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A Trip to Troy-A Model Crematory-Albany and Utica.

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The Center of Creation

play

BY CHARLES DAWBARN.

Nature, taking a certain amount of in millions of years. We are very pace for her target fired at it with ar- nearly in the middle of this scenic disspace for her target fired at it with ar-When she scored, that made a rows. sun, and perhaps a planetary system. But when at last she hit the bull's eye fair and square, out popped man. Such may be taken as a brief synopsis of Alfred Russel Wallace's new book entitled Man's Place in Nature. That book is the text for the following ar-

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From the time that man began to think, he has thought about himself. His own past, which we call history, has interested and often perplexed him. But the worst problem of all has been as to what became of him after the body was dead. By many, that has been counted the end of him, just as his birth was the beginning. But to others have come experiences that in these later days have led them to proclaim a new birth into a new life as the natural and cortain result of passing through the process of death.

There has been no point yet discovered at which thought meets an impassable barrier, so the thinker of to-day finds himself facing an entirely new problem. He is now asking himself how many are to share this assumed eternity of immortality? He has accustomed himself to think of space as infinite, and bestudded with innumerable systems of suns and planets. He has said to himself, "There must be intelligent beings on many another world. who will find innumerable opportunities in space for evolving a manhood at least equal to that of our little earth. They, like ourselves, will die, and pass on and up to a still higher manhood in their own spirit spheres."

This has seemed both reasonable and probable, especially when the belief has been accompanied by a half scientific acknowledgement that since no two planets would be alike, therefore their evolved forms of life would surely differ from anything we could imagine or conceive. And since man was the capstone of evolution here, so superior be-ings would occupy a like favored position in those other worlds.

It has seemed to the thinker that such must be the meaning of the innum erable worlds of space, many of them sking in the glory of suns far larger and more glorious than our own. Noth ing could apparently be more certain than that myriad intelligences are thus voicing the glory of their creator, and like ourselves, dying into higher stages

of existence.

on Nature's stage and there we

shall remain. The import of this position consists in the fact that away from this center a perpetual celestial Donnybrook Fair is going on. Gravitation is the one eternal Irishman with a chip on his shoulder, looking for a row. So we have collisions and explosions galore, leaving some stars bright, many more dark, sometimes two or three almost touching, then a sudden flare up, and a change of partners for the next dance. In a word, outside our center there is no place for a sober-minded planet to become mother of a human family, and bring them up as such a family must be brought up if it's ever to become a race of archangels. This demands a hundred million of years, more or less, with sufficient quiet for the children to grow up in their nursery. So the student will please observe that Cosmos is really of no account, save that as a volcanic outburst at one place is favorable to peace and quiet somewhere else, so our center gets the benefit of the rumpus going on outside. It is thus evidently of no use to expect a heaven filled up with spirits who have been born and died in these outer spheres, for the conditions therein won't permit

any advanced forms of life. So it's good-bye to all dreams of human intelligence outside our center. Having thus rather summarily dis posed of Cosmos in general and the Milky Way in particular, the learned doctor and F. R. S. returns to the central cluster, amid which roams our tiny planet earth, the present abode of man. He next details the conditions needed for life to work upward to such a capstone as man, and, first of all, there must be comparative quiet for untold millions of years. This condition could only by any chance, be found in the central region of the vast Milky Way. Again, the temperature within which human life is possible is very limited. There must be an atmosphere, containing certain gases, for man to breathe. But gases, like everything else material, are subject to gravitation, so unless the planet is large and solid enough to hold them, some of these gases may escape and pass out into space. Day and night

water and air are essential to life as we

gen were roaming round loose, a slight

that hydrogen is the lightest of

not needed

CONSIDER.

nection with ours.

To the Editor :- As you have from

your valuable paper requested a report

or short history from those who have

been, and are now, holding home cir-

cles, I give you some incidents in con-

My wife, a neighbor lady and myself

first began sitting at a stand or small

table about ten years ago, and have,

with the exception of one year, been sit-

ting on an average once or twice a

week ever since that date. All three of

stand moved, answered questions and

spelled out messages from the very start. We then procured a planchette

which worked like a charm. Then we purchased a psychograph which worked

with great speed, and we received mes-

sages galore-some from those who had

passed out so long ago their graves

We added more members to the cir-

cle, off and on. We had at times grand light, and almost materializations.

After four years, our guides as we after-

were sunk and moss-grown.

us are inspirational mediums.

Spirit Carlyle Petersilea.

While on Earth Mr. Petersilea was a medium for the transmission of important letters from those long in spirit life. Now, having become a freed-spirit himself, he will convey his best thoughts through the mediumship of his devoted wife, and we are sure they will prove interesting to our readers.

more?'

swers:

my wife."

to

could not remember how old I

now let us breakfast together."

here that give milk?

"Taste it," he said.

s he roamed in snir

milk," I said, very much surprised.

offered him a glass of buttermilk, which

he quaffed with great gusto and was greatly refreshed thereby?"

wife speak of it often, and it seemed

self," I replied, "but I have heard

perfectly ridiculous to me."

while I explain."

ualist, and a medium."

its.

attend the Normal School. The first that she was obsessed by a Catholic This, they (the guides) said, was done night he sat in our circle his hand be priest and a whole band of Jesuit spir- so as to give the Gods or God guides a

Now this priest was cunning. He

could assume the role of Martin Luther,

St. John the Divine, and many others.

Well, we decided at once to have this

old chap removed, as he and his band

were sapping the very life out of her.

We gathered all of our own forces, and

sent to an adjoining city for three more mediums, and at the first sitting this

priest came with a long lying message

through her, and as soon as he had fin-

Then began a struggle and scuffle.

to "come out of this medium"

I laughed. "I did not read it my-

"Did it, indeed!" said my father

'So it did to most others, who could not

understand spiritual things. Drink

your milk, dear boy-drink your milk,

I obeyed him and the more I drank

the stronger I felt, and the mist began

to clear away, but I was very ourious.

a snir

"No, dear; you are only fifty-ninc."

LETTER NUMBER TWO. Now 1 must have remained in this condition for about seven hours, as you not glad to see me after our earthly time is counted; when I opened

ny eyes and saw my father standing lear me. For a short time I was dazed, forget ful that I had passed through the change. I arose to a sitting posture,

putting my hand to my head. "Where am I, and what has hap pened?" I asked. My father looked at me seriously. and with a great degree of solicitude. "Carlyle, dear boy," he asked, "how

do you feel after your rest?" "I think I am all right," I answered, 'but where is my wife? I want my wife. I tried to rise, but could not stand

alone. My father came to my assistance, helped me to my feet; but still could not stand without his support Now dear friends, believe it or not, as you please, but my sensations were those of one recovering from a long and severo illness. I was not able to stand alone. I could not see distinctly. I

could hardly distinguish one sound from another. All sounds' seemed to merge into a soft roar, as one hears the moaning of the ocean. But one thought and one alone, was in my mind. My wife-my darling wife! Where, oh where, was my wife?

watch the proceedings of my father

little table in front of me, he spread

our pitcher filled with what seemed to be

oping some useful mediums.

man whose name is Chase, said he seemed inspired or directed to come to

our house to procure a room in order to

gan to tremble, and seemed to be trying

to reach for a pencil with which to

write. We placed a pencil and paper on

the stand and he made a few unintelli-

gible scribbles. The next week he was

said the medium was a distant relative

of his, and traced the genealogy of him-

self and the medium clear back to the

landing of the Mayflower at Plymouth

Rock. He also said he acts as president

of what is known in the spirit world as

the "Silver Crown Circle," and that

they would make this medium a grand worker, a bright and shining light in the

olitical department of the New Dispen

sation. Then Warren Chase, Lorenzo

Chase, and the medium's spirit father

Vincent Chase, began to control. War

ren Chase informed us he had been

watching over this medium from early

childhood, and that time would prove

Soon others were sent to us for devel-

opment-sent by the spirit world to us

for a special purpose; and that to assist

in removing obsessions from spirits and

mortals, and especially Catholic obses-

that he was a chosen instrument

controlled by Salmon P. Chase, who

These mediums seemed to be sent to sit in our circle.

"Carlyle," said my father, gently, a he assisted me to a scat; "recall your scattered thoughts, my child. We will go to your wife presently; but you must first gain a little more strength, and partake of some refreshment."

I now remembered that I had passed through the change, and when my seem essential, that is to say, periods of father spoke of refreshment, it did not rest are necessary to man, as we know surprise me, for I remembered that it him. So the planet must turn on its had been written, when I was in the own axis at regular short periods, as material body that spirits partook of well as revolve round the sun. Both refreshments; and I was curious

conditions would be unfavorable for in a mist or soft haze. I kept brushing

gases, and the earth is just too small to milk, he then produced two plates, two

retain it by gravitation, and almost all, glasses, knives and forks, and then took

DENTS AND, PHILOSOPHERS TO six years, and have succeeded in devel-

time to time through the columns of us by some higher power. One young

The

space beyond our atmosphere. So, we felt irritable and disappointed.

for water, escapes into a seat opposite me at the table. But I

My father sipped his milk leisurely, or stand alone, for he is holding me up." My father whispered: "She does not see me. I have kept myself invisible to and then said: "You have read also, how Jesus her. It is enough at present, that she urned water into wine, at a marriage perceives you. She cares for nothing now but you and consequently can see

no other spirit."

My father said that it was impossible

to hold my wife in this superior condi-

Thinker.

Yes; but I never believed it." "And you did not believe about Judge Edmonds' buttermilk, either?" "No, certainly not." "But you believe that you are now

"But you believe that you are now rinking milk, do you not?" "It certainly looks and tastes like ilk." I answered trinking milk, do you not? "Would you like to see your body?" "Well, Carlyle," he said, "I have just asked my father. I assented, and he nanufactured that milk for your espe-

cial benefit. Milk for babies, strong meat for men. You are a weak, new-He looked at me with loving, serious "Carlyle," he said, rebukingly, "are long not now explain to you the method by separation-me, your own father? Will which it is accomplished; that is some you not take breakfast with me once thing you must learn in the future. And now that you are nourished somewhat, He spoke to me as one would speak to a sick and fretful child. It brought me once more to my senses, and I rewe will go and see your wife; but you

must gather all your strength for the ordeal." membered that I was, or had been but I arose eagerly, but could not ye a short time before, a man of fifty-nine stand without his support. He immedi-

years; and then I smiled as I thought ately came to my assistance. how a short time before the change I "Lean on me," he said, "and we will had asked my wife how old I was; was descend. It is not far. I have taken l eighty? was I seventy? for time, even you but a little way from your wife and then, was merging into eternity, and your earthly home. Come," and he linked was; his arm in mine and gently assisted me. and then I thought of her patient an As we floated, rather than walked, downward, it seemed to me that we I knew that I had asked and she had very steep. The grass was waving answered that question a great many green and tall, all besprinkled with flowtimes. My father's gentle reproof filled ers. At length we were floating in my eyes with tears. Oh! I was weak, those green fields, and I caught my very weak. A great wave of love and breath rapturously as the soft, refreshgratitude now filled my being. "Father, ing breeze struck my face. My wifeforgive me," I said; "but oh, I do want

my wife! I was going back to my wife. This was the song my soul sung. "Be patient, dear son," he said; "and "Courage, now," said my father; and may be in the spirit world." we floated in at the open door. Oh! At this she cried out: "My dear hus-what a commotion reigned. Strangers, band, I will not hold you to such a Then he filled my glass with milk, and placed bread and fruit upon my plate. or those whom I had known but little, filled the house. My wife sat stupefied I said to you, at such times, that if I and nearly crazed with grief, sighing were to go first I would not promise to "Father," I said, "I know all about piritual fruit, because it was once explained by you, years ago, when you wrote or spiritually dictated the writand sobbing broken-heartedly. We paused directly in front of her as she want 10 go and get wisdom enough to sat, and my father said: "Now, we will ing of the book called The Discovered try to make her see and hear us."

Country, but you said nothing about milk. You certainly cannot have cows Friends, my wife was right and I was wrong. She has not held me to But I readily comprehended that promise, and it is well for me, and for could not do this without his higher her, that she has not; for, if she had, wisdom and assistance. I saw my should have very little to write about I did so. "Why, it tastes just like father waving his hands above her head and before her eyes, and I realized I should not eyen know how to contro that he was using spiritual mesmeric He smiled quizzically. "Do you re-member," he asked, "how Judge Ed-monds wrote, in one of his books, that,

that she saw me. Oh, how glad I was! "Carlyle! Carlyle!" she exclaimed.

"Is it really you or am I deceived? Do I imagine that I see you?"

"No," I said, "you really do see me.

pendulum of a clock, and also keep time

fact our whole bodies vibrated. Then

Now, gentle reader, don't bulge out

your eyes at these latter expressions,

for you will hear a great deal about these "God-guides" before we get

In a day or two my wife was

rolled while doing her morning house-

bulge out and flash in a manner differ-

ent than we had ever seen before. This

He fought like a demon; but we, with unusual loud talk soon brought the such words as "Oh, the church! the the aid of our bands of Indians, and the other medium (Mrs. B.) from the other church! the holy church! She must

have you see your father yet?

her to write. power-that is, partially paralyzing the When my wife said that she would material brain, or putting it into a mesnot hold me to such a promise, my meric sleep. This drew her spirit a lit-tle from the body, and I knew at once, father looked at me with a smile.

Arriving at 248 N, solon street, falo, from Niagar Falls, about one wick a. m., Jan. 29, I found a dis-

patch from Troy, N. Y., announcing the funeral of Elisha Waters, Saturday 2 p. m. It was his request that I conduct the last rites over his deserted body. Arriving at Albany at 7 p. m., Friday, I was met by the genial presence of E. H. Doty, formerly of Lockport, now in the Comptroller's office in the service of the state, and soon we were at rest in his pleasant home at 33 Elberon Place, where with his son-in-law, Wm. Scott, and his daughter Mary, and Edwin the little sunshine of the household, I found an atmosphere of refinement and social warmth that is so restful and sweet to a weary pilgrim in the service of truth. The hours went swiftly by, laden with love and light, and 1 am richer in spirit for the visit.

En route to the late home of our be-loved Brother Waters, I found Dr. Harry Dalton and his genial companion, whom I knew seven years ago at Lily Dale. He was a victim of the Johns-town flood. As he relates it, he was dug out of the debris, supposed to be dead, and for many hours unconscious But he came to consciousness while they were washing the sand out of his eyes. He knew nothing of Spiritualism, but when dead to the world of sense, his mother came to him and with joy he recognized her and wanted to go with her to her heavenly home." But she motioned him back, saying, "Not yet, my son. You have a work to do on earth before you can come to my home The return to physical life to stay.' was painful.

But since then he has been a Spirit ualist. He was, he says, worth sixty thousand dollars when the flood burst upon the town, but when he awoke to consciousness he was homeless and penniless. He has done a good work in Troy as a healer of the sick, and a message bearer from the land of souls He organized a meeting, hired his hall, paid all expenses, and has conducted meetings with regularity, thus keeping a nucleus for the Spiritualists to rally o, according to their needs, desires and spiritual aspirations.

On Sunday evening, Jan. 31, in company with Brother Doty and his amiable daughter, I visited Brother Dalton's meeting, and heard him and Brother F. P. Edgerton, of Albany, give psychic reading and messages to the apparent pleasure of a very respectable audience; and those addressed usually acknowledged the truth of what was given. It was the first time I had visited a Troy audience in 29 years. From 1872 to 1875 there was a good strong

society in Troy, with Benjamin Star

buck, for president; E. F. Rogers, treas-

urer, and Elisha Waters, secretary. All

of them substantial men. and devoted

to the cause. With Brother Tibbits I stayed the last month I spoke in the

city. His daughters were at the fu-

Elisha Waters was one of the hand.

somest, noblest and best of men that I have known. He was with the Fox

girls in 1848-9, and through their medi-

amship he was convinced of the truth

of Spiritualism and has never wavered

for a moment in his serenc taith, based

upon knowledge. He was the inventor

of the famous paper boat, which led all

neral Saturday.

supported me to the parlor, where lay my body, that was, on the undertaker's cooling board, and my father said that born babe, just now, and need milk. If it had been embalmed-and here I wish Jesus, while still on earth, could turn to emphasize a great truth: The cast-off water into wine, I, who am a spirit, can material body is very disgustful to the easily turn water into milk. But I can- living spirit. I glanced at it once or twice and then, with a sickening sensation, turned away. I went back to my wife, and her terrible grief filled me with sorrow and despair. Oh, my friends, and readers of The Progressivo Thinker, do not mourn when your your courage and friends cast off the mortal body, but be cheerful and hopeful, and help them to

rise up brightly in their new condition But I will not blame my poor wife. She tried to do the best she could. would not leave her and so, my father aiding me, I was able to speak to her once or twice more during the day.

told her that I was as much surprised as she was to find myself out of the body, but, as it was inevitable, we must were going down a hill which was not both make the best of it. I also told her that perhaps it was better so, for I could now write my experience through "My darling," 1 said,

many, many times, that if I should go first, I would never, never leave you; and I will keep my word. I will not leave you for all the bright angels there

promise. Do you remember, dear, that

stay by you all the time, for I should

"Come Carlyle," he said, "let us go

that you may get a little strength. You would like to be able to stand alone,

But still I was very reluctant. I had

prepare a beautiful home for you?"

know it, and both are mixtures of cer-tain gases. Without that mixture the linct to me, but all else seemed to be to die out of, and it is of course as sumed that the inhabitants of other planets have some sort of soul clothing which they leave behind when they die man. Of course, without hydrogen my hand across my eyes, but the mist there would be no water, but if hydro-would not clear. My father placed a Except to the pure materialists of the Buchner and Haeckel variety who believe that man is just a will o' the wisp, mixture with oxygen would produce over it a white cloth, he brought from dangerous explosions. But it happens somewhere a dish of fruit and a silver going out with a puff, there has seemed almost a certainty that, whatever might be the future for man, it would be shared by souls from other planets. Occultists have from time to time interviewed intelligences claiming to have lived and died in Mars. Saturn and even see, that a planet must be just right size, neither too big nor too little, or wife," I said. outside worlds, whose visits have been accepted as natural, and according to the law governing spirit return. Seers have claimed to make visits, while in the superior condition, to gatherings in other worlds where they have found charming hostesses and intelligent hosts to give them cordial welcome. These foreigners were always described as just men and women, but with a dif ference that charmed the curiosity seeker. These facts have been written and printed in cold type for our children and our children's children to read, if the gates ajar to-day should presently swing to, and the key be turned in the lock.

But alas! and alas! now comes our own Alfred Russel Wallace and solemn declares that man as existing on this planot was the one object and ulti mate of every star, nebula and galaxy in Cosmos in general, and of our own solar system in particular. To make it still worse, he has an inconvenient method of capturing and arranging facts, just as he captured and arranged butterflies in the Molucca Islands in his pre-Darwinian youth. And these facts, when turned upside down, and inside out, are found to be explosives which "go off" and destroy the old beliefs deemed almost sacred.

The reader who likes good solid reading will find it in "Man's Place in Nature," just issued from the press to the glory of Alfred Russel Wallace, and the probable bewilderment of the pub-Whether the individual reader purrs or growls will depend upon his early training, and the violence of his esent beliefs.

A very brief summary of the argument must suffice for the present article and its readers, after which we may, perhaps, endeavor to discover if the asserted facts contain a lesson of value for ourselves.

wards learned, caused us to move about The increase in telescopic power, twenty miles into a rural district, and ided by the camera, has added millions place us with an obsessed family on of stars to the few thousands visible to purpose to break up our circle for a the unaided eye of man. But the protime, because where we were before The camera may now look for hours right through the Milky Way into the depths beyond, and find only nothingour environments were such that we could advance no farther; and here 1 want to say that we have learned since ness and space. So it becomes evident that mighty Cosmos is itself but a speck in infinite space. We may even speak of it as "our Cosmos,"...for. perchance there may be another Cosmos beyond our ken. This Cosmos is declared by astronomers to be a huge ring, so vast that light traveling at the rate of 180. 000 miles a second would require 30,000 years for its little trip, and we suppose as much more for its return urney This ring is the well known Milky Way with comparatively few stars or sys

tems above or below its plane. In the very center of this plane is a cluster whose stars are somewhat nearer to-gether; and of this cluster our solar system is but a speck. Distances are so vast in space that solar or stellar movements will not affect this position

(To be continued.) San Leandro, Cal.

the earth, but within our solar system.

must move her goods out of the house place and prepare us for receiving our

Taking such facts as these, with many others, the learned scientist proceeds to search for manhood outside

man could not breathe.

again they will have a new set of higher

stand-still. They sometimes write to Brother Hudson Tuttle, and he wisely tells them to discontinue their sittings for a time, and then when they start up

subordinate, the grand, and the su-preme; and this is why so many circles progress no farther than the subordinate degree. They come almost to a

we have advanced to the supreme de-It, will, seem mysterious to many to gree, that there are three degrees: the sent to us for development.

lived, containing four rooms; but some-

how there would no one apply except Father de Francis, who was years ago those of immoral character or of intem-

poor, weakly, delicate-looking lady, had progressed to the Supreme De-with a sad, but honest and intelligent gree, they would withdraw ipr a short looking countenance, and said that sho time, and that others would take their

which she then lived by noon the

next day. I was not at home when she

labout here, I had given up all hope of President Lincoln's first attriney-gen-leasing it to the proper parties, when in eral, and also by James G. Baine, Sen-the afternoon of March 31, there came a ator Stanford and others, that as we

such. Well, it ran on in this way until In a short time after this we were the last of March, and as April 1st was informed by Samuel H. Hoar, who was make an announcement through me. I popes get down on their knees before

'Supreme Guides."

Supremo Guides." Well, in a day or so there came two,

pastor of a Catholic church in Roches a short time Senator Hoar announced

This priest whom we removed was

--In the spring of 1901 I wished to rent ly developed to receive the Catholic trolled by Elisha. He said this medi-the south half of the house in which I spirits and have us enlighten, them, um is a "corner stone."

ship, and in a few weeks was sufficientbe my celestial or God-guide? Well, in

Well, I thought to myself, who is to

She was controlled the first evening at a given signal we would throw up

these

through.

withdrew.

chance to come in.

work. She was not

she sat with us; but we soon observed both hands and all clap them at once.

shed, we began telling him who and spoke in a very loud full voice for sev-

what he was, and then commanded him eral minutes. Her eyes seemed to

Supreme Powers, made him come out, part of the house. She was astonished

and his band were all made prisoners to see my wife controlled, as she had in our hands. We enlightened them all, never been entranced, and considered

and the next day this priest controlled herself only an impressional medium.

was inspired to tell.

Elijah, and in a few days she was con-

learn how some of these mediums were to improve in health and in modium minutes. He announced himself as

that Jesus of Nazareth come and talk

Now, right here I wish the reader to

not Gods; they are archangels. But these Gods or God angels spoken of be-

fore must precede them, and make It

possible for them to remain on the

carth-plane and do the work through

From that time on this medium began winked during his message of about 15 other pope.

then cause her two little girls to be one who seemed to have great power placed in a convent.

ing to gradually undermine her physical "Daniel of old"-yes, the prophet Dan-frame, or, in other words, kill her, and iel. Then Mrs. B. was controlled by

understand that these old prophets are overy tongue confess that Ohrist is the not Gods, they are probangels But Lord."

always wrong. Some of them will be-lieve and go into the light with an-Some of them demand

this same medium and confessed that Well, her control announced himself as he had been in this medium's "aura" for several months, and that they were go a few days afterward he said he was the convents come up before them; and

then such words as "Oh, take them away. My God, take them away!" Then when he gets sufficiently humbled, some none whom we have enlight ened will control one of our mediums or myself and talk to him and explain wherein their church is, and has been

years. I found her ill, with prospect of crossing the great divide ere long. From Little Falls to Utica, where twenty-five years ago I put in a month and was the guest of David Jones, the ed-

with them, and sometimes in a few min-

utes Jesus of Nazareth will control my

sometimes I could hear a voice almost audibly: "Every knee shall bow , and

And, now, Mr. Editor, to write in de

tail all the proceedings of this kind,

since our circle came in to the Supreme

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they can take hold of us at any time, of

ened two cardinals, seven popes, scores

of priests and thousands of the Catho-

lic laity. And, oh, if you could hear these popes

and priests express themselves, using

have the power. She must rule this

country and the whole world." Some of these have to be kept on the medium for over an hour. The spirits of the heaven. nuns and spirits of the babes born in Brother Noyes and wife, who are located for the season in the Capitol City and liable to remain a year or more. From Albany I made Little Falls, where met my oldest sister's oldest child whom I had not seen in twenty-five

meetings, burial services, etc., whether mation they can have it for the moder ate sum of \$25. . In that charmed seclusion we left the body of our beloved brother as in a hallowed dream of Returning to Albany I visited with

itor and published of the Olive Branch.

Now, after twenty-five years I am in

the city that was the home of Roscoe

Conkling, and the guest of C. H. Swift,

prospect of some spiritual work, if this

nitiatory meeting awakens the interest

that is anticipated. Mrs. Swift is a me-

dium and very earnest in her efforts tor

the cause, being prompted by her spirit guides. LYMAN C. HOWE.

Money and time are the heaviest bur-

dens of life, and the unhappiest of all

mortals are those who have more of

olther than they know how to use.-

Johnson.

and there is a stir in the embers

body, apparently well and quite strong. Looking at his silent face in the casket, she could not remember who it was. But the messenger will deliver her from The Indians call it the this sad eclipse and lead her out of the "bull pen," and in the last year our three circles have captured and enlightchaos to join him in glory. The crematory where his body was taken, is a private property, and the most elaborate and beautiful that I ever saw. It is free to all denominations for they cremate or not. If they wish cre-

cured a team, and assisted her in mov-ing. After a few days we asked her to back and forth, "vibrating" like the ters concerning her home well in hand, and in a very short time she will be liv-"Certainly," she said; "I am a Spirit- with our feet to the same vibration; in ing on her home, restored to her by the aid of spirits without resorting to the -These prophets and some of the stant trial, being afflicted with soften-ing of the brain for years, requiring the twelve apostles are with us. Their first work seems to develop a special set of mediums, to capture the cardinals. care of an infant and much more; and popes and leading Catholic spirits. he has been devoted and faithful to her Daniel and King Solomon have had needs-watching by her almost contheir headquarters with us for over a stantly day and night. Yet she is in year. We do not have to sit for control

ing disturbed his screne faith in the All-good, and the "world of sweetness and light" that awaited him. His family did not share his faith, and it is to their credit and honor that they faithfully carried out his wishes by calling a Spiritualist to serve at his funeral and they seemed anxious to have it all as they knew he desired it to be. They were pleasant and cordial to me, and appeared pleased that I could respond to their call. His wife has been a con-

others in races thirty years ago. He had apparently, not an enemy in the world, for he was kind, just, and generous to every one. Nevertheless, his boat factory was twice or three times burned, and apparently by a vicious in cendlary. Not because of any ill will to Mr. Waters, but through jealousy of his superior boats. These fires practi-AN ACCOUNT OF PECULIAR AND WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES, AF. FORDING AN INTERESTING FIELD OF THOUGHT FOR PSYCHIC STU-DENTS AND PHILOSOPHERS TO cally ruined him financially. But noth

An Object Study in the Home Circle, Illustrating Pleasant and Unpleasant Incidents, That Are Apt to Occur in the Course of Investigation. of ten acres of land in an interior county in the state of New York. She asked these Supreme Guides to restore to her

always considered my word as a bond, "Oh! tell me about it," she said. but my wife had exonerated me, and Where are you? How is it with you?" with backward, lingering glances, I fol-"I am standing right here in the lowed my father. ether before you. I cannot see very plainly yet, nor hear very distinctly, he said. and cannot stand alone."

courts.

After a few weeks of this training by our feet at our work, or at the table

Beecher and Bowles they seemingly while we are dining. They have a

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entranced, but

"prison pen."

would you not?"

"We will return again this evening,"

From Carlyle Petersilea, through his She cried out: "O! my dear Carlyle

wife, Amelia.

"Yes, the old gentleman's got me sure Glendale, Call. enough; but for him I could not be here

(To be continued.)

mediums, to bring about the millennium, or reign of universal peace. Now, the Mrs. B., who lived in the house with us last year, had been parted from her husband by those obsessing influences, and cheated out of her home 2

CLAIRVOYANT FINDS MISSING DOC-UMENT.

He Astonishes City Hall Officials With an Exhibition of Strange Ability.

The deputies employed in the office of Clerk of Courts Rogers were given an exhibition of clairyoyancy yesterday which they are still talking about but unable to explain.

A Minneapolis clairvoyant, secured for the purpose, went into the file room of the clerk's office and located certain papers which had been misplaced and which it would have been almost impossible to find by any ordinary method. The missing paper had to do with the estate of William R. Edgerly, and one

of the attorneys interested in the case is W. S. Cilley, of Minneapolis. Ten days ago Mr. Cilley came to St. Paul to look over the papers, but they could not. be found. After a thorough search the task was abandoned, and Mr. Cilley returned to Minneapolis.

Yesterday the attorney came back to St, Paul, accompanied by a clairvoyant, a man past fifty years of age. The clairvoyant was taken into the vault where the files are kept, and was given the file.number of the missing document, together with an outline of the matter it contained. The file number was 86,575, but in giving the number to the clairvoyant the attorney made a mistake and gave the number 85,575.

Finds Wrong Number Has Been Given. With this number in his mind the clairvoyant began his work. He appeared to go into a trance and became very nervous. After walking rapidly from one part of the file room to another, he approached Attorney Cilley and told him that he had made a mistake, but did not say what the mistake had been.

The attorney declared that he made no mistake, but the clairvoyant was sure that he had, and then it was discovered that the wrong number had been given the man. When the correction had been made the clairvoyant went to work again.

His eyes took on a gloomy appear ance and he rushed up and down the file room, where there are more than 90,000 envelopes similar to the one he was in search of.

"It's not here; it's not here; it's up higher," mumbled the mysterious man, as he ran his hand over the file cases in his mad rush up and down the room. Suddenly he stopped; he reached his hand high above his head and with-

drew an envelope. "Here is your paper," he caid confi-

dently. Chief Clerk Robinson and several of the deputies who witnessed the strange performance, stepped forward and looked at the envelope. Then their faith in the clairvoyant's ability faded. The number on the envelope was 46,133 'You have made a mistake," said

Deputy Gronewald. 'You'll have to try again," suggested Deputy Bazille, and a look of incredulity passed over the faces of all except the

clairvoyant. He Finds the Document.

He opened the envelope, and in the midst of a number of divorce papers he withdrew the lost file, which had nothing whatever to do with the papers in the envelope in which it had been found. The clairvoyant modestly handed the paper to Attorney Cilley and of fered no explanation of the apparent superhuman power.

'Mental telepathy," he suggested, but it was argued that it could not be mental telepathy, because no other person knew where the paper was located.

"It was one of the strangest things even witnessed," said Maj. Robinson, chief clerk of the office.

I cannot see how there could be any fake about it." said Deputy Bazille. All agreed that the clairvoyant had per formed what they considered a remarkable task, and none attempted to ex-

A Question That Will Remain at the Front.

While Spiritualists, for the last forty years, have in sweet tones sung the praise of Spiritualism, they have kept in the background, as if screened by a curtain, the lamentable fact that spirits, demon-iacal, malicious, or densely ignorant, have at times iacal, malicious, or densely ignorant, have at times taken possession of mediums, and wrecked their lives; and while thus afflicted they have had hinted to them by Spiritualists the "bitter consolation" riences, I have come to the following conclusion: that they are impure, that "like attracts like," and that they alone are responsible for their sad condi-diumistic sort, implies the existence in that they alone are responsible for their sad condi-tion. Admitting that statement to be true, then their bad condition is intensified, rendered twofold worse by spirits coming in contact with them, thus committing a very great crime, and aggravating their conditions, making them a hundred per cent worse than they would otherwise be. In whatever explained, because the explanation of light one may view the question, the work of refor- such a vital law is the only rule or key by which man can rationally unlock the mation is rendered difficult by the spirits them-selves, who in such acts become criminals of the burglar, blunderer or block-head. darkest hue.

TO ADD TO THE MUDDLE A DIRTY MONK CONTROLLING A VIR-WENTY-YEAR-OLD SPIRIT DE. TUOUS YOUNG MAN-A DESPER-ATE EARTH-BOUND SPIRIT-SAL-CLARES THERE IS NO SUCH THING VARONA PORTRAYS THE LAWS OF AS EVIL OBSESSION-PROJECTING OBSESSION-CRUEL DESTRUCTIVE INJURIOUS VIBRATIONS - MALI- PSYCHOLOGICAL ELEMENTS-SAD CIOUS NATURE OF THE OBSESSING PICTURE OF A DEMON-A SPIRIT SPIRIT-THINKING THAT ONLY BRINGING HATRED AND MALICE THE GOOD CAN COMMUNICATE-A TO BEAR.

Spirit Hypnotism Scen Clairvoyantly. and rearing. The cause lay not in her

To the Editor :-- In many of the recent articles of our spiritual writers note the claim that mediumship and psychology, or hypnotism are either wholly beneficent, or injurious.

The spirit editor James M. Finck, of the Reformer and Humanitarian Magazine, Galveston, Texas., having been in the spirit realms the infinite number of and a healer. twenty years is declaring through its pages that evil spirits are returned as nonentities to the great ocean of uni versal life, and there is no obsession. We think it wise to advise this spirit editor to become acquainted with Spirit Samuel Bowles, Aaron Knight, Prof

centuries through spirit realms and in-form us of existing evil-minded spirits and their abodes; yes, interview the spirit guardians of Dr. J. M. Peebles, of knowing we were clairvoyant. San Diego, Cal., of Dr. G. Lester Lane

of 872 Huntington avenue, Boston, and others who have proven beyond a doubt the fact of obsession, and have relieved many, many persons hypnotized by incified, I am the Christ.' Seers of

Something the Whole World Has to loose at death a horde of excarnate fiends. Demoniac obsession will always be

the pavement below.

A CASE OF OBSESSION.

the Same.

To fully test the reliability of the possible on earth wherever ignorance is stronger than knowledge, and credulity sympathy, and assumed disinterested, is mightler than the loftlest altruistic ofty spiritual wisdom, of an obsessing science. As examples of what I will term

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

Demoniac Obsession.

religious spiritual windom, of an observating religious spirit, i once traveled, back and forth; all the way from Boston to Chicago, and from Massachusetts to Maine, losing time, health, money and cases of malignant demoniac obsession, I offer the following: "A very intelligent man," says Wi-gan, "had the power of putting his double (demon) before himself. He

Demoniacal obsession-in my own case-implied the actual existence of an used to laugh loudly at this double (de-mon), which would also laugh in return. For a long time this was a subject of amusement to the man; but the final result proved lamentable. grees he became convinced that he was being haunted by himself. This (demon) other ego taunted him, worried and mortified him incessantly. In order to put an end to this sad existence he arranged his private affairs, and be ing loth to begin a new year, on Decemher 81, at midnight, he shot himself in the mouth."

who wished to know the profession and habits of his (demon) questioner, and where he lived. But the demon never consent to give any other infor mation than simply his name. The demon grew more and more ty rannical, ordering the man

his newspaper, watch and chain into the fire. To take care of a young woman and her child whom he had poisoned and, eventually to throw through the window of a third floor, whence he fell, and was killed upon

It is my duty, therefore, first of all, to point out that the destructive principle implied in demoniac obsession-when operating on its normal plane in vital phenomena-operates according to two aws, considered as subsidiary to the years old, unmarried and keeping house for myself and father. Eight years ago, evolution of the medium, and of all anmal and vegetable existence

September last, we lost a brother through so-called death, and knowing (a) In the first place the law of de struction or dissolution is the forerunnothing about Spiritualism. The fol ner of the evolution of the medium's lowing spring my sister was consider ably wrought up over strange rappings

Not only is every white corpuscle of ably wrought up over strange rappings the medium's blood endowed with a vul- in her room at night, which frightened her (not knowing what it is was), and ture-like hunger, actuated by which, it which continued for a week, when she tears to pleces the old decayed cells. saw her mother clairvoyantly in the but the medium is endowed with disinroom with her, which frightened her tegrating and poisonous dissolving more than ever Having heard of a lady in our town

Fingers , which ' take the place of who was a medium for table-tipping, I made arrangement with her for a sitlaws. Canine, and molar teeth by means of ting, which subsequenly gave us an in-

which the medium tears apart, rends asunder, destroys the former forms of sight into Spiritualism, and we were also informed that my sister was a meand thereby dissolves the old food dium, only lacking development. We were advised to sit for development, forms. . 3 IT The operation of the destructive law

without much result, when we ceased my sister would continue sitting at a um's nutrition can be prepared to be evolved into the blood, and nerve cells small table for tipping, which she could of the medium, vig, to eat is to destroy. was getting so sensitive to any influ-

In this scuse, dissolution is the fore-runner of evolution. The relation of this principle to demoniac obsession, we shall see; when we that she was unable to rest at night, or reach the psychological and spiritual

(b) In the second place the law of de-struction or dissolution is the protector or conservator of acquired forms of evo ceeded in doing. One morning lution.

This law is expressed in all animal and vegetable poisons; horns, fangs, quills, beaks, teeth, thorns, stings. out was not him. Some organs serving a double pur-

"KICKING" SOMEWHAT. | LILIAN WHITING'S BOOKS

SPIRITISM AND SPIRITUALISM, OB PHILOSOPHY AND PHENOMENA. Spiritualism now having formulated creed and declared itself a religion,

like all its predecessors, proceeds to "throw mud," and its adherents declare themselves holler than their mother Spiritism.

President Barrett is reported to have said: "This convention should declare to the world the religious side of Spiritualism, and place it squarely and rever ently upon the basis of scientific the 1sm.

Webster defines theism thus: "The belief or acknowledgment of the existence of a God."

Were some one to ask Spiritualists what they mean when they say "God," doubtless they could not tell, but like all other believers in the assumption called God, would tell their interrogator By de that they were impertinent, and say, "I don't choose to cast pearls before swine" (Spiritists). But every intelli-gent person knows what is meant is that monstrosity of the Bible; and a great many cannot believe in anything of the kind, and so are excommunicated from the Spiritualist church.

One can hardly go to a Spiritualist Dr. Ball gives an account of a man meeting now without hearing more or less of God and that other myth Jesus, our elder prother, the grandest man and medium that ever lived, etc., and fulwould some praise of the Bible. "Why," they say, "I don't see how anyone can claim

to be a Spiritualist and not believe the "to throw Bible; it is full of Spiritualism." Well, yes, it is full of accounts of spirit return and communication; but

that is Spiritism pure and simple-noth himsel ing else. Others will tell Spiritists that we

ought not oppose the Bible, it hurts the cause and keeps people away (and their SALVARONA. dimes also), besides there are good things in it.

Yes, it would be hard to put so much in a book without getting a little good in it; but I think I never saw another Exhibiting the Unpleasant Character of hook that contained so little good or truth to the amount of falsehood and rubbish; and what little good is in it, loses its force by being associated with To the Editor: -Taking advantage of your invitation in The Progressive

so much that is bad. Thinker, to send particulars of obses sions, I will try to give as briefly as WHY GO TO THE BIBLE FOR can the case of my sister, which has **GUIDANCE WHEN SO MANY INCOM** continued for seven years. She is 39 PARABLY BETTER BOOKS ARE ALI AROUND US?

There is often a bit of good bread in garbage barrel, but like the good sayings in the Bible, it is tainted by the garbage.

I would rather go to a bakery and get clean, fresh loaf instead of hunting in a barrel of garbage for a crust; so l would rather go to Paine, Huxley, Spencer, Ingersoll, or some modern philosopher for truth and morals than to the Bible.

Our churches, societies and camp meeting associations generally send away and import some grand inspira tional (?) speakers to entertain us (and they as a rule try harder to entertain than instruct), pay their fare both ways, entertain them while at camp, and pay them usually about \$20 a lec ture, besides, which is no more than which we did for some time together, right; they probably earn it. Certainly they do if they use good grammar while sitting together, but during this time entranced and turn their eyes up reverently when speaking of God, and make a good long "invocation." prayer). They do by herself, and in the meantime she will then spend twenty minutes telling what a beautiful place it is, and what ence that would come around her, that nice, smart people Spiritualists are-all inspirational; then twenty minutes she became so nervous and irritable more in what they call the philosophy be herself in daytime, until finally she of Spiritualism; thirty more denounc asked me to use my hypnotic influence ing commercial mediumship, spiritists, over her, which I had been told I posphenomena and fraud hunters, and tell sessed, to entrance her, which I sucnow long and hard they have worked when for the cause, and now this grand religshe became entranced, some influence ion is being dragged down by commen talked through her to me, claiming to cial mediums, and mean Spiritists, and be my brother, but which I later found how much higher and grander the phiand

losophy is than the phenomena; they have earned their \$20 and 1 This was the beginning of seven

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mediumship, or her character, but in the malicious nature of the obsessing spirit, and without assistance her case could have been most serious. The wife of an acquaintance, knew nothing of control, became clairaudient, and thinking that only the

good could communicate she gave heed to their advice, and within two days it became necessary to call in a physician within the medium (in this way) being While in the home of a friend I met a noble, virtuous young man; I saw a monk control him to repeat poetry, and to give the name of Edgar Allan Poe, as his name; having read a description of Poe and some of his writings, there was von Marx and the author of A Wanderer in Spirit Lands and thousands of oth ers who have been investigating for

emblematical of the cross, so was I cru-

no comparing the two; then another, claiming to be Tennyson, spoke through him; finally he passed into a trance condition, becoming cold and white as in death, and an ordinary spirit claiming to be Christ spoke to us, not as the

I once saw an investigator stretch out his arms so that his form represented a cross, then he remarked, "As this is

plane.

Christ would, but as an impostor, not

own body.

plain how it was done.

In the file room, where the missing paper was found, are almost 100,000 files, each in an envelope, and the en velope in which the missing paper had been placed was one which had no more bearing on the case than had 90,000 other envelopes.

The greatest care is taken in the office to prevent the misplacing of files, and the only explanation that can be offered is that the file was placed in the wrong envelope by some attorney who last referred to it.

Had it not been for the success of the clairvoyant it is probable that the missing file would have been given up for lost, as the envelope in which it was found contained papers in a case al-ready settled, and it might have remained untouched for years.

When asked why he secured the clairvoyant, Attorney Cilley explained that the man had once before, some months ago, told him that his child would live, after the doctors had given up all hope for its recovery. He had also demonstrated his power in other ways which led the attorney to have some faith in his ability to perform such strange feats .- St. Paul (Minn.) Globe.

SONG OF THE COMET.

["Prof. Kronliff, of Norway, predicts the appearance of a comet of great prilliancy about November of this year, 1904."-Press dispatch.]

I come from the regions of Star dust-From the Holies of Infinite light, And I leave a burnished pathway Gleaming like Radium bright.

I hold the Keys of Wisdom-The Keys of the Infinite Whole And I offer complete Redemption To every doubting Soul.

I am an Electric Messenger From the outermost Circle of Space And I bring a message of Freedom To an earth-bound, doubting race.

The message of Law Unchanging-Of Wisdom's unchanging ways, The process forever proceeding In the Mind of the "Ancient of Days."

I salute the Sentinel Arcturus That stands supreme and alone-And reflect my light to the Pleiades That wheel around Alcyone.

I rush onward towards Orion. The God of the Southern Stars, 'And speak the word of Love and Peace To the flery planet Mars.

To Earth, in its throes and convulsions-

To Souls struggling up from the

give Brotherhood's Hope plainworded.

And the One-ness and Goodness of God.

Farewell! I go on my mission, When I call, on my circle again, May Earth, transmuted and holy, Be the Peace habitation of Men. DR. GEO. W. CAREY.

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Ages, Immortality, by Dr. Peebles, A Wanderer in Spirit Lands, and then in his mission earthward investigate. I can travel Chicago's 23 miles and no see a drunken man, nor hear an oath

and yet there are thousands swearing drinking, drunk. I simply have not in vestigated existing conditions, but my lack of investigations does not give me the right to declare that no such conditions exist.

I have been clairvoyant but ten year but have learned that Dame Nature does not snuff out individual existence either good or evil, nor did I have to go to the haunts of sin, or the holy of holie to see them, but in church and hall, on the streets and in homes I have seen both classes. What a blessing are the true and the

good, robed in ethereal white, beaming with love and spirituality, radiant with that higher intelligence, Orientals and Occidentals, bearing peace and harmony, soothing the sorrowing, healing the afflicted, teaching through the various phases of mediumship the truths of a higher, spiritual, happier life, guiding and guarding those of earth life, over a blessing and a truth, some companions talking and suggesting to their sensitives, others working in dependently, only requiring the more material magnetism of a mortal person as an aid, others psychologizing to full control, while others control from with-

in the brain using the vocal organs in dependently, the sensitive being fully conscious, which, if remaining too long, according to nature's magnetic law they become unable to leave the atmosphere of the sensitive and grow sad and burdensome. Yes, I have seen the true and loving

spirits striving with will power and philosophic wisdom against those of evil design in the presence of a sensitive of sincere, spiritual aspirations. I have assisted the higher forces in

breaking the hypnotic power of injuri- gation. ous spirits. In one instance I seemed ter, and projecting the most injurious was told to walk back and forth through us place a helmet of true knowledge

there is not a purer, nobler young lady

anywhere than she, lovely parentage Chicago, Ill. Maria de la constance de la co

travels, and as it ever seems to be my better audiences greeted me than I lot, I have been guilded into fields where have many times seen on a fair day in other spiritual workers have failed to cities when prominent spiritual speakother spiritual workers have falled to cities when prominent spiritual spear gö. This town, Baroda, Mich., which is ers were the attraction. I was per-only about fourteen years old, has many very liberal minds, and they are now did, for the weather was fine, and the the Liberalist or Spiritualist com-mences; especially the Spiritualist. ripe for genuine spiritual methans, audiences at rota the perfects, and the spiritual methans, and evening of Jan. 31, taxed the stranger, and they eagerly accepted my full capacity of the hall. There are many little hamlets and vill and are capable of doing our cause proposition to give them a lecture, al-though I am the first representative of lages all over our land where our philos, great good. In these places where the our philosophy to appear among them ophy and science has not been taught, churches are on the decline the people By Carlyle Petersilea. A pure psychia

In looking back of this person I saw two very dark spirits psychologizing him to do and say what he had.

Another party was hypnotized to be leve himself greater than the president, and was impelled by unseen forces to go to the station to purchase a ticket to Washington, D. C. The public would have called these persons insane, not

seeing the spirit psychologizers. I would like to mention one other too rustful a sensitive; spirit claiming to be her loved ones, through deception gained control, and only through the re-

noving and restoring powers of Dr. G Lester Lane's spirit physicians and healers was she saved from paralysis and insanity, and is now serving the spirit world as a medium for human

rogress. While traveling on a railway train 1 glanced down the aisle and coming from the farther end was a most de bauched spirit, he was met by higher forces and ejected from the car; another time on entering a car I was at-tracted to a person I felt sure was a sen-

sitive, and at the same time a spirit force seemed hurled across my forehead like an electric shock and my brain felt grasped as it were: conscious of the source I sent out all the resistive ure of cruelty. will power I possessed, and the loving voice of my guardians assured me that they would take charge of the offending

spirit, while a prayer went out from my soul that the stranger sensitive was also protected. It was a spirit earthbound, desperate, without a sense of justice, or feeling. Again when traveling I have seen

beautiful spirit children in the lans of their parents, with clinging arms about their necks, and spirit loved ones sit-ting beside the living, and to me it seems as natural to see both as to see only those the world calls living. These are truths that an eternity of discussion can not change, but may

stimulate to deeper thought and investi-Mediumship is a glorious blessing, impelled to go to the home of a friend and not the source or cause of injury to

there he was hovering near the daugh of much human suffering and crime.

the rooms and break his vibrations by about the brain of every developing sweeping the atmosphere with my young sensitive, that he, or she, may as hands. In a short time the daughter far as possible be self-protective-then was as well and joyous as ever, and only can we be blameless. BARTON STEWART.

on the following Sunday, Jan. 34. Two

our philosophy to appear among them ophy and science has not been raught, publicly. At my first lecture they the people at such places are ready for greeted me with an audience of eighty it. In such places the churches are al-

people, and if the roads had not been so 'ready established, and they hold serv-

ose, I. e., to get as well as to keep As the human body has no set of de-structive moral organs related strictly on she wanted to be alone, did not want

to the moral destructive passions, there me to have anything to do with her in has to be a doubling up process, by means of which a morally destructive anyone to come to see her, and for three passion is forced to explain itself years I could not prevail on her to leave through the organ of a lower destruct- the house for any purpose. I always ive physical passion.

Thus the organ's expressing the tear: would be able to go out again. At last ing of flesh by the passion of hunger, I became desperate and compelled her are the same organs which express the to leave. She went to Chicago and imaginary tearing to pices of an idea in stayed three days; then came back and a fit of moral anger.

But when any form of dissolutive life then returned, being much brighter and force acquires and maintains its ascend- better for some time, but soon the enancy because of its own love of dominavironments at home brought the old tion and power, instead of remaining helpfully subservient to the universal conditions back again. During those three years she had become clairaudilaw of evolution-and thus loves to de-stroy for its own sake-that form of life ent and clairvoyant, and all the trouble

is what we call malignant. It is this form of the desire for destruction which so often expresses itself in the demoniacal obsessions of modern and traditional life.

The psychological principles animat-ME as well as her father. When we try to reason with her, her reasoning ing the destructive spirit, whether expowers are nil, and because I am a Spir carnate or incarnate (when abnormal or wicked) are the love of domination itualist, which she disowns and hates or power for its own sake-anger, fear she accuses me of being the cause of all and lust; and hence the exquisite pleasher troubles by bringing other influences home with me to bother her.

Her reason has not flown, for she is To say that I am not in a world in rational in everything else, and attends which there are thousands of incarnate to the household duties all right, but it spirits, animated solely by these cruel is certainly unpleasant to be around destructive psychological elements, is person when you can not carry on a conversation, and do not know what to tell me that I have no nose on my face.

Remember, I have lived forty-seven years.

For you to tell me that countless millions of human and lower destructive spirits have not passed out; and that such spirits were not animated all their lives by the insane love of power, the pleasure of cruelty, anger, fear and lust, is for you to ask me to disregard the thing I bought. testimony of all the earlier ages of the human race, and the records of the car-

nivora. nivora. Psychologically considered, however, the destructive or dissolutive forces of accomplish anything, as she resists all help whatever. While I know such cases can be helped, yet as long as she fights against it, the case seems hope-Impelled to go to the home of a finematic and not the source of cause of injury to incarnated or excarnated human na-incarnated or excarnated human na-ture—when in ormal—are expressed, family the spirit of a relative who in life had attempted their financial ruin, incarnated or excarnated human na-ture—when incarnated or excarnated human na-extension to produce forms, i. e., as in the creative hassion to produce forms, i. e., as in the creative hassion of human and sex. Secondiy, the destructive psychologless to me. Should there be any or method brought forward through the discussion of The Great Psychological Crime in your paper, I would eagerly avail myself of it to give it a trial, as I ical principle is expressed in the univerwould do most anything to break those Responsibility rests upon every indi- sal passion to preserve forms, i. e., as in influences that control my sister. vibrations that he could command. I vidual knowing these truths; then let the passions of anger and fear; the for Hoping to hear of some good accor mer being the offensive passion of self plished through your invitation. SOME preservation; the latter; the defensive. POOR SOULS RELEASED OUT OF A Any form of education, culture, milita-rism or religion, that has a tendency to LITERAL HELL, you will be doing a great work and your reward will be in simply develop the destructive princithat ceater world to which we all are

traveling. JACOB CHRISTIAN. Litchfield, Ill. ple. i. e., agianger, thate or lust, or insane love of power, is simply letting

years of trouble and worry for myself and room and carfare, and lots of flat tery.

The commercial mediums pay their own fare to the camp, rent a room or tent, and board themselves. Then each spends an hour giving some bereaved anxious soul a message from loved ones gone before, and makes them happy, declared that after a certain time she and charges-actually charges, a dollar for it.

Dare

Now we would like some good Spiritualist to explain why the woman who navs her own expenses and charges went in the country for two weeks, and one dollar for an honest hour's work, is more of a commercial medium than the trance medium who has all expenses paid, and charges twenty dollars for an hour's work?

In my opinion those trance speakers (?) who are denouncing Spiritists and she has caused has been her listening nomena hunters are trying to tear to the influence that controls her, and the foundation from under their philos doing their bidding-said influence bringing SUCH A HATRED AND MALophy. Besides their philosophy is often quite contradictory. One inspirational trance speaker will tell one thing of the ICE TO BEAR UPON HER against me, that she will CURSE ME AND ABUSE future, and another quite a different story, as much at variance and as contradictory as their Bible they so love to quote, and defend its vile savings, con tradictions and absurdities by saying it doesn't mean what it says. And since "the powers that be" have declared Spiritualism a religion I am proud to

leclare myself only a Spiritist, for think that the farther any man or na tion gets from religion the better off they are.

The more religion, the more illiter acy, cruelty and crime. minute she will turn on you and curse you for something you do not know In Russia the Christians continue to

massacre the Jews. anything about. Such have been the Christianity has reduced once classic Italy and Spain to a hand organ and a conditions in my house for seven years. and the end is not yet, although she is fiddle, and held Mexico to the wooden somewhat brighter in the last two plow.

weeks, and during this summer she has In conclusion I wish to say I believe been going to the grocery store herself, Spiritism and the phenomena is as simply because she would not eat anymuch superior to any religion (I care not which one-they are all virus from I have tried different ways to break the same old poison-superstition) as the influence, but have been unable to truth is above falsehood, as fact is

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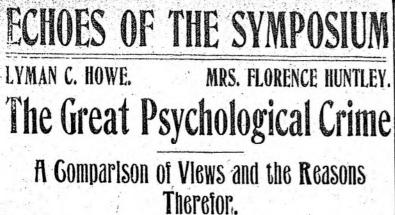
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Lyman C. Howe, the veteran Spiritualist Lecturer and in this respect. I could name hundreds of these cases, some of whom are re-Medium, a man well and favorably known as one of the foremost thinkers and writers in our ranks, ity induced by mediumship? will Champion the Cause of Truth as reflected in Spiritualism, while Mrs Florence Huntley, the wellknown Author and Journalist, will defend all the statements in The Great Psychological Crime, which Mr. Howe will dare to assail, making a series of articles instructive, suggestive and inspiring, and which every Spiritualist should most carefully read.

LYMAN C. HOWE REPLIES TO MRS. FLORENCE HUNTLEY.

come active and I should again DESIRE My Dear Mrs. Huntley:-Your last letter got down to business, and makes your position clearer than case YOUR WILL ACTED UPON MY INTENTIONS by means of the money, any of its predecessors, and comparing it with my answer written before I had just as effectually as if you had hypnoseen it, shows a correspondence of tized my will, through my desire thought which implies telepathy, or co- in any other way. Would I then be reincidence, in a marked degree. I shall sponsible for neglect of the chores? There might be some serious conse glad, indeed, if it shall "turn out" that there is not much difference bequences following my neglect, but if I tween us; but there seems to be a good regarded the results of less import ance than the money, I should ignore the chores, and TAKE THE CONSEdeal yet to fix before that can be real-The one thing that has all the time given the author's definitions al-most unlimited scope, and which I have QUENCES. In my experience I was as really responsible as in any other act been trying to bring to a definite underof my life. But would it be desirable standing, is his classification of medito cultivate such a state? Not as a perums and their phases. You express the manent condition. Nor would I recomopinion that the mediumship of which mend any one to lie on his back con-Mrs. Longley and Hudson Tuttle write, tinuously. But for a purpose, to demonstrate the possibility of such a sus-pension of desire, I see no harm in it. I is NOT MEDIUMSHIP AT ALL! But both of them have acted in the capacity of receivers and transmitters of thought, would not recommend any one to cultivate any subjection to another's will, as and messages from spirits, which has a permanent condition. PENALTIES ARE BUT CAUSES EMPLOYED TO had more or less of the quality of CON-TROL of their organisms, by the will of their spirit guides. But they have CHANGE THE MOTIVES THAT IMnot been made, abject slaves to spirit PEL TO WRONG CONDUCT. authority; for they have exercised some wards are causes employed to change choice as to when they should be the desires, and control the will, by con-recipients of messages, and what use trolling the motives that actuate it. Longley has been VOLUNTARILY nor punishment in view; but simply to-SUBJECT TO THE WILL AND DICTA- tal indifference, whereas to make an ef-TION of John Pierpont and John War-ren, and as she reports it, has lain in a incentive, however weak. A man that profound trance, subject to the will of is intoxicated and commits crime is her guides, from two to forty-eight held responsible; but he is no more hours at a time. She may call this a free and independent than I was during "superior condition," and I think it was, that short moment. There is much but it seems to me it comes within the more that might be said in this rela author's definition of MEDIUMSHIP. tion but space forbids it here. I think all of the witnesses I have in

Of the three stages of the mediumistic process, as defined by the author, control of the WILL; the VOLUN- DIUMS within the author's definition. GANISM, but very few ever represent an quite surprised at your testimony to the effect that of all the mediums you them all in any perceptible degree. It have known there is not one that has was for the purpose of a definite inter- not shown evidence of injury, either inpretation of the significance of each of tellectual, moral, or physical! Where these processes separately, and to-gather that I questioned you as to when do not recall one that has been inand where the process began, and how we could determine if it began at all. be held responsible for. I have known

Your answer disregarded the ques- of some cases of apparent obsession, in tions, and said it was not important to which the medium seemed to suffer, know when it began; that poison is pol- and in those cases there may be injury son, as much before its effects were re- physical or mental; but I am not sure that it was not due to pre-existing co

efforts of life by all spirits with whom I have come in contact." Q.-Have you ever experienced any annoyance from obsessing spirits? A.-I have never been anuoyed by spirits or mortals unless I choose to be Q .- Have you known any cases of cenuine obsession?

A .-- I have known quite a number of ases, and have mentioned several of them in my book. Q .- Have you known cases of reform of drunkards or other vicious habits in which spirits and mediumship have act

ed as the reforming agent? A.-Yes, I have known many, very many cases of reform of drunkards, clg. arette, cocaine and morphine habits and have all my life used all my ability in this line in which I have been assist ed by my controls, who have guarded and protected the weak and unfortunate spected and honorable citizens to-day, both men and women.

A .-- I have never known any such cases, but on the contrary I have known many of insanity being cured, absolutely by the development of me diumship in such cases,

It should be borne in mind that these testimonials are not selected from mass of conflicting evidences, but are just as they come to me from the persons addressed, and the average, there fore, must, at least approximately rep-resent the general experience of the most prominent mediums known in Mod-ern Spiritualism in the United States. I do not think any of them are of the class the author calls independent. If mediumship is destructive to health and intellectual life, and paralyzes the brain, it would seem to me it would manifest its baneful 'effects in the

course of forty-three years of continuous daily practice of spirit control. The author's statistics must have been obtained from a different class of me diums, who may have been by heredity and temperament predisposed to insan ity, or intellectual debility and a mor

bid diathesis of body and brain. Hudson Tuttle advocates culture, and individual effort and co-operation with spirits. Nevertheless HE IS A ME-DIUM, and was for several years CON-TROLLED to give messages, names and various tests that convinced skeptics. But instead of being victimized and degraded, he grew in intellectual strength, and his normal condition advanced instead of declining, and he says: "I have grown stronger in will, in nemory, in the ability to reason." He has written many volumes of scientific and philosophical value, ranking with the ablest scholars and scientists in the world. His books have been translated into several languages, quoted by prominent authors in Europe and America; yet he always writes subject to spirit control within the author's definition, I think. But he says: "I believe mediumship in this phase tends alone to strength of character and righteousness." And also: "I have never experienced mental decline, loss of memory or will from the exercise of mediumship," That his health has not suffered from mediumship is evident from the fact that he has been in active

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troduced, or shall introduce, are ME-

service of the cause AS A MEDIUM for fifty years or more, and is able to do a vast amount of work yet, and his pen shows vigor of mind and independenc of character as marked as any norma writer. Dr. Bland reports a wonderful trance in The Progressive Thinker, January 9, and a remarkable result of spirit control in the complete restoration of the medium to vigorous health, from a frail

anemic invalidism, and "her friends hought her days on earth were num-That trance experience did not hered." injure the health of the medium, but the reverse. In conclusion I would say that I do

not disagree with much that I find in your last letter, and I thoroughly approve the idea of self-culture, and all efforts to develop and perfect a well anced individuality; and MEDIUM-

With best

LYMAN C. HOWE.

SHIP has in many cases effectually

wishes and sincere regards, I remain,

(The End.)

WHEN I GO.

When I go from this world I have

To search for the one I have dreamed

And life's best essentials renew;

When I see, as my longings have pic

tured, That land, with its angels in sight,

And know I have not over-dreamed it.

Words never can tell my delight!

Withdraws into silence complete:

harken, up-reach, but am wordless-

The thought is so wondrously sweet!

All doubts will be left with the by

gones, Heaped up with Love's debris below

And I shall have solved the great prob

It will not be the grand or the gorgeous

My soul will be longing for most, But the calls, and the home-coming

Of those whom I feared I had lost.

shall venture a few explanations Of things which I failed to do here,

And tell them how, during their veiling

From mortals. I oft felt them near.

My feelings will be as dear friends feel

When living countries apart,

They meet after wearlsome travel,

Again face to face, heart to heart

It will be of the small things, and dear

things My glad soul will hasten to speak;-

easure, a pain, an uplifting,

A hand-clasp, a kiss, a fair cheek.

A vain soul may picture its entrance

He may look for his robing, and crown

Unlike what is given to me;

For only to die is to know!

lem.

welcomes

As I think of it now all my being

As sometime we all of us do,

Cordially yours,

aided in such development.

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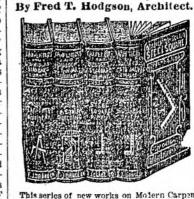
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alized as in advanced stages. My point was that in numerous instances the ditions in the medium's organism. But WILL OF ONE PERSON acts upon the if there is in such cases real permanent WILL of another to change and mould injury to the medium, they are a very it, and to ultimate in a change of action, small per cent of all the mediums without any knowledge or thought of have known. In view of your startling any hypnotic process by either party. statement it seems the more important

The will is very closely allied to the to present the testimony of mediums voluntary powers, and these to the sen- who are competent to testify. Promisory organism; and it seems to me that nent among mediums well and widely known is Maude Lord Drake. Accordin some degree the identical process is active in almost all our relations in life. ingly I addressed a series of questions to her, and I herewith present them Hence, if hypnotism and mediumship are so baneful in every stage of develwith her answers: Question .- How long have you been opment, it seems to me important to know in what way to determine what they are, and how to differentiate them conscious of mediumship in your own experience? Answer .-- Have been a medium all from all other conditions in which one my life; actively before the public forwill acts upon another will in all the walks of life. If in your shoe-deal your ty-three years. Q .-- Are you ever entranced? will and acts were changed by the will of the salesman, was the "poison" in that deleterious to your intellect or your health? In this connection I de-A .- Yes. Nearly every day of my life and many times a day. Q.—In the seances for phenomena sire to make plain my thought on the are you conscious of being in any abspecial experience I have referred to. normal condition? A .- I am in my normal condition in and which you seem to regard as a point against my position. To get the all seances for phenomena. matter before our readers so they may Q .- How frequently have you been under spirit control? A.—Would probably average from not be misled by my language, I will quote from your letter: "What is your idea or judgment as to

three to five times a day. Q.—Have you ever realized injury to the desirability of such a relation or. state of being as that which existed duryour physical health as a consequence ing the period while your voluntary of mediumship? A .- No. I have never realized any powers were subject to the will of your controls? Do you regard it as a nor-mal relation or state of being? Do you injury physically or otherwise. On the contrary it has been the means of giv-

ing me perfect health all my life. I use regard it as a desirable relation or state the words perfect health advisedly. of being to cultivate or encourage? Do Q .- Have you realized any injury to you lock upon it as a morally healthy and proper relation or state of being your intellect as an effect of your mewhich you could recommend to others diumship?

A .-- No injury whatever. On the for their improvement? Do you be lieve that any person while in a state of contrary it has given me comprehensuch complete subjection to the will of sion and insight into all sciences and another is himself personally respon-sible, or morally accountable for what philosophy, so much so that it has as tonished students and scholars in all he does during the period of such subdepartments of science. It jection? Is that the kind of DEPEND- strengthened will and increased the power of concentration." ENCE to which you refer when you say Q .- Has mediumship weakened your

without qualification or reserve I be-ABSOLUTE RESPONSImemory A .- On the contrary it has strength-BILITY OF EVERY HUMAN SOUL ened memory. Made memory more per and this not because man is free and in-

lenendent, but because he IS NOT fect and accurate, covering many years FREE AND IS ALWAYS DEPEND. It has enabled me to recall names and details after a lapse of twenty years. Q.—Has mediumship so affected your As I have said in another letter, I re-

lized no "subjection to the will of anbrain, or mental faculties, as to injure your powers of independent thinking: ther" in that moment of suspended acor weakened your ability to concentrate ion. There was no sense of any CON your mind in any of the affairs of life? 'ROL of my WILL, or of my voluntary owers, or my sensory organism. A .-- On the contrary I have never re-(as, so far as I realized, in full pos-ceived any injury. It has augmented psion of my body and soul. My DE- or increased the power of concentration IRE to move, was by some means susof mind or thought. It has aided me in nded-perhaps by some subtle action discussions, in analysis and comparianother's will, but the only feeling I

the domand of the chores would

son. (Here Mr. Drake adds: "I will was that of TOTAL INDIFFER- here say, Mr. Howe; that I have never CE. There was NO INCENTIVE to come in contact with one more positive One of the points I have been con-ling for is that NO VOLUNTARY in all the affairs of life, than my wife.and independent in thought and action,

ACTION EVER TAKES PLACE WITH-J. S. Drake.") Q.-Has mediumship ever seemed to OUT A MOTIVE, AND MOTIVE IS NOT CREATED BY THE WILL, but weaken your normal faculties in a way rather, CREATES THE, WILL. If I to render you incapable of resisting the

were in an easy position resting, and hypnotic efforts of another's will' A .-- No. There has never been any contemplating some light chores that weakening of normal faculties. I have I must attend to, and you should offer me one hundred dollars to remain quiet peen able to resist any and all hypnotic

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for twelve hours, you would successfully PARALYZE MY DESIRE 'TO RISE. efforts of others. Q .- Have you ever realized any influ-The few light chores which had acted onco from spirits that tended to immoras an incentive to effort would at once

icse all their influence, and I COULD NOT change my attitude, because l coud not DESIRE to. But let the hur tred dellar incentive be withdrawn, and

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ality? If so were they arbitrary, or easily repelled or resisted?

A.--I unhesitatingly say no to these questions. On the contrary I have al-ways received the highest moral advice Hull. For sale st this office. Frice 10 00000 ______ and been assisted to the highest moral

has

What lies in the mist-hung Beyond; But, I think, to our infinite longing An Infinite God will respond

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And dream where his plumage will be; He may fancy some great demonstration To usher his soul to its place, And a seat near enough to the Throne

Hill

To look in God's glorious face.

But I shall expect to behold Him In marvelous beauties, and.sweet; Elaborate landscapes of heaven,

Which mortal words paint incom plete, The asphodels speak His existence,

The roses and lilles His touch;

The amethyst hills, bright with angels O! Earth has slight semblance of

such! Leastwise, that is what I am dreaming,

The while I have life in the flesh, And work at the loom of endeavor

Brocading bright blooms in life's

mesh. I wonder, and wonder, and wonder

- EMMA ROOD TUTTLE.

"Spiritual Bongs, for the Use of one

ing Mrs. Williams was a tall, thin, as-cetic looking man of mincing gait and tended over several months, during which time Thomas Beet and I. W. dainty manner, who styled himself "Professor Hall, of Columbia Univer-Rourke, of the Greater New York Detective Agency, have been constantly sity." It was through "Professor Hall' engaged in collecting evidence as to the that the tips were conveyed to Mrs methods of Mrs. Williams. Williams by which she made her won-Following the charge of obtaining derful tests. Circulating through the audiences gathered in the reception money under false pretenses, it is said, Mr. Beet will prefer a graver charge room each night before the seances, he against Mrs. Williams and those congathered bits of personal gossip, picked nected with her who have been attemptup names and connections and other ing to sell through the assistance of wise procured material which made it the spirits she drags from the cabinet, possible for Mrs. Williams to show a shares of stock in a company pro-moted by a member of her household. wonderful knowledge of the affairs of

her clients. This promoter last night sought out "Professor Hall" also made a practice Mr. Beet after the service of the sumof continuing his friendships after the mons and pleaded with him to shield seance had closed, and by his trips to a him from prosecution or publicity, asnearby restaurant with the acquaintsuring the detectives that the efforts of ances he made in the reception room he Mrs. Williams to procure money from was enabled to keep in close touch with the complainant in the case had been all Mrs. Williams' clients. "Professor Hall" was the only really

without his sanction or authority. Spirit Urged Investments.

investment.

really passed over.

moted by the medium.

ner, however, she refused to give a ma-

to hegin.

intellectual person who mingled in the affairs of the house of ghosts on West Mrs. Williams, through the spirits de-Eightieth street. It was he who talked veloped within her cabinet, had repeatgrandiloquently of the formation of the edly urged Mr. Beet to buy this stock 'Grand Circle" of Spiritualists who the spirit of his father having said to were to have begun their work within a him on many occasions that he could week or so in Mrs. Williams' house. not rest quietly in spirit land unless he knew that his son was on the high road

Noted Men Were to Attend. to wealth through his son's investment This "Grand Circle" was to comprise, in the company promoted by the Spiritaccording to "Professor Hall." such men

ualist and her friends. as Dr. I. K. Funk and other men The spirit of his father was the only equal social position and standing. An spirit of any person really dead who drew Carnegie was also to be brought appeared to Mr. Beet. A number of spirits of persons thought by the Spiritwithin the influence of the "Grand Circle," and Bobbie Burns from the cabinet ualist to be dead appeared at the se-ances and joined the father in urging frequently urged that haste be made in getting Mr. Carnegie within the sphere upon the detective such an admirable of ghostly influence.

Three men who were seen after the In many cases the men whose spirits close of the seance last night, who had were called from the cabinet sat beside Mr. Beet in the seance or were met in gone to the place as earnest seekers after knowledge, told a reporter of the the flesh by him every day. He did not American last night that they were conin any other case meet any person in the materializing seances who had vinced that the entire imposture was a crude and coarse bit of deception.

These men-Edward S. Matthewes, of Assisting Mr. Beet werd several other Washington, who has been spending the members of the Greater New York De-tective Agency, among them the superin-tendent, I. W. Rourke, who was also to invest a large sum in the company prowinter in New York: Dr. H. S. Rawlston, of Syracuse, who has attended a number of seances, and Robert Deaneall stated that they had been quietly investigating the seances at the Williams · 4101 Nearly Faints at Symmons. house for several weeks and that they had developed the fact that fraud was practiced wholesale in the work of the Mrs. Williams, when served with the summons last night, nearly difainted. She reeled against the wall, her knees medium who insisted upon having them

talk with the spirits of friends and rela sank under her, and for soveral minutes tives who are not only alive, but very she was unable to speak! Henifriend, much so. Mrs. Mason, who conducts the seances for her, was with her at the time, and Live Man's "Spirit" Talks.

the two disappeared into the upper part The specific charge upon which Mrs. of the house, while twenty-four expect-Williams was summoned to court was ant visitors waited below for the seance that of obtaining money under false pretenses from Thomas Beet, in charging It was after 9 o'clock before Mrs. him \$5 for a private seance, at which Williams was able to enter the seance room and commune with the spirits. he was put in communication with Charles Graham, a man working in the Fearing that there were other traps for same office with him. The spirit of Graham also urged Beet to invest all

terializing seance, and no spirits came his money in the company of Mrs. Willfrom the cabinet. She gave what is known as a "test" scance, the three "controls" of the cabinet, "Mr. Cush-man," "Dr. Holland" and "Little Bright lams, Mr. Beet was to be made mana, ing director of the company after he invest man," "Dr. Holland" and "Little Bright ed \$25,000 in it. This money was to Byes," calling out the reports from the spirit land to those gathered in the York American, Feb. 8, 1904.

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gles." tempt. They leave it to the women and children. They regard it as the home "Theology is the science of God-al-ways mystical often mythical. Every minded, the griefs of widowhood, and Christian is necessarily a mystic, though the kindergarten for children, young every mystic is not a Christian. Be. and old. Protestantism is the child of cause of this fact miracle has frequently been given precedence to law. Theologies have followed each other as rap. either go forward or die. idly as the ocean waves, each in their time having their firm believers laughing at the folly of their predecessors as cry 'Back to the old paths.' Every step we in turn now do theirs. Many things which we now firmly believe will appear to rising generations monstrous this old enemy of knowledge. This absurdities, Our grandchildren vill arch-fiend of the human race. It has look with pity or contempt upon the crudeness of our theology on many points where ignorance now sets her bounds to investigation and where speculation has boldly usurped the doecclesiasticism wants in a charger-why? For the crime of thinking-and main of fact.

"All theology of whatever school, Arminian, Augustinian, Calvinistic or Gethose thoughts. nevan, not founded on eternal truth shall finally be buried in one common apostle, a designing wolf, a dealer in stolen wares and said he was as unpringrave with no one to lament or eulogize them. Theology has ever been a lagcipled as a rook and as silly as a jack-daw, first pilfering his plumage, and gard in the school of thought-art and urisprudence and commerce are hundreds of years in advance. The preacha laughing world. Oh, how gladly they er is the only man not permitted to eat would have forged the orthodox iron colof the tree of knowledge. When young lar around his neck and choked him to nen matriculate at certain of our theodeath. logical seminaries they practically swear, that for the next three years so hell, led the trembling sons and daugh help them God, they will not intellect-ually improve. We are compelled to ters of faith, and free thought, barefool learn the science of theology from the ages in which the science of medicine consisted in bleeding; chemistry was a black art, astronomy was the profession of a faker and electricity the manifestation of the devil or the shakinah of God. "The human race has grown from infancy to mature manhood, the knowl-edge of the world has been increased every hour of its history and yet theo-logians insist that theology is a mummy. The stage coach yielded to the vestibuled limited; the sailing vessel to saulted science and set back the prog

floating palaces, but theology rakes up ress of the world for generations at a the ashes of a dead past and weeps time. Science is the revealer of God in over the grave of Adam. nature, and yet they sought to put out "In the past fifty years New York has

the light of science in the name of God. grown from a town of 300,000 to a huge They stretched Galleo on the rack be metropolis, the center of 3,000,000 peo- cause he invented the telescope and dis ple, the second city in the civilized covered the laws of God and the heav world. Human slavery has been abol- ens. ished, and the nation baptized in blood "They have set the bounds beyond has arisen to a new life. The German which the mind of man shall not even empire has been created. The maps of dare to think, then insist that the very the world made over again, steam and language of human dogmatism that electricity practically applied to travel smells of the dust and rubbish of the

and the face of the earth transformed. dark ages shall be considered divine There are no more seas. Liverpool has and infallible, sacred because ancient been brought nearer to New York than They take their creed from the age San Francisco. The telegraph and tel- which rejoiced in the burning of ephone has made the world a whisper- witches, the trial and execution of ing gallery, and the cylinder printing dumb animals, and the public whipping press universal education a fact, not a of church bells for heresy.



Bowdoinham, Me.-The mysterious the mirror through the newspapers, and mirror owned by Robert Warren, whose one lady consulted a noted medium, wife was a Spiritualist, continues to who said that the pictures were un-furnish new sensations, as additional doubtedly painted by my wife. I am by my wife. 1.am shadow pictures are constantly appear- soon to have some family photographs ing on the surface. The massive head, from South Bend, and then I shall comsevere in its sombre profile, remains un- pare them with these shadow pictures changed in the center of the mirror, the that flash upon the mirror. "Almost three months have passed slender hands with fingers pointing downward and the mournful eyes of the since these faces first visited me. The woman are still visible, but other faces letters that appear and disappear so gleam ghostly white in their company. swiftly near the upper end of the glass "They come and go, come and go all are striving to spell out a message, I the time," said Mr. Warren. "Often am sure. "The old woods road in the lower cor broad stairs appear and the forms of broad stairs appear and the forms of the mirror was broadened to a little children tolling up the stairs, ever mer of the mirror was broadened to a cologing the fleeting figure of a girl. wide thoroughfare that leads to a following the fleeting figure of a girl. "Some have recognized a face as that strange sight: Look closely, and I think of my wife's mother. My dear wife's you can see the turrets and steeples of face has been with me only during the hear strange and awful sounds coming last week. from the mirror, and when I look the "One of our children died when he faces are all watching me. Then the was 8. The child's face that sometimes letters flash and change and the noises appears near my wife looks as the little grow louder, louder, until it seems that lad looked. the message must come. "Since my mirror has possessed these "It is almost ready, I know. My dean strange powers I have received letters wife will send it soon. Would that she from all over the country concerning its could call me now."-New York Sun.

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ernment, or a change in the law. "The Truth Seeker is undoubtedly an nonest and candid paper, but it is not adapted to suit a pious Catholic like M. Caron, or a plous Protestant either. It Infidel publication. Christianity and the Bible it rejects, criticises, and assails. not we believe with scurrility and blackguardism, though its arguments are often calculated to shock and startle reverential and simple Christian spirits. Its discussions are otherwise like those Thomas Paine in the days of Washington, or of Abner Kneeland in Boston

forty years ago. "We hold to liberty, and we revolt at the arbitary act of the Canadian Post-master-General. But if the Canadian people support him, what remedy 16 there short of a long agitation, with a

"A similar arbitrary act was performed by the Postmaster-General of the United States when he ordered the exclusion of lottery advertisements from the mails. An act of Congress, subsequently enacted, justified the order, though it was held by eminent law yers to be clearly unconstitutional. But no attempt has been made to repeal the act or to procure the reversal of the order, because the public sentiment is now very strongly against lotteries. In the same way the majority of the Cana dian people are likely to support M. Caron in his crusade against infidel periodicals, because they are or pretend to be Christians, and are willing to silence all criticism by any means the law may put into their hands. Yet if any political passion should become mixed with the controversy, they may adopt a different policy in a hurry; and engage with zeal in promoting and establishing the very liberty which they now condemn and suppress.

The St. Catharines (Ont.) News put the matter in a nutshell:

"One of the boasts of Canada is that it is a land in which civil and religious liberty is enjoyed to the fullest extent. It is an empty boast, however.

"If religious liberty is to be enjoyed let it be to the full. A man is the guardian of his own conscience, and no one has the right to dictate to him what he shall believe. There are some subscribers in St. Catharines to a paper

That you may see that there is noth-

ing in The Truth Seeker obnoxious to any law or postal regulation of the United States, I enclose for your inspec-

tion a copy of the latest issue. I have expressed its opinion of the matter in these words: dia, Burmah, Australia, British, Danish,

and Mexico, and no country but Cana clusion of his paper from the mails of has objected to the circulation of The the Dominion, on the ground that it is Truth Seeker within its borders. My subscribers in Canada are writing very strenuous letters upon the failure to receive their papers. I quote one of of Canada M, Caron possesses the them that you may see that the situa-

tion is understood there: Moncton, January 23, 1904. "The Truth Seeker Co.-Gentlemen -Your paper has not come to hand since January 2 and I have received it

so regularly in the past that I am at loss whether to attribute its present failure to a drying of the stream at its source or to its being damned by some meddlesome Canadian bigot. Awaiting is what is ordinarily described as an enlightenment, I remain, gentlemen, yours truly, A. JUDSON LUTZ." And I further respectfully submit that to prohibit me from depositing The Truth Seeker for mailing to any place or country is arbitrary interference with my rights as a citizen of this country. I submit that when the postage has been paid upon The Truth Seeker the postoffice is under contract

to carry the paper to Canada and allow the officials of that country to do the proscribing. I do not think our post-office should do that work for them. And finally, I make a request for the rescinding of the order for these rea sons

That the exclusion by the Canadian officials is solely upon religious grounds, with which the United States nothing to do. Our National Government is forbidden by the Constitution to make religious discriminations: That the Canadian law permits no

trial of these cases. No hearing at all is allowed. The arbitrary will of the Postmaster-General is the law; That The Truth Seeker is a clean.

oyal, and useful publication, valued highly by many readers, and its circula-tion should not be interfered with by the United States government; That there is published in Toronto a

periodical of Agnosticism with which the Canadian government does not in terfere; That The Truth Seeker is in no sense

n the same class with the papers at present prohibited in Canada (other han itself); That The Truth Seeker is not open

to the charges of scurrility and blasphemy, and that any allegation that it is must necessarily be by prejudiced

ersons not scrupulous as to methods of expression. The Truth Seeker, as you may see by the copy inclosed, deals with subjects of vital and universal interest in a serious and philosophical manner:

That to deprive me of my Canadian subscribers is to inflict serious financial loss upon me, and is a virtual confiscation of property without redress;" That the ruling of the Canadian Postmaster-General is unjust and arbiFeb. 20, 1904. 1

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famous church is back of this attack upon The Truth Seeker. We intend to show that church up in its Jesuitical methods in connection with our governe ment. If it can run our postoffice if ment. If it can run our postoffice it can run other departments, and the lib-erty of no citizen is safe. We intend to be heard at Washington. We intend that Congress shall know of this sub-serviency to Canadian Catholic officials on the part of one of our governmental departments and we intend to maintain departments, and we intend to maintain our constitutional right to hold and print any religious opinion we please without regard to what foreign officials may think. We require the help of our readers because to do these things will cost a great deal of money, but it will be money well spent. The forces of repression have been too active during the past year. It is time that the forces of progress should be heard. We must have no religious discrimination by our officials .- Truth Seeker.

INDIANA STATE SPIRITUALISTS CONVENTION.

Arrangements have been completed for the state convention to be held at Anderson, Ind., February 26, 27 and 28, 1904.

The speakers and platform test mediums engaged for the occasion are as follows: Speakers-Harrison D. Barrett, president N. S. A., Boston, Mass.; E. W. Sprague, N. S. A. missionary, James-town, N. Y.; Mrs. C. A. Sprague, N. S. A. missionary, Jamestown, N. Y.; Dr. Julia M. Walton, Jackson, Mich.; D. A. Herrick, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Rev. Gardner Haines, Anderson, Ind.; Thos. W. Smith, Anderson, Ind.; Dr. Ida A.

Griffing, Terre Haute, Ind. Platform test mediums-Mrs. Josephine Ropp, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. C. A. Sprague, Dr. Julia M. Walton and E.

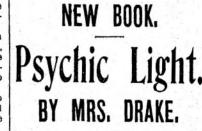
W. Sprague. Mrs. Flora Russell, of Alliance, Ohio, and other sweet-voiced singers are en-gaged for this occasion. The music will be in charge of Prof.

J. A. Wirtz, of Anderson, Ind. Arrangements have been made by the

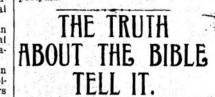
good people of Anderson to entertain the delegates, as far as possible. Every effort is being made to make

this one of the best meetings ever held in the state of Indiana. Let there be a grand rally from every part of the state and from states adjoining. E. W. SPRAGUE AND WIFE,

N. S. A. Missionaries.



Important Addition to Our Literature, Mrs. Maud Lord Drake has a national reputation as a medium. The manifes tations given through her mediumship have been most marvelous. She has written a book with this title: "PSY-CHIC LIGHT-THE CONTINUITY OF LAW AND LIFE." It is a ponderous volume of 600 pages. It will hold your attention from the beginning to the end. It is chockful of stirring incidents. On another page will be found a review of the work by Prof. Singer. Everybody should read this new contribution to our Spiritualistic literature, Price of this large volume, only \$1.50 postpaid.



offered for mailing. "Please acknowledge the receipt of doubtful conclusion? Per E. M. Morgan, Assistant Post-REPLY. .

yould say:

sentations being made from Washington the literature was released, but only published in New York called The

ed and blindfolded over burning plow shares, stretched them upon the wheel and rack tore them limb from limb. sparing not for the groan of age, the cry of motherhood, or the lisp of childhood With hellish glee they kindled the mar tyr's fires and danced with joy at the sight of smoke and flame and roasting flesh. "With unfathomable stupidity these men have arraigned reason and turned the heart of the race against Jesus Christ and his religion. They have as-

as lact. In a lecture before the Twentieth Century Club, Prof. Moulton, who is professor of the literature of the Bible,

said: "The Bible is the worst printed book in the world. It presents the appear-ance of a divine scrap book, sadly lacking in literary form."

His subject was "The Bible as Literature." He devoted much of his time to pointing out the difference between the literary study of the Bible and its theological or critical study. The literary.study, he contended, was essential to a true understanding of the books, yet, owing to special circumstances, this literary study is dangerously neglected.

"Literature," said Prof. Moulton, "is made up of various literary forms epic, lyric, dramatic poetry, history, philosophy, oratory, and there is a variety of these. Each has its own peculiar, appropriate form of structure, yet the old versions of the Bible, on the contrary, present the book in one monotonous arrangement, numbered in chap ters and verses, not distinguishing literary forms and often running counter to them.

"The Bible." he said. "effaces all forms of literary structure, and it presents the appearance not so much of a sacred book of revelations as of a divine scrap book."

After describing Emerson's essays and Shakspeare's plays as having welldefined literary form, Professor Moulton said:

"This brings us to the strange position of the Bible in literature, which is correct enough as regards translation, but which is lacking in literary form. It is the worst printed book in the world. It is well printed as regards type, paper and binding, but in it all literary forms have been destroyed. It

prints verse as prose. "Who is responsible for this? Up to the second century of the Christian era the writings make little or no distinct tion between speakers in the dialogue or between paragraph and paragraph sentence and sentence. Oftentimes the words themselves are run together.

The present form has been given to the Bible by those in whose custody it has been. First it was the scribes, then the Hebrew rabbis, then the medieval doctors, and, lastly, the translawho, altogether, form what may he called the age of commentators.

"I would speak of them with intense reverence, and we owe them eternal gratitude for their fidelity, but they were not literary men, and all they have given us of form is the Bible in a form of text for comment. At the time of the version under authority of King the wisest scholar in England had no idea of verse in the Bible, and the fact was not discovered until a century after the translation.

The revised version is the first version issued which has presented the Bible as literature, and not as isolated texts. The work was done with a full knowledge of the Bible as literature. Yet the revised version is but a step in the direction of a true literary form."

To every well-informed person, the learned professor's characterization of the Bible as a "scrap book" will appear exactly applicable. The scraps are taken from the records and myths of | Price 10 cents.

older peoples, antedating the Hebrew people by vast periods of time, and without any warrant for peculiar sanctity in their original status of place or form. Why these stolen excerpts should possess any special divinity or sanctity that did not attach to them 'in their earlier and original status, it would puz-A GENEROUS OFFER, AND A CALL zle even a Chicago University professor of Bible literature to explain.

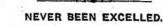
Orthodoxy at the Confessional.

gladly gives it mention.

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To the Spiritualists at Large:--A generous offer has been made by a rominent Spiritualist in this city to The extracts from a sermon of Rev. give ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS to Ford Fisher, an orthodox Congregathe Mediums' Relief Fund of the N. S. tional divine, delivered before his A. for the benefit of aged and needy mediums, provided the Spiritualists at church in Cleveland, Ohio, snow how far large will contribute another Thousand Dollars to the same relief fund by the the church has drifted toward rational thought, and what a wonderful influfirst of June next. The N. S. A. is now ence the doctrines of Spiritualism are paying out a large monthly sum in penexerting on all religious organizations. sions to worthy mediums; the calls for aid increase and the fund is constantly The Rev. Fisher is a popular preacher, and draws a crowded audience. He has being depleted. Let every generous soul who has not already done all possisomething to say and says it well, yet ble for this worthy object, kindly send carried to their logical conclusions his contributions, large or small, to the folarraignment of orthodox dogmas would lowing address, each will be acknowledged with thanks. The generous man sweep not only the dogmas but the founwho makes the offer desires to be undations on which they rest. It is not often The Progressive Thinker finds an orthonamed to the public.

MARY T. LONGLEY. dox sermon of sufficient value to quote, N. S. A. Secretary. except for condemnation. When it does 600 Pennsylvania avenue S. E., Wash find one in contrast with the vapid, ington, D. C. common-place of the pulpit declaimer, in



A VERY

IMPORTANT CALL

IS MADE.

TO SPIRITUALISTS.

Ingersoll never said anything about theology more scathing than this from the lips of an orthodox minister, who To the Editor :- I really would not do receives praise therefor and is in no fear of being tried for heresy! What without the weekly visits of The Pro-gressive Thinker, with its pages always would have been his fate twenty-five full of interesting matter to the thinken years ago! How the dead bones would and the Spiritualist. With an experi have rattled, and the mummles jumped ence of more than fifty years in the cause of Spiritualism, I think I know a from their dust-strewn graves and chat-The Rev. Fisher would have good paper when I see it. The Profound every Congregational church gressive Thinker has never been ex door closed against him, only twenty-five years ago! "The world do move." celled in its field of thought and work May the years touch you lightly and It moves exceedingly fast. The heretic your faith and zeal increase as you near the gates of dawn. MRS. S. E. TAYLOR. of yesterday is orthodox to-day.

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after the covering envelopes had been torn open. I refer to this matter to show you

the kind of an official the Postmaster-General who originally issued the order excluding the Truth Seeker was alleged to be.

At the time I endeavored to ascertain which issues of the paper were objected to, and received the following reply interesting to know on what grounds such action is taken. At the same time there can be found on the shelves from the Postmaster-General's secre tary:

of most of the bookstores of Canada "Ottawa, Sept. 14, 1895. any of the works of noted Infidel writ "E. M. Macdonald, Esq.-Sir:-I am ers or religious controversalists, and directed to acknowledge your letter of the 10th inst., in which you make certhey are freely sold. Some of them are tain inquiries as to the provisions of the Why is a distinction made?" aw under which the Postmaster-General has lately decided to exclude The Truth Seeker from the Canadian mails. and I am instructed to reply to your nauiries as follows:

"1. The postoffice act does not de fine the sense in which the words scurrilous and blasphemous are employed therein. The interpretation of these terms, for the purposes of the act, is left to the Postmaster-General:

"2. The Postmaster-General cannot uote the date of the issue of The Truth Seeker to which his attention was called, nor specify the particular article, or articles, which, at the time, seemed to him more especially open to the charge of scurrility or blasphemy. He had no hesitation, however, in decidhis copy of The Truth Seeker at the ex ing-and his opinion was supported by pense of a lawsuit. The postmaster de that of the Minister of Justice-that, on clined, saying the paper was all right, and he did not propose to be a tool to account of the character of its contents, the paper was one which, under the law, ought to be excluded from the be used by Mr. Caron and his church. Several attempts have been made to

mails of this country. "3. As the postoffice act empowers the Postmaster-General to decide on the has proved too strong. character of any publication claiming admission to the mails, there is no appeal from his decision. "I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

"W. D. Le SUEUR."

The Truth Seeker has never been open to the charge of scurrility, and the charge of blasphemy cannot properly lie againstrift. The Truth Seeker is journal of Agnosticism, which was and is the philosophy of some of the greatest minds of the past century and of present century.9

I do not understand the rule covering prohibited matter to foreign countries to be a law, and there is no Federal statute against blasphemy, and I submit that the officials of this country are exceeding their rightful power in excluding from the mails a journal of Agnosticism, for no other reason than that a public official of another country chose to use his high office to suppress opinions he did not relish.

then called the attention of one of the most eminent Canadians to the matter, asking him if he could see any reason why my paper should be excluded from Canada. Mr. Goldwin Smith replied as follows:

"The Grange, Toronto, Sept. 30. "Dear Sir:-You may be sure that you will always find me on the side of perfect freedom of opinion. Beliefs which cannot maintain themselves by arguments in fair lists against all comers, ought not to be maintained at all.

"In the number of The Truth Seeker which you have sent me there is much to which believers in Christianity will object, as they would to many of the utterances of my late, friends, Profs.

Truth Secker. It is devoted to certain trary, so much so that the postmasters of Canada have ignored it; lines of thought which may not be or-

thodox, in the common sense, and par That to interfere with a newspaper because of its opinions upon religion is ticularly so as regards the Roman Catholic church. These subscribers have against the spirit of the age, is interfer ence with freedom of thought and of been informed by the postmaster here that he has received instructions from the press, is un-American, unconstitu-Postmaster-General Caron at Ottawa, not to deliver their papers. It would be tional, and wrong in itself: And that it is not obligatory upon you to take cognizance of the complaint

of the Canadian authorities. Very respectfully yours, E. M. MACDONALD,

Publisher of The Truth Seeker.

The following letter shows the status even to be found in the public libraries. of the case as we go to press:

Office of the Postmaster, New York, You will see from these quotations January 29, 1904 N. Y. that the matter was one purely of relig "Mr. E. M. Macdonald, Publisher of ious prejudice, and I respectfully sub The Truth Seeker, 28 Lafavette Place mit that the United States government New Yorak, N. Y .- Dear Sir:-I am in should not be drawn into the controreceipt of your communication of the 28th instant, regarding the mailing of ersy between The Truth Seeker and the Canadian government. Very few of copies of the above-named publication the postmasters of the towns in Canada o Canada, and will transmit the same to which the Truth Seeker is sent folto the Hon. First Assistant Postmaster lowed the example of the St. Catha-General for his consideration. Upon rines official. Nearly all of them neg eccept of any further information in lected to obey the order of Mr. Caron the matter you will be promptly ad-vised; but in the meantime this office The late Robert C. Adams, a prominent resident of Montreal, notified the postmust be governed by the instructions master of that city that he (Mr. Adams) from the official named, which are that subscribed to The Truth Seeker, and copies of the publication cannot be acproposed to continue his subscription, cepted for dispatch to Canada. and invited the postmaster to confiscate "Very respectfully,

"C. VAN COTT, Postmaster. Per E. M. Morgan, Assistant Post master.

TO OUR FRIENDS. From information obtained, and

obtain a rescinding of the excluding orler, but the church influence against it which we will make public so soon as we hear from the First Assistant Post

I have answered you at this length master-General, we believe that the suppression of The Truth Seeker in Canada and quoted the opinion of others that you may have ample knowledge of the is a Roman Catholic attack upon us. circumstances connected with the so-Our postoffice is being used to do the called suppression of The Truth Seeker dirty work of Canadian Roman Catholic in Canada, and that you may see that officials. There is no reason why our the statement that it is a case of religpostal authorities should interfere to suppress The Truth Seeker, and we proious persecution is true. I am quite pose to oppose this attack upon us by Canadian officers to the fullest extent willing to contend with the Canadian government, but I am too conscientious possible. We want to find out why Washington is governed by Ottawa in citizen to ignore the rulings of our own officials. I therefore ask you to this matter, and if the Postmaster-Gen ceep hands of.

And further, I do not see that there i eral of Canada is Postmaster-General of any legal necessity for the United the United States as well. As soon as States to interfere. In March, 1896, the a reply to our letter is received from Washington Post and Evening Star, the New York Tribune, World, and Life the Hon. Robert J. Wynne, of Pennsyl vania, First Assistant Postmaster-Gen were permanently prohibited by the eral, we shall say a great deal more or this subject. Turkish Porte from entering that coun-

try. In June of last year the same gov The loss of our Canadian subscribers ernment refused to admit a consignwill be a serious blow to The Truth ment of Bibles because of the word Seeker. It means hundreds of dollars Macedonia by the writer of Thessalon-ians 1:7,8. A few years ago the same to us during a year, and those hun-dreds of dollars The Truth Seeker cangovernment refused to admit an ediot spare. Neither can we spare the amount necessary to fight this case, tion of Moody and Sankey's songbook ecause it contained the hymn "Onward and we therefore ask the assistance of Christian Soldiers." In Paul's preachour readers in the United States and ing the Turks saw slander upon Mace our former readers in Canada. ionia, and in the hymn "Onward Chrisfor help in this fight, which is bound to tian Soldier" they scented danger of a be long and expensive, however it is nanaged. If our friends will assist up Christian invasion.

we will make a fight for freedom of the In the list of prohibited articles to foreign countries in the Postal Guide press in this country against the Roman (pp. 1016-1019) I do not find the above. Catholic element which is seeking to (pp. 1016-1019) I do not find the abovementioned publications listed as pro- control this government. Send us subhibited to Turkey, and Turkey is a scribers, renowals, orders for books, member of the Universal Postal Union and such other help as you can. as well as Canada, This shows on the Whether the Roman Catholic church is face of it that prohibition from our own behind all the other petty persecutions scribers, renowals, orders for books, uiterances of my late. friends, Profs. Huxley and Tyndall. But there is noth-therefore ask you to rescind your order ing on during the past year or so we do lug, so far as I can see, to justify or ex-forbidding me the mails to Canada and not know; but we do know that that in-

JOHN E. REMSBURG'S GREAT WORK

The late R. G. Ingersoll stated in one of his famous lectures on the Bible: Somebody ought to tell the truth about the Bible." John E. Remsburg, former President of the American Secular Union, has taken this obligation upon himself, and the fruits of his studies on the subject are now published in the shape of nearly 500 pages. The "higher criticism" has already plowed this field over quite deeply, but it has reached the ear of the public only in a fragmentary way, and even at that has found a very reluctant echo in the press. So much the more reason for rejoicing that this comprehensive work. got up in simple and popular language, is all contained in a single synoptically arranged book. The separate chapters of the work appeared in consecutive order in an uninterrupted series of articles in the New York Truth Seeker.

The facts set forth in this book about the Bible, its origin, its compliation, its preservation, its falsehoods, its credibility, and the morality it inculcates, are only partially known to the major ity of ministers and priests, and it is earnestly to be desired that well-to-do Freethinkers may take it upon themselves to make energetic propaganda of the modern "higher" elucidation of the Bible by gratuitous distribution of this book to public libraries, or to Messrs. the pastors. The enormous expenditure of time and labor which the author imposed upon himself, the astonishing-ly low price of the book as compared with the attractive form in which it is gotten up, as well as the unanswerable logic of the composer-he less the holy book for the most part speak for itself -are indeed worthy of the highest praise.

Ingersoll's desire that somebody should at last tell the whole truth about the Bible has been brilliantly fulfilled. No Freethinker worthy of the name can afford to pass over Remsburg's book in silence. Like Thomas Paine's "Age of Reason." may it, let us hope, find admirers and translators in other lan-guages. And again, like Paine's book, may this brilliant work bring to its author the praise of posterity .- Der Freidenker (Milwaukee).

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This great work on the Bible by Mr. Remsburg is most valuable-it is an en-cyclopedia of information in regard to the Bible, and surpasses in importance all other works of the kind now published. It is up-to-date in every partic-ular. Price, \$1.25, instead of \$1, as stated last week.

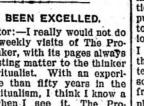
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could possibly know. But says one, the light within, you have not gone wrong.

ter judgment told me that for all con-

cerned and for my future good, it would

taining to our material existence, where

The soul-self listens not to hypocrisy;

environ-

Don't try to cheat yourself into be Mrs. Laura B. Payne Writes Impress-Ars. Laura B. Payne Writes Impress lieving you have followed that light if ively of the Light Within, Pointing you have not. It is like telling your Out Its Admirable Qualities, and Pre- conscience it has lied. A lady once said to the writer: senting Incentives to Lead to a Highhad two lovers. One was wealthy and moved in the best circles of society,

er and Better Life. Many people are actually walking in the dark. They do not know where they want to go nor what they want to do. Their lives are one continual dis-appointment from the cradle almost to the grave. They sit before the checker-hand a discussion of the content of the section of t of existence wondering what and heartaches we are separated." move to make, then finally when, after move to make, then finally when, after obtaining the advice of all their friends been no money consideration, no and relations, they do move, and regret thought of policy regarding position, it all their lives and wish they had etc., would you still have made the done differently. "If I had not done this, or if I had choice you did?" "No," she said, "I suppose not, for I

done that, my condition in life would really loved the other man, but my bethave been so much better," we hear them frequently say. Now I believe that every creature be best to do as I did."

carries its own light (not always al-lowed to shine). If it be true that the universe is under intelligent direction, gards marriage, but everything perthen every atom is aglow with intelligence and is aware of its place in the the real voice of the soul was silenced, ONE STUPENDOUS WHOLE. It is the light hidden and the results were well known that creatures on the lowest those naturally following such a course. planes of development manifest self-interest, hence the adage, "Self-preservation is the first law of nature."

takes no heed of the whining voice of policy, but moves steadily on aiming at The lower animals, by what is termed the shining mark of its existence misinstinct, are always guided aright, but taken never. what is instinct? It must be knowledge. The ego is not created with the body, the light within. Does it ever fail but cometh from the eternal past, bent Never, when not interfered upon adjusting itself to its with. Truly the great world of animals ment, whatever that may be, by over-lving so close about us, and of which coming obstacles and consequently evwe know so little, have a great hold on ery opposing element, and pushing onthe All-Knowledge, and are able at any ward up the shining heights of being,

gradually becoming more and more the time to make drafts upon Him. The wild bird never loses its way or master and less the slave until all misses in its guess of when it is time things are overcome and he stands in to migrate. The horse in the desert, the courts of glory, a king in the dodying of thirst is guided unerringly to main of his own being, and upon his the green oasis where the cool spring brow the crown of life. Being a product of the universal life, bubbles up.

Then it would seem that since and one with it, the soul vibrates as a Mother Nature has given to all these a matter of course in unison with its hamp whereby they shall be guided, fixed principles of right; thus it is nat-that man, the very flower and fruit of ural to do right rather than wrong, creation, should not be so forgotten by and every person, contrary to what has her as to be left to grope his way in been taught by orthodox theology, natthe dark; but some say, "Man is to be urally inclines towards the good.

guided by reason." Then, if this be true, nature has still been partial to the through (which the soul seeks to express lower animals, since with the light she itself on the material plane, is normalhas given them, they never err, while ly healthy and would never know pain man with his dim little light he calls if there were nothing to throw it out reason, is often left wandering in the of tune with the universal life, causing darkness, and frantically calling to ev. disease (dis-ease), and so it is with the eryone in reach to come to his rescue. soul-self when it has learned to vibrate Reason is the process by which we ar- in harmony with the All Good happi-

rive at conclusions; the correctness of ness is the result. which depend upon right premises. This is why we wince when we know The best logician in the world, if rea- ingly tell a lie, or do that which we insoning from a wrong standpoint would herently know to be wrong. It causes a arrive at a wrong conclusion. If cer- discord in the music of our being, and tain things be true, then as a matter of sets up vibrations which jar mightly fact certain other things must be true. upon the fine sensibilities of the soul. instance, if God created Adam and This being the case, it follows that, as For Eve as the seed of the human race, we said in the beginning of this article, placed them in the garden of Eden the light within, the impulse of the where a snake decoyed them into diso- true self, is the only unfailing guide to bedience, as a result of which disobe- the feet of mortals.

dience the whole race was damned, It may seem to all the world that then if God, wishing to undo the wrong you have made a mistake, that you are and save the race, could do so by traveling the road to destruction, but bringing forward a sacrifice for sin, a they do not feel the promptings of that as that sacrifice, thus we might have the shining goal out yonder, still what is set forth in every church in clothed in the grey mists of futurity, Christendom—the fall, the scheme of redemption, and plan of salvation. But if Adam and Eve were not the origin of did proportions into clearer view. the race and the world has been peo-Neither the glitter of gold nor the pled by some other method, then there glamour of worldly position can bribe was no fall, consequently no need of a the oracle within, and when in the redeemer, and the whole fabric of what champer of silence at the close of day is known as Christianity comes tum- you sit in the presence of this stern bling to the ground, although millions judge who quickly reviews and passes have hugged and are still hugging the upon your day's work, you may rest as stupendous delusion to their breasts. sured that the decision given is just. So it is plain that the main thing to Don't try to fool yourself, or reason be sought by all reasoners is a correct yourself, as some say, into any other conclusion. premise In saving this I do not seek to depre Learn then my fellow mortals ciate reason or reasoners, for I would ely upon this unwavering light. It will light you along the dark corridors that the whole world were such, but above and beyond what may be termed your earthly existence as it has lighted reason is a sense, the surest of the sure, the highest of the high. It is the world. To do so is to rest in the arms inner light or soul sense. Those who of the Infinite, and he who rests thus depend upon this sense become very cannot fall. Even in the minutest details of life it much illuminated, so to speak, and sel-

at the Close of the Old Year, 1903, and the beginning of the New Year, 1904. As the Doctor is hale and hearty as an Octogenarian, he has lost none of his youthful intellectual fire; on the contrary, as age advances his brain capacity increases, and he feels the vibrations of thoughtful minds on the spirit side of life.

power that will uplift humanity. We are on the threshold of a great

change, physically, mentally and spirit-The past half century has been unlly both revolutionary and evolutionary. all material things and Spiritual expres-

Modern Spiritualism has rent the and goats upon the same plane in the unseen, as in the present visible and material world.

Every scheme and effort possible to be conceived of has been put forth to suppress, blot out and destroy this most far reaching and glorious truth. Those who live and fatten upon the

ignorance and struggles of the subju-gated classes are fearful of the plain demonstrated truth that spirits live and communicate.

Spiritualism as an agitator along all ethical lines has occupied a prominent position; it has not built as much as it to question every dogma, myth, mystery book and form, profane or sacred. The manifestations of spirits through

mediums have been tested by the brightest, clearest minds of this age, and an honest verdict declared; this verdict has been taken up to the highest spiritual courts and sustained. The experience of Spiritualists dur-

ing the past forty years has unfolded their lives, opened their spiritual vision to see both sides of all questions. There is no compromise, excuse or pardon known in universal law, though exact justice ever attends in-finite law and spiritual expressions.

and happiness can only be continuous more than selfish gratification, ambifolded spiritual life: to do something, to at the same time? labor, to serve, to heal, to lead without

will have expression, is to grow and unfold a strong, healthy spiritual life; there is no other life worth living when of loving service without selfish motive.

Spiritualism is a universal expression, freedom is its chief corner-stone; there can be but little growth or progress except upon universal lines: if not all-inclusive it becomes a limitation, a restriction: restrictions and limitations are methods of our waning churches; they can never serve universal Spiritualism.

Without exploiting, limiting and subjugating influences, churches and close communion societies could not exist; they are all beggars, and not in any sense a necessity for the advancement of the truth of Spiritual communion, or

The new year just ushered in bids for bright **tran**, aining robes, they now fair to ripen up the new era that is rapidly approaching; it will come upon and will improve every opportunity to electric wings and bring a light and lead us into relations and conditions where our vision and hearing will be come so intensified that a guide will be ever present with us. This is only a glimpse, a breath of the new era, and signifies a changed life here on earth Marvelous progress has been made in which will be no greater in comparison than the occurring changes in the memory of the writer.

Life will be worth living when we are vell between the seen and unseen world forced into a right and just conception of humanity, and has found the sheep of its value and significance; shocks are in order and will continue and increase; when the seed is sown results must follow.

Revolution will follow our present in tense evolutionary condition; belief and faith will be succeeded by knowledge and demonstration: let go, or go under, or go to the rear is the (infinite order of spiritual and material condi

tions under the new regime. In the discussion of "The Great Psychological Crime" we find Spiritualists do not agree; discussion-agitation-open eyes and ears, doors of our mental and spiritual-lives; the more we differ has sifted and questioned: it has dared the more we grow; growth counts in any world relation or condition. The independent growing Spiritualist

will never be a follower or a subject of the subjugator. The subjugated are born to be led, they do not think, they don't read spiritual papers and maga zines and are good subjects for monor oly doctors, orthodox preachers and spiritual missionaries.

In reflecting upon the incidents the old year and contemplating the possibilities of the new, I desire to be honest, impersonal and true to the past and future. The outlook for the spiritual was never better, but if judged by the external expressions, material con Punishment for the transgressor ditions, the prospects are neither flat-should ever be limited by justice; joy tering in a material or spiritual sense; crime is on the increase and has bee by right living; right living signifies for fifty years; how are Spiritualists to account for the rapid increase of tion or notoriety; service is one of the and of a rapid increase of suicides-most essential expressions of the unand of a rapid increase of Spiritualism

Can we account for the fact in harthe use of the subjugating influence, to mony with the eternal law and order serve because your soul cries out and spiritual and material expressions? mony with the eternal law and order of Certainly we can; fear has held the

subjugated in restraint? | Spiritualism has in a measure destroyed fear by decomparisons are made; the independent individual life is a life of freedom, a life a brimstone hell, and a book full of myths, mysteries and dogmas; reaction is the result and freedom from priestly

fear and subjugation-spiritual slayery --- the cause; there is but little increase of crime among Spiritualists, if any. If the N. S. A. will now explain how their belief in "Infinite Intelligence," which they profess to believe in and en-dorse as a primary principle in the N.

S. A., effected the Iroqouls Theater hor ror an Dec. 30, 1903, I feel sure they will confer a favor upon the readers of The Progressive Thinker. Was Infinite In-telligence powerless? Was the Chris-

tian and Jewish Gods also dumb? As we understand language infinite intelligence filled that theater; could a demonstration of continued life. The said intelligence save any lives? The skepticism of the world at the begin-ning of the new era, demands a clear why not? Intelligence is an active prinbesitive demonstration of continued ciple, expression, thought or emotion. life, it's the demonstration that turns Was infinite intelligence limited in de-

and opens the vision to the sire, power, or conditions? If acti defined. (infinitely active) why were not

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A Lecturette by Hudson Tuttle.

Spiritualism absorbs truth from the corresponding waves in the spirit ether.

Zend Avesta, the bible of those whose sacrod fires blazed from the watchtow-ers of Babylon; it has gathered the in-spired passages from the Shastra, read of charity, self-devotion, and the broad by priests in the rock-hown temples of the Ganges; it has culled texts from the Book of the Dead, chanted by anointed become responsive to all that is upliftones when the pyramids were young, ing and as harps under the touch of anand the lips of Memnon welcomed the gel hands.

sun, Lord of Day, rising from the red vapors of the desert; it has drawn To help ourselves we must help others. We cannot run away from a lagdeeply from the Hebrew books, as ex-plained by Levites standing in the part with us. The pain and suffering, the ed curtains of the Holy of Holles, and errors and blindness of the world, strike from the recorded words of him at discord on our responsive spirits, nor whose birth, it is said shepherds of the Syrian plains heard the angels of heav-their jarring influence as long as they an sing wondrous carols of joy. It has exist. We cannot so isolate ourselves taken the words of the humble camel. that the shiverings of the famished, illclad, ill-sheltered do not touch us with driver whose soul was filled with angelpresence, and by this power rose to the unrest. We cannot so isolate ourselves

leadership of the Moslem world. It that the dark shadows of prison walls stretches across the ages and embraces do not fall on our innermost spirits, all religions. Even the false which is What are we? To-day incarnate spirits with capabilities for the realization of our most ardent dreams of perfecin them all, it takes as stepping stones to higher grounds; essential in the evolution of the truth, tion.

The silent warder, Death, is the It is all of these and measurelessly usher to a new state of existence where the aspirations of this will be attained. more. These are content with belief; content to stand on this side of the We face two worlds, the physical and door of spirit-life and conjecture is on the spiritual, and thus every thought the other. Spiritualism gives knowl-edge for belief; opens wide the door and act has a double relation: to the present and the future, and only as they and presents a new and boundless field contribute to the perfection of the latfor investigation. ter, are they "treasures laid up in

And what are we who dare to claim heaven." the title to this exalted name? Immor-Spiritualism combines science and tal spirits for whom this universe was philosophy in its explanation of the pheframed; spirits now in these garments of flesh; setting out on an endless evonomena of the material and spiritual universe. It is the first and only atlution, which when this earth fades tempt to place all phenomena, even those of moral consciousness, and spiraway, the sun no longer shines in the heavens, and the stars break in dust on itual life, under the rule of unchanging the coast line of time, will have only law.

begun Those who accept it must be students What are we? Beings canable of unand not devotees. Simply to believe derstanding all; having infinite possi- that spirit friends return and communibilities in our organism. How is the cate, does not make a Spiritualist, any mathematician able to compute the more than learning the alphabet makes size, relations and revolutions of a scholar. It is a short step in that di-worlds; the place they should occupy; rection. Can we claim to be Spiritualthe velocity of their motions; their ists while our souls are distracted by weight in the balance swung out from discords: our minds shadowed by the their central suns? How can he ana-lack clouds of selfshness; our lyze the substance of stars across thoughts distracted by the winds of abysses of space so vast that light, passion? If angelic perfection be our swiftest messenger of nature, is ten ideal of excellence, can we be Spiritual-thousand years in traversing? Because ists without conforming our lives to the laws of the universe are expressed that exalted ideal?

We may fail; we may stumble and in his organization. He comprehends the mysteries of life, the wonders of fall. The man who does not, the permind, the subtilty of spirit, because he ject man may never be seen in this life, is a spirit in whom every force and ele- yet is it not an obligation we owe to ment of the physical and spiritual world ourselves and our spirit friends, to make every effort for its attainment? are blended.

Immortality is not a reward for be lief, but our common heritage. There Oh, Spiritualism, divinely fair and el will be no boasting of the accident which made us Methodists, Presbyterioquent of speech, you have brought to famished souls the bread of eternal life, ans or Agnostics when we reach the and to the thirsty sparkling waters from the fountains of immortality! heavenly highlands. All pass through the same gate and come to an under You have bound up the broken heart standing of what it means to be immor of grief, and restored the lost ones who disappeared in the shadows.

You have made life worth the living, If religion be aspiration for righteous and wreathed the couch of death with ness, then this is the religion immortelles. of religions. It uplifts our souls from the darksome bogs of fear and doubt, into the pure atmosphere of the You hold aloft the highest ideal and assure us it is attainable by the hum We blest soul.

highlands of a more perfect life. You have brought the courts of heav are a part of all, affected by all, and our duty is to assist all. As we pass but once this way, we should not let a en to earth and shown us the way to eliminate the powers of hell. chance go by of carrying out the prin-You have for the old religion of selfciples of this philosophy. We are instruments which become depreciation and of pain, brought the religion of joy. For the rule of miracle,

you have given the reign of law. transmitters or receivers as we receive or send out thought waves. All the Man instead of being a forces of the universe, and the thoughts of other minds impinge as on a central worm of the dust," becomes the highest

evolutionary product of nature. vortex. We, receive and understand You have given us the most exalted views of the conduct of life, and transthose to which we are attuned. If the chords of our being are made tense by formed the sepulchre to a glorious arch selfishness and passion, they vibrate to | way, leading to immortal life.

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our feet are to be guided, and may be relied on absolutely. It may be said to correspond to instinct in animals, and them, have believed that God cared for correspond to instinct in animals, and is as much to be depended upon. It is them, and the poet has expressed the claimed by many that it fails them, but thought in these beautiful lines: where it fails is where it is not culti-

"I know not where His islands lift vated by a full reliance on some. Have you tried it, that something that I only know I cannot drift awakens you from a deep sleep, at a certain hour of the night if you have asked before going to sleep that it would do so; that swift messenger that way, consult the Guide Post of the Soul goes after a forgotten name, date or in- When tempest-tossed look for the beacident, at your command, and soon re- con light that shines forever upon the turns, bringing it vividly to your conshore of our existence. scious mind; that subtle something The hand that guides the wild bird that whispers warning in case of im-

pending danger, or fills you with a sweet anticipation of coming joy, although you do not know of its coming? I have said that this sense may be absolutely relied on if recognized and cultivated, but if any law of nature be broken there is no knowing what the result will be, or where it will end; and thus it is with us when we sin against the law that would guide us unerringly. wilfully or ignorantly, putting out our own light, the result is sure to be disas-

How short the space! How much trous. "Consult the monitor within," was How few and brief the days of men! said by one of the wise ones of old, and if all would strictly heed its voice they So much to learn of false and truewould certainly never go astray, for it is the voice of God, and the only voice And only three-score years and ten! So little time to do things well, of God any being will ever hear. Those who have forsaken this God are walk-So much, so very much to know; And while we labor in our cell in darkness, and their cry of de-The years do not forget to go. spair is heard as they wander in the wilderness of doubt where the wild beasts of fear fill them with dread and So many things that we might learn, If only time would stay its tide, terror And once again our youth return

SUCH ARE SEEN CALLING ON FORTUNE TELLERS AND ANSWER-ING . THE ADVERTISEMENTS OF EVERY FAKE MEDIUM THAT HAP-PENS TO COME ALONG, WHILE And in some timelgnoring spot THE GENUINE MEDIUM MUST Perhaps find what we lose to d SPEND HER TIME AND WASTE HER POWERS IN TRYING TO DIVINE FOR THEM WHAT THEY SHOULD KNOW FOR THEMSELVES.

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new life.

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Those who have thrown themselves

So let us, when in doubt as to our

Through thrackless fields of air,

With matchless love and care,

HOW SHORT THE SPACE.

To keep the shadow from our side.

We'll do the little that we may,

Perhaps find what we lose to-day

A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

-Frank H. Sweet.

But, ah! what can not be can not,

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To fields in sunny South lands.

know will lead my footsteps

In paths that are the best-

in the only royal highway

To regions of the blest.

San Antonio, Texas.

do!

Through trackless fields of air,

Beyond His love and care."

Authority, (religious, political and all those pleasure-seekers saved? If medical) has developed hypnotic conditions so has business. All organizations finite Intelligence" are powerless to change, act, or modify in such results of hypnotic influences. are tremes, what do all the pravers, forms Mesmeric influences and relations existed before Mesmer. Objective and and ceremonies of churches and the N. subjective conditions and expressions S. A. societies signify? If belief in in finite intelligence signifies anything, are common to all nations and people. The positive and negative tempera-ments are the hypnotizer and the hypwhat would be the natural expression in a burning theater filled with women, children and men, mostly women and children? Save them if God, or inflnotized, the subjector and the subject Jesus as a medium-inspired teacher nite intelligence has the power. was a dangerous man (not a god); as

a Jew he was dangerous-because he What is or can be the object of let go of the old forms and dogmas of church organizations among Spirituala dead and decaying church-and the story says he was tried, condemned and ists? The tendency is in that direction in the N. S. A. organization at this date? Who will respond? executed.

His followers (those labeled Chris-Let us examine; there must be an ob tian, christian nations), have continued ject, what is it? Is it educational, so to execute the old Jewish law upon recial, for health, dress reform, freedom ligious reformers, infidels and skeptics for women and children, labor reform for nearly two thousand years; strange and the greater work of uplifting the race, individualizing every woman, man as it may look and seem, quite a number of ambitious assumed leaders of orand child? Giving them character, per ganized Spiritualism are aping the old sonality, and independence of thought harlot, the church, and doing their best and action?

Are the old forms of priestcraft of to induce their followers to lean up against some newly hatched spiritual the past, now being suggested and church for a rest and support; subjuga-tion is the object of those assumed ducive to the best interests of the plain leaders; of course it's the cause that facts of Spiritualism? Do Spiritualists they are so anxious about, but blind, desire to be subjugated by ambitious selfish individuals are at the front and Spiritual leaders in the future as in the rear of all church causes; it's the old past? Do those leaders recognize the old story and I hope so old it may soon change that is pressing for recognition? Or are they as stolid and blind as the be cremated. At this writing our great city of Chiclergy they are aping? Can any organcago is shocked from center to circum- ization exist without the subjugating ference caused by a terrible destruction methods and influences? Have the un of life. Chicago has been several times seen spiritual teachers, or inspiration, shocked in the past thirty-five years; ever approved of priestly subjugation in the configration in 1871, the hanging any form? Where do we stand as Spir of anarchists in 1886, and the railroad itualists, as representatives of the one strike in 1894 shocked Chicago, but it truth now demonstrated; the one truth was material things, not human life deep enough, high enough and broad that was the cause, that was most serienough to solve the great problem of ously affected, only a few lives were human life? Did the founder of Chris-lost, comparatively. The previous tianity favor priestoraft and their sub-shocks were manipulated and in time jugating methods, or did the condemn jugating methods, or did the condemn them? Where do the NijS. A. leaders them? pronounced to have been of material advantage to the city. But what can be said of this terrible destruction of physstand, isn't it well to inquire? If Christianity must be the standard for Spiritualists, why not adopt the

ical life, of love, of home, of parents, and a wholesale slaughter of children? teachings of the lord and master as he Under the old regime it is declared has been designated? Who is ready there is nothing impossible with God; for the go-and-sin-no-more doctrine In the light of the present spiritual il-Why should Spiritualists add anything lumination all is order, all expressions in nature or by humanity are normal to a dead and decaying system, known as the Christian church?₁₃ Does organ and legitimate, perfectly in harmony ized Spiritualism desire more hypocrisy, more deception to popularize and damn with the cause that produces them. There are no accidents in our philos-ophy; our God is infinite in order and It in the eyes and sympathy of every in dividualized independent thinker? Where do we stand and what are the execution of what we call law; cause and result are continuous, unchange-able, therefore the theater horror was tendencies? Shocks will increase in frequency up til the mighty evolution, now on will force a revolution, that will change our a legitimate result of infinite law and order, no more an accident than rain political, spiritual, social and business conditions and relations. and sunshine. The shock is great because of the circumstances, the environients and the large number of human The Mosaic law and order of venge lives involved. Tragedies of a shockanco will pass away, and the go-and-sin ing nature occur every day in our large no-more order will gradually take its cities. Our steam railways and street place. An eve for an eve and a toot! conveyances kill and mangle men, wofor a tooth has failed; love and a broth-

erly recognition will supplant the pres-ent criminal law expressions, labeled men and children daily, about four hundred a year killed .and hundreds inthese every-day slaughters fail sk the city officials or the people It should not be forgotten that in the fured: to shock the city officials or the people into a realizing sense of the value of great and rapid changes from the pri life or what life significs. vate limited school system, to our pres

Life, health and happiness are on the ent free schools, that criminal classe market bought and sold cheap. The are educated as well as the non-crimi-new era now in sight will change things, let us be hopeful, for the so called dead tunities of labor and business, the crimhave only changed their old garments inally inclined will become highway

robbers, following the examples of Wall Knife Carried Many Miles by Spirit street millionaires. The more intelli-Power. gent the less fear, and the more fear-Having heretofore been a stern be

Criminals less the more dangerous. liever and a strong advocate of only will multiply until society and business hard, cold facts, I now feel it my duty is revolutionized.

The bravest and best soldiers are always the best informed: education destroys fears. Our nation must do more then furnish a technical education: it must limit and restrain the power, of money in the hands of the notorious public thieves and robbers. placed my knife on a book case in my

The air is loaded with vibrations of a

bed room, at the same time wishing I marked change in every phase and department of life, if not attuned to catch those vibrations you may stumble. ocket. Wireless telegraphy is a practical fact I remained away from home over and a human instrument if in tune will be able to read their titles clear to coming events, the shadows will be cast upon the air vibrations. Individual de velopment - growth, independence, character, and fearlessness are essen

tial qualifications for the new era now rapidly approaching. Let go and shake off the packs and spiritual darkness, if you desire a change-the new life. Spiritualism occupies the front ranks

and is the only safe, fearless, universal guide. All is well at the commence ment of the new year, and new era with independent Spiritualists. knew something extraordinary DR. M. E. CONGER.

Chicago, Ill

CLEON B. NICHOLS.

said to my wife: "Well, if this don't He Allows Anyone to Sit in the Cabinet beat me. Here is my knife which has and Place Their Feet on His Proscome to me all the way from home This must be a materialization, if there is such a thing," and that is the only trate Body While the Materialized Forms Appear-Just the Man to Capssible explanation I can find for such ture Mr. Hale's One Thousand Dollars.

thing. My wife only laughed at me as I had Knowing there is a general interest in the phenomena of our philosophy all too frequent cry of "fraud," we wish to give a meager account of a seance held by the only materializing

medium who has visited our city, and proven beyond any doubt, the ganuineor insane. I then saw this mystic knowledge must be fathomed by each ness of the demonstration, fi-many years.

one before comprehending in the least. From this fact I know that my letter On Monday evening, Feb. 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Duhl, a will convince no one who does not al-ready believe in these wonderful spiritcommittee of professional and promi-nent business men saw him dress himual things, yet I write in hopes that it self preparatory to entering the, seance may strengthen and encourage those al-ready in the path, and I would be more room; others investigating the cabinet meanwhile and satisfying themselves than pleased to hear from anyone who has had a similar experience of any there was nothing prepared and no-way kind, or who can explain the mystic

for trickery to be used. Upon entering the cabinet, at his perpower which transported my knife 20 sonal request, one of the city officials miles across the country to me present sat in the cabinet with feet and hands upon him, he lying prostrate Naponee, Neb.

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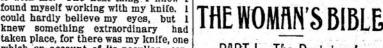
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MR. AUGUSTE T. RIEDINGER AND MISS MARGARET GAULE, THE RE-NOWNED MEDIUM, WERE MARRIED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, IN NEW YORK.

PSYCHOPATHY, OR SPIRIT HEAL ING.-A class in Psychopathy, or Spirit Healing, under the instruction of the spirit of Dr. Benj. Rush, through Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, is about to be formed. For further information in-quire of Mr. Wm. Richmond, 3802 Ridge avenue, Rogers Park, Chicago,

INDIANA STATE SPIRITUALISTS CONVENTION-The Spiritualists of Indiana will hold their state convention in the Spiritualist Temple at Anderson, Ind., Feb. 26, 27 and 28, 1904, at which time a State Spiritualist Association will be organized. There will be three sessions daily. Friday and Saturday morning and afternoon sessions will be devoted to the business of the conven-The evening sessions of Friday and Saturday and the three Sunday sessions will be devoted to entertainlectures, spirit messager, tests, etc. The best of talent has been engaged. The bet of talent has been engaged Programs will be issued later. The public is cordially invited to attend all of these meetings. Let there be a grand rally from all parts of the state thereby making this, which is one of the most important meetings ever held in the state, one of the most successful. E. W. Sprague and wife, N. S. A. Mis-

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TAKE NOTICE.

Spiritualist Truth Seekers Society, met on the evening of Jan. 26, Terre Haute, On Sunday, Feb. 7, Oscar A. Edgerly Ind., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ru-dolph Stuckwish, 722 South Sevenbegan a two months' engagement with the First Spiritualist Church of Elmira, teenth street. An invitation was ex-tended to all believers and honest in-N. Y. At present Mr. Edgerly has no engagement for April and May, as he vestigators of religion and science.: The expects to visit England in April. He will be pleased to hear from societies in society is of long standing, but of late being revived. President and teachthat part of the country who may de er, Ida A Griffing; vice-president, Mrs. C. Shumaker; treasurer, Mrs. Rose sire to employ a trance speaker and test Address during February and medium. Stuckwish; secretary, Mrs. Julia Auld; March, 313 Columbia street, Elmira board of trustees, J. S. Neely, Rudolph N. Y.

Stuckwish, Wiley Auld. Deaconess Griffing is not a full-fiedged Spiritualist Louise E. Zimmerman writes from Elmira, N. Y.: "The work here is going on with renewed interest. The treat and was chosen president and teacher for her scholarly attainments and for promised us by our sister, Mrs. Clara her wonderful power of adaptation, be-. Stewart while here, upon learning ing able to impart so well what she studies. The S. T. S. S. is about the that Rev. Oscar A. Edgerly was to suc ceed her, has already been realized in part, and we are looking forward to a same as Chautauqua Literary Society, and takes up religion and sciences, any re-awakening and more united effort among our workers through his minisstudy which will unfold and develop trations. Sunday, Feb. 7, was his first appearance in our city, and he was greeted by good audiences, both after-noon and evening, holding in rapt attencharacter. Any person male or female, wishing to study with the society, may send name and reference as to character to the president, Deaconess Griffing, 609 Poplar street. Subject Tuesday evoning is found in Corinthians, "Are tion all who were present. Thursday evening is our message meeting serv-ices, Sunday being devoted entirely to Spiritual Gifts Possessed by Human-ity?" A course of talks will be given the philosophy, in response to the re soon on Biblical Spiritualism as found quest of many friends. May the good in the pentateuch (first five books of work go on, that the two worlds may the Bible) by Mrs. Griffing .-- Gazette. come more and more closely in touch Dr. Beverly writes: "The regular and humanity become more alive to its monthly party of the Spiritual Science plessings by the influx of love from the

upper spheres." Society, at Lakeside Hall, corner Thirty-first street and Indiana avenue, will Magicians of Old India comprehend be held Saturday evening, Feb. 27. This will be a masquerade Ball, with ed, just as well as do modern physicians, that much of the benefit of their fine music, many valuable prizes, treatment lay in the success of their booths for mediums, palmists and psy suggestions to their patients that their chics. All are invited to spend a merry medicines were all right and would certime together. These occasions are to bring the people together and get into ainly cure. It was not necessary for them to employ drugs in order to effect a better vibration, and lose sight of marvelous cures, any more than do the troubles and sorrows. Next Sunday faith healers of to-day. The fact that evening, Mrs. Dr. Viroqua, a real Mo-hawk Indian princess, will lecture, and the patient believed in the promised cure, helped matters materially, and Feb. 28, Walter DeVoe will lecture on aided by nature in the way of rest, pro the Wonders of the Astral World. Mrs. duced the desired result. Some of their Murtha is still with us and draws a fine cures were brought about by strange class of people who want to know the methods. If a man was suffering from truth about these wonderful psychic a fever, the magician at once gave him phenomena." an object lesson on the subject of the Mrs. A. Sexsmith writes: "The Rising cure of fevers. Heating an ax until it was red hot, the magician would show

Sun Spiritualist Mission, which meets every Sunday at Star Lodge Hall, 378 it to his patient, then plunge it into a So. Western avenue, Chicago, is provessel of water, explaining to him that the condition of the ax was similar to gressing very nicely. We are taking in new members at every meeting, and his own, burning with fever, that the now have a membership of nearly 70. water cooled and cured the feverish ax, and that to drink this water would The attendance contines to increase at each meeting, as our speakers and meas surely cure him. This remedy was combined with mumbling prayers and diums are working hard in demonstrating the philosophy and phenomena of spirit return. Mr. S. T. Warner will be incantations and was usually very ef-fective. Why? Because the water was our speaker Sunday evening, Feb. 14, really good for the patient, and because and Dr. Randall finances of the mission are in excellent The fangs of the Roman Catholics are

shape, and will be materially increased constantly protruding, under various forms, in their efforts to crush the pubby the package party which will be held on Feb. 22, at p. m., at Sister G. W. Greene's home, 770 W. Van Buren street. Special preparations are being ic schools. Here is the latest from the New York Times: "Delegations from forty German Catholic parishes in made for our mask ball on Saturday, Greater New York met yesterday after-March 19, at our hall. Fifty prizes will be given. The mission members from noon in the basement of St. Nicholas's Church, on Second street, under the auspresident to the last enlisted memthe nices of the State Federation of Gerber, are all good workers for the cause. man Catholic Societies, to take action and are seeing the result of their labors upon the proposed bill of Senator Lewis in the increase of membership and in tooking toward the unification of the attendance. We always have a number state school system. John B. Seitz of the Executive Committee of the Federaof good mediums at our meetings, also fine singing. Seates are free and all tion opened the meeting, and Andrew are made welcome. Mangold of St. Nicholas Council, Catho-

on Feb. 21. The

West Side Church, of Columbus, Ohio,

last month, and found a noble band of

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poet of highest unfoldment, and her

loving and kindly personality makes

her labors a pleasure and success. May

she long remain with us. Mr. H. E.

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sides with effective results. I will an-

swer calls from societies, to serve on

reasonable terms. I would like a few

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W. F. Schumacher writes: "Sunday

at 1915 Broadway, Indianapolis, Ind."

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of The Progressive Thinker are for Mrs. Isa A. Cross writes: "Mr. W. C. sale at this office. Bear this in mind. Wright will lecture for the Hyde Park Occult Society on Sunday, February 21. Services at 7:45 pim., at 323 East 55th street. Brother Wright is one of our We go to press early Monday mornng, hence communications intended for nembers, and has been giving his attention to magnetic treatment, etc., and presume he can tell us a great many

things which will make us think. Mrs. Kline will give messages as usual. The card party on the 11th was a grand success in every way, both socially and financially. We will have another pro-gressive euclive party on the after-noon of Tebruary 23 at the Lowden Club Room, 474 East o5th street, game to begin promptly at 2; so please be on hand a little earlier. Score cards will be 25 cents. Three beautiful hand painted china pieces will be given as prizes. Come and win some of them. Bring a friend and have a good time. There is lots of room.'

C. W. Beak writes about what seems to have been a spirit vision: "Several years ago while I was talking in church a vision appeared to me. I went to the Baptist church Sunday-school. My wife was school superintendent. had been working in the field severa Sundays instead of going to church. knew our church society was weak. thought I could help, so I learned piece called 'Beautiful Star,' to recite. asked the privilege to talk. It was given me. I got about half through my piece. There were perhaps 30 people present, all in the back seats. All once, without any warning, I saw the church crowded with people just as I had seen years before. All the old members seemed to have come back: every seat was full. They looked jus the same as they did in life. Some had been dead several years; others had moved. It looked good to see the old people, and so curious to happen as it did. It broke my speech. I could not go on. I shed tears of joy to see such a beautiful sight. I could not explain the

like a dream in broad daylight, with my eyes open and my-senses all right." Other forerunners of more modern methods practiced by the old magicians of India, were the laying on of hands, and massaging the body, always in a downward direction, whereby the magician explained to the patient, he forced the disease down into the ground, a most logical explanation, which could not help but make an impression upon the patient. Then, partly as a result of the massage, partly because of the faith of the sufferer and his unconscious

efforts toward recovery, the sickness very often did disappear. But the magicians of India also looked into the future and predicted coming events, always using the same simple and logical way of reasoning. "Emile Faguet, a member of the French academy, in a recent article on this subject, tells how the magicians of old India used to util ize superstitions in times of danger. He says: They would watch the flight of birds or eat sacred chic' ans on the eve of a battle, simply because the tendency of human beings in the moment of danger, when it was necessary to make a decision then as nowadays, wanted to relieve the suspense and uncertainty and took recourse to fate, as we to-day shake dice or let a decision depend on the toss of a coin. The magicians of old India also dealt in good luck. Not satisfying with predicting luck, it created it by incantations, by solicitations and prayers to the gods just as we christians of to-day pray, with the difference only that the pray-ers of christians are more submissive, more ideal and less egotistic. The magic was half religion, half science. It was rudimentary science, resting upon incomplete and crude observation. It ne singing. Seates are free and all re made welcome. Virginie Barrett writes: "I served the a mysterious character and nature whom the doctor has treated often with-

yrs, through fear of an angry God and I make up in here.' Soon I was called to indless torment hereafter; this is a sreat psychological crime! It is true, that the so-called Christian church has adderated wonderfully at the present time. Ever since the advent of Modern Spiritualism people have become more intelligent, and we hear less of the terrible destruction of the sinne after death.

Mrs. Ted Smith has been doing most excellent work in the cause of Spiritualism at Bemidji, Minn. She 1 a fearless advocate of the grand truths underlying our cause.

C. J. Barnes goes to Walnut and Mt Vernon Ill., next. Mr. Barnes has held ome very fine trumpet seances while he has been stopping with his sister, Mrs. Hamilton Gill.

Harry J. Moore closed his engage ment with the Battle Creek society, Sunday, Feb. 7. He goes to Alliance, Ohio, for the rest of February and the first two Sundays of March Mr Moore's address for the next four weeks will be 322 W. Main street. Alliance Ohio.

Charles A. Kiehl writes from Will amsport, Pa.: "Spiritualists of this city ave not been very active this winter in

presenting the phenomena of Spiritual-ism. Profitable seances can be held, and we would like to hear from talented mediums, especially those who give trumpet seances. An able public speak er and test medium may secure engage ment for the months of March and April. The Williamsport society continues to advance steadily. Its repeat ed gains encourage our local workers to greater efforts. Letters of inquiry relative to the above will receive p attention if address to Chas. A. Kiehl, Williamsport, Pa."

Thos. S. Kizer, of Decatur, Ill., sends a large club of subscribers to this office. Thanks, brother.

Dr. H. E. Ballard writes: "Our church now holds its meetings in Illinois Hall, 35th street, and Indiana avenue, every Sunday afternoon at 3; evening at 8 children's progressive lyceum meets at 2; parents should avail themselves of this great privilege and send their children, that their young minds may be trained to see and understand the truth Give them the scepter of power, which is knowledge; they will need it to battle with life's conditions. The stepping-stone to gain spiritual knowledge is The Progressive Thinker; ir you are mystery before me. To me it seemed not a subscriber lose no time in placing it in the hands of your children. Sunlay, Feb. 14, Walter DeVoe, editor of Vitality, will speak for us, this being the second Sunday of the month. We shall give our promised program serv-ice, consisting of music, speaking and tests. The Ladies' Auxiliary give their tenth social to-morrow night at the res idence of Mr. and Mrs. Aitken."

Bibee writes that he would like to have wise spirits inform him in reference to the effects of socialism: "What effect would socialism (as it is outlined by the socialist of to-day) have on this ountry if it were carried into effect? Will the so-called socialist party here ever carry into effect its political ideas; if so, would they be good or bad?"

Georgia Gladys Cooley writes from Denver, Colo.: "AN APPEAL TO THE SPIRITUALIST—The many friends of Dr. Benson Elliott, of California will no doubt be aroused to sympathy as well as indignation on learning of his arrest for healing the sick, which took place Feb. 11, in the city of Denver, Colo. The doctor was treated badly, and given no opportunity of an impartial defense. The judge on the bench manifested his personal prejudice by several remarks quite unbecoming such a position, among them, 'I believe you a fake.' Our brother was not brought before the judge to have the latter give his private opinions and belief, but as he thought to receive justice, which was not meted out to him, as he was fined fifty dollars. The fine has been paid and the Doctor released from jail. He has taken steps to have the case appealed, but like most of the earnest and honest workers in our

the cabinet, and there stood my older brother who passed over about two and a haif years before, every feature just as perfect as when I last saw hlun twolve years before. No one in the room but myself knew anything of him. was very much surprised as I went up to the cabinet, expecting to see my father. My brother had not even been in my thoughts that evening. I saw several materialized forms that even ing, among them my wife, but nonc quite so perfect as my brother."

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"Now, Mr. Hale, if you want the truth about materialization, come to Wash-ington City, D. C., and you can get it and it won't cost you a thousand dol-lars. RUFUS SUMERLIN." Look on that picture, then on this: The editor of The Progressive Think-r of the issue 740, says: "One thousand er of the issue 740, says: "One thousand dollars for ONE GENUINE SPIRIT MATERIALIZATION. This is a splendid chance to settle this great question and gain the everlasting praise of all

true Spiritualists." So it is-a splendid chance. When it is demonstrated that "one genuine spirit materialization" is a fact. the whole world should shout its joy to all true Spiritualists. The medium, the "instrument," will justly earn world-wide fame and fortune. Who is the man?-or woman? Says

Editor Francis: "Will not some medium for this phase, WHO KNOWS HE OR SHE IS GENUINE, accept this offer and confer a favor upon our cause?" Which virtually amounts to "No oth-

ers need apply." Mrs. Fairchilds, of Denver, is spoken of by John T. McClure in glowing terms

as a materializing medium. In her presence "thirty-five forms were com-pleted so as to speak to us." One full form would secure that thousand dol-lars. The practical J. R. Francis says: "Mrs. Fairchilds must be a wonderful medium. We suggest that she start at once for Los Angeles, Cal., and capture the ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS offered by Robert Hale, 831 Wall street, of that city." The first medium, "who knows he or

she is genuine," that lands in Los An-Die manufacturer, for \$1.00. Address: geles, will capture the prize. It is a fat fee. Don't be bashful. Do not "hedge." Do not ask Mr. Hale, an honorable gentleman, to take a journey to Washing-

ton. He offers a fine inducement for any reliable medium to visit him. Why W. F. JAMIESON. not do so? Pentwater, Mich.

P. S .- "Felix." Had I known your address would have written. Many thanks. The N. S. A. is doing a good work.

LONG DISTANCE HEALER GUILTY. Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 10 .- Mrs. Post, the famous "long distance" men tal science healer, against whom the government issued a fraud order, was found guilty in the United States District Court yesterday evening .- Chicago American.

LIFE-WHAT IS IT?

filmy drawn thread, tangled at either end. And drawn across the dial of the

vears By that old Spider, Time, who heeds nor hears

The murmur of the moments as they blend Their melody with walling hearts that

rend, And hopes that snap beneath the weight of tears:

And ere the swarthy spinner disappears,

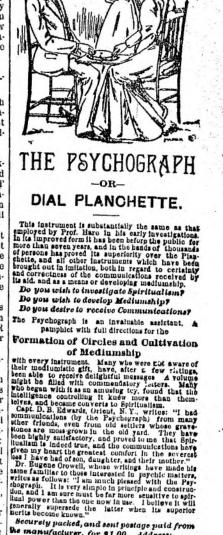
He breaks the magic thread that none can mend. Leaving our startled eyes enwrapt in

mist. Our fingers palsied, and our blanched

lips mute, And busy grave-worms nibbling at the fruit

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Merle Nethercutt from her home in Logansport, and then having kept her under his influence by means of . cocaine and hypnotic suggestion, is scheduled for a second trial, but the case has not been reached. He is still to stand trial on charges of having given away cocaine and with larceny of jewelry and wearing apparel from the girl .-- Chicago American.

Married, at the residence of C. H. Figuers, Cleveland, Ohio, Thursday evening, Feb. 4, 1904, Mr. Lewis Smith and Mrs. Carrie Moore. The marriage was very quiet. No one invited. Mrs. Moore is one of our well-known local mediums, and has the best wishes of her many friends. Mrs. Lewis will continue her spiritual work. Rev. C. H. Figuers officiated.

Emil Roeski would have been made the subject of hypnotic influence yesterday but for the opposition of Sheriff Barrett. Isadore Plotke, Roeski's attorney, who will base his defense upon his client's susceptibility to a stronger will, visited the county jail with a hypnotist for experimentation. Jailer Whitman consulted with Sheriff Barrett, who refused Plotke's request. Plotke then announced that he would secure an order from the court commanding the sheriff to permit the experiment, since the state's attorney has not objected. If Plotke succeeds in his plan the evidence based upon the test will establish a precedent in the criminal courts of Cook county, for never before have practical demonstrations of a defendant's susceptibility to hypnotic suggestion been offered as testimony .---Chicago Record-Herald.

The Spiritualists of Indiana will hold a delegate convention at Anderson, Ind., Feb. 26, 27 and 28, 1904. It will be a convention composed of representatives from the local societies of the state. The state organization will be chartered with the National Spiritualists Association, and will make twenty state association working together under the national charter. It is proposed to appoint district superintendents, to look after the work in each congressional district. Circuits will be formed for mass-meetings, quarterly speakers, meetings, etc., will be arranged for, and the work of the organization carried on in a systematic manner. It is claimed that of the more than two and one-half million inhabitants of the state, of Indiana, tens of thousands are Spiritualists, and the purpose of the organiza tion is to enlist them in the co-operative work of a state association to advance the cause of Spiritualism .- Frankfort (Ind.) Crescent.

J. G. Myers, a farmer, died at Carthage, Mo., having starved himself to death. He had not caten a particle of food for forty-nine days. Myers was a Spiritualist, and said recently that his wife, who died some time ago, was urging him to come to her. Myers was 60 years of age and well to do .- Chicago Chronicle.

Sunday, February 7, the Metropolitan Spiritualist Society held its regular services. Mrs. Daniels, well-known lecturer, dolivered a very fine address; subject, "Progress of Religion," which was well received, followed by the usual demonstrations of spirit return, by the pastor, Mrs. Maggie Waite. Mrs. Russel, professional soloist, sang. These services are continued every Sunday evening at 3337 State street. The Progressive Thinker for sale .at door and always in demand.

lic Benevolent Legion, was chairman. The Rev. Father John B. Mayer, pastor, and the Rev. Rudolph Mantel, assistant of St. Nicholas parish, made addresses of welcome, and were followed by Al phonse G. Koelble, chairman o the Law Committee of the American Federation of Catholic Societies, who spoke upon the school question. Mr. Koelble maintained that the Catholics, instead of being opposed to the public school sys tem, favored the schools for the masses but that as Catholics they believed the public schools are incomplete, inasmuch as they fail to TEACH RELIGION.

he believed.

See what a jumble the Catholics would make, each religious sect clamoring for money to TEACH RELIGION! G. H. Brooks is now located at No. 204 York street, Buffalo, N. Y. He has

vening, Feb. 21, Dr. G. B. Warne, pres-March and April still open for engage ident of the I.S. S.A., and Secretary ments with societies. He will respond Mrs. Bloom, will be present at the Soto calls for funerals and week-night ciety Students of Nature, 1565 Milwaumeetings while in Buffalo. Send all kee avenue. The Doctor will will make telegrams and mail matter to the above a public presentment of honor upon this umber society, of which Mrs. M. Schumacher

We have received two beautiful is pastor. We extend a cordial invita-tion. Feb. 7, Dr. J. H. Randall gave a pieces of music by Mme. H. C. Cayson, president Spiritual Society, Philadel-phia, "Angel Mother" and "Five Years most interesting discourse which held the audience spell bound. The Doctor Ago." The words are tender and sweet, and the music attractive. Altogether was followed by Sister Stillman and other mediums. A plano solo and song was rendered by Master F. Rasmussen; they are of a high spiritual order, and should be welcomed by those desiring Master Koniger, The Opened Gates of such selections. Heaven. The pastor closed, pronounc-Lena Wolf, alleged by the police to

ing the benediction.". be a fortune teller and found guilty of being such in the police court, was ves Ella M. Gross writes from Weiser, Idaho: "Although a new subscriber, and terday discharged by the circuit court the circuit judges holding that the evi-dence against her was not sufficient to over 2.000 miles from Chicago, in my new home, in the banner state of Idaho. prove her guilty of the charge. your excellent paper has been a most The Wolf case was founght bitterly in police welcome visitor every week, and eagercourt and was contested up to the cirly read by myself and son. We scarcecuit court. The defendant was arrest y realize we have had any winter here. ed by the police some months ago and the sun shines so warm and the mountcharged with being a fortune teller. ain air is so pure and balmy, the cold-Her arrest was made in the midst of a est day being but 6 above zero. We very determined, though spasmodic cruhave not met many Spiritualists sade against professional clairvoyants but hope to later on. May The Prowhich the police were industriously gressive Thinker continue to prosper prosecuting. She was given a hearing uptil it has the largest circulation of n police court, and after a sensational any paper in Chicago." pisode caused by her exhibition on the The Spiritual Research will meet evwitness stand, the police judge found ery Thursday evening at 144 South Aler guilty. A fine was imposed, but the bany avenue, southeast corner(Colorado defendant was determined not to sub avenue, beginning at 8 o'clock sharp, mit to it. The police court case was All are invited to attend. Good mecarried up to the common pleas court diums in attendance. on error. The common pleas court at Mrs. L. D. Exerctt writes from Milirmed the decision of the lower court waukee, Wis .: "William Fitch Ruffle of Chicago, 839 N. Clark street, officiated Still the case was not dropped. A pe ition in error was again filed and the at 134 Grand avenue, this city, under case was eventually heard in the cir cult court, where Mrs. Wolf was yesterauspices of the First Golden Rule Spiritualist Society, Sunday afternoon and day vindicated and set at liberty. If is not probable that the state will carry

1224 N. Senate street."

evening, Feb. 7. An intelligent audi-ence of cultured people was greatly the matter any further. Judge Marvin announced the decision of the court. leased with lecture and tests given He said, in brief, that there was nothing from articles laid on the table while in the evidence to show that the plain. Mr. Ruffle absented himself from the tiff in error was a fortune teller. hall, returning to take them up one by The one, and securing tests, for all present, common pleas court was, therefore, re versed .-- Cleveland Plain Dealer. who cared to have articles read. During the afternoon he was surprised by Mrs. Allie Zuhtand writes from In having handed to him a written commudianapolis. Ind.: "I have been very busy nication from Mrs. Dr. Dixon of Fortyall this winter in a private way, further third street church, Chicago, which ing our grand cause here. For a long time every evening was occupied as spoke in glowing terms of the esteem in which Mr. Ruffle was held in his own well as part of the day, but now I see an opening for more extended labor with sociefies, and will be glad to hear from any society that may need a a speaker and organizer. To those

city and congratulated Milwaukee upon having secured for the occasion the serices of so able a speaker and test medium. He remains here until Wednesday, when upon request no will return to Rawho might wish to know something about me, I would refer to B. F cine. There he was entertained and held a circle on his way to Milwaukee, Schmid, corner Georgia and Missouri to return by request, and will leave in time to take up his usual duties in Chistreets, president of the First Spiritual Society of this city. . My address is No.

cago on Sunday, Feb. 14."

whom you tried to appease or combat. out charge, manifest their interest in It has entered, enters and always will his case by sending him any amount enter as a factor in all religions, even they can spare? If we want our the most ideal. to grow and Spiritualism to be defended

B. Vaughn writes: "The Christian e must stand together in such cases as Spiritual Union Church has removed this for we all know the Doctor has alfrom Temperance Hall, 330 W. 63rd ways been a worthy and self sacrificing street, to Becker Hall, on State and worker. Address all mail to Dr. Ben Forty-fourth streets; entrance or Forty son Elliott, Room 4, 311 Sixteenth fourth street. We have Mrs. Lucille Destreet, Denver, Colo.'

loux, who will render the best of music Paul S. Gillette writes from Oakland and platform tests; also Mrs. L. J. Cal.: "On January 24, my wife and I Vaughn as test medium, and a speaker went to San Jose to hold a meeting for who is engaged for the society for the the Spiritual Union: The society is in season. We expect to make our meet quite a progressive condition. The conings very interesting." gregation that attended the services

The Boston Record has the follow was intelligent and appreciative. I delivered an address on 'The Needs of Spiritualists To-day.' Mrs. Gillette foling: "The newest style of New Thought with which Boston women are concerned has to do with vibrations. It is lowed with tests for about an hour. an offshoot of the gospel quite success She gave family relations, the names of fully planted by a handsome and fascithe departed with remarkable accuracy, nating Chicago woman. First they had and practical advice of great merit. to learn that 'the inaudible tones which The president of the Spiritual Union, W. D. J. Hambly, is a very energetic and bright man. It is to his efforts and come from evil thoughts are as harmful as those from the spoken word,' that love, light and joy come sweetly in the that of the active local workers that the vibrations of the sincere.' Her general permanent growth of the Union owes theory of practice is somewhat difficult its impetus. Allen Franklin Brown and to define, though clear enough to one wife, official organizers of the California personally acquainted with the basic State Spiritualists Association, were at San Jose one month, last December, and principle: 'Prayer and mediation excite at the base of the spinal column a vigave the movement a boost, adding bratory force of the highest potentiality some members as the result of many for the health of the brain cells.' The Sunday and week-day meetings. They great adept from Chicago declares that have now purchased a ranch near Los any mind may register its vibrations Gatos and intend to settle thereon and and communicate with any other mind, do occasional spiritual work in spare wherever located, which sets itself in time. There is a very bright young me

tune. Possibilities of telepathy great dium of foreign birth, who has lately and unplumbed are recognized freely made her appearance on the California and in 'The Life Radiant,' lately pub-Spiritual rostrum. I refer to Mrs. Holmes who has lately been doing work lished Lilian Whiting forecasts a time when speech will become obsolete and at San Jose, and has now some to Stock communications superfluous, ton. If she is treated fairly she will for spirit may call to spirit across any make a successful future." void when man lays hold upon knowl-

edge that he is a creature of the spirit rather than flesh.' H. F. Coates writes: "Sunday even-

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ing, Feb. 7, H. F. Arnold lectured for us at Kenwood Hall, his subject was 'Mud-dy Cups, Living Waters.' A large and appreciative alidience greeted him. His subject for Feb. 21 will be 'Development.' All Spiritualists are interested in this subject, so come and listen, and perhaps some thought will be obtained which will be of benefit. Mediums are invited to come to our meetings and take a part. Our afternoon meeting is so well adapted for the bringing out of

young mediums that too much encouragement cannot be given to them to attend. Come one, come all; you will be welcome.' Vine H. Hickox writes: "I have been much interested in reading the various

oninions of masterly minds on the subect of mediumship, and The Great Psychological Crime. I never saw or read the book, but I got a good idea of the contents by reading the correspondence between Lyman C. Howe and Mrs. Florence Huntley. It seems to me that the author of the book swings the club at the wrong party in this matter. I think

that the Great Psychological Crime should rest on the heads of the orthodox ministry of all denominations of the past as well as the present. All liberalminded people who have come out fear lessly from the orthodox church and with. 'There were eight or ten people present, all strangers to me excepting aid aside priestcraft as a faith; know it to be a fact that orthdoxy uses a submy grandson. In the course of the terfuge to mislead the children of men, evening a voice came from the cabinet. and by their clever oratory, they hypnosaying: "There is an old man trying to tize and make proselytes of their hear-

at his wrist. Nor doth the subtle weaver come again To tie the fibre and complete the skcin.

Death-What Is It?

It is a peaceful end of all desire, An end of dreaming, and an end of song-A happy winding up of right and Wrong,

quiet quenching of the vital fire; shadow lying on the broken lyre-A beggar's holiday—a twilight long, A landing place where weary pllgrims throng,

tranquil terminus of ways that tire. Death is a respite from each vain regret.

It drops the curtain, it concludes the play. It turns the lights out, and it leads

the way, When o'er the housetops all the stars have set;

Death is the epilogue to which we Just as the tired audience is dis-

missed. - J. N. Matthews.

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Frank Bradly Lee Fancher, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Fancher, of this city, passed away at Nichols Memorial Hospital, Battle Crcek, Mich., Feb. 5. after an earthly existence of only a few hours. Saturday afternoon sympa thetic friends of the bereaved parents assembled in one of the parlors of the institution, where, surrounded by flow ers, the little form lay. Brief but ap propriate services were conducted by Mrs. A. E. Sheets, of Grand Ledge.

On Feb. 2, 1904, after an illness of several months, Mr. Arnold Graf, en tered into the life triumphant from his home near Naponee, Neb. The de ceased was an earnest worker in the cause of Spiritualism, and although in his 62d year and totally blind, he was always ready and willing to do what he could to help his fellow-men on in the way of light. His remains were laid

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Moloney, a fine medium and a member of our society, gave the spirit messages Mr. Edgerly and Mrs. Moloney both did excellent work, and fully merited the approbation of the people, which was evidenced by the financial success of the meetings. During the month of January we held several entertainments

which proved financially successful, netting us nearly \$100. Mr. Edgerly left us with the best wishes of our members. and we hope at some future time to have him with us again." Martin Burnham writes: "I have been

ondering why some medium does not take up the challenge of the \$1,000 to produce a genuine spirit body, as it seems to me I have good evidence that it can be done. I will in confirmation of this give a little experience I had one evening in Chicago about two and one half-years ago. I and my grandson went to a seance held by Miss Chenc

Mrs. Sarah Charles writes from New port, Ky .: "As I write you at this time for the purpose of renewing my subscription to The Progressive Thinker, I take occasion to send you a short notice of the good work being accomplished by the First Temple Society of Spiritual ists in this vicinity. For two months Mr. Oscar A. Edgerly was our speaker. During January in addition to the regu lar evening service at our Temple in Newport we held afternoon meetings at Douglass Hall, Cincinnati, at which Mr Edgerly gave the lecture and Mrs. Ella

Fob. 20, 1904.



This department is under the man gement of

Hudson Tuttle. address him at Berlin, Heights, Ohio.

NOTE.-The Questions and Answers have called forth such a host of re-spondents, that to give all equal hearing compels the answers to be made in the most condensed form, and often clearness is perhaps sacrificed to this forced brevity. Proofs have to be omitted, and the style becomes thereby assertive, which of all things is to be depspiritual state immune from any Correspondents often weary recated. with waiting for the appearance of their questions and write letters of inply a self-fortified attitude of well-bal-anced self-control. Neither is it antagdulry. The supply of matter is always several weeks ahead of the space given, and hence there is unavoidable delay. onistic, but rather promotive of the most perfect sensitiveness, and invitive ery one has to walt his time and of the best spiritual influence. To acdce, and all are treated with equal knowledge that one is helpless under Invor

NOTION .- No attention will be given anonymous letters. Full name and address must be given, or the letters will graded spirits, and no shield against censure. It is time Spiritualism was not be read. If the request be made, the name will not be published. The correspondence of this department has freed from this blighting doctrine which tends to a revival of the absurd become excessively large, especially let-ters of inquiry requesting private an-swers, and while I freely give what-ever information I am able, the ordi-mary courtesy of correspondents is ex-pected. HUDSON TUTTLE.

H. C. Moore: Q. When did Ernest Renan die? How many years did he pass in Palestine?

Joseph Ernest Renan was born in 1823, at Treguier, on the coast of Brit-tany. He went to Paris at the age of 16 to prepare himself for the church. He won the Volney medal in 1847, and held various positions, until sent to Syria on a scientific mission in 1860, returning in 1862. He thus passed two years in that scountry. It was of value to him in giving local tone and coloring to his Origines du Christianisme, his best known work, and popular for its glowing style, Mrs. I. W. Pope, but I would add my but as superficial and delusive as a humble voice in the symposium of his novel. His Life of Jesus met with censorship, and cost him his place as Professor of Hebrew in the College de France. His style is pleasing, but he is ago, to speak the final parting words unreliable in his history, overdraws in over the casket wherein reposed his description, superficial, and appears to mortality. have been wholly wanting in that dis-criminating power, essential to distin-guish truth from falsehood. He died at Parls, October 2, 1892.

A. Annie Besant, born at London, October 1, 1847, daughter of W. P. Wood. Married Rev. Frank Besant In a member of the London School Board, philosophy, be overwhelming to her 1887-90, and in 1889 joined the Theo- sensitive nature. May good angels sussophical Society, becoming a pupil of tain and comfort her.

Madam Blavatsky. She has lectured on Theosophy in India and the United States, and has writ en many works and papers on the sub

As pupil of the Madam, because Although we have had but little time ther distinguished position, and devo ther distinguished position, and devo ther to Theosophy she was the one and the position to the position of the position only choice as successor to that ag- through the papers, we have the foundation laid for a good library. Mrs. gressive leader.

Mrs. Besant is more talented than her predecessor, infinitely more honest, and worker, of Cambridge, Mass., has pre-



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Humanitarian Work Should Be a Prominent Factor in toward which these crass theories and xplanations tend, forced with terrible earnestness upon us. If there are "ob Spiritualism. sessions," the obsessing spirit comes

Fitzgerald.

because the door is opened for its coming. Whatever the obsessed may do IT IS WELL TO KEEP BEFORE THE PEOPLE THOSE ANGELS OF LIGHT WHO ARE CONSTANTLY BRIGHTENING THE HEARTS OF THE SICK AND POVERTY-STRICK. EN. AND SOWING SEEDS OF they would do of their own accord were restraint removed. They do as they do because they are like the obsessing influence. Hence it is no palliation of the offense that they are under the control of an influence they say they cannot re-EN, AND SOWING SEEDS OF her "millinery" money, but a heart of sist. Would any one dare to assert that KINDNESS BROADCAST AMONG sympathy and kindliness. an angel could be controlled by an evil spirit and dragged into sensuality and THOSE WHOSE LOT IN LIFE HAS crime? As there is a possible state of health which is immune from the most NOT BEEN CAST IN PLEASANT PLACES.

virulent germs of disease, there is a [Copyright, and published by permis-sion of the Chicago American.] every perverting influence. Nor is this an ideal or unattainable state, but sim-

THE LITTLE CONVERSATION THAT STARTED IT ALL.

She-Every rich girl ought to make some sacrifice for charity's sake. He--Well, what sacrifice are you go ing to make?... I should like to know; it would interest me. Mayor Sisson, of Pittsfield, and with Mr. J. M. Fitzgerald, who holds the quite unique office of "City Almoner." Appeals for aid are made to her literal-She-Do you know I am thinking of ly by the hundreds. She knows the cutting down my millinery bills-hats uselessness of indiscriminate charity, are so outrageously expensive. He-Why don't you try to get along, then, without any at all?

.She (as if in deep thought-Quite true; I might do that.

lent centuries ago, which have no place He-I should like to bet you couldn't; not for a week, nor a month, let alone a Ninety-nine hundredths of all the cases of pretended "obsession," are yearl She-What'll you bet? caused by nervous prostration, more or He (nonchalantly)-Oh, anything you

less marked insanity, misunderstanding of the control, ignorance on the part of the control or deception on the part of She-Now, look here, I'm perfectly se-rious; honestly, I am. I'll bet you one thousand dollars I won't wear a hat of medium. Failure in giving correct mes-

any kind for a year. He—Really, ah—h—, honest? Bet accepted. I'll put it in writing. But

line gave them-for advice. you won't, you know. She-One thousand dollars I'll win on

are Miss Cutting's fondest admirers. Every Friday when she is in town she the bet, and one thousand dollars I'll The ascension to a higher life of this save on my millinery bills. (With a drives out there to have a cheery little quick computation of her fingers). This will be two thousand dollars for our chat with the old women and, perhaps, a game of cards with the old men. She carries candy and snuff for the women and tobacco for the men.

Only she won't, don't you know. It's a woman's dare. Fancy one of our set going without one new hat for a year! 'm a thousand to the good.

Cutting's good deeds to be told. Belle-vue Hospital could tell of five children from Pittsfield brought to its shelter last year to ask for its skill and treat-ment. They were little friends of Miss Cutting who needed surgical treatment. She carried them all the way to New York, paid the expenses of transportation and medical service, and when they were cured brought them back home. one whole year.

This tale of a hat-or rather no hat at all-is one of the prettiest little stories

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North or South, Wears no Hat.

mering in the south.

She wears them swung open.

LAKE HELEN CAMP, FLA. Opening Day at the Sounthern Cassa-

daga Camp. February 7, the opening day of camp,

has been an ideal one. With the ther-mometer at \$2, of course it was warm, but no one seemed to mind it very much.

The auditorium was very beautifully decorated, as has been the dancing pa vilion, under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Thompson, of Lily Dale. A profusion of flowers adorned the platform. Roses that would have been very dear

in the North were donated by some who do not claim to be Spiritualists, while another purchased dozens of them because she wanted to make the place She doesn't "care a rap" if remarks are made about hel' because she goes beautiful. Palms and pines were freely used, while of the long twining stems full of yellow bell-like blossoms of the are made about her because she goes hatless. And yet there is nothing in asmine there was no stint. the slightest degree pronounced or ec-

The flags of all countries invited the centric about her. In spite of her good-comradeship with every ono (and all visitors to study them, and "Old Glory" served as a drapery in the rear of the her men friends call her "a good fel-low"), she has the fine manners and the platform.

The hard cement floor is covered in fine reserve of a high-bred American the aisles with heavy carpeting and had aristocrat. Frequently her charitable it not been for two circumstances there work is carried on in co-operation with Mayor Sisson, of Pittsfield, and with would have been no shadow over our hearts save for those who have been promoted from our number to the highr life.

We were all disappointed that Bro. Homer Altemus, who has served this association faithfully for two years, and when she is in doubt of the worth of an applicant, she consults with Mr. could not be with us, on account of illness. Mr. Altemus has many friends here who miss him and who pray he How She Works Among the Poor. may soon be restored to health. An-But there are many cases which are brought to her notice where she acts on other we missed was our sweet singer Miss Grace Hawtin, the niece of Prof. W. F. Peck, who is detained at home by her own swift, sure intuition. She does the serious illness of her mother. not wait for a family to die of hunger wish she could bring her mother into this balmy air. It would bring to her a and thirst and cold before she holds out a helping hand. Sometimes mothers healing power that would, we believe, banish disease. All send best wishes to with unruly boys ask Miss Madeline to try her influence. There are sèveral boys in Pittsfield who remember well, Miss Grace. In her absence. Miss Whitney and during the last year or two, the horse-

sense dose of her plain talk, kindly, yet unsparingly frank, which Miss Made-Miss Salinas of Brooklyn, assisted by Prof Peck, gave us very good music. The Isles of the Bye and Bye, sung as a The aged poor in the city almshouse solo by Mr. Peck, in which the ladies joined in the chorus, was particularly beautiful. The ladles expect to give some concerts before they return to the North

President Bond made the opening address of the morning and then introduced Prof. Peck, who was followed by the writer. Vice-president Hilligoss then spoke. W. J. Colville was the last speaker of the morning and closed with Then there are the forlorn, forsaken women of the Old Ladies' Home. They an inspirational poem. Mr. Colville is not a stranger here. Nine years ago he There are not words enough in their vocabulary to express their admiration for was here-the year of the great freeze; her nor pet phrases enough to tell of their affection. And not only in Pittsfield are Miss he was then given the subject for a poem, "Our frozen orange trees." was given again to-day and he changed from the sad strain of that time to the hopeful thought of the present.

Mr. Colvilie's subject for the after-noon was the Science of Being and the Harmony of Existence, Speaking In reference to The Psychological Crime he said there was also Psychological Virtue. Mr. Colville as well as his guides, are optimistic and see good in everything. Mr. Colville will give classes every

week-day for the benefit of the association.

To let you see we are busy people here I will give you the program for the week. Monday afternoon, conference, and in the evening a card party. Tuesday afternoon, lecture by Prof. Peck, and in the evening there will be dance in the pavilion.

Every Wednesday afternoon and evening is devoted to the Ladies' Auxiliary. This week Mrs. Bartholomew will be the medium for the afternoon seance, and in the evening there will be an entertainment in the auditorium. Prof. Peck and Miss Carrigue, vice-president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, have charge of the evening entertainments.

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worldliness" which it replaced, which lows: was in turn followed by the Spiritual-Primitive Ideas-Ethnic Bellefs-The istic reaction against agnosticism. He Old Testament and Immortality-Paul's points out the doubts concerning the Doctrine of Death and the Other Life-doctrine of immortality held by the Jesus and Immortality-The Other churches and the weakness of the tra- World and the Middle Ages-Protestant

poor little sick children (with quick, in-stinctive thought). I'll sign the wager, quick---and I'LL WIN OUT. I'LL WIN OUT. I'LL WIN OUT. He-Good. It's a go (sotto voce) know and really love "Miss Madeline.

Miss Madeline Cutting, of New York and Pittsfield, Mass., a member of New York's "Four Hundred," young, fair to look at and heiress to a goodly fortune, has not been known to wear a hat in the picturesque and famous Massachusetts town where she lives most of the time, nor in New York, nor in any of the Southern resorts she has visited for the fashionable Spring jaunt for over

Doesn't Care a Rap How She Looks. all—is one of the pretitiest little stories that has crept out about New York's "Four Hundred" in a long time. But it is so familiar to the people of the little Berkshire town in Massachusetts, where it comes from, that they look upon it now as one of the town's tradi-tions. They have ceased to gaze in wonderment at the tall, fair girl who al-most daily, in rain or in shine, under hot summer skies or in one of the quick snow storms, that sweep down from the quick the shops or on the streets, bareheaded and with no covering whatever, save In Boston, at the Perkins' Institute

and with no covering whatever, save this and her manifold good deeds they the aureole of waving hair with which call her the Angel of Pittafield...."No

ake. Miss Cutting is a daughter of Colonel street costume for the winter is a short sake.

noble man, has been already mentioned in The Progressive Thinker, and high tribute in his praise eloquently given by cause it was impossible for me to re-

said that for twenty-five years he car-Judge Delevan Bates: Q. Please give sketch of Annie Besant, and tell how she came to take Madam Blavat-sky's place in the Theosophical Society?

the stress of an "obsessing" spirit, is

disreputable, even admitting the whole

contention, of the power of low and de-

superstitions about witchcraft preva-

sages, contradictions, and moral delin-

quencies all meet with ready explana

tion by the claim that the medium is

THOMAS LEES.

'obsessed" by evil spirits.

in the present.

bers were loyal in his assistance. In all his efforts to build up the lycoum and sustain lecturers, his sister 1867, but obtained a legal separation in Tillie has nobly sustained him. As 1873. Joined the National Secular So- leader in the "Good Samaritans," clety in 1874; worked in the Free has been a sister of mercy to the dis-Thought movement led by Charles tressed of her adopted city, and many Bradlaugh, M. P., and in 1883 became deeply interested in Socialism; also has blessed her name. The sudden detook part in the Trades Union move parture of her brother must, even with ment among unskilled laborers. Was the sustaining power of the spiritual

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nature has crowned her-for charity's she doesn't care how she looks," to use

unselfish. Her course shows how reck- sented the school all of her works; the lessly she disregards precedents and Librarian of the War Department of past beliefs, and her readiness to accept | Congress has sent us several sacks full the new She is a most remarkable wo- of fine books. Capt. Milan C. Edson, of man, personally and intellectually. A Washington, D. C., has sent us several strong, calm, clear and eloquent speak- copies of his "Solaris Farm." Someer of the style of Wendell Phillips. It body has sent us the Banner of Light is a strange anomaly that one so gifted from its first issue up to very nearly the with reason should fall into the belief present time. I think there are possiin a doctrine that is absolutely devoid of reason, and shows how superstition missing. Last, though not least, Dr. holds by heredity the activity and con- D. R. Higbee, of West Branch, Mich., clusions of the mind. has sent to us his entire medical libra-

ry. The Dr. is now near ninety years V. R. 3: Q. Is it conclusive proof old, and he very sensibly wishes to disthat a materializing medium is a fraud when he refuses to be handcuffed with cuffs not his own, but produced by some so he sent us the fine donation of books bove mentioned. one in the circle stating that it may be

Mr. Warren, a retired merchant, a man who has been a lively member of the Baptist church until, I think, withimpossible for them to get anything on account of these cuffs but his own working all right? (2) What effect (if any) have such in a year, is now a student

cuffs never before worn by the medium school. This gentleman puts in all his spare time in building book-cases for It may not be conclusive ev-

We confidently hope that by the time idence of fraud, but such refusal casts our Wisconsin State Spiritualist Consuspicion on the medium. There is nothing "magnetic" in one pair of hand- vention in the Institute comes off on cuffs more or less than in another, and the third Tuesday and three following the only reason against using another days in April, to have a good and wellpair would be that the new pair could arranged library in our library hall, not be worked, as easily as "his own." There is yet room for those who wish

(2) The "effect" of such new cuffs to donate books to send them on. on such a medium would probably be would be highly pleased to have all of the absence of all "manifestations." A the works of that old veteran reformer, sleight-of-hand performer, allowed his Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis. We would own "conditions," cannot be detected in like any or all the works of Emmanuel Swedenborg. Encyclopedias are all ac-ceptable. The school will have a full his tricks.

Katharine Bates: If you hold se- assortment of my books. That grand nnces at appointed seasons and with the earnest desire that your spirit friends only shall approach you, and hold in your minds that none other shall do so, you will have no further let them have the privilege of gleaning pearls of wisdom from his writings. trouble by spirits coming you do not want. You have by sitting at any and all times, prevented your friends from citizens of Whitewater a library of holding steadfast, and allowed others to which we need not be ashamed. You have also made the comcome'in mon mistake, of being anxious for some astonishing phenomena, and have not awaited patiently what may come to TO WOMEN WHO DREAD MOTHERHOOD you. This anxiety of mind, and holding seances at such times as inclination or Information How They May Give Birth to Happy, convenience suggests, is the ready way to open the door to all comers.

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A. The questioner has by the wordwhing of his questions given them answer. always believed, we may say

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Robert L. Cutting, long one of the solid sheep's wool; in severest weather a bankers of New York. She is related to the R. Fulton Cuttings and the Liv-Winning Her Bet Bareheaded in a Bilz-

ingston and the Bayard and the Brock holst and all the other Cuttings, and made her debut in New York society like all the daughters of the extremely have seen her in a Berkshire blizzard rich and fashionable Cuttings. For the greater part of each year since then, she has lived in Pittsfield,

where Colonel Cutting has a fine sum- and that, with her long-fleece-lined coa mer residence, known as Mcadow Farm. flung open as if no cold or sleet had The dialogue which your eye catches immediately in looking at this page, took place at Meadow Farm, and gives seen a vision of Eternal Youth. Miss Cutting loves her Pittsfield friends so well that she does not like to the key note to the story and why Miss Madeline Cutting never wears a hat. friends so well that she does not like to Miss Cutting is not a bit eccentric, and leave them for long. Now and then she areads publicity so much that she has makes a flying trip to her New York tried by every hook and crook to de home or to Boston. Often these trips stroy all pictures of her-this one on are undertaken in behalf of some sick this page escaped her keen notice-but friend or of little Cora Crocker. after she made the bet of \$1,000 that summer, when Pittsfield is gay with vis-she wouldn't wear a hat for one year, to itors, when the cottages at Lenox and have it to spend among the poor, she Stockbridge and Great Barrington are mapped her fingers at public opinion open and en fete, all of Miss Cutting's

and replied to her father, who gently dmonished her: "I've heard of people catching cold shires. But even then she never negcoming home from church, but not go- lects her weekly visits to the old men

ing. And I don't give a rap, papa, what people say. I've laid the wager and I'm to buy her weekly contribution of snuff going to win it." "Go ahead, then, Aittle girl," said little luxuries, which make life brighter Papa Cutting, who in his inmost heart for the dwellers in the twilight of old admired her high-hearted spunk. "Only age.

don't get sick, dear." The Dare to Miss Madeline Cutting. This wager has now come to be one of the fascinating tales to travelers her slater Juliana, who is more given to among the Berkshires, and people on the "ways of the world." Last winter the street corners, especially in Pitts- it was to Palm Beach, where Miss Mad a hat may be. This is what they will shine, she wore no hat. But yery fair she looked when wrapped in the fleecy

Cutting. She is the richest heiress in town, but there is not a poor, person here who does not love her. They are ready, one and all, to go down on their knees to her. How about the hat?

"Oh, you see, Madeline-they call her Madeline in Pittsfield and round abouts -was always thinking of ways to make people happy. Last winter, when there was so much distress, some friend of hers-a young man, of course-laid a wager with her that she would not have pittsfield.

the courage to go for a year without a hat-for a year, mind you-even for the sake of having a thousand dollars to

give away to the poor. Miss Cutting Snaps Up the Wager.

"The word of Godmis Mie"creation Madeline snapped up the wager, and she has won it.

which we behold." "Of all the tyrants, thay, afflict man-kind, tyranny in religion so the worst." "And a good many poor people of Pittsfield have now been made comfort-"Any system of raligionsthat shocks ble through that thousand dollar bet. the mind of a child cannot che a true Since then she hasn't cared to wear a system." "It is with a plous fraud as with a bad hat. At church, during the year she

was winning the wager, she used to action-it begets a calamitous necessity wear a sort of veil over her head, but it of going on." has come to be such a habit for her to

"The man does not exist who can say wear nothing that we should be quite I have porsecuted him, or that I have, in any case, returned evil for evil." "I believe in the equality of man, and I believe that religious duties consist in

surprised to ever see her with a hat on again—even a 'going away' hat. Sho's a spunky, determined girl." So, here's the story of how Miss Maddoing justice, loving mercy and endeav-

eline Cutting began going without a oring to make our fellow creatures hat. But it only is suggestive of the happy." the seat said she block quiet good she is doing every day. A Pittsfield friend who is close to her is

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WILD peak and in the evening there will be a Dixie Gingerbread Social at the pavilion.

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straight and lithe, with the snow play upon the grounds, and good food ing hide and seek in her crown of fluffy at the dining-rooms and at Mrs. Spenhair and the wind tossing it this way Because of some unthought-of changes

there are still rooms in the Apartment power to chill her warm heart under House and a few in cottages. neath, one almost feels that he had

Thanks to those who have remembered the bazaar; Vermont, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio have been heard from.

I was wondering if everyone who reads of the Southern Cassadaga at Lake Helen, should send us ten cents. how much we would get. I know it would cost 12 cents, and a little paper to get it here, but how it would help In "winter child" of the South that this we want made more and more beautiful. and also desire to have placed upon a leisure hours are claimed by her New York friends who summer in the Berkstrong financial basis.

Mrs. Sarah C. Brigham, of Fitchburg, Mass., is now in her cottage. She was kept at home by a very serious illness. We hope to see the beau-tiful story, The Light Among the Hills, and tobacco and soap and other simple in book form soon.

The writer has had a picture sent from her home at Westfield, N.Y., where a snow drift is eight feet high, completely covering the dining-room We hear they set the table indows. In the heart of winter, she sometimes takes a journey south, generally with in the kitchen now. CARRIE E. S. TWING.

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How to Enjoy Breakfast.

"Just a roll and coffee, is all I ever eat for breakfast." How often you hear this statement, especially among wo men. Some men talk the same way scarfs of mousseline and tulle, and the soft frou frous that go with winter sum-What's the trouble? Breakfast should be one of the best meals of the day. It is needed to get up steam for the body and nerves for the daily toil. When a Miss Cutting's beauty comes' to her by inheritance. Her mother was a beauty when as "Pinkie" Pomeroy, the daughter of a rich Pittsburg (Pa.) man, she was one of the Belley of the town. person doesn't enjoy breakfast, there's omething wrong with the stomach. In the majority of cases it is tired out and weak in the morning from working overtime trying to digest things which should never have been put into it and in fighting to get rid of poisonous, ca-tarrhal waste matter. While this rough and tumble goes on in the stomach, the brain is made unnaturally active by Gems Froit Thomas Paings Writings. weird dreams, some of them trightful in nature. Result-mental and physical "The belief in a cruel Ged . makes a exhaustion in the morning.

The stomach of a healthy person rests at night, so does his brain. If your appetite is bad, if you are restless at night, if you have bad dreams, if you are distressed after eating, if your breath is bad in the morning, if you are roubled with catarrh, if you are bilious, f you are constipated, if your kidneys do not act properly and if you are gen-erally run down, you need Vernal Palmettona (formerly known as Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine). Ony one dose a day is required. Take it on going to bed.- You will have perfect rest at night, a good appetite for breakfast and onjoy all your other meals. You can get it at all drug stores. If you want a free sample bottle, to try before you buy, send us your name and address. It will be sent promptly, postpaid. Vernal Remody Co., 452 Seneca Building, Bufalo, N. Y.

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diums. That the spirits can take the body of an unconscious medium out of a cabinet and personate with it, I think is a fully the fruits of his well spent life. We and personate with it, i think is a tony established fact. But when they do this they should always explain it in ad-vance, and guides that will not do so are responsible for all such difficulties. the formula for a state with the fidelity, zeal and courage which ever characterized his lyceum

But the best preventive would be for labors. Spiritualists to use common sense and quit demanding that medium shall be spirit denizens of the sphere to which scapegoats for their own ignorance and he has migrated, that so worthy a comgreed. For some there are who are panion has come to abide and co-oper-who are never satisfied, and if their own ate with them. And especially do we father materialized and stayed with them twenty-four hours, in both sun merland, that they have received so valand gas light, they would be after an-uable an accession to their ranks, and other test the next day! A genuine me- may peace and joy ever attend his updium's life is a hard one at best, and it ward progress. is certainly not made more endurable by the ignorant demands of phenomena flends and fraud hunters.

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Letter From Investigator.

and disappeared in the underbrush. As one who has investigated Spiritgalism for many years, and who knows all the "ins" and "outs" of materialization, and soon discovered that the rock tions, and who is a firm believer in all was the outcropping of a rich ledge of the phenomena, I feel thankful that the ore containing gold and silver. Measrecent exposure of Mrs. Elsie Reyurements of the body was taken, and it was learned that the mine was 42 feet nold's methods was made. I know that Mr. Hale and Mr. Cherry are gentlemen wide, and extended in a visible line for in every sense of the word, and will over 2.250 feet. An assay of the ore give better conditions by far for a mawas made, and it was found to run from terialization test than can be found in \$8 to \$126 per ten.

any promiscuous circle, hastily coming together, and in which marvelous mani-The ledge is located in Nye county, seventy-five miles from Tonopah and twenty-five miles east of Downleville, festations occur. How often do we hear of excellent results where ninethe famous old mining camp, which em tenths of the circle are unmitigated skoptics. Now a medium can make ployed hundreds of men in the days of he pioneers. It is a well-traveled part Thousand Dollars under conditions of the country, and many old miners exceptionally FAVORABLE FOR A have prospected in that region, but it GENUINE SPIRIT MANIFESTATION. remained for a dog to discover the hidbut unfavorable for fake work. In case len gold.

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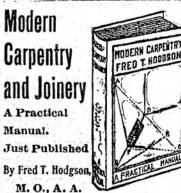
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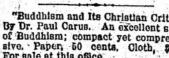
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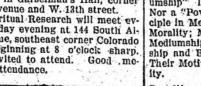
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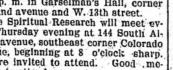
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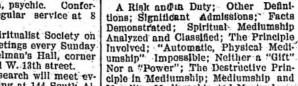
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