were at breakfast. They conversed in some Indian dialect. In a few moments the doctor casually remarked, "This man is expecting an addition to his family."

Breakfast being finished, we spent an hour or two in his library, the doctor smoking much of the time. Remembering the doctor's summons, and the expected result. I stammeringly ventured to say:

"Doctor, excuse me, but had you forgotten your call?" Smilingly, he replied, "Oh, we never go on these occasions, unless there is a malformation, or some abnormal presentation." 'Casting his eye out of the window, he exclaimed, "There they go now."

"Who?" I inquired, rising from my chair.

The reply was, "This family spoken of at the breakfast table, expecting the family addition. See they are walking towards that field, the wife, the wife's mother and husband." In this unoccupied field were shrubs, trees and a pool of water. Here on that grassy carpet the child was born and her own bosom.

"To-morrow she will be about her work as usual." said the with birth in this enlightened land of cursed corsets and thousand women die each year in the throes of child-birth.

#### Dying, Mourning and Burial.

It is expensive these days to die. Many cannot afford it. and so live right on. But think of it-the doctor's bill, the Now see, how gracefully, rhythmically, draggingly, mopingly, the cortege moves along cemetery-ward, to pay the last kind act to a deserted, putrefying carcass of clay. One is in a quandary at this point, to know which is the most appropriate in the presence of the magnificent show, to weep, or to

I know it is fashionable, or was in the past, when a friend died to hang black crape on the door-knob, close the blinds, get a black coffin, a black bler; the deceased must be dressed in black before being encoffined. The mourning group must be clothed in black, even to the gloves upon the hands and crape upon the arm. The horses must be black, and their heads decorated with black tassels. The preacher ,>>> must stand in a half-darkened parlor, to talk in a doleful, sepulchral-toned sort of a holy grunt-and all to be fashionable and impressive! This was the old-time fashion. It has

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#### A Genuine Haunted House at Brainerd, Minn

When, in broad daylight, it is told that a certain house in any community is haunted, people smile incredulously, scoff at the idea and say they would like to see the ghost; but in silence and at night, when the wind is howling, doors and windows creak and the flickering shadows come and go, things unnoticed before take on form and life. Let the story he told then: children creep closed to the paternal knee and even grown up people glance hastily around when any unusual noise is sounded. So it is in Brainerd.

The present story is not entirely new but is being related with recurring frequency as days go by, how a certain house on the north side is the scene of nightly visitations of spirit verisimilitude of her, who in the years gone by, occupied it in the flesh.

Residents of Brainerd will easily recall a memory of a distinctly odd charBY DR. JAS. M. PEEBLES,

Glints, Gleams, and Flashes of Memories.

It is richly worth something to write something concerning ( independent state, sensitives, at will enter into direct touch something that somebody will criticise. Stupidity abounds, and correspondence with intelligent spirits. In this condi-This great throbbing world is not moved forward by merely bringing sluggish laggards up to the present mental and wisely directed will, they may come into sublime relations advance guard is always necessarily under fire. A man who who people the elysium fields of immortality. Swedenborg shoulders, creating no ripples, antagonizing no one, had bet- doubtless, somewhat warped by his theological education.

ter consider what a useless wart he is upon the rugged face of society. The man who thinks, reasons, has opinions and breathes them; or who bravely volces the profoundest convictions of his soul, must expect to have enemics. Briars exist where herries grow. But enomies do not seriously concern the truly conscientious man. He moves on, jealous of none, and with malice cowards none: He considers that in motion. Then, he sees spirit substances, forms, auras, subfinity stretches outward and upward before him, and so he climbs and sings. If he falls, he falls to rise,-to climb and to sing. Life is a mighty orchestra of music, with discords enough to make the melody better and richer by contrast.

#### Brahmins in This Country.

Are there any? Hindoos come like the spring showers, burdened with the professed lore of the ages. They come criticising Emerson, and most graciously telling us how little century, our co-assistant Theosophists have been among the been no prosecution. best patrons of Spiritualist mediums, especially those gifted

we of the West know. Before me lies the card of Babu -, by way of London, a "high caste Brahmin." He came to England to reach "mental science," "mahatmic adeptship," "astral clairvoyance," "occult illumination," and "pneumatic magic." How clever! How self-sacrificing to come so far!

We had an Indian Jainist (a genuine unpretentious good man) with us in Battle Creek some three years ago, and of whom I took a few lessons in Sanskrit; but I soon dropped it. He returned to India some two years ago. But when a "high caste Brahmin" comes, vestured in robes fantastic, Harbinger of Light, to use his influence with Mr. Spriggs, to no difference (when rightly understood) between the Harmosmoking cigars, and eating beef-steak, my rising doubts will give him a seance-sitting for Madame Blavatsky to materi. nial Philosophy, the Spiritual Philosophy, and Spiritualism. not down. Remember, reader, that no solid, orthodox Brahmin comes to this country. It is strictly against their religion. Should one come, he would lose his caste. True, there are Brahmins and Brahmins, as there are graded Christians

-high church and low church. The Mormons pronounce themselves "the Latter Day Saints of Jesus Christ." But I am writing of the genuine, orthodax Brahmins, with whom caste is everything. Bogus Brahmins find excellent pastorage in America.

Judge Sarvothanna Roa, of Tinnevelly, India, says, "No orthodox Brahmin could cross the ocean, mingling with foreigners, eating forbidden foods, failing in his temple offerings and worship, and maintain his caste. This possibly, might be regained, however, by passing through penances and prolonged purifications." Superstition and bigotry are quite as prevalent in the Orient as in America. The Hindoo masses are poor and ignorant. Nevertheless, I hold the Hindoo Indians, the Mohammedan Indians, and even the halfclad Pariah Indians in high esteem. They were originally Aryans, and so were we-brothers all-all of every land and clime.

Wisdom suggests, however, that we be a little shy of these "high caste Brahmins," who for money so readily vaccinate their patronizing students with the gifts of "illumination,", tion of all religion, all churches, all bibles, in my own final "astral clairvoyance," and "divine adeptship."

#### Clairvoyance-The True and the Genuine.

clairvoyance. Some are born clairvoyant. They were in childhood clear-seers. In others, it is induced, sometimes by normal unfoldment through right thinking and right living. Clairvoyance, stripped of all seedy, mossy, astral oriental-

isms, is simply seeing with the spirit eyes. Reduced to the test analysis, it is the spirit the conspious Ego, that sees. Sometimes it sees through the intermediate soul-body, and occasionally leaves the latter and sees, knows, without reasoning. Seldom in my writings have I ever referred to my own clairvoyance. It was not and is not for public peddling

When leaving in quiet midnight hours my two envelopes, the physical body and the etheric soul-body, I neither sense time, or know anything of space. I see-I know, and that w idiosyncracy. She had never married, any syllogistic reasoning, or inductive ratiocination. Clairvoyance was largely brought before the modern world by Marquis de Puysegur, a disciple of Mesmer. There is independent clairvoyance, dependent clairvoyance, and psychological, pictorial presentations. There are also other phases with different degrees of lucidity. Spiritualist mediums, being the adepts-the real adepts of this periodare the legitimate exponents and elucidators of planes. spheres and the etheric strata of the worlds invisible, soon discover and describe the different shades of auras, and psychic conditions that their lucidity so clearly sees and reveals. Such clairvoyants as Davis, Tuttle, and others, are the truly "trained." In independent clairvoyance, when discarnate spirits are the helpers, the clear-seer should and does exercise his own judgment, demanding of the spirit-pilot the where, the why, and the what of clairvoyant purpose and practicability.

There is nothing miraculous, or even marvelous about

were organized without a conscious, purposing organizer, and are moving, whirling on towards some vast unknown, purposeless nowhere. 3. I believe in matter, in all the varieties and all the asdo not know what even a single atom of matter consists of.

any future conscious existence.

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ecclesiastical priestcraft.

4. I believe it my privilege and imperative duty to underangel ministries and present spirit communications.

5. I believe in the folly of faith and prayer, in the destrucgases.

6. I believe that I, and every human being, so far as consciousness and personal intelligence are concerned, will ultimately be "snuffed out," rotting away into the absolute nothingness of annihilation-dreary, icy, unending! And I death, cold, grim and eternal, ends all!

to know, namely, that death is but a masked seraph opening the gateway to a future, brighter existence.

London "Light," and Our. N. S. A. Resolutions.

This very able English journal-an honor to Spiritualismassociation's resolutions, says: "Fancy an English tion adopting resolutions relating to trusts, woman's suffrage, elite, the graphic descriptions of which appear monthly in vaccination, intoxicating drinks, and tobacco." I cannot do the "Court Journal." it. Though my hopes and aspirations admit of considerable stretching, such a "fancy" is away beyond me. It must be relegated to the category of the unthinkables. However, to my conception, a Spiritualism, that, finding evidences of a future existence, sits down, rests, dozes and petrifies into the one fact that spirits communicate-that and nothing more, is not a whit in advance of old Babylonian necromancy. I go further; any "blessed Spiritualism" that does not take tobacco out of the mouth, trichina-infected pork, and beer out of the body, envy and jealousy out of the heart, bigotry and ecclesiastical superstition out of the brain, is little better than an old wind-shattered, last year's bird's nest; for this bird's nest is a fact. Spiritualism, as I understand it, is connected, or should be, power; more than this, it should lead the van, shouting to chic sensitives, are both independent and dependent. In the expensive stimulating articles harmful to humanity? True, This is a fair sample of employing a regular speaker; but

There was also a good-sized pamphlet published in New Zeavatsky had died in London, Col. Olcott, being in Sydney, has. land, and circulated in Australia, in which occurred this tened to Melbourne to consult the noted materializing me. phrase, "From the above quotations it will be seen that Mr.

acter, Miss Agnes Gillis, odd almost to but had lived in Brainerd years and years; modest, retiring, well-educated, refined and ladylike. She had relatives somewhere in the east, but she never visited them nor did they visit her. She had property but in the hard times that the city has seen she became, in the vernacular, land poor, and it is told that at such times actual want stared her in the face and she must have suffered save for the kindly interference of neighbors. Yet, withal, she was proud and in that pride, assistance was ofttimes rendered in difficulty and the most marked delicacy had to be exercised. Sad little stories are still told of her, but nothing is to be gained by their repetition. Some four or five years ago she died and with her was buried a story of her earlier life that must have been stranger than anything else that was known to her here. The relation of this much is but incidental to the real

A short time ago a family moved into the house. Among the members was a young man who arose early on the first night of their stay in the house. He did not wish to go back to bed, yet it was too early to go to work, so he lay down upon the floor. Of this he seems to be certain, that the spirit of Miss Gillis appeared to him and told him of the sorrows she had experienced on earth. The next day the family moved out. Other families have since moved in, have said they saw and heard similar things and sought other habitations.

The above version is from the Brainerd Arena. Now comes Mrs. W. Holmes, of that city, who writes as fol-

"We were acquainted with Miss Gil lis, and I attended a seance where she was present. While tests were being given she said. 'I wonder if spirit return true. If it is, when I die the people in Brainerd will all know it. I will show myself,' and she has done so without a doubt. Two of the men who saw her were strangers in Brainerd and had never known there was such a person, and they described her perfectly. Mr. and Mrs. Ausdahl, and Mr. and Mrs. Hussey have seen the parties who left the house so suddenly, and talked to them on the subject. They say that they were not believers in spirit return, and thought people who did were crazy. They have now changed their minds. visited the house and SAW THE SPIR-IT OF MISS GILLIS."

The evidence seems conclusive that the house above referred to is haunted and that Miss Gillis has kept her prom ise and made her presence known.

#### Bible in Public Schools.

We have all heard about the dear, kind-hearted old lady who found good in everybody, and was guite sure everybody must commend the devil for his virtue of perseverance.

It is very much the same with certain Christian zealots-their spirit of perseverance is commendable, even though it is exercised in a wrong cause. Thus the Congregational Ministers Association of Chicago, at a recent

In years agone, I listened by the hour in rapt attention, to hear Judge Edmonds describe his clairvoyant visions. Dr. A. J. Davis, Hudson Tuttle, and others, were, and doubtless still are independent clairvoyants. Many mediums, or psy-

The Tennessee Claffin that was, is now Lady Cook. What great changes are wrought by the whirligig of time!

#### Spiritualists, Do You Want Him?

Want who? A clear-headed scholar, author, playwright, lecturer upon the stirring topics of the times, and withal a windows, shut the sick-room doors, and keep out of the firm Spiritualist. What society would like such a teacher? apartment for several hours. This is the new birth. Spirit He lives afar off, but from readings and converse with Amer-| physicians and spirit friends are in attendance. Be in no icans he has become enamored with our country, and would like to settle here. He has a fine personal bearing; his wife is an excellent singer, and he is claimed by both Unitarians and Spiritualists. Write me for his name and address.

The sooner that Spiritualists settle down to settled speakers, the better for societies-and lecturers also. As an illuswith every uplifting reform of the age, a mighty motive tration, take Rev. F. A. Wiggin and his Boston society. He has been there located four or five years, and I am credibly the millions in the valleys, "Come up higher." What the informed by a Boston gentleman that there were at one of lives, and at times is with you still a loving, ministering wrong, then, in the N. S. A. passing resolutions against great his services over 1,200 present a Sunday or two ago. He has soulless trusts, intoxicating liquors, tobacco-using, and all as we all know large, substantial and growing audiences.

n minor keys somewhat lessened the edge of grief.

When persons are dying, the bedside should not be surrounded by weeping eyes and anguished hearts. This is neither scientific nor spiritual. The friends, save one, the calmest and kindest, should stand back, or in an adjoining room, passive, trustful. There should be music soft and sweet. When the person has ceased to breathe, raise the hurry about burying the body. Remember that there have been many premature burials. Let the funeral be pleasant, with sympathizing friends, cherful music, and a profusion of flowers. The undertaker leading the procession graveward, should move off in a good lively trot. It is the last act to a dilapidated lump of matter. Be cheerful about it, and feel conscious that you have done your duty in putting a dead, human-shaped shell out of sight, while the inhabitant livesspirit. Personally, I prefer to have my old cast-off garments cremated. J. M. PEEBLES.

Battle Creek, Mich.

meeting, appointed a committee to draft | Good Work of the Editor-at-Large-He resolutions, to be sent to the Board of Education, of Chicago, asking for the reading of the Bible in the public schools.

These well-meaning Christian gentlemen seem to be entirely unaware that there are non-Christian people who are taxed to support the public schools, and have rights that should be respected, and to whom the reading of the Bible or any other distinctly religious book in the schools is highly objectionable and offensive.

If the Bible is read in the schools it must be by someone who is either a sectarian believer or the contrary. A sec-tarian's rendition of the Bible will be in accordance with his sectarian views; while, on the other hand, if he is not a religionist, the object of the promoters of Bible reading is defeated.

Catholics, Protestants, Jews, agnos-tics, atheists, and men of all shades of religious belief and disbelief are en-titled to equal rights and privileges in the public schools, by natural law and according to the genius of American institutions. It is not right that any of them should be offended by the course of instruction in the schools they are taxed to support.

It is for religious reasons alone that Bible reading in the schools is advo-

If religionists insist upon Bible reading in the schools, non-religionists of all classes have an equal moral right to insist on the reading of Paine, Voltaire, Ingersoll as a part of the school exer-

The Bible-any version, Catholic, Protestant or other-will breed discord and result in harm instead of good. It is wholly out of place in the public schools, and the Board of Education should deny the petition of the Congregational ministers in the premises.

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Passed to the Realm of Soul. of support, and the people want it, they will subscribe for it, and it should never Is Consigned to Hell by a "Holy Man." A letter from San Francisco, Cal., in-The "Sailor Evangelist," Capt. Taylor, forms us that Mr. Newman, editor of this system has worked splendidly with be forced on them. For thirteen years has been conducting a revival at Elgin, the Philosophical Journal, has passed to us, until we have the finest publication III. In one of his lurid sermons he spirit life. Mr. Newman was a most block of any Spiritualist paper in the

made a vicious attack on Spiritualism. excellent man, and thoroughly in earn-He said it was all the work of the devil, est in the work in which he has been so because it was brought to the world by long engaged. He will be greatly missed a woman, meaning the "Witch of En- on the Pacific coast.

The paper he conducted has had a vador!" A good Spiritualist of that town sent a copy of the Elgin Press, contain- ried career, and in many respects a ing a report of the attack, to the Editor- painful one. 1. When published by S. S. at-Large of the N. S. A., Hudson Tuttle. Jones Hohad; at one time a circulation

The latter wrote a reply which the of 25,000 Then for various reasons its Press published. It struck straight circulation commenced declining, but INTO THE "SOLAR PLEXUS" of the when he was, shot by Pike, the paper ranting evangelist, and this is the way was doing comparatively well finanhe retaliated. He announced as his cially, if then came into the hands of

subject, "A PRAYER MEETING IN Col. J. O. Buindy, and the decline in its HELL," and before a large audience subscription list continued with astonpoured out his wrath, for he was mad to ishing "fegularity. Finally Mr. Bundy the finger tips. He said everybody who passed to the realm of souls, and the forgot God would go to hell, and as paper went into the hands of Prof. B. F. nearly everybody did forget him, the Underwood, an accomplished literary vast majority would go there. He plc gentleman. He passed it over to Mr. tured the devils in hell praying for Newman, whose trials and tribulations water and on being refused, praying for then commenced in earnest, one misfor tune following another until his final departure to appirit life a few days ago. It seems as if misfortune has followed messengers to be sent to warn people not to come there. But the vials of his

wrath were emptied on the Spiritualists. He said they would be thicker those who persisted in owning and con-than fiddlers in hell, jumping around trolling the paper. We hope a better Lincoln, with the inciting causes of that like jumping jacks, and Hudson Tuttle fate will await those who will now take would be calling off for them to dance! change of it.

It is strange but true, that no weekly Such are the arguments of the Mr. Tuttle has a second article man." paper published on the Pacific Coast in the Press, and while scorching the ever prospered. The Golden Gate and evangelist, puts forth the spiritual phil-Carrier Dove, both first-class Spiritualosophy, as evidenced by the Bible the ist papers, and as large as The Progress.

preacher takes as infallible authority. ive-Thinker, died prematurely. He shows that the evangelist is not acgarevyard of Spiritualist papers is very quainted with the passages he so glibly large in California. The Philosophical quotes, and says! "I do not ask the Journal, though small in size, has been sailor evangelist to be grammatical, but | bright and interesting, and worthy of a I do ask him to bo truthful." better fate. The new management can

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poses in the minutest details the corrup-tion that exists in that church, and its iniquitous methods and aims. The

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### What Will the New Year Bring the Old Earth? Forecast of Events.

"And there shall be a new heaven and a new earth." "Bchold, I make all things new." "There is nothing new under the sun."

These scomingly contradictory passages from the same volume, but separate books of inspiration, are, nevertheless, all true.

So far as the substance of earth and the recurrence of things are concerned there can be nothing new. So far as the baptism of spirituality and the entering into new conditions are concerned they are always new. The principles and truths of souls and God never change; the manifestations always change.

Therefore, according to your calendar-the calendar of Christendom-this is the entering upon a new year. Prop. more electric, this will be disturbed and the regular currents erly the new year should begin when the sun again begins to of magnetic and electric forces will be diverted by volcanic mount toward the northern heavens, or when upon your portion of the earth's surface the days begin to grow longer. Over all the Orient, in the eastern countries north of the

equator where there were similar manifestations of astronomy to your own, this was the custom.

A great many of the North American Indian tribes were better observers of the changes in the heavenly bodies than of the earth itself, and by the great psychic changes due to yourselves, though perhaps not as great mathematicians, the vast inter-solar belt which the earth is entering on its The shortest day was followed immediately by celebrations spiral pathway around the great central sun; for the solar and rejoicings, because the sun began to more and more system itself has entered this new belt and all these disturb light up the earth.

In Egypt when the sun passed a particular line and had occur at this changed position of the earth. Of course you dipped lowest down the sky, then from that time rejoicing cannot study it because you are upon it. But other planets that direction if it were only carried into effect. You and the Democratic party. There is something taking possesbegan. While in the far North among the Scandinavians, experience changes, and those that have passed the condifrom whence came forth the mighty Thor, and Woden, and tions of such feverish disturbances will be helped forward Friga, the goddess, just as soon as the shortest day was to greater victory, while the earth is passing through the Friga, the goddess, just as soon as the shortest day was great cyclic shadow. past, then came rejoicing, for soon the springtime would ap- We perceive for the nations of the earth in the coming year

But whatever be the time appointed it matters not, for it most singular relations. ' The career which Great Britain serves as the symbol of a great cycle.

The New Year to most people is a day of new beginnings. nation will draw to a close in the coming year, but its career To many it is a day of retrospect and reminiscence; but is already drawing to a close. The supremacy of the seas; above all looking backward is the worst thing to do, for even the bearing forward of the commerce of the world to distant Janus, who looked backward as well as forward, commanded people; the conquest of inferior-so-called inferior-races, all to look forward instead of backward; and whosoever finds all this is changing. Russia is to take up activity in the ditime to sorrow in the midst of that which is and is to be, in rection of more aggressive warfare in the Orient. Russia is lating what Janus teaches.

Yet to-day the old earth groans, as in the past cycles of which Great Britain has held in India, Afghanistan, Burmah years under the great stress of a mighty period. You are and all those nations bordering upon the north and northentering a state that is to have many years for its completion, but that is, nevertheless, fully upon you. The physical into alliances with enemies of Great Britain, that is, pations conditions upon the earth are palpably changing; notwith | that are jealous of Great Britain's past purpose, jealous of standing your long successions of mild winters in this latitude, and notwithstanding the cutting away of the forests in the middle and eastern states has caused less of snow, still national events in the western continent. That which has this portion of the earth is gradually growing colder. been going forward in the Orient will be transferred to this Greenland was once a green land, it is so no longer, and all continent. along the northern and northeastern coast of your country this continent is gradually growing colder. The great ice those great glacial cataclysms, which includes changes, not

Where the stress period at present exists extends from the Republic the present condition of affairs would have been northwest to the southwest; beginning in the western por impossible. But it was not really an ideal republic. It was tion of this continent extending along the Pacific coast to not ideal when it was founded by Washington, Jefferson, are becoming less and less the guerdon of your liberty. The Mexico and extending measurably in a southwestern direc. Paine and the Adamses and their co-patriots. It was ideal tion half way around the globe. Again beginning further compared to a monarchy: it was ideal compared to that north a belt will be found to include western Europe, a por | from which they fled. But nothing could be ideal that in | ing forward in the great "conquest of the world." What tion of the Atlantic coast and a portion of the Atlantic cluded slavery or the exclusion of one-half of the human states, or the eastern shore of North America. These will race. The chattel slavery of the negroes and the non-recog- Britain has been, America is destined to be. And those who be places of great stress. The places visited by eruptions of nition of woman prevented it from being an ideal republic. the more recent, volcances give manifestations from the past Consequently, it is not strange that under those conditions glacial period, a sort of echo, but they will not be included slavery should have brought the results of the fruitage of what power there is in material success? in the destruction. The recent formations will be more ex- war and of questions that are not yet settled. You conquered empt, although there will be disturbances and uneasiness in the South, but you have not settled the negro problem yet. volcauic districts in your western territories. Extending along the outskirts of this same belt or line is a seam which true Liberty, caused your nation to go to war against Spain the last glacial period made: the Rocky Mountains which to protect Cuba, it was not taken into consideration that the wiped out as if she had never been. That will be her fate. will probably not be rent asunder, but there will be losses on ation was not in the right position to do a thing of that And this young giant of the West is extending its power and

disturbed; the electricians, however certain of their experi- the earth that held your ideals sacred will be no more bound from the thralldom of the armies and empire of England. ments, will find not only telegraphic communications, but than they will be by other alliances. We notice that alli. The Durbar, with its lights and pageantry, with its revival of the telephones and all electrical instruments and especially ances are made among Europeon nations the same as treat pagan splendor, with its appeal to the love of glitter in wireless telegraphy will be seriously interfered with by these lies have been by the United States governments with the the minds and senses of those people will sink out of sight atmospheric conditions.

the oceans!

next step. We believe that the next year will emphasize all

the things that are manifest this year and were manifest the

year before. We do not think there will be any less wealth

few months by a difficulty between workingmen and capital-

We think that this point will be considered; we think a great

believe that wise recommendations will be made by that

less, the trend of affairs is in the direction of the greater

money that in vast quantities is in the possession of the few

is coveted by the many. The few that possess it form shin-

others to follow. It is useless to tell the workingman to toil

millions. He wants to know how, he wants to strive with

the others that strivé. And as to the tilling of the soil, it has

ceased almost to be an honorable occupation. The farmer

deprecates his life-the most independent man on the face

of the earth-he envies the Board of Trade man. If you

compare the sights and sounds that he sees with the sights

and sounds that greet the ears of the Board of Trade man

every commercial day in the year you wonder. But it is not

The electrical manifestations will be wonderful as produced by nature, and these will afford opportunities for observation never existing since electricity has been known to would not respect that alliance beyond the necessities of the ence of his grandfather; he must burn his fingers in the same science, yet the usual methods of electrical experiments and case, and the necessities are physical necessities. The ne- fires of temptation, the passions of his youth must attract utility will be seriously interfered with.

Nearly all electrical conditions follow the line of the earth's surface, beginning at the equator and extending therefrom to either pole. The North Pole being manifestly dust, and disturbances beneath the thin incrustation, rockribbed and rock-bound as the earth seems to be.

The same will be true in human forces; the forecasting of events (which astrology, in some degree, teaches as a science, but which usually must be accompanied by a great deal of intuition); must be disturbed by these peculiar conditions ing conditions are the result of the cyclic changes that must

has followed out we see drawing to a close; not that it as a

various alliances of the nations in Europe. That power west of India will be broken by Russia. Russia will enter the extent of her domain.

But you will notice these changes more in regard to the

We do not intend to preach of your kind of political econ omy, but the nation has entered upon a new epoch and will belt is steadily encroaching upon you. As we said in a re- not retrace her steps. For the ideals of the nation we are cent discourse, the earth is already entering upon one of sorry she has entered upon it; but, because it was inevitable, we are not sorry. It was inevitable because of the spirit of only to the physical geography of the earth, but includes the the age, because of the condition of the people in the present social, political and moral conditions of earth's inhabitants. state of human progress. If this had been really an Ideal

that, it is the power, it is the freedom from the brand of labor; it is that which makes it seem less reputable to engage in toll. The hands that are scarred and solled with toil typical New England farmer, the typical farmer of the Middle and Western states is changing; and the country is press-Rome was, what Greece was, what Egypt was, what Great are in the great whirl and are mad with success of material things are glad. Why should they not be glad when they see

The fate of Egypt, the fate of Rome, the fate of Greece, the fate that is approaching Great Britain-deserted by her col-When the impulse, which was prompted by the Spirit of onies, and blind, and old, and lonely; sitting deserted, surrounded by the sea when the glacial cataclysm comes, and the southeastern coast and losses on the northwestern and kind through the acquisition of other territory. Your con- influence over all the carth. Yet what steps have been these

### A Discourse Given through mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.

Indians, for the express burpose of being broken. And we and be forgoiten, and the New India will not be English.

shall see that notions who may entervinto alliance with the You are treading the same path. You cannot take the ex-United States, seeing the trend of affairs, are nations that perience of others; no more than a boy can take the expericessities are the strongest battle ships; the necessities are him and burn their way to his conscience, he must live his

the standing army: the necessities are the strongest fortifica- own life: and you as a nation must live yours. tions. The coast on the Atlantic extending from Maine to | This year the indications are that you will go on talking the Gulf of Mexico, and the coast on the Pacific extending much and doing little. Talking about righting many from Alaska to Mexico have been invulnerable because of wrongs, but they will not be righted. There will be pages the moral strength of the United States. When it comes to and columns furnished of how to cross the barrier that diphysical strength consider what will be necessary to fortify vides the man who never sees the daylight from the man that extent of coast, including the new water-way between who dwells in a palace, and how to reach the bond of fraternity. But you will not witness it this year. If John We are only pointing to that which we see. We try to be Mitchell knows the true place that belongs to him in history impartial. We consider that it is inevitable; we regard it, he will not allow politicians to soil the fair name that he has like the great financial and monetary kings, as a part of the won by his sincerity and his unselfishness.

Now we turn to another picture. The coming year will be fruitful of dissolution of old landmarks and parties politically, and like the religions of the earth, and especially of in the hands of the millionaires. We do think Congress will Europe and America, will be pervaded by something that is legislate anything that is at all effective against trusts: We born of the new. There is very little Evangelical Orthodox think a few will make the endeavor, and a few, like Mr. Religion in the world now; there is very little of the old line Roosevelt, will say, there is already sufficient legislation in Whig and Republican parties left; there is very little left of we know that it will not be. We understand perfectly that sion of the people that looks forward to the new. They will now there are two great forces that may possibly meet in ar- not do much about it. Doing is the last thing that occurs. bitration, but that are liable at any time to be arrayed Conviction, conscience and finally necessity compel action. against each other. We understand that legislation will be Mr. Lincoln was the man for the time and the hour, but he fashioned to make it impossible for business to be suspended, did not free the slaves as soon as he knew that slavery was for commerce to be clogged as it has been during the past wrong, he freed them when it became a military necessity. You all know it, but politicians praise him for it. Nevertheists. We have no idea, and you have no idea that it will be less it was the hymn of John Brown that kept the soldiers solved with especially any more justice to the laboring man. | marching; nevertheless it was the peaceable yet, piercing words of William Lloyd Garison and his co-workers that deal will be said about it; we think it will be talked over and freed the slaves; nevertheless, it was Harriet Beecher Stowe over in the commission that is now holding its sessions. We who set the brand upon slavery, not at its best, for men are very kind to their cattle that they prize, but at its worst the midst of the busy activities of life and the things that to dominate the "Eye of the Orlent;" that which has been Commission; we believe that the President will recommend when they forget to be kind. So people will not express their are necessary to be done, must consider him or herself vio- steadily controlled by the "Balance of Power," through the the recommendations for the action of Congress. Neverthe new convictions right away in this world. In times of peace you do not vote your convictions; you cannot live them on power of wealth. There is more influence of wealth in this each day in the average commercial transaction. you cannot country and in the world to-day than ever before. The live them in the little corner grocery, though you strive. Of course you are not ready to starve for your convictions. It takes a large company of starving people to make a riot. ing lights, (in the estimation of the world) landmarks for The Corn Laws were not abolished in England when they were known to be wrong, but when the people arose clamoreight, ten, twelve or sixteen hours a day for his daily bread, ing for bread they were abolished. when men by the turn of the wheel of fortune can make

This year there will be few of those attempts; this year there will be few recognitions in Congress or out of it. Among laboring men and among capitalists there will be a sincere desire on the part of a few men to see the right way and follow it. But the wrong way, or the way that is, is too well established, is easiest. It is all going that way and you cannot stem the tide if you think you can. "Go sell all thou hast and give to the poor" has not entered into the mind yet

of Carnegie or Rockefeller. Carnegie has given it to libraries, but that does not feed people. Rockefeller has given it to universities, but that turns out a great many more useless members of society. The methods will not be changed this year; more money will be added to universities; more books bought for people to read the things that have been written since the days of Hesiod. But nobody pays much attention to "Millions of spiritual beings walk the earth unseen both when you wake and when you sleep." So said Hesiod: so said Milton, and who acts as if he believed it? Millions of people in human forms walk the earth and crowd and jostle each other as if they wanted everybody else to leave it er cept themselves. Of this innumerable throng of spiritual beings reaping the harvest they have sown you think but little, unless it is of your darlings that were taken. And what do you give to them? Some tears, some sorrow, some useless regrets. But the great acts of love that will place you by their side, that will make you one with them as you walk the daily life. Can you do these things? You think you cannot; you think you are in the mad whirl of daily life

People will not forget their sorrow and their suffering and

their struggles and their crimes and the great, great misery,

until this state comes. If a volcano was right out here

somewhere it might set you to thinking of something else.

When there is a disaster we praise the Lord, because people

then have sympathy, and loving kindness, and helpfulness,

These catacivams that occur arouse your sympathy for

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ous Imitations, If you can, I wish you would write to me and help ine with the discussions I and my asso-clatus are carrying on in the New Thought Magazine. If you cannot, then I an sure you will be interested in the discussion itself.



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southwestern coast. There will be a new continent in the mid-Atlantic occan. Lost continents or portions of them your lips were sealed when the war in South Africa was left that might have been included in the civilization of this will reappear in the Pacific ocean, and there will be more raging; therefore, your lips will be sealed when the states of western land. The Indians knocking at the door to be adland south of the equator than north of the equator when South America are to be parceled out to European powers, mitted into these United States. While the few that are the glacial period is ended.

During the immediate coming years this great cataclysm "protecting" them from invasion. We need not tell you that sessed. There have been solons among those red men that will not be suspected; you will frequently have outbursts, we expect the latter result. The opening up of the canal, had they been Greeks, or Romans, or Britons, they would like the recent volcanic eruptions in the far distant islands, which is to be exploited by the United States, will open up have been classed with the mightiest in the universe. Step and you will have earthquakes nearer home just to remind your responsibilities, and the responsibilities that Great by step from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Massasoit to you of the period that you are in. But the great struggle Britain has had in India you will have in Central and South Moktevata, from the tribes of New England to the Navahoes and assist their fellow-men. A famine in India is better than will go on, with gradual changes in your climatic conditions, America.

belt caused by volcanic eruptions: Snows in the tropics, in- just as soon as you "protect the commerce" of that famous slavery. tense heat in the north temperate and frigid zones, perhaps canal you will be obliged to protect all those peculiar, midway the weather will be changed from its usual state. strange, mysterious, capricious and revolutionary South which bears civilization, as it is called, onward, it is the fond The summer of the year just past is an indication of what American republics.

volcanic dust can do, causing rain where there should be Mr. Roosevelt is wise in his day and generation; he did dreams of power that this "civilization" will be different; none; causing cold where it is usually warm, and other belts not want to settle the Venezuela affair, it carried too much that this warfare is not so cruel; that this Christianization is of volcanic dust will be formed and will take their positions responsibility. But just as soon as commerce appeals to you not the same as the civilization of the Greeks, and the Roowing, of course, to the revolution of the earth and the pe- and you guard, protect and see to it that there is not any un- mans, and the Egyptians in their conquests. Notwithstandculiar magnetic and electric action of the elements, until due invasion of the rights of commerce, that moment the ing the protest of such men as Gladstone and Bright in Engclimates will seem to have changed places. It will be colder United States takes upon itself the responsibility for the land and their worthy followers, the career of Great Britain cause your millions can be inherited and squandered, you in the extreme south and warmer in the extreme north, western continent. What you have done through the Mon- from the time of the forming of the East India Company un, will know what it is to be in the cataclysm of starving for But from year to year the dipping of the earth's axis will in roe Doctrine as an ideal you have done with very little til the present has been praised and lauded by Christian human sympathy. This year may not bring it, but some dicate that the great glacial cataclysm is encroaching. Of trouble. What the nations of the earth respected as an clergy as being the most beautiful conquest for Christianity. year it will, according to the seed that is sown. course the jce will break away this time first from the North ideal, they will not respect as a matter of commence. You The India of the future will declare a civilization so much Britain has experienced in the last century. changes in the coming year.

quest in the Philippine Islands has followed. Therefore, steps of conquest already: But a few of the original tribes

or taken possession of by the United States, as a measure of left illustrate the grand and beauteous powers they posare steps of desolation. The Indian is fading. The black | a British victory; it brings people into fraternal sympathy.

with unusual meteorological disturbances through a great This is our prediction; take it for what it is worth. But man is increasing, and he is to have his day of reckoning for

Now confronted by this great problem of power, by that hope of those who never held any of these convictions or

fresh air, want of lovely surroundings, of that which will satisfy, and above all, the greater and deeper famine, the Starting for human symnathy.

Oh, yes! It comes to you after a while, when you get to be a millionaire and everybody is glad that you are dead, be-

This year you will look out on great desolation, the result Pole, but'it will break away from both poles. The cap of ice have let down the bars, so you may expect wars and rumors greater than Great Britain ever dreamed of that she will pale of earthquakes; at ships that go down at sea, enguifed by at the South Pole is very high, while the larger area of ice of wars, you may expect encroachments and rumors of en and fade away into the history of the future as one of the bar- some volcano beneath the ocean waves; and you will wonder around the North Pole has not yet been penetrated. We give croachments; debts collected by force, and debts claimed barous nations of the earth. The old Vedantic philosophers when this sea of earth will give up its dead, and this great you this outline, not for the coming year, but for the cen perhaps where there are none. You may expect the same will rise in a new form. Brahma will reappear in a new and bitter dead sea fruit will cease to be washed upon the tury, that you may be prepared for peculiar atmospheric kind of jealousy from the nations of the earth that Great wonderful garb. Vishnu, the Preserver, the power of light, shores of time? We tell you that such New Year as you beand Seva will be declared again; and the Buddha of a later gin to do that which you know to be true will be the begin-This will begin, nay, it has already begun. The nations of time will shed his radiance over all the new India, released ning of that day.

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curiously close correspondence between curiously close correspondence between the developments of modern science and spiritual laws; to note that new forces, as discovered and applied in wireless telegraphy, are simply laws of an un-seen realm into which humanity is rap-idly advancing and thus galaing a new you not know that there is a cataclysm in Chicago all the time, morally, socially and politically? More people die of want here than ever die in India; want of bread, want of environment. From this evolutionary progress, as illustrated by physical science the author of "The World Beautiful" continues the same argument presented in those volumes in a plea that the future life is the continuation and development of our present life in all its faculties and powers, and that the present may be ennobled by the constart sense of the Divine Presence, and a truer knowledge of the nature of man and his relations to God tend to a higher morality and increasing happi-uess. The book is characterized by the same essential style and qualities that have insured for "The World Beautiful" volumes an almost world wide popularity.

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It has been some time since I have It has been some time since i have ity of the name to its utmost. All the interview in a large society being formed gent to every Spiritualist in possible, made any effort to reach the people in lowa, as well as in other at that place, and an application for However, if any be missed write me for through the Progressive Thinker, and states. At Clear Lake there is a splen- charter has already made its way into particulars. If you, are behind in your through The Flogressive finance, and states. It you have the state of the optimized in the state of the state wish to take advantage of whatever space you will grant me, to assure them that I am still here, and that the good cause in this section is still moving along.

two points in Iowa, and the same in Minnesota. Of the Ottumwa trip the report has already been scattered broadcast, but I wish to especially men-tion my trip to Clear Lake, Iowa, where I must not forget the visit of Brother I must not forget the visit of Brother I must not forget the visit of Brother I met many fine people, and had four I must not forget the visit of Brother

like them our cause would be on the Sister Sprague. Last week the writer spent at Ontaboom in a very short time. The Minnesota - mass-meeting, Feb. rio. Wis., and had four rousing meet-

27, 28, and March 1, called me to St. ings. I amtold that we had the largest I have visited many points since my Paul, and there as always, a good time audiences ever assembled in the opera last writing, and have met many people, was accorded everybody. I wish I had house, and certainly they were comand I hope made some friends. The time and space to tell all about that posed of as attentive and intelligent work, in my estimation, was never more meeting, for a study of the Minnesota people as I have met anywhere. encouraging than it is now. Upon my mid-winter meetings would do any one work was by no means in vain, as be-arrival home from the eastern part of good and muld be would do any one work was by no means in vain, of society of arrival home from the eastern part of good, and would be a source of encour fore leaving we formed a society of the state, I found that Mrs. Catherine agreent for those who are feeling thirty-eight members. This society thirty-eight members. This society the forthful here. The consort uslism.

among the faithful here. The consen-sus of opinion is that her work was of the highest order. She should be kept a state that is full of good people, and must convention of the Wisconsin State

busy. Mrs. Francis Wheeler, who is now a what is best, they are beginning to Spiritualist. Association, which conresident of the "Gateway City," is filling show themselves, and are affiliating venes in LaCrosse, April 21, and con-an important place here and is making with the cause, and are going to make tinues three days. A first-class program many friends. She also has been doing themselves heard ere long. Many calls is being prepared, so there will be a some fine work for the Spiritualists of have come in from all over the state for feast for all. We will have with us at La Crosse during my absence. The best work, but I am not like the "loaves and that time, Rev. Moses Hull, Rev. T. class of people here are Mrs. Wheeler's fishes" we read about, hence cannot be Grafton Owen, Geo. B. Warne, Mrs. divided up and sent around to different Eva McCoy and others. All of these

On two or three occasions my work pinces at once, and as a consequence, workers are well known, and their of othor souls starting out as I was do-took me ont of the state and I visited some of the calls I have been unable to names are a guarantee of good work. Ing, to gather in the forces they had 10.20 6850 .....

two points in Iowa, and the same in fulfill. Next season will see this asso- Let every Spiritualist in the state come; scattered in all directions during the ther than I, some not so far, and some

meetings that taxed the seating capac. and Sister Sprague to Beloit. This visit plete in a few days, and notices will be ity of the hall to its utmost. There are resulted in a large society being formed sent to every Spiritualist if possible.

WILL J. ERWOOD, La Crosse, Wis. <sup>11</sup> Sec. W. S. S. A. 10:



Where Our Souls Wander While We Sleep.

Gladly I laid down my instrument, the body, for the day had seemed long and wearlsome.

Now I stood, free as the breeze that played among the rose-vines outside my chamber window; and attaching myself to my body by an invisible unending thread, that I might know if aught molested it during my absence, I stopped out upon the balcony.

As I gazed forth upon the town sleeping in the full moonlight, I beheld hosts

sought companionship only in the It was a December midnight. Not shadowy realm between the world of such an one as these words probably Thought and the gates of this heavenly bring to your mind, but one natural to land. the far South. Regretfully I earthward winged my

The tall cocca trees waved their plumes along the shore, while the sil-vered sea waves sang a lullaby upon the sea to gold, that in the distance the sea to gold, that in the distance melted into the red and purple glories the sands. The thirsty flowers, worn with the of the clouds, and took up again my

heat of the day, rejoiced in the dew that | body, strengthened in my purpose so to dripped upon them in diamond sparkles,. live this earthly life, that each time l and a perfume rested heavily upon the lay my body down to sleep, I, the soul air, as it came through the orange trees | may rise higher and higher, until I shall laden with both fruit and blossoms. All this was fair, but looking heaven-

ward where the "Southern Cross" blazed with unusual brilliancy, I longed to soar beyond it to even fairer scenes. Stepping directly from the balcony

into the world of Thought, whose structures rose on every side, some fair

to see, and some so terrible that I hasabove that world, and through space into the realm of departed spirits. Here I was met and welcomed by dear ones who were expecting me, and

led through scenes and sounds such as "eye hath not seen nor ear heard." The hours sped all too swiftly, and through I gained some wisdom. I was

not permitted to go beyond that for which my cultivation of spiritual quali-ties had fitted me. Many Houls were permitted to go far-

be judged perfected enough to sever the cord that binds me to the body, and need return no more to the cares sorrows that beset us here, but remain in that world where all is love and beauty. VERA VICKERY. beauty.

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SPECIAL NOTICE. G. W. Kates and wife can be addressed at 3015 Pine street. St. Louis, Mo., in which city they will help at the Anniversary of Spiritualism, March 29, 30 and 31. They have the months of sentiments uttered in an article may be diametrically opposed to his belief, yet April, May and June open for calls in by other well known talent. First-class that is no reason why they should he 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 to do so. That must account for the desire their services, the calls must be

made at once.

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to impress upon the minds of our corre- nine premium books and The Progressspondents that The Progressive Thinker ive Thinker for another year. This is | test medium, to follow the lecture. They is set up on a Linotype machine that the fourth time that I send for your are both fine, and have given universal must make speed equal to about four grand books. I freely distribute to satisfaction. The people are awakening compositors. That means rapid work, others as soon as I have read them. I to the grand truths as presented by and it is essential that all cony, to in- find many who are in need of, and are sure insertion in the paper, all other re- | glad to receive, spiritual knowledge. I quirements being favorable, should be am thankful for such a gift. Did you written plainly with ink on white not sell them as cheap, I could not pospaper, or with a typewriter, and only on sibly buy them." Mrs. G. 'Hamilton Brooks writes:

one side of the paper. ITEMS .- Bear in mind that items for "The Englewood Spiritual Union, Hopthe General Survey will in all cases be kins Hall, 528 West 63d street, have readjusted to the space we have to occu- engaged the services of Oscar A. py, and in order to do that they will Edgerly, of Toronto, Canada, for' the generally have to be abridged more or month of April and May. He will be asless; otherwise many items would be sisted in his magnificent work by the crowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line test medium, Mrs. J. A. Murtha, during Item is cut down to ten lines, and ten the month of April. All who are looklines to two lines, as occasion may re- ing for the highest and best in Spiritual-

quire. ism, should not fail to hear these tal-Take due notice, that all items for ented workers. Mrs. Murtha gives this page must be accompanied by the tests Thursday afternoon, under the difull name and address of the wrist. It rection of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Come will not do to say that Secretary or Cor- early, as the hall is filled to overflowing the speaker of the evening. Test and respondent writes so and so, without at these meetings."

giving the full name and address of the To force the issue on the blue laws, writer. The items of those who do not prominent members of the Sabbath Obcomply with this request will be cast servance Association, Philadelphia, Pa., into the waste basket. have sworn out warrants for the arrest

Keep copies of your poems sent to of Postmaster General Charles Emory this office, for they will not be returned Smith, George W. Ochs and Thomas B. if we have not space to use them. Wanamaker, publishers of the Press,

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### tion of doubt. The society will hold special services, Sunday, March 29, 1

being the celebration of the anniversary of Modern Spiritualism. Interesting speakers will be in attendance, after. noon and evening. Rev. R. A. White, of the Englewood Universalist Church. will be with us in the evening, assisted music has been secured. And last but not least, a very appetizing supper will be served by the Ladies' Auxiliary from 5 to 7 p. m., to which all are most cordially invited."

Jennie C. Cain writes from St. Louis, Mo.: "We have with our society during Mr. Peck's vacation, Mr. Stewart as

speaker, and Mrs. Josie K. Folsom as these instruments. Our audience is increasing. Mrs. Folsom's tests are truly wonderful. Mr. Folsom is a fine trumpet medium, and has convinced many skeptics in this way. They are deserving of the love and assistance of all true

Spiritualists who have the love of the cause at heart. They should be constantly employed as they carry truth and conviction with them.'

The Fifty-fifth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism will be celebrated by the Chicago Spiritual Alliance Society, at Lakeside Hall, corner of 31st street and Indiana avenue, on Sunday, March 29. Services at 2:30 and 7:45 p. m. An extra program for the occasion. Dr. Geo. B. Warne, president of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association will be

messages will be given by Mrs. Ella Johnson Bloom, secretary of the I.S.S. A., followed by Mr. Chas. Peterson and Mrs. May Elmo. Music by Prof. LeRoy

Drake, the blind musician. Mrs. W. F. Howard writes: "The Clear Lake (Iowa) Spiritualist Society has had with them in the last month. Rev. Harry J. Moore, of Chicago, Will J.

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Sends a Message of Greeting and Instruction.

(II) : 9( Dear Brothor Francis:-It has been some time since I have contributed to your valuable paper, but I have had a valid and reasonable excuse. I have been going through the same experience of many others who pass over. I

have not only had to shake off the desires of earth (for every newly ushered spirit has them more or less at first), but I have had to learn how to "manipulate the wires" so that I could come en rapport with those on the earth plane,

I have tried several sources. A few have approached have helped me, but I have never felt free to commune at will through any one until now, when I be-

gin to feel the old spirit coming back to me. I want to reach my old friends; not only do I want to greet you but through your paper do I want to greet my friends at large, and tell them my exnerience, as best I can, so that they can learn that Spiritualism is true just as pictured to their view, time and time again, with this exception, that it is

grander from the spirit side of life in conception than they can possibly realize. But let me say right here that no one need expect perfect peace and joy

in spirit life unless they have earned it by the true conception of life in the material, by doing good, and living according to the precepts of the Golden Rule. I have not met a personal God, nor do I expect to, but there is a "judgment seat" for all. So let us commune to-

gether and learn what is best to gain happiness. Learn how to live on the earth plane. Be virtuous, be pure in heart, and the way will be opened up that will lead to happiness on the spirit side of life.

No one need think that absolution by the church will save him from just punishment. That is a delusion. Every sin, every foul deed must be atoned for.

I look upon spirit life as I have found it, like a great amphitheatre, step above step, until it reaches the overarching heavens. As the spirit advances and

About Spiritualism and Other Matters There must have been inspiration in the thought that gave your paper its name, for it overflows with thoughts of progression and helpfulness.

WOMAN'S THOUGHTS.

I look for Wednesday as the red letter day of the week, for on that day The Progressive Thinker arrives, and have a continued feast, while communing with congenial spirits yet in the mortal through the columns of your worthy paper.

I am in perfect sympathy with many of the ideas advanced in regard to adhering to old old religious form and ceremonies, and also titles which in themselves mean nothing, but betray a desire on the part of Spiritualists to be still covered with at least a remnant of the old orthodox mantle.

It has always seemed to me that there is beauty, and attractiveness

enough about the philosophy of Spiritualism to individualize it in every way, without making such strenuous efforts on the part of our teachers to copy and follow those that teach and advocate theories of a nature differing entirely from that of Spiritualism.

I admire the courage of Clara Watson in speaking her mind so freely. I think long prayers and religious exhortations that characterize a Methodist revival meeting are sadly out of place in a Spiritualist one, and causes the question to arise, are we consistent in our doctrine and the demonstration of

be given than that of a true man or Old Testament

The title of Reverend has ceased to impress the mind of liberal people with respect for those who cling to it, for too their absurdity, ridicule their ridiculessness and many rascals have masqueraded under in fact hold them up to the light af reason. It is the license guaranteed by this title.

MRS. LIZZIE HALL.

The Cause at Villa Ridge, Ill.

Brother Charley Barnes is still with

It was the first-born of a young couple

almost inconsolable. In company with

several others the mother came to our

circles, and the first time she was pres-

ent during the seance a very childish

voice seemed to come over the outside

Albany, N. Y.

float a true banner to the breeze, and

enunciate the fact that we have nothing in common with those who think that respectability consists in holding on to the remnants of orthodoxy, for orthodoxy itself is to-day a remnant of its own past teaching. For where is its furious God of old, cursing the people, and tumbling them headlong into a hell

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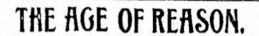
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same? true woman, and that is the title that our philosophy teaches us to cultivate,

and we shall be known by the fruits we bear.

two years ago, hence are in harmony win locomotive works, of which John with events referred to in them.

All letters addressed to Harry J. wagons to deliver its product on Sun-Moore, at Rochester, Ind., will be for- day. Mr. Converse gives about \$100,warded to him, wherever he may be. 000 a year to church work. His "crime" Dr. Geo. W. Carey has removed to consists in employing men on Sunday Somerville, Mass., where he can be to keep fires under the boilers in a plant that employs 12,000 persons. The addressed.

Alien Franklin Brown, inspirational newspapers are being prosecuted for acspeaker and psychometrist, will spend cepting advertisements on Sunday, the summer months in the northern and "selling wares" and "doing a manner of central states. He wishes engagements labor prohibited by the act of 1794." It with camp-meetings and local societies. may be said in passing that this law He is a successful camp chairman. Ad- also prohibits a man from kissing his dress 1429 Market street, San Fran- wife. The cases will be pushed with a view to forcing the legislature to repeal cisco, Cal. the obnoxious sections of the act of

tests; they are truly meritorious. Dr.

Spiritual services will be held by Rev. G. C. Love, in Masonic Temple, State 1794.

Reinhold Starcke writes from Beaver street, Hall 613, on the 6th floor, on Sunday evening, March 29, at 7:45 o'clock. Falls, Pa.: "Our meetings are well attended. We have with us medium Em-Music in charge of Mrs. Love. J. M. Temple is open for engage- Ma M. Nutt-Moore, who, after her lecture

ments, either for platform work or each evening, gives splendid tests. I camp meetings. He can be addressed must particularly mention her improafter April 1, at his cottage, North vised poems between the lecture and Chesapeake Beach, Maryland.

Renner, the trumpet medium, continues Dublin, Ind.-The Rev. Charles Trask to give from two to three successful se-Lewis, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal ances each week. The lyceum, under church at Columbus, says his residence the direction of Dr. Renner is growing is haunted, and he is thinking seriously steadily, and the old folks branch of it of removing his family from the spiritis gaining in interest." infested domicile. The Rev. Mr. Lewis

J. A. Robinson writes: "The following occupies the residence of the late Col. Simeon Stansifer. Before and during was handed to me by a brother Spiritualist, who had a lot of them for distrithe first year of Stansifer's occupancy bution: "Superstition is not religion. of the residence the house was alleged Belief without evidence is not religion. to be the abiding-place of disembodied Faith without facts is not religion. spirits, and the Rev. Mr. Lewis' late ex-What is religion? To love justice, to perience has revived the story. Mr. long for the right, to love mercy, to pity Lewis says strange sounds, 'rappings, footsteps, and heavy thuds, such as a the suffering, to assist the weak, to forfalling body would cause, are heard at get wrongs and remember benefits. to all hours of the night. Investigation love the truth, to be sincere, to utter has failed to solve the mystery, and the bonest words, to love liberty, to wage rector is becoming nervous.

war against slavery in all its forms, to Father John of Kronstadt continues love wife and child and friend, to make to be worshiped by the Russian peas. a happy home, to love the beautiful in ants as the Christ, despite the system- art in nature, to cultivate the mind, to atic efforts of the St. Petersburg author. be familiar with the mighty thoughts ities to convince the people that the that genius has expressed, the noble priest is not divine. A cable dispatch deeds of all the world; to cultivate to the Tribune told of pilgrims making courage and cheerfulness, to make otha 1,000 mile journey to Kronstadt to ers happy, to fill life with the splendor prostrate themselves before "the Mes. of generous acts, the warmth of loving siah," and of the difficulties experienced words; to discard error, to destroy by the police in protecting him from the prejudice, to receive new truths with crowds when he is traveling. When he gladness, to cultivate hope, to see the eft St. Petersburg five days ago twelve calm beyond the storm, the dawn begendarmes had all they could do to keep yond the night; to do the best that can away the crowds, women crawling on be done-and then to be resigned. This the ground in their efforts to get near is the religion of reason, the creed of enough to the priest to kiss his feet. He science. This satisfies the brain and is credited with many miracles and his heart."

name is familiar to the peasants from I. F. Andrews writes from Marshall-Archangel to the southern frontier of town, Iowa: "Rev. Harry J. Moore Russia. We have several Christs in closed a series of lectures for our sothis country-all humbugs, of course. | ciety last night, and to say it was a Mrs. R. W. Barton writes from To- success would be expressing it very ronto, Canada: "I am still in the work mildly. All who attended regret that for the good of truth and progression of he cannot remain with us longer. Mrs. Spiritualism. I have been with the Eva McCoy followed with spirit mes-First Church of Toronto for February sages, and made many hungry souls and March. I can be addressed here happy, bringing to them, words of comuntil April 1. I would like to hear fort and love, from their friends in that from societies wanting a speaker and world unseen. We feel that we owe a medium, or from camps, for the camp debt of gratitude to these earnest work of 1903 and 1904. Address me at workers." No. 3 Classic avenue." Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan writes from The superstition about owls is a Los Angeles, Cal.: "There has been wonderful thing," said an old engineer, quite an agitation stirred up in this city "and if I had not been inclined to be su- recently owing to an ordinance passed perstitious about the birds, the engine by the council, to put a license upon I was riding on one night would have mediumship. Violation of this law been knocked into smithereens and the means arrest, heavy fine or imprisonpassengers in the coaches behind might ment. Dr. Louis Freedman, in connechave fared very badly. I am not always tion with others, has started the nucleus superstitious, but I am particularly so of an organization to be called The Meabout owls. But I like the creatures, diums' Protective Association. A massfor one certainly saved my life. The meeting was called, and was well at incident occurred on a very dark night. tended. Brother Allen, one well versed The train was running at full speed, in the rights of an American citizen, We were running on a straight line, and made an able opening address. Through there was nothing for the fireman and this association money will be raised to myself to do but to look directly ahead employ talent to fight for religious liband let her run. I had been looking in- erty. We all know the laws of the tently for an hour, when something flew | United States give us the right to worinto the cab. It struck the coal pile ship as our intelligence teaches us. and fell back dead. It was a great gray Then why must we be prosecuted or owl. With less time than it takes to persecuted?" tell it, I began to think that the owl was W. B. Churchill writes from Watera bad omen, and I stopped the train im- town, N. Y.: "I am convinced that the mediately. I cannot say what made day is fast approaching when immortalme feel so, but I was sure that death ity with all of its mysteries will be rewas ahead. I descended and walked to vealed to the material world to an absoa switch that was a short distance in lute certainty. I have had some hot arfront of us. It was open, and a long guments with some of the old creed and train of empty freight cars was on it. I Bible pretenders, and I can say that, had the owl stuffed, and since that time notwithstanding I am a poor Bible he has had a place in the cab of my en- scholar. I can give them all they wish to gine. I owe my life to the superstition swallow and think of. I had a hot arabout owls, and if another one strikes gument last evening with a good old my engine I will close the throttle at Catholic woman, and when we finished once."-New Orleans Times-Democrat. she was ready to change the subject.". Mrs. G. Hamilton Brooks writes: Rev. Josle K. Folsom, C. M. Folsom. and C. W. Stewart are still serving the "The Englewood Spiritual Union will Church of Spiritual Unity at St. Louis. have a literary and musical entertain-Their work is giving satisfaction to all ment Thursday evening, March 26, at who are concerned, and they will re- Hopkins' Hall, 528 West 63d street. main in the city for some time yet. They have engaged excellent talent and Their address is 3007 Dickson street, have an exceptionally fine programme near Garrison avenue, St. Louis: Mo., which insures the usual large attendwhere they will be pleased to receive ance. The society has re-engaged Mrs.

Meetings were well attended and great H. Converse is the head, and the Crane interest shown." Ice Cream Company, which uses 200

R. D. Smeaton writes from Cleveland. Ohio: "I am happy to tell you that May Sixta, the other subscriber that I got for you, is more than pleased with the book and paper, and said as I do, that she would not be without it. I am gfad to tell you that our society is growing, and we have every reason to think that it will still grow-the old Progressive Thought Spiritualist Society of which I am now president."

Thomas Harding writes from Sturgis, Mich.: "The Harmonial Society here will celebrate the 29th of this month-

anniversary of the Hydesville rappings -at the Free church, at 2 o'clock p. m. W. G. Stubbs writes: "The work is progressing in the City of Smoke, otherwise called the city of Pittsburg, Pa. I First Church of Spiritualists. Our society is doing a good work. We have crowded houses at all the meetings. We opened our fall month. September, with Miss Margaret Gaule, one of the best mediums on the rostrum. She was

followed by J. Clegg Wright (who needs no recommendation as a trance speaker) for October and November; then came E. W. Sprague and wife. Of course they are known' all over the country by their good work. They

served our society for December. For January came Miss Elizabeth Harlow. She came to our people a perfect for the infinite knowledge to be gained stranger. After her first lecture there here.

was scarcely standing-room in our hall. February, there came that excellent worker, G. H. Brooks, who is always welcome in our city. There is no discount on him. For the present month of March we have that good natured lady from Chicago, Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley, one that never fails to fill the house at all the meetings. Mrs. Cooley served our society for the first time last spring. We were so well pleased with

her work that we re-engaged her for the present month. For the month of April, there comes our old friend, who never fails to pay us a visit, Prof. W. M. Lockwood, one of the foremost scientists in our country. Prof. Lockwood always gets a warm reception with our people. To close the season's work in May we expect to have Mrs. Nellie Mosier. From the recommendation which we have had we are satisfied we have made

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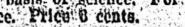
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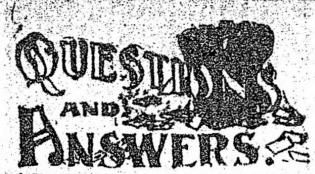


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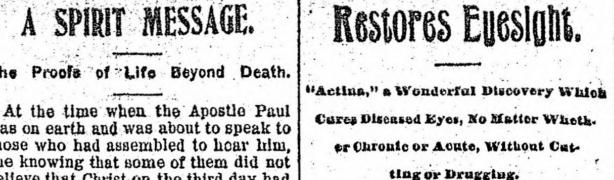
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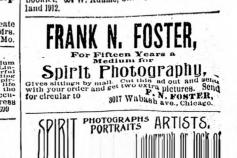


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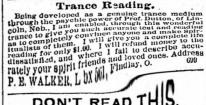
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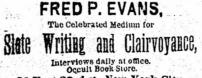
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