

ing private sittings. the churches and there enjoy their Spiritualism. The fact is, the whole civilized world is rising into the Spirit- Farlin, Mrs. Lowell, Mrs. Baker, now ualistic concept. This, while it is the the president of the state association; grandest possible encouragement, does, Miss Agnes Chaffee and Miss Alfa Bulas the saying is, somewhat take the lock, of the Morris Pratt School, Mrs. wind out of our sails. As Spiritualists Hull and myself. Besides that, Presiper se, we do not attract the attention dent Barrett gav we would if there were not so many able discourses.

We were happily surprised by the

on the grounds, on the eve of the Mor-

August 7, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Stewart,

other one who will fill the place as she does. I do not know whether the N. S.

A. is going to make a clean sweep of its

officers or not, if it is, I nominate Mrs.

Anderson for Mrs. Longley's place. A

brought up golden memories.

found.

Our speakers were Mr. Will J. Er. wood, Mrs. Clara L. Stewart, Mrs. Mcdent Barrett gave us two short, but very

seven hundred years before the first is-sue of what the numismatists call "a Jesus Christ coin," by Justinian II. stamped with the words IES CRS and SERV. CRSTI.

In regard to chrestus I do not find the word in my Latin dictionary, Ains-worth's but it is a word derivable from the Greek chrestos, "good, sweet, gra-clous." In I. Peter ii:3 we read: "If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gra-clous."—Greek chrestos." The marto Pg

water breaking out and trickling down the mountain sides in small rivulets; and as they descend they unite with other little streamlets and finally creeks and other streams are formed until they reach the valley in rivers, and when all are united they form the grand central river that rolls on with beyond. The vision is typical of the so-

of life here, and beyond earth's experiences.

The past ages present us with many theories, their philosophers and teachers are still serving mankind from spirit realms with those same teachings, and it is as necessary that we discriminate reasonably as to their truth or ermade the world in six days out of noth-

that it exists as a distinct entity, then

so much force can be lost or destroyed. This can never be. The individual soul with all of its memories and experiences, will exist a distinct and experi-pendent being, after death. It is the molecule of the universal soul, which may be embellished, elevated and imirresistible force to the great ocean rors, as to whether a personal God proved, but never destroyed.

The whole course of created nature f conti

earth, and is indeed all we can know

for a certainty. What that life will be

when the portals of the grave have

been passed, it is not appointed unto

man to know. The incarnate beings of

earth are continually receiving light

from the beyond; communications are

being continually made to the souls of

men from the souls of angels; and these

communications will become more inti-

mate as the human soul becomes more

pure; but the gates of heaven will never be wide open to living humanity.

part in our incarnate condition, and

wait until death opens the door to the

great possibilities of the sweet by and

"Heaven is not reached by a single

But we build the ladder by which we

From the lowly earth to the vaulted

And we mount to the summit round by

CARL C. POPE.

after that the full corn in the ear."

bound

rise

skies,

round."

Black River Falls, Wis.

First the blade, then the ear and

We must be satisfied to act well our

tance between our religions and those of other nations, is only to know the difference between compulsory force to command, for the one, and the selling price to buy, for the other. Our religions maintain their patron-

age through or by special favor to the wealthy and political intriguing, hence. church and state are becoming so closely alied in practice, as to become

and so close to it.

Many have said to me within the last year or two, "I have ceased to attend Spiritualist meetings because I get just and, as for their readings, I know of no as good Spiritualism in the church as I one in our ranks who could have do from the Spiritualist platform, and I equaled them. The listening to their do not have to climb from one to three work would have entirely disarmed flights of stairs and go into a dingy hall, nor to listen to the ignorant rantings 1 work as Mrs. Clara Watson and Dr. so often hear from so-called mediums Peebles, who knows no science of and Spiritualist lecturers."

But it is claimed that while organizations may not be greatly increasing in numbers, nor growing stronger, the that I was, in honor, compelled to pub-Spiritualistic thought is distilling and making over the religions of the churches.

There; my pen has, as usual, run school room, and in the hours of school away with me; I took it to say some The lectures of these two girls far outranked the lectures generally heard on thing else. our platforms.

-well, since the first of This summer-May I have held meetings at Clear Lake, Rockford and Genoa, Ill., Beloit, Ripon and Milwaukee, Wis., and Battle Creek, Mich. Beside this I have put in ris Pratt Day. He gave us two good Creen, income this i have put in ris Pratt Day. He gave us two good near three weeks at the camp-meeting thirty-minute speeches, and several near three wise and have speet a near waukesha, Wis., and have spent a at Waunder than two days at Mount and especially of the Morris Pratt little more than two ways at mount Pleasant Park camp, Clinton, 'Iowa, and especially of the Morris Pratt School, Brother Barrett's heart is in the right place. He is thoroughly in sym-nathy with the school's

At Clear Lake Iowa, they have a good ment. I now express the desire of evworking society, with Mrs. Howard as ery member of the camp association president, and Mr. Ellis Vandeburg as when I say we want Brother Barrett for ecretary. I spoke eleven times there several speeches next year.

to large and intelligent audiences. A Methodist minister, a Rev. Mr. Forte, Mrs. Alfarata Hull-Jahnke left Waukemade an onslaught—an entirely un-called for and rather violent attack on Spiritualism—an attack the recoil of which was much more injurious to him when with me for the Clinton camp, in order to be there on Morris Pratt Day. We spent two days there and wished we could manufacture a few more days than it was possible for him to injure to spend on these grounds, and with Spiritualism in dozen such attacks. At these good and genial people. The inthat time all he wanted was to see a representative Spiritualist and he would the how his fellow-citizens how easy it would be to put them hors du combat. The the second the widew of the widew of the terms in the terms of terms o He even went so far as to get a juggler Mollie B. Anderson, the widow of the -a regular prestidigitateur to come and show how it, was all done. When I got there the reverend gentleman's ally was gone and his courage had all cozed out. I came away without an opportu-does l do not know whether the N nity to meet the gentleman. A good work was done, and I am to return to Clear Lake. The Rev. Mr. Forte's day of usefulness has passed, and he is to

take his departure. My next field of labor was Rockford, 111. Brother and Sister Sprague had been there and delivered several lectures and organized a society of, I think, between sixty and seventy members. good work was done. As usual, just as Mrs. Stewart went to Vicksburg, and I the interest began to come up I had to started to Chesterfield to spend a day go on to my other work.

• At Beloit, my next halting point, Morris Pratt Institute. Chesterfield is there is a very feeble society. I spoke undoubtedly the coming camp. It is in half. twice to not more than twenty-five per-sons, and once to a hall well filled with people. The mistage was made of or-ganizing a society there before the peo-ganizing a society there before the people were ready for organization. Such Its new auditorium is a fine, well-seated work generally gives the cause a back-set. Mrs. Hull and I next put in two has better water. This camp has made days at Genoa. Ill., where there is a fine about a clean sweep of its old officers society, with the old veteran, Orrin Mer- and elected new ones, with Dr. Hilliritt as president. The people of Genoa | goss as president. This camp as well listened, to the truths of Spiritualism as the camp at Clinton expressed in a with great interest. The best people in substantial way its interest in the Morthe city were out and expressed their ris Pratt Institute. It does seem that desire to further investigate the matter, friends in spite of all the snapping and in so much that we returned and gave snarling of the enemies of education, from a second Sunday's work with are going to stand by our school. Equally good effect.

At Rigon, Wis, my next halting Creek, where I am stopping at the home

I wish every Spiritualist in the land taste and see that the Lord is good." could have heard Miss Chaffee and Miss

"Christos," in the Septuagint, is of frequent occurrence as an equivalent for the Hebrew mashich, or a like word I have long contended, there is no such word in Latin as Christus, which is a transfer instead of translation of the Greek word christos. And that fraudilent transfer I contend was not made preaching. The discourses of these two in the early part of the Christian era. young ladies were so logical, and so elobut probably as late as the fourteenth quent, and withal so well put together century.

"Nummus" as yet unknown to me licly deny that either Mrs. Hull or my oncluded an article in the Truth self had given them any assistance Seeker several months ago in these other that what they got from us in the words: "Christianity is merely the idolatry of

Augustus, slightly modified, altered in name and bleached by time. Put aside its fraudulent literature and it has not a leg to stand upon, not a single monusudden arrival of Harrison D. Barrett ment, temple, tombstone or coin; nothing but names, words, air; the greatest forgery, the most stupendous and shameful imposture ever saddled upon the credulity of man." This is strong language, but is it too strong if Christianity had its origin in the seventh or eighth century? And

> my contention is that its origin was some five or six hundred years later. WM. HENRY BURR.

#### COMMON DUST.

Don't scorn the ragged coat, my friend, Be merciful and just. Aake for your motto to the end-"We all are common dust."

#### 'Man ranks not by the guinea stamp' In the eternal plan.

The most disgusting, wretched tramp Is still your fellow-man.

So hold the maxim close, my friend. Nor lift your nose in scorn. late Jim G. Anderson, exactly fits into A tattered coat the Lord can send her place as secretary; the camp will

To one most gently born. From Eve and Adam all may claim An equal right to lordly name And blood that's quite as "blue."

Then pause and weigh the question

friend, With balance true and just, better one for that position could not be And be more ready to defend: The genuine greetings at Clinton Your humble brother-dust from hundreds of old and tried friends BEATRICE ST. GEORGE. Wilmette, Ill.

On Monday morning Mrs. Hull and of Brother and Sister Roe. I was here or two at that camp, and work for the Morris Pratt Institute before one Sunday this summer. Here is a good home as well as a good socie-ty. With Mrs. Klechler as president, and her husband as musical director, such easy reach, by trolley, of a halfand as the one to start off in every dozen or more cities that it has crowds on Sundays of about eight thoumove to better the condition of the society, I think the society has come to stay.

At Battle Creek resides the venerable Dr. James M. Peebles. The Doctor has earned a rest, and one would think he is old enough to enjoy a season of re spite from steady work.

If this article were not already too long I would speak good words for many of the workers whom I have met during the summer, but at present I have trespassed entirely too far. I will, however, say that arrangements are be ing made for me to identify myself a little more with some of the papers. MOSES HULL.

Every incident of trouble between

the races, riots, lynchings, hanging and burning, are the little springs that are forming streamlets of public opinion in Arabic and ancient Syriac. But as that will increase in volume and force as the years go by. In due time those little streamlets will be united into a mighty river of public opinion of both the white and black races that will be irresistible. When that time comes all will realize the fitness of the great change that will solve the vexed negro problem.-

And now the scene changes on to another branch. I see that the enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine, which now means that all foreign powers must keep hands off of all American territory while we will take anything that may come in our reach, in either hemisphere, will lead to serious trouble in South American affairs. In those troubles we will find it necessary, in order to avoid a great war with European powers, to take possession of extensive regions in South America and pay their obligations in Europe. In some such manner we will become owners of a large region in the Amazon valley. due time, when the little rivulets of public opinion become concentrated in the mighty river above referred to, our government will give the negroes homesteads in, and free transportation to, that country. And the bulk of them will go and establish a new nation, under the protection of our government. Most persons think this is an impossibility; most people don't know what impossibility means. One million of Europeans will come to our shores, this year When the time comes we can transport the negroes as fast as they need to go In my vision I can see the ships that will carry them to their new homes. They appear to be of large size, built of steel, painted white, and I can see no smoke stacks or masts on them; this indicates that neither steam nor wind

power will then be used for propelling vessels The powers that control the destiny of races and nations are now inspiring Booker T. Washington in his noble ef-forts to prepare his race for the great change that awaits them. The place of the negro laborer in the South will be mortal. fully supplied by other races, even befully supplied by other races, even be-fore he can get away. Growley, Louisi-ana, is the center of the gradtest rice production in the United States: white labor is almost entirely pead inere. I learn that only fifteen her cont of negro labor is used in the largest cotton pro-labor is used in the largest of the world. ducing county in Texas, the negro The great movement of the negro race will commence within 27 years from this date 1 hope that some of

the younger people will make a note of as a spirit. these forecasts, and watch the incidents that will gradually lead to their fulfillment. I get these impressions from the spirits of the two greatest emancipators that America ever produced. LeRoy, Illinois. S H. WEST.

A divine courtship must be that of spirit towards matter, if lits marriage in those far-away realms. constitutes or creates life.

Truth first, credit afterwards. Its good vibratory effect can find but its own cause.

Discontent beyond physical analysis intimates a soul want only attainable attainable beyond earth life? by personal effort.

work of his own omnipotence, omnisress always means change, it never cience and omnipresence in the fall of means destruction. When we come to man and the satanic outcasts of heaven. realize the great truth that nothing can Is it not well to apply criticism to the be destroyed, it follows as logically as night follows day that the "soul immor-Spiritualistic field of thought, as well as tal as its sire can never die."

to that of orthodoxy? Here we find a psychic with spirit teachers teaching the Buddhistic theory of embodiment; there another presenting pre-existence and incarnation, causing one to question, if a spirit can incarnate once why not many times? and as already stated some are strongly inclined to teach that the most refined matter or spirit atoms are a trinity. matter, force and intelligence, some claim that these spirits or life atoms are ever becoming a part of our being, wherein is stored the vitality of these inbreathed parental life germs, which being moulded and inspired by internal and external maternal conditions take form according to them physically and spiritually, resulting in mortal being, the life of which is often influenced before and after birth, intelligent and spiritual, or otherwise, which influence may go far to mold that individual life into a Christ-like being, or a Nero, a Mozart or a musical naught. Eternal progress being deemed an inherent law of mankind, when spirit is developed into mortal being it should continue to progress; even should retrogression for a time seem to exist, the spirit will eventually attain its ever increasing possibilities.

When we are able to correctly ac-Necosocies and a second s count for the construction of the physi-

Spirits can and do penetrate matter, brain matter, as many psychics claim to be able to leave the material body,

cal body, parental and spirit influences gressed spirit who has not taught that ffecting every infant, we may then be there are grand institutions of learning amid their spirit environments, in which are taught the highest methods of expressing the many varied themes fully competent to account for all the inequalities of humanity, and why some acquire a broader knowledge and experience before transition to those spirit of life, that they may aid and instruct realms which are ever in accord with other planes of spirit, and also mortals. the progressed condition of the mortal, thus gaining a large earth experience whether it be the shades of a criminal. or the heaven of a Swedenborg, tran-scending in fineness, beauty and uses without enbodying.

scenario and uses the earthly, there to interest themselves in all pertaining to spirit and

It is not a rare experience for a sen-

mortal life of one or more of their spir-Is it rational to conclude that when a it teachers, often claiming the same to person has attained knowledge and usebe the memory of their own pre-existful experiences, it should become necesence, or as a spirit he or she may have sary to lay them away on a shelf? Why not let them serve through memory in the acquirement of other and grander experiences than could be possible withdisplaced a parental spirit at its birth and are occupying a body not their own, as in the case of a lady reported in num out them, and how much more rapid the rogress?

ows and limit ourselves to a few links of a chain of experiences in mortal

> Outside of all planetary schools and institutions of learning there is yet universal limitless truth for discovery. Truly I can find no rational demand or a world of spirits circling round

transcending earth plane to the realman of spirit and returning within the matethrough materiality on the planets: but rial body, which had been cared for a rational possibility of progression amid universal truth, never losing memduring absence by wise spirits, and some even claim to have been educated ory or personality, but spirit and spirit body ever growing more refined as ad-vancing onward on life's eternal high-way. BARTON STEWART.

May we not ask, were they not losing WAV. those experiences necessary to their present earthly embodiments, or do not Chicago, Ill. uch experiences go to prove that more

universal wisdom and experience are A tree made lopsided by a single limb symbolizes the man with but one pro-I have read or know of no pro pensity always in evidence,

along the lines of mental and material advancement, to that class whose backs are bowed with the burden of wealth producing.

Then, why build further upon this ab-This is all we need to know here on

sorbing octopus? For recognition, you say. And for whose recognition? If it is for government recognition, it means for the power of wealth and churchianity, two of the most powerful elements of control in our nation, in fact, the only con-trolling factors. Then what is to be looked for from these elements of recognition? We see you, my dear, dear Spiritualists, in the "behind" end of the old orthodox band-wagon, pounding out the Doxology on the big bass drum. while the reverberations echo. "Lova and Harmony," with Aunt Propriety's and Harmony, with Aunt Propriety s occasional squeak of "Blest is the tie that binds." Yes; and therein sits Grandma Policy, with her liberty-cap at half-mast, flaunting her banner of

"The gates ajar to the golden throne. How sweet the pearl of price."

How is it possible to get recognition from these elements when their aims. are united to one and the same purpose. without wielding their cudgel to further their ends?

"The concern of one is the concern of all." should be the slogan of every true and patriotic citizen of the world, and 12 the N. S. A. would command the con-cern of all, it must present somethin; more tangible to the interests of al. than the religious enslaving power o" the past. It must stand upon issues ameliorating material wrongs as well as spiritual, for the former is indispens. able to the latter. Then, and not till then, will this "love and harmony" cry assume tangible form in carrying forward one of the grandest and mos: righteous movements of past or presen: nistory.

To sacrifice our every emotion to pep-ular favor in the interests of the last and least of all human and animal kind. are the blooming flowers of future gen-

erations: the godliness and angelhood of their ancestry.

Mr. Editor, I would not trouble you" space, only in endorsement of Brothe Loveland, for which I feel thankful to think I am not the only fool [yes; I accept it, as the opprobrium will follow ! who is standing on the "curb" kicking who is standing on the turb Atching and demanding; and further, I wish ev-ery one who has read his article and who feels the impulse with me, would endorse the same through your col-umns. I also feel very grateful to him for the very able way in presenting "Spiritists and Spiritism."

J. P. RUSSELL. Grand Ledge, Mich.

what do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other? -George Ellot.

Virtue itself offends when coupled with forbidding manners.-Bishop Middleton.

Like clocks, one wheel another on must drive, affairs by diligent labor only thrive.—Chapman.

Give up no science entirely, for science is but one.-Seneca.

He that does good for good's sake, seeks neither praise nor reward, but he is sure of both in the end .- Penn.

ber 681 of The Progressive Thinker, who stated that a spirit lady controlling her, took possession of her baby girl at Why seek kennels of planetary shadbirth, thus displacing the parental spirit, and that when the child developed into woman hood she claimed to bodies? remember her previous life and name

In a work entitled "Spirit Eona's Leg-acy to the Wide, Wide World," pub-lished at Springfield, Mass., 1886, it is claimed that all pre-existence is forgotten during embodiment and her impressions of such, were given her by spirit sitive to receive impressions of the Eon.

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GOD AND NATURE.

of Compensation.

The old superstitious theological idea

of God, that he is a personal being, out-

side of nature, seated upon a golden or

ivory throne somewhere in the heavens,

reigning and ruling as an arbitrary ori-

Broad-minded and deep-thinking men

and women no longer bow in servile

reverence, with fear and trembling, to

The old theological God of hate, of

jealousy and of war, is dead in all en-

lightened civilized countries, and

buried, and "no resurrection" indelibly

The modern scientific idea of God.

that he is immanent in nature, that he

is now generally accepted by all well-in-

stamped upon his grave.

formed men and women.

whole,

soul,

and the cosmos are one, that

a God of vengeauce, wrath and fury.

ental monarch, is well-nigh obsolete.

## THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

### can answer for his bad conduct and that he can go to heaven on the merits of his Savior.

Yes, the pulpit tells you that "though The Constancy of Nature and Her Law your sins be as scarlet, they shall be. white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

And that this wonderful transformation or metamorphosis is brought about by being dipped in "the blood of the Lamb.' I wonder if two intelligent, educated

ministers can look each other full in the face, while doling out such miserable rot, without laughing?

But it is a smooth, fallacious scheme to capture and to hold the unthinking. And its propagandists constitute a salaried governing class in the churches, and the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life, and above all,

the deceitfulness of authority, dim their mental vision, and lead them into such ridiculous vagaries, that one is

"But man, proud man, "All are but parts of one stupendous Dressed in a little brief authority, Whose body nature is, and God the

> His glassy essences-like an angry ape. Plays such fantastic tricks before high

Such men and women, thinking of na-

ture and God as the same have no doubt of the immutability, invariability and

eternity of nature's laws. They recognize the sublime truth that with nature there is no variableness nor shadow of turning.

They can adopt the language of one of olden times who had caught the shadow of this great truth, when he exclaimed. "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I fiee from thy presence?

"If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there;

"If I make my bed in sheol, behold. thou art there;

"If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me." From the very nature of things, there can be no such a thing as a miracle.

The idea of supernatural phenomena or miracles is but the crude idlosyncrasies of a superstitious and distempered mind.

impending danger. However, stalwart No, nothing above nature, nothing bemen and women, men and women who low nature, nothing beyond nature, have traveled through the abstruse renothing contrary to nature, ever ocgions of the astronomical world, stepcurred in the past, does not now occur. ping from star to star, weighed the sun. nor can ever occur in the future. The moon and stars in balances, measured idea of the miraculous, of the supernatthe comet's flight across fields of trackural is dead and buried in the same less space and with telescope, micrograve with the old theological God.

THE SPIRITUALIST PAPERS. Do We Appreciate Them as We Should?

I am led to marrel at the position taken by many Spiritualists regarding spiritual literature. It is a matter of

deep regret that such a large proportion of those who claim to, at least, sympathize with Spiritualism, its medi-

seem to realize that to the Spiritualist literature is due not only their confirmation and endorsement, but liberal financial patronage.

Especially to the public mediums and speakers does the weekly paper mutely but forcibly demand their legitimate support.

slight on the part of the editor.

ready to exclaim-

Most ignorant of what he's most assured

heaven,

As make the angels weep."

Recently, in our town, a minister was

urging the claims of his scheme of re-It is safe to say that there is not any class of editors to be found in the land demption upon an elderly gentleman, and the old man said to him, "No. I am that is so patient, accommodating, and going to cut my own brush." Now. liberal to their readers and patronizers, as the publishers of the Spiritualist pathere was more sound philosophy, more solid truth and more common sense, in pers of America.

that homely expression, than in all of more "puffs" and get the least for it, the vaporings of the pulpit on the subthan any newspaper men on earth, and ject. Yes, my friends, we are all going they receive the same proportion of to cut our own brush. "kicks," "roastings," and free advice as We are all going to receive the fruits

to how they should or must run the of our thoughts and deeds, whether they be good or bad. "Our own deeds are paper. our doomsmen."

by no means come out thence, till thou

And heed well what Paul says:

Therefore we ought to give the more

earnest heed to the things which we

have heard, lest at any time we let

hast paid the last farthing."

It is true now, it always was true in dent fact that the present editors and proprietors of the several spiritual pathe past, and it will always be true in the future, that "Whatsoever a man pers are giving the public not only the soweth that shall be also reap." best of their thoughts, lives and money

What then, about "remission of sins." "forgiveness," and "pardon." so frea mass of unsurpassed reading matter quently heard from the pulpit? Superof inestimable value to mankind, and stitious people invariably begin to pray for pardon when confronted with some

especially to those, who through its readers and the public sentiment created by the aforesaid papers, obtain their living, such as it is, that it behooves every advocate of Spiritualism and all the demonstrators of mediumship to exert Glints and Glimpses from the City of Light Assembly.

LILY DALE.

The weather has been delightful for the past week, and promises to remain thus to the and on the session, which is so near at hand, to the great regret of many who have been so happy here dur-

ums and speakers, and the arguments ing the pastiseveroweeks. People here given out to the public in halls and on never seem to the of the intellectual the camp-meeting platforms, do not feasts presented alke from lecture platform, conference Hall, or class room; and, like the boy who being especially fond of apple dumplings, wished for the neck of a crane that he might have ca-

pacity for more of them at a time, so visitors to Idly Dale, charmed with the many attractions objective and sublective, ever presenting themselves at

Just why that mediums who are not every point, and during every waking backward in sending in their personal hour of the day always desire an extennotices of meetings, circles and private sion of time and linger lovingly and longingly, loth to leave the shady lawns, sittings, should have the audacity .to continue their notices without making sunlit grounds, picturesque drives, park concerts, the spiritual inspirations an effort to at least circulate the paper and obtain subscribers for the same, is and aspirations, all the thousand and past the comprehension of the writer. one objects of interests that have made I have noticed many times that the the summer glide away like a vanishing class to which I refer are generally on dream. People units in saying that the the alert for an oversight or fancied grounds have never been more enjoyable or the general feeling more harmo-

nious than during the present session. Baba Bharati, on bidding President Pettengill good-bye, said: "Never since leaving my own India, have I been so happy, either in England or America. as I have been since coming here. It is

They do more free advertising, print a beautiful place and lies just this side of a beautiful future." The annual stock-holders' meeting on the 17th inst., passed off quickly and quietly with none of the tremors and excitement that had characterized the

past eight sessions when party prejudice and personal aggrandizement too I submit that in view of the self-evioften weighed in the balance against justice and human rights. The board of management of the past year was unanimously re-elected, not by "secret ballot," but by open recognition. The to the herculean task of furnishing such report of the secretary shows the finances to be in a hopeful condition. and expenditures not exorbitant considering the many improvements of the past year, and the accruement of expenses of a lawsuit left over as a legacy from the past board of management. Hopes are running high for next year, with an outlook for greater improve- other; but there are other influences themselves by word and by their dolments exoterically and esoterically. The lectures and class work of the these bodies, such as temperature of past week have been of a high order, space, centrifugal force, size and full of instruction and material for deep | density. "aisy as the priest's life." The nerve- thought. Chairman Brooks gave two addresses on spiritual topics, full of good advice, and expressed with that warmer or colder belt of space, then earnestness of conviction and energy of there would be a readjustment of all purpose that belongs so eminently to Mr. Brooks, who has been untiring in his zeal on rostrum and at thought exchanges. He has held several psycho- ice, above that liquefies at boiling metric reading circles, giving full satisfaction each time, and bears the distinction of being a psychic of unusual ability. Prof. Lockwood's classes on "Polarity and invisible Modes of Motion" have the largest attendance of any held during the season. They are masterly and instructive delineations of Nature's "affinities, activities and co-relations" and should be listened to by all who are interested in the science of life and the working of nature's marvelous laws and forces. True, the Professor frequently dodges off the track to hit-like a true "Georgia cracker"-the offending head of some imaginary god of hoary age, and questionable genealogy; but the good Professor's relish for these pugilistic, mental gymnastics is so marked, and he derives such eminent satisfaction therefrom, that everybody laughs good-naturedly, and freely forgives each digression. His three platform addresses, barring the above-mentioned idiosyncrasy, are full of deep thought and earnest protest against the dominant spirit of the age regardless of human rights, justice or happiness. His first address, "The Secular Character of Spiritualism in Its Relation to a True Government," was an effort to show that the phenomena of Spiritualism can be placed upon a scientific basis that will meet the approval of the scholarship of the age; also to break down artificial distinctions between the secular and sacred, on the ground that all such are man-made, nature knowing no such distinctions. He spoke of nature's invisible forces as acting in the thermometer, wireless telegraphy and the tinting of flowers, and said, "It is but a step farther from these physical phenomena to the realm of psychic phenomena, and the universal laws of nature apply with equal force to both." He applied the same idea to government and the nation, saying that. "Spiritualism and spiritual concepts belong alike to all nations and departments of life, and when the world learns the lessons it has come to teach, the idea of supernatural causes will have vanished from the human mind." His address on "The Right to Question the consistency of Religious Bethere be any genuine phenomena if they | liefs" was an effort to show the danger of combining church and state, and allowing churches to act as tribunals in "There are many materializations the administration of justice, instead of | of a sun or planet, and may be a detachwhich are not genuine," says Brother the legal judiciary of state or nation. Jamieson. This would imply that he His last one on the "Conflict Between admits that there are some materializa-Capital and Its Pagan Ideal." was a protions that are genuine. We are therefore concerned with the latter. How test against the dominant greed of the do you explain them, Brother Jamieson? day as opposed to the brain and muscle of honest industry. He made the statement that practically, thirty people own the American nation, saying all republics go down when they come under the dominance of a small per cent of the people representing them. He said: "Brains, not money, is capital; and not until we recognize human genius as the real power of civilization will we rise to the conception of true freedom or a real republic." " Chas. Brodle Patterson's lectures, "Dominion and Power," and "The Need of a New Religion!" were fraught with practical suggestions and ideals tending to the betterment and progress of the race. He shid, "The religion of past ages, thought serving the needs of its own age, call not meet the requirements of the present age, which has through the conturies intervening evolved to a higher plane of mental and

Pertaining to the Science of Astronomy I have a few original thoughts to cf.

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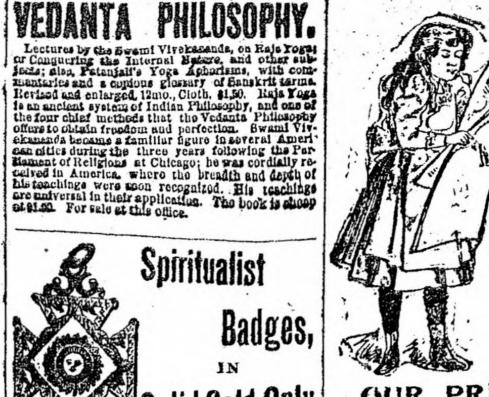
for on this subject, and a few old ones. The original while they come like a flash as impressions to my mind, are at the same time the product of reflections.

The starting point in astronomical science is the atom. The discovery of

the law of centigrade revealed the fact that an atom would double itself in size for every degree of heat above boiling point. This was a long step toward proving what recent science declares, that atoms are not matter but force or energy in motion. An atom is a miniature world or planet, perfectly polarized. In uniting with other atoms to form molecules it still retains a definite distance from its neighbor atoms and no matter how complicate the molecule each atom is independent and in motion, and the molecule can well be compared to the solar system, for the same law governs the relation of these little globes to each other, no matter how great the mass formed from them. When we fully understand the law that governs molecules, then we shall also understand the law that keeps planets and suns apart and keeps them in their place, for all are living bodies.

You have been told that centrifugal and centripetal forces govern the relation of one planet to another, but this is a very small part of the truth. Should centrifugal force be suspended the great bodies would only draw a little nearer together.

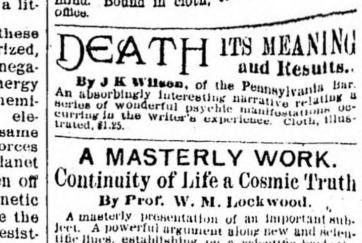
All the atoms that compose these great bodies are perfectly polarized that is, have their positive and negative poles. A planet absorbs energy from its surroundings, which is chemically converted into its various elements, causing growth, and at the same time it gives off by radiation two forces of the same nature as its ruling planet or sun. The congenial forces given off by both unite and form the magnetic tie that binds them together, while the uncongenial clash and produce resistance through the law of repulsion. This law is well known to the student of electricity, for positive and negative electric forces unite, while two posttives or two negatives will repel each



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My Christian friends, if you harbor Up to 1846, Uranus was the outerthe delusion that your transgressions most planet in our solar system known can and will be forgiven, read what to astronamy. It was well known that the motions of all the planets could be Jesus said in his sublime sermon on the

perfectly accounted for by the attracmount: tion of the sun and their mutual attrac-"Agree with thine adversary quickly, tion on each other. But the planet whilst thou art with him in the way, lest haply the adversary deliver thee to Uranus seemed to be an apparent exception, as its motions could not be recthe judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prisonciled with the motions computed on. Verily, I say unto thee, thou shalt

from the attractions of the sun, Jupiter and Saturn. The famous astronomer Leverrier, of

Paris, knowing that all effects must necessarily have adequate causes, decided that there must be another planet beyond Uranus.

them slip, for if the word spoken by an-And from the effects it produced, he gels was steadfast and every transgresproceeded to decipher its location, and wrote to his friend, Dr. Galle, of Berlin, sion and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, how shall we requesting him to search for it, telling him where to look. escape?" Escape what?

Dr. Galle took his telescope, proceed-Why, the fruits of our transgressions ed to compare the stars in the neighboror disobedience. If every transgression and disobedihood of the designated place, with a ence receive a just recompense of restar-chart of that region, and discovered a new planet very near where ward, and if the only way to avoid imprisonment, is to set yourself right Prof. Leverrier had directed him to

look. with your adversary while in the way This is Neptune, the most remote with him, then most surely there is no planet of all the members of our solar such thing as pardon.

Then it follows that all of the multisystem. Why did the scientist know form, multifarious and multitudinous that there must be an undiscovered prayers offered in all the ages and in planet beyond Uranus in the solar sysall countries, for remission of sins, were tem? Because he had learned that nanothing but the product of man's ignorture is always constant in her operations, and that every effect must have ance. From the very nature of things, no one of such prayers has ever been an adequate cause.

Why can astronomers tell with absoanswered, nor a single penalty ever lute certainty the time of a solar or been abrogated. Then be courageous, be stalwart men and women, live in harlunar eclipse ages before it comes? Because they have learned that there mony with nature's laws, and if haply you transgress her laws, then seek to is no caprice, change or chance in the operation of natural law.

rectify your conduct and put yourselves in harmony with them, agree with your The naturalist will take a fragment of a fossil from the depth of the earth's adversary before you are imprisoned, and you need not be "afraid for the terstratum and tell you just the kind of ror by night, nor for the arrow that flycreature it was in its life-time, whether eth by day, for the pestilence that walksylvan or aquatic, whether herbivorous eth in darkness, nor for the destruction or carnivorous. You ask him how he can tell, and he answers, nature never that wasteth at noonday. For then truly "neither death, nor changes her course nor makes any misife, nor angels, nor principalities, nor takes.

She always works by the same universal, eternal plan.

Man makes laws and amends or reother creature, shall be able to separate peals them, but nature's laws are imyou from the love of God," or disturb mutable-they never change, they are the peace of your souls. never amended, suspended, set aside, "To thine own self be true, repealed or over-ruled. And it must follow, as the night the

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plus vexations. I am somewhat conversant with the duties as well as the value of newspaper work, and am willing to maintain the statement that the editor of The Progressive Thinker is entitled to not only the money he can accumulate by his valuable labors, but a great big lot more credit and "thank yous" for the personal favors shown the public speakers and mediums! The writer admits his obligation to not only Brother

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Fellow public workers, "think on these things." GEORGE F. PERKINS.

Sacramento, Cal.

Explain the Phenomena, Please. It is very strange that Brother Jamie-

son cannot see the drift of my argument, or the point I desire to make therein. If it will aid him in any way to see it, I will admit any and all extraneous matter long since dried in the oven of Spiritualistic controversy.

The great question is: Are there any phenomena denominated Spiritualistic which are genuine? The next question is: If there are such genuine phenomena, what are their causes?

Brother Jamieson, in his last article, thus writes: "My opponent has assumed all through that I deny the existence of genuine phenomena. He is entirely mistaken about this." Now, if W. F. Jamieson thus admits

that there are genuine phenomena called Spiritualistic, why does he not devote his time to their further development and explanation upon whatever theory seems to him the most plausible. as Thomson J. Hudson has done?

Mr. Jamieson presents the peculiar paradox of admitting the genuineness of Spiritualistic phenomena, and yet never failing to explain them on the theory of fraud, deception, imposition, Thou canst not then be false to any delusion, hallucination, etc. How can

are all to be thus explained?

that determine the distance between

Should the milky way, of which our solar system is a part pass through a bodies of that constellation. This is best illustrated with water which below freezing point congeals or forms point. Its molecules are acted on by a stronger repelling force, forcing them further apart, forming steam, while if greater heat is produced the atoms will finally pull apart. The absorption of heat of a molecule increases its repeli-

ing power so you see this is the repelling force, while decrease of heat contracts or draws them closer together. This explains why the suns are so far apart and the cooler bodies near the suns and near each other, as in the case lessons, containing the bases of the teachings. of the earth and moon. This theory is original to me, but a result of observa-Modern

tion of nature's laws. The next influence is centrifugal force generated by two bodies swinging each other around themselves, this forces them further apart by acting on the grosser matter. Without axial motion there would be no centrifugal force, and without atmosphere there would be no axial motion; but I will explain this later.

I have already stated that the heat of bodies also forces them further apart therefore we may expect that the larger and most heated planets will take up a path further from the sun than the smaller and cooler ones, as heat and centrifugal force will be greater.

Now a few words about tides. These are produced by the combined action of magnetic attraction and centrifugal force acting upon the plastic elements of the earth, therefore we have peculiar

complicated tides produced by the sun and moon. The axial motion is the result of the resistance which the atmosphere of a body meets with in space. All bodies near the sun turn from west to east because the heat of the sun expands the atmosphere of these bodies causing a larger ring on the side toward the sun than is produced on the opposite side by centrifugal force, thus speed around the sun whose axial motion swings them around itself, but the larger bodies like Neptune and Uranus, away off in space, turn from east to west, because the centrifugal force forces a larger wing of atmosphere to the side opposite the sun as the action of the sun on the atmosphere at that

distance is very slight and in like manner we may look for the tides caused by the sun on these planets to be very slight also. The comet is the real new-born child ment of atmosphere like the rings of Saturn, from a planet or sun. Its atoms being perfectly polarized will cause it to fly out into space as its gaseous substance absorbs large amounts of heat; there it is subjected to extreme cold and consequent contraction of its atoms and molecules. This results in the law of attraction becoming the strongest, and back to the sun goes through space but its gaseous body continues to expand as it becomes infused with heat when it nears the orbits of the other

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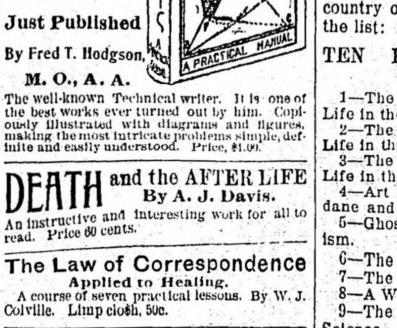
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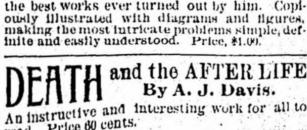
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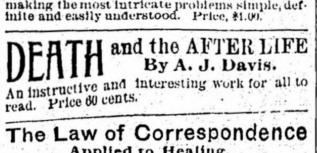


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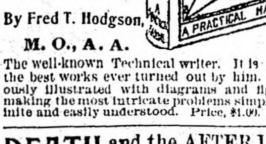
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It is impossible for you, Brother Jamonstrants'-the women who in their mieson, to admit the genuineness of dread of publicity make themselves any phenomena called Spiritualistic, public, and in fear of unsexing themand at the same time assume in all your selves affix their names to statements writings and debates their fraudulent crammed with falsehoods as to the ill explanation, and an unreasonable skepeffects of woman suffrage where it has tical attitude toward. any Spirituelist been on trial and has won its way in who may have been more fortunate the last 20 years, and has produced no than you in his investigations. You ill effects whatever, but on the other cannot among Spiritualists, successfulhand, good effects, as testified by every ly play the Jekyl and Hyde act. If man of importance in those states. there is any truth at all in Spiritualism, "What is the use in continually spendand you admit there is, even in its pheing ammunition on the men of straw. nomena, you should assist us in the which are set up by masculine concelt,

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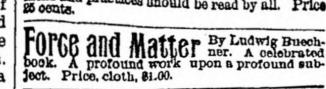
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### LIGHT, LONDON, ENGLAND.

#### Mysterious Appearances.

An extraordinary experience of the well-known Berlin Seeress, De Ferrlem, is described in "Psychische Studien" by Frederic Godefroy. Here is a translation of M. Godetroy's narrative:

"About eight o'clock on Saturday evening, March 21, of this year, the and while "black" (Dr. Tarrasch) had secress was sitting in the middle room | six pawns, and "white" (Dr. Marshall) of her dwelling, on the sofa, when sud- only five, the position of the latter was denly the door, which was about three by far the more favorable. Says Dr. yards distant from where she was sitting, opened, and, according to the clairvoyant, a tall spirit form appeared in the opening, resembling that of a person well-known to her. The figure closed the door and remained standing throw the pieces together, when sudimmovably with its back to it. Besides the somnambulist herself, a friend of hers was in the room. This lady had also, some time before, seen one even. | where the white queen's pawn stood, ing a tall figure which appeared and and looking at me with intelligent eyes. disappeared mysteriously, and the cried out several times in a commandsound of whose footsteps crossing the ing tone of voice, 'A.' The vexed room she distinctly heard. Frau de, mother jumped up and carried her child Ferriem called her attention to the away with her; she had completely misphantom, but she could not see it. It remained, however, in the same posi. derstood what the clever infant had tion visible to the medium, who then meant to say to me. The scales seemed perceived a most extraordinary transformation take place in it; for after watching it for about the space of two only one which would win me the game. minutes, she saw the face and shape of the figure's head completely changed and the body becoming smaller; and she then suddenly found herself gazing

at a totally different figure (a man's in place of the original one, and in no wise | sult: resembling the former. The face of this new figure-according to her-bore the features of a gentleman she equally | gaining so apparently hopeless a vicwell knew, who was in no way connected with the first. After about half | ers-on the source of my inspiration; for a minute the appearance vanished or melted away.

"On the same evening the medium communicated the facts, as here nar. | take counsel with anyone. Now, howrated, to the writer, giving the names of both the gentlemen whose forms had thus appeared in the self-same figure: | ing world of my marvelous experience." a most extraordinary instance of transfiguration.

"Four days after this event, on March writer of these lines learnt that the tall.

him, ponder over the moves past and future. On the occasion to which he refers, he was in a state of great anxlety with regard to an unfinished game, to which he had to return the same afternoon. A diagram of the position of the pieces on the chess-board at this crisis is given, after the thirty-third move. Each player had, besides the

king and some pawns, only one rook, would collide.

"For a good hour I gazed at the board, without seeing any possibility of | railway smash to take place in three turning the game in my favor, I was days. about to resign myself to my fate and denly the child, who for some time had appeared restless, reached its little hand over to the side of the board understood it. I. however, perfectly un-Railway just as prophesied. to fall from my eyes; and I saw that

the move indicated by the baby was the Sure of victory, I returned to the tournament, and after a few moves it became clearer and clearer that the game

He then gives the moves and the re-

"Everyone was astonished at the rap id manner in which I had succeeded in tory, but I dared not reveal to the lookalthough players are allowed at a tournament to ponder over or analyze a halfplayed game, it is strictly forbidden to

ever, since my prize has long been won, I may be allowed to tell the chess-play-The following is added, presumably seen, and this statement fully verified. by the editor:

"How can this extraordinary account 25, the secress, her friend and the in the 'Chess News' be explained 'nat- the first prophecy of the train accident urally' if not by 'spirit control' of the from Mr. Moxon, in whose house the se-

Disastrous Rallway Collision Predicted. | have the same right to see for ourselves Mr. Wilfred Moxon and some friends had invited Mr. W. H. Morley, of Hillsboro, Sheffleld, to give them a seance. which he did on Tuesday, June 16, 1903. After clairvoyance and medical and business psychometry had been gone through, the medium was taken deeply under control. The scenes of a tragic railway collision were enacted with most vivid and distressing details, the control also stating that the porters more. Take a skeptic to hear a trance and ambulance men would be in attendaddress and the skeptic would say at ance. Many would be injured, yet he did not think anyone would be killed. He said this would take place on the underground railway, and two trains history of our movement, together with

On Monday night, at the Temple prove that our cause has been built up Cross Addy-st. Sheffield, at the close of on physical phenomena, and that our the meeting he was impressed to go and speak to a gentleman about the same, and to warn him, telling him of the of procedure. The gentleman intended going to London on Tuesday, and he said how strange it was that his wife on Friday night had dreamt he was in a railway smash. There is another very important point, and that is when speaking of churches and chapels, and Spiritualthe collision the medium said there would be no signal to stop the train.

Mr. Morley on Wednesday night called upon us, and we then sat and had it verified. This is one of the most striking tests we have been favored with. The collision, it will be remembered, took place upon the Underground

It is also our duty to mention another lest which was given by Mr. Morley at Langsett-road Society, Sheffield, in the latter part of October, 1901. A perfect stranger to Mr. Morley came from Roth-

before many days. The man, with others, would go down, and would not be working more than two hours when he would be killed on the spot. The props would give way, and a great fall take place and strike him on the back of the head, which would be badly injjured. No other part of his body would be marked, said the medium. This actually took place on Nov. 8, 1901, the name of the collier being Martin Logan, of 84 Hollis Croft, Sheffield. His body was

-Cor. [We have received corroboration of

as they had. We might as well have continued our adherence to the churches and chapels if we are to be contented and guided by faith in Spiritualism. Trance or normal speaking never did, and never will convince a critical, intellectual skeptic. The most that tranco or normal speaking can do is to introduce the facts, phenomena, and philosophy of Spiritualism to the general public; this is its message and it can do no

once, "I see no evidence there of a spirit control." The evidence in the past all its greatest workers, go to show and present platform teachers and preachers are all wrong in their present mode shore.

One main objection that is very frequently urged against physical mediums is that of fraud, as if trance-speakers were free from fraud. We have too many common-place discourses on subjects that would be dilated on in ism very little touched, if at all. How is it we never hear or see anything from the spirit world through our trance speakers on the great labor troubles that cause so much injustice and cruelty? There is as much need here for spirit inspiration as anywhere. Have the good souls who did so much for us here in the flesh forsaken us. or won't

the so-called mediums let them come? What inference are we to draw, or will it interfere with them making money? The spirits have no use for money. Do you suppose for a moment that that erdam. Mr. Morley was impressed to class of loving spirits who are yearning ask the stranger for an article, and then | for an opportunity to impress and help told him there would be a man killed in | poor suffering humanity in the flesh, a pit between Sheffield and Rotherdam | can or will come through mediums whose whole and sole object is to make money-make a trade of it? There are no conditions-nothing in common. Are our Federationists doing what is right and just by shutting out from their meetings Spiritualists who are devoted to the cause as much as they, if not more so, simply because they are not representatives of a society? "Why not

have a conference once a month in each town where there are one or more societies, and Spiritualists who are not representatives could go and express themselves on the present mode of procedure, and why such a departure has

been made from the basis of Spiritualism?

gel world in our struggle to live, and

A Very Curious Statement.

There is a certain subject which I

Reflections Arising From a Survey of the Starry Heavens. The great dome of the sky filled with

glittering stars is one of the most sublime spectacles in nature. To enjoy this fully a night must be chosen when the air is clear and the moon is absent. We then gaze upon a deep blue, an immense expanse with stars of varied color and brilliancy. Some shine with a vivid light perpetually changing and twinkling; others more constant beam tranquilly and softly upon us; while many just tremble into our sight like a wave that, struggling to reach some far-off land, dies as it touches the

In the presence of such weird and wondrous beauty the tenderest sentiments of the heart are roused. A feeling of awe and reverence, of softened melancholy comes over us and awakens the better nature within us. Those faroff lights are full of meaning to us could we but read their message; they become real and sentimental, and like the soft eyes in pictures look lovingly and inquiringly upon us. We come into communion with another life, and the soul asserts its immortality more strongly than ever before. We are humbled as we gaze upon the infinity of suns and strive to comprehend their enormous distances and their magnificent retinue of worlds. The powers of the mind are aroused, and eager questions crowd upon us. What are those glittering fires? What is their distance? Are they worlds like our own? Do living, thinking beings dwell upon them? Are they promiscuously scattered through space, or is there a system in the universe? Can we ever hope to fathom these mysterious depths, or are they closed to us forever?

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fine-looking man whose figure had first appeared to the clairvoyant, had died on March 24, at 1 p.m. On the day before the mysterious appearance, on Friday, March 20, Frau de Ferriem had spoken of have performed these wonseen the gentleman driving in his car- derful feats under the influence of spirit riage! As regards the second figure controls. which had appeared, we knew that the previous summer he had been suffering from a nervous attack, and that the doctor had prophesied a long illness for him. Four weeks after the occurrence described, he, too, was released

The Double.

from his sufferings by death."

W. Von Schnehen contributes an inter-Spiritualists, rented a house in the esting paper on "The Double and the south of England. They heard no hint Astral Body," in which he criticises the from the neighbors or villagers that the theory expounded by Du Prel in his prinhouse, which was an old-fashioned cipal work, "Monistic Soul Teaching." place, bore the name of being haunted. In this book Du Prel seeks to establish Part of it had been rebuilt or restored, the fact of transcendental individualism or perhaps was wholly modern. As from many sides, and in particular cites the phenomenon of the double as a guides warned them on no account to proof the existence of a meta-organism, hold a seance in the older part of the or ether soul body. The writer quotes house, giving, however, no reason why a number of passages from Du Prel's it should be avoided. Their caution work, in which the latter asserts that was, for a time at least, duly regarded. it is this astral or soul body which occasionally appears as a double at a disof the family were in the habit of playtance from the place where its mortal or earthly body is functioning. This ing at Spiritualism, evidently with the approval of their parents. One day the view is disputed or altogether discreditlittle ones thought they would like to ed by the writer, who cites many reahold a make-believe seance, and persons against it, one of which is that suaded their father and mother to join even an astral body must possess a certhem. Forgetting the warning, or pertain degree of materiality though it haps thinking that a performance "for may be that of ethereal substance, and fun" could not have the effect of a seritherefore could not pass with the raous seance, they sat for about ten minpidity of lightning across the Atlantic or to the Antipodes; and, moreover, so tle drama, in which they played at behe says, "the double is sometimes seen ing materialized spirits. at several places at the same time." The clothes, too, in which the double is seen appear to him an argumentagainst the family was aroused by most alarm- viewed a clairvoyant, a Mrs. Smith, re- and yet nobody seems to know it. the theory of the double being the as- ing noises downstairs. It seemed as if | garding the case. She told me the case | tral body of the subject, for he writes: "That the astral body appears clad in hall. In the first confusion the head of told me that it will not. He said it will then the husband is very apt to outlive an ethereal frock-coat, hat, and trous- the household imagined that he had be a non-suit. But the calivoyant says his wife; if the first child is a daughers can scarcely be really credited by burglars to deal with, and went down it will go to the jury, and that the jury anyone." The following seems to be armed with his revolver. All was, howbriefly the theory held by himself: ever, quiet. The only thing which im-"We can therefore assert that in no pressed him was that the dining-room case is the clothed phantom, even when door, which had been half-closed, was a real appearance, the true form of the now open. The servants' door was astral. body, but only the temporary locked, and he failed to arouse them. likeness, manifesting through the pow- There was no trace of anyone having er operating at a distance of the con- effected an entrance. Going back to his scious or unconscious will." At the bed-room, he with his wife, questioned conclusion of the article he writes: "To | their spirit guides, who reproached him determine what the double really is, for having disregarded their warning. whether a real phantom or a subjective They explained that the evil spirits condemned li lurk near the scenes of

ideal appearance, demands particular inquiry.' A third theory of the "double"---

the power to materialize, and that they which some people think may be the would endeavor to molest and disturb correct one-is that these figures are them, but if a light were left burning, simply personations of the person or would be powerless to do so.

medium-as he really is-by a spirit They learnt that in former days the control, who would be able to make the house had been kept by a desperate and yer would say in court. It all came form visible at even a great distance by | cowardly villain, who, with his son as | true, according to Mr. Wasson."

child? That such marvelous children ance was held. It will be remembered are medially gifted is not uncredited by | such an accident occurred on the Metropolitan Railway some few weeks

since .- Ed. T. W.]

A Prediction Fulfilled. Mr. Thomas Brooks says that while less canting talk about God, whom we in Manchester recently he went to an have never seen, and never will see. open meeting at Cheetham, and that On this line alone we have a great

the medium, Mrs. Williams (not the amount of fraud among our trance resident Mrs. W.), after describing his speakers, apart from a number of other surroundings, warned him to be careful | ways in which we are continually getfor a week, but could get nothing more | ting evidence of fraudulent trance | all the characteristics of man, all the definite. Following the warning came speakers. Less said the better about the reason for it. A week on Sunday physical mediums being frauds. Not evening last, our good friend was long since two trance speaking and knocked down by a cyclist, and had to clairvoyant mediums who had been enbe bandaged up by a surgeon, and was gaged by one of our societies were not Those that shine with a vivid light perout of business two or three days. This satisfied with the collection that was was a case of "coming events casting | made for them, but must have another. | me of the average person who is brilltheir shadows before." We are glad to | Clearly mammon was the sole object of | iant but not deep and whose importance learn that Mr. Brooks is, to use his own | the two, not the love of the cause. words, "all right now."

soon as they moved in their spirit Lawyers See Clairvoyants, and Thus Determine Steps to Take.

> The following case is interesting to English Spiritualist, as the medium have had on my mind more or less for mentioned is a relative of Mr. G. W. near half a century, which I wish to Makin, of Birkenhead. The extract is | talk to the readers. This is not on the from an Everett, Washington Co., pa- | subject of Spiritualism, but as The Progressive Thinker readers are progressper:

"B. F. Wasson was one of the defend. | ive people and always anxious to learn ants in the suit brought by Contractor | something new, I shall talk of this sub-Seymour against Contractor Smiley in | ject through this paper. I have given this matter but little atconnection with the telephone building. He was on Smiley's bond. While sit- tention myself, and I hope others will some far-off land dies as it touches the ting in the court room waiting for the study the subject, and then report to shore, they are often only a remembridging of some delay or other, he re- me or through The Progressive Think- brance of the past, by the time the marked to a person sitting near him, "I | er. If the things which I shall mention

am much interested in this case." "Yes, | are true, then I am surprised at two. utes, whilst the youngsters acted a lit- I should think you would be," was the things; first, I am surprised that it is reply. "Not merely from a financial so, and second, I am surprised that peostandpoint," continued Mr. Wasson, ple do not know it, for it is something with a laugh, "but because I inter- we have before our eyes all the time, In case of Americans when the first men were tramping in and out of the would go to the jury. My lawyer has child that is born to a couple is a son,

> ter, then the wife will outlive her huswill return a verdict in my favor." band. I think that with American-born peo-"Further talk of clairvoyants and leple this rule holds good in about every gal tangles led to the discovery that at seven cases out of eight; at least this least two lawyers of Everett very fre-

> rule seems to hold good among my quently consult clairvoyants before profriends and acquaintances. I cannot ceeding with their cases, and dismiss or help but believe that where the rule proceed, according to the advice they does not hold good, it is a case where receive. we do not know the sex of the first

"It is an interesting fact that the clairvoyant that Mr. Wasson interview hit the nail on the head. The case was non-suited, and did go to the jury. which returned a verdict against Smiley, but for Wasson and the other bondsmen.

"Mr. Wasson stated further that while the clairvoyant did not know his attorney, she described him almost perfectly, and told Wasson what the law-

ing.

friend told me that if I would give him the name of a horse that was blind in one eye he would tell me in which eye

The present preaching method on our at last analyzed the structure of the platforms is another priestly dodge to sun and stars, and enumerated the trap the ignorant and unwary. We re- very elements of which they are comally require some good, sound, wise,

W. S. HUNTER.

posed. practical advice and help from the an-Each glittering star in the heavens

reminds me of a human life; some person of my acquaintance; some special character in a book; some noble hero of the past; and as I gaze on the whole starry domain above me I seem to see the people who live in this beautiful world represented there: I see in them magnetic wonder and beauty in his nature, all the weakness and feebleness he possesses, and even to the way in which mankind mingle together. fectly charming and twinkling remind is only felt by those near and dear to him, and they cluster around those soft tranquil lights as the planets revolve about the sun. While those patient workers are known to every class of people, for the light of their individuality shines like those great suns regardless of distance and benefiting the average person in the same way that a sun gives light and heat to its planets. The stars that just tremble into view remind me of those great workers among humanity who sacrifice their own selfish interests for the sake of truth, and like a wave striving to reach world has fully realized the importance of their work.

But what about the stars that never shine? Stars that with their omnipotent brightness could shine with a light as brilliant as any that now studs the sky, but alas, a life in idleness spent, a ship wrecked on the rock of ignorance or a soul who by misfortune travels the downward road! How unlike the heavens where harmony, peace and contentment reign, where all work together in accordance with nature's laws, are the destined rulers of earth who by their own ignorance make themselves and their fellow beings miserable, hence a hard struggle awaits him who strives to live in harmony with nature, but his reward is great indeed, for it is he who shines among his fellows like a lonely star amid impenetrable darkness. It is true that he that overcometh shall be blessed. Nature has a national bank which can never break; if you work for her your pay is sure, she gives steady employment to all, and as long as you live in harmony with her laws she will see that you are cared for and that your light shall shine with that individuality which she by her superior wisdom alone can give you.

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Probably both the children here

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Strange as it may seem, the children

That night the disturbances began;

their earthly ill-doings, would now have

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A Five-Year-Old Chess Champion and Medium

the following account, which is con- to finish some writing, but scarcely had tributed to "Psychische Studien" by he dipped the pen in the ink when he to whom it should be our duty to give Dr. Tarrasch, the eminent chess player. | was startled by a cry of agony from his | attention, as well as the most densely Under this title the highly interesting wife. She declared she felt as if she ignorant, especially if we want to up-"Chess Review," published in Brussels, had been stabbed in the arms. He sug- hold the claim that ours is the only gives the following most interesting gested rheumatism, but she made no demonstrable religion over and above thing in it. I am quite sure that we narrative: "Chess has now likewise its answer. Looking at her, after an inter- all other religions, for I am one of that must in this case consider the number child prodigy. Dolo Falk, a little boy val of silence, he saw to his dismay and school of Spiritualists who hold that of orthographic sounds in the name inof five years old, son of a chemist in terror that her face had become dis-Stanislas, beats the best amateurs of the torted out of all recognition. Slowly, town and its vicinity. The father is but surely it was changing from that of himself a good chess player, and the a bright-looking, comely woman to that set against the way the movement little Dolo has long been in the habit of of an elderly man, low-browed, and seems to be drifting from the old origsitting on his knee when he was play- with a most evil expression. The fur- inal landmarks in its history. We have ing. At four years of age he already tive eyes seemed to be watching with too much talk of the exhortative preachknew the rules of the game. This early devilish eagerness an opportunity to ing method in our discourses, while we dexterity in such a difficult game is in commit some hideous crime; gradually are doing all we can to discourage and doed marvelous, and the world of chess the arm round the baby relaxed its discard physical phenomena. The sum of letters in their names," pl yers will watch with breathless in hold. The father, fascinated with fear, terest the development of this wonder- rose and stood by his child, waiting in plant our feet on the top rung of the ful oy's powers. In the meantime the terror, though he knew not what it was ladder before we have fairly got them performances of the chemist's boy have that he expected and dreaded. Slowly been thrown completely in the shade by the other hand, which had clasped the have too much goody goodism about the that of another child, who lately gave infant, moved towards a knife, which, me-the experienced master-the de however, the horrified father snatched cisive move in a very difficult position in which I found myself during a chess spell seemed broken, for with a deep the orthodox church and the chapel tournament in which I was engaged." Dr. Tarrasch then gives a graphic ac-

count of this wonderful incident, which I will briefly recapitulate. It occurred. he says, at the last chess tournament at Monte Carlo, in which he was playing a game, his opponent being Dr. saw lots of coppers in pennies and half- I then that made the impression, and the Marshall. His hopes of winning the pennies lying by the roadside a short same is required to-day. People must first prize were trembling in the bal- distance from our house. The dream be convinced first before you can begin ance, the supposed invincible Hunga- was so vivid that I kept repeating it to to develop their spiritual nature. You rian, Maroczy, being close upon his mother, till she grew quite angry at my think reversing the order of things is heels. He was staying at that time at persistence. At last she told me to run the best; I am guite sure it is not. If Condamine, about a quarter of an away, and convince myself. Away I such men as A. R. Wallace, W. Crookes, hour's walk distant from Monte Carlo, scampered to the spot I had seen in my | Lord Lyndhurst. W. Gregory, W. Howfor the sake of quiet, and was lodging at the house of a young widow, who had | coppers, just as I had seen them. I S. C. Hall, and a host of others, could a little boy of a year old. When he re- gathered them up and bore them home not and would not be contented withturned from one of his chess contests. in triumph, to the great surprise of my out physical phenomena," why should he was accustomed to sit in the widow's mother, who was waiting to have a we? Why should we be led by faith | Ohicago Vegetarian Society. Price, 25

Phenomena-Trance or Normal Speakstabbed in their sleep; their bodies One night the husband and wife, having finished supper, still sat chatting at standing I hold that physical phenomthe table, the lady with her baby in her | ena is indispensable for the mainte-Lovers of chess will be interested in arnis. After a while her husband rose

away. Almost immediately the foul seems to me to be one of catering for sigh the woman's natural expression re. people. It is no use you throwing philturned.-Manchester Weekly Times. A Dream Realized. not understand it.

Once, long ago, when I was a child It is the same to-day as it was in the about nine years old. I dreamed that 1 time of Jesus Christ: it was phenomena dream, and there lay a whole host of litt, Dr. Elliotson, Judge Edmonds, and parlor, and with the chess-board before got I laugh at my expense,-H. W. S. in and on what others have seen? We cents,

the horse was blind. I gave the names of two horses and in both cases he told me correctly. Then he said that he

I have had no opportunity to investi-

gate this subject among people of other

countries, except that I find among the

Norwegians, Swedes and Danes here

Now I wish to tell the friends how I

made this discovery. When a boy in

Northwestern Ohio there was a German

the above rule seems to be reversed.

told by the number of letters in the Sir:---Will you kindly allow me space horse's name, or to make the story above subject. As an old and experishort, he said that if the number of letenced Spiritualist of at least 27 years' ters in the horse's name was even, then the horse is blind in the right eye, and if the number of letters are odd, then the horse is blind in the left eye. nance of our cause, and making new

converts among the intellectual classes Now, if there is anything in this, then I believe that this holds good with all animals, man included. I have not investigated this matter but very little, but I am quite certain there is some-Spiritualism is a religion as well as a stead of the letters, as those of you science and philosophy, not merely a will know who can speak and read science, as some hold. Still I am dead other languages than English,

birth.

Later in life, while serving at Camp Chase, Toledo, Ohio, a certain doctor told me that he could tell when a couple are married what the sex of their first child would be: also which of the two will outlive the other. "hy the number and substance of it is that we want to

Now, which names? Will some of the readers study this out? some of you who have more time

than I have. Do we have to consider at the bottom. The fact of it is we the letters in the given names the two business. The whole policy of a great are known by, or do we have to take all number of the societies in the Union their given names including the family name or names?

Who will study this all out? Later on in life, while studying these things osophy at or over the heads of unover I found out what I told in the beginning of this letter. When the first learned and ignorant people, they canbirth is a son, then the father is very

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"Wilt thou buy a sheep?" asked the unions. rogue

"For that purpose came I forth and am going to the market."

"I have a sheep here," said the rogue. He quened a bag he carried on his shoulder and exposed an unclean beast. an usly, filthy, lame and blind dog.

church every time. Wretch who touchest things impure," said the brahmin, "callest thou "Yes." answered the knave, "a sheep of the finest wool and sweetest flesh." Said the brahmin: "Friend, either thou or I must be drunk or blind." Then the second confederate came along and expressed his joy that he had found a fine sheep for sacrifice saving him a journey to the market, and asked the price of the animal.

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in the affairs of Austria, and had After a severe death struggle, with watched with deep concern the spread the death pallor upon his face, his eyes fixed in an expressionless stare and

ardent Catholic, and whatever he says and told his parents and friends he had goes with the legislature, to the ex- been in heaven.

For three hours thereafter he talked calmly in his natural tone of voice and with a far more natural appearance

than for many weeks before. The young sufferer had been sinking for several weeks, and his death was expected. He suffered from a peculiar and unusual impoverishment of the blood, and the disease defied the best medical talent of the city. His griefstricken parents knew that death was coming, but they hesitated to tell their child. the future happiness of each.

Catholic means any divergent thought upon the brilliant sunset. from that laid down by the church. Orthodoxy means Infidelity, but in the more radical definition of the word

the death scene ensued. result of a noticeable diminution in the

The preliminary preparations were made for the care of the frail body from which the spirit had apparently fied. spring, the mental faculties of the ris-Mr. Smith was overcome at the death ing generations resulting from such

of his son, and in his distress called frantically for the child as if to awaken him, and refusing to be comforted. To sympathizing friends it was evi-dent that the end had come and the boy was spoken of as one who had passed

sense, and to allow this matrimonial While friends were trying to comfort mix-up with Infidels means loss to the

aterest in the binding, blindin the of the Catholic church, and Protestant returned to the cheeks, and in the midst of consternation and excitement church, too, for that matter. This does he turned his head and hegan to talk in not mean that all who belong to the the same tone of voice that had been church are ignoramuses, but it does his when he had been well and strong. mean that when they dare to form To the amazement and mystification opinions in the least inharmonious and of all, he said that he had been to repellant to the dogmas of the Romish heaven, that he had enjoyed a glorious vision, and assuming an attitude of prayer he besought the Lord to give church they must be dealt with in a manner that will be a warning to him power to tell his parents and friends of the glory he had seen while others. The discipline of the church is the sequel to its power and success. Every cardinal, archbishop and priest, he was away from the body. His mind seemed to be in a perfectly normal state, and for nearly three hours the boy talked brightly and conall the mother superiors, nuns and sisters are fighting officers, sworn to be solingly. During all that time he spoke true to the will of the pope, and every member must be and live in obedience as if he had been dead and had caught a glimpse of his future abiding place. to the laws of the church, under the pain of being condemned to hell in the "I was dead, papa, but I heard your next life. voice calling and I had to come back, When people are made to see that said he. addressing his father. reason is their birthright, and the free-Shortly before 10 o'clock he exdom to use it a law unto themselves claimed: "Oh, my mind is becoming they drift into the various channels of weaker. I fear that I will lose my vis-His mother comforted him and freedom open before them and are generally the bitterest enemies of the church, for they know more of its tyrthe told him that he would not. A few minutes later he dropped into a childlike sleep, his heartbeats growing fainter, the color gradually leaving his anny and its bloody record; more of Its perfidious schemes against other religious institutions and governments; face, and without a sign or struggle he passed to where his parents and friends against all tendency toward the higher elieve his vision will be eternal. thought and the free and untrammeled Young Smith was an active boy, full use of the mind in all religious chanof animal spirits, but with a distinct nels. It is a common thing to note in our leaning toward a religious life. divorce courts and family discords generally, that a diversion in religious sen A WINNING CARD. timent lies at the bottom of most cases, and where the wife or husband ceases The Great Author, Traveler and Orator to hold to the tenets of the church ther Dr. J. M. Peebles, A. M., Will Lecbegins a serious and often fatal smash in the domestic felicity of the home. ture at Hopkins' Hall. There are many other causes for divorces and family eruptions, but in The Englewood Spiritual Union is about ninety-nine cases in a hundred pleased to announce that it has perfect where one party to the contract is a ed arrangements with the eminent Dr. T M Peebles of Battle Creek, Mich., tr Catholic or an orthodox and the other an Infidel there will come a time for a occupy its platform for two consecutive divorce or an unconditional surrender Sundays, both afternoons and evenings, September 6 and 13, at Hopkins' Hall, of religious principle one to the other. Therefore, in the light of reason, and 528 West Sixty-third street.

# WHAT HAS BEEN REVEALED BY PSYCHIC INVESTIGATION?

ANSWERED BY

### Diss Lillian Whiting, mr. Barrison D. Barrett,

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Miss Lillan Whiting. The results of psychic research include a vast array of evidence which has been encountered without having been specifically sought; and I shall beg permission to assume all this larger field as the unmapped territory from which I draw my data, and not construe the question as referring exclusively to the "Society for Psychical Research."

Since the hour that Jesus appeared to his disciples and "stood in the midst of

them, the doors being shut," there has been no age without its revelations from the unseen. In a strictly modern sense, Spiritualism has, for nearly 60 the brief space assigned to the discusyears, offered a great variety of phe- sion of this question. It has taken man nomena, both genuine and fraudulent, into the realm of the invisible, and and psychic research is the effort to demonstrated to his consciousness the submit these to scientific test. As un- great truth that it is the realm of the deniable facts, then, that may be held real, while the visible or material world as having passed all reasonable tests is but a manifestation of invisible of scientific investigation and intelli-gent insight and research, may be stated the following: ly followed.

(1) Man in his own nature is an in habitant, here and now, of two worlds by virtue of his two-fold nature. He is spiritual being dwelling, temporarily, n a physical body by means of which

he is enabled to relate himself to a physical world. As a spiritual being he relates himself also to the spiritual universe in precisely the degree to which his spiritual nature is developed. Emerson, for instance, was in larger and closer relation with this spiritual universe than could be the man whose aims were merely to supply his physical comforts and desires.

(2) The universe in which man finds himself here is two-fold in its immediate nature. Interpenetrated with this physical world is the ethereal world, with which the ethereal (or spiritual) body of man is in correspondence, and with whose inhabitants he can hold communication. Death is simply the liberation of this ethereal body (which has been clothed upon with a physical case, merely the process of leaving the physical case in the physical world, to

its decay and disintegration while the freed spirit, in its ethercal body, en-ters on its new round of conscious ex-istence in the ethercal rest. istence in the ethereal realm. (3) Now, bearing in mind the two

fold nature of the world we are in, the two-fold nature of man-our third contemplation, that of man after death, becomes clear. Everything in nature has its ethereal as well as its physical side

-forests, mountains, oceans, rivers; therefore the ethereal world has its unereliefe the chiefean work has its scenery, its landscapes, its architect-ural creations, its cities, its occupa-tions. Its life is that of intellectual and more and moral progress. Its occupations in-clude art, literature, preaching, lecturing, teaching-all that, in a more rudimentary way, we see and enter into here are carried on there with a greater force and elevation. As Phillips Brooks so well said, "Death is not the end of life, but only an event in life."

(4) The spiritual being dwelling in this ethereal world remembers perfectly his friends who have not yet been released from the physical world, and thus spirit signals to spirit. As telepathy is now an accepted law-as font og in as telepathy is the language of the spirit, it is as easy to realize how it works between those in the seen and in the unseen as it is to realize that it may work between two persons in Boston and New York respectively. Communication by means of what is known as mediumship" is frequently true, but on that phase I will not touch. If telepathy is a law it is the divinely appoint

Mr. Geo. D. Hyers, Dr. Gustav D. Wiksell.

recedes, and we realize that "the unknown" is not the unknowable. 7) Thus it may be said that psychic

Spiritualistic phenomena, to mind readresearch, in its larger significance, has revealed a rational relation between the life before and after death. It has ing, thought transference, hypnotism, mesmerism and the like, or it may conadded to our faith knowledge; and this knowledge banishes all fear of death; it note what appertains to the soul. These two classifications are not altogether enhances our earnestness in all endeavinclusive of each other, unless we take or and emphasizes to us the truth that life is an infinite chain of progressive experiences.

FOREGLEAMS OF IMMORTALITY-Mr. Harrison D. Barrett, but nevertheless not intended to be as-

Psychic investigation has revealed so many important truths to the world that it is difficult to epitomize them in forces whose nature and powers paychic study will make known when right-

First of all, psychic investigation has methods are always to be avoided. revealed the fallacies of materialism, and has overthrown the subtle reasoning and logic of the astute John Tyndali and his followers. It has reversed his all so-called Spiritualistic phenomena of life. If each and every scientific famous aphorism, "In matter are found are the result of fraud, but, on the man now living should proclaim in one all of the promises and potencies of life," with the equally brief and forcible treme and say that all so-called commuutterance of Sir William Crookes, who says, "In life are found all of the promises and potencies of matter." In fine, t has given the world a scientific Spir-George Washington, Socrates, Pythago-Itualism, with its cheering facts, in ras, etc.—is to show lack of proper dis-place of the vagaries of cold, abstract crimination. I think that much of the materialism.

Second-Psychic study has revealed is a world invisible to us inhabited by the spiritual nature of the infinite, and intelligence of greater or less degree. has demonstrated the fact of a rational I am loath to to think that these whom creator ruling an orderly, rational uni- we have come to venerate are guilty of and the subject is beneath their notice. verse. Life, spiritual, soulful life, can the inane utterances sometimes attribonly explain life, and behind all finite life is infinite life, infinite soul, en- Again we

dowed with wisdom, love and will. the soul is not the body and that if we Third-It has given the world a cor- are souls and are immortal (as 1 be- rowing bereaved; give them the bints rect understanding of the teachings of lieve), still it does not follow that after the Bible, through a rational interpre- the soul leaves the physical body at don't print over your own name any tation of the phenomena recorded death, it does not have other bodies of declarations, hoping to do good thereby. there, and shown that those phenomena finer grades of matter, which it must No fact is so firmly established to me have never ceased to challenge man's gradually leave. I think that psychic as the fact of my own immortality. I titention in all ages, past or present: Fourth—It has established the fact of such bodies, but it is reasonable to sup- name to keep up. elepathy, and opened a new field of repose that, since change appears to be search to the student of psychology. the order of the phenomenal universe, Thought transference is as well estab- the soul gradually throws off these ished now as is the formula H-O in finer bodies, just as we, before going to chemistry. Fifth-It has revealed the beautiful and then our inner garments. If this

ruth of clairvoyance to all investigaors, and caused the greatest scientists of the world to declare that those who doubt the existence of this wonderful sometimes these cast off garments galfaculty in man's nature are more than vanized into life and speech and furignorant; they are wilfully blind to the nished for the time being with physical truth.

Sixth-It has established the equally the surrounding atmosphere, and some-times the cast-off lower minds of demportant truth of clairaudience, through the careful analysis of the ceased souls, the souls themselves having passed on to higher spheres? psychic impress of the age.

Seventh-It has revealed the sublime truth of life beyond the grave and has given the world incontrovertible evi-guire us to say first that it is unwise dence thereof through the facts of psy- and dangerous for anyone to act as a passier medium and thereby chism.

Eighth-It has shown conclusively himself to the control of such conthat there is open communion between scienceless entities, and, second, that it s unfair to our

word "psychic" may refer to what is | SOME THINGS CAN'T BE PROVEDclassed under the head of the ordinary Dr. Gustav P. Wiksell.

Psychic investigation can never es. tablish the fact of the immortality of the soul. Nothing toward this result has been accomplished by the marshaling of facts or by the declaration of scientific men.

Profs. Wallace and Crookes were held the position that all phenomena whatto be among the foremost of scientific ever relate to soul and are the result men until they announced that they of soul action. I believe that position were satisfied by their own investigation that death was only a stage of de-velopment in the life of the soul. Imto be correct in the ultimate analysis, mediately they lost prestige in the eyes sumed by anyone undertaking to auof the scientific world; the firm, strong wer the question put by the Globe. work they had previously done had to Bearing in mind, however, that these be acknowledged, but any advanced different connotations of the word statement of newly discovered truth 'psychic" exist, I think that psychic in- made by them was met and is met tovestigation has revealed a great deal, but I also think that very often discrim-ination is not used in drawing conclusions from psychic phenomena, and 1 result would be, i. e., a personal loss. Now I claim that the knowledge of immortality is easy to attain by the still further believe that psychic invesfigation has revealed the fact that

there are both occasions and also long humble, patient investigator. A tre-periods of time when certain kinds of mendous mass of facts and experiences psychic investigation are unwise, have been brought together in shape to Moreover, certain other kinds and convince any same mind that the subject is worth his time. And if he will

I think that the time is past when take time to personally investigate he persons acting reasonably and on knowledge of the facts can assert that will be satisfied of the great fact that death is but the meaning and fulfilment voice that the soul is immortal, or that other hand, to go to the opposite exthere is such a thing as soul, the only result would be that they would instantnications in the seance room are from our departed friends or certain famous by take their places in second or third worthies who lived in other daysrank as scientific men, and another and more materialistic set would be brought to the fore. They (the latter) would not need to go over the ground of phenomena reasonably show that there investigation laboriously trod by their colleagues, because it has been firmly established in their minds that only fools and old women believe in spirits So to you learned teachers and proessors, if you discover that you are im-Again we should remember that if mortal, keep still about it. Tell your

wife and best friend and tell the sorof the path to the same knowledge, but No fact is so firmly established to me

My rendezvous is appointed, it is certain,

The Lord will be there and wait till I finer bodies, just as we, before going to bed at night, throw off first our outer The great Camerado, the lover true for whom I pine will be there.

is so, may it not be that much of the phenomena supposed to be the forms know I have the best of time and space, and was never measured and never will be measured.

tramp a perpetual journey (come, listen all!) ly signs are a rainproof coat, good

shoes, and a staff cut from the woods

No friend of mine takes his ease in my chair, have no chair, no church, no philoso-

phy, lead no man to a dinner table, library,

exchange. But each man and each woman of you subject

I lead upon a knoll, My left hand hooking you round the waist,

right hand pointing scapes of continents and the public road. Not I. not any one else can travel that road for you. You must travel it for yourself. Time and space forbid a complete answer to the question propounded by the This day before dawn I ascended a hill be said, that while investigation disand look'd at the crowded heaven, and I said to my spirit, "When we be-come the enfolders of those orbs, and the pleasure and knowledge of everything in them, shall we be fill'd and satisfied then?" and my spirit said, "No, we but level

flats of the pope of Rome. In this country marriages between Infidels and Catholics are very rare, in fact few good, healthy Infidels would so forget the independence and freedom

of their whole being as to become in any manner allied to the Catholic church, and for two people of so widely divergent religious convictions as those between the ardent Catholic and the staunch Infidel would be suicidal to

In the first place Infidelity to the Just at sunset the father raised the boy in his arms and asked him to look "I cannot, father; I cannot see; I am

blind; I am going to sleep now," said the boy faintly, and hardly had the drooping head rested on the pillow till they pronounce people of no particular religious convictions rank Infidels. Within a very few minutes the boy This supreme court decision is the

was apparently a corpse, and his parents and friends gathered at the bed ranks of Catholicism through such marriages, and the impossibility of the church to control the minds of the off-

This has ever been the iron-clad law

of the Catholic church, to force in all conceivable ways the offspring of Catholics to become Catholics in the full to the Great Master.

> the parents and lead them from the room the boy suddenly moved his eye-

lashes, the light of life returned to the When people dare to think they lose

pontiff, who always took vivid interest away in Rural cemetery. of Atheism in the empire. The emperor, Francis Joseph, is an rigidity setting in, he returned to life

The brahmin warned him that the animal was not a sheep, but a dog, and an unlawful sacrifice, but he was told that he could not be in his senses. The third confederate approached.

Supposing him to be a disinterested and just person, the brahmin proposed that he should arbitrate the dispute Whereupon he decided that the animal was a sheep. It was then bought by the brahmin, who offered it as a sacrifice, whereat the gods were exceeding wroth and smote him with a sore disease in all his joints.

If the Romanist confederates-the popes, cardinals, Jesuits, bishops and priests of high and low degree convince the American people that the octopus is veritably pure and ood and lovely-they will have , good and lovely—they will have aplished their object, to bunko the public and advance the power and influence of the church.

It were well for American citizens to remember that the ever deadly enemy to free thought, free public schools, and religious freedom, cannot be a true friend to American ideas of a free government.

FROM THE N. S. A. Important Notices to National Associa

tion Auxiliaries.

State associations-baving individual members-as well as subordinate societies-are entitled to one delegate to the N.S. A. convention on their charter. and to one delegate for every fifty individual members or major fraction thereof: also, to one additional delegate for each society in good standing with the state association, provided the sum of two dollars has been contributed to the N. S. A. by said local society.

Amendments for Convention of 1903.

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she may be possessed.

Unfinished Business .-- Cons. Article 10, change the word "thirty" on the fifth line to "sixty."

Amend-That a guorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority vote of duly accredited delegates. Presidential Candidates.

As there will be several candidates for the office of N. S. A. president, societies are requested to refrain from pledging their delegates to vote for any special person, although a preference may be expressed to the delegates by their societies. The election hour may present matters that will demand the exercise of the best judgment of the delegates in casting their votes, that the business may not come to a standstill, or to worse confusion. MARY T. LONGLEY,

N. S. A. Secretary.

"The Kingship of Self-Control." By WM. George Jordan. It treats of the WII. George Johan, it was Tape crimes of the tongue, the Red Tape duty, the supreme charity of the world, the revelation of reserve power, etc. Expression of reserve power, etc. Expressi

upon general principles, the minds of such contracting parties should be in That a scholar so deeply read, an author who has covered the whole field of harmony upon the question of religion, either towards or against, as upon Spiritualism, mysticism, mental theraphy, hypnotism, theosophy, mental scimany other important topics, to insure ence, etc., and a speaker of captivating harmony and harmonious offspring. voice and personnel such as Dr. Peebles If we need warriors and prize-fighters, is known to be, should densely pack the join in wedlock two opposing, nagging

hall on both occasions, in the intelligent community of which the hall is the If we want peace, harmony and highcenter, can scarcely be questioned. The announcement here made should er thought, unite harmonious souls untrammeled by any blinding environ-

not only interest Spiritualists and Spirtualistic inquirers, but disbelievers Let Catholics marry Catholics; let and scoffers, for it is generally conceded Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopal-ians, Baptists, marry their kinds, but that everybody who attends his lectures is not only enthused by his wonderful the sake of peace and harmony magnetism and impressive delivery, but will be certain to hear facts, both the intolerant Christian of every deold and new, of which he had no previ-

nomination and the independent thinkous conception. er of whatever heterodox views he or Dr. Peebles is the author of "Seers of the Ages," "Immortality," "Vaccination a Curse," "Spiritualism, vs. Material-ism," "Obsession, or the Reign of Evil "Human Culture and Cure. Part First. The Philosophy of Cure. (In-Spirits," and various other books and

pamphlets. Tests and messages will be given at each meeting.

cluding Methods and Instruments." By E. D. Babbitt; M. D., LL. D. A very instructive and valuable work. It should have a wide circulation, as it well fulfills the promise of its titla. For sale at this office. Price, 75 cents. "Religious and Theological Works of ed means of communion between those who are separated by death. (5) Evidential communications from those in the unseen reveal that life in

the ethereal world is an active, progressive state; that special tastes or talents denied development here are there encouraged and assisted. The artist continues to produce his creations of beauty; the scientist has greater facilities for exploring the universe;

the writer, the preacher, the teacher continue their special avocations. There are temples for worship; there are halls for music, for lectures. There are homes in which those near to each other dwell together. There are, apparently, keener sympathies and swifter comprehensions than are commonly found here; but it is all one life-the life that is and that which is to comebut evolutionary in its progressive development.

(6) This ethereal realm has infinite resources in these finer potencies of energy, which we draw upon to an in-

electricity, and of air currents, as in wireless telegraphy wireless telegraphy. As this ethereal world interpenetrates the physical; as man by virtue of his two-fold nature, is an inhabitant of both, it is not strange

Who Knows It All?

interest sallies forth into the vast arena

of our "Progressive Thought Magazine,"

I feel like putting on armor and sword,

and headlong rushing into the fray.

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more these higher potencies. Our ho | The query calls for discrimination in honest, unselfish work in the perform ceited, trying to make others believe he rizon line of "the unknown" constantly definitions, phenomena and facts. The ance of duty can cause us to realize it. is wise when he is not.—Boston Globe.

thousands of authenticated messages on to fret and haul at them mentally and indubitable evidences received and try to drag them back to the earth from the realm of the invisible. sphere in order to gratify our selfish

Ninth-It has enlarged the scope of longings and morbid curiosity? the science of psychology, and has prepared the way for the coming of the new science of psychism, whose founda. Globe, but this. I think, should further tions are already laid in the estab-

lished facts above set forth. Tenth—It has revealed to the world undreamed of by many, still a halt the all-important truth that the soul is should be called to much psychic investhe real, the enduring part of man. des- tigation. There is such a thing as ab tined to live from eternity unto eter. normal and unnatural development. nity, forever unfolding and developing Just as we can over-develop one set of under the law of eternal progression. muscles to the harm of the physical Eleventh—In morals if has revealed body, and over-develop the physical the unchanging, undeviating, invincible body to the detriment of the mind, so law of consequence. It has proved to we can over-develop our so-called intelman that he must reap as he has sown, lectual nature to the injury of our spiritual faculties. And this further and demonstrated that there is no forgiveness for sin or wrong doing, save that which is worked out through honest repentance by every mortal for himself, and that even then he must pay the penalty to the uttermost. Having done these things for humanthe first place was over-developed. At present there is a craze for psy-

ity, psychic investigation can justly chic investigation, and psychic develop- war. claim credit for having given man fore- ment. The periodicals are full of adgleams of immortality, paved the way vertisements offering, for a considera- Make good use of the knowledge you for the establishment of a scientific retion, to develop different phases of psyligion and a religious science, and pro-claimed God's infinite fatherhood and motherhood and the brotherhood of the entire human race.

EXPERIMENT SHOULD BE CAU-Mr. Geo. D. Ayers. TIOUSany organization or any other person

Often, when a subject of particular a while that something evolves that about so much established truth within The facts are too well known to the civwas not expected at all and cannot be our reach. accounted for. It came spontaneously, under certain favorable conditions of course; but it proves sufficiently that man conceit. But then comes the consideration, to the terms "chance and accident" must

routego naugul. This line seemed to new chances of progress, new pleasures of argument. Now, we of a higher type than earth can afford? observe spontaneous generation in To renew old friendship and love? Must we chain a charter on eternity? We may wish for 14 hope for it; but it work or of others' that such phenom- this office.

to established rules, it happens once in let us be wise and modest and happy | ona do occur. It is too late for that.

HENRIETTA STRAUB.

I had hoped that Brother Jamieson would ignore all side issues, quibbles, etc., and deal at once with the point our controversy had finally developed. His attempt at dodging this point is not so artful as to escape detection by the nis. most superficial reader. His last con-not the legitimate, resulting status of tribution is a manifest feeble effort to my controversy with Mr. Jamieson? sustain the skeptical position assumed

and utterances of departed spirits are

particles from the medium's body and

If these things again are or may be

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attention from an unguarded concession made in a subsequent one. Brother Jamieson says that he denies

that life to pass and continue beyond."

What has been revealed by psychic spir-investigation? Him that hath ears let law him hear. To the individual investigaears let holds good universally, that over-devel- tor new worlds of life and motion. opment of any part to the detriment of crowded with curious objects, busy with the whole results in the end in an inju-rious reaction upon that part which in societies of souls working for every good cause under the, sun, from the floating hospital to the abolishment of

> "To him that hath shall be given." possess and more will flow to you in the

chic power. All this is unwise and nature of things. wrong. Man should not attempt to de. These revelati These revelations, like wisdom, can velop "psychic powers" until his better not be passed by one having them to nature is strong enough to control another not having them. They cannot them. Otherwise such things result in be digested when cooked up in cold ill health, death, insanity or crime. What mankind needs now, and needs tained, learned for oneself. They evade universally, is to develop its unselfish the scalpel and the metrical balance. What I suggest in answer to this side and to realize its inherent essen- Then let each of us, with open mind. lisquestion is not written as representing tial divinity. The philosophy of life ten to the experiences of others and try points this out so that we may believe to verify for ourselves, humbly rememit, but only the brotherly life of help- bering that only one thing is perfectly ing and sharing in active, practical, proved, i. e., that man is vain and con-The query calls for discrimination in honest, unselfish work in the perform- ceited, trying to make others believe he

> ilized world to require proofs at this Beyond certain limits, nothing is time. The man who denies the pheprovable, except the immensity of hu- nomena of Spiritualism to-day is not entitled to be called a skeptic; he is simply ignorant, and it would be a hopeless task to attempt to enlighten him.

Now, if Brother Jamieson endorses this quotation, which, by his above-noted indirect acknowledgment, we are led to believe he does, all that is left for him to do is to give us his explanation of the clearly proved phenomena of Spiritualism as Hudson has given us

After three articles dwelling excluively, emphatically and plainly, upon this particular point in our controversy, he treats it with silent contempt. Why? Echo answers, Why?

H. V. SWERINGEN.

"The Attainment of Womaly Beauty of Form and Features. The Cultiva-

In this declaration Brother Jamieson tion of Personal Beauty, Based on Hyacknowledges indirectly or by implice. glene and Health Culture. By twenty

#### Port Orange, N. J. give precedence to greater lights and not be buried yet. We can do without stronger fighters, and, sure enough, the a personal God, but not without a first next issues bring all the reader wants Explanation is Desired. cause, call it by whatever name you to know, and give me often the pleaswill. Do we know whether this first cause ure to read many of my own thoughts in better form than I might perhaps was the product of "spontaneous genin better form that I might perhaps have clothed them myself. So it was with that brilliant pen-fight about "spontaneous generation," and when J. eration?" This glorious life-power, creating and maintaining all cosmic existence, must be without beginning or end. "Must" it? Where is the proof? Clement Smith (July 25) launched his humorous fine poem, his ideas resem-We are too quick making positive as bled mine so closely, that I may be parsertions. The tiny human speck within his first, and to deflect the reader's doned for mentioning the fact. It in a boundless cosmos allows itself to seemed to me a palpable proof of the thought-wave hypothesis, if there is any be too much inflated by the few things need for murther proof. How often it has discovered. That cosmic matter and cosmic life, no clearly proved phenomena, and that Thomson J. Hudson states his position people in wide-apart localities make the both physical and mental, has existed same or similar inventions; come to the exactly, in attributing them to other and probably will yet exist, for acons causes than the return of the spirits of same scientific conclusions; start exactly the same novel scheme, etc., etc. of time, gives us no warrant of "eterthe dead. We must not draw conclusions Why should not spiritual thought travel nlty." about subjects beyond our ken, but Indeed, before supposing a personal modestly enjoy and maintain what we tion that there are true phenomena physicians and specialists. Edited by Is it not enough to be sure of a sec-known as Spiritualistic, but, with Hud. Albert Turner." Of especial interest can prove. God, his genealogy should be estab. lished, or spontaneous generation adand, improved edition of human life? Is son, rejects their Spiritualistic explanat, and value. For sale at this office. "God's birth was spontaneous, his pait not an immense satisfaction to meet tion. If this be true, he cannot do oth- Price \$1.

that he discovers and utilizes more and than myself.

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### THE PROGREGOIVENTHINKER

# Mbat Is It to Live?

### A Lecture Delivered by Mrs. H. P. Russegue, at Springfield, Mass.

#### INVOCATION.

soul speaks what it is. Do not think because your child Thou who art all Good, all Divine, all Holy, and Pure, all Passes from earth, that it is no longer incident to the condithat is True, whether it be in conflict with our thought, or it tion of your life. It is. It depends upon the condition, that it be all in all, we ask for its aid.

lives, speak to our souls, come so near us, that the breathing is a vibration that passes through your spirit, that acknowlof your presence may be felt upon us, that the warmth or edges the presence of the spiritual life beyond the grave. your love may inspire us, that the holiness of your truths may direct us. We ask for bread, because we are enhungered for the fountains of wisdom, because we are thirsty for knowledge. We ask for guidance, because of the inherent desire to know the better ways of living, the higher unfoldings of Divine truth and laws. Thus our souls aspire, thus our thoughts are uplifted, thus are our aspirations di rected unto the truth, unto the life-giving, unto the soul-inspiring, unto the clarifying wisdom of Infinite truth. Guide us in the ways you see that are clear, and light, and beautiful. Oh, be ministers, teach us ye guides, because we need your knowledge.

Oh, our Father, Thou who art the center, and all in all. over all, and about all the Divine light, Thou who art Intelli- mits the child to the care of the spiritual world, her loving gence. Thou who art Love, Thou who art goodness, Thou heart is opened to the world of spirit, her warm affections who art holiness, Thou who art Divinity, Thou who art light | still enwrap that spirit; the tender watchful care is still itself everywhere, we thank Thee for all Thou hast given. for all Thy ministers teach, all Thy loving angels bring, for humanity is hungry, thirsty; seeking loving, all Divine truth, Divine wisdom, Divine law, all of which lives, and breathes itself into human lives.

the fight

Plato said. "It is not all of man to live, and eat, and breathe, but to think. And what shall we think?"

These words I have chosen for my subject this afternoon It is not well that we dwell too much upon the outer life, because we are in a world that involves the inner self, and what is that inner self? It is the living Ego, the thinking being, the manifestation of law, the Divine spark of life. To live is not to simply supply our outer necessities, to gather about us the raiment that may excite the envy of our friends. or feed upon such viands as may satiate the common appetite, but to live is to think, is to work, is to unfold, is to grow, is to expand, and to know the law. And what is law? The law is the system of development going on and in and through all life, whether it be in matter or mind, the same. It is the system of Divine manifestation that is evincing the and hear, and feel, and you have nothing to compare those inherent power that belongs to all the world. It is the life that is constantly shining into our souls, that is making more clear, more beautiful, more worthy, all that we behold. We are dual beings, said Plato, we have a soul, and we have a body. Said Paul, there is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. There are two lives, we are dual beings, there is an external body, and there is an internal life. What do these things mean? They mean that one is but the fact of moving along, then he must know that somewhere expression of the other. The living, growing, thinking in this universe there are elements that must contribute to being is that which we do not see, is that which we do not that growth; there are conditions that are conducive to a hear, is that which does not define itself to our outer senses, higher unfolding of his inner nature, and what are they? To but it appeals to our inner consciousness. It is that which speaks, which thinks, which grows, which involves and ually-minded, you must hold your relations to your fellowevolves truth. It is that power that is rising higher and men in a spiritual kinship, you must apply yourselves to the higher and higher, on the tide of human knowledge. It is higher realm of thought, and life, and action, and duty. that glory that is defining itself in human life, human reason. It is that force that is unfolding itself in silence in are to live according to the laws of the land. That is all spiritual life, in material developments, in all the world of matter, and in all the worlds of mind.

process which is revealing its mysteries through the natural law of brotherly love, to the law of human sympathy, to the world. The natural body is the natural body of the Al- law of a spiritual appreciation of what God is and what be mighty Law, and is the material body of the Spirit. It is as ever must be to you. And what is the result of this? There manifold in its manifestations as are the senses of men, and is a better condition prevailing everywhere over the earth. are the reflections of spiritual force. They are distributed If there is but one man who lives such a life, he is the island throughout the universe, as are the rays of light that are go- in the sea that no storm can destroy, that no wind or wave ing out, and will reach the lowest recesses of nature. They are as Divine in their origin and application to our human the haven of rest, he is a power to which those in need may necessities, as are those of the natural world. There is anchor, he is a life that sheds abroad a radiance for the good no force that speaks, no law that manifests itself, that is not of his fellow-men. It is frequently affirmed by men and Divine in its origin, or Divine in its ultimate, no matter what women, "I believe in all these high thoughts, I believe in all its origin may have been. The spring is putting forth the these pure laws," but in their individual lives they say, new leaves, the sap is going forth from the root. It is taking life and energy from the earth, and it is sending out its forces to the uttermost limitations of its branches. It is How the eyes of every child of earth would wonder at its pushing off the old growth, it is manifesting itself in the glorious radiance, how they would seek its locality, how new, and it is responding to the warmth and moisture of the they would peer through mist and shadow, to welcome its air, and is taking unto itself a new manifestation, a new and pure symbol of the spiritual growth. Everywhere, and in all things, it is blended in great degree, with the life, and beauty, and forces, that come from within. They are only strengthened, and assuming their form, because they are en- helpful, and strengthening, is it strange sometimes how tering into genial conditions; and so it is with the human intellect. It is drinking in the vital force of the universe, it is hearts greet him to pour out their griefs, how the weak and absorbing Divinity, it is drinking in the glory of Divine life, and it is speaking itself out in language new, and unfolding thought, that man's reason or intellect can accept. Spiritual life is but the manifestation of the material spirit; it is but the Divine language of the eternal God that is speaking itself through his laws, unto all the world. If man will look upon himself as a Divine minister, as a minister of God's law, God's justice, God's love, God's power, through all the worlds that is making itself manifest to the God's majesty, as the tribunal upon which are tried all the hearts of men. Fifty-four years ago a tiny sound rung out in conditions of human life, then he will recognize the closer the bed-room of three children, a tiny sound, carrying upon relationship between him and the Author of all Things, and its vibrations a message to a hungry world. he will recognize the law of the Divine enthroned in his own life, and he will see its beauty involved there. The law is spiritually manifested, be use it is spirit, and all the embodiments of the Deity, of the ages, are flowing in own consciousness, that there is a communication beyond man's soul. The duality of man may be defined between the material and the spiritual. We are throwing off the matetial constantly. and why? Because the spiritual-is ripening, It only spoke of a new world; it uttered a new sound, but it unfolding, developing, enlarging, growing out of, and away from, the material casement that fetters it. The spiritual wings of love the glad tidings from heaven that bring a life is growing out of the material, just as the blossom is growing out of the germ of the bud. Its fruition is a spiritmal product. Nature's laws are so clearly defined, are so unfolding before our daily vision, that we do not recognize the kinship to our spiritual growth, we do not stop to consider that there is not one formation in life that is not manifesting the same law that is manifesting itself through the human being, and in fact we are beholding what the spiritual life implies. The human being is born a helpless weakling, it neither walks nor stands. It has no use of hands, or it has no power to speak, save in its wall of pain, and its smile of boy. What enlarges that life? You may surround it with every component part in nature, of which it is a common part. It has nothing to contribute to its development from without. time evolves the inhered force that applies to that life. The hands grow useful, the eyes see, the ears hear, the tongue utters language that shows the unfolding of the inner self, and all that development is not from the external world, only so far as the external world produces conditions Incident to its development, to its harmonious unfolding. The child that comes into the home where harmony reigns, finds there is a genial atmosphere for its spiritual development. That child questions what contributes to its unfolding life; that child recognizes the advantages and beauties of nature, and when time goes on, and brings its sorrows and its weight of woes upon the human, mind, it is strengthened to meet them.

the line of communication may not be broken, that it may re-Oh, ye faithful few, ye spirits of love and wisdom, ye who turn to you, in order that it may communicate its presence are the givers of blessings, ye who are the guides to the to you. It does not need a word to be spoken always, that weak, the givers of light to those in darkness, unclose to our you may know you are in the presence of the angels. There

Miss Whiting, in connection with her friend, on an isle of the sea, not knowing that she had passed from earth, yet she received the spiritual message, in language that time or change cannot destrow- She received the message that told of the transition of her friend-and what does this mean? It means that the living force goes on, just the same as when the leaves of the tree fall, not one particle dies, not one essence is lost, not one force is destroyed, it is only changing the relations, and, if the tree be cut down, the spirit still lives, and you cannot destroy it. When life is cut short in spiritual experience, the life moves on, and if you live in the spirit, you feel the vibratory waves of the spirit, as they come to impress you. The mother that comabiding in her life, and what does it mean? It means that the child can return to her, and bring the messages of eternal life, and eternal growth.

Spiritualism means something more than to live. It means enlarging, growing, expanding, knowing more, thinking more, seeing more, feeling more, strengthening more, working more for your fellow-creatures and for yourselves, and this is the mission and destiny of those who are passing from earth. It makes no difference whether they are old or young, whether they are children or adults. It makes no difference what their conditions are, there are always avenues through which they can return to this life. They may not always speak as you may invoke their speech, they may not bring the message that you long for most, but if they bring the glad tidings of eternal life beyond the grave, if they tell you of an enlarging, expanding world, if they tell you of beauties with which nothing can compare here on earth, if they tell you there is glory there, that is all you can expect, and why? Because there they have thrown aside the outer element, and have taken upon themselves the spiritual fineness of their lives, of their souls, through which they see, conditions with and by, only as your spiritual senses are quickened and enlarged here.

It is important that every man and every woman shall realize fuily that he is preparing for life, that he is preparing to live, and if he recognizes the fact that life means something more than eating and drinking, than smiling or tears, if he realizes that it implies something more than the simple see them, to know them, and feel them, you must be spirit-The religions of the present day are too material. You

well, but there is an all higher law, that applies to every

human life. You ought to live according to the will of the Spiritual development cannot go on without the unfolding soul, to the law of righteousness, to the law of justice, to the can overcome. He is the beacon light to the sailors, he is "What is the use for me to trouble?" Suppose there was but one planet in the heavens, all others were obsolete. coming in the evening sky, how they would rejoice to welcome its approach.

life that we give unto one another. It is in obedience to the Sermon on the Mount, that ye shall do unto others, how? how? What we would that others should do unto us. But nothing more? Even more than ye would ask unto yourselves, give unto your brother. This should be added to the mind of every conscious soul, until it stands before him a maxim and law, that shall bid him labor in behalf of a great, truth, a greater love that has dawned upon his life. We need no Platos, no Ciceros, no Socrates, we need no ministers of the olden day, but we need the spirit of a Luther, that dares to lay open the door of every temple of the oldtime creeds, and go forth and proclaim religious liberty, and spiritual freedom, to go and live, and grow. We need it in the home life, we need it in our commerce, we need it in our schools, in our legislative halls, in our churches, in the prisons, in the homes, in the dark by-ways, in the dark hours, we need it upon the heights, we need it in the homes of luxury, we need it in the scientific halls, we need it everywhere. and we need it in all things. We have never been given the opportunity, until we have made efforts.

These are our duties. I will not say to you your duties It is my duty, it is the duty of every human soul, and why? Because you are simply using the other half of your life, simply establishing in and through and by the uses of the truth of this material life, to build up this inner or spiritual self. We are only using the one, for the fulfilling of the inhered prophecies that belong to the other. The time is coming, when all that is material, will become so spiritual in its relations to our lives and natures, that we shall partake only of such things as we stand in need of. We shall grow richer, and stronger, and purer, because we are gleaning from life the spiritual waters that contribute to our enriching. There is no place so hard, no life so low, but that God is speaking from His highness, and before His mandates, we all should bow.

> Look on and on, from star to star, Beyond the gloom and shades of night, We see the light beyond the bar, That hides us from its glorious light.

### A PEN PICTURE OE POPE LEO.

#### A Letter That Shows the Supreme Selfishness of This Man of Earth.

"One has no desire to say evil of the late Pope Leo, but, in these days, when so much that is utterly false and misleading about him is being circulated, it may be well to put forward some historic facts, which show what the man was. "On June 20, 1859, Peruggia, of which he was archbishop, rose for freedom. Pio Nono sent Swiss mercenaries, under General Schmidt, to put the attempt down. The inhabitants were unable to defend themselves, and the mercenary soldiers plundered and robbed and killed without distinction, young and old, men and women. Their conduct was brutal in the extreme. Archbishop Pecci, afterwards Leo XIII., shut himself up in his palace and did nothing. Don Adamo Rossi, a liberal-minded priest, went to him and begged him to come out and use his influence to stop the butchery. lie would not stir, but returned this answer: 'Volete che io sia un ostaculo perche il Santo Padre reprenda i suoi beni e legittimi? / Dicardateri che sono principe della Chiesa Romana.' ('Do you wish me to be an obstacle to the Pope getting back his own? Remember that I am a prince of the Roman church.') The next year again the Peruggians rose and General de Sonnaz marched to their aid. General Schmidt was shut up in the castle and his defense was hopeless. The Italian general, instead of proceeding to bombard the castle; asked Archbishop Pecci to use his influence to avoid the unnecessary shedding of Italian blood. The Archbishop replied, 'He was very sorry for the shedding of Christian blood, but he was not a political official.' That is to say, he was sorry if the blood of the Papal Swiss was shed, but he did not care for that of the Italians. He would not defend even a priest. A priest Baldassare Santo was accused of having shot from a window the head drummer of the first regiment of grenadiers, and though the testimony was conflicting, he was sentenced to be shot. The mayor of Peruggia went to Pecci and begged him to intercede to save the priest. Pecci refused, saying, "The poor priest Santi will be one more martyr who died in defense of faith and religion." He was responsible for the butcheries and murders that took place

### A SPIRIT IN DARKNESS.

Spiritualism as Manifested at a National Soldiers' Home.

To the Editor:-I am an old-time telegrapher, working under the superintendency of L. G. Tilletsop, author of a portion of the manuscript that I herewith offer, more than fifty years ago, and who is now in spirit life and has been for many years. For a number of years I have been blind, so that I have been unable to read or write until quite recently. During the darkest days and hours of my blindness, and in the early fall of 1900, the spirit of Mr. Tillotson managed to attract my attention by repeated telegraphic raps on my hands, that for some time I did not understand, and was always trying to brush or rub them off. So persistent did they continue to come, I finally gathered my own initials, C. H. B., distinctly, and asked, "Who is it?" Then came distinctly in the same characters, "L. G. Tillotson." I shall not now try to enter into all the details connected with my intercourse with this spirit whom I knew well while in earth life, not being prepared to do so at present, but simply offer that portion of the conversation passing between us at the time. I showed the manuscript to Col. J. C. Kennedy, last Saturday, as he was going to the city for a reading with Mrs. Dickinson, a truthful medium, and while she was in a trance, he asked the spirit of Mr. Tillotson if the communication that 1 claimed to have received from him was true. The reply was. "Yes, every word of it is true, and you tell Mr. Buck that I say so, and that he received it correctly and just as I gave it to him."

Jesse Timmerman, late of Company G 94th Reg. Illinois Infantry, a member of Home Company M, passed suddenly to spirit life some time between the hours of 2 and 4 a.m. A few days previous he had been feeling poorly, but yesterday he appeared in his usual good spirits and spent much of the day at the Home "Canteen," his usual place of resort. In a telegraphic conversation this evening with my spirit guide, Mr. L. G. Tillotson, I called his attention to the above incident: the man having occupied the second bed from mine in the ward, and asked: "Did you note the passing of this man's spirit to your side of life? What is his condition there?"

His reply was: "Yes, we noted the passing of his spirit from earth to spirit life, and feel a keen sense of sorrow, that there is so much vice and dissipation in earth life. We do not think he intended to do wrong, but he had not the spiritual or moral courage to withstand temptation. Ilis condition is, and will be, for a long season, one of darkness. He does not know that he has passed from earth life. His spirit has been at your Home 'Canteen' much of the day, and is greatly worried, in that his comrades there do not listen or talk to him, and the walter does not pass to him the beer he ordered.-L. G. "T." C. H. BUCK. National Home, Wis.

#### OUTWARD BOUND.

- it was midnight dark, when I launched my bark on a wild tempestuous sea;
- The thunder crashed, and the wild waves dashed like steeds from the reins set free.
- Twas a fearful night and no beacon light o'er the waste of
- waters shone, On the wide, wild sweep of the angry deep, alas! I was all
- alone. I had left behind the faithful and kind, the tender and true
- of heart; Oh! God above! from their tender love it was hard, it was
- hard to part. Oh, why did I leave their hearts to grieve, and haste from
- my home away? Twas the chosen hour of a mighty power whose summons must obey.
- Neath the restless wave, with no hand to save, I felt I was sinking fast.
- When an arm as white as an opal bright was firmly around me cast:
- And a well-known voice made my heart rejoice: "Fear not.
- for the strife is o'er; To your resting-place in my warm embrace, do I welcome
- you back once more



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If there is but one life in the community, that is pure, and honest, and sweet, and just, and loving, and tender, and quickly he is discovered, by souls in need, how solemn faltering look to him with safety and confidence? Is it strange how troubled hearts will seek such an one, to find some one that will give to them the helpful sympathy that

they are in need of? One such life will save the Sodom and Gomorrah of error and darkness and sin that prevail in any community. It is the life of the spirit that has accomplished all this good, it is the power that is shining

What has been the result? It has been a power sent to meet the demands of human necessity, the answer to human query, until the souls of men have come to recognize in their the grave, with those upon this side of it. There came a power in that little home that was to live. It was not new. was freighted with God's love, and it has borne upon its soothing vibration to down-trodden lives, sorrowing hearts, and men in doubt. The great doubt that has prevailed in the human life has been in itself a force. All life, whether it he material or spiritual, has its re-bound. The world has been more spiritual than to-day, but it has bounded back into the shadow, until the souls of men, feeding upon the viands of old opinion, become associated to that opinion; but there has come a clamoring for stronger food, asking for more nourishment, lifting up their faces for a Diviner in; spiration, and it has come to the world. You have caught gleams of this glory. What is your duty,

what is your responsibility, what is your obligation Is it to take that consciousness to your hearts, take it away to your homes, and close your doors and windows, that your neighhors shall see it not? No. But you shall carry your torch into the dark places, and make them glad with the Divine graces. Divine love; you shall carry these truths with you, you shall work for them, you shall give to each their support, you shall strengthen them, you shall build them up, the same as Wesley, and Calvin, and as all the preachers of the olden time, who devoted their time and intellect to the uplifting of that which they thought was best.

To-day; we have men and women that are building on theological foundations, but ye who are on a higher spiritual level, it is your duty, your responsibility, your obligation to yourself, to our fellow creatures, to the angel world, that you rear structures that are upon eternal foundations of Divine truth. Do not falter by the wayside, do not shirk your re-

sponsibility, but put your shoulder to shoulder, heart to higher spiritual condition, that child partakes of the same heart, soul to soul, and build up in your community the light the belief that such is not our hope or desire will show in law here, until its development is in such a measure as to which shall go out, and the hungry multitudes be fed by the the results-self-deception also having its cognate affinities bring out all its latent energies, and its latent forces, and its manna of Divine truth. It is the great obligation of human i or attractions.

at Peruggia.

"He was thoroughly anti-Italian, unpatriotic. He refused funeral services for Cavour, and when Victor Emmanuel visited Peruggia in 1869, he went into hiding so as not to have to welcome him in any way. As pope he again and again financed and helped schemes to disturb the peace of Italy, and unset the throne. Indeed his hands, owing to the claims he set forth to be king of Italy, were not clean of the blood of King Humbert.

"He was cunning and deceptive. At the conclave when his name was brought forward he disclaimed all thought of the popedom. He said. 'I am old. I have little strength left. I am not able to accept a burden. I shall succumb in a few days. It is not the tiara you wish to give me, but death.' Again he said, 'Will you make a man a pope who has but a short time to live? Do not choose me. I shall be a second Adrian.' Adrian died after being thirty-nine days pope. At the same time that Pecci talked that way he had bribed the press of Germany and France to help his canvas. giving out that he would be a liberal pope.

"Lastly, he was a miser. On the very day of his election, the Swiss guards rebelled because he gave them such miserable gifts, and they broke into the Vatican prison, rescuing their companions who were there. It was with difficulty order was restored by Cardinal Franchi. Then he reduced the pay of all his servants, civil and clerical, and at the same lime doubled their work. He was a hard taskmaster. Then all destitution, all suffering, appealed to him in vain. He was | A bridge leads o'er from that heavenly shore where the never known to give a farthing in charity. In times of great troubles in Italy-inundations-earthquakes-fire-plague-King Victor Emmanuel helped. The pope never did. That s one reason why nobody in Italy loved him, and why no one will shed a tear over his tomb.

"The Italian papers are contrasting the conduct of King Victor Emmanuel on this occasion of the pope's illness and hastening death with the conduct of the pope when King Humbert was assassinated. King Victor Emmanuel showed consideration for his enemy. He put off his visit to President Loubet at Paris, he altered all his plans at great inconvenience to himself, so as not to appear to be holding festivties during a time of grief and mourning. in the papal church. But what did the pope do when King Humbert was assassinated? Never a word of regret, never a word of sympathy nor of comfort, passed his lips for the widowed queen or for a mourning family, or for a mourning nation. The very opposite. He refused the conducting of the usual funeral rites. He misrepresented King Humbert's attitude toward religion. His servant priests apologized for the regicide, condoned the murder, and many did this so openly and offensively that the law had to be put into operation and they were lodged in prison.' Indeed, the murder was the direct fruit of papal claims and papal teaching, and, as was said at the time, satisfaction was shown in many papal conters, including that of the Vatican, that it had taken place. Yes, if the pope was a pagan, and his church a pagan institution, the king is Christian, and Christian principles actuate the rulers of the state. The behavior of King, and government, and the whole body of the Italian people is, at this time, altogether admirable."--Rev. Dr. Robertson, of Venice, in a letter to "The Rock," of London, Eng.

Conscience whispers what is wrong; Intuition what is right, We can only elicit the good out of a cause by bringing the good in self to bear upon it. Hoping for exclusive privileges must meet with disappointment or disaster, unless the cause is exclusively our own; and to deceive ourselves into

'Twas my mother dear spoke these words of cheer, whom I

- met with glad surprise, For I thought she slept where the willows wept, till the day when the dead shall rise.
- She had gone from our sight, like ships in the night, but not to a distant sphere:
- Like a troubled dream did my struggle seem, for my spirit still lingered here.

#### I had weathered the storm, but my mortal form like a wreck in my presence lay;

- They said I was dead when my spirit fied, and with wceping they turned away.
- Then the dearest came, and she sobbed my name, but how could those pale lins speak?
- She bent o'er my form like a reed in the storm, as she kissed my clay-cold cheek.
- I was with her there, and with tender care I folded her close to my breast.
- Till the heart's wild throb and the bursting sob was silenced and soothed to rest.
- O human love! there is naught above that ever will rudely part
- The sacred tie or the union high of those who are one in heart.
- happy spirits pass,
- And the angels that stand with the harp in the hand, on the "sea, as it were, of glass,"
- so soft and clear that the human ear and the spirits not Play overawed.
- Can catch the sound through the space profound and join in the sweet accord.

#### Oh, then, though you weep when your loved ones sleep, when the rose on their cheek grows pale,

- Yet their forms of light just concealed from sight, are only behind the veil.
- With their faces fair and their shining hair, with blossoms of beauty crowned,
- They will also stand with a helping hand when you shall be Outward Bound. JULIET H. SEVERANCE.

#### A HERETIC'S PRAYER.

Let him who would raise himself by communion with what is highest and best in his own soul, or in the universe, labor for our father Man who is within us;

That his name may be counted holy among men: That his kingdom may come, the kingdom of light and right in which there shall be no more priest or Caesar; That his will may be done in fact, as it is in the ideal world:

That with him we may day by day make good our steps o progress:

That our trespasses may not be forgiven, but repaired, for there is no sin but sin against Man;

That our common efforts may lead us out of darkness and deliver us from the deceiver;

For Man is the light, and the right, and the striving up wards, from the beginning to the end of the ages .- W. K. Clifford.

If men would attain to their highest inherent power it is as necessary that all barnacles of superstition be removed from their minds, as it is that the fungus growths of the sea be scraped from ships' bottoms, before they attain the resuits intended by their designer,-H. C. Morse.

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The fifth annual convention of the State Spiritualist Association of Minnesota will be held in the First Unitarian Church corner 8th street and Mary Place, September 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1903, Minneapolis, Minn. An exceptionally fine list of speakers, mediums and singers will participate in the proceedings. W. F. Peck and Will J. Erwood will be also other stars too numerous to

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The Brooklyn Eagle says: "Miss Emma P. Sawtell is contesting the will of her aunt, Mrs. Charlotte Johnston, who died at 407 Cumberland street, March 26 last. The contestant claims that her aunt was unduly influenced by the chief beneficiary under the will, who, it is alleged, used hypnotism and Spiritualism to gain control over the aged testatrix."

Mary L. Bettes writes from Lake Brady, Ohio: "Aug. 16 was the banner day so far at Lake Brady. The finest weather, the largest attendance, and Mrs. Amanda Coffman at her best. Her selection of the poem, 'The Good Time seemed very appropriate for the occasion. Her morning subject was 'Spiritualism a Religion, Both Scientific and Humanitarian.' That of the afternoon, 'Biblical Spiritualism.' Many had to stand at the afternoon service, as the large tent was full to overflow ing. One man voiced the opinion of

many when he said that he had never found as much food for thought in all the sermons he ever heard as in Mrs. Coffman's lecture of the afternoon. During her stay with us she gave a benefit seance for the association which was well attended, and very fine. One phase of her mediumship, reading questions blindfolded, can hardly fail convince the most skeptical. She leaves here about the 21st for Lily Dale, that Mecca for the New York State Spiritualists, as well as many others."

The Kalamazoo (Mich.) Telegraph has the following from Mishawaka, Ind.: "Louise Hall Wright, formerly of Chicago, now president of the Northern Indiana Spiritualist Association, is giving some sensational and mystifying seances in an old mansion east of the Crowds flock to the 'temple' and city. each night she draws weird messages from the land of ghosts, according to the statements made by scores of reliable citizens. At last night's seance, it is said, the spirit of Melvin Boone, the colored man given a life sentence for the murder of Grocer John Koonsman. in South Bend, last December, made its appearance, Boone having died in the prison North. His voice reiterated in quite audible language, his repeated declarations of innocence of the mur-

the audience into a panic." Mrs. M. Magers writes: "The tent meetings held at Madison street and Desplaines river, under the direction of Miss Sarah Thomas, are still booming. The meeting of the 16th was largely attended. The people seemed to be very enthusiastic over the meeting being held, and from the church to the pulpit, it hes approximately and the pulpit, it has awakened a great interest. Among the ministers last Sunday after-

der charge. This latest vision threw

noon, we had two of the most prominent ones of the villages, and also three town. Now she has forgotten her neof the most prominent physicians of Chicago, who listened with great interest to Miss Thomas' explanation of the pronounced cured at the asylum." first and third John's wonderful mediumistic power, comparing the Christian mediums of to-day with John. At the cle in the 'Battle Ground of Modern

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of The Progressive 'Thinker are for sale at this office. Bear this in mind. itual faculties? Prejudice! Prejudice! Only prejudice. The Bible relates many instances of materialization. Do you believe they are true? If you believe

them we say you are Spiritualists-Christian Spiritualists. Do you disbe-lieve them? Then you are infidels. Take whichever horn of the dilemma you choose. The Bible is full from lid to lid of accounts of dark seances, all nature holds dark seances, in all the preparatory stages of life. My farmer friend, you plant the medium, the kernel of corn in darkness ere you can produce a cornstalk. You cannot hold ob-

jections to dark seances always then and be scientific and philosophical. Spiritualism says that man has devel. oped these spiritual faculties from a ower plane of development to a higher, hrough evolution. Christianity has through evolution. Christianity has taught man through its theological avenues that man has fallen from a higher estate to a lower plane. Evolution is the story of science, and Spiritualism has always emphasized and taught it." The speaker then called for a 'skeptic to arise and he would read for him. After a long delay a gentleman arose. The audience would naturally conclude that skeptics were scarce in that congregation of several hundred souls, or else were reluctant to receive proofs. They were certainly much interested. for profound silence filled the house while the messages were given, which

were all acknowledged." Jacob Hey writes: "The Kaw Valley Spiritualist Association held its sixth annual camp-meeting at Ottawa, Kans. The attendance was better than ever throughout each session; more new in-vestigators were present than at any former meeting. Mrs. Inez Wagner, with her ballot tests, blindfolded, gave proof to many of spirit return. Her trumpet seances under strict test conditions were very convincing; voices speaking in languages unknown to the medium. Mrs. E. E. Bledsoe is an excellent independent slate-writing medium. Many received proof they could not doubt. As a lecturer she is equal to the best. Our principal speakers were A.S. Bledsoe, E.E. Bledsoe and

Mrs. A. L. Lull. H. W. Henderson was re-elected president and Jacob Hey secretary. The interest was unabated and much good was done." The New York Herald has the following from Chillicothe, Mo.-a species of obsession: "It is probable that no other school girl in this country has had so many vicissitudes as Miss Mary Gor-

don, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Liston Gordon, of Chillicothe, now at home after two and a half years of most extraordinary experiences. Only thirty months ago Mary was the wife of a ne gro and was flying over Kansas. Missouri and lowa with him, trying to escape from her father, declaring that she would never forsake her black husband; that she loved him, and that she herself had negro blood in her veins. It is now thirty months since Mary was arrested and declared insane and sent to an asylum as the result of her strange infatuation for her negro husband. From the madhouse she went to a St. Louis academy, and from there she has graduated, to return to her home in Chillicothe and to become one gro husband and her mind is a complete blank prior to the time she was

E. Reeder Latta writes as follows to the Record-Herald: "In his latest arti-

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consulted his wife. He was in perfect health and did not fear death by disease. He thereupon took out two accident policies for \$5,000 each. On Thursday while hunting with a party on the St. John river, he received a gunshot wound in the legs. He was taken to the nearest town and both limbs were amputated. He died the following day."

Anna L. Hunt writes from Jackson, Mich.: "The work of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, missionaries of the N. S. A., requires and deserves more than a passing notice, if it be all as effective as was accomplished by them in our city on the two instances in which they visited it. On two week evenings dur-ing the past month, Mr. and Mrs. Sprague held well-attended meetings. The final effort of Mr. Sprague the last evening was a grand oratorical success. No speaker, even the much lamented great lecturer, Col. Ingersoll, ever brought a display of wit, logic and force that could surpass this effort by Mr. Sprague, which, followed as it was by a pleasant little dissertation and well-re-ceived tests and messages by Mrs. E. W. Sprague, crowned the evening's work, making it an unqualified success. Long may these noble, able and true exponents of our philosophy and religion,

carry the banner of Spiritualism, for they are worthy standard-bearers, and the 'Jacksonians' will ever welcome their coming to our central city, as a pleasurable and profitable event."

Mrs. J. M. Smith writes from San Diego; Cal.: "My husband and I would consider it a great deprivation if The Progressive Thinker did not come every week. The two societies here in our city are flourishing. 'the down-town society expects to get into its new temple by the first of September, that is it will have the lyceum room so it can be used. I saw Will C. Hodge on the street a few days since. It is hard for a person to remain away from San Diego after they have once been here; it is lovely here the year around. thank you very kindly for the premium book which I consider a present."

A. Lyman, M. D., writes from Phila. delphia. Pa .: "It is with great interest that we all await our Wednesday mail that brings to our doors The Progressive Thinker. To our minds it is the best paper of its kind published. have yet to find in it anything that is not food for the soul. I speak its praise to all with whom I come in contact in a scientific or spiritual manner."

The Des Moines (Iowa) Capital has the following special from Callaway, Neb.: "The farming section of the country adjoining the town on the southeast is very much wrought up at present over the appearance of an alleged ghost. Many weird stories of frights and narrow escapes are going the rounds. Belated travelers, passing a certain farm residence just outside the city limits, are encountered by an apparition, which, it is claimed, entered the buggy driven by a man and his wife named Dickson who reside a few miles of the belles of this northern Missouri southeast of town. One young man, who happened to be passing the haunted place one night last week, was very badly frightened to see the specter rise up beside the road, and as a result of his fright he ran his horse to the nearest farm house and no persuasion possi-

im in care of The Progressive Think-r, 40 Loomis street, Chicago, Ill. Geo. Hamilton Brooks writes: "Dr. J. 1. Peebles will lecture for the Engle-cood Spiritual Union at Hopkins' Hall. claimed to be very truthful. As nearly as can be learned, the apparition is a large ball of fire, from which can be seen arms and legs protruding, in disordered array, and it is claimed that the object moves with lightning-like speed. It invariably appears at a desolate place in the road where there is a small bridge crossing a little stream, the banks of which are lined with a thick growth of brush. The occupants of the farm house near assert that at night. they are awakened by loud rappings on various doors of the house and that upon opening the doors there is nothing in sight, but that the doors are very forcibly closed again and then the rapping will be carried on at some other door in another part of the house" Mr. A. D. Jacoby, of Elkhart, Ind. bassed through the city on his way home. He and his wife have spent three weeks at the Reed's Lake Camp, where they had a most enjoyable time. The camp has had a prosperous season. so Mr. Jacoby informs us. W. J. Colville announces the following course of five lessons, in Sara Anna L. Hunt writes from Jackson, Mich.: "The First Progressive Society of Spiritualists of Jackson, Mich., Tuesday, August 25, 1903, Influence of Thought on Health and Prosperity; Anna L. Hunt writes from Jackson, Mich., Tuesday, August 25, 1903, Influence of Thought on Health and Prosperity; Wilder Pratt Rooms, 87 Washington satis-The and of Faith in the Work of Healing; Thursday, Aug. 27, The Spoken Word and the Silent Word-Its Binding and wave theory, they should be able to some outside talent of the best order Loosing Efficacy; Friday, Aug. 28, The Relation of Planes of Consciousness: Original Righteousness—a Study in Heredity. Questions answered after each lecture. Course tickets \$1. Sin-gle admission (if space permits) 25 cents. He will adso deliver the fol-ing course of five lessons at 4918 Calumet avenue, Suite 2, at 8 p. m.: Monday, Aug. 24, Foundation Principles of and said: 'I have something to say to the Science of Harmony; Tuesday, Aug. 25, Words as Storage Batteries-the Power of the Word to Heal; Wednesday, Aug. 26, Relation of Mental Healing to Rational Medicine and Surgery; Ing to Rational medicine and burgery Thursday, Aug. 27, Auto and Alto Sug-Thursday, Aug. 27, Self and Neigh-gestion—Healing of Self and Neigh-bors; Friday, Aug. 28, Science and Re-bors; Friday, Aug. 28, Science and vited after every lecture. Course tickets, \$1. Single admission (if space permits) 25 cents. Thos. S. Kizer writes: "The people of the West Side have been highly entertained of late by the controls of Mrs. Alice Sheridan (nee Fields) of Joplin. Mo., formerly of this city, who gave five lectures followed by tests, in the parlors of V. Barber and the writer, to audiences of from 35 to 40 and over each lecture, to some or our most inter-ligent citizens. One lecture in particu-lar (subject given by one of the audi-ence) was very fine, 'What Evidence each lecture, to some of our most intelhave we of a future existence?' The person giving the subject (not a Spirittown, N. B., and one of the best known | ualist) was highly pleased with the handling of the same, as were all present. Sister Sheridan moved to Joplin some five years ago, since which time largely through her efforts they have organized a society and built a temple on the East Side, now clear of debt. One of her main controls was an M. E. preacher of Louisville, Ky. Laughing Dog is an Indian control in great fa-

Wesley Van Nette, M. D., writes from Ohioi "I have just read the August Sth Issue of The Progressive Thinker, in which among other good things some descrive special mention. Your roundup of the poor old pope is just right. J. S. Loveland's article, 'Object of Spiritualism,' is great." Also, publishing of McGrady's statement is proof of the progressiveness of The Progressive Thinker. Spiritualism and Socialism should go hand in hand. They are the two greatest movements that ever struck this earth, one for the spiritual, the other for the material welfare of the race. Every Spiritualist should be an active working socialist. Long life PI-00-DIA restores vitality and strength and prosperity to The Progressive to the muscles of the rectum and that why it cures where all else has failed. Thinker. PI-CO-DIA Is a Guaranteed Cure **FI-UU-DIA IS a Utilian interference under Here is a testimonial from a prominent business** man.<sup>-1</sup> had bleeding piles and ulcorations, and was bleeding profusely when I began treatment. This scoped the second day of the regular treat-ment. I used the treatment fathifully for six weeks and have been completely curved of all any strength roubles. FRANK L. CODY, Curved of all any Simply send us your name and address. Triat is malled prepaid. Costs you nothing. We also

Mrs. Eva Hunstock writes from San Antonio, Tex.: "The Spiritualists of San Antonio closed their meetings for the summer the last Sunday in June. The meetings have been very success ful under the leadership of our pastor, Mrs. Laura B. Pavne, of Topeka, Kans On the first of August she will leave our city for California and other camp meeting points to fill engagements as lecturer and soloist, of which she tainly has great ability. She will be gone until the 15th or 20th of Septem-ber, after which we will be glad to welcome her in our midst again."

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Georgia Gladys Cooley will begin her work in Denver, Calo., the first Sunday of September. Address her in care of General Delivery, Denver, Colo., there-

Michigan State Spiritual Association

after.

The tenth annual convention of the Michigan State Spiritual Association convened at the Mediums' Home in Lansing, August 11, 1903.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. B. O'Dell. at 10:30. when a committee was appointed on resolutions, also one on credentials, etc.

At noon the convention was adjourned until 1 o'clock at the Baptist church, when the committee on creden tials reported 20 societies represented by dues sent in to the secretary; en titled to a representation of 51 dele gates, there being 41 delegates present entitled to vote.

The officers gave their reports, show ing that more work was accomplished during this year than ever before.

A committee of three was appointed to revise the constitution and by-laws of the Association.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, E. E. Carpenter; vice-president, Dr. B. O'Dell; secretary, Rena D. Chapman; treasurer, O. E. Spaulding; trustee, Julia Walton.

By vote of the convention the local societies in good standing were empowered to elect their own delegates for the N. S. A. convention. Dr. B. O'Dell and E. E. Carpenter were elected as delegates to the convention from Michigan.

The state has chartered ten societies and reorganized three, making a total of sixty-nine charters granted from the State since its organization.

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M. Peebles will lecture for the Englewood Spiritual Union at Hopkins' Hall, 528 West 63d street, the first Sunday in September, at 8 p. m. His subject will be on his travels in India and magic, and will be illustrated by some specimens that he will exhibit to the audi-.ence. The lecture will be of special and general interest to every one. Come early, as the Doctor always has a large audience in Chicago, where he is so well known."

T. H. writes from Grand Ranids. Mich.: "The camp-meeting is moving on very nicely. The crowds are enthus-iastic if not so large as some of the years previous. The speakers and workers have been given a respectful hearing by the audiences and have all been appreciated. On last Sunday, Grand Rapids' favorite. Marian Carpenter was here, and as usual, many friends were out to greet her. There were many from all parts of the state. On account of her ill health she could not lecture in the forenoon, but at the afternoon meeting all who were present appreciated the meeting. In the evening Dr. Johnson, the veteran worker and in fact one of the pioneers of campmeetings, delivered a fine lecture and was followed by Mrs. Blake, who gave many messages from loved ones passed beyond the veil. The grounds are beautiful and all seem to be enjoying them-

selves." A "hard times" social was given at the Spiritualist camp at Chesterfield, Ind. 'The bill of fare consisted of hardtack and coffee. Anyone wearing jewelry was fined.

Dr. Beverly writes: "Lakeside Hall is coming to the front. Twelve mediums ing in to enjoy these rich spiritual ture upon the Science of Life. We wish

Many are anxious to see these phenom simplears to be very limited, and if Mr. ena, and we expect to accommodate stead's specially selected operators hem, beginning September 1. We shall have proved that the influence can be procure the best talent possible.<sup>3</sup> We scatted for a great distance there will shall try and secure Dr. Peebles or Prof. be few who can take advantage of the Colville for the September program. shall try and secure Dr. Peebles or Prof. Colville for the September program. We invite all who are led to work for the truth to come and help us. Every medium feels harmony and power as they enter the hall. All are welcome to some and manifest their phase, and aelp satisfy thousands of hungry hearts. Mrs. Elmo will be with us the second Sunday in September, before her de- 1 was especially interested in your long parture from the city. Her many Irlends will be glad to welcome her bless you, my dear brother. I want to once more, for she is one of the finest pat you on the back. It is noble in you reychics in the country."

Alfred Andrews writes "The article Loon Vegetarianism and Occultism, in The Progressive Thinker of August 22, is VERY FINE. There are two errors, never become a sectarian, narrow and however, it would be well to correct, viz.: In one place it says that 'milk and cream contain a large per cent of pro- | timents." telds.' Now milk and cream have 87 per cent of water, and 3 to 4 per cent of proteids. Again, it says, 'Vegetables contain more nutriment than an equal amount of dead flesh.' The fact is that dried vegetables do, but green vegstables do not. The tendency of that book of mine, 'What Shall We Eat?' is book of mine, what built it attain a protestant friend, to investigating Spirtowards vegetarianism, although I did Protestant friend, to investigating Spir had the same dream. Though not a be-not advocate that practice particularly!" itualism and learning about these spir. Hever in dreams, he felt worried and vor."

mother-in-law of the State Secretary of Illinois Spiritual Association, gave some remarkable tests.

Mrs. W. J. Onderkirk writes as follows of a test given through Mrs. Kates: "On the 26th of July, 1903, I attended the Spiritual camp-meeting at Franklin, Neb. I was a disbeliever of this religion. During the evening Mrs. Kates came to me and described a spirit that had control of her. I did not recognize the description, and she told me that I had a picture of this person that had passed away, and that it was in a drawer (an old-fashioned picture in a case), and that the hinge was broken; and that the picture was in the part of the case that hook was on. I could not believe it: but went home and and found it among the things of my husband's mother, who had been dead several years. I did not know it<sup>s</sup> was there or in my possession. It was exto me."

The Evansville Ind.) Courier says Theoretically there is nothing impossi ble about the transmission of thought a distance of one hundred and thirteen a distance of one hundred and thirteen miles, which was the test of the Stead experiment. It is true that minds can communicate at even the shortest dis-tance other than through the special senses, about which there does not now seem room for much doubt on the ether communicate at greater distances. Granting the power of the mind to cause vibrations of the ether, thought waves are as much a possibility as light waves or sound waves, and the were present last Sunday afternoon, and ten of them gave convincing tests. Many from surrounding towns are com-would be limited only by their intensity and the sensitiveness of the minds lng in to enjoy these revening. Prof. to which they were directed. So-called feasts. Next Sunday evening. Prof. to which they were directed. So-called Hall, a scientific astrologer, will lec. 'mind-reading' has been sufficiently tested to prove that there is such a to correspond with a first-class trumpet | thing as telepathic influence under medium; also a materializing, to give some conditions, but the number of peo-one seance a week for our society. ple who can make conscious use of it

> practical substitute for wireless telegraphy." John T. Dow writes from Duluth, Minn.: "I want to congratulate you on

the wise, broad, liberal spirit you man-ifest, and the noble manner in which you handle The Progressive Thinker. editorial in your paper of Aug. 15. God to recognize merit wherever found. I am first, last and all the time, an old-

bigoted in my views, as to not credit others with their noble truths and sen-

"A Jackson (Mich.) paper has the following: "Sunday evening a large audience gave throughout the lengthy dis-course the closest attention to E. W. Sprague. 'I am going to talk about the spiritual faculty. Every, faculty that you possess is a spiritual faculty. What objection have you, my Catholic. my

cordance with it. In the Record-Her-ald for Aug 9, he made use of the following language: 'Paul probably was a historical character. That Jesus was admits of grave doubt. There is no ev-idence of it whatever.' In one of his printed pamphlets he speaks of Josephus as follows: 'He never discov-ered that such a man as Jesus had ever lived. This omission was so significant that Christians some hundreds of years ago forged a page of testimony and inserted it into Josephus' works. This is now universally discarded, even by the church.' Just at present I will ask no more of Mr. Croffut than to verify the three positive statements herein cited: 1. That Josephus 'never discovered that such a man as Jesus had ever from curlosity I looked in the drawer lived.' 2. That the 'Christians some hundreds of years ago forged a page of testimony and inserted it into Josephus' works.' 3. That 'this is now universally discarded, even by the church.' Mr. actly as she had described the picture | Croffut's reputation for veracity is at

stake. Let him come to the rescue. In his own language, 'let us have the truth. Anna L. Hunt writes from Jackson,

faction for the good work done. president and local pastor, Mrs. Julia M. Walton, has been ably reinforced by during the past season, and many additions to our ranks, and a balance in the treasury after all obligations were met, was the result since Mrs. Walton took up the work of president for our socie ty. A pleasant event during the last of our meetings was the birthday anni-versary of Mrs. Walton. As she was about to close the services, for it was on Sunday eveeing, Mrs. Chapman, one of the members of the society, arose you. I bring you a gift, which is an em-blem of our love for you. May the bonds that weld us together be as perfect as the links of which it is com-

rect as the filles of the second as the second posed, and as indestructible as the metal that enters so largely into its composition.' Then Mrs. C. produced a very pretty gold chain and proffered it to the metal the second sec to the president and pastor, as a pres-ent from the society. Wholly taken by surprise, the recipient of the gift stam-mered: 'I had declared that i had made up my mind not to have any more birth-days, or at least not to recognize them when they came to me, but this alters

the situation. If my natal day calls out such expressions as this, I am bound to observe them hereafter with all due pomp and ceremony." The New York Press says: "Having

for three consecutive night dreamed of seeing his own dead body, John F. Suth-erland took out accident insurance poli-cies for \$10,000 one month before his death in the woods. Mr. Sutherland was superintendent of schools in Milleducators in the maritime provinces. About six weeks ago he dreamed he saw his brother driving down the street in an express wagon. The body of the wagon was covered with a white sheet. Pulling back the sheet, Mr. Sutherland, in his dream, saw his own body. On the two following nights he their many friends for the help they have given during the year, and trust the state association will develop more growth the coming year than any previous year; all of which is fraternally submitted.

RENA D. CHAPMAN, Marcellus, Mich. Secretary.

### PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

[Obituaries to the extent of ten lines only will be inserted free. All in excess of ten lines will be charged at the rate of fifteen cents per line. About seven words constitute one line ]

Passed to spirit life, August 18, 1903, at the American Hospital, Chicago, Dr. John Greer, beloved son of Dr. Robert and Mary Greer, of Maywood, Ill., and brother of Dr. J. H. Greer. Deceased was a graduate of Rush Medical College, of this city, class of 1896, Psychopathy, or Spirit Healing. many of the fraternity were in attend-A series of lessons on the relations of the spirit to its own organism, and the inter-relation of human beings with reference to health, disease and healing. By the spirit of Dr. Benjamin Rush, through the mediumship of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond. A book that every healer, physical and California that the spirit of the second seco ance at the funeral, which occurred Aug. 20, from his residence, 263 West-ern avenue. The body was cremated at Graceland Cemetery. Services conevery healer, physician and Spiritualist should read. Price, \$1.50. ducted and address delivered by Dr. J. O. M. Hewitt, with appropriateness and telling effect. POEMS FROM THE INNER LIFE

Mrs. Ella Newton, who had been house-keeper at the Bellevue Hotel, Marietta. Ohio, for three years, passed to spirit life at that place .Aug. 17, at 8 o'clock p. m. Death was caused by cancer of the stomach with which she Complex Nature of Humanity—Right Relation of Planes of Consciousness; Saturday, Aug. 29, Original Sin and Middleport, Ohio. Mrs. Newton was as firm believer in Spiritualism and a close reader of The Progressive Thinker.

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Mrs. Harriette Mason entered the higher life, August 4, 1903. Born in Westminster, Vermont, July 27. 1816, only daughter of Samuel and Orpha Underwood. Married when 22 to Samuel Mason, Jr.; the couple came west, becoming prominent educators in Illinois and Missouri. Both were reared in the Baptist church, but for over thirty years Mrs. Mason has held the Spirit-ualists' view of immortality. Four children, two grandchildren and her husband preceded her, while four children, twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild remain on earth.

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Henry Clough: Q. I have heard it stated that every day in the week was a day of worship, or Sunday, to some na-What nations worship on these tions. days?

A. It is a mistake that every day of the week is set apart by some nation for worship, with any such ideas or beliefs as gather around the Christian The Sabbath, or Saturday, Sunday. was the day of the Semitic people and is now retained by the Jews and Mohammedans. Constantine the Great changed the Sabbath to the day the ing the ultimate elements which arise heathen world gave to the worship of the sun.

The names of the days of the week were given at a late time, and imply consecration of the days to the deities the names are derived from.

Mrs. Allie Wheeler: Q. (1) Can you refer me to a perfectly reliable medium?

Can a guardian resign at any (2) time and another be appointed in his place?

A. Many mediums might be mentioned who are honest, truthful and reliable, but in the sense of being infallily reliable in the transmission of communications, that is not for any one. For all those who wish to investigate, the best and in every way most satisfactory results are attainable by the home circle.

(2) A guardian can resign at any time and the Judge of Probate Court accept another; his retention of the office for a time, however, is at the discretion of the Judge.

Student: Q.' Who first measured the distance of the stars?

A. Like almost every other great achievement of the human mind, this wonderful task has called for successto workers, each of whom has added to the result.

When Copernicus in 1530 first taught that the earth moved around the sun in | ror about my views upon the phenomopposition to the Egyptian system, ena of Spiritualism, ever carefully read then unquestioned prevailed, that the sun and stars rotated around else he would not have said. "In his dethe earth, he was met by a howl of rage bate with Moses Hull he several times from the theologians, and the astrono- promised to explain them, but the only

laid through space, a train of cars moving sixty miles an hour would reach the star only after forty-seven millions Light, swiftest-footed mas senger in the universe, passing 186,000 miles in a second, is eight minutes in reaching the earth from the sun; it is four years and a quarter coming from

his star. Aldeharan, one of the brightest tars, is nearly seven times this distance, and beyond measurement be-comes impossible by any means at the command of astronomers.

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command of astronomers. Thus after 200 years success was achieved, and the faithful observers and indefatigable calculators stood ap-palled at the conclusions they had reached. Truly there was cause for ing substance." acceptance of such inconceivable

P. P.: Q. Is there forgiveness of

their deeds, are written in the book of

the ocean cannot wash it away. Only There is not an instance in all the world of the substitution of an innocent

victim for a guilty. It met the demands of justice in a savage age, but in the light of the higher sense of right of the present would be regarded as criminal ly unjust and in no way meeting the re-quirements of right. Each one must bear the consequences of his own thoughts and actions.

Woman's Rights: Q. Please give be address of Susan B. Anthony. A

17 Madison street, Rochester, N. Y. Investigator: Q. What is the origin of the spiritual body? I hear that term used by Spiritualists.

With a proper understanding of A. the words, we may employ the terms "matter" and "spirit," the latter meanfrom, and underlie the physical world. From the former the physical body is created: from the latter, the spiritual. This dual development commences with the dawn of being, and continues until death. The physical form appropriates

the physical portion of the food; the spiritual, the ultimate elements. The two forms mature together; one

pervading the other. Such being the close relation between them, every impression made on one must affect the other. Food which nourishes, stimulants which excite, all exercise a powerful influence, an influence felt for inflnite time. The spirit when it takes its departure, must bear the beauty or the stains of the organization it has left. The spirit is the Real of which the body is the fleeting shadow; and im-

pressions on that real, compared with hose on the body, are like impressions in a granite crag compared with the shadow of a passing cloud. Eventually the spirit will become freed from the confining bars of the physical body. The cord that unites he spiritual with the physical will be

broken, and then death will come to the physical.

Thy Neighbor. I do not suppose that Dr. Sweringen

who, in The Progressive Thinker, Aug. 8 admits that he had fallen into an ermy side of the discussion with Mr. Hull, mers at once declared that it was dis-proved by the fact that such movement of the earth would change the position of the stars. That these were "fixed," and unmoved plainly proved that the into another. of thought among the truly great think-ers. They are not the loose expressions of religious enthuslasts, the cred-ulous belief of men under the influence On the contrary, I give so many exof theological training, but the mature conclusions of the foremost living scienwas unthought of, and hence the con- Hull complained that I had too many tists who speak the result of profound clusion was unanswerable. Galileo explanations He said he was afraid and elaborate research. They merit they would "kill each other!" I put my own explanation, that the phenomena are "wholly of human orithe attention and respect of candid minds everywhere. The amateur, whatever be his convictions, who has never made original experiments nor shown himself to be capable of profound and gin," against the Spiritualists' theory of spirit outside of earthly body. Not one mendous problem, and failing in its so-lution, returned to the old system. For of a departed human being communiphilosophic reasoning, should hesitate long before putting his small opinion in 120 years astronomers half-believing, cates with the inhabitants of this world. opposition to these masters in their sought vainly for evidence. Then came On the other hand, I showed that leadrealm. ing Spiritualists, lecturers, editors, J. S. Loveland and others are guilty writers admitted that nine-tenths of my of an impertinence when they sneer at human origin theory is true, leaving the God-idea or Infinite Intelligence, but one ticklish tenth as a foundation and say it is the Orthodox, Theological or Christian conception. I deny it most for Spiritualism! -and that is dubious. emphatically. The Creative theory, the God-idea Up to this date, Dr. Sweringen has four articles printed, and Lyman C. Howe two, his last an elaborate arguwhile held by Christian people, is nevment, to which no reply from me has ertheless the scientific hypothesis par been printed. I have sent to the office excellence. Its most devoted adherents of The Progressive Thinker one article, and its ablest defenders are not priests, "How," in reply to Howe; one in reply to Dr. Sweringen, entitled, "Almost Perlaymen and ecclesiastics, but leading and reputable scientists of whom I have suaded," and one, "On with the Dance,' given a few sample excerpts in this paaccepting Dr. Sweringen's challenge. I have an article written in reply to Mr. per. Let the truth be uttered boldly The creative theory of the origin of life Howe, not yet forwarded. The editor, of course, is our chairand organisms is the Scientific Theory

CREATION VS. EVOLUTION. Some Further Critical Thoughts on the Subject.

I wish to give two or three extracts

from the writings of some acknowl-edged masters in science. Prof. Lionei Beale, at a recent meeting of the Vic-toria Institute, said: "While it is cer-tain that our world must have been formed ages before the appearance of one living particle, there is no evidence justifying the idea of the gradual pro-duction of a living organism from any matter, or any combination of non-liv-

> Notice: He says "there is no evidence justifying the idea of the production of a living organism from matter or any combination of non-living substances. This is the same eminent scientist who

conducted an exhaustive series of experiments some years ago to demon-strate the possibility of spontaneous Strate the possibility or epontaneous generation. He failed uterly and so an-nounced it at the time. And now, in June 1903, he assures us again that "there is no evidence to justify the idea. But even so conservative, and usually safe writer or Brether D. W

usually safe writer as Brother D. W. Hull was led to quote Prof. Beale in one of his lectures as affirming the possibility of spontaneous generation. In Brother Daniel's case I think this was a case of Homer nodding. But Prof. Beale said farther: "The infinite, designing, directing, sustaining power of the eternal living God as it seems to me, looking from the science

side only, must be acknowledged in every kind of living matter and at every period if life.'

That is good. He sees the power of the eternal God, "looking from the sci-ence side only." Not the "cye of faith," no theological imagining, but "from the science side only" a living power out-side of and superior to matter is discerned as a logical necessity. The Godidea is here proclaimed to be scientific

by a master of science. A book has recently been published called, "More Letters of Charles Dar-win." In one of these letters, as late win."

as 1881, he says: "If we consider the whole universe, the mind absolutely refuses to look on it as the outcome of chance or created without design or purpose." Mr. Huxley called Darwin Mr. Huxley called Darwin the "Abraham of Science." He was the father of the evolutionary theory of the rise and growth of species. But Mr. Darwin, by far the most minute, patient and exhaustive researcher of them all, began and ended his career in the doctrine of evolution, by crediting the ori-gin of life to God, and by acknowledg-

ing the presence, in the universe, of a creative and designing Power superior to blind matter. "Give me matter," said Kant, "and I will explain the formation of a world; but give me matter only, and I cannot explain the formation of a caterpillar."

The truly great minds are a unit in declaring the inadequacy of matter to account for the varied phenomena of life and intelligence. Matter, with its several qualities, is simply the raw material in and upon which life, intelligently directed, works out the processes of life, growth, thought, development and progress. To deny this is to put one's self outside the pale of philosophical and scientific inquiry and investiga-

tion. Such an one is no longer a philosopher or scientist, but a charlatan and dogmatist. Lord Kelvin said before the British

Association for the Advancement of Science: "I feel profoundly convinced that the argument of design has been greatly too much lost sight of. Overpoweringly strong proofs of intelligent and benevolent design lie around us; and if ever perplexities turn us away from them for a time, they come back upon us with irresistible force, showing to us through nature the influence of a free will, and teaching us that all liv-

Creator and Ruler." These are representative of the trend scientific by every just test, and athe-ism is unscientific by the same crite-Let no timorous readeDconclude that belief in a creator is unscientific. It is just otherwise. The creative theory is

the scientific hypothesis. B.F. Underwood says he long ago abandoned "scientific (?) materialism," Right. It is just bald materialism," the Science is conspicuous by its absence in ELD. H. W. B. MYRICK. Gentryville, Mo.



An Appreciative Account of the Camp and Workers.

I am delighted with not only this little part of the universe, but the grand people who have congregated here this year. And the people-what a grand lot is here congregated; it would seem to an outsider as if nearly every state west of the Mississippi river was repre-sented to say nothing of Illinois, and especially that mighty, rushing, roaring city of Chicago. Mediumship of many phases is repre-

sented, and each medium seems to be doing a fair business, with of course the usual number of skeptics and professed investigators. Prof. Peck, that most efficient presid-

ing officer, is a very busy man, and to one who visits this camp for the first time he seems the embodiment of courtesy, and all are made welcome by him; while his cabinet of advisers, the managing board of the camp, individually are alert to the welfare of all campers, especially strangers. We arrived at the camp August 4.

and found that prince, of spiritual speakers, Harrison D. Barrett as the and speaker for the camp. It is unneces-sary to comment on his teachings. Bro. Barrett has so endeared himself to the hearts of the Spiritualists of the world, by his grand and eloquent words orally and printed, that it only requires to be known that he is to appear at any place and address an audience and he is bound to be greeted by an enthusiastic, attentive audience. Thus it was at Mt. Pleasant during his week's, engagement. What a plty it is that such an ardent and spiritual Spiritualist can not have a physical strong enough to sustain the soul so it need never withdraw even for a time from the field of labor to rest; for certainly the work this intense being is accomplishing for the cause of truth, humanity and Snirit. ualism, is now being appreciated more by a greater number of people than that by any other public advocate. His address on Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 6, although read, was simply grand beyond the possibility of pen to doscribe. It has been printed in pamphlet form, and is for sale by the Banner of Light Pub Co., and for the poor tired souls of to-day who need consolation because of their struggles of life, we would recommend them to procure a copy immediately

Bro. Barrett continued through the week and left a people hoping for his return another year; but he said he could not tell whether he would come then, for he intended to take a needed rest when he was free from his posi-tion as president of the N. S. A. What a calamity that will be. It will be hard to fill his place although we are cogniant of the fact that his duties have been long and arduous, and that he needs a rest. Yet again we say, what a pity that such a spiritual Spiritualist can not have a physical-strong enough to sustain the soul, so it may continue to work without being obliged to rest. Brother Barrett was followed by Moses, "Our Moses," some are pleased to call him. All have heard Moses Hull, and all know he can interest his audiences, because probably he is without his peer in this country, at least, as a biblical scholar; he did not fail to fill ing things depend on one everlasting the bill at Mount Pleasant this year, and all were well pleased with his work. He was accompanied by Mattle, and who does not know Mrs. Mattle Hull, with her inspired words of cheer, especially to the children, and she did not forget them this year at this camp, for through the kindness of Mrs. Lacy and Mrs. Pringle a lyceum has been formed of the children of the camp, there being a large number of children present. Mrs. Hull apreared before these children on several occasions during her stay here, and the assistance she rendered by her kind words must certainly be treasured by these little folks for a long time to come. Question: How many children's lyceums have been formed at the numerous amps of the Spiritualists this season? Mr. and Mrs. Hull were accompanied by Mrs. Stewart and Mr. Hull's daughter, both present with Moses and Mattie in the interest of the Morris Pratt Institute, of which Mr. Hull is presi-dent. They gave an entertainment one night, the proceeds going to assist the Morris Pratt Institute. It was a suc cess, and Mr. Hull's daughter proved herself to be an entertainer, like her father, for as an elocutionist few equal her. If the entertainment given by Mr Hull and those who accompanied him to this camp this year is any criterion to judge by, then the Morris Pratt Institute is bound to be a success. Mr. Hull was followed by Mrs. Russe-gue, of Hartford, Conn. Her thoughts are along different lines from any prechampioned by the keenest, best trained scientific minds of the age. Those who strive to bring the creative theory into vious speaker this year, being usually disrepute by dubbing it the Theological an interpretation of some Bible text hypothesis show either a lack of ac-She is a trance speaker, and evidently quaintance with the conclusions of sciguides are of a religious training but they are brilliant and logical, and entific minds or a lofty indifference to truth. Science, as expounded by the foremost men in her ranks, predicates her audiences received her lectures with much appreciation and applause the existence of a molding, controlling, She lectured for the last time on Sunintelligent power, not matter but workday afternoon, August 16, to the largest ing in and through matter with design audience assembled here this season on that day many people coming by pri-This is a fact. To deny it, or to seek vate teams from the country, and many to create a contrary (dea, is not only impertinent but / tity a dishonor-able proceeding. dese men affirm their own disbells of God or Infinite Inmore from the city by the poor system of street cars. Truly,<sup>5</sup> as<sup>(1)</sup> President Peck said, Sunday, Aug<sup>(1)</sup>, 4, 4, 4, 5, as a "redletter day."

lectures. He will and his course of lectures, Sunday, Aug. 23. He is to be followed by Miss Harlow. Much is expected of her; she has been here, and will need no introduction

Conferences are held, as at all other camps, every forenoon except Monday. And the music of this camp. We should fall far short of our pleasure of writing of this beautiful and most har monious camp, if we failed to mention the music provided by Mr. and Mrs. Zumbach and their beautiful daughter, Miss Carrie, who usually presides at the organ. They are all artists, and such music as they provide must be a

source of inspiration for all speakers. The camp is well supplied with entertainment for besides the circles by the different mediums, the lectures and conferences, there is a dance twice a week at the pavilion where usually a large crowd enjoy themselves, and where the best of order prevails, and where decorum and strict etiquette are

one of the requisites of admission. Be-sides the dance, the ladies hold once each week a tea party; at this most pleasant entertainment tea is served by the beautiful young ladies of the camp, and each person paying ten cents for a cup of tea, can have a reading by some one of the numerous mediums of the camp, any person getting as many readings as he buys cups of tea. It proves a good advertisement for the mediume as well as a good source of revenue for the camp association.

Monday night, Aug. 17, Prof. Peck gave a lecture at the pavilion on astronomy and the nebular theory, illustrated by the stereopticon; it proved to be one of the most instructive as well as enter-taining features so far this year of the The audience was extra large camp. nearly all of the campers attending, and many people from the city being present. It netted a neat sum, all of which President Peck gladly contributed to the afore-mentioned restaurant fund.

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M. F. HAMMOND.

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Everywhere we turn in this world of

pretense, Of bondage to custom and forms, There are fashions that bind the mind and the sense

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The evil Babel of tongues. The lady of fashions, whose motives for

good. Is how best she may live and move To be in the "swim" and to be under-

stood. To have Madame Grundy approve; To wear on a Sunday her new gown and hat,

To make the impression strong, In society and the fashion where she is at.

Where only rich Christians belong

We see the good parson, the wise man of God, Whose ways are a model of praise,

As he walks in the path the Nazarene trod. Especially on Sabbath days. And the deacons, the pillars of his fash-

ionable church, Pious men of forms and cant, While alas, the starving poor are left in

the lurch, And the spirit of Christ is scant.

ro hobnob with the rich is the world's desire, To ape the fashionable swell,

The truthful and humble they do not admire.

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the greater perfection of the telescope. and instruments by which angles could be more accurately measured.

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may even respect him. But when he says it is scientific we call him down.

and purpose.

nite Intelligence operating in mighty power throughout the universe. But the sum of the matter is this: A But the sum of the matter is this. A few writers keep on asserting, not their own disbelief, but as if it were the au-thentic conclusion of science, "There is no God." To quote from J. S. Loveland in The Progressive Thinker, No. 708: "Logical reasoning \* brings us face

W. J. Colville, in comparity with the trance speaker of the "afternioon, ap-peared for the first time in many years. peared for the first time in many years. He simply took his audience by storm at his first lecture. He took his sub-jects from his audience and while he had five subjects, each working of the consideration by one full feeture, he wove all in one grand intelligible dis-course of one and one fills before dury course of one and one-fiait hours' duration, and during the whole this he held his auditors in perfect stillness except at many and frequent, intervals when at many and frequent; intervals when he was evidently annoyail by cheers. A rich treat is anticipateil by the campers here during the coming week, as Mr. Colville will lecture every after-noon and will give a lesson in mental healing every day at 9 a. m. He has shown his most liberal spirit here al-ready by announcing that the proceeds of his lessons will be contributed to what is known as the restaurant fund. what is known as the restaurant fund.

what is known as the restaurant fund. A new restaurant was erected last spring in the park for the accommoda-tion of campers by the camp associa-tion, and a fund has been established to pay for it, so as not to draw on the treasury of the camp. Others are also contributing. Mr. Colville, soon after his arrival, announced his desire to do momthing to ald the be cave big furth

Is plebelan by birth and soil, And the hearts shrink from the pitiless storm,

With Hunger, Sorrow and Toil.

When will the spirit of humanity rise Unhampered by pretense and pride. And gain in their might what Mammon denies,

For the doors of Progression are wide:

And Nature is smiling—the birds of the air Sing Freedom's glad, happy lays

The new Morn is breaking, let the old world prepare,

God works in mysterious ways BISHOP A. BEALS. Summerland, Cal.

TRUTH.

What is Truth? Is it a bundle of creeds.

ledged around like a garden of weeds Guarded by fence or stout stone wall To prevent encroachment or cause a fall?

What is Truth? Is it man's desire To roast his brother in a sulphurous fire?

is it priest in pulpit, laymen in pew. And a well-filled purse just coming in view?

What is Truth? O ye spirit friends of

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member of congress for four sessions, fully discussed. an editor of a leading daily, and a pro-found thinker along scientific lines. dium nor by any one connected with the

He says: "The principal contributors to the personalities distinct from either, writ-book are four in number: Dr. W. H. ten down by the secretary as spoken, or Reed, who is called the chemical con- if in writing, filed away. At the next trol of the medium; William Denton, meeting the minutcs in full were read, Thomas Paine and Michael Faraday. corrected, or criticised by those present

Thomas Paine and Michael Faraday. There are numerous others giving a few incidental and mostly personal mes-by both laid away for the bock. sages or dissertations on scientific, phil-togophic, religious, theologic and occult topics—from world-building, the origin and rew Jackson Davis, and Maria King of life, or religions, of scientific discov-ery, and the laws of cosmos or nature— in fact the entire field of human thought. The limitation seemed to be only that of the spectators to ask ques-tions. The work is unique in the bistory of spirit communication. Newbrough wrote under inspiration. Newbrough wrote Oahspe automatically by type-in fact the spectators to ask ques-tions.

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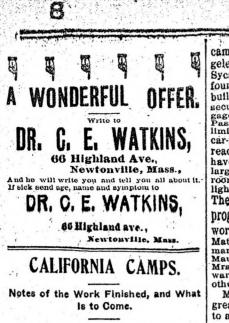
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I have just returned from the San Diego county camp-meeting, held in Harmony Grove, near Escondido, Cal., which was in session from July 26 to August 9. The camp grounds were more beautiful than I ever saw them before. They had grown a crop of wild oats which shortly before camp opened had been rolled down, forming a golden carpet, clean and beautiful. How we wished for the power and materials of a landscape artist to depict in nature's own tints the scene-the golden-cov-ered grounds, the green of the trees, the white circle of tents, and the glimpses of beautiful vistas beyond, of surrounding hills, meadow-lands with horses and cattle grazing in them, a field of golden cattle grazing in them, a near of gorden stubble, wooded hillsides, a waving stream of willows, together with the hu-'man groups here and there, presented a truly exquisite picture of pastoral beauty. The influences, both natural beauty. and spiritual, were charming and elevating, and the camp-meeting was voted a success.

Substantial improvements have been made since the last camp-meeting. Mr. James McPheeters, the laughing "old boy" of the camp, went up from San Diego and camped upon the grounds for about two months before the opening of the meeting-being joined a week later by his wife-and built a new and substantial speaker's stand, large to hold circles and small meet ings in, for which purpose it could be entirely closed, new and comfortable seats, besides other needed improvements. Much of the material he carried to the spot on his wheel from Escondido, three and one-half miles distant: and it was all a labor of love, he donating his time and work. But how happy it made him! He was the happiest person in camp, and his wife was a good second in this respect. In the work he was ably assisted by President E. B. Lowman and wife. The latter worthy couple covered and partly enclosed the dining-table with heavy tarpaulin brought from Cuba (or was i Manila?) by their son-in-law, Captain Rayson, of the regular army. Too much credit cannot be given to these tireless and unselfish workers. Mrs. Lowman is a woman of unusual executive ability. and her motherly supervision included all the interests of the camp.

Nor must we forget to make mention of the Foster family in this connection. As was said last year, the burdens and responsibilities were heavily loaded on the shoulders of a few, and they deserve much credit for carrying on the great work. And this year, more than ever before demonstrated the fact that

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came deeply interested in the camp and solicitous for its future welfare. In order that the Spiritualists of San Diega may feel that it is indeed their camp-meeting, and be enthused to put their shoulders to the wheel to increase its usefulness, it was decided that a goodly number of the new officers should be selected from that place. Ac-cordingly, Hon. J. L. Dryden was elect-ed president; Mr. McFeron, secretary; M. S. Dodge-one of the camp mothers-a director, and Dr. O. P. Fletcher one of the two auditors-all of San Diego; while the Spiritualists in the neighborhood of Harmony Grove and Escondido were to be represented by E. B. Lowman, first vice-president G. W. Horder, second vice-president; Ezra Foster, treasurer, and Frank C. Foster, assistant secretary. W. P. Haworth, of Long Beach, was elected for the second auditor. I do not recall the names of all the directors-five in allbut G. W. Horder, of Escondido, was elected as one of the new ones. The public workers on the grounds were Rev. W. P. Haworth, of Long Beach; Mrs. Mary C. Vlasek, of Los Angeles: Mrs. Millie Horder, formerly of San Diego, but now of Escondido, and the writer. J. L. Dryden and Charles Buss came up from San Diego for the last Sunday only, business matters preventing them from giving any more of their time. Mr. Dryden was the speaker for the afternoon, and Mr. Buss followed a short address by the writer in the morning, by a talk on lyceum work, which is a specialty with him. Mr. Haworth gave the closing address in the evening. Nearly all attendants and participants expressed a desire or intention to be present next year.

camp-meeting, to be held at Los Angeles, is to begin next Sunday, Aug. 16. Sycamore Grove, where it was held for four years past, having been sold for building lots; another place had to be and the management have en secured, and the management have en-gaged Mineral Park, farther toward Pasadena, but still within the city limits of Los Angeles, with a five-cent car-fare to the grounds, which can be reached on two car lines. The grounds ave been fitted up for camps, contain a large pavilion, cottages, and dining-room, are well shaded, and also well lighted by both gas and electricity. These facts I obtain from the published program and I find it announces as workers such speakers as Moses and WORKERS SUCH Speakers as have and Mattle Hull, John W. Ring, W. C. Bow-man and others; and as mediums, Mrs. Maude von Freitag, Mrs. Suydam-Green, Mrs.J. J. Whitney, John Henley, Ed-ward Wyllie, the photo medium, and May the angel hosts be present in

great numbers, and guide the meeting to a successful issue, and may harmony prevail and great good be done.

ELLA WILSON MARCHANT. San Bernardino, Cal.

Reed's Lake Camp, Mich.

We are rapidly nearing the close of our camp, but the interest is not waning. And this, our first year on the shore of beautiful Reed's Lake has indeed been a success. Not a disagreeable Sunday. The weather has been perfect, only much cooler than in Ohio.

Mrs. Anna Gillespie, that genial, hap-py little woman who delights people wherever she goes, drew a large crowd, in fact the largest crowd on our grounds this year, and all were sorry

when her time came to go. Then came our dear Marian Carpen-ter, and although still weak in physical, she was never more strong in spirit. We have had as visitors Harrison D. Barrett, Lyman C. Howe and Dr. Ran-call, who have still durp words of lows dall, who have all given words of love courage and wisdom, and have each in turn been welcomed with hearty handclasps, and god-speeds on their journey. Dr. P. T. Johnson, that old war-horse of Spiritualism, was our speaker last veek, and although getting old in years

tion the power of spirit when he is enranced. Our present speaker, Allen F. Brown, of California. is sure to please the peo-ple, and is fine in psychometric read ings. His good wife is with him, and all interested in astrology should have a reading with Mrs. Brown.

Our test mediums of Grand Rapids cannot be excelled, also Mrs. Vaughn. of Chicago, who has served us from time to time.

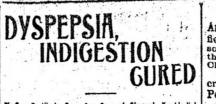
The camp has been delighted with wo entertainments by the Haslett family, two little girls and a boy, who are indeed artists, giving a whole evening's entertainment—with their mother pre-siding at the plano. They were en-gaged a week at Grand Ledge camp, also Haslett Park. Any camp employ ing this family for entertainments, will make no mistake. On Woman's Day an auxiliary was

organized in the morning. Officers elected were Cora Morrill, president; Miss Emma Gibbs, vice-president: Mrs. Agnes Haynes, secretary and treasurer. Frustee for three years, Mrs. Sadie Her-

rick; two years, Mrs. Etta Bertsch; one year, Mrs. Marian Carpenter. Twenty-three members enrolled. In the afternoon a fine program was rendered. Mrs. Herrick presiding. The program ren-dered was: Mrs. John Lindsey, "Wo-

great work by this little camp. More people from the city of San Diego than for some years past attended, and be-came deeply interested in the camp ably represented by Mrs. Cora Morrill; tests by Mrs. Fuller closed the afternoon exercises. In the evening about how caercises. In the evening about thirty engaged in progressive pedro, which was presided over by Mrs. L. Johnson. Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Bertsch and Rose served all with re-freshments. Mr. Ell Link and Mrs. Herrick carried off the first prizes. Next Friday is Lahor Day, when W Next Friday is Labor Day; when W. C. Hicks, a prominent reformer, will speak; also Dr. Randall, who has had a wide experience as social and political worker. Mrs. Julia Walton, of Jackson, is our

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### SPIRITUALIST MEETINGS.

It is important when a meeting is suspended, that notice be given us, so that inquirers may not be mislead. We want new notices of all meetings being held here in public halls at the present time.

Church of the Spirit Communion, Kenwood Hall, 4308 Cottage Grove avenue. Conference and messages at 3 p. n. Lecture by Dr. J. O. M. Hewitt at b p. m. Messages by H. F. Coates and others. Plenty of good music. The Spiritual Research meets every Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

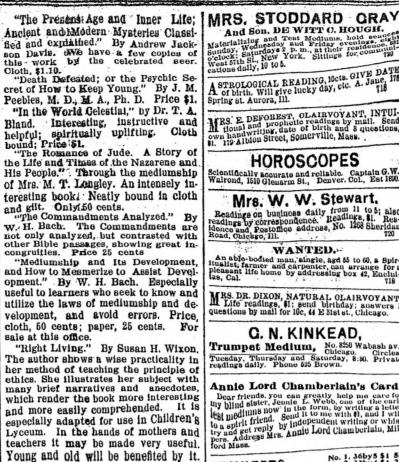
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macher, pastor. Church of the Spiritual Forces holds service at Thurman Club Room, corner of 47th street and Cottage Grove ave-

nue, every Sunday. Conference at 3 p. m. Lecture at 8 p. m. Conducted by m. Lecture a Isa Cleveland. The Englewood Spiritual Union will not hold any meetings during August; but the Ladies' Auxiliary will meet as usual Thursday afternoons, at Hopkins' hall, 528 West Sixty-third street.

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vice. Dr. Sholdice holds services Sunday evenings at 7:45, at 205 Lincoln avenue. The First Hyde Park Occult Society holds regular meetings every Sunday at Alliance Hall, 323 E. 55th street, between Monroe and Kimbark avenues. The best talent available will be sedered was: Mrs. John Lindsey, Wo man's Relief Corps." Song by Mrs. Haynes and Mrs. Herrick. Tests, Mrs. Lyceum work, Mrs. L. Vaughn. "Willing Workers," Miss E 55th street, where all communica-



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Mrs. Mullen, of National City, whom we expected, and whom we greatly missed was prevented by sickness from attending, much to her expressed re-gret, as well as our own. Mr. Dryden was also greatly missed by those of us who had been associated with him in the work of this camp in the past. 'The hieroglyphic rocks on the moun-

tain top near the camp, were visited several times by groups of campers, un-

til the greater number had shared in the

experience. Some remarkable experiences were enjoyed by the sensitives while on the rocks. Particularly was this the case with Mrs. Vlasek, of Los Angeles, who passed into a profound trance, so nuch so that those accompa-nying her declared that for some time there were no signs of life in her body. Mrs. Vlasek pronounced it the experi-Mrs. Vlasek pronounced it the experience of her life. The consensus of im-

pressions received by the sensitives was that the hieroglyphics were the work of the Aztec race on their way from the North to their final home in Mexico, many, many years ago. There are two of the picture rocks, and they lie almost in a line east and west of each other. The eastern one is well on the summit of the mountain, and is called the "rock of the rising sun." The other is somewhat lower down, and to the westward, and is called "the rock of the setting sun." The former has out into the discussion of the sum of the setting sun." cut into its flinty surface what is supposed to represent the rising sun-cit cles, with wavy lines supposed to indicate rays of light rising upward toward the east. The same figure is reversed on the lower rock. There are other inscriptions-zigzag lines, diamond-shaped incisions, etc. It would be interesting to compare them with those found on the old ruins-in Mexico and

#### Central America.

of the Summerland camp, I have cents. For sale at this office, eard no report. It was to be held at "The Truth Seeker Collection heard no report. It was to be held at the same time of the second week of Forms and Ceremonies for the Use of

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mind for next year, and we hope to be able to take care of all who come. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I close with blessing invoked from the angel world on all who are working for humanity's sake.

SADIE HERRICK, Sec'y.

A Correction.

In the Maple Dell report in this paper of August 15, are the names of O. P. Kellogg and A. B. French as speakers. This is a mistake. For some reason these men did not show up as expected and advertised on the program. However, Dr. T. A. Wilcox, of Cleveland, ably filled the place of one and should have been so mentioned in the report. Now to explain. At the close of that

Sunday's program, Dr. King, handing the writer a printed program of the day, kindly requested of him to write a report of the day's doings for The Pro-gressive Thinker, which was done the following day from memory. Now the writer not being acquainted with Messers. Kellogg and French, supposed he had been listening to both of these men along with the other speakers and in writing out the report the next day, naturally inserted these names, not knowing or being advised to the con-This seems to have made trary. This seems to have made trouble for Dr. King, for last Sunday a umber of visitors accosted the Doctor accusing him of making or causing to be made false statements, etc., along with other things most too much for with other things most too much for the Doctor's age to bear. The writer hastens to relieve Dr. King from any blame in the matter whatsoever. The Doctor had nothing to do with either the dictation or the writing of the report any more than giving me the names of those who had received cer-tificates of ordination, nothing else. He did not know what was written until

he saw the published account. Could the Doctor have looked over the manu-script before publication, this mistake would not have occurred. To conclude, the writer is very sorry this circum-stantial mistake occurred, and hopes that this explanation will exonerate Dr. King from all blame and appease the wrath of the anxious ones. "Justice must be done though the heavens fall"-at the same time it seems a pity to take up so much valuable space to right so little a wrong and satisfy a few kickers. H. L. TOBIEN. Cleveland, Ohio.

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