

But now and then things happen which remind us of the cold but undeniable fact that this earthly happiness is not destined to last forever. Death knocks at our door. A father, a mother, a child; a wife or a husband, or perhaps a dear friend is suddenly stricken by a blow from an unseen hand and mercilessly torn from the warm clasp of our arms, and we stand alone, bereaved and crying at the open grave, which now seems to be the only bed we can prepare for the one who was dearest to us in this world. Life now seems to us empty, dreary and gloomy, the day turns into night, the sun into a shadow, and we ask ourselves: Is life worth living any more?

In vain do we look to religion for relief, for our creeds, ministers and churches have nothing to tell us but the chilly information they give to the breaking heart: Wait till death calls you, too, and then, but not until then, you might meet your friend again either in heaven or hell, or you might perhaps be allowed to look down on him from your heavenly abode, while he is writhing in endless agony among the fire and brimstone fumes of Hades.

But, friends, is this the only consola tion we are able to offer to souls bent down in sorrow? Is this the only balm for the deep wounds cut in a mother's, a wife's or a husband's bleeding heart, when death's cold and merciless hand has thrown its black and heavy veil over the sunlit faces of their dearest ones? If it was, it certainly would have been better for us never to have been born into a life that commences with pain and suffering and ends in despair. But fortunately it is not so. We Spiritualists claim that we can give the parted friends the firm assurance that they shall meet again. And not only after a long separation of ten, twenty or perhaps fifty years, but now and while we still dwell in this earthly form and material body; We claim that we can hear the voices of our departed friends, press their hands, clasp them in our arms, and see their forms with our eyes, as we once saw them before death took

I decided to follow him and return to the city the next day. I did so, and the

following day the train I left with met with an accident so we were detained about two hours between two stations in a somewhat disagreeable situation. I thus arrived at my friend's farm about three days later than I had expected. After I had been there a few days a letter came from my friend, wherein he inquired for me, asked if I was at his farm and said he had felt very anxious for my safety. Later when I met him I learned his reason for feeling so.

This is what had occurred: The day after I had left him he was in his office writing an article for his paper, when suddenly a power seized his hand and wrote in a handwriting perfectly unknown to him indicating that I was in some dangerous situation and feeling anxiety or fear. He received this message the same hour the accident occurred, and when he had all reason to believe me to be in his country home comfortable and well. Who sent this message? It did not emanate from his own thoughts, for they were certainly moving in an entirely opposite direc-Was it a telepathic communication. our characters more upright and virtution from me to him? But I did not send him such a message, and most of the time, when the message should have been sent, was engaged in conversation with my company in the railroad car. Was it a message from a spirit intelli-gence, who wanted to inform my friend

about my situation? Is not the latter explanation the most likely to be true? However that might be, some one must have brought him the message, and I know I did not do it, so I conclude it must have been done by some spiritual agency, who understood how to communicate without using either the telegraph or the mails.

The instances just referred to are only a few samples of occurrences that happen every day and of which every one, who cares, can convince himself. I could easily tell much more only from my own experience but I rather tell you the speaker told the audience about a this: If you are interested, investigate | newspaper editor, who was an excellent for yourself and you will before trance medium, and once when in a long have more facts than you need. trance was saved from being immured

It would hardly be possible to mention all the instances when Spiritualism can be helpful and of use to us in this life. We can only remind of a few of them. It was not very long ago since a prominent politician and office-holder in our city committed suicide, thus as he thought, relieving himself of the anxiety and trouble he and circumstances had placed him into. Would this man have committed this terrible act, if his eyes had been lit up by the light Spiritualism throws on the fate of suicides in the next life? Would he then have believed that he could rid himself of his sufferings by taking leave of his body? Would he not rather have manfully borne his troubles rather than voluntarily expose himself to still greater sufferings in the to him unknown hereafter? For every Spiritualist knows that there are no worse torments in the orthodox hell than those that are encountered by the suicides in the spirit world. If Spiritualism was commonly accepted among us, the now so frequent suicides would not occur so often, neither the acts that cause them, and thus the world would get better as our lives would be purer and more honest,

Another instance where Spiritualism can be of real practical value and cause a reform of world-wide importance is in the case of our insane. There can be no doubt that many are declared insane and sent to an insane asylum sometimes for life only because both physiclans and judges have no knowledge of the facts of obsession and spirit control, which sometimes cause symptoms and phenomena similar to those of insanity, and easily could be cured if properly treated by a Spiritualistc healer who understands such cases.

Not long ago the following incident occurred, and shows how necessary it is for our physicians and so-called insanity experts to possess some knowledge of Spiritualism and especially of the mediumistic phenomena. (Here

ing factor in all departments of social life and activity. The world that "lies around us like a cloud," the spirit realm into which is ceaselessly passing a pro-cession of souls in a more or less un-folded state, makes the educational conditions of this stage of development of serious importance. While the hell of orthodoxy has van-

ished from the faith and consciousness of all who accept the philosophy of Spiritualism, we know that passing out from the fleshly form does not change the spiritual status of the individual. Human associations, organized society here in the earth place, to promote the development and progress of man as a spiritual being beyond this plane, should actualize the ideals and principles for which our forefathers fought and died, the equal and inalienable right of every human being; to life, liberty, and the pursuit of Mappiness, and to promote the general welfare by establishing justice. Our constitution agery.' was framed to secure these blessings of The liberty.

It cannot be claimed that as a nation enthusiasm for and devotion to these ideals and principles his kept pace with the passion for gain and devotion to the material aims and purposes that contribute to the prestige and power of wealth. The evolution of our competi-tive capitalistic system has brought us to an acute stage of class conflict, and complete dependence of the worker upon an employer, in all but the agricultural industry.

The worker wealth-producer is no longer enjoying the liberty of equal opeducation and development of faculties and powers of minds.

The enormous increase of child labor fraud and deception. within the past twenty-five years is a hideous picture showing how much stronger has become the spirit of piling up profits and dividends, than the spirit of establishing justice, and promoting occasion for publishing hundreds of arthe general welfare.

This reckless adandonment of the country. It is enslavement to the child news, a happening ten years in the and a far more serious condition of slav-ery than was that of the child of chattel York to San Francisco. The story was slavery. The child of negro slavery not told alike in all, but changed and days enjoyed the liberty of animal ex- modified as though written expressly istence free from wearing toil, and it for each journal. In most instances, was to the interest of the lowner that the writers start out with a great show the child should become a healthy, of fairness, to strengthen the final controng adult. i clusion that the "confession" had The capitalistic profit seeking system shown the whole thing a fraud, and strong adult. to-day wrecks human bodies without re- with it Spiritualism had collapsed. That subject becoming exhausted, morse. Whether or not the child drags out a wearisome childhood, and enters exposure of fake mediums fur maturity in years with broken down unfailing source for material. exposure of fake mediums furnished an body, or is prematurely cut off in life, is no-concern of the profit-seeking em- of attack are great, for these frauds ployer.

of these articles, their unity of design, they evidently proceed from a common source, are instigated by a leading mind as editor in chief dictating to subordinates. The most damaging and slan-derous effusions appear as editorials in lips and broke some of his teeth. journals that admit no reply, and hence reach a class of readers who presumably will not hear the other side.

To show the profound ignorance of the editorial mind on this subject, as exrabid Roman Catholic. posed in the New York World; It is stated that after having all the frauds exposed, Spiritualists fell back on "subconscious self" as a means of explainand Mrs. Seguin are not able to do bating how spirits communicate! This is tle for all the Liberals and Spiritualists welfare of the individual in this mortal the very theory by which opposers have existence, not only, but to promote the attempted to show how the trick is done

so I trust there will be liberal donations sent to them. They are standing for the principles of free speech, and the public inspection of all convents, nun-The manifestations, cries this editor. quoting from a London paper, "have been time after time exposed," and still neries, Houses of the Good Shepherd etc., and a reformation if not an aboli-tion of the confessional. the belief of the credulous dupes "persists in civilized communities as it does Mr. Seguin was a priest in good in Central Africa, the Solomon Islands. standing for fourteen years and he does not hesitate to tell the truth about the and other remote fastnesses of savdemoralizing confessional and degrading practices of the "bachelor holy men." This does not suit those whose

The Eagle does not soar like its namesake, but prefers mud, like the turtle. The editor thinks Spiritualists

such imbeciles that they need mercy such imbeciles that they need motor, more than severity. When a "mejum" is caught in fraud, it settles the ques-tion in the minds of the "gentile." "But your wild-eyed, long-haired, long-bearded man, and your wilder-eyed, mustached, and short-haired woman, free net fored e htt "Such fa the wor are not fazed a bit." Such is the venomous drivel which passes for wit and argument in the office of a great metropolitan paper!

These are samples of hundreds of articles, some witty, some argumentative, portunity to gain subsistence; or to other denunciatory, but all taking for granted that the manifestations, taken the church by giving birth to a child as a whole, are from beginning to end and both died then and there. This is

Some time ago I remarked in an article, the solidarity of the attack. The death of a Mrs. Smith, claimed to have been one of the Fox sisters, being the

ticles, asserting that the sisters had "confessed" that they made the rapboth New York and Philadelphia upon

world of ours, then the letters of Mr. Beecher, written through Mr. Peter-silea's hand, are true. These letters were not written all at one time but stepping into the car, when a man sprang out and assaulted Mr. Seguin covered a long period of time, perhaps with a knife. The man aimed for his throat but failed, and cut Mr. Seguin's a year or more. I think the first letter was written nearly two years ago, perhaps not more than a year and a half. My husband has had very little time The man tried to escape, but was captured

at his command to give up to spirit conand taken before the justice of the peace and fined the exorbitant (?) sum of \$14 for intent to kill. The assailant trol, but, occasionally, when the power has been very strong, he has passively is Mr. E. A. Stout, a hotel-keeper and vielded.

Mr. Beecher's letter, wherein he speaks of Mr. McKinley, was written The case has been placed in the hands of a competent lawyer, but it will shortly after the President was assassirequire money to carry it through. Mr. nated and before Czolgosz was executed.

We have never kept the dates of these letters, but if there are ever any more written, I think we will do so. the world could know Prof. Carlyle Petersilea as his nearest and dearest friends know him, no one could by any possible means associate fraud with his ame; a falsehood even, to him, is an impossibility. A truer or nobler man never lived.

The spirit letters are written with great rapidity—so rapid indeed that no thought could follow them—as rapidly as his fingers trill on the piano, and all who know of him, know that he is one of the world's greatest players and has been for many been for many years, even since his very early childhood.

Not many Roman Catholics know The first that he knew of this spirit there was a woman pope-Popess Joan, control was shortly after the death of who occupied St. Peter's chair from 833 his father, Franz Petersilea, some to 835. She was highly educated and twenty-one or two years ago; when he such a favorite with the people that she was controlled by his father's spirit was unaimously chosen to fill the office. Her sex was not discovered on account much against his will. Since that time of the long robes worn. When leading other spirits have controlled, those whom his father allowed to do so, as his a holy procession in the streets of father is his guardian spirit. These Rome, she was taken suddenly ill and fell from her horse and into the arms of messages, as written through his hand, a cardinal. She forever scandalized are simply scrawls, and no one but myself could make them out; sometimes there are only one or two letters given history given by a Roman Catholic hisfor a word.

torian-Marianus Scotus. This fact . I gather up these papers, that are deals a death-blow to the infallibility of written at various times when the power is upon him, copy them out and the popes and it is high time it was repare them for publication, as I think The attacks by Irish-Americans in they ought to be published to the world. Many think they ought to have tests the actors playing McFadden's Row of that the letters are indeed from Mr. welfare of the child, if not arrested can pings with their "toe-joints." It was Flats," shows what tyrants may do Beecher and other spirits who write. but produce disastrous results to our singular for newsp pers to publish as when they get a little more political Mr. Beecher gave us one test that I will now give to the public. Many years ago Mr. Petersilea was traveling in the same car of a train with Mr. Beecher. It was a night train. Mr. Petersilea was on his way to give a concert: Mr. Beecher was on his way to give a lecture. The two gentlemen were well known to each other. Mr. Beecher was reading and correcting proof by the near light of a little alco-hol lamp that he carried with him. This fact interested Mr. Petersilea very much at the time; but shortly thereafter he forgot it entirely, and is not conscious that he ever thought of it again from that time to the present. This was many years before I had met my future husband, and he had never even thought of, or mentioned the fact. to me during the whole course of our acquaintance or married life; and I take a most solemn vow that I never knew or heard of the fact in any way; and now, here comes the test. I am clairvoyant and clairaudient. While Mr. Beecher was controlling and writing one of the letters, I, being present, saw him clairvoyantly. He paused in the writing, came up to me, holding a small lamp in one hand. which he flashed before my eyes a number of times. I said: "O, how strange! What sense can there be in Mr. Beecher's carrying a little lamp in his 1 1. hand? I don't understand it at all. What can he mean by it?" Mr. Beecher smiled and said: "Your husband will understand it well enough. It is to be a test to you both." After the letter was finished I said: "Carlyle what did Mr. Beecher mean by the lamp?" .He looked thoughtful for a few moments and then burst into a laugh, and related to me for the first time how he met Mr. Beecher on train with the little lamp in his hand. Yours most sincerel MRS. CARLYLE PETERSILEA. Glendale, Cal.

them away from us. And by preaching this Gospel to the world, Spiritualism has done more to relieve suffering and pring happiness, hope, cheerfulness and ladness to our homes than all other religions put together have been able to accomplish during all the innumerable centuries of the world's history, that have passed before Spiritualism built its light towers on the mountain peaks of the deserts of this world. For Spiritualism gives us the only real and tangible proof that death does not end our existence. And it does it by producing the so-called dead themselves as witnesses in the case. And those so-called dead ones say: "We are not dead. we are more alive than ever; we live a igher and purer and a more perfect life than we did when on earth: we are happier, wiser and better off in every respect, and we wish to tell you about the happiness we enjoy and that shall be yours."

Those who are not familiar with Spiritualism might object to this statement. What else could we expect? Those who are Spiritualists now, once did the same. What convinced them can also convince you. We do not ask any one to believe our words. We do not tell you to believe because we believe. We only ask you to investigate, to come and see for yourself, to look at facts and to hear the witnesses. If you do so, honestly and perseveringly. you will sooner or later find that however much you have objected and doubted there are tests so strong to prove our claims that you either must deny the reality of everything you see. and hear, or admit that Spiritualism is true.

What are those tests? They are not old facts or events that happened hun-dreds or thousands of years ago, the witnesses of which are unknown and perhaps unreliable. They are not facts which have occurred far away, where you was not present. They are not facts told you, and which you are re-quested to believe on the authority of some one else. No, they are facts that are occurring now, at all times and at all seasons, and right here in Chicago. They are facts you can see and investigate for yourself, and be as sure of as you are of your own existence. While I do not propose to convince any one by telling some of the facts I have alluded to, but on the contrary would most emphatically advise every one to investi-gate and find out for himself, I still will refer to a couple of instances within my own experience, where it seems to me the test conditions are very strong.

Two friends of mine, husband and wife, attended a materialization ser ance. I will add that they both were Swedes and natives of a province in Sweden (Dalecarlia) where every county has its own brogue or dialect, so you can know from where they hall as soon as they commence to speak. After a more value to them when they enter the while the form of a lady appeared in spiritual realms and find it not an enthe scance room and said she was the departed sister of my friend's wife. When asked to give some proof or sign from which they could recognize her, she grasped his hand and placed it on her own head, which was very hot as from fever, and she had done just the same a few minutes before she expired. And furthermore, when speaking she used the dialect not spoken anywhere bling victims: Fear not! I remember a little story of a child who in her dying in the world except in that little remote corner of that county which has only a few hundred inhabitants. The medium was an American lady and had no mother trying to hold fast to her to the knowledge whatever of the Swedish last moment because, as she said, she language, and could never have heard did not want to go away from her dear that such a dialect existed, much less mother. The poor mother did every:

For the spirit world is not far away. It in an insane asylum only by the acciis close on us. If we only open our eyes dental intervention of a physician who and ears it will be as real to us as the happened to know something about material world and its objects. Spiritualism.) But some of us might think: Suppose

You certainly would! And for precise-

helpful and consoling to us, for we all

have to meet death sooner or later and

then enter into spirit life, which to the

great majority of us is as strange and

unknown as the back of the moon.

And we all have some dear ones over

there. Spiritualism alone can tell us

how this unknown country looks, it alone can make us acquainted with its

inhabitants and give us an idea of what

we will see, hear and experience there,

and how our dear departed ones are

after death. Therefore Spiritualism of-

every one, and for that reason has a

claim on our interest and respectful at-

Is it not consoling and encouraging

for you to know that when your spirit leaves this body, it will be met by kindly spirit friends, who will accom-

pany you and guide you to your home in

the spirit world? And is it not a de-

light and a relief for you to learn that

in the spirit world you will meet your

dear ones, who have gone thither be-fore you and now are longing to receive

you with loving hearts and to help you

and assist you and administer to you

out of the fullness of their kind hearts

And then how uplifting is it not, to

know that in the spirit world there is no

standstill, no retrogression, but that

there you shall advance from one ster

harmony and sympathy with their

Those who want to investigate and

rich reward for their little trouble in

the increased happiness and knowledge

they will gain, and which will be of still

tirely unknown locality. But Spiritualism is not only valuable

and helpful to us after we have entered

the spirit world. It also makes life on

this earth better and happier. We have

already alluded to how Spiritualism

places its soothing hand under the dy-

ing head, wipes off the tears from the

downcast eves and thus takes, away

leath's bitterness and says to its trem

hour cried and embraced her loving

friends and soul-mates!--

tention.

And finally I can only with a few all this is true, what is the use of it? We now live in the world of matter and care only for this life and its affairs, words refer to the numerous instances -too numerous to be mentioned-when we are strengthened, helped, assisted why should we bother ourselves about and saved from dangers by the kindly the next life? Those who might think service of our guardian angels. Those so I will answer with another question: friendly, invisible but powerful helpers Suppose you are going to emigrate to a are around and with us all the time and lend us a helping hand in all kinds of foreign country, would you not then like to know something about that country before you settled down there? And They strengthen us when we troubles are weak, they encourage us when we would it not be interesting and useful feel downhearted and despondent, they to you to possess such a knowledge? assist us in our-business affairs, they And would it not give you an advantage cure us when we are weak and sick, and they often save us from a premature over those who did not possess it? I certainly would! Or if you had a dear death or warn us of imminent dangers friend residing in that same country, (Several instances of this kind were would you not like to know something told.) about his new home and surroundings?

We therefore act wisely and well if we always endeavor to keep in close ly the same reason Spiritualism is so touch with the spirit world. You might ask, how can I do so, I am not a me-dium. But in the first place, how do you know you are not a medium? diumship is not so rare a gift as you might imagine. You might possess this precious endowment, if you only tried to develop it. And furthermore, mediumship is not the only way of placing yourself in communication with the spirit world. There are other ways, too, that can be utilized by those who are not mediumistic. "Into every intelligence there is a door which is never fers a valuable and useful assistance to closed, through which the creator passes," our inspired Eemerson says. And through this door our spirit friends, too, can pass, if we only will allow them to do so. I will call this door devotion, and through devotion every-one can commune with the spirit world, and thus always live in company with and in the presence of its helpful inhab-

SPIRIT RAPPING.

itants, our departed friends.

Did you ever hear them rapping, Tapping softly on the wall, When the world is wrapped in stillness, And a calm is over all? Oh, that wondrous angel music! How my pulses rise and fall

to a higher one, all the time increasing In response to spirit fingers in knowledge, goodness, love and un-selfishness! How beautiful, is it not, to That come tapping on the wall, Then the gates of heaven seem opened, think of the spheres, circles and societies, which constitute the spirit world, And they answer to my call. And come tapping, tapping, tapping, and where the spirits dwell in perfect

Softly rapping on the wall. and you ask what is the meaning Of this rapping on the wall?... study Spiritualism will surely reap a Why, it means that death is banished

> And we need not fear its thrall, For the God that gave us being, Loves and cares for one and all, And the angels came to tell us When they rapped upon the wall.

low it waked the world from dreaming, Like a mighty bugle call, When it heard the spirits rapping, Softly rapping on the wall: Life took on a grander meaning; Creeds and dogmas had to fall when there came that wondrous rap. ping,

Tapping, rapping on the wall; Yes, I long to hear their signals, And I answer to their call;

Oh, you'll never find me napping When they're rapping on the wall, ALICE C. BARRY, Franklin Grove, Ill.

The very first necessity to redeem | are accepted as such by the public, and our national character; and to remove the smirch is not removed by showing the most disgraceful form of slavery, is that these fakirs are not recognized by to revive and revitalize the spirit that Spiritualists as a body, as genuine, al

proclaimed the inalienable right to liberty, and in the preamble of the Constitution our national purpose to establish justice. Pre-emiently Spiritualists could, if

quickened and thoroughly alive to the tions. They have the patronage of need of greater enthusiasm and devo- many who profess to believe in Spirittion to our original principles and ualism! Invariably, sooner or later, ideals, bring to bear for, our uplifting they are exposed, usually by Spiritualand salvation the potencies of invisible helpers in the higher realms.

Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln. with a host of those who from the very beginning of the rebellion of the colonies have co-operated with the lovers of the field and the cause has to struggle justice and liberty on this side, are ever | against their infamous practices. They ready to help deliver man; from all kinds and degrees of bondage, are ever the services of a medium are imposed accessible to the appeals of mortals for | on. aid and spiritual power to overcome in-

justice and oppression. Will not the Spiritualists of this coun-ties would "ordain" mediums, as speak-ers, or as devoted especially to the try make strenuous efforts to promote manifestations, other societies who the gathering in meetings and conven-tions on the Fourth of July next for the know that they were worthy; the orpurpose of discussing the need of economic freedom, and invoking the co-operation and aid of the spirits who when in the mortal helped the struggling cause of freedom and human welfare. Life without liberty is a burden and 'imposed, and have granted ordination a curse. A social state that does not establish justice, promote the general wel- their ability as speakers or honesty as fare and secure the blessings of liberty to each and all the nonline is ineliher I have before me a letter from a Spir to each and all the people, is neither

Christian nor truly civilized. Spiritualism to be a blessing to humanity should promote freedom and justice. Freedom not only from bondjustice. age to dogma and error, but from sys-tems that oppress and enslave. All other freedom is unavailing to promote. justice and secure the pressings of liberty, till we achieve economic freedom. Before man can be mister of all his powers and faculties he must be free as a worker, not dependent on an employer festations are sufficient tests of themfor a job, and be able to enjoy the exercise of all his energies.

and expenses.

foundation in truth.

Association.

Let us have a glorious revival of the spirit of 1776, and seek to secure the blessings of liberty to very man, wo man and child. Then we can truly claim. we are the land of the free LUCINDA B. CHANDLER.

Employment is nature's physician. Galen. If hours did not hang fleavy what would become of scandal? Bancroft. Education is our only political safety; outside of this ark all is deuge .- Hor-Let your literary compositions b ace Mann.

cept from the public eye for nine years at least .-- Horaco. Death but supplies the oil for the in-

extinguishable lamp of life,-Onferidge, I

and civic power. Then let Americans look well to their liberties and rights and "nip in the bud" all efforts to throttle and strangle free speech and free press anywhere. Mr. and Mrs. Seguin deserve to be assisted by every lover of justice and freedom. I am personally acquainted with these good helpful aids and letters. FLORA W. FOX. workers, and trust they will receive

"busted.

Rochester, Minn.

THE OHILD-SAVIORS WHO SUFFER. The difficulties in meeting this form Child of the lightning-flash! pose before the world as genuine, and Child of the thunder-storm! Child of the earthquake-crash And of keen War's alarm! Born in time and tide!

minds have been hypnotized into the

is infallible.

belief that a priest can do no wrong and

Born in depths of woe! though they may be supported by a few Life's empty meanings widewho call themselves by that name. In Death's terror'd blossoms grow! almost every city there are numbers of Child of satanic mist! these fakirs, and there are many travel Child of wind and rain

ing from town to town giving exhibi-Whose lips the stormgods kissed! And changed the mind and brain! Child of the summer shower! Child of sun and light! ists, who are disgusted with their Child of the bud and flower! coarse trickery, and the matter is her Child of the shades of night!

alded by the press. The business of Child of the meteor's dash! - . . . Lyrnishing outfits for fraudulent mani-Of the madness of emotion! festations, has sent a great number into Child of the cyclone-crash And the wonder of devotion! Babe in a world of madness, advertise extensively and those desiring Thy spirit born in gloom-The terrors of soul-sadness Vibrates in world of doom! It was argued that if spiritual socie-

Child of the myth of mirth! Babe of a planet's time! Thy soul in its doom of birth Feels the world's sorrow and crime; Thy spirit of love is made sad dained have the privilege of the clergy In this world of war and strife: and meeting the standing of religious

The buds in the spring may be glad gatherings. The result has been that some societies have not appreciated But not so Humanity's life! Child of love and devotion! the greatness of the responsibility thus Child of thrillsome delight! to many without the least regard to Child of volcanic emotion

Engarb'd in star-robes of white! Child with the heart of a God; With the soul of a thorn-crown'd

itualist who, wishing to interest the Christ Thy back descends beneath the rod,

people of his town, wrote to strongly advertised mediums, who announced their readiness to attend funerals and officiate at mediums. Thou art by Satan's song enticed! Child of the star and the story! officiate at weddings and hence are "or-Babe of Brotherhood's Day! dained ministers." They would come To thee be all honor and glory and give six trumpet seances for one When these things have pass'd away! hundred dollars and expenses, or six Child of mysteried Truth! materializing seances for two hundred The best blood of the nation! They add: "Test condi-Child of fair Love and strong Youth: tions will not be permitted as the mani-The dream of godhood's creation!

JOHN A. MORRIS. Los Angeles, Cal. selves." If Spiritualists would let me diums who will not submit to fair test BE NOT CAST DOWN. conditions severely alone, and domand

Be not cast down; the star of hope Still shines to light your onward way; that every scance be surrounded with such simple arrangements as will make God's ear is ever earth ward turned, deception impossible, the fakirs would to hear his children when they DIAY. disappear: the cause no longer be de graded by constant exposures, and those to whom it is dear humiliated. Never a cause carried a heavier bur Be not cast down: go out and seek den. That it has grown strong in ad Some fainting brother by the road; versity, unchecked by the venom of its When you have raised and succored onemics and the mistakes of its friends him. shows how much the genuine exceeds You will have lost your heavy load. the counterfeit, and the strength of its

Be not cast down; life is too short, HUDSON TUTTLE. To miss the sunshine and the dew, Editor-at-Large National Spiritualists While wandering in caves of gloom, Forgetting we have work to do. VERA VICKERY. Jhleago, 111.

HER TEN COMMANDMENTS.

These are the new commandments ten Which wives now make for married men.

-Remember that I am thy wife, Whom thou must cherish all thy life,

2-Thou shalt not stay out late at night, When lodges, friends, or clubs invite.

-Thou shalt not smoke indoor or out, Or chew tobacco round about.

4-Thou shalt with praise receive my pies,

Nor pastry made by me despise. -My mother thou shalt strive to

please, And let her live with us in ease.

Remember 'tis thy duty clear, To dress me well throughout the

year 7-Thou shalt in manner mild

meek, Give me thy wages every week.

-Thou shalt not be a drinking man, But live on prohibition plan.

9-Thou shalt not flirt, but must allows, Thy wife such freedom anyhow.

10-Thou shalt get up when baby cries, And try the child to trangullize.

These my commands from day to day, Implicitly thou shalt obey, Boston Post.

A miser grows rich by seeming poor an extravagent man grows poor by Reeming rich,-Shepstone, Look how the blue-eyed violets glance love to one another .- T. B. Reed.

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LIFE AND EXPERIENCES IN SPIRIT LAND

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

LETTER NUMBER FOUR.

My real motive in controlling the medium to write these leiters, is to tell those yet within the mortal form, of our homes here in the spirit world; of children, maidens, youths, men and women, and especially of wives, mothers, homes and bables.

Now men need not read the following letter if they do not care to. Possibly they may consider it beneath their dignity to read of children and bables in the spirit world. No doubt very many, wise philosophers would much rather read of shapeless aura, and so forth; but I think they will all have to come right down to the stubborn facts of babies, children, wives and mothers, after all, and I must go on and say that babies, together with their mothers, are not shapeless-and I must also reiterate that they do not live in shapeless homes. I must also continue to observe that spiritual beings, and es; pecially mothers and bables, do not roam the limitless ether without homes or abiding places,

How those little children and babies would cry and fret and cling to the mothers' skirts-or the shapeless aura sur-Jounding some old grandmother-for it is oftener the grandmother who takes these little waifs home than any other spirit.

Ah, that poor, despised, decrepit old woman! Or, if you prefer, my lords and gentlemen, old witch, wrinkled old hag, and so forth.

Now one may enter into all the high-flying philosophical nonsense, that one may conceive of, concerning the spirit of the great, learned, progressed, highly philosophical old man, roaming around in a shapeless mass of vibratory activity. who, after all his great learning and philosophical wisdom, is not able to make himself known to the loved ones he left on earth, and when all has been said and written we must come down to the stubborn facts that women and bables and little children do exist, that they do go into the spirit world in countless numbers and necessarily they must have homes, schools and other ways and means of obtaining knowledge and growth. There are thousands and thousands of little babes entering spirit life every year, and they are coming at all times and from all places on the earth, little babes but a few days old and many that were still-born or died at or just before birth; then, there are a vast number of little children all the way from one year old to ten, and so on. The first mentioned have not learned to reason at all; they are even more helpless, and if I may be pardoned the word, idiotic than the most humble animal: they have not lived long enough to have had one thought vibration, or one thought to vibrate; and, really, the least little babies do not think at all: thought does not come until after observation: they must first observe something, feel or see something, before they are capable of thinking at all. Now these little thoughtless, helpless creatures, come to spirit life in vast numbers, and unless you of earth deny them continued existence after the death of their little mortal forms, you must admit that they are received and cared for by women principally-grandmothers mostly. Even Mr. Jamieson would not have been in existence to-day had it not been for his grandmother. Poor lady, she is grieved that he thinks her dead and gone forevermore; but, she adds with a smile: "There are two of us. We must not forget the other one." No; I do not forget her; but I have not yet met her. I mean to search her out and see if we three cannot, by combining our efforts, impress his mind so forcibly that he will have to admit that the spirits and souls of men and women cannot die. Now all these little, helpless children, are received into

spirit life by women, and, as I said before, principally by their own grandmothers; and it is well for many of them that all persons have two grandmothers, for if one is on earth the other is usually in the spirit spheres, but, of course, not always. If these little ones are not received by their grandmothers then, generally by the next nearest of kin who is old enough and capable of performing motherly duties.

Modern ministers of the so-called gospel, tell you that these little ones are received directly into the bosom of God, I don't know why ministers make themselves so ridiculous

has not God got a wife? Is he an old bachelor? How can be have so many children if he has no wife, for all the world are his children; you know?" and she opened her big, childish blue eyes and stared innocently at me-directly into my eyes-which quailed beneath her glance. "Have all the

world of people got no mother, only a father?" and then she turned away with a little algh as she said: "I am so glad that I have got a mother." Then she ran back saying quite gleefully: "Mrs. Stowe! Mrs. Stowe! All the children that I know have got mothers except one poor, little orphan girl. She says she, too, had a mamma, but she died and went to heaven. She must have been 'generate, for the minister says all the unregenerate go down to hell. Do you think, Mrs. Stowe, that I shall go to hell?" She shivered and her beautiful, innocent eyes took on such a frightened expression as I hope

never to see again. "I am unregenerate, you know. I would try to be 'generate, but I don't know what it means."

Now, friends, what answer could I make that innocent child, one of the best and dearest little girls I ever knew? Children of ten years and even younger, begin to think quite logically for themselves and some of their conclusions would put priests and ministers to blush. Another childand this was a little boy-asked me, with such an inquiring, surprised look-he could not have been more than seven years of age-where the wicked people went through to, for the minister said that the pit of hell had no bottom? I answered this child, or rather asked him, where he thought they went through to? "Well,", said he thoughtfully, "I could tell better if I knew where hell was, for I have just be gun to study geography, but it don't say nothin' 'bout hell. Say!" he cried, "Auntie, where is hell? You tell me and I'll

find out where the people go to."

Now, what reply could I make to that child? And children are asking just such questions, and others innumerable, of their mothers and female relatives and friends at all times. Among the first questions asked are the following: Who made God? Did God make the Devil? Where is hell? Where is heaven? Has God got a wife? Did God ever have a mamma? and I overheard one little boy say :: "I wish Dod didn't dit mad all de time; my mamma don't. The minister said dat Dod was angry all de days wif de sinners, an' l dess," said he, "dat I is a sinner, 'cause I smashed up my 'ittle hoss 'cause he wouldn't go."

(To be continued.)



of many others I have given in the new book to which I previously referred, and I cannot do more than just mention one or two of them here. There was an instance of a housekeeper, a most respectable and trusted servant, who had once yielded to a momentary accession of temptation, and stolen some small silver articles belonging to her mistress. After her death this troubled her conscience, and she appeared years afterwards to express her sorrow, and entreat her mistress' pardon. In another case an Irish woman was much worried about a very small debt which she owed to a grocer-the amount, I think, was 92 cents-and found herself unable to rest in peace until she had arranged for its payment. Another very interesting instance, in which the mat ter was obviously of greater importance, was that of a Catholic priest who had made notes of a confession which was entrusted to him under the seal of sacramental secresy, and was then killed in an accident before he had the opportunity of destroying those notes as he had intended to do. Such taking of notes of a confession is very rightly strictly forbidden by the church, and so the priest was in great sorrow and anxiety lest these should fall into the hands of some one who would make a bad use of them. He haunted the place

in which he had concealed them for eighty years until some one came to whom he could entrust the delicate mission of recovering and destroying them unread. That is a very good example of the way in which people sometimes suffer through many years for what seems like a small neglect or failure of duty. There are many, who are thus earth-bound after death by some passion or longing. Misers frequently suffer in this way, for some of them still have the sense of property very strongly, while others watch with deep compunction the troubles of those dear to them, which might

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Some writers have tried to limit and classify Spiritualism to some particular department of knowledge; but it will not stay confined anywhere—it persist-ently dominate the utmost freedom and liberty. Some and fault with the word Spiritualism; yet, perchance they would object to any other word, as well. Can they surgest a dietter pamo? It is the they suggest a petter name? It is the most comprehensive term we can think of; chosen by the pioneer spirit guides who understood perfectly what they were doing and what they wanted. It is the knowledge, facts and principles that spirits teach-the truth, the whole truth that spirits have taught, and it has something to do with every province and department of human life. It is a revelator, a teacher, a savior, to save people from error, ignorance and superstition. Millions have been thus sayed and millions more will follow. It teaches that people can save them-selves-work out their own salvation; that there is no blood atonement: that

each individual must arise and be his or her own sayior. Spiritualism is a reformatory movement, a revelation from the spirit world, a history, a science, a religion, a philosophy, all these and more. As an educator, as a power for solace, as a moral incentive, as a reformatory impulse, it stands incomparable in its benefits tormapkind. It gives us a religion, pure and simple, free and rational, beneficent and spiritual, that is friendly to all, that gives us a high and holy hope, a beautiful, reasonable promise. Not all the legions of decaying religious systems can shake its foundation nor tear down the glorious superstructure. It has come to stay, and it stavs.

A person may accept the truths of Spiritualism in some degree and really have no religion. We need not pursue the religious department if we are not religiously inclined. Man is a religious being or not, according to the development of his moral faculties. That which induces spiritual aspirations toward higher ideals in purity of thought and ife is religious in its nature. In the higher realm the soaring soul is attracted by the transcendent beauty of spiritual ideals. Spiritualism without this flower and fruitage is like a barren tree. This religion is of such expansive quality it cannot be confined in the limiting trammels of a creedal statement. It makes for eternal growth and pro-

gression Spiritualism is a history in part. It has an important, extensive historyancient, medieval and modern. It narrates bistorical facts beyond the annals of time, goeval with the life of humanity in the semote ages, and flashes the searchlight of truth on the origin of some mythical religions. During the long night of the Dark Ages, when to think was a crime and to doubt meant death, Christianity was a wild conglomeration of uncivilized dogmas, priestly prerogatives and marvelous miracles. Spiritualism is science, in part. If it were a science only, as some claim, a person would require a knowledge of science to understand it. An illiterate person may learn and know something of it, and it is not science to him, for he does not understand science; yet he may be as much a Spiritualist as one educated in the sciences. Nevertheless, Spiritualism enters into the discussion of all sciences, It is a science builder in every department of scientific research and investigation, and it has corrected thousands of errors, so that scientific wiseacres have been combelled to change or reverse some of their theories and dogmas.

However, science is not always necessary to establish this truth, which asserts a future life and proves it by living witnesses who are now in that life and testify to its existence. Spirit visi-is the best evidence of spirit existence. tations are proved by the testimony of innumerable witnesses and the communications are verified by the knowledge of those to whom they are made; by the circumstances and incidents narrated. They know without the aid of science that an invisible intelligence has related facts known on earth only to hemselves. The existence of facts are proven that are far beyond the ower of material science to explain. We have stepped clear of the old reigious harness and cast off the shackles that bind to ancient ruts, icles, theories, Modern Spiritualism is the peerless daughter of perfect proportions, the lesitimate offspring of Mother Nature and Father Snirit. In her native excellence she cannot rank with other religions. Her demonstrated facts destroy the very basis of all creeds. Her freedom in progressive thought overleaps all the sacred boundaries. There is no other system of religion whose intellectual and spiritual domain is broad enough to and spiritual domain is bload enough to receive the living facts which attend the onward march of this peerless queen of progress. Her voice, clear as a silver trumpet, has declared, "there is no death"—her genius has bridged the gulf between the mortal and immortal planes. Spirit return and continuity of life are submitted to careful tests in the crucible of science-the phenomena have stood the tests and gained the victory. The keen eyes of modern science have sought for spirit return and found the fact. The knowledge of spirit intercourse in its varied phenomena has been systematically arranged and placed before the reading world through authentic Spigitual literature,

that we may begin our career as spirit-ual beings on a higher plane than we otherwise could; for we take up our work there just as we leave ft here. The two worlds, spiritual and material, are blending into each other to that degree that thoughts of each other can be read and perceived or understood. The possibilities of development are becoming more and more in-structive and available as time advances, therefore we may expect greator success of our latent powers as time unfolds our many resources.

Great; earnest souls through the truth made free,

No longer in blindness bow, The good time coming, the yet to be,

Has begun with the good time now."

If religion is aspiration for righteous. ness then we have the right religion, that uplifts our souls from darksome bogs of doubt and fear into the pure atmosphere of a more perfect life, and attunes our minds to the vibrations of the broad and noble ' fraternity which places the good of others equal to our own.

It is the only pure religion in the world, the only one which gives unmistakable evidence of its divinity and of the life hereafter. It needs no doctrinal dogmas nor books of holy writ to quarrel about, no priestly anathemas to fear. It appeals to all to live up to purity of purpose; to wisdom, justice, progression; to emulate the higher order of beings who not only take cognizance of mankind, but are not indiffer ent to our sentiments and actions, and are constantly seeking through suggestion to lead to higher unfoldment those who are within the radius of their influence.

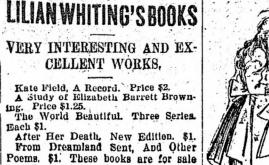
Spiritualism is the world's greatest. civilizer, comforter, happifier-the light of life, the joy of home. Its broades field of usefulness is in the religious world, where its intensest sympathy is with the aspirations of unfortunate, priest-ridden mankind, borne and educated with the most irrational absurdiles-to emancinate these unfortunate human beings is the most useful field for the exercise of its divine compassion and labor. Spirit orations, voiced through mediums, often have marvelous effect upon the lives of hearers, suddenly changing minds and hearts of sinners. No truth can contradict another

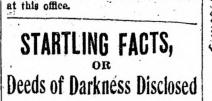
truth, when both are fully understood; therefore religious truth and scientific truth must harmonize.

Spiritualism has no miracles to offer. All its manifestations are in harmony with natural law-certain causes pro ducing certain effects. The knowledge that comes through these effects simply enlarges our range of perception. The most advanced scientists admit that the most powerful forces are invisible forces. We carry this thought a little farther when we claim that there are mental and spiritual forces, and we demonstrate it. There are a few Spiritualists who

on the senseless forms and fall back rituals in the old religious ruts that liberal, progressive Christians are fast climbing out of. Such persons are yet under the influence of their early training, but they will come out all right in the course of time. The religion of the churches bespeaks weakness, degener-acy and slavery. Spiritualism is strength, independence, freedom-the religion of reason, begetting the fullgrown spiritual man who, under its henign influence, becomes a law unto himself and capable of judging for himself of that which is right or wrong. It makes angels weep, and it amazes the investigator to find out the hells of suffering awaiting those who enter spirit life with no better preparation than that given them from the Christian religion.

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to the most common or ordinary sense. If they meant into the bosom of nature, there would be a modicum of sense in such a declaration; but they do not say so, but distinctly say, into the bosom of God; thinking thereby to comfort the bereaved mother: but what woman of ordinary good sense could be comforted by such an assertion?

Of course, when they say into the bosom of God, they mean the great male Jehovah, or the great male potentate God, who is forever sitting on a great white throne. It may be that Unitarians and Universalists do not talk thus, but the orthodox divines do. It may be the Catholics say the Virgin Mother receives them; but, not to enter into fine points, the most of the orthodox ministers say that God has taken tho child directly into his bosom; and others still, say the little one sleeps peacefully until the resurrection morn; but we will talk for a short time of those who say God receives little babes directly into his bosom. Now, if they do not mean it, why do they say it? If they mean one thing and say another, what can be said of them?

A child does not often walk before it is a year old at least; it does not sit alone until it is six months old; it does very little thinking and is nearly helpless until that time, needing constant care and unremitting attention until it is at least five years of age; and just think of the countless details that go toward making up its life even to five years of age. There are thousands and thousands of little ones dying every day and at all times-black, white and copper-colored-and all these innocents received directly-as the ministers sayinto the bosom of God. Now picture to yourselves a God, sitting on a throne, receiving all these bables into his bosom. What a monstrous male wet nurse he must be! Pity he did not have a wife to help him.

O, how can such absurd nonsense be talked at all? How can it find lodgment within the human mind? Do you think that any woman would have given such twaddle to the world, and called it religion? You may say: "Mrs. Stowe, you once believed and talked thus yourself." No, no! I never believed such monstrous things as that. But because I was once a child and believed as I was taught, is no reason why, when I find that I was wrong, I should not now try to undo the wrongs that once I believed, and that thousands now think they believe. Yes, I thought I believed some of these illogical things that I was taught; but, really, when you all search your souls deeply, you will find that you do not believe them after all. The ministers and priests have, with sanctimoni-

ous countenances, talked thus from their pulpits, and when paying their pastoral calls, and so you, and I, tried to think we believed it. But, friends, I did not, and you do not, if you think deeper than the surface, and think for yourselves and not allow the priests or minister to do your thinking for you. No priest nor minister was ever yet fit to give a suitable religion to mothers and little children. Think of the thousands upon thousands of sensitive little girls, who lie awake at night in the dreaded darkness, thinking of what the minister said-that she might die at any moment, and if unregenerate she would surely go to hell. Then she thinks of that awful hell, burning, burning her forever, and that terrible

devil, pitching her back into it if she tried to escape. Why, if she burned her finger ever so little, what fearful pain she suffered-and her whole body burning! Her eye-balls start, she presses her little head with her hands, and she would shrick out her terror and horror, but she fears to do so. Her father might whip her; her mother scold her; and so, at last, when her fears have exhausted her, she sinks to sloep and gets up in the morning pale and unrefreshed to go to school, and there the same ideas are repeated more or less. .. Sometimos, the child gets to reasoning for herself, and her ideas are usually much nearer the truth than such teaching as she has received.

have been alleviated by the money which is now so useless to them in this new life. Then again the man who has committed a crime often haunts its scene; there are very many stories which show that this is so. I remember a good example which is given by Sir Nathaniel Wraxall-the story of clergyman who finds the vicarage of the new cure into which he is inducted haunted by his predecessor, who (it appears) had murdered two illegitimate children there, and was so filled with remorse that he was unable to rest in his grave, or rather in the other world in which he found him-

self. As I remarked before, the poltergeist phenomena are sometimes unintentionally produced by the clumsy action of a dead man; and occasionally this manifestation takes a form differing slightly from the usual one. Such a case was that of Major Moor, in whose house an epidemic of bell-ringing occurred which lasted for fifty-three days, and was never satisfactorily explained. He wrote a pamphlet on the subject, which brought him many similar accounts of mysterious hap-

penings of the same nature. Incredible as it may seem, such tricks are sometimes played intentionally by silly peoble-people of the same type as those who think it amusing to play an idiotic practical joke on another man in physical life. A person whose development is at that level does not suddenly become a sane or reasonable being because he happens to die, so senseless tricks are played from the astral plane as well as on the physical.

FAMILY GHOST.

Again, there is the whole question of the family ghost, who haunts ancestral castles, and often takes upon himself the function of warning his descendants of the approach of

death. Such an apparition may be really an earth-bound ancestor, detained usually by his intense pride of race and his deep interest in the fortunes of his family; or he may be merely an astral impression, though in this latter case he could not warn the house of coming events. On the other hand, such warning may be given by an artificial elemental, or thought-form, as I described in my book on The Astral Plane. There are other types of apparitions, of which I have no time to speak to-night; I must refer my hearers for fuller details to my book on the subject, just as I had to do last week with regard to a fuller account of the phenomena of Spiritualism, and of my experiences in connection with them; for each of these subjects is a vast one, far too great to be exhaustively treated in a single evening's lecture.

Before concluding, however, I should like to say a few words more as to the way in which we should meet a denizen of this wider life; if we should ever be so fortunate as to see one. That may easily happen, for many and men do return. Often such a man needs help, and it is always a privilege to have the opportunity of giving that. We should try to look at such a meeting from the point of view of the dead man, instead of from a selfish one. Realize that he has probably taken much trouble to show himself, and can do so only for a very short time. Do not foolishly fear him on the on hand, nor try to persuade yourself that he is a hallucination on the other; receive him as a man and a brother, just as

you would if he came to you for help while yet in his physical body; he is none the less your fellow-man because he has for the time put off that garment of flesh. Speak to him kindly, and ask what you can do for him; perhaps he can speak in who seek for comfort, usefulness and reply. or if he cannot do that he may at least communicate his wishes by means of raps or signs; at any rate treat him. as a friend, and not as a foe or a bugbear. Teach your chil. dren to regard such an occurrence as a visit from a dead man as perfectly natural, though rare; thus you will save them much unnecessary terror and give them an opportunity of some day helping some poor soul who sorely needs it, for all of us are brothers, the living and the dead alike, resting ever

Auttle girl of ten ouce came to me and said: "Mrs. Stowe, In the sunshine of the same Divine Love,

Spiritualism, is an improvement on all the old religions, which corresponds to man's present intellectual development, and it has added to faith knowledge and demonstration. Ancient religion is founded on faith-

no progey or plemonstration is now claimed for its History shows its evil effects on the human race, by its degrading; superstitions in warping the

It is useless to hold to a dictionary or popular definition of the word religion. We have that which is peculiarly our own, a knowledge of the future life proven by facts, a religion built on its own original lines, which should mean exactly what this revelation has proven. The heart appwell as the head is en-listed in it. Its work on earth, in part, is to instructed practical brotherhood is to instructed practical brotherhood Is to inhumation practical brotherhood and equality, thus making preparation for the fills that is to be, whereby much distress and suffering on its entrance will be ground for Progress in human life enlarges the sphere and chartes now definition

sphere and creates new definitions of ords. Facts in nature are of no special avail to discover unless we can utilize them for some practical purposes. Hence we propose to utilize spir-It communion to the needs of human minds. The utilization of facts belongs to the artisan, the philosopher and they other needs of life

The sphere of true religion is environed in the needs of the soul, and as spirit communion conserves these needs it unfolds the true religion. spirit.

Moral philosophy teaches the relations of deeds to consequences-the aptions of ueges to consequences—all ar preciation of all that is good and true— a high sense of moral obligation—the duty of intellectual culture—teaches us to live useful and honorable lives, so

It shows that spirits are as true to nature as mortals-and shows their true identity and character, in which death makes no sudden change-shows their fallibility. This is better evidence than would be all communications good, or all bad. It shows the true conditions in spirit life. The other world is as diverse, as individualized in opinion as this. The messages are too diverse, too conflicting to be harmonized into infallible authority.

We are "many men of many minds" in the broad fields of freedom. Our beliefs and opinions may be spiritual or infidel; liberal or narrow; our morals may be good or bad or both. Spiritualism appeals to humanity, particularly to those of fair-mindedness and intelli-gence, whether in the church or out, whether estimated high or low, good or bad; and irrespective of names, books, heliefs or behavior, it says to all "Here am-search me and know me.

A. H. NICHOLAS. Summerland, Cal.

LAST SUMMER AND NEXT.

The rose that bloomed last summer is dead.

Last summer is over-past; The songs have been sung, the tears

have been shed, And have vanished and gone with the things that have fled;

No matter, dear, if love only last.

The rose that is budding will bloom. some day, Another summer is near;

fears may be bitter, but songs will be

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WONDERFUL MANIFESTATIONS AT SPRING HILL, KANSAS.

Spring Hill, Kansas .- One of the to get flowers from the secretary's most peculiar colonies of Spiritualists | table, or to talk with him through the | wall. When this part of the program | difficult cases. He is a great favorite in the world is located in this little Kan- trumpet, which is suspended from the was concluded Mrs. Aber took a hand- with all of the visitors, who remember

sas town, Spring Hill has become the ceiling. Mecca for believers, and pilgrimages are made by persons from all parts of with these people for months, studying the United States to witness the unus- the phenomena without prejudice. ual manifestations. Many of the resi- There is no possibility of fraud here, dents jeer at the members of the col- and it would show madness or imbecilony and think the whole thing is a fraud ity for one-to attempt to account for but they have never made an attempt what has been seen and heard. to expose the work of the medium. W. W. Aber. tion is a long one. He puts it as fol-

Spring Hill has been a Spiritualistic lows: Spiritualism recognizes three colony, after a fashion, for a good many | things: years, but it is only within the last year that it has become far-famed among the spiritual entity, called the spirit. believers. It is claimed by the members of the colony that the Kansas spirwith what is known as the human or its are the most unusual in the things | carnal body; which the spirit uses as a they create. machine to do its bidding.

Two books have been published under "3. That permeating the carnal body the title, "Rending the Vail," and "Bethe spirit constructs for itself another yond the Vail," the authorship of which more refined body, denominated the is laid to the spirits. A third book is spirit body, which is invisible, in the ornow said to be in preparation. These | dinary way of human perception. books were written on a typewriter by what are purported to be spirits, and the spirit body from the carnal body. the astonishing claim is made that the fingers of the wraith writes at five tion,' or being 'born again; the second times the speed attainable by living per- birth.' sons.

There is a group of these spirit au- to spiritual phenomena, is such tempothors, according to the claims of the rary reincarnation of a human spiritual Spiritualists, and many have supposedly being (called a spirit) as enables the written for the volumes. There are a spirit to manifest to human perception few spirits which write with lead pen- the same phenomena that it did before cils, and in some instances the mediums its so-called death or incarnation. claim as many as 900 words per minute have been written. materialization, certain elements and The Spiritualists are making another | conditions to obtain them and ceffica-

appareled in his old-time garb, talking When he came back the visitor exand writing as well as in his mortal claimed: days. I cannot speak of all the notables ""That man in there is dead! who have visited us, of the poets, au-"The hearers could not quite re thors, statesmen, and clergymen. We strain their smiles. Finally, he accepted lately enoyed a talk from Judge Ed- the situation and told us that he had just 'waked up.' but on investigation it monds, the great New York jurist. "Mr. House has been with the work | was shown that he had been out of his

from the first. Dr. E. J. Schellhous, body fifty years. He had perished in a Mr. Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. Pratt. Mr. and | burning ship, and the last thing that he Mrs. Aber, Mrs. Maggie Newman, Miss | could recall was the cry of fire, when he May Cook and Mr. Simpson have been | was struck upon the head and lost conamong the other members of the circle. | sciousness. He said he was"all mixed up,' but was assured that when he went

Medium Was Anchored Fast. away from the seance?" he "would be "I was present at several test semuch relieved, or 'feel' better,' as we

ances. Mr. Aber would be in the cab- phrased it to suit his limited powers of inet with only his face in view. Above understanding. The" name" was at his head was a small aperture. His length given as Jerry Flynn!³¹ "I have not yet told you of an Indian. wrists were fastened and strings sewed wrists were lastened and becapet, and to his trousers, then to the carpet, and flour or some like substance placed in his hands. The room was as light as seances. As Redfeather can see both

day. At once would begin a racket of | spirits and mortals, it can be readily unbells and tambourines and rasp on the derstood of what assistance he is in kerchief from each one, wringing them him after they return home, for Red-"It has been my privilege to abide out of water, and asking us to hold them | feather's mail, sent to Mrs. Aber, is in order to charge them with magnet- quite voluminous at times. His memism. Then she would place them, one ory is phenomenal. On being quesby one, on the medium's head. Inside | tioned on this point, he replied that the of the cabinet was an indelible pencil children of his tribe-Dakota-were and an empty box on which to write. chosen for drill in this line who showed In a minute or less the handkerchief good memory, and the tribal legends would be thrown out, with a message | and history, were taught them by the

"Redfeather has artistic power of no

having sent him the necessary outfit for

work in the circle, as that individual is

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written upon it, or perhaps a face fully old chiefs for safe keeping. "An open knife was placed by remean quality, just now being much in-

quest of the spirits in Mr. Aber's mouth, | terested in pyrography, some admirers and soon all heard the noise of the knife as the spirits cut the stitches and bands | the work. He does not do the artist's which held the medium. The flour in his hands was not disturbed.

outlined.

while.

breathe upon you."

undeniable fact.

were separated by strange circum-

overcome by her appearance.

in full view, and chats 'continually in "One of my sisters. Thankie, proved broken English as he works. A few an excellent 'materializer.' She came | nights ago he came to the desk for materlals, and was chiding his sitter for at nearly every seance when I was present, at first rather dimly, but, after moving about, speaking somewhat much practice, with great power. Twice sharply to the child (as we supposed the she took the comb from my hair, after subject to be, of course). After a few "4. That death is the separation of a few seconds replacing it as deftly as any mortal could have done it. On another occasion she was arranging some filmly lacelike substance about her dog, which the Abers lost some years neck when Mrs. Aber suggested that ago, and whose picture had been promshe place it against my face, which she ised them. This dog was almost hu-

> Van Horn was present, she came vivid- | knew him well. ly; he remarked, after greeting her:

Ghost of an Ancient Ruler. "Thankie, we used to dance often. Can

not you dance for me now?' "As the question of the continuance "She caught her draperies in either of conscious life in the animal world is hand and took several graceful steps, now attracting considerable attention. moving her head coquettishly meanthis true tale may be of interest. A She had been dead for forty strange man came one night, and years. The spirits often patted my seemed much disturbed at the dim light shoulder, and the touches varied. For in the seance-room. He asked many instance, my husband's hand seemed questions, and said that he was told much larger and stronger as he pressed that he could find light if he came there. it firmly upon my shoulder, while He spoke of his clothes being so ragged Thankie's touch was very gentle, as was and torn. Later Professor Denton came that of many others who gave this eviand explained the case. This man was dence of their tangibility. I asked my a ruler long ago. He lost his reason at sister at one time as she patted my the age of 45 years, and had been in shoulder: "Can you not put your arm around me? I will be careful not to great darkness since he reached spirit life, not, as we feared, as the "esult of his insanity, but because he was cruel "Instantly she passed her arm quite and arbitrary in his life. He had met around my shoulders so that the entire | many of those he had misused on earth. circle could see her, and, by turning my | The helpers had found him in deplorhead to the right, she stood at my left. | able state, and had brought him to us I could see her arm. Next came my sis- for relief. They had been three years ter Hattle, a flower-like woman, who in trying to get him to come. Professor brought her old atmosphere, but who Denton entreated the circle to receive has not the psychical power which him kindly if he came again. It appears that he had lost an idolized child "An outfit for telegraphy with the key and the burden of his grief was his inanelosed in a box of wood and slate was bility to find her. He was assured that on the center-table in the sitting-room. | the band knew of her whereabouts, and The medium's hand lay on its top. The when he was sufficiently recovered they would take him to her. 'Professor Denspirit operator took control of the key, writing very rapidly where no mortal ton says this man lived hundreds of years ago. "Anxious to learn more of cases like dots and dashes, but that telegraphy this and the one of Jerry Flynn, I placed was accomplished without our aid is an | a note upon the desk, asking Professor Denton, if convenient, to talk to us a "One evening there was present a little of the condition of those spirits man from the East, who had come in who remained so long in a comatose the hope of meeting his sweetheart who state. He came at once when the sehad been lost to him years ago. They



The missionary work for the month of March was one of great activity. In summing up we find we held 33 meetings, organized four new societies and reorganized one.

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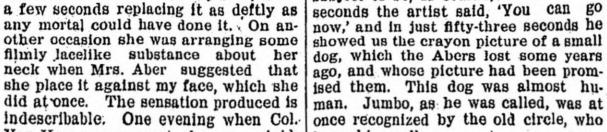
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'A Chicago woman, Mrs. Mary Irene Dye, who lives at 5900 Indiana avenue sist in the construction of temporary in that city, has been here for several months collecting the "spirit" pictures. She lived with the Spiritualists and attended almost every meeting for a long magnetic condition of the medium and time. In talking with the correspond- each other. A spirit chemist is a spirent of the Sunday Inter Ocean the other | itual being, who is able to gather from day she told of the inner workings of the atmosphere, the circle and the methe circle. In her own words her story is as follows:

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"Later it was said by the spirit band tion, intellectually, and I have read Sarin charge of the work that it was designed by them to furnish matter for a. Edmond's voluminous works, A. J. Da volume elucidating the spiritual philos- vis' books, Crookes' works. Wallace's ophy if the proper conditions could be works' Robert Hare's 'Spiritualism Scifurnished them from the mortal side, entifically Demonstrated, and the three Soon thereafter a selection was made of volumes written by spirits at Spring the circle and the real work begun. For Hill. a time this continued, when unavoidable circumstances so changed condi-

tions that it was temporarily abandoned. "After an interval of perhaps six years Mr. Aber's services were again through which communication between

the old circle being present with others is an indisputable fact which can be added. In less than a year the manu- shown to any one of ordinary intelliscript for 'Rending the Veil' was com- gence and perseverance. For instance, pleted. J. H. Nixon, of Spring Hill, has Edwin Booth appeared one night with edited the matter given by the spirits. "In this he has been assisted by Dr. recognized by those who were familiar

E. J. Schellhous, of Kansas City, Mo., who has accomplished a large amount | Hamlet in his old style. A very large of newspaper work and work in the in- man came next. He was a Chinaman, terest and propaganda of spiritual evidently, but as no interpreter was truth.

Spirits Give Orations.

"Tuesday nights have been reserved eral times, and conversed freely with for outsiders. Once when there were members of the circle, to several of no strangers present it was decided to whom he was well known, for instance, continue the 'intellectual work,' when Colonel R. T. Van Horn of Kansas City, five women gave brief orations to the who was in congress many years. He secretary through the trumpet, speak was the founder of the Kansas City ing in whispers. Dr. Reed, who pre- Journal, and its editor-in-chief for thirpares the forms for visibility, rarely ty years. He was an agnostic until makes a good larynx for himself, so that converted to Spiritualism after the his utterances are also in whispers, a death of his son Charlie, who has been

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"7. That, as to the process of this

"Mr. Nixon's definition of materializa-

"1. That the real man or woman is'a

"2. That this spirit clothes itself

"5. That this death is the 'resurrec-

"6. That materialization, as applied

Electricity and Magnetism.

"The elements are principally elecespecially permeate the human organism. A medium is a person who can generate electricity and magnetism in such proportions as is required to asbodies. The circle is, or should be, composed of such persons as give off electro-magnetism in harmony with the

dium, the proper particles of matter and electro-magnetism and compound and combine them into a specific, plastic Thankie has acquired.

tions are more or less perfect.

"Thus fitted out with a temporary re: ready before the public, while the third | incarnate body, the spirit is able to | hand could touch it. Unfortunately, no | manifest its different functions, more or | one present at that time could read the "J. H. Pratt engaged W. W. Aber, a less perfectly, accordingly as its tempopsychic of peculiar and remarkable rary body is more or less perfect. All powers, to give what is known as 'mate- such manifestations must be in the rializing seances,' throwing open his same philosophical manner as done house to all wishing to investigate this while the spirit was in its mortal body. "One can much better appreciate

these phenomena after suitable preparagent's 'Scientific Spiritualism,' Judge

Wraith of Edwin Booth.

"At every seance the lady made fresh "No more than a slight reference can trials, assisted by the kind helpers on be made to the subtle and wonderful either side of the veil, and ere long she laws discovered of late years, by and was able to walk out of the circle easily, and hand to her friend flowers which secured, and work resumed, a part of the two worlds has been established. It fore witnessed scenes so tender and beautiful. By earnest request she tried to give him a kiss. She succeeded after such distinctness that he was at once several attempts, he obeying instructions not to breathe upon the material-

ized form. She could pass her hand cawith his personality. He gave a bit of ressingly about his neck, with apparent ease "I tell this by permission. It is to me present, record could not be made of his remarks.

an intensely interesting episode. I can not tell the name or location of the man, as persons are still in the flesh who "President McKinley appeared sevwould be pained by a revival of the tragedy of these lives. The man ar-

ranged for several private seances, inviting a few friends whose magnetic conditions were helpful to the young woman in her effort to reach her faithful friend. A message was dictated by her to the spirit typewriter, and in reply a the seance room, with a request to Doc- they do not really exist. tor Reed that he and the band assist

ance opened and said in effect: "'These spirits are not in a comatose stances that involved no blame on state, but I will illustrate by saying either side. A year or so ago she died. that their selfish natures make them "I was present at the lady's first at- | like hermits in their desire for solitude, tempt at materialization. She ap- and they so remain until roused by a peared very weak and tremulous but | sense of their condition, and a desire very happy to realize that she could see | for something better. Their life . on and hear her beloved, who was greatly | earth has determined their condition, and in some instances they remain for

many years in that state before a change takes place.' "Answering a question as to the realization of time there, he replied in sub-

stance that their state was like a were taken from a table. I never be- dream.

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"A judge of Tennessee received while at Spring Hill a crayon portrait of his wife. He photographed it, and after his return home, it was immediately recognized by his friends. Later, he sent here a friend, another judge, a skeptic, who remained ten days in Mr. Aber's home, where every opportunity was given him for thorough investigation. He went home a confirmed believer. One night a small nephew, Ural, came, saying distinctly: "'How do you do, Uncle Billy?'

"The other nephews and nieces al ways called the Judge 'Uncle William.' A friend materialized whom he saw killed years ago. Raising his vest, he showed plainly the wound made by the long letter was prepared, and placed in bullet. These are tests for the mortal, "A man and his wife of Chattanooga

to our cause and the people's liberties. They could distribute the leaflets sent out by the N. S. A., and get subscribers to our splendid Spiritualist papers and magazines, all of which are doing the greatest missionary work.

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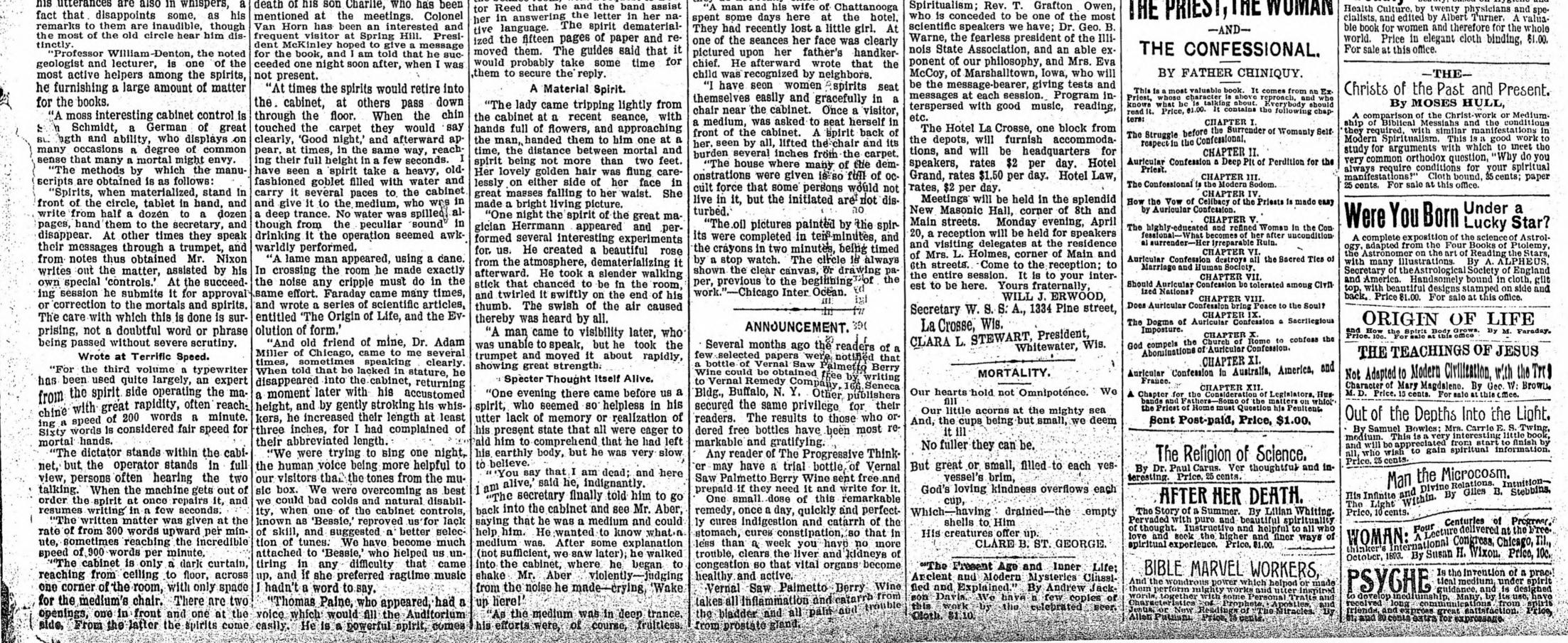
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Jews Not a Race.

That the Jews are not a race, properly speaking, was distinctly stated in a recent lecture by Rabbi Hirsch, delivered to a Jewish audience, in a Jewish temple in this city. Dr. Hirsch, who is always outspoken and interesting, said that the Zionist movement for the rehabilitation of Jerusalem-a project dear to many Jewish hearts-and the re-establishment of Judaism as a nation, is neither rational nor desirable from the standpoint of the American, German, English, French or Austrian Jew. With the Russian Jew it is a different matter.

"There is no such thing as a distinct Hebrew race," Dr. Hirsch said. "The anthropological distinct tendencies which mark one race from another are lacking in the Jew. The Slavonic Jew is a Slav and the German is a Teuton. The reason for this is that at almost evperiod of history the Jews hav freely intermarried with other races. "Neither is there such a thing as a Jewish nation. The dream of nation and independence for the Jew ended in the time of the Romans. The German Jew is German to the core; the French Jew is loyal to "la belle France;" in England the Jew is a loyal subject of his majesty, while here in America certainly we have time and again given evidence of our loyalty and love for the institutions and ideals of our country. "Neither is the Jew an usurer. The laws of the feudal system barred the Jow from agricultural pursuits and he was forced by the Christian cry of 'Give, give, give' to depend upon interest for his income. But the Jew is not a usurer and to-day professional gambling and the exaction of usury are the only causes which will operate to bar a man from the synagogue.

The Nouse of Israel and the Jumpers. This title does not, as might be supposed, designate the people known as According to their interpretation of the prophecies of the Bible, this great event will take place within three years.

In anticipation of the event the members of the church of the House of Israel are gathering at Benton Harbor, Michigan. Why Benton Harbor should be selected as the rendezvous of the saints, we are not informed, but it was probably chosen by the leader or lead-ors under divine inspiration or direc-

tion It is expected that before the three years shall have expired, 144,000 members will be gathered together at Benton Harbor.

Revelation, vil:4 says: "And I heard the number of them that were sealed; and there were sealed an hundred forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel." Rev. xiv:1'says: "And I looked, and,

lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion and with him an hundred forty and four thousand having his Father's name written in their foreheads."

It is supposed that the 144,000 expected to assemble at Benton Harbor, Mich., will be the "first fruits" of whom it is said in verse 3. "And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, (sic.) and the elders; and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth."

As it was during the Millerite excitement of 1842-3, some will probably prepare their ascension robes so as to be ready to be taken up into the air when Christ comes It was said that one devoted saint, in

1843, put on his ascension robes and ascended to the top of a haystack on the pear. Becoming weary with waiting, he fell asleep. While sleeping, some unbeliever set fire to the haystack. The sleeping saint awoke amid sheets of flame ascending on every side. Gazing in agony he exclaimed: "In hell—just as I expected!" night when Christ was expected to ap-

The House of Israel might well take to heart the lesson. In all probability many of the 144,000 were they to awak en under similar surroundings, would duplicate the Millerite's exclamation. Still another phase of religious fanat-icism is set forth in the Denver Repub-

The members of the Pentecostal union, or "jumpers," as they are called, were arrested while they were parading the streets. Their right to appear on the streets and carry banners to attract crowds will be tested in police court today. If fined they say they will carry

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the case up to the higher courts. Banners like those used in political campaigns were carried. There was also much velling and jumping. . One man carried a base drum. When he was tired of beating it another man would relieve him. According to the members their desire was to attract a large crowd, and the policemen say 500 peo-ple followed them, blocking the streets. Their noise and demonstrations are also said to have frightened horses and several runaways were narrowly averted, the police say.

The jumpers took their arrest quietly and made no resistance when placed in the patrol wagon. Cries of "Glory to God," "Hallelujab;" and "Praise the Lord" could be heard coming from the wagon. At the jail the men and women were separated and the women placed in the women's quarters, while the men were allowed the freedom of the corridors. Solid iron doors were between them, but they joined in a meeting, all singing the same songs. The men

Jews or Israelites, but a peculiar sect of have a graphic description of it in believers in the second advent of Christ. | Father Chiniquy's "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome." In 1855 he was ordered to attend one in Chicago. He arrived there two hours ahead of time, and this is the way he begins his de-

scription: "Never did I see such a band of jolly fellows. Their dissipation and laugh-ter; their exchange of witty and too often unbecoming expressions: the tremendous noise they made in addressing oach other at a distance, thus: 'Hallo, Patrick,' 'Hallo, Murphy,' 'hallo, O'Brien! how do you do? How is Bridget? Is Margaret still with you?' The answers, 'Yes! yes! she will never leave me,' or 'No! no! the crazy girl is gone!' were invariably followed by outmrst of laughter.

"Though nine-tenth of them were evidently under the influence of intoxicat-ing drinks, not one could be said to be trunk. But the strong odor of alcohol, mixed with the smoke of clears, soon oisoned the air, and made it suffocat ing."

About an hour before the opening of the spiritual exercises a fat and florid priest proceeded to take up a collection for the purchase of a sufficient supply of spirits to last through the holy week. The hat was filled with five and ten dollar bills. Chiniquy declined to contribute, saying, "I am a teetotaler." A discussion of the temperance question

followed. All the priests were in favor of temperance, that is to say, moderate drinking, and one of them said. "I thought we were to be preached to by Bishop Spaulding; I had no idea it was Father Chiniquy who had that charge." Father Dunn, of Chicago, and one other priest, afterwards approved , of

Chiniquy's course; but they had given their contributions before the objection was made. The exercises consisted of two ser nons a day, and two meditations, each

lasting forty or fifty minutes. The rest of the time was spent in reading aloud the life of a saint, reciting the breviarum, examination of conscience and going to confession. Half an hour was

way Hall.

allowed for each meal, followed by another half-hour for recreation. "Thus were the days spent. But the nights! the nights! What shall I say of them? What pen can describe the orgies I witnessed during those dark nights? And who can believe what I

have to say about them? Though I will not and cannot say the half of what I have seen and heard." and Invisible." ... "The drinking used to begin about nine o'clock, as soon as the lights were put out. Some were handing the bottles

from bed to bed, while others were carrying them to those at a distance, at first with the least possible noise, but half an hour had not elapsed before the alcohol was beginning to unloose the tongues and upset the brain. Then the bon mots, the witty stories at first, were soon followed by the most indecent and shameful recitals. Then the

songs, followed by the barkings of dogs, the croaking of frogs, the howl-ing of wolves. In a word, the cries of all kinds of beasts, often mixed with the most becaute there is the source of the sou most lascivious songs, the most infamous anecdotes, flying from bed to bed from room to room, till one or - two o'clock in the morning.

"On night three priests were taken with delirium tremens, atmost at the same time. One cried out that he had a dozen rattlesnakes at his shirt: the second was fighting against thousands of bats which were trying to tear his eyes from their sockets; and the third, with a stick was repulsing millions of spiders which he said were as big as wild turkeys, all at work to devour him.



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Little Morris Goldberg, a sevenweeks-old baby, was sold the other day by its mother to another woman for the They were not photographs. The orsum of \$500. dinary vision nor the photographic The mother of the baby hated to part plate are sensitive enough to perceive with it, but \$500 looked big in her eyes, or absorb the multicolored, misty rays and besides, the baby, she says, would

have died of hunger if she had kept it; that exist only in the astral matter. so she let it go. The purchaser wanted a baby. Into They were drawn by a Russian, one of the disciples of Madame Blavatsky, her home during the past dozen years as they appeared to the trained clair- or so several little ones had come, but voyant, and used by Dr. Leadbeater to one after another they died, and it beillustrate his lecture on "Man Visible gan to look as though the home was

loomed to be childless. Hence the deal by which little Mor-The lecturer explained that the soul ris Goldberg was bought for so much

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life.'

boxes.

What name did I write?"

of man is really a multiple thing. It is coin of the realm. It was a queer transaction! But not one body, but many bodies, resting queer as it is, it is easily understood. in the various strata of astral matter. With heavy heart the mother gives up In each of these man has a vehicle for her child for the \$500 which meant so expressing his thoughts and emotions. much to her in her poverty and misery, When he is angry he drops to a plane of while the other party finds in the help less little waif the heart's ease for astral matter that is in appearance a flashing red with forked colors of a for-bidding, murky brown. When he is in which she had been longing for many a day.

a condition of love he moves in a plane And co, possibly, the deal may be of crimson appearance. ight after all. Little Morris will find In overy case this astral body he as in the home of his purchaser the tender-est love and affection; and the \$500 that sumes is called the aura, a sort of radiating halo. In the savage it is narrow was paid for him will go a long way to and murky, and in Buddha it is radiant ward keeping the mother and the rest and extends outward so far that it can of the children comfortable. But there is a side-light to this story e seen for several miles.

From the lowest plane to the highest that is most pathelic. man works in a process of evolution, at It is not difficult for a well regulated length attaining perfection. For each human being to enter into the feelings emotion there is a color, and a mixed of the present proud possessor of this emotional impulse makes its appearpretty baby. ince in the halo about the body, or the The mother instinct was strong in her

aura. in a variety of colors. soul; to that noble instinct she had To Dr. Leadbeater's trained eye a ever been true; but in spite of her jealous young man appears in a halo of faithfulness thereto the fates appeared greenish brown, lit up by deep red or to be against her, and as a last desper-



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past winter through the mediumshi my beloved associates, Mr. and Mrs Folsom

Spiritualists of Illinois :- Mr. and have endeavored to elicit a class of phe-Mrs. Sprague's flying trip into our state nomena with direct reference to the resulted in the granting of charters by telepathic theory of Prof. T. J. Hudson, and I believe that we have succeeded in this association to local auxiliaries at LeRoy, Farmer City and Onarga. Each satisfactorily refuting his position ou one of them has excellent constituent that subject. material and encouraging environ-Prof. Hudson, in his work on the Law

ments. They have not been born mereof Psychic Phenomena, nowhere men. tions having had any experience with

what are known as "trumpet manifestations." hence the inference is warranted that he has never investigated that sist of Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, missionaphase of mediumship. Now it is pre-cisely here that Prof. Hudson's whole ries of the N. S. A.; Will J. Erwood, secetary of the Wisconsin State Associatheory breaks down as the following tion; Oscar A. Edgerly, the widely-known trance speaker; Harry J. Moore, facts will illustrate: At a trumpet seance held during the months of Novema favorite at last year's meeting; Mrs. ber of last year, in Springfield, Mo., a J. A. Murtha, popular as a message melittle child addressed a very skeptical dium in Toronto, Canada, and Mrs. Eva gentleman in the circle, claiming that it McCoy, of lowa, whose message-giving was his child. He answered at once was thought highly of at the last Minnethat he had no children "dead." The sota convention, as well as in that of persisted in its claim, and the her own state. gentleman asked its name. Immediate

Among the Chicago workers on the programme will be Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, Mrs. M. A. Burland, Mrs. May Elmo, Mrs. Ella Johnson Bloom, y this answer came: "You never gave me any name, for I never lived in earth The gentleman then stated that no.

Mrs. Wm. Hilbert, Chas. J. Peterson, one save himself, his wife and a physiand that eminent student of the occult cian ever knew of this child. Dr. Betlero. Let us make the meeting one worthy A few evenings afterward at another

seance the little one came again and a of our cause. Programmes will be dressed this gentleman, who asked it if ready on or before the 17th inst. Music knew what he had done on the previous will be directed by Madame Bourgeois. Wednesday. The little one answered, GEO, B. WARNE, President Illinois S. S. A. You wrote me a name in the Bible."

The child immediately gave the cor----Ignorant or Worse.

rect name in full as he had written it. At Wichita, Kans., somtime in Decem-"Christian" for April says: "There is ber, a man who has been a student of no proof that anyone has ever commu-Prof. Hudson, and himself a fine schol- nicated with an individual spirit after ar, asked the privilege of applying a they passed out of the body,

oric gleams affect not the glory and beauty of the twinking stars. C. W. STEWART. St. Louis, Mo. count a few of the remarkable phenom ena which I have witnessed during the

NOTE FROM DR. WARNE.

In the first place, I will say that !

ly to die a legalized death. Preliminaries for the coming mass-meeting, April 28, 29 and 30, are well in hand. The talent from abroad will con-

"In what, then, consists our Judaism? In nothing but our religion. It is a re-

ligion differing from all others. It is impossible to become a Jew of your Own free will unless you happen to have been born of non-Jewish parents. Juda-lsm has neither creed, confession nor been born of non-Jewish parents. Juda-lsm has neither creed, confession nor priesthood. Its rabbis are teachers. Nor is it a religion for death. With that it has nothing to do. It is a relig-

lon for life alone and in its bonds we find the basis of our union."

Freethought and Faith.

One distinctive difference between Spiritualism and the old church cults is the important fact that Spiritualism calls on all minds to think, think, think; while the church calls on us to believe, believe, believe.

The one encourages the most thorough, careful, thoughtful investigation; the other says, Have faith, faith, faith.

The one asks for the fullest freedom of thought, and its boldest exercise; the other warns of danger in free thought, and enforces the stifling of mental free dom by the expressed or covert threat of eternal damnation for the soul of him that doubts or disbelieves.

Spiritualism encourages the exercise

of reason, to the broadest and highest extent, fearless of results, and accept-ing its conclusions; orthodoxy says: Believe, or be damned! Orthodoxy tethers the mind to doc-

man discovery and knowledge. These considerations should emphasize to Spiritualists everywhere the importance of training the young in right views, in order that their minds may he broad and free in thought, ever gencrously open to the reception of truth, feeling no trammels of hindrance, the result of wrong teachings.

To this end, the upbuilding of a strong and free manhood and woman-hood, let Spiritualists everywhere, old and young, unite in progressive lyceuns, and so work for our cause and for n noble humanity.

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jumped and yelled, and the cries of the | The cries and lamentations of these women could be heard from their intethree priests were really pitiful. To

rior department. "They are still jumping, praise the Lord!" one of the men would say, as he maintained a listening attitude. Then all the men would jump and yell.

Miss Huffman, who is in charge of the "outside meeting," as they call it, was reading her Bible with the other women sitting on the floor around her when a caller was admitted.

"Our religion is the oldest religion in the world," she said, when asked why she was in jail. "They brought us here for jumping, and for no other reason," she continued. "But we cannot help jumping, for God tells us to do it, and then we jump as high as we can and sing his praise as loudly as possible. That's a part of our religion.' Some people think it is all done for effect, but I tell you when you have the spirit of God in your soul you just can't help but

mp: "See that young lady over there," she jump." "See that young lady over there, she "see that young lady over there, she said, pointing to one of the members who was softly patting her hands and tapping the floor with her foot, "Get up, sister, and show the gentleman how you can jump when the spirit of God tells you to.'

The "sister" referred to sprang to her feet, while the others called "Hallelujah!" Then she commenced to jump and clap her hands and yell "Glory to God!" She kept it up "until the spirit left her," and then sat down again, while another started the jumping.

Hate.

These four letters form one of the worst words in the English language. Do you hate some one? If so, conquer that trait of your disposition at once.

Hate is the opposite of love, and if you ever wondered why "God doesn't kill the Devil," look within and ask yourself how love and hate can remain in the same soul, for this is, to-day, the meaning of God and the Devil.

Do you expect the world to love you

The Bible may be somewhat respon-

sible for this disposition in humanity

or it may not, but the animal that he

boasts of having arisen from has not

been outgrown if man has hate in him.

Do you desire harmony in this world?

when you have this repelling element

in your organism?

trines and dogmas engendered amid the darkness and superstition of the past: Spiritualism encourages full and free growth and expansion, progression into all truth, and the highest results of free inquiry and research in all fields of hu-

Live up to the highest that you feel and know. Live according to that monitor within that criticises your wrong-doing and thinking. Let others have their own standard. of

then make it and you will have it.

morals. Your own standard should be your guide, but do not expect love or even respect from a world you hold away from you with the feeling of hate. In this day of thought and philosophy,

in this day of practicality, no one is expected to fall deeply in love with a nown enemy, but you cannot make a friend of an enemy by hate.

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those cries add the lamentations of some dozen of them whose overloaded tomachs were ejecting in the s and all around, the enormous quantity of

drink they had swallowed. "The third day I was so disgusted and indignant that I determined to leave without noise, under the pretext that I was sick. It was not a false pretext, for I was really sick. There was

no possibility of sleeping before two or three o'clock. Besides, the stench in the dormitories was horrible. But before carrying out his resolution to leave he consulted Father Dunn. lurid light. who had spent the last night in the dor mitory, witnessed all the horrors, and had already reported them to Bishop Snaulding. Father Dunn felt that the bishop did not believe half what had

been told him and advised Chiniquy to go to the bishop and tell everything. This he did without delay. Bishop Spaulding was not at all surprised, and went with Chinlquy to lay the matter before Bishop O'Regan. The reselt was that Bishop Spaulding gave two temperance addresses instead of ser-

mons, which made a little improvement in the conduct of the holy fathers at night. But the sum of \$500 was expended for drink during the six days' retreat—or rather during the five nights. And Father Dunn told Chiniquy the follow-

ing incident: A respectable policeman who be

longs to my congregation came to me this morning to tell me that the first night six prostitutes, dressed as gentlemen, and last night twelve came to the

university after dark, entered the dormitory and went, directed by signals, to those who had invited them, each being provided with the necessary key, I have just reported this thing to Bishop O'Regan, but instead of paving any atout of his room, saying, 'Do you think I

am going to come down from my dig nity of bishop to hear the reports of de graded policemen or of vile spies Shall I become the spies of my priests? If they want to damn themselves there is no help, let them go to hell! I am not more obliged or able than God him-

self to stop them. Does God stop them? Does he punish them? No! Well you cannot expect from me more zeal and power than in our common God."

On the last day of the retreat, which was Sunday, all the priests marched in procession to the cathedral, to receive the holy communion. And the next night thirteen of them were taken by the police from houses of ill fame where they were rioting and fighting-

and lodged in the calaboose. From the above account it would ap pear that the most essential requisite for a spiritual retreat is a bountiful sup-

ply of ardent spirits; and that the relig-lous exercises terminate very appropriately in the calaboose.

"Man and the Spiritual.World, as Dis-

closed in the Bible." By Rev. Arthur Chambers, Associate of King's College, London. An excellent book for Chris-tian people who would investigate and learn the facts of Bible teachings as

ate resort she bought little Morris, cud-An intellectual person gives forth a dled him up to her breast and was

happy. If she could have no baby of her own strong yellow light. A heavy, murky, leaden gray, difficult o penetrate, shows despondency. she would have some-other woman's Once the vision is trained many baby. The motherhood instinct was abthings become visible. To Dr. Lead-solute and unswerving in the demand beater even the astral bodies of the for some object about which it might encows and hogs that are kilked at the twine itself.

stock yards float in lurid colors in the All of which reminds us of the fact sky near that fateful spot like an aurora that there is another class of women borealis. in the land -women that despise mater-How the Soul looks to the Theosophical nity, and that seem to be never so hap

Clairvoyant. py as when they are crushing out the In anger-heavy, scarlet coils' float mother instinct and doing what they about in the halo, or astral body, like can to balk the fulfilment of the holicst arifting smoke, with forked flashes of law in the universe.

It is a fact to make us hang our In love-the predominating color is heads in shame!

crimson, with beautiful touches of blue, And it is a growing fact. It is as cershowing affection, and yellow, showing tain as anything can be that every year intellectuality. In fear—a livid gray, with curious revealed of the second seco more and more women in this country are found to be opposed to the idea of

The world of society, and the large he lower sensations. In perfect peace-a brilliant yellow and rapidly growing number that would be aping the world of society, are adiating from the intellect. In this the highest type of astral body, the full of the most determined and coldmurky and lurid colors of the senses blooded antipathy to the idea of motherare entirely absent. hood.

The above is from the Chicago Exam-The most infamous subterfuges are ner, and illustrates the great interest resorted to to defeat Nature's ends in the secular press is taking in occult order that the round of pleasure, the subjects. wardrobe, the splendor of the establish-

ment, and the other things that go to Who is the Liar? make up social success, may not be interfered with. An illustration of the lengths to

Babies are expensive, are lots of which rabid antispiritualism will carry trouble, are oftentimes badly in the way a man is afforded by a New York therefore we will vote them down. preacher, as stated in the daily papers. Yes, and you will also vote down the life of the nation! When our homes be Before his congregation in the First come childless our land will become Baptist church, Sunday, April 6, Rev. virtueless. When our women cease to Dr. Isaac M. Haldeman attacked Rev. be motherly civilization will perish and Dr. Isaac K. Funk, who recently told of | we shall have nothing left but greed and having talked with the spirit of Henry vanity.-Chicago American. Ward Beecher through the agency of a Just Three.

medium.

"No matter how godly the man," said It is suggestive that at the recent Dr. Haldeman, "I say that any minister Newark Methodist Conference only of the gospel of any Christian man who three candidates presented themselves says that he has seen and talked to anfor examination. This is the smallest other minister of the gospel through a Spiritualist lies, Only evil spirits ap-pear to men after death, and surely Mr. Beecher's would not be an evil one. It the "painfully low salaries." He also is daring hellfine to go to one of these said the prospects were gloomy for eances. those ambitious to get to the front

It must be said that the Rev. Dr. Halwhere larger salaries were paid, for deman's words, exhibit the "spirit" of these churches were reducing the sums orthodoxy pure and undefiled. they formerly paid. A man with a family, who enters the ministry with the But if "only evil spirits appear to men

after death," what must be said of expectation of making a living, is singu-larly deficient in business foresight. Peter, Janes and John when on the And yet money in the Methodist mount they are said to have seen Moses church appears easier to collect than to and Elijah (spirits) and declared, as save 'souls. That church started the many another attendant at a seance has "Twentieth Century Crusade" last year done, "it is good for us to be here"?. to raise \$20,000,000, and save two mill-

Were Moses and Elijah "evil spirits"? ions of souls, this test of salvation be-Or has not Rev. Dr. Haldeman, in the ing brought into the church, The excess of his bitter zeal against Spirit- money was contributed but the souls ualism gono wildly astray from the wanting salvation were not plentiful truth? and therein there was a notable failure And how about that account in Mat

thew xxvi:52, 53, of the "saints" which arose, and went into the holy city, Jerution, with notes and explanations, of narrations and illustrations of spirit exsalem, and appeared unto many? Did Matthew lie? or wore these perlences, spoken, written and made by "saints" evil spirits?

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crucial test, and proceeded as follows "I have made three visits to the su He procured six small paper boxes, and while I felt that I was surrounded by spirits, they did not speak to me." all exactly alike, and placing a small ob-While spirit communion can ject in each of them, mixed them all to-, gether so that he had no idea what any proved by many, the latter assortion particular one of them contained, and cannot even he proved by the one who after the lights were extinguished three asserts it-unless he is willing to exof us groped our way into a room where change confidence with those equally as the boxes lay, and each picked up a box honest as he claims to be.

But he also says: "When communiat random in the dark, and carried it back into the dark seance room. This cation with spirits is a man's creed, we proceeding rendered it utterly impossi- had just as well let him alone." ble for us to know the contents of the

That looks very much like a Jesuitical club, with which to defend his position: At once, Mr. Varley, the trumpet connamely that only had spirits communi-

trol, speaking in a clear voice, said: "Johnson, your box contains a steel cate, and good ones cannot. Is the writer from whom we quote. pen. Stewart, your box contains a ignorant or too worldly wise to know

postage stamp. Folsom, your box con- anything beyond his own conclusions? A. F. M. tains a hair-pin." Then he added: A LARGE SUPPLY

Wait a minute, and I will tell the contents of the other boxes." In a moment he returned and stated the contents of the other boxes, which was found to be Of the Paper Containing Full Particu. absolutely correct in both cases after lars in Reference to the Assassina-tion of Abraham Lincoln and

the lamps were again lighted. Prof. Johnson admitted that the tele pathic theory was entirely excluded

from this test. In any given case it will not do to separate the phenomena. While it is true that the birth of the child may We have a large supply of The Progressive Thinker containing the full achave been recorded in the sub-conscious mind of the above gentleman, the count by Mr. Burr, of the assassination fact yet remains that after he had re-

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the rationale of apparitions, would ask whether it was after then it is most probable that the astral senses of that one i all certain that there were really such things as apparitions at all. Not very many years ago few would have thought of has been produced upon him by the earnest effort of the asking even so much as that, for they would have dismissed | dead man. Many people are already very near the point of the whole question contemptuously without a second the opening of astral senses, and it does not need much exer thought. But man has grown a little wiser since then, and | tion of force to open this higher sight for a moment; a very public opinion has changed somewhat on these points. I be- little thing will sometimes do it. A strong emotion has been lieve that this diffusion of more accurate knowledge on such subjects is largely due to the action of the Theosophical Society. We who are members of that society have been writ- sickness in persons who had not been aware of them while ing and lecturing upon these matters for the last twenty- in health, because then the ordinary physical impressions years and more from a common-sense, scientific point of view, and so a certain effect has at length been produced, and ened. But, as I have said, there is not always a dead man in the dense ignorance and iron-bound prejudice of the general the case at all, for of our seven classes only one is a direct public on such subjects have been somewhat modified. The manifestation of him in full consciousness. work of another society has also done very much to contribute to the culightenment of the public mind, for the Society for Psychical Research has devoted itself to careful investigation of these and kindred subjects from the scientific side, and has patiently collected a vast mass of dithenticated cases and of unimpeachable testimony, so that for any thinking person the question is settled.

Those who still contemptuously deny the existence of apparitions are simply those who are enirely ignorant of the subject, and are foolishly exposing their ignorance by talking about things which they do not understand. There is a book written by Mr. W. T. Stead, the well-known journalist, called elves, gnomes, sylphs, undines, fairies, good people, and Real Ghost Stories, in which he gives to the world a very other quaint and suggestive titles. Do not suppose that all fine collection of such narratives, all well-authenticated, with of such tradition is mere popular superstition; there is a vast the names and addresses of the various people concerned, so kingdom of nature of which we are commonly quite uncon that those who will may inquire directly from the men and women who had the experiences related. No one could possibly read this book carefully without discovering that there man becomes temporarily capable of the astral or etheric was very much more to be said for the reality of the appari- sight which enables him to perceive the nature spirit; and tion than he had ever supposed before. Mr. Stead himself seems to have commenced merely as an investigator with out any preconceived opinions, but his studies have resulted in very definite conviction, as may be seen from the following quotation from his preface:

ABSURD DELUSION.

"Of all the vulgar superstitions of the half-educated, none dies harder than the absurd delusion that there are no such things as ghosts. All the experts, whether spiritual, poetical, or scientific, and all the others, non-experts, who have bestowed any serious attention upon the subject, know that their presence in haunts well-known to them. I have myself they do exist. There is endless variety of opinion as to clearly seen on several occasions a "dead" pet animal in his what a ghost may be. But as to the fact of its existence, astral body, just as I have often seen him in that astral body whatever it may be, there is no longer any serious dispute among honest investigators. If any one questions that, let him investigate for himself. In six months, possibly in six weeks, or even in six days, he will find it impossible to deny the reality of the existence of the phenomena popularly entitled ghostly. He may have a hundred ingenious explanations of the origin and nature of the ghost, but as to the ex- told by General Barter to the Society of Psychical Research, istence of the entity itself there will no longer be any doubt." You see, here is a very decided attitude adopted by a man who, has investigated, and has taken a great deal of trouble to understand these things; and his opinion is precisely that dead man, or a real ghost on his own account. In the story to which have come all the rest of us who have made a study of the miller on the grey horse, told to Mr. Stead, the animal of such matters. Surely then it ill becomes a man who has is evidently nothing but a materialized thought, and not a taken no trouble to find out the truth to ridicule the result of real ghost; but it is also quite likely that the miller himself the hard work of those who have been more deeply interest. is of the same nature. It is impossible to tell all those illused in these vital questions than he happens to be. We who trative stories at length in one lecture; but all of them, and study Theosophy know very well that such things do occur, many more, will be found in full in my new book, "The Other

VARIOUS MODES OF APPARITIONS.

various modes of operation. If an apparition is visible si. heard any particularsi Still, I have seen-men waiting at the minutes past six when he wakened, and that he had run all IMPRESSIONS-THE POLTERGEIST - APPARITIONS | multaneously to several people, it is most probable that it is a materialization, because it would be very difficult to mesmerize several people at once, and it is not likely that all of them would be equally sensitive; when one man sees an ap-

man are temporarily stimulated, or that a mental impression known to heighten the vibrations sufficiently; there have been cases in which such possibilities showed themselves in which usually dominated them were to some extent weak

NATURE SPIRITS, PHANTOM BIRDS, ETC.

1. You will be aware from what I have said in previous lectures that wo have in the world around us other evolutions besides the human and the animal-evolutions which are normally invisible to us, which have no direct connection with our own, though they share with us the earth on which

erature the name of Nature spirits. Many traditions of such creatures remain in the folk-lore of various countries, and they have been called by many names-brownies, pixies, scious, but occasionally some member of it, for reasons of then, not understanding the character of the phenomenon, the man probably says that he has seen a ghost. Sometimes their action; but we will take those in a separate class. 2. Another class consists of phantom birds or animals.

These may really be ghosts, for the animal has an astral

body, which survives the death of his physical form, and he inhabits it for a certain time-much shorter, of course, than the human astral life, but still of appreciable length. During their time of astral life domestic pets have frequently shown themselves to those whom they love, or manifested during his hours of sleep in his earth life. But very fre quently animals which enter into stories of apparitions are merely thought forms, or impressions in astral matter. Sometimes also they are simple accessories to a genuine apparition-parts of the scene that his thought calls up. In what is perhaps one of the best ghost stories on record, that a pony was one of the principal features. As, however, the pony was dead at the time, it is not possible to be certain whether he was an accessory produced by the thought of the

would come up, so that they might walk down it together.

I suppose there are many people who, before discussing parition, and others who are present are unable to see it over the fields, but becould see with perfect clearness up and susual post, and earnestly wished that he was there as usual, down the road, and across the meadows on either side. and in this way he called into existence the form which was When about half-way along (the road was about a mile in seen by all the workmen present as well as by the employer length) and with nobody in sight either before or behind, I and his daughter. Nor is this the only example; there are suddenly heard somebody begin running desperately, as if hosts of such stories, and there can be no question that such for his life. He was running along the curbstone, for the things frequently occur. Mrs. Crowe has collected a number clear ringing sound of the footsteps was quite different from

what it could have been on soft earth. I know no words Something very similar once happened to me-a small matter, but exactly illustrating the point under considerastrong enough to express the sense of mad haste and over-Whelming terror which was somehow implied in these sounds. I thought at once "Here is somebody horribly frightened; I wonder what he has seen or imagined." But fit for a very heavy Sunday's work. I got through it somewhere was the man? The madly-hastening footsteps came how, though with extreme fatigue, and towards the end of rushing wildly towards me; I-stood still on the curbstone while they dashed up to me, under my very feet and away down the road behind me; yet no visible form passed me as I stood there startled and wondering! There was no possibility of any mistake, but for those loud, insistent footsteps,

the stillness was absolute; there was no doubt whatever that they had rushed past me, and there was also no doubt that there was no human being there to cause them. There lay the road, stretching away in the clear moonlight in both directions: the open fence by my side could not have conwe live. To one of these we have given in Theosophical lit. cealed a dog from me, far less a man; and yet not a living being was in sight!

by the light of Theosophical teaching, the whole matter is quite simple. No doubt somebody had been frightened at his own, shows himself to some human being; or perhaps a and so great had been the poor man's terror that it had made I a deep impression upon surrounding objects. The astral vimake the phonographic record of which Mr. Stead writesthat which can reproduce itself upon the physical plane; and what the Germans call poltergeist manifestations are due to it had registered the sound of those flying, echoing footsteps on the stone in such a manner that they could be repeated for my benefit.

We are not yet sufficiently versed in the laws governing such phenomena to be able to distinguish why the sound only should have been reproduced, and not the fleeing form, as happened in other similar cases. But hauntings which consist only of sounds seem much more numerous than those which involve actual apparition; so it suggests itself that the much slower vibrations of sound are more easily registered than the very rapid vibrations which would produce an directly after their death to announce it to some one whom effect upon the eye. There are many stories of this type, obviously due to astral impression. We know how often a haunting is supposed to take place at the scene of a murder. and often the entire occurrence seems to be rehearsed Such a case is almost always one of astral impression; for alhough it is conceivable that the murderer, moved by remorse, might haunt the scene of his crime, it is clear that the murdered man would not be in the least likely to do so. Sometimes such manifestations may be traced to the unquiet thought of the criminal, but more frequently to the impression left by the feelings of horror, fear, despair, intense anger and hatred, which are usually connected with such a spot. Many examples will be found in the new book whichhave just written, in which also are recorded many instances which were found to exist exactly as described by them of our next class-the curious phenomena produced by what when the body was afterwards discovered in the snow. is called a poltergeist.

THE POLTERGEIST.

5. This is a kind of parody upon a real haunting, though it those who return to help. Some of the dead are still watch is being spin of material shows. The hieroglyphic of ma and we know also that there is very great confusion in the Side of Death," in which I have devoted over one hundred is often even more tiresome and destructive than the genu- ing closely over certain friends or relations in carth-life, It is generally merely a temporary display of mischief, though occasionally it lasts for years. Its com- of helping or guarding those friends. One of the most beaumonest form is that of stone-throwing, and of the removal tiful of such cases is related by the celebrated English clerand breaking of all kinds of small objects. Such perform- gyman, Dr. John Mason Neale. He states that a man who had ances always involve partial materialization, at least as far recently lost his wife was on a visit with his little children | telegraphy, are simply laws of an undown as etheric matter; but for this part of the subject 1 at the country house of a friend. It was a rambling manmust refer you to what I said last week on the subject of sion, and in the lower part of it there were long, dark pas-Spiritualism, and to the chapter of personal experiences of sages in which the children played about with great delight, Spiritualistic phenomena in my book before-mentioned. But presently they came upstairs very gravely, and two of There may be any one of several different causes at work them related that as they were running down one of the paswhen such phenomena are produced. Undoubtedly in some sages they were met by their mother, who told them to go cases malice is involved, and the performance is of the na back again, and then disappeared. Investigation revealed ture of a persecution; in others it appears to be intended as a kind of practical joke. It may be the work of a foolish they would have fallen down a deep uncovered well which dead man, or it may be due to an imitative and sportive yawned full in their path, so that the apparition of their nature-spirit: sometimes its production seems to be unintentional. There are very many cases of it on record, in different countries and at widely separated dates, and examples | derful mother-love still keeping a loving watch over her chilmay be found in any of the books which contain collections dren even from beyond the portals of the grave. Her strong of stories of hauntings. John Wesley's account of the occur. feeling of the urgency of the case no doubt gave her the rences at Epworth Parsonage is one of the best known. though it was a very mild example of this class of haunting: the well-known story of Willington Mill, and that of the Drummer of Tedworth, will at once come to the mind of any student of this hidden side of nature.

follow. Presently, however, it acquired a bad reputation, I door without speaking. Twenty minutes later he came in TINA" WAS DISCOVEROD. In many cases it is not easy to distinguish between these and was supposed to be haunted in some way, but I never also very much excited, and explained that it was twenty end before plunging into its gloom, hoping that someone elso the way from his house (he lived a mile from the place of business). He knew nothing whatever of the previous visit. One still, moonlight night I turned into this road about This is evidently an instance of the materialization of a nine o'clock and walked hriskly down-it. A thin mist hung strong thought-form; the man thought very vividly of his ACTINA

W.C.WILSO INVENT PALHE BALTI of instances in her book. "The Night Side of Nature."

tion. During my occupancy of a country curacy I was once very much weakened by an accident, and so felt entirely unthe final service I have no doubt that I may have been thinking longingly of rest when it was over, though I have no distinct recollection of any such thought. At any rate, when I last wended my way to the vestry, I was much startled to find myself already installed there, and occupying the only chair which the little room possessed! The image was habited exactly as I was, in cassock, surplice and stole, all in perfect order; and there it sat looking calmly and steadily at me. This was before my Theosophical days, so I was unprepared with any explanation for such a phenomenon. though I had heard that to see a wraith of oneself foretold death. But I was far too utterly wearled then to think or

This was before the days of the Theosophical Society, and care about that; I simply walked up to the apparition and sat I had no comprehensible explanation to offer myself. Now, down upon it, or rather upon its chair, without even offering it any apology. What became of it I know not, for when I rose from that chair ten minutes later it was not to be seen. that spot-badly frightened-and had rushed wildly away in No results of any kind followed, and I have never seen a simfrantic haste to escape towards the friendly gaslights and ilar appearance since. I can conscientiously say that I behuman company from whatever he saw, or thought he saw; lieve my attention had never swerved from the service which was conducting; yet I suppose that the strong desire for rest was present all the while at the back of my mind, and in brations of this shock of fear had been violent enough to this sub-conscious thought I must have pictured myself as sitting down and resting when the service was over. It is possible, too, that the weakened condition of my physical body may have allowed my inner senses to act more readily, and have given me for the moment just sufficient clairvoyance to enable me to see a strong thought-form.

> 7. The first subdivision or variety of apparitions of the living which we have just considered-that in which the person concerned was really present-has many points in common with the most frequent form of apparition after death. Just as, among apparitions of the living, the commonest are those of men at the point of death, so among tho apparitions of the dead the commonest are those which come they love. Of these there are simply scores of examples and we may take them for our first subdivision of genuine apparitions. A good case is that of the appearance of Captain German Wheatcroft to his wife in England to Inform her of his death in battle in India. It differs in no way from a hundred others of its class; but it has attained a certain celebrity because through it an inaccuracy in the War Office. records and in the dispatches of the Commander-in-Chief was discovered and corrected. Another case which I recollect at the moment was told to us by a Swedish clergymana story of a man who died in the snow, and was seen at the time of his death by no less than sixteen persons, who all agreed as to his appearance, and as to certain peculiarities | rett Browning," Cloth, \$1.00.

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THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

A VERY IMPORTANT WORK.

The Spiritual Significance is by Lillan Whiting, author of "The World Beau-tiful," "After Her Death," "Kate Field, A Record," "A Study of Elizabeth Bar-Miss Whiting finds the title of her new book in these lines from "Aurora

Leigh:"
"If a man could feel

Not one, but every day, feast, fast, and working-day, The spiritual significance burn through The aim of this book is to reveal the curiously close correspondence between the developments of modern science and spiritual laws: to note that new forces. as discovered and applied in seen realm into which humanity is rapidly advancing and thus gaining 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 con-stant sense of the Divine Presence, and a truer knowledge of the nature of man and his relations to God tend to a b.gher morality and increasing happiuess. The book is characterized by the same essential style and qualities that have insured for "The World Beauti-ful" volumes an almost world-wide popularity.

public mind respecting these phenomena.

Under the vague general heading of ghosts the ordinary man classes many occurrences due in reality to widely different causes.. I propose to try to explain to you a few of those different classes, so that if you should ever come into contact with anything of that nature, you may be able to distinguish one type of phenomena from another, and so know how to deal with them. The American race is a psychic one, and therefore it is well within the bounds of possibility that'some one or more of this audience may at one time or other have the privilege of seeing what is commonly called a ghost. I use that expression advisedly; first, because I regard such experiences as valuvable from the certainty and clear comprehension which they give with regard to the other life; and secondly, because an opportunity to help is always a privilege, and an apparition usually wants help of some kind. In such cases many people are foolishly alarmed; but if you know something of the subject you will rather observe intelligently, and try to understand what it is that you are seeing.

A BIBLE GHOST STORY.

It is strange that there should be so much skepticism as to the possibility that a dead man should show himself. Every Christian, at any rate, is bound by his dogmas to believe that he has a soul, and he often speaks of it, and of the necessity of "saving" it. I suppose he would indignantly repudiate any suggestion that he did not really believe in its existence; yet if we refer to it as so real a thing that it may sometimes be seen apart from his body while he is living, and that it may survive and be seen after his death, he at once accuses us of superstition and of belief in old wives' fables! How he can reconcile such a silly attitude with the plain teaching of his own Bible, we must leave him to explain. The narrative of the raising of the spirit of Samuel by the woman of Endor, for King Saul, makes a very fine ghost story, and of course settles the question of the possibility of apparitions forthwith for all those who hold the inspiration of the scriptures. Then you may remember how it is written that after the death of the Christ "many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came into the holy city, and were seen of many." They were seen of many, you notice; that seems rather a well-authenticated ghost story! But most people never think what such words in their scriptures really mean undeveloped man. Wherever tremendous mental disturbor imply; they just drift along without troubling themselves ance has taken place, wherever overwhelming terror, pain, stress of such serious need as this that a man pays an astral to understand.

Let us take up in order the various classes of phenomena that people commonly call ghostly, and try to comprehend their nature. We shall find that the genuine ghost is only one class out of many, and we may as well consider the others first. Remember that when a man still living in the things must occur. The physical body can receive only the vibrations from its own plane, and not those of the astral; so | ery one may perceive it by means of his physical senges. that though there are dead men about us all the time, we are usually unconscious of their presence. In order to see them, either we must raise our faculties to their level for the moupon himself for the time a garment of physical matter, so hours. Most of these are probably of this nature. Many in their favor." that the physical sight of his living friend is capable of percrease his sensitiveness for the time. Thus the physical a certain extent, though it is normally dormant, and so he sees what would usually be hidden from him. The third reality.

and fifty pages to this subject of apparitions and their class fication.

THE CHURCHYARD GHOSTS.

3. Another class is what is often called "the churchyard ghost." This is not strictly speaking a ghost at all, for the real man is not there, and what is seen is usually just as truly a corpse as that which is buried below. Such forms are generally not clearly defined, but vague floating columns, more wreaths of mist in semi-human form than anything else. They are composed of the etheric matter which has been part of the physical body during earth-life, but is with drawn from it at death. That matter is still closely connected with the physical remains, so it floats above the grave in which they are laid. It reproduces in uncertain outline the form of the deceased, and so is sometimes taken for him by the ignorant; but in reality he is usually far away with friends whom he loves, and this is nothing but a cast-off garment, having no more consciousness than an old coat.

ASTRAL IMPRESSIONS.

4. Another class consists of what we call astral impressions. Mr. Stead writes thus with regard to it: "This is a type of a numerous family of ghosts of whose existence the phonograph may give us some hint by way of analogy. You speak into the phonograph, and forever after as long-as the phonograph is set in action it will reproduce the tone of your voice. You may be dead and gone, but still the phonograph will reproduce your voice while with it every tone will be audible to posterity. So it may be in relation to ghosts. A strong emotion may be able to impress itself upon surround. ing objects in such a fashion that at certain times, or under certain favorable conditions, they reproduce the actual im. age and actions of the person whose ghost is said to haunt." This is exactly what does happen. Psychometry proves to us that even the tiniest physical object bears with it forever the impress of everything that has occurred in its neighborhood. Normally this impression remains dormant so far as our senses are concerned, and it needs the peculiar power of the psychometer to come into touch with it; but naturally when it is excessively strong, it needs less sensitiveness to become aware of it, and it may even be so much on the surface as to obtrude itself upon the notice of the ordinary and sorrow, hatred, or indeed any kind of intense passion has

been felt, an impression of so very marked a character has been made by the violent astral vibrations that a person with even the faintest glimmer of psychic faculty cannot but be easily separable. The case of Mary Coffe of Rochester is a deeply influenced by it. It would need but a slight tempo- well-known instance, and there are several others almost cumstances the record may even be materialized, so that ev testify to the violence of the emotion which originally caused

years ago I myself had a little experience along these linesceiving him; or sometimes he is able to act upon his friend a very trifling affair, yet one which illustrates exactly the law visit, leaving his body in sleep or trance; but in our second as to raise his power of response to a higher level-to in- which we are considering. Near where I was then living a subdivision the man just as boviously does not pay the visit, new road was in process of formation across a stretch of because he is fully awake and conscious elsewhere at the man may for the time be enabled to use his astral faculty to open ground. As yet no houses were erected, but the road moment of the apparition. A case in point is that of a man on each side from end to end. The road was separated from - a duty which he had fulfilled punctually for many years; possibility is that of mesmeric action on the part of the dead the broad, flat meadows on each side only by a low post-and- but there came a day when he overslept himself, and did not man; his strong wish to manifest himself may sometimes act rail fence. Naturally everybody who used the road walked wake until twenty minutes past six. Exactly at that moupon the mind of his friend, so as to call up a powerful men- along the curbstones, as the rest of the road was still rough, ment he was seen to rush into the shop where his employer tal image, which the living man will take for an objective It was entirely unlighted at night, but was often used as a was awaiting him; it was noticed by all who say him that short cut, as the line of the curbstones was not difficult to he appeared much excited, but he passed out through a side

APPARITIONS OF THE LIVING.

6. Our sixth class consists of apparitions of the living, and these naturally divide themselves into two sub-classes one them two little children call a priest to the bedside of -(a) cases in which the man himself is really present, and (b) cases in which the apparition is only a thought-form, and the man himself is fully awake elsewhere.

Of the first sub-class we have many well-authenticated in stances. One of the most picturesque is that related by Mr. Robert Dale Owen in his "Footfalls on the Boundary of Another World," in which he describes how a man who was shipwrecked fell asleep, and during his sleep appeared on board a barque and wrote on the captain's slate directions for him to steer towards a certain guarter in order that he might rescue the castaways. The captain is naturally very much mystified, but finally decides to adopt the suggestion, and in due course finds and saves the shipwrecked crew, recognizing among them the man whom his mate had seen writing on his slate some hours before. It is usually only under visit of the nature described, and makes himself visible to physical sight; and it seems to happen most readily when frequently close about us in the present day, though few but the man is on the point of death, as the principles are then those immediately concerned ever know of them or pay any attention to them.

rary increase of sensibility to enable almost anyone to visual identical. In each of this group of stories a mother is dying physical body sees one who has cast aside that vehicle, and ize the entire scene-to see the event in all its detail appar- away from home, and feels, that she could pass away with is functioning exclusively on the astral plane, one of three ently taking place before his eyes; and under favorable cir. perfect content if only she could see her children once more; in each she falls into, a deep, sleep or trance, and on awaking declares that now she can die happily, since she has seen Sometimes such a record will be only a partial riproduct them all; in each case the children and their nurse at some tion of what really happened; only a sound will remain to distant point see the apparition of the mother at just the same moment, she comes' and smiles upon them, and then ment, or they must come down to ours. The dead man who it. You know how many so-called hauntings' consist merely disappears. Of the first-mentioned of these, Mr. Andrew wishes to show himself to the living may sometimes take of sounds which recur at regular intervals, or at certain Lang remarks: "Not many stories have such good evidence

In all those cases the living person obviously paid the

the fact that if the children had run but a few steps further mother had saved them from certain death. I have no doubt that that was simply a case of the manifestation of that wonpower to materialize for the occasion-or perhaps merely to impress the children's minds with the idea that they saw and heard her.

Other interesting instances are those in which the dead have returned in order to procure for those among the living whom they loved, the religious sacraments or consola tions which they considered necessary. Two cases of that nature are related by Dr. F. G. Lee in one of his books; in

their father, describing carefully exactly where he is to be found. The priest, on visiting the dying man, discovers that he is quite alone, and had been regretting that he had no one to send to fetch his spiritual father. The children, whom he at once recognized from the priest's description, had been dead for some time. There are many instances of action by

the dead along lines similar to these. A very remarkable case of the continuation after death of philanthropical physical work is recorded by Dr. Minot J. Savage in a recent number of Ainslee's Magazine. He tells us how a Boston preacher made a speciality of work among the very poor, and had many close friends in that class. After his death he still watched over these friends, and constantly gave directions as to their assistance through the widow of his colleague, who seems to have been mediumistic. He tells also of another recent case of an apparition of a dead father to his son, to warn him of approaching death. These things happen quite

RETURNING FOR HELP.

Sometimes the dead return, not to give help but to seek it. The need may be real, or it may be merely imaginarybased upon conventional ideas. The dead man, for example, may be greatly troubled because his body is unburied, or (if he happens to be a Catholic) because the requisite number of masses have not been said for the repose of his soul. He may be troubled with regard to debts which he owes, or with regard to debts that are owed to him; he may be troubled because he has left treasure behind him, or because he has not; he may have on his mind some neglect or some crime which he desires to confess, or for which he wishes to make atone. ment: he may be moved by remorse or revenge. Scmetimes the object for which he returns seems to us decidedly trivial, and not worth the trouble which it must cost him; in other cases his motive is clearly sufficient and praiseworthy. was laid out, and the line of curbstones was already in place whose duty it was to be at work at six o'clock each morning. All these cases show us how very little the dead man has changed; the different characteristics and peculiarities of disposition of the various people stand out just as vividly after death as before.

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The Chicago Tribune says: "At

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ITEMS .- Bear in mind that items for effort was made by the spectators to the General Survey will in all cases be eject the officers. Capt. Dillon is adjusted to the space we have to occu- quoted as saying that similar performpy, and in order to do that they will ances at Coney Island are simply juggenerally have to be abridged more or gling shows. The interrupted seance less; otherwise many items would be was not resumed."

crowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line The Post of Bridgeport, Ct., has the item is cut down to ten lines, and ten following: "Unity Church of Spirituallines to two lines, as occasion may re- ists celebrated the 55th anniversary of Modern Spiritualism at Good Templars' quire.

Take due notice, that all items for hall yesterday. The hall was nicely this page must be accompanied by the decorated with national colors, and full name and address of the writed it potted plants, furnished by Florist will not do to say that Secretary or Cor- Whitehead of State street. Following respondent writes so and so, without was the program: Opening hymn, giving the full name and address of the "America"; address by W. D. Noyes, on writer. The items of those who do not Birth of Modern Spiritualism; piano comply with this request will be cast solo, Mrs. E. C. Barnard; address by into the waste basket. Mr. Brooks; address by Mrs. Blanche

Keep copies of your poems sent to Barnard; congregational singing; huthis office, for they will not be returned morist selection, E. C. Thompson; dialogue, Misses Cook and Franklin; piano dren who in turn took their parts splenif we have not space to use them.

Always give your full name and ad-When writing for this paper dress when sending in items and comuse a pen or typewriter. munications for publication, otherwise basket.

TAKE NOTICE. Mr. L. P. Wheelock, a prominent Spir-All books advortised in the columns itualist, has been in the city for a few days. He has been traveling extensiveof The Progressive Thinker are for sale at this office. Bear this in mind. ly in the West," and on the Pacific coast. For a long time he was identified with the Clinton camp. He then lived

which made the incandescent light pos sible. He was the author of a number of well known books on chemistry, is editor of Chemical News, and is a form- | friends were glad to see him. er president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. "If anybody can get Beecher's subliminal self to explain," says Dr. Funk, "Sir William is the man."-Chicago Tribune. A. T. Levick, M. D., writes from Mt Vernon, Ill.: "Brother Geo. W. Kates and wife were here and gave lectures | fortune telling, the council passed an oron the 25th, 26th and 27th of March,

and on each occasion the hall would not practice mediumship, and our mediums hold the audience. Much interest was manifested by the very best of our cit. hereafter. If this only operated to exizens. I feel sure if they had lectured | clude the fakes it would be all right. tinued. They have opened the eyes of AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF the people. If a good, honest, physical THEM HERE-are the only ones who a strong organization could be built up. Brother Sprague and wife have promised to visit us during the season if they come within reach. We can almost guarantee them, or any good lecturer, now is some phenomena. It takes that

F. Forest Harding writes from Victoria, B. C.: "From the great northwest where nature entrances the weary mind and instills her magnetic balm of beauty, sublimity and repose and builds anew the temple of the soul, The varied ferns and massive firs, the cedar thickets and roaring cateracts furnish home and solace to deer and trout. Here the silvery salmon darts amid the straits of blue, while wild fowl and seal give nature a tone that only life can bestow. Here and there glides the untutored child of nature in his unique canoe, seeking his daily sustenance from out the boundless storehouse of the Infinite. The 55th anniversary of Modern Spiritualism was celebrated at Caledonia Hall, Sunday, March 29. The afternoon service was given to the chil-

flames, to the headsman, and thousands upon thousands were put to the sword they will find their way to the waste in the name of righteousness! How was many human beings were flayed by the Spanish inquisition, how many thumbs were squeezed to a jelly, how many backs were broken on the rack, how many feet were roasted, how many bodies were hung up, and drawn with weights-and all in the name of religion! The prosecutors of such horrible work could no more hear the screams in Moline, this state. His home now is of agony than can Mr. Baer realize the in Lubbock, Texns, where he is interesthard-working conditions in the coal reed in an "extensive ranch. His old gions. The Spanish inquisitors had not ears or eyes for the hideous struggles Daniel W. Hull writes from Los Anand cries of the victims. Their nerves geles, Cal.: "The mediums are having a hard time of it here. Notwithstanding were quiet and upon their souls rested the screnity of conscious righteousness. the decision given about a year ago that They could tear apart the members of Spiritualism is a religion and that mea human body and think they were doing God's work! Such is the strangediumship being an exercise of religion could not be included in a law against ness of the human mind under certain

were given to the wild beasts, to the

conditions .--- Record-Herald. dinance forcing a license upon all who Chas. S. Hulbert writes from Buffalo, N. Y.: "Our society, Harmony Circle, will be required to pay \$15 per month is progressing nicely. Our Sunday meetings are drawing large and intelligent audiences. The lectures and messages seem to suit the people and bring them again. We are adding new members every month; in fact, Spiritualism can afford to take out a license. You seems to be gaining in our beautiful have been informed of the imprisoncity. There are four societies here and ment of Dr. Richmond for curing people all seem prosperous. The rejuvenated whom the other physicians could do and ever faithful Lyman C. Howe holds nothing for, except bleed their pocketforth at the First Spiritualist Church books. I visited him in jail a day or for the month of April. May his shadtwo ago, and found him quite cheerful; ow never grow less. We have had with and well he may be for he has been dous for the past few weeks Mr. C. E. Wiing a good work there. Among those nans, and he has stirred up great interof the inmates to whom he adminisest with his wonderful manifestations. tered was a man who had the morphine His seance at the residence of Mrs. M. habit. As a morphine fiend is liable to Mayer, 294, Richmond avenue, will lindo anything at any time, this man found ger long in the memory of the thirtyhimself an inmate of the city prison at odd people who were fortunate enough more or less regular intervals. Dr to be there. Flowers were materialized. Richmond cured him and sent him As many as thirty different forms apaway happy. Another insane man was peared at different times, and perfect in brought in and cured and turned out form and features. It would seem on with a sound mind in a few days. Anthis evening that robes of different patother inmate was cured of corea or St. tern were used and woven before our Vitus' Dance. Another was cured of rheumatism, and he has broken many pattern; one especially came in a perof them of the use of profane language,

so that oaths are much less frequent lady who at once recognized her broththan they were when he first went er who had passed out twenty-two there. Truly it was good that he should

The Chicago Chronicle has the follow ing: "Driven insane by lessons in hyp- is making friends very fast."

man race is one family of brotherhood. whose interests are forever inseparable, hence that it is the duty of each individual not only to refrain from whatever would wrong or harm another, but also to live for the good of all, seeking

especially to aid the unfortunate, the ignorant, the inharmonious, and the suffering of whatever race or condition. (7) Believing, also, that the achievement of true lives and a nobler civilization can better be attained by associative and co-operative than by merely individual action, we therefore agree to unite our efforts for the practical appli-

PRESENT - PUTUR

cation of these convictions." Mrs. L. Nagell writes from Seattle, Wash., that the good Spiritualists there had a pleasant anniversary. Mrs. Hamilton Gill has returned to

eves of the most gorgeous coloring and Chicago after a three months' visit to eastern cities. She is now temporarily fect gem of color and went direct to a located at the Aldine Hotel. Lily M. Thlebaud writes from San Di

ego; Cal.: "March 29 was a red letter years before. The seances are held un- day for Spiritualists in San Diego, the der strict test conditions. Mr. Winans first Spiritualist Society celebrating the came to our city an entire stranger, but fifty-fifth anniversary by an all-day union meeting, with the laying of the

Thos Harding writes: "The secretary corner-stone of the Temple in the after-

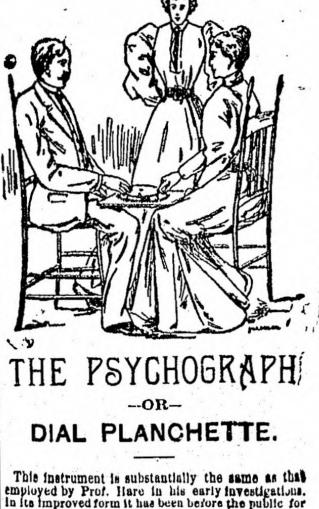
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solo, little Miss Marion Kerr; humorist The messages given through Carlyle selection, W. D. Noyes; piano solo, Petersilea and now appearing in The Progressive Thinker, were written about Mrs. Buckley; poem, 'Peter at the Gate,' two years ago, hence are in harmony Mrs. Cora B. Noyes. Mrs. Noyes bave a number of spirit messages which were with events referred to in them. all recognized. Closed by singing 'Scat-

Oscar A. Edgerly, whose lectures are | ter Seeds of Kindness." always well received, has an engage-Charles Theo Schneider, inspirational ment with the Englewood Society for speaker, writes: "There is new fields in April and May. He can be addressed the East open for me, and my society at Washington, Pa., is doing nicely, I for engagements at No. 6600 Normal have been located there since January. avenue, Chicago, Ill.

We have applied for a charter from the Dr. Williams writes from Meadville, Pa.: "I wish some kind spiritual friend N. S. A., and are properly organized." Anna L. Gillespie writes from Indiancould offer me a temporary home (or room) in which to develop, write and apolis, Ind.: "I am once more on the old work. I am in most unpleasant circum- ground hard at work. The opening stances for a medium, scientist and hu- Sunday evening, April 5, was a most manitarian worker; it seems a shame, pleasant one: notwithstanding the cold Write and I will explain. This does not the house was full and a most generous apply to friends who have helped me welcome greeted me. I shall be located previously." at 211 North Capitol avenue, for the

During the funeral of Charles Ber- month of April, with my old friends, douski, late employe of the Illinois Cen- Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kerchmyer. Will be glad to hear from friends." tral Railroad at the Twenty-sixth round-

Hypnotic influence is alleged by Dr. house, the mourners and relatives told a story of a remarkable vision seen by a Matthew F. Boszinch. 1629 North fellow-workman that foretold Berdou- Spaulding avenue, to have been used to ski's death in every particular. Ten effect a separation of the physician and days ago William Walker, a stationary his wife, and the former has brought spoken words of praise. One event not has aroused herself several times and engineer startled the workmen about suit for \$25,000 damages against Mrs. upon the printed program was the preshim at the roundhouse by declaring Albert W. Grantier, a neighbor, who, it entation of a beautiful Spiritualist emthat he had seen Berdouski entering is charged, is responsible for the alienathe doorway with his body cut in two tion of Mrs. Boszinch's affection. The pieces from his head down. Saturday families are neighbors and were friend-Berdouski, while walking backward in ly until March 12, when the wife of the ing not slow steps, but rapid strides in coupling a car, fell under the wheels doctor left home. "I am neither posand was cut in two, exactly as seen in sessed of the spirit of Dr. Dowie nor of a Svengali, as Boszinch charges," said the vision by Walker.

know anything about hypnotism.

sole interest in Mrs. Boszinch has been

to protect her from a husband who has

My

J. W. Grandfield writes: "I think Mrs. Margaret Spencer, of 177 Union street, Grand Rapids, Mich., is the best trumpet medium I have seen."

G. W. Kates and wife lectured at the been unkind. Mrs. Boszinch came to American School of Osteopathy, in our house about three weeks ago and Kirksville, Mo., April 2, 3 and 4. They asked my husband to protect her from had large audiences, entirely filling Me- her husband. She stayed with me for morial Hall. Many of the students and several days. She was afraid to go professors attended and were deeply in- home. When she left us she went to terested in the psychic problems dis- her home and got her clothing. She recussed, and especially in the descrip- fused to tell me where she was going tions and messages given by Mrs. and I do not know where she is now." Kates. Dr. A. T. Still, the founder of Chicago Record-Herald. Osteopathy, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Kates in his elegant home. The doctor is a psychic and a Spiritualist; and his discoveries in human science are largely due to spirit revelation.

The Reporter of Washington, Pa., has long until his penetrating influence and the following: "Charles Theo Schneinever-ceasing work was most effectiveder., the inspirational speaker, has re- ly noticed by the citizens. So many turned from his former home in Will- wished to hear him that it became neciamsport, where he was visiting his essary to close the doors of the no-small mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Schneider. Mrs. | hall used. Not long since, he resumed Schneider was a Kahler, and her grand- his labor in Milwaukee for the summer; mother, it is said, was a great power in | but just before he departed he was en-Germany. Charles T. Schneider was tertained by those of the faith at my born, so his friends claim, with the gifts home. Nearly seventy-five plates were of inter-ear and inter-eye. His grand- laid. The gratitude of his devoted serfather. John Kahler, it is said, was vices was expressed by the friends of known for his wonderful gifts to heal Mr. Hoffmann presenting him a beautithe sick. Mr. Schneider will remain ful chain on this occasion." with the society in Washington in the Mrs. L. Lowe writes from Toronto, future, although many societies are Canada; "Mrs. M. C. Rynex, of Flint, anxious to welcome him to their tem- Mich., has just finished a two months' ples." engagement with the United Spiritual Eva L. Stewart writes: "The First Association here, and given splendid satisfaction, her lectures and tests be-Hyde Park Occult Society, Chicago, is meeting with success, having good ing much appreciated. She has been speakers and honest mediums to assist engaged by the Independent Spiritual us. Thanks are due Dr. Warne, Mrs. Church of this city for April, May and Aitken, Mrs. E. J. Hanson, and Little June, and gave her first lecture April 5. Miss Silverhorn who sang for us. She | We feel sure much good will result to has only just entered her teens as yet, the cause of Spiritualism through her but seems to be inspired in her musical efforts." talent. On April 12 we have Mrs. E. J. Mrs. Lilly LeSieur writes: "At our Hanson to speak for us in the afternoon | last Band of Harmony, Thursday, April and evening. She will also give tests, 2, at our afternoon session, it was our Special Easter services on April 19. great privilege to listen to a most soul-Dr. H. A. Cross will deliver an address | inspiring address from Harriet Beecher in the evening. Good mediums being Stowe, through Mrs: Richmond. Our present are called for from the audi- next Band of Harmony, Thursday, April ence to give tests, and have willingly 16, will be the last one to be held at our for not having answered letters re- simply say. I do not know. Texas cliresponded and given satisfaction. We rooms, 608 Handel Hall Building for regret very much that Mrs. Kline is this season. Mrs. Richmond has very still sick. We learn she is on the mend, kindly offered the use of her home_at and we hope she will soon be with us Rogers Park, 3802 Ridge avenue.- for the two Bands of Harmony in the month again." Stella A. Fisk writes from Keokuk. of May, the first and third Thursday. Iowa: "Owing to the fact that I have During the summer months, while Mrs. Richmond is absent, the Band of Harreceived several letters of inquiry. I wish to state through the columns of mony will be held at the homes of its members until further notice. The Progressive Thinker that I found Ezra A. Carpenter, Superintendent of it necessary to resign as secretary of the State Spiritualist's Association of Camp Grounds, and Committee on Iowa, and following the instructions of Rates, writes from Wellsville, Kansas: President Vail, I sent all the belongings | "Please announce that the Kaw Valley of the office to him at Marshalltown on Association of Spiritualists will hold the 12th of last February, and up to this lits annual camp meeting in Forest date-April 6-I have not heard who Park, Ottawa, Kansas, from July 31 to has been appointed to fill out the unex- August 10, 1903. We expect good mepired term for which I was elected, diums, and the best of talent. And as However I am sure President Vail will I am a committee of one on transportaplace the office in good hands and that | tion, as soon as I secure reduced rates the work we have so well begun will be on the different railroads I will apprise carried forward with zeal and dispatch. your readers of the same; also the facil- saic law. Even his golden rule had est was manifested. In all of our trav-I had hoped for this year's work in ities for holding a camp-meeting at the been taught by Hillel thirty years be- els or associations I have never met a it is the duty of all to perfect themlowa, and laid plans which I hoped to above mentioned place." assist in carrying out, but when I Sir William Crookes, the English scireached home after convention I found entist, who is also a Spiritualist, is to so many demands upon my time that it be asked by Dr. Funk of New York to pels, is an impossibility from the Jew- state of Texas contains some of the and beauty of character, for aid in seemed quite impossible for me to do find the spirit of Henry Ward Beecher the necessary work and therefore I sent I and learn how the ghost of the noted in my resignation which was accepted preacher knew the location of the coin by President Vall. It is my most sin- around which New York's Spiritualistic ere wish that the State Association sensation centers. Sir William is one prosper and live long, and whenever 1 of England's greatest scientists. Onc. can do so, shall be only too glad to help of his most noteworthy achievements he Roman authorities had an interest push it along.' was in finding a way to make a vacuum [] in the death of Christ?

didly amid the floral offerings. evening service was largely attended and Mrs. Nettie Holt Harding was at her best. The lecture, 'Who Are the Reformers,' was presented in a masterly style and her delineations were grand. The society has just been in-

corporated as a religious body, under the laws of British Columbia. J. C. Ferrell writes: "The Progressive Thinker has become such a perma-. nent part of my reading that I would be lost without it. Broad and liberal, with a place in its columns for all progressive writers, to my mind it is the best paper in the land. Long may it go out to bless mankind."

ualist Union of Baltimore, Md., celebrated the 55th anniversary of Modern Spiritualism at Dushane Post Hall, on the evening of April 1st, over nine hundred persons being in attendance. Our president, Edwin W. Wright, delivered an interesting address which was followed by a much encored musical and literary program. Dancing was indulged in until after midnight and the audience, one and all, left with outblem to the secretary of the Union, something appreciated by her beyond has turned her powers on her husband. hypnotizing him until his condition was words of expression. Baltimore is makour grand truth, and the Spiritualist Union, though now only like the acorn, we feel assured that through the help Mrs. Grantier, whose husband is a po- of the spirit friends and our own energy liceman, last night, "and neither do I will yet grow into a mighty oak. We

send greetings to all our friends, and kindest wishes for our liberal exponent, The Progressive Thinker." Iowa: "I closed a very successful en-

the 26th, which was largely attended.

Mrs. Margaret H. Popjoy writes from and then I gave the anniversary ad- an entertainment." Lincoln. Neb.: "When Max Hoffmann dress. The meeting was well attended. first came to Lincoln, Neb., there were and the best of feeling prevailed. but a very few who entertained the have been with the Unity Society a faith of Spiritualism; but it was not great deal, and have given the anniversary address a good many times. I am now in the state of Iowa as its missionhold meetings in different parts of the gances. Factory girls, homeward state, organize societies and build the bound in the dusk, were the first to see work up in a good practical way. I the apparition. At first they were therefore ask all who can get up meet- | startled, but not frightened. But when, ings to write to Mr. J. H. Vail, 130 Main on the second night, Flora Tyler, 19 he will let me know." Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley writes: their fright was intense. Screaming at which was beautifully decorated with ed to run than she slipped and fell dipalms, flowers, flags, and many cages | rectly in the path of the object she was joined in singing with the audience. | ter. Recovering her feet. Miss Tyler Their sweet melody was indeed an in- soon followed her sister, the ghost still spiration in itself. Miss Harrison, who close upon her. Not daring to look possesses a marvelous voice, rendered back, the terrified girl dashed into her tiful manner, adding much to the suc- difficulty restored to consciousness. audience of several hundred people Daisy could say in her attempt to detion, and it is needless to say she is in the lonely lane?" glad to be with these good friends once more. The association is doing a grand work under the management of proficient officers. I must apologize to many of the dear readers of this good paper | turn to our loved Michigan, I would greetings through these columns and believe me as ever, yours for Truth and May is 3 Classic avenue, Toronto, Can- shall, and conducted anniversary exerada." The crucifixion of Christ and the celebrate there. The hall was elegantcauses which led to it was the subject | ly decorated with ferns and flowers. of the Passover sermon which Dr. Emil The home meeting was a grand success. that Christ was executed by the Ro- John W. Rifig I then hastened to Housmans at the instigation of the priests | ton. where Limet another large audimoney changers, out of the temple. very interesting address. Mr. Knee-"Christ did not teach a new religion," were already incorporated in the Mo- which I gave an address. Great interfore. Crucifixion was a Roman punishment. It was not used by the Jews. The whole trial, as reported in the gosish standpoint, as no Jew could be tried or executed on a holiday or Sabpleasure to work for them." bath, nor could he be buried on the eve of the Sabbath. All that proved that lowish law had no part in the death of from antiquity in consequence of disa- have gone before us to the spirit world-Ibrist, Only the clan of priests and

notism, Mrs. Marshall Mink raves tonight about the flery furnace and the The imps she imagines are thrusting her into the red-hot coals. Her husband has been saved from a threatened condition of like nature only by the most the asylum at Watertown in the morning. Mr. and Mrs. Mink are residents of Warren county, Ill. Both have been taking lessons in hypnotism through letters from a hypnotist in Jackson, Mich. The last lesson came Wednesday and was entitled "You Are Going to Sleep." 'Dhe husband and wife studied the lesson for a considerable time and both were strangely affected by what Florence V. Bray writes: "The Spirit- they read., Mrs. Mink finally began to pass into the hypnotic state. Immediately she began to rave about her past life. Her cries at times denoted that her mind was concerned with the furies of hades, while in other moments she would weep and call aloud for her children and husband, whom she believed she had saved from the tortures she was experiencing. During all the time since she first fell into the hypnotic sleep Mrs., Mink has eaten no food. She become rational apparently. At such times, however, she has not been wholly able to throw off the spell, but

go there."

almost as bad as her own." W. D. Noyes writes, "Unity Church Spiritualism at Good Templars' hall, Sunday evening, April 5, with a fine programme. The hall was decorated with the National-colors and potted Mrs. E. C. Barnard, Miss Cook, Miss gis where his is appreciated and esgagement the last Sunday in March Franklin, Miss Kerr, Mrs. B. Barnard, | teemed." with the Unity Spiritual Society, Mil- Mrs. Buckley and Mrs. Cora B. Noyes. waukee. Wis. The members held their | W. D. Noyes lectured on Modern Spiritanniversary party Saturday evening, itualism. Mrs. Noyes gave spirit messages. All expressed their apprecia-They were unable to secure the hall for | tion of the entertainment. April 22 the the afternoon meeting, but we held a ladies of the church will serve supper short conference meeting from 7 to 8, from 5 to 7 p. m., and in the evening

The Pittsburg (Pa.) Commercial Gazette says: "A spook is said to be roaming the lonely highway at Terrys Bridge | Hutchinson, of Montana, trance medi- and platform speaker. and Reynolds Bridge, twin hamlets near Thomaston. Ct., and as a result there is a boycott thereabouts on night | Mrs. Fairfield gave tests from the platary for the month of April. I want to festivals, church socials and country form. Later in the evening we had a street, Marshalltown, Iowa, at once, and years old, and her 12-year-old sister, | tional discourses by home mediums. Daisy, were confronted by the ghost At 5 o'clock supper was announced, "The Toronto (Canada) Spiritualist As- the ugly face and pointing finger close about 350 persons. At 8 o'clock the sociation held its anniversary services, to them, the girls turned and fled. The hall was filled to its greatest capacity. Sunday, April 5, at St. George's Hall, elder girl, however, had no sooner start- The evening was devoted entirely to the containing beautiful birds. The sweet trying to escape. Her sister, more sure town. Our first public entertainment little warblers seemed to sense the har- of foot, had passed on, screaming with was a decided success. When we are mony of the surroundings as they alarm, and left her alone with the spec- honored enough by some (whom we vocal as well as violin solos in a beau- home, where she fainted and was with furnishing us one such splendid evencess of the meeting. A most intelligent | was a terrible old woman,' was 'all | done something in favor of the cause, gave the speaker a very warm recep- scribe what she and her sister had seen of our religion." Nellie S. Baade writes from Dallas, Texas: "In answer to my numerous friends in all parts of the country as to my work, and when I shall again received from them, but travel and rush of work is my excuse for not having done so. Please accept my hearty greatings through these columns and controls the present I am so that I are agrees with so thally engaged in pro-mulgating our loved philosophy, that I greatings through these columns and controls the interview of the int see no place to call a halt. I have man beings the intimate relation of Pa- Celestial Dynamics, cloth, \$1. spoken for four societies during the Progress. My address for April and past two weeks; first I went to Mar- interpreter is science and whose acceptcises. I returned to Dallas in time to G. Hirsch delivered before the congre- From here I went to Galveston, to assist duty, no one can determine for another curring in the writer's experience. Cloth, illus- Spirit; The Law of Attraction; Senses gation Temple Israel. His sermon was at the anniversary. It was also a suc- what is truth and duty; hence that each an argument against the contention cess. In company, with the president, human being must believe and act upon because he had driven their agents, the ence. Brother Ring gave a short but in suffering or in joy by the operation shaw, the pastor, made interesting re- (4) That all human beings are dessaid Dr. Hirsch: "nor a new system of marks. A fine orchestra, and a fine tined to a continued individual existethics. All his religious teachings vocal selection by Mr. Kneeshaw, after ence in a future state, for which the exmore capable speaker than the presi- selves in knowledge, wisdom and love, dent, John W. Ring. He is certainly by making a right use of all the means the right man in the right place. The obtainable for developing completeness brightest minds, and it is simply a which divine inspiration, and angelic

of the Harmonial Society of Sturgis, noon. I have been lecturing for the Mr. C. Cressler, is so busy at his busi- San Diego Society for the past ness just now, he requests me to inform months, with good audiences-many in-you of the doings at the Free Church. vestigators-and am happy to say that chette, and all other instruments which have been you of the doings at the Free Church. vestigators-and am happy to say that I sent a notice a week ago of the meet- the Spiritualists here are working in arduous labors of local hypnotists and ing of Dr. J. M. Peebles the previous harmony which means success. physicians. The wife was declared in- Sunday. Since then the Doctor has afternoon exercises of March 29 placed sane this afternoon and will be taken to kindly volunteered to lecture for the so- Spiritualism in a good light in the ciety every Sunday evening, and also to minds of many citizens. We are workattend conference meeting at 10:30 a. ing with the determination to win the m., for some weeks to come in hopes of respect and recognition that our beauarousing the flagging energies of the tiful teachings should receive. The Harmonialisis of this city. The confer- Busy Bees, auxiliary to First Spiritual-

ence meeting yesterday morning, April ist Society meet every Friday at my 5, was presided over by Dr. Peebles, as- house, and are steadily increasing their been able to receive delightful messages A volume sisted by Mr. Collar, the president of bank account which is to furnish the the society. The subject discussed was | Temple."

'Christian Science and What of It.' Virginic Barrett writes: "Some time Those who participated had different ago I opened meetings in a hall cenopinions, on varying subjects having re- trally located, which has met with some lation to the main question, and they success. I wish to gradually draw an agreed to differ and continue friends. audience of thinking persons who are In the evening Dr. Peebles lectured on interested in our philosophy. As yet 1 India, and exhibited specimens of the have no test medium to follow my dismanufactures of that people, notably a course, and would be pleased to hear cloth made from the bark of trees. He from such a person. There are always explained the peculiar manners and persons who want spirit readings, which customs of that distant people and his I do not give. I solicit a few camp enlecture was enjoyed by an audience gagements, either to speak or in the inwhich filled the house. It is quite to be terest of music. Terms reasonable. expected that Dr. Peebles should be in-Address me at No. 1915 Broadway, Interested in the old house and the sociedianapolis, Ind."

ty which controls it. He it was who Dr. Freedman, 344 S. Hill street, Los preached the dedicatory sermon about Angeles, Cal., writes: "Mr. Richmond, forty-five years ago, when most of the the healer, is still in the county jail; notables of those early days of Spirithas been in about 44 days. The Suualism were with him on the platform. and when the resolution was unani- preme Court meets to-day, and no doubt | Talleyrand's Letter to the Pope. of Spiritualists of Bridgeport, Ct., cele- mously adopted that the dedication of we will get a writ of habeas corpus, and This work will be found especially interesting brated the 55th anniversary of Modern | that house to religious toleration and the trial will take place within a week to all who would desire to make a study of Rofreedom of religious speech, should be or two. This case has gone farther manism and the Bitle. The historic facts statcommemorated every year in the than any other healer's trial, and ideas and practices should be read by all. Price month of June until time should be no should we fail to win. then for the first, 25 cents. more. Dr. Peebles now once more vol. time we have a chance to take it up to plants. Those that took part were Mr. unteers his valuable services to build the Supreme Court of the United States. G. H. Brooks writes from Bloomfield, Brooks, E. C. Thompson, W. D. Noyes, up the cause of Harmonialism in Stur- If such should be the case I trust that every right-minded man, healer and progressive Thinker will help us to destroy the demon that has always con-

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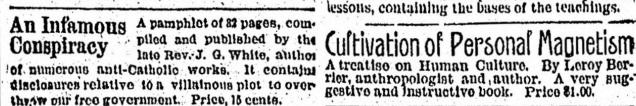
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D. Boynton: Q. Was there any other cause for the recent Chinese war than the unwillingness of China to receive the missionarles? What was the number of soldiers of the Christian na-tions engaged, the fatalities, and the cost?

The number of soldiers, not counting the Japanese, I have not the means to accurately state, but altogether were scarcely worthy the name of an army. And as for the cost it is quite impossible to determine. One hundred millions of dollars might approximate the direct cost, and as many more the indirect, to say nothing about the loss of life.

About the cause, we can speak with more certainty.' From the day the first missionaries landed in China they have been a source of trouble. The Chinese are superstitious and bigoted to the last degree, and there is not as much hope of converting them as the savage Apaches. They have a religion of their own which is wrought out of their organization as a race, which they have not change. They have foreigners, and especially those who disturb the belief handed down from their ancestors. The only toleration they will give is that yielded in the presence of the leveled

rifle and shotted cannon. Luckily trade follows the missionary and gives him backing; and the home government sustains commerce in forcing its way. When the Emperor of China supplicated England not to sell oplum to his subjects, England bombarded the coast towns until the drug was allowed to en-ter and debauch millions of subjects. What would church members in this country do if the Chinese should send missionaries here to convert them? As it is, an inoffensive washerman can scarcely walk the streets without being mobbed.

Mrs. D. E. F.: Q. What is your opinion of matrimonial papers? Is not that a good way to find out your ideal physiv and and let love be an outgrowth of the other qualifications? A. If all matrimonial advertisements were honestly written, and for the purposes expressed, there would be a shade of truth in this correspondent's sugges-tion. But on the contrary the truthful are the exception. A man or woman who has amiable and loving qualities, with or without wealth, is not usually with or without wealth, is not using troubled to find a companion. It is be-cause they have not these that they ad-vertise. While such may be honest, they are a small part of the advertisers in the columns of a "matrimonial pa-per." While it is possible for happy results to come from acquaintance formed by such correspondence, the probabilities are against such termination. Nine-tenths of all the advertisements are nets thrown out to see what they

be and do, withhold their names. Yet less is our understanding of their in-centives to correspond with unknown men, and thus let down the bars to un-desirable complications. We have seen a fair ways to the second a fair young lady, after rejecting an intimate friend who was her equal, accept and marry a swinish boor with whom she became acquainted by an advertisement, and infatuated by the glamor of correspondence, which invariably makes the unknown respondent, an ideal. If ny reader is tempted by these adver is don'the for write, my earnest advice is, don'the for a size to marry, we do not say look your best and win a companion; we advise you to become your best, that your goodness and honesty of NOTE .- The Questions and Apswers purpose, and gentleness of heart will go

respond to advertisements Mrs. S. S. Rockhill: Q. Is crema-tion on the increase? Little is now

A. There is not as much said about

method becomes general or popular. Ages of heredity are not to be quickly overcome. The belief in the resurrection of the body, even now when we

know it is impossible, influences our thoughts and actions In rural districts the sentiment which consocrates the cemetery with its hal-lowed associations will hold fast for generations to the traditional forms of burial. The necessity on sanitary grounds is there not as great as in cities where the disposition of the dead becomes a vital problem to the living.

To the arisen spirit, the cast-off body has no significance, whether it be consigned to the bosom of mother earth, rest on the floor of the deep sea, or be dissipated by the furnace heat.

James H. Young: The "Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses" are the silliest rubbish, and the claims set forth in advertising the same are fabrications. That Moses wrote the five books once ascribed to him is altogether problematical, and disputed by many eminent biblical scholars. These additional ones have not the least resemblance in style or thought to the first books of the Old restament. They are forgeries, so rudely executed as to be unworthy of notice.

How Woman Suffrage Works.

The following letter, bearing upon the results of woman suffrage in Idaho, has been received by Mrs. J. Ellen Foster from Hon. Burton L. French, a congressman from Idaho. Mr. French says: "There never was a doubt in my mind in regard to the desirability of woman's suffrage, if woman would only avail herself of the responsibility. That she will is no longer a question in Idaho, as the experience of three elections clearly testifics.

"Instead of the suffrage being confined to a few active women, as we were told would be the case, it includes gen-erally all the women of the state. And women's interest is not waning, but growing year by year. Women who felt it out of place for them to vote four years ago, to-day feel it their duty; and in Idaho a larger number of women voted in 1902 than in 1898 when they cast their first ballot; not only numerically, but proportionally. The old-time method of conducting primaries, conventions, campaigns and elections

has passed away. Questionable means of attaining results are becoming more and more rare, while, to a greater extent than ever before, appeal is made to the good thought of the people of the state, instead of the baser qualities which sometimes play an important part into effort. But, we must force the getting ready, and not supinely wait for it. The anniversary exercises at St. Louis, Mo., were so successful and pleasant that we cannot convey a satisfactory comprehension. Brother Thos. Grimshaw has a strong society that he ministers unto. They have purchased an elegant church edifice. The audito rium is large, but was crowded at the Sunday evening service. The musical exercises directed by Mrs. Hardcastle, were very enjoyable. With a grand nine organ and the Beckwith choir of lyceum members, we had a feature of service that will long linger in our mem-ory. This choir presented the church fund with a check for \$100, and the lyceum gave \$50, the result of their late labors. They repeat these doses occasionally, and thus show what children can do. The Ladies' Aid does much -and they are the soul of great efforts being achieved. When we can get our societies to work in this way we will no longer whine and mourn that "we are poor." We shall become rich in effort and opulent in results. We had an excellent series of meetings in St. Louis, and were well entertained by our good friend and earnest supporter of the cause. Mrs. Lumsden, The work being done by Brother Grimshaw, shows what a settled speaker and an earnest society can do for our cause. We hope to yet see a located speaker in every city and town of our nation-or, at least, one for each circuit, and thus keep the cause of truth alive in every section If the Spiritualists will co-operate, harmonize and exercise generosity, the speakers and mediums will be found feady for a generous effort that shall supply the spiritual needs of our nation. The N. S. A. must have help from each and all in order to assist such development. The story of our efforts would not be complete without saying that Mrs. Kates held excellent meetings for wo-men only in Rochester and Anderson, Ind.; Mt. Vernon, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo. These meetings for women are becoming a strong feature of Mrs. Kates labors. . She is doing a good work for humanity in her pleadings for a correct humanity in her pleadings for a correct more settled policy regarding speakers, heritage. We say this because right and that steady, continuous work by generation is more sure to stop crime any honest, faithful workers is conduheritage. We say this because right and misery than can any process of vi-

MR. AND MRS. KATES.

We had a very busy month during March; almost too busy for enjoyment and good health. We held thirty-eight meetings in nine citles, as follows: Roch-ester, Warsaw, Marion, Sweetser, An-derson, Seymour and Chrisney, Ind., Mt. Vernon, Ill., and St. Louis. Mc The attendance was good and results helpful to the local cause, but not financially to the N. S. A. much more than to pay the expenses. Spiritualists all need helpand so does the N. S. A. ... We hope for more generous reciprocity before long. Millions of dollars are paid to diffuse creedal teachings, but hundreds are

creedal teachings, but nunarcds are hard to get to assist the promulgation of truth. But, we must labor whether remunerated or not. Spiritual, truth must be espoused and humanity helped to grow out of the ignorance that has held them in mental threal held them in mental thrall. The cause of Spiritualism is making.

progress in spite of lethargy and opposition. People, everywhere, are anxious for a demonstration of the spirit, that they may solve the question of a continuity. Hence, we should prepare the way for more vigorous campaigns into all the territory of our nation. We found a nice little society in Roch-

ester, Ind., where they have a nicely furfying the needs of the physical man. nished hall that they use permanently and are sustaining regular meetings. S. B. Fanning is the president and J. R. Elkins, secretary. We were entertained by John M. Davis and wife. friends.

Warsaw has a good representation of friends of our cause, who expect to soon organize for more active effort. We were entertained here by Theodore Sny der and wife. Good meetings resulted although the weather was had.

Marion is much divided within its borders by contending classes for superiority. The auxiliary society here is without support or interest; but, the Ladies' Aid proposes to renew the mem-

bership and revive an activity. We truly hope they will harmoniously strive for the public good. A few earnest souls at Sweetser, led by W. J. Baum and J. H. Rees, propose to keep Spiritualism before the people. We had large meetings here in a

topic,

church. The temple Society at Anderson is vigorous and generous. They possess a splendid edifice and are having good meetings, with Brother Thomas W Smith as the speaker. Charles Bolander works faithfully and brings. a good influence into his efforts. He leads a choir of Lyceum girls and supplies inspiring song. This is a grand result of Lyceum effort. Dr. J. H. Annis, as the secretary, is always alert and filled with holy zeal. We surely

had grand meetings at Anderson, and helped to hold anniversary exercises that proved to be an occasion of joy and spiritual benefit. Seymour has an energetic little society of Spiritualists, with John Cong-

ciety of Spiritualists, with John Cons don as an active secretary. We had good meetings here and received genef-ous help for our labors. The cause here promises well for the future if more public workers will give some generous help. Chrisney turned out to hear us; the

general verdict was that Spiritualism is what they "long have sought, and mourned because they found it not." John B. Chrisney owns a big slice of the town and has a hall that is always open for a speaker or medium. He is a zealous Spiritualist.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., gave us over-crowded meetings, the first one in a church and the others in halls. Dr. A. T. Lvick is earnest in desire to help the cause, and

casion. his family generously entertained us. A society will result here, after a little Our evening session opened with an audience which more than taxed the further effort. It is right to get a good scating capacity of the hall, as many remained standing during the entire evenready before forcing an organization

N. S. A. Missionary Work During March. Anniversary Exercises of an Interesting Selfish Indifference the Dead Weight.

SPIRITUALISM IN BUFFALO.

After four years of continued work for the First Spiritual Church of Buffa-lo, by that erudite scholar, Moses Hull, The celebration of the soth anniversary of Modern Spiritualiem, in San sary of mouth blanchaden so far as Diego, was a marked event so far as this locality is concerned. Given a typ-ical Southern California day, with its would be get a south of the south south of the so and Mattie E. Hull, with some strong work by Prof. Lockwood, the gathering strength, popular interest, and financial wealth of glorious sunshing, its singing birds and ever-blooming flowers, with situation are not what they ought to be. The additions to the building so anxiously looked for do not appear, and the scores of happy hearts and smiling faces, it was an auspicious occasion to the friends of Spiritualism. unity and devotion of the Spiritualists do not reflect much credit on the inspir-Lafayette Hall, under the hands of a ing Gospel which they think they be special decorating committee, presentlieve in. Under the warming of a great ed a most beautiful appearance and was genius, or the excitement of novelty filled with a joyous and appreciative auand wonder, there are spasms of activ dience to witness a special program provided by the lyceum and constituting ity and good work: but the steady glow of unselfish devotion to truth, and hu-man weal, is sadly wanting. Why is the first feature of the day's proceed this? With all the talk of altruism, and ings. M. D. Thiebaud, the efficient con-ductor, looked very happy surrounded the influence of Spiritualism on the by the various groups of happy children, and well he might, for his work has hearts and lives of men, we see no sign of its application, where it would seem it should be most manifest. Mrs. Hull did a good work with and for the chilbeen faithfully performed as ovidenced by the program rendered on this occadren, and the "Bible class" still sursion. The lyceum work is a decided vives and I hope grows, but it doe feature in the work of the First Society es not compare in apparent interest and following with similar work in the churches which we hear, so often, are and on this anniversary it was especia ly prominent and proved very interesting to the large number assembled. A fine lunch was served in the hall, satisgoing down to death! Is this lack of

working interest due to indifference to after which an hour was spent in social the most blessed truth that ever shone converse and in welcoming visiting from heaven? Or is it the expression of supreme selfishness, which is the an-The afternoon was set apart for the tithesis of Spirituality, and angel teachpurpose of laying the corner-stone of the new spiritual temple, and I need ings?

Just now there is an outward appear ance of a revival, a new life stirring in the blood of the church. 'But I fear it is not say it was a joyful occasion to the friends who have labored so long and faithfully and have made so many sacrionly temporal. Nellie Mosier drew large houses last

fices to see the consummation of their month, and her tests seem to strike the people with a new impulse; but when desires to have a home of their own. A platform was erected at the temple site, she goes, will they care for the good trimmed with red, white and blue bunting, and was decorated with flowers. works of those who follow? Will they and a fine program was carried out, conbe more liberal, more philanthropic, more devoted to the cause and the intersisting of an opening song, "Only a Thin Veil Between Us," which was renests of the society? Her work was so dered by a fine quartette, followed by an much appreciated last month that they invocation by Mrs. Lilly M. Thiebaud, engaged her for April, to co-operate after which was a vocal solo by that with me. If my work does not chill, sweet singer, Mrs. Gates. The adand hinder the good effect of hers, this dress, which was given in a masterly month ought to be a success, as success and 'eloquent manner, was allotted to is usually estimated.

Carrie Twing is to follow, in May, and Col. J. L. Dryden, whose chose for his "What Spiritualism is Here. to she is a favorite, and "draws." If we Teach and Do for the World. A chorus, belonged to the dying orthodox, these "Rap, Rap, Rap," was rendered by chilthree months might put a thousand dol dren of the lyceum, after which there lars in the treasury for a building fund; was a beautiful and limpressive cerebut if they pay current expenses some will be glad. mony conducted by Mrs. Thiebaud, as-

sisted by Mrs. Beck! president of the We celebrated the 55th anniversary society. A red floral wreath, typical of Sunday, April 5, and that was called a strength; one of yellow, representing the ladies' auxiliary, known as the Busy Bees," and one of pure white lilies success spiritually and intellectually, but it can hardly be said it was a financial success. Nellie Mosier gave tests, Rev. Victor Wylde spoke about thirty minutes in the evening, good music in memory of our ascended friends; these were hung on Jeither side and front of the corner (stone, while Mrs. added to the vitality of souls, and the Beck deposited a box containing the "sweet bye and bye" looked in at the celestial window and smiled. Mr. Alconstitution and by-laws of the society. record of the society Busy Bees and ly bee-the chairman called the whole ceum, copy of The Progressive Thinker, day a success, and we all know that Banner of Light, Light of Truth, Philo nothing succeeds like success."

sophical Journal and Progressive Ly-Mrs. Dr. Matteson, whose money and ceum, also copy of Appeal to Reason, work, made the building of the church Freedom, San Diego' Unioh, Tribune and Sun, and last bit not least a porpossiple, and has done much to support the meetings every year, was a silent participant in the celebration. Three The quartette then rendered "In Heaven We more like her in Buffalo would make the cause and public work a splendid Will Know Our Owfl." - The exercises closed with remarks by Vice-president and permanent success. But she has no duplicate, and is not a millionaire,

A large crowd of people; among which Mrs. A. Atcheson is a medium, speak was representatives of every shade of er, and earnest worker. She supports opinion and those of no opinion, asthe church with her influence and labor, but goes to Niagara Falls every Sunday, and has for 9 months; and I sembled to witness these ceremonies and a more orderly, respectful and lh. hear that she is steadily uniting the terested concourse of peoble it has not been my fortune to witness on any ocforces there, and increasing the membership of the society. Spiritualism must grow in spite of all selfish laggards that plock the way.

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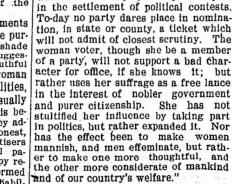
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ers of the army. I know that many were interested, for I was interviewed gram for psychometric' readings, announced that as the hour was late and by more than one who wished to know the people were getting weary, she more of the teachings, and by the help would take a vote of the audience, requesting a show of hands of all who deof my co-workers from the higher life sired the readings and messages, and I was enabled to convince some of the for a wonder, only seven hands were truth of spirit life, and our ability to communicate and learn from those gone

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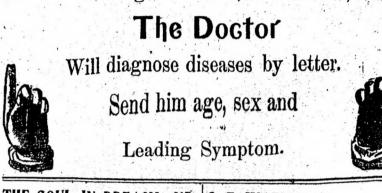


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One day I had been worrying about leaving dear old Grass Valley, and was sorry that I had arranged to go, and, to crown all, I heard that small-pox was raging in that city, and that a friend of mine had gone down there and taken it. Well, in that state of mind, I fell into a troublesome sleep, and I thought L was in a very peculiar and very large building, quite a distance away and sitnated in a city near the water. It was different in many respects from any the that I had ever seen. The structure that I had ever seen. The style seemed to be ancient and modern

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combined. It was situated at the corner of two streets, and had entrances on three sides, the windows were arched about as they were in the churches that were built a century or more ago. I wandered around over the building for some time, in the long, nar row passages, without seeing any one. It seemed entirely deserted but, at length, I saw a little woman come into the end of one of the passages, holding a broom in her hand.

Upon leaving this building I dreamed that I was instantly in Springfield, Mass., on a street that , was straight. long and wide. There were beautiful shade trees on either side, but they were so far apart that young trees were set out between them, each young tree being well protected by a substantial enclosure. I don't think that I mentioned my dream to any one. I did not know that there was anything remarkable about it, and did not have a are having a good lyceum and many thought that it would come to pass. So I went down to San Francisco to look for employment, perfectly ignorant with regard to the large deserted building I had dreamed about, and the wonderful-

ly beautiful street in Springfield, Mass. Not long after leaving Grass Valley, My friend, Warren B. Ewer, sold out his interest in the paper he had edited, and came to San Francisco and bought out the "Mining and Scientific Press," and engaged me to work for him. Our office was in one of the small rooms in the building which I recognized as the one I had seen in my dream. It was located on the next corner below the custom house and I presume some of the older residents may still remember it.

The three entrances were located as I had seen them in the dream, and the vacant offices, the passages, and the reader of The Progressive Thinker ever windows were as though I had visited since it was printed. He was respected them and particularly noticed them but by all who knew him. a few days before. I inquired why there were so many vacant rooms and was informed that the company who owned the building, were then in China,

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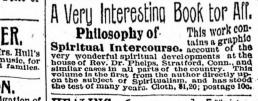
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