The United Hosts of Soul-Land Are With Us in This Great Spiritual Movement. Many of our Mediums and Lecturers are now becoming Infirm and Needy, and MUST BE GARED FOR. See THE CALL on SECOND PAGE of this paper, by Mrs. Longley, Sec'y N. S. A., and as you love the cause and its untiring laborers, HEED THE CALL by making a donation consistent with your ability and in full conception of the importance of the demand. This is a movement that must appeal to the loyalty and generosity of all TRUE SPIRITUALISTS.



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at the time when I was in reasonably

my father. It is all there, is it not?

Your form still exists, and is one of the

details in eternity. This is your form and not the other. That which can-

does not belong to you. That form, ly-ing stark and cold, does not belong to

you; it never did. You simply borrowed

this present form is indestructible?"

not the form that molded it."

after death?"

now?'

which is indestructible.

carried throughout eternity

"Well, what about your form?" asked

From the Spirit Realms.

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# MRS. LAURA G. FIXEN.

#### She Meets With Hearty Welcome in Australia.

It was a great day for Spiritualism in Australia when this brilliant speaker ecided to visit our great continent. Mrs. Fixen, with her secretary, Miss legman, landed in Sydney from the

Steamer "Ventura" on January 1, 1904. A warm welcome by Spiritualists awaited her, and at Leigh House the following Sunday night, Jan. 3, under the auspices of the Psychic Society of New South Wales, an immense audience listened with rapt attention to her first lecture in the southern hemisphere.

Urgent telegrams from Melbourne inviting Mrs. Fixen to appear at the Bijou Theatre on Jan. 10 and 17, instead of for one night only, decided her to at once proceed to that important city, at present the seat of government of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Mrs. Fixen's lecture on "Spiritualism, Science and Reason" had been widely advertised, but it was scarcely expected that for more than an hour of the advertised time for the lecture a great crowd would have assembled, eager to enter the building.

By the time the lecturer appeared on he platform there was not a vacant seat in that vast auditorium, 2,000 being present. All creeds were repre-sented, and the lecture which told of her intimate knowledge and working with orthodox churches before her eyes were opened to the fact that the great Spiritual Universe was entirely suited to fix the attention of mixed beliefs.

For the first time for many years, as Spiritualism has been a tabooed subject n Melbourne, the daily press devoted columns of space to interviews with Mrs. Fixen, Mr. T. W. Stanford, a leading Spiritualist, brother of the late Leland Stanford, founder of the Stanford University, and other authorities on both sides. All this excitement induced Mrs. Fixen to select as a subject for her second lecture, "Why I Am a Spirit-ualist," with the result that the crowd was earlier than ever at the doors, and she was greeted with ringing cheers as she faced another enormous and expectant audience.

Much as her first lecture was appreclated the second proved a veritable masterpiece. Mr. Stanford and party occupied a private box, as well as the manager of the theatre, who appeared to have caught the prevalent enthusi-

At the close of the address a great demonstration took place, and at the reuést of Mrs. Chas. Bright, who sat on he platform, and voiced the thanks of gentleman called promised my dear wife, that if I went for three cheers for Mrs Fiven and she first, I would come back through no was surrounded on all sides with thanks and congratulations. In honor of her country the platform "A bad promise is better broken than was decorated with American as well as the Australian flag, the Consul-General of the United States, Mr. G. Bray, supplying the American flag for the purpose. Special hymns printed for the occa-"Another bad promise-better broken sion were sung by a choir of sixty voices with orchestra, and some fine solos were rendered. The gathering away from her at first, and you are not was the most successful the Melbourne "But I want to be," I replied. "She Spiritualists have attracted. It has inwill expect me to keep my promises, as spired the workers with fresh enthusinever yet broke my word to her." asm, and over a thousand orthodox neo-"You shall keep them as well as is ple never reached before are beginning possible," answered my father. "Your to investigate this new philosophy, and mother does not care to return with us. Mrs. Fixen's visit will cause a great ac-There comes a time in the life of a soul cession to the Victorian Association of when it cannot sympathize with grief Spiritualists.

Spiritual Effort. Thoughts on the Work and Value of the Seance.

There are seances and seances, this | left the earth form-and to break the to which my article refers, is the Spir-itual seance-wherever it may be held chains that held them in darkness, for after they had received the light and strength from the combined forces of -or spirituelle interview and work, which one or more human beings on the mortal side, may hold and do, with hu-man beings on the spirit side of life, spirit, see their true condition, its mortal side, may hold and do, with hu-man beings on the spirit side of life, which lies "beyond the veil." Circles for spirit communications-by mental or physical phenomena, which produce more or less evidence of the reality of their claims, and of the identity of the decarnated beings who profess to make themselves known-have been held in this country, and in foreign lands, not only among the humble classes, but in such hours. We were told by realms of nobility also-for more than teachers, however, that we were by no fifty years. Many of these seances have given grand instructions, and brought unmistakable consolation to thousands of unenlightened minds and bereaved hearts, until the whole world is grander in its philosophy, sweeter in its brotherhood, brighter in its hopes and faiths, more liberal in its views, and far more progressed in its knowledge of man himself, than it could have been without these important seances, and their conscientious and worthy oracles, or mediums, of public and private life. The pathway of liberal thought, has been hewn largely, by the unseen workers from Out There, in the realms beings of two worlds-or of spirit, in conjunction with mortal media, who have been true to their calling, and to the trust imposed upon do with the progress of the race. them by the wisdom of Infinite Good; and it is no wild statement to say, that the advent of such cults as "Mental Science," "New Thought" and "Her metic Brotherhood," has been made possible and acceptable, because Spiritualism and its media opened the way and met the brunt of the battle with bigotry and superstition more than half a century ago. But the seance of which this article has to tell, is not the usual circle for spirit manifestation, most commonly known to the world. It is one, that may well interest the thinker and investigator who is deeply concerned with the consideration of cccult forces, within himself, and at large amid the

cause and cure, and become set upon a road of progress and self elevation. Mortals, too, were benefited, as was attested by the words we received from various quarters showing how aid had been received at certain hours from the invisible realm-which accorded with the work and purpose of our seance at talk. means the only ones who sat for such work, that many centres of magnetic power had been and would be established over the earth, for such work, and this has been repeatedly proven to our satisfaction. Most radiant descrip tions of the appearance of such magnetic centres have been given us, choicest language and descriptive powers have been used in detailing some of the scenes of immortal life, and the conditions of human beings, before and after their spiritual awakening. If we can know anything of the inner life and powers of humanity, we know that these important works go on, and that many worlds, commingle in a grand uplifting work for humanity, that has much to A man of keen brain, indomitable energies, successful business enterprise ity. and philanthropic nature in the city of Washington, has had a most wide and valuable experience for many years, with the unseen in helping to raise beings who had been so sunk in the filth and degradation of their own creating on earth, that they could not see any spiritual illumination through the dark

ness of their own self-made auras. His magnetism, with his generous willing ness to help the unfortunate and imprisoned, has brought relief to many a suffering soul. That there are literally "spirits in prison" is taught and shown, by the teachings and experiences of thousands of sensitives on earth; undomains of spiritual intelligence and power. It is the searce, however, of seen by the physical eye, these sentithe earnest, faithful psychics, with, or ent, conscious beings, dwell in the dark without the aid and presence of mag- ness of their own thought and vibratory netic, sympathizing and honest friends. reation, and are enslayed in who are aware of the work at hand, and of ignorance and of conditions that who send out the vibratory forces of their willing selfishness and sin of fortheir soul sympathy and good will, the mer days have forged. A paper upon genial pulsations of harmony and love, the philosophical and scientific solution to uplift and bless fellow-creatures, in- of such bondage may be given at a fucarnate or excarnate, who are in need ture time, for it can be reasonably exof spiritual help. That such scances plained, and scientifically shown how are held all over this land, in private impossible it is for the degenerates of nomes-but seldom in public, if ever- humanity to build a spiritual body that the writer is sware. is othereal enough to escape from an Having been for many years engaged | earth-bound state, until in other spheres in the works of Spiritualism-fourteen they grow to broader concepts and deyears as medium for the Banner of sires of and for higher things. Light, other years as psychic for other Spiritualism in its teachings and journals; called to labor constantly demonstrations includes the essence of with pen, or upon the platform and in such theories as of the power of mind private ways innumerable, always un- ever matter, of working out the "Karder the guidance and with the blessing ma," and other thoughts advanced toof unseen but beloved intelligences, day by the several schools of metaphysics and of the New Thought: and who gave the reason for the calls they made upon her; she is assured of the by bringing the tho thtful student into verity of the statement that the sodirect line with the carnate and exances now referred to, are held, have carnate beings of life who have experienced psychic and occult relations been for many years-on the part of sensitives, without collusion or pre-meditation, and that the testimony from with the unseen forces and intelligences of the universe, 'it 'opens up to him a hundreds of these schools or sittings, vast realm of the information and revelation such as humanity has little of their value and importance to minds dreamed of in the past. Therefore, the Psychical Research Social As much on both sides of life, is overwhelming. We are learning that thought is before it in its investigations; it has power, that it is potent with energy entered the vestibule of the Temple of and that it can be scientifically demon-Knowledge, and peered beyond the veil of so-called "Mystery," its further steps strated as having objective qualities. Our friends, of the new schools of teaching, tell us that thought produces must be behind the vell, and its work illness, or creates health, according to its direction; that it carries with it the other name for "Ignorance," and as it becomes enlightened upon the inner power to harm or to bless its object; forces, possibilities, powers and life of that the time is not far distant when humanity, on either plane of existence, thought will be registered, and meas-Spiritualism has taught these afit will be able to show markind the true ured. inwardness of the life spiritual, both firmations through many years. There-fore, it is not difficult to believe, that here and "just beyond." Returning to the theme of this article. one individual, who is highly sensiit is timely to state that the sittings or tive, one whom we may call a "medium," sits in the "silence," with mind seances intended for the special benefit of spirits in darkness, can never be held attuned to harmony with the benevoby frivolous, curious persons: that the lent souls of a higher life who can reach spirit of willingness and of aspirationhim, and draw from his magnetic aura certain elements, combining them the desire to bless some human soulmust be uppermost; personal ends must with their own more ethereal forces be set aside, and a wave of kindly there may go forth from that magnetic and spiritual centre, a power for good thought and blessing towards any or all in woo, must flow forth from the sitto feeble, ignorant, or despondent beings, on either side of the grave, that ter's hearts. In such cases the invisible will bear its silent message of hope and or spiritual presences from higher spheres, uniting with the mortals, mag-netize the apartment, filling it with a peace, its power of healing, its spiritual illumination and its mental instruction spirituelle aura; undeveloped, darkened or stimulation, direct to its mark, spirits are brought to the place, under whether the beings that are benefited the hypnotic influence of the spirit workers, and bathed in this aura, which realize the source of their relief or not. Such seances have been held and grand results have been known to follow, nor helps to clear their darkened vision and to eliminate from their spirit bodies does it matter whether the sitters in some part of the earthy elements which a gathering-or the sensitive who such they contain. This sets them upon the sits alone-know anything of spirit meright track for their elevation-which, diumship or not. however, must be self-earned-and aids them to profit by the teachings of spirit For. three consecutive years--while self, with three friends, sat weekly in missionaries, which they will then in California-Prof. Longley and myready to receive. But this paper has our own home, with a young man who grown sufficiently for one reading; how possesses psychic powers, having the influence of spirit helpers at times, who this work is wrought, may be given at these searces, passed into a semi- later on, for it is a study that inquiring minds may do well to follow; the intri trance, very deep on most occasions, and through his instrumentality, we learned of the good work we could do physical laws of life; the relations of learned of the good work we could do physical laws of life; the relations of mortal to spirit, the influence we may for mortals and spirits-we are all spircon-out of the flesh, and the working out of its, but I use the two terms for convenience—by concentrating out out of the liesh, and the working of the out's salvation, are subjects thought and desire upon the instruction are subjects may command the attention of a that may command the attention of all but tion and spiritual healing of the many the materialist who has no faith in conwho were brought to us from the lower spheres of spirit life, by the advanced tinuity of life, and even he may be led to reason upon the things that may teachers who instructed us in the work, teachers who instructed us in the work, after all exist beyond his movial kon. MARY T. LONGLEY. sonsitives mentioned, and the writer. During the time of our sittings, per Do not that to a neighbor which you haps five thousand decarna'-'t boings were stimulated to new effort to rise would take ill from him.-Greelan. above the conditions that weighed them Mercy to him that shows it, is the nown to the earthy state-after having rule .-- Cowper.

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Spirit Carlyle Petersilea.

sure they will prove interesting to our readers.

LETTER NUMBER FOUR. "Come, dear son," continued my father; "Four mother, you and myself will sit here at this little table and partake of these luscious grapes while we

He plucked some grapes that were growing at one end of the arbor; and we seated ourselves at a little table in

the center of the arbor. "Now," said he, "we will talk about that which interests you most."

"Well," I replied; "you know that nusic interests me more than anything else except my wife. Eternity, my wife, and music, are the three great themes that are of the most importance to me. If you please, father, we will talk of ternity

"First, what would you know of eterity?" he asked. "Whatever you may be pleased to tell me," I replied.

"Eternity is made up of time," he "Yes; so it must be.

"And time extends throughout eter-"Yes; of course; but I never thought of it in just that light before." "And time is weighed and measured," lo went on.

"Weighed and measured, my dear father? How can that be?" Does it seem so very strange to you?" e asked.

'I do not comprehend it," I replied. "You are yet but a babe in wisdom, said my mother, with a sweet smile.

"Have I not measured the time beween now and the time when it will be evening on the earth? and do I not know

how many hours it will be until then?" "Oh, yes; that is easily done." "Then time can be measured, can it not?'

many times again, until the world shall iderstand It. you weigh it?" "Do you see that grand old oak out "Anything that can be measured can bo weighed," he replied. "It is the there?" he asked, as he pointed toward a beautiful tree. earth which is measuring and weighing "Yes, and it is the grandest and most her own time. She is measuring and beautiful one I ever saw." weighing her share in eternity's time, "That tree has developed, grown old, and, as a whole, she weighs a good and died, as they say on earth, just as you have; but it still retains its spiritdeal. She is a pretty heavy old earth, is she not? Now, I know, to an ounce, ual form, just as you do yours; it is as immortal as you are. Look at these exactly what she weighs." Well, I stared, but I am sure I could grapes, these vines, these flowers; their not contradict him. orms are all immortal, just as yours is: "Then eternity is made up of time, they are some of the details that infill and time is weighed and measured by time and eternity; they help to mark and measure the time." the celestial bodies as they revolve forever throughout eternity. Now, you "One question more, my father, and wanted to talk of eternity; but it is then I must return to my poor wife. I "One question more, my father, and really that which exists throughout feel guilty for having left her so long. eternity that you want to know about She is breaking her heart, while I am for time and eternity are made up of enjoying myself and drinking in wisdetails, and filled with objects, and as dom: is reincarnation true?" time and eternity have neither begin-"It is utierly false," he replied, "Can ning nor end, the objects, and details that grandly developed oak go back into that go to make then up can have neither beginning nor end." an acorn again? Can you become a litither beginning nor end." "But, father," I said, "my material that has never yet developed consciousbody had a beginning and now it has ness-you who are so far on toward the understanding of time and eternity? come to an end.' "Indeed!" said my father. "How do No one can arrive at truth without you know that?" I told my wife to be sure and have all wrong. It starts wrong and ends all wrong. It starts wrong and ends falsely. Reincarnationists start wrong and I know that she will regard my and I know that she will regard my starting right. That is why theology is my body cremated, if I should die first; and I know that she will regard my wishes." full grown soul, to commence with, and "She certainly will," affirmed he. "Well, then, my body had a beginthen they give it the form; of a baby over and over again; but how a fullning and now it will be burned up and grown soul can make, to cover itself, a estroyed." mold in the form of a baby, passes com-"Well, you don't need it any langer, prehension; and how any immortal mind, that has once developed into wisdo you?" he asked. "You seem to be mind, that has once developed into wis-getting along very nicely without it. It dom, can become perfectly idiotic again was a pretty heavy old body to carry and again, is a nut that cannot be around, don't you think so? Were you very much in love with it?" cracked. The idea itself is idiotic and childish. No man or woman who has once become developed in wisdom, can 'It has done me good service for many years," I replied. "I cannot quite ig-nore that which has served me so well. for one moment accept such folly. How must admit that I have some love left

better still, fix myself so that I might dwelling in caves and mud huts, also become the Pope of Rome; or how wigwams. Even where these ancient would you like me to go into the inte- cities once were has since been the bed

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 bis to a freed spirit bis to a spin the spirit bis to a spirit bis to a spin the spirit bis to a spirit himself, he will convey his best thoughts through the mediumship of his devoted wife and wife and the ard the source of the and the source of the mediumship of his devoted wife, and we are dear Carlyle, and I am very glad. There will be entirely gone before many years are errors enough already existing on go by. It was thought that the blacks

> "To know and understand truth is all I ask, and to be able to give it through grate to their native country-Africa-

should go. It is now thought by some that the Chinese and Japanese amalgamate with the white races. But they will not. No matter how great the opportunity which they may have, they will not amalgamate to any great exmon My lent. The germs of different

nations. and individuals, exist just as they are to be, in the ether; so do the germs of all animals, birds, and fowls: so does are battling for; and when you stand all vegetation, trees, shrubs, and flow-Well, my father had written all this

before; but I was extremely glad to find that it was true, and but very few misakes had been made in the writing. "I think, my dear Carlyle," continued

my father, "that this is all you can bear at present; and we will return now to the house of mourning. Pity it is that there should be mourning, and if the world had been rightly taught, there would not be. The time will come when it will be considered degrading to mourn for the so-called dead. Only the unprogressed, the stupid and the ignorant will do this. If your grief-struck wife could realize that you are, at this moment, sitting here with your beautiful mother, and the father that you loved and revered, and who has always loved and cared for you, and who loves you now more than ever-as does your mother-if she could realize that you are now sitting thus in ease, comfort, ment and growth, also after birth, it can no more go back and become a germ would be happy but for her sorrownow, knowing yourself to be immortal, and knowing that your joy and happiness will be forever on the increase if she could realize all this, she would

the earth, and we hope to give light and truth and not error." and whites would amalgamate; but they have not to any extent, and will not; but the blacks will yet all emi-

my dear wife to those who now dwell on and Egypt. And that is where they

My Dear Brother: Combat this trous error with all your might. You are surrounded by a glorious host. dear brother, I am now where you know I can have no selfish interest; all I want is the truth, and the truth is what you

it for a short time, or the particles that composed it you borrowed from time to time, as you had need of them, to form up, almost alone, as it were, and strike out right and left against reincarna a mold or covering for your real form, ion, you have got the grandest and "But how can I know, my father, that brightest angels on your side. One writer, who takes you to task, says, "I did not say that your present form that the soul takes possession of foeta might not be subject to change, but that it could not be destroyed. The life at conception. Now, you, as a physician, know better than that; and all form of a mold can be destroyed but well-read physicians know better: that the life, which is the soul, exists within

"Have I, then, had this same form the germ previous to its entering the throughout time and eternity? Did I egg; that the mother has nothing at all to do with creating the life principle; exist previous to birth, as I now exist she merely sustains and cherishes a life, or soul, while it is developing "You certainly existed previous to birth, as you now exist after death, or enough to enter the outer world: that life which is the soul, or the germ of a that which is called death. Time and eternity create nothing, All things cosoul, lived and existed within the blood of the male parent, and the male parent exist with time and eternity."

"And was my form the same as breathed it in from the ethereal atmosphere. All germs, of all life whatever, "Yes, in miniature. . The acorn holds exist within the ether, and every germ the oak in miniature, but the acorn does not hold the parent oak, but anis its own individual self, and never any other but itself. After developother distinct one, and that other existed, in miniature, as an ethercal germ, within the ether, before it was attracted again than a chick can go back into its shell. Nothing goes backward. to the flowering oak; so you existed in miniature, as a germ within the ether, All things go forward; and, thus, rein-carnation is an utter impossibility. until attracted and born into the ma-

terial." "Yes, father, you have written this ward, and onward. Life covers itself before, many times; and I will write it many times again, until the world shall off by disease or accident. Now, Dr. Peebles, you have truth on

the earth that I have recently left. No, I have not left it; simply laid aside my material form; but I want to say a few words to Brother Peebles.

earth life again?" "I would much prefer annihilation," I Well, after it is burned up, what

I admit that I felt somewhat dis-

you be to your wife? That would make of you your own wife's grandchild. How would you like to be the grand-child of your own wife? what of yourself, your real form? Have

mirror, over there; go and look into My mother's laugh rang out musically and clear, and I laughed as well. it." My curiosity was greatly excited, and I arose and looked into a mirror and I arose and looked into a mirror that seemed to be there. I have learned since that it was simply, the ther which mirrored, or reflected my form, but I did not understand it all at the time. Friends, and readers of The Progressive Thinker, the form that was imirrore there was that of carlyle Pe-tersilea, and none othe, just as I looked before I left the material body,

your side, as I now know positively, and other but herself." as I believed, and was taught by the angels, previous to my entering the spiritual state. I was determined be-fore entering this life, that whenever I did enter it, I would return and make myself felt, and battle for truth. never, never leave her." Pity that so many Americans have retrograded into that old Hindu super- than kept-In fact, I took you directly

stition But to return to the spiritual arbor with her now." and my father and mother: Said my father: "Everything in nature starts from a living germ. "Father." I said. "Mr. Hudson Tuttle

has been against me. Oh, how I wish could make him see the truth."

Said my father: "We will ask Mr. Tuttle: What is life? Can one see life? One can see a material form wherein and sorrow-there comes a time when life resides, but can one see the life? these feelings are too degrading and The living principle of all things whatactually demoralizing for a soul to resoever is the soul or life of that which turn and enter into; or put itself en rapives, and when the soul, or living prinport with." ciple departs, then is that form called My mother now wound her heavenly dead; but does that which covered life arms around about me and kissed me a or soul, beget life? No; that which covers life does not beget life, consegreat many times; then she laid her beautiful angelic hand upon my head. quently, in one sense, evolution is a "Your head is still hot," myth. All nature bears upon its face gently. "The feelings of earth will yet the great truth that all life must be first cling to you for a long period of time; involved before it can be evolved, and but we will try to bring all things right that evolution is simply development and growth of that which is first inwith you, and your dear wife, as soon as possible." volved. Nothing is evoluted from mat-

ter. Matter is but the clothing of life or soul, and that life or soul must first be involuted into matter before it can be evoluted from it." months; my mind began to clear, and

Now, why be ashamed to accept these great truths? I am in the spirit world. order. My mind had not been clear, and my thoughts had been in a jumble No one can be jealous of me. I have for a good while. Oh, how glad I was neither name nor fame to gain now, and my poor old wife, sitting in her solitude, that my mind was clearing, and my would you like to be born into the almost helpless, wants neither name thoughts becoming clear and positive once more. nor fame; she simply desires to do that "There are spirits whom we never al

which I wish her to do-write for me-

answered. "And suppose," continued my father, "that you had a daughter. How would you like to be born again through your own daughter? What relation would would make a support of the support of th low to return for a great length of time," said my father; "weak ones, who have implicitly believed in all the church dogmas. If they were allowed to return at once, the wild grief and yet be excavated, dating back thousands mourning of their immediate friends would so react upon the departed ones of years beyond any that have yet been that they would become half-crazed and uncerthed, and inscriptions will be despairing, and would not rise out of it found upon the ruins, and representafor months and even years. But your tions of animals, that will forever settle mind is better fitted to return, and you the question: horses, cats, dogs, cows.

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The effect of her visit will be felt hroughout Australia, and she leaves hosts of friends behind, earnestly desiring her speedy return to their midst. ANNIE BRIGHT.

Hon. Secretary Victorian Association of Spiritualists, Bramber, Melbourne.

THE POWER OF THE BALLOT.

It has always ocen claimed by the opponents of woman suffrage that women could secure all the rights they desired or needed through their influence, without the aid of the ballot.

she said.

Man Martin

That these rights could be secured Her hands brought a cool, delightful with one quarter the outlay of time, money and effort, if backed by the balsensation to my brain, which had been hot and troubled for a number of lot, is clearly shown by the ease with which they are secured where women my thoughts to arrange themselves in have full suffrage. Mrs. Watson Lister, of Melbourne,

Australia, who is visiting in this country, is most enthusiastic over the results of woman suffrage in her country. She says that Parliament now consults them on all bills bearing upon the interests of women. The author of the new divorce bill asked all the women's organizations to come together and hear him read it, and to make criticisms and suggestions. Such a thing was never thought of before women had the ballot, although they were affected by such measures then, the same as

When a naturalization bill was pending, one clause of which deprived Australian women of citizenship if they married aliens, a few women went to the Prime Minister and protested, and that clause was altered immediately.

"When we held meetings, ' said Mrs. Lister, "to advocate public measures that women wanted, we used to have to go out into the highways and hedges and compel the members of Parliament to come in: now the difficulty is to keep them out. The chivalry which they used to tell us would be destroyed should women enter the political field, has on the contrary been greatly increased. On the platform at one of our meetings, the secretary happened to drop her pencil, and I saw the premier and several members of Parliament scrambling to pick it up. A woman is never allowed to tand in a street car in Australia.

The republican form of government is the highest form of government, but because of this it requires the highest type of human nature-a type nowhere at present existing .- Herbert Spencer. Obedienco is good and indispensable; Youth fades; love droops; the leaves of friendship fall, a mother's secret hope outlives them all.-Holmes.

Charity and personal force are the only investments worth anything .--Walt Whitman.

the cause and the convincing proof to but still on nearly every pochsion the place has been illuminated through

for that old form.

"Your material form, or covering, will be disintegrated to be sure, but

you a form, or have you not? . There is

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the skeptical. I have been investigating the phe-nomena as well as the philosophy of Spiritualism for several years, and am fully convinced that the spirita of the Cern any form. fully convinced that the spirits of the cern any form. so-called dead do return and hold communion with their friends on the earth plane. As to spirit materialization 1 er, speaks of a medium whom he con-

An Appeal to Materializing Mediums, the purpose of materializing spirit speet her for this, but don't let her hide materializing mediums, and your fall-To the materializing mediums of this forms, but thus far we have not been her light under a bushel; she should ure to respond will seem very much successful. True, there have been some forward and show to Mr. Hale and like an admission that there is no such country, one and any it make an earnest in the unargeneric backship of the second and any other doubting ones, in a second things developed in our midst that also to the many other doubting ones, which I we have any other is really such a thing as a tions, which I we have not for the support and good of the support t make no objection to them; and as to

the one thousand dollars, she could re fuse to accept only so much as would pay her actual expenses, or what would be far better, give it to some in-titution or society to be used for the

Mr. C. W. Stewart, whose article I ways with us.

have nover had convincing proof. I sidered the best now living, but who lism, if there is such a thing as genuine idle.—Spurgeon. have for several months past been one holds her gifts so sacred that she obof a circle that has met every week for jects to using them for money. I re ward and show it. It is a challenge to will always be worth living -- Browning.

as genuine materializa tions, which I with many otders do not

> Ask the heart to give a reason for any of its beautiful and divine motions, and it can only look upwards and be dumb -Lowell.

Never think that God's delays are titution or society to be used for the God's denials. Hold en; hold fast; hold benefit of the poor whom we have al-

Some temptations come to the indu In the name of the cause of Spiritualtrious, but all temptations attack the

A. A. PIERCE.

Pure Love the Central Point of Inspira tion and Guidance.

THE GOLD OF LIFE.

To the Editor :-- I herewith take pleasure in forwarding to you a commu-nication from the eminent medium, Mr. Frank M. Snarrenberger, who is now touring Europe. His many friends in America will be pleased to see the enclosed manuscript in print in your valu-able paper, and I hope you will find his ideas worthy of publication, for it seems to me that he has treated the subject in a way that will be of great benefit to many. A DE VERE CALDWELL. Columbus, Ohio.

The Gold of Life. Recently an account of a find of gold was recorded in the newspapers as follows: "The particles of ore were held together by pure grains of gold, which seemed to bind the coarser metals to gether."

When we apply this simile to life, we find that the events, the duties, of our daily existence are without lustre and value unless bound together by the bright influence of love.

What does all the struggle of life mean to us if we have no central point of inspiration and guidance? If our efforts have no object, we go. through life strangers in a strange land; but how different life and its duties seem to us when we have a companion whom we can surround with the comforts, the pleasures, the protection of home in all that the word implies!

That subtle something which we have named love is truly the pure gold of life, binding our hopes, our purest aspl-rations, our best thoughts into one log ical and valuable existence on this earthly plane of endeavor, for

"Life is short, but Love is long; Death is swift, but Love is strong; Time is nothing, Love is all.

He who has lived a consistent life of love while in the physical phase of experience here on earth may expect ... continuance of happiness throughout the ages of the future spiritual life, for a soul unsolled by lust is one of the first requisites of happy contentment in that land from which many a traveler re turns. Shakspeare says:

"Demetrius \* \* \*\* Made love to Nedar's daughter, Helena, And won her soul.

The mistake made by many persons of this age lies in the fact that they endeavor to win only the body, ignoring the soul's demand for recognition, thereby laying the toundation for a den of vice which they would have us believe is a veritable temple of love. This mistake-or, rather, crime against humanity and a race yet unborn-is sanc-tioned by the pulpit, the law, the press, and it is licensed as other crimes are licensed. Its fruits are seen in the asy lums, the sanitariums, the health resorts, the jails and the penitentiaries of the land, but the evil continues. Why?

Because a corrupt and pernicious re ligion, a mercenary government, an ignorant and cowardly press, and the lustful selfishness of men and women permit it.

The remedy? Knowldege and unselfishness.

Mariage without spiritual love merely a thin cloak for the mother of all vice-Lust.

One authoress of this truly "woman's century" has said: "I know the very difference that lies 'twixt hallow'd love and base and unholy lust; I know the one is as a golden spur, urging the spirit to all noble aims; the other but a foul and miry pit o'erthrowing it in the midst of its career."

Then we have, as an honored member



The Roman Church, and

ceived a call from a certain business man of the city, -surprised because we had understood that he was not in sympathy with our work. But we were much. more surpised when he opened his heart to us and told us just how he felt. We did not take down his words, but they were so impressed upon us by his earnestness that we can give them almost entire. He said:

"I was born in Boston, as was my father, and so was my mother, and also my grandmother and grandnow for forty years. I have always prided myself is being throttled by these dirty beggars and black-upon my liberal views, as do my fellow-Unitarians who dare to threaten a man in his own father on my father's side. I have been in business looking upon all sects as being about equal, except my own, of course, which I consider a little superior. The Roman Catholic church has commended itself to me as a sort of law and order league-useful for keeping in check its many lawless members. Outside of this view I have thought but little about it, except to give Transcript, Feb. 3, printed the following: money when it asked it, and to rebuke those who criticised it.

"But to-day I am mad !- as Gen. Sherman expressed it, 'Mad clean through !' This is supposed to be a land of freedom—of free speech and freedom of action (within proper bounds)! But I have awakis all a dream-a glint of moonshine! "1 have had in my employ a young Irish boy,

brought up a Roman Catholic, and until lately attending that church. He is a good boy, and gives all his money to his mother to help support the large family. have noticed lately a change in him. I couldn't understand just what it was, but he seemed to be less in his convictions.

"I thought little more about the matter until last week a priest was shown into my office, and without introducing himself he said : 'I have just spoken for a I do not like to trade with a store in which such a felto take the goods that I have spoken for if they come not tended to abate the anti-clerical sentiment." from this place while he is here. It won't help your business to keep him here.'

'But,' I replied, 'what is the favor you were to isk?

msiness.

acter-charges which can be proved?"

am a priest of the church ! You need not send the goods. We have some power in Boston.'

her to turn him out of the house! -

a large dry goods house. He smiled and said: 'That time being he is on the side of conservatism and propis a common occurrence with us. If we advertise for erty. As journalists, we cannot be especially inter-\_\_\_\_\_\_ spiritual demands for equality, if not INFORMATION WANTED. for superiority, are supreme and imperative, to the exclusion of other lesser considerations-such as beauty of form In Reference to Mediumship and Its and feature. To such a one there are no greater pleasures than those of the Effects. spirit, and the thought of the man who said, "my mind to me a kingdom is," The writer desires to correct some becomes a thoroughly understood realmistakes growing out of an article in The realm of spirit is as a foreign itv. your issue of January 30, calling for cerland to the worshiper of the flesh and tain information as to the good or bad fleshly sensations, so between these effects of mediumship. It was thought two extremes we must look for the indithe article could not be misunderstood, vidual souls that will make the world but it has been. better by coming into it as working What I desire is to know the length factors for all that tends to spiritualize of time during which the manifestaand refine, and we will hopefully look forward to the time when civilization tions have continued-the entire period of mediumship or psychic manifesta has progressed to a period in whichtions,-and not the duration of the influence over the medium at each manifes "Man shall not ask his brother any tation. more 'Bellevest thou?' but 'Lovest thou?' Some correspondents have hastily concluded that my object in seeking to

calls on us and advises us to purchase safety by sur-The Citizen was surprised last week when it re- rendering our freedom. In to date we have defied eived a call from a certain business man of the city, them all-lost a little Irish trade, but retained what is

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worth a hundred fold more to us, our self-respect.' "Now," said the narrator, "this same blackmailing politician called upon me-said he was formerly a Congressman. He wanted money for 'doing us a good turn,' as he expressed it, He said he had great influence and could 'prevent apy trouble.'

I controlled my temper and simply ordered the fellow out. I should have kicked him out! Do you wonder that I am mad when my dear old native city. office?"-Boston Citizen.

#### THE ROMAN OCTOPUS IN SPAIN.

Poor monk-ridden Spain! Already she has to "Poor monk-ridden Spain! Already she has to itualist started a paper greatly to Mr. support over two hundred thousand native priests Terry's relief. This, however failed and nuns, besides the numerous monks and nuns from France who continually invade the country and tax France who continually invade the country and tax the resources of the population. And now that the time-limit of the agreement with the United States, interview of Light was started with a heading just as described, and Mr. Terry has ened to the ugly conclusion that our boasted freedom which allowed the Philippine friars to remain in those islands, has come to an end, another influx of six thousand monks and nuns is expected.

"The anti-clerical sentiment is rapidly increasing in Spain. The appointment of the Dominican Nozaleda to an archbishopric has brought forth an outburst of the most bitter criticism from the Spanish Liberals. Recently the Republicans held a mass-Irish and Roman Catholic, somehow. I have heard meeting at Valencia to protest against the appointhim singing or whistling some of the old-fashioned ment, which, as one of the speakers maintained, would Protestant hynns, and saw him one noon reading a pave the way for a Spanish revolution. The meeting Bible. Then I asked him a few questions and he told was a very violent one. Representative Blasco me that he had become a "convert" at a Salvation Ibanez, the author, exclaimed: "To-day we protest by Army meeting, and was now attending a Congrega- a meeting-to-morrow by violence!' After the case tionalist church and Sunday-school. He said it was of Nozaleda had been discussed, they took up the very hard for him for his mother and all his friends question of the Philippine friars, who are expected and relatives were angry, and some of them had made soon to arrive in the country. To judge from the senthreats. But he appeared to be happy, and very firm timent of this meeting they will not meet with a very happy welcome. Another speaker-Luis Tapia, said : The seven thousand Philippine monks bring with them seven thousand ropes-by which we shall hang them !' The same evening a revolutionary drama, enlarge bill of goods, and wish them sent to me. But titled: 'The Vampire of the People,' was played at first I wish to ask a favor. You have a young man in Teatro Vovedades. The drama; which in a very lively your store—his name is Jimmy——. He is a bad fel- and realistic manner deplets the fight between the low—refuses to obey his mother, and defies his rector. Jesuits and the workmen, was received with wild outbursts of applause. It was immediately afterwards low is employed, and my conscience will not allow me confiscated by the authorities-which, however, has

### ROMAN OCTOPUS NOT WANTED IN MEXICO.

"Mexico has reinformed the Vatican that diplo-"Oh,' he said, 'that this chap be sent about his matic relations between the Republic and the Holy see may not be re-established. President Diaz as "What charges have you to make against his char-cter-charges which can be proved?" is been burned once in the fire the Republic does not "The arrogant priest answered: 'That will do, sir! care for a second experience. The Pope's recent let-am a priest of the church! You need not send the ter to the church in Italy on the issues between oods. We have some power in Boston.' Labor and Capital is as lacking in originality as an "With that he passed out. Calling Jimmy, I asked egg is of hair. It but echoes Pope Leo XIII., in fact him if that was his priest, and he said it was, and that is naught but a collocation of sentiments from his enhis mother had told him that the priest had ordered cyclicals. Such Fabian policy precludes any judgment as to what the new pope thinks for himself on During the day I related the facts to a partner in these issues in dispute, although it shows that for the



Australia is called the new world, and it would seem proper that all ideas expressed under the term New Thought I shall not soon forget the hearty re-

I shall not soon forget the hearty reshould here find prollific ground. Spir-itualism proper in Australia started ception which was accorded me on my arrival, nor the enthusiastic audience about forty years ago in Melbourne. A gathered in Leigh Hall, on Sunday evening, January 3. They did all they seventeen-year-old lad, W. H. Terry, came from London and settled in Melcould to make me feel welcome, and it bourne. When twenty-four his attenwas indeed an inspiration in itself to tion was called to Spiritualism by hear look at the sea of kindly faces. They ing about it, he interested a few others and together they investigated and had paid the closest attention to the ad dress and seemed to drink in every seances with remarkable demonstraword.

tions. One of the sitters developed and The largest society in Australia is the ecame a fine independent writer. Mr. Victorian Association of Spiritualists in Melbourne. Mr. Terry has been its Terry himself became "controlled" and then founded a society. He did a great deal to develop others; one of these president for many years but recently requested to be relieved and was sucsaw clairvoyantly the front page of a eeded by Mr. Otto Waschatz. R. C. T. Spiritualist paper, the heading of which read "The Harbinger of Light," and Morgan is first vice-president; Mrs. M. A. Redfern, second vice-president; Mrs. Anna Bright, honorary secretary and told Mr. Terry that he would edit the paper, but as he had had no literary ex-Mr. W. H. Terry, treasurer. perience, that was the last thing which he expected. Soon after another Spira membership of over 100 and have for ten years past rented a room in the Austral Building for their social gatherings, Mr. Terry has his offices in the within a few months and Mr. Terry felt same building, and on the ground floor is a large book store for Spiritualist litthat he must obey the call and eighteen erature in charge of the Misses Hinge and Skeele. Their usual Sunday meet-ings are held in Odd Fellows\*Hall, but now published the. paper for thirty years without making a cent profit. It they soon expect to build a temple and have five thousand dollars in has been the organ of the cause for the treasury towards the building, while an aged member has willed them five thouentire Australasia, and one of the great-

est powers for propagating the work. Mr. Terry became especially gifted sand dollars more towards the same They have a flourishing lyceum with with ability to diagnose diseases, and Mr. J. Isaacs, conductor. There is as soon nearly all of his time was taken up with ministering to the sick. More yet no state organization, but they are looking toward this end for further use han twelve of the leading physicians of fulness different schools in Melbourne sought My reception in Melbourne was the his advice in difficult cases, and Dr. J. nost cordial I have ever had anywhere B. Motherwell, a member of the Counand the meetings the largest and most cll of the Melbourne University, and enthusiastic of any I ever addressed for twenty-five years honorary physi-clan to the Melbourne Hospital, consince speaking on the Spiritualistic platform. From the moment I arrived sulted him on a specially important case of internal trouble which none of at the depot until 1 left, every thought ful attention that good will could sugthe other doctors could diagnose. As Mr. gest was mine. The Bijou Theater, one the patient was cured through of the largest in the city, had been en-Terry's ministrations, Dr. Motherwell gaged, and a choir of 60 voices, drilled under the direction of Prof. Bloombecame interested and soon became one of the leading Spiritualists in Melfield, which with solos and orchestra bourne. Dr. S. D. Bird was another rendered beautiful music. Although prominent physician who consulted

the theater seats two thousand it was literally packed, and on the second Mr. Terry, who soon had an enormous clientele and wrought wondrously for Sunday still more wore standing up the cause. He receives his communithan on the first, while the enthusiasm cations in a peculiar way, by knockings was even greater. It was estimated on his forehead. that over a thousand orthodox church Another meteor dawned on the

members attended each meeting, and world of Spiritualism in 1866, Mr. Chas. Melbourne Spiritualists have had no Bright, literary man and editor of a such meetings for over twenty years arge paper. He was deputed by the The city seemed to have caught the en-Argus, then the largest and only paper thusiasm and for the first time in their of power in the Southern hemisphere to write six articles on Spiritualism, the subject, and every day there appeared new idea which was pervading the coun- articles of from one to two columns, try. Mr. Bright was an honest man, pro and con, a fact very gratifying to he desired to understand somewhat of the society. Ministers from their pulpits spoke of the craze which had the subject on which he was to write, and so began to go to scances and oth-erwise to investigate Spiritualism. To against it, and the Wesley Methodist als great amazement he found that the minister announced that he would "exclaims of the cult were based upon pose" Spiritualism on the Sunday after facts. He was surprised at the wealth I left. Book stores places their literature on Spiritualism in the most promof literature published on the subject, which he eagerly read, and instead of writing against Spiritualism as had inent places in the windows and Was besieged with letters of approval and been the intention, he wrote strongly for it, and said that there was more in disapproval.

On the first day of my arrival in Melhis new philosophy than the world bourne, Mr. Terry had an informal reeven dreamed of. These articles caused ception at his home that I might meet much excitement as well as interest the executive committee. The followester, N. Y. throughout the Commonwealth and ing Wednesday a public reception was were republished in pamphlet form and arranged in the Austral Building with became a Spiritualist and his first lec-ing before I left another audience gath-NEW BOOK nere to bid me "bon voyage. I was presented with a loving testi-monial signed by the officers of the so-Unitarian church in Melbourne in 1868. His fame as a speaker increased and clety and numerous evidences of the thoughtful kindness of the audience. the largest halls could not hold the people who came to hear him. In 1875 Mr. Waschatz, the president, is a man he gave up all his business and his income of six thousand dollars a year full of power and enthuslasm. Mr. Terry, the treasurer, I can do but faint and henceforth devoted his time to Spiritualism until last year when his justice; his great mind and heart is great soul went home. During the past ten years of his life he lectured congiven to the cause; and last but not least, Mrs. Bright, the secretary, is a siderably in America. source of power in herself. She it was who looked after the thousand and one Another leading man who became a Spiritualist was the Honorable Alfred things necessary to make a large meeting a success. She forgot weariness, but nothing else. She possesses the Deakin, the present Premier of the Commonwealth of Australia. He became a trance speaker and was con-ductor of the lyceum. He published a enviable adaptability which makes everyone love her, and is the essence of book, "The New Pilgrim's Progress," but when Mr. Deakin, fifteen years ago femininity. No wonder their society is written a book with this title: "PSYsuch a power with such officials. I only first entered Parliament, he thought wish every society was blessed with best to drop Spiritualism and carefully one such as these. bought up every copy of his book wher-The word Melbourne has a new sweet ever it was for sale. sound to me, as it would have to anyone Another pioneer and a most ardent coming here as a stranger and receiving Spiritualist is the Honorable T. W. Stanford, brother of the late Leland such a welcome, and as I stood on the deck of the "Pateena," which carried \$1.50 postpaid: Stanford, founder of the Stanford Uni-versity in California. For forty years me out of the harbor toward Tasmania. t was with a new pain that I watched A VERY he has devoted much time, influence he friends on shore through a mist of and money to the advancement of the tears. LAURA G. FIXEN. cause. He has been a widower for this THAT SPOILS THE WHOLE THING. number of years as he lost his wife and child within a year after his marriage. To the Editor :- The article, "An Ob-Mr. Bailey, one of the most remarkable materializing mediums of the present ect Lesson in the Home Circle." in the ssue of Feb. 20, while interesting, it day, has been engaged by Mr. Stanford has one assertion that is hard to take in. I refer to where Jesus is made to exclusively for three years, and con-GENEROUS OFFER, AND A CALL ducted private seances twice a week to say that his "father gave him this planet," and " he is the God of it." a circle of about twenty guests. The visible results from these seances can THAT SPOILS THE WHOLE THING! probably not be duplicated anywhere. Mr. Stanford has in his apiary living esus never said anything of the sort; f he did, then he has retrograded from birds which were materialized in his a broad-minded. free-thinking man to a office, belonging to foreign countries, narrow egotist since passing to the showers of living fish would cover the other side, or what is a more reasonable table at the seances, but some of these would only live for a few days or explanation, it was not Jesus at all, but one claiming to be him, and a very inweeks. I also saw in Mr. Stanford's ferior understudy he made, and if the nome a beautiful plant, rich in foliage, spirit claiming to be Jesus was not 18 inches high, grown from a material-ized slip, no one has been found who lesus, then probably the whole bunch vere having fun with our friend, and knows its name or the species to which it belongs. I also saw a well preserved amusing himself at his expense. I always leap the barbed wire fence skull, several pieces of papyrus cov-ered with hieroglyphics, a leopard's skin and take to the woods when Solomon, Saul, Jesus and Abraham Lincoln are from India, a large number of varied, called in. I think the wiser spirits do ancient coins and several tablets covnot want their names known; are rathered with inscriptions from Egypt, er apt to conceal an exalted name than Greece and other countries. These were very ancient and were brought diotherwise. named to the public. If Messers. Hale and Cherry are honrect in the room and dropped on the est men and Spiritualists, it seems to a table by request, and as Mr. Bailey sat stupid man like myself, that it can do under strict test conditions there can be no doubt of the genuineness of these no harm for a materializing medium to ington, D. C. go to Los Angeles, and make THE TRY manifestations through spirit power, of anyway, as in case of failure they are out only the expense; if they win the nearly two hundred articles. Mr. Bailey has just left for Italy by invita-1,000, a big bunch of advertising will tion of the Psychic Research Society be the result. Messrs Hale and Cherthere. ry doubtless know something about The Spiritualists have been greatly materialization, and will give proper encouraged and assisted through the conditions for the same, if not for fakvisits of workers from America and England, such as the late Emma Haring. The distance to Los Angeles may make it difficult for most mediums to dinge Britten, Wm. Denton, also Mrs. Brigham, Miss Morse and Messrs. Slade, go there, but if any medium of reputation will announce their willingness to Evans, Colville, Morse and Dr. Peebles go, I think the fare could be easily be raised by subscription through The each of whom have done grand work for the cause. The Spiritualist societies in Progressive Thinker; a series of say Brisbane. Adelaide and Perth are still six seances ought to enable the guides to raise one form if they have the young, but the Psychic Society of Sydney is flourishing, with Mr. Adams as president and Mr. Sercombe as secreower at all. FELIX. Grand Rapids, Mich. tary. The Sydney society owes much of its early life to the energy of the "Death, Its Mcaning and Results," By J. K. Wilson, of the Pennsylvania Hon. J. Bowle Wilson, Minister for Bar. An absorbingly interesting vol-ume, of decided value. A narrative of accesses accesses accesses and a particular and a particular accesses a Address all communications ' on this wonderful psychic events in the author's experience. Cicth, 560 pages, il-instrated, \$1.25. "Meatless Dishes." Vory useful. subject to WALTER P. WILLIAMS. 334 Eleventh Street N. E., Washington, D. C. Price 10 cents.

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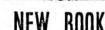


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of the poetical fraternity, a man advises his brothers to-"Look over the dwelling you live in-

the flesh Which holds the mysterious you in its mesh.

Pass into the temple! The place is di

But what are you offering there at the shrine?

Love, that tie that reaches out like a fine, invisible thread, unites the individual with a sanctuary of the soul that needs not the sanction of man-made laws to maintain; for if love be rightly understood, it means the highest and purest of relationships. The confusion of love with lust has ever resulted fatally to mankind, for love is essentially a spiritual tie-a union of souls-and love and lust are as far apart as light and darkness, as the skies above and the earth beneath.

All that is pure and unselfish is a part of love, while all that is base and destroying belongs to lust. The appearance of our outer casements, which we call bodies, have no bearing upon love, but the condition of the soul has everything to do with the growth of love in our lives. The spiritual part-the soul -instinctively seeks companionship with another soul, in affinity with it, so that unselfishness may be as a fruit. ful tree in the orchard of experience. Love that has for its motive other than unselfish spirit companionship becomes something far less than that high union of twin souls-a love-blessed life-for it is but temporary, while true love is eternal.

True, there are those who reject the fact that marriage without love is sim-ply legalized, domesticated lust, producing the monstrosities which we so frequently see, and with which our reform atory institutions are filled; but examine the objectors critically, and you will find them to be living proofs loveless marriages-lacking in both morality and intellectuality. You will find that they belong to the class of persons who revile intemperance and inebriates, but who wreck their nerves with tea and coffee-coffee-drunkards and tea-topers. Or, if they are of the masculine gender, you will find upon in-vestigation that they chew tobacco while reading a chapter of the family Bible relating to Moses' advice to the unclean; that their skin is covered with copper-colored blotches, indicating crimes committed against the body that rendered the blood impure; that they have family prayers-especially when a guest is present-and thereafter immediately stuff themselves with indigestible viands to an extent that ren-ders them lower, intellectually, than the rest of the hogs, the flesh of which they love so well. In themselves they are ample proof of

cence upon the body. of - civilizationthe church—evil of the worst form has its birth in the criminally selfish union which has been dignified by the name marriage, but which is really a license for lust:

A careful study of the various grades of present-day society will convince the thinker, who has the good of man-land at beart that love is distinctly a nert of the higher life-spiritual, both in part and in entrety. The companion that the body desires is often far below. the standard that the soul demands, but 'To grow into the judgment day, the average individual describes' the It grows and grows if he will have it resultant condition as "happiness." grow; Not so the student of the higher life, it perishes if he must have it so. to such a person the mental and

and all Shall answer at Truth's altar, 'Yes, love,'

For hope may anchor, faith may steer hostile thereto. but love,

Great love, alone is captain of the soul.' FRANK M. SNARRENBERGER. Berlin, 93 Konig Platz.

#### GROWING OF A SOUL.

was published.

Hear ye this parable: A man Did plant a garden. Vine and tree Alike, in course of time, began To put forth fair and pleasantly. The rains of heaven, the persuading sun Came down alike on each and every one.

Yet some trees willful grew, and some Strong vines grew daily in the sun, With gaudy leaves, that ever come To naught. And yet each flaunting

one the truthful assertion that, under the Did flourish on and triumphantly grow protection of the state and that execres. Like sunset clouds in all their moving show. ....

> But lo! the harvest found them not; The soul had perished from them. Mold And muck and leaf lay there to rot,

And furnish nourishment untold To patient tree and lowly creeping vine That grow as grow the husbandman's

design. Hear then this lesson, hear and heed: I say that chaff shall perish; say Man's soul is like unto a seed,

-Joaquin Miller.

a Protestant clerk, we are threatened with boycott; if ested in the reiteration of the dictum that Catholic we advertise'in a Protestant paper, we are threatened writers 'must, in all that touches religious interests with boycott; if we refuse to give money to priest or and the action of the church in society, subject themnun, we are threatened with boycott; if my minister selves entirely in intellect and in will ..... to their happens to criticise popery, and it gets into a daily, bishops and to the Roman pontiff. They must, above we are threatened with boycott because I attend that all, take care not to anticipate the judgments of the church. And note how they work their plans- Holy See in this important matter.' Under such con-, through three channels. First, a hint comes to us ditions Roman Catholic journalism can hardly be infrom some Roman Catholic head of department that viting to a man of any independence of thought. we may lose trade if we do so and so, or don't do so Latest reports from Paris indivate that the Combes and so." He says "the salesmen say so." By "the Ministry is to raise the issue of the unlimited right of salesmen" he means, of course, Roman Catholic sales- the state to nominate bishops without an understandmen-perhaps Knights of Columbus. Then perhaps ing with the pope. If fought out to its logical finish a priest will get word to us that we are "offending the this means a severance of the Concordat, and that of church" and finally, a notorious blackmailing politi- the union of church and state."-From the Congrega-cian, who has, or thinks he has, a powerful "pull," tionalist, of Boston.

> or persons-but she "had heard of Later, the writer contributed an ar-

ticle of two or three columns on the subject of Modern Spiritualism to one of the leading daily papers of the Northwest. A correspondent replied,

and charged mediumship with having "blasted the lives" of pure-minded young women, caused many to be led nto immorality, and so forth.

I promptly challenged the accuracy of his statements, asked for specific data, and said I would make a thorough investigation of every case cited and re-port the results, telling him he could send the data to me privately. No re-ply was ever received. Why?

From some Spiritualist platforms I have heard mediumship condemned-

also from clurch pulpits—in the secular and religious press—by teachers of New Thought—by Christian Scientists. compile statistics relative to the effects of mediumship is to "kill" a certain widely advertised book supposed to be

New Thought-Thy Christian Scientists. But nowhere has the writer been able to put his hand on any statistics that would shed a single ray of light on the subject, animatively. Hence, by, appeal to Spiritualists, non-Spiritualists, mediums, sensitives, and all persons having psychic experi-ences, to send me a statement as to the effect of such experiences on them-selves, or to send me data relative to any one else whom they know. This is not any part of the object I had in view. The desire to obtain something reliable regarding the effects of mediumship had its had its of mediumship had its beginning in my mind long before the book referred to

Early in my investigations I heard In order to make the statistics of any the charge made from various sources that mediumship was injurious and the value they must be verifiable; therefore the request wagemade for the names and addresses of two persons to accommedium an unfortunate mortal; that scores of persons had been ruined in pany each statement, who could either verify the statements made, or indorse the character of the writer for truthfulealth, mind, morals and purse thereby. Whenever such statement has been made in my presence I have invariably ness. Statements have been received from asked for names, dates, addresses; and

particulars, and strange to relate I alwidely separated sections, but the reways found them exceedingly elusivo-I could never get hold of them. sponse has not been very encouraging as to numier, . The professional medi Sitting in a seance for materializaums probably were and are busy, and tion in the city of San Francisco, some others perhaps a thought their stateyears since, the writer engaged a lady ments would be unnecessary. Let me near him in conversation, asking her if say to all such; that a statement from she was accustomed to attend that me

everyone who has any knowledge on dium's scances. She at once stated that she was not; she "was a Theosoalum's sentees. She "was a Theoso-that she was not; she "was a Theoso-phist, and really ought not to be in All that the writer hoped to do was such a place;" that she had been taught to accumulate statistics of "a reliable and of course "knew" mediumship, was character that would throw light on very injurious to the individual, had this question. All that is wished is veri-been the cause of much sorrow and had fuble facts. One concrete fact is worth ruined many lives, and so forth. The more to the writer, then a thousand un-writer, bolitoly asked her to kindly give, verified theories, the mistaken in thim the names and addresses of a few thinking they may be valued by others this subject, would be appreciated.

of the persons whose lives had been inalso and the set of any me jured by mediumahip, at he was much interested in the subject and looking If you know anything along this line, will you not to kind enough to make a

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### THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

# A BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT.

MYTHOLOGY.

The Gods in the Light of Ancient His-

tory.

Mythology about the gods was a sys-

tem used by learned men to befog ig-norant minds. Gods ware persons,

When any other animal was used as a

sign of a god, it was used as a sign according to the meaning to at

least some of the people, the same as the United States people have their flag

All history beyond our own experi-

ence can be classed with mythology. Tradition by one person to another per-

son is as reliable as one person writing

to the people or to a person and calling

it history. After considerable research I am of the opinion that gods were per-

sons. Stars, planets, moon and sun

were named for persons, and other an-

imals and things the same as the later

stars and planets were named for per-

The mediumship of the god Indra was

very great, and according to evidence

he is a powerful spirit person even to our time. Gods came to Daniel of Bible

history and God came to Moses, Jere-

miah and other persons, according to

printed evidence. Indra, in name, was

found in Sanskrit and his name prob-

ably meant to see, to discover. Indra

signifies one who sees or discovers. Gods of ancient times were wise per-

things in nature, and other things use-

To affirm without knowledge is not a

among mankind, after the same manner

that George Washington and Abraham

Lincoln were mighty men, each in his

the god or gods who invented the sur

and set it in, thus far, almost perpetual

motion; according to history. Why should a man be worshiped because his

soul,mind, has left one material body

and gone into a new form of existence

Indra of old time was allowed the credit

of having engendered the sun and the

dawn. All the remarkable works of In-

dra were performed by him merely for the benefit of the good, which in the

words found in the Rig Veda means the

good men who were his followers. He

was the lord of the good, and the enemy of those who were his enemies. Indra

was also a warlike god and a mighty

Imagination by writers of lies, fic-tion has befogged many human minds.

Indra at one time was the supreme god

The Rig Veda forms the great liter-

nts in the Punjab. The antiquity of

ary memorial of the early Aryan settle-

the Rig Veda is abundantly established.

Buddhism in the 6th century B. C.

leader of warlike mankind.

of all the gods of the Hindus.

of

sons, inventors and discoverers

ful or evil to mankind.

and eagle.

Mr. Goff was born in Sempronius, Cauga, county, N. Y., June 26, 1823; he departed this life at the home of M. E. Depuy, near Wakelee, Mich., Feb. 18, aged 80 years. He was among the Michigan pioneers, and was one of the successful ones who crossed the western plains to California in search of gold, and was perhaps one of the most generous men in Southern Michigan, if not in the state.

By his earnest love of justice and right doing, he has defended many against those who would have taken undue advantage. By this as well as by his liberality in cases of need, he has made many hearts happy, and by his planning and assistance he has helped many to gain comfortable homes that would otherwise have been in poor circumstances, if not homeless.

His gifts were not frivolous, but always practical. At Christmas time it was his custom to present flour, groceries, clothing, etc., in a quiet way that none might know whence the presents came, giving always to such as he deemed worthy and needy. His plan was to help those who tried to help themselves.

It was he who made it possible to establish the State Mediums' Home. This property is located near the center of Lansing, and will be known as the Goff Medium's Home. It cost the state society \$4,750 and interest, of which Mr. Goff paid nearly \$4,000. The building is 40 by 42 feet, and has thirteen rooms and basement. It is heated by furnace, lighted by gas, and supplied with city water. It is a modern building that cost several times the price paid. The property was lately deeded to the state so-clety, Mr. Goff having canceled the debt, August 26, 1903. The Spiritualists of the state should be able and willing to keep it running for the benefit of worthy and needy mediums.

Mr. Goff has been a Spiritualist for over forty-five years. During all this time he has lived his religion, which means many slights, and much ridicule. but he has lived above it all. He was a subscriber to The Progressive Thinker from its very first. It was through his efforts that Farmer Riley first investigated and sat for development. He has helped many to see the light that is to illumine the world.

Mr. Goff was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and the brethren took charge of the burial services; interment at Fish Lake cemetery, Sunday, Feb. 21, conducted by the writer, (and I wish heartily to thank this society for their liberality in allowing us the use of their church on this and former occasions.) The following poem given by the guides a short time ago was read at the services:

A Tribute to John F. Goff. Who was it worked in early day, And by economy laid away

Till he had enough for rainy day? John F. Goff.

And helped the owners face the storm And proved himself their friend most warm?

Who was it bought up many a farm.

John F. Goff.

Who was it went to rocky west, The famous land that gold had blessed, And helped himself and helped the rest? John F. Goff. Who was it saw the many poor

And helped them oft to meat and flour, Just at the time, the needy hour? John F. Goff. Who was it paid the mortgage due, For widow and for orphans, too, And helped them many a winter

through? John F. Goff.

-Indra and Agni sent bliss to mankind. Who was it learned the truth so grand, Let us if we have knowledge, tell th

god

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a Common Noun-Unknown Gods. An Extract from a Lecture Delivered by Rev. Ernest W. Hunt, at Bangor, Me. In reading ancient history and literature, especially of the Greeks and Ro

mans, we meet with frequent mention of "the gods," by which is meant the gods of mythology, which were imaginary, omnipresent persons, supposed to possess various powers, attributes and influences over humanity. I have a secret suspicion that many modern writers and speakers make use of the word God without understanding it; there-fore I want to lay before them names and brief definitions of a few mytholog ical deities. This is important in dis cussion of the God question.

DEITIES OF MYTHOLOGY.

Gods Are Ideal Images-The Word God

Apollo-a deity of the Greeks and Romans, worshiped as the sun god. Aurora-goddess of morning. Apis-god of industry, worshiped in

the form of an ox. Ate-goddess of

Ate-goddess of revenge. Annubis-dog-headed god." Bacchus-god of wine.

Circe-a sea nymph who turned men into swine. Comus-god of festivals.

Cupid--god of love.

Diana-daughter of Jupiter and vir gin moon goddess. Discordia—goddess of discord, ban

ished from heaven for exciting divisions among the gods.

Echo-a nymph slighted in love, pined away until nothing was left but

Erebus-an infernal deity, son 0 Chaos.

Fates-goddesses who presided over human destiny. Fauns-delties with horns and goat's

feet. Hercules-son of Jupiter, celebrated

for strength. Hymen-god of marriage.

Iris-messenger of Juno, changed into a rainbow.

Jupiter-supreme god of the Romans and father of men and gods. Juno-sister and wife of Jupiter.

Mars-god of war. Mercury-son of Jupiter, god of mer chants and thieves.

Morpheus-god of sleep and dreams Neptune-god of the sea. Pluto-god of Hades.

Plutus-god of wealth. Styx-a river in the infernal regions

by which the gods swore their most solemn oaths. Uranus-the most ancient of the

gods. Venus-goddess of grace,

beauty, pleasure. Vesta-goddess of flocks and herds

Vulcan-son of Jupiter and god of Enlightened God-believers of America

should be very careful how they scorn or sneer at the delties and devotees of mythology: for they are all in the same boat-that is, the gods they all believe in are images of imagination. Can Theists of the present time show that their gods are better than the ancients? What is the difference between a dogheaded god and a three-headed god? What is the difference between a devil and a god of wrath, war, vengeance? At the time the Christian religion was invented, in the reign of the Roman

emperor, Constantine, mythology was in its greatest glory; however, the authors and projectors of Christianity did not want "the gods" in their system, because "the gods" caused much confusion and conflict; and they concluded that one god was sufficient and finally settled on Jehovah, the worst and most abominable of all gods-the god of

wrath, war, vengeance. cossess various attributes, nevertheless, these gods exert a powerful influence over religious devotees, who become like the deities they serve: and this accounts for some nations being of war-

like disposition and others peaceable. god-believers make their own

Spirit of the Age. Again we turn to one of the most recent departments of science, viz.: Comparative mythology, and

Twentieth Century Gospel.

we ask, What have you to contribute to the Twentieth Century Gospel ? We declare, say the students of this science, that men's ideas and beliefs regarding the Supreme Power in the universe, are always progressive, that in the childhood of the race men had childish modes of viewing nature and childish ways of expressing their ideas. We say that these childish methods of expressing their ideas resulted in the beautiful stories which tell of the person, work and religion of the world's great saviors, which are found in the world's great Bibles. We say that in the growth of these stories men see the unfolding of great moral and religious truth, and the working of these mighty forces which make for righteousness, acting in and upon mankind through the only agencies that were itted for it in those early days.

This science further tells us the Bible is a literaare subject to the same laws which govern the development of other great literatures, having the same defects of ignorance and superstition of errors of judgment and mistakes of copying. It also says that the Hebrew Scriptures stand pre-eminent among all in its myths and legends the purest and most enlightened conceptions of religious faith and knowledge that the world has ever known.

#### CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS.

If, as it may be, these ideas now come to you for the first time, I can understand a feeling of disappointment arising in your mind when you compare them with the religious teachings you have hitherto entertained. You doubtless feel like the little girl who had a quarrel at school with a little Jewish girl and when she got home she denounced the Jews. Her mother said reprovingly, "My dear, you must not talk in that way. The Jews were God's chosen people. Our Lord llimself was a Jew." After a moment's deep thought the child replied, in a tone of horror and regret: "O, mamma, I didn't know that. I'm so sorry. I always thought he was an Episcopalian." But think now of the constructive results of this

modern Gospel. How much better and nobler it is. It enables us to think of God not as a jealous, fitful, despotic king, something like a tyrannical sovereign of Asia Minor, but rather as the Just Ruler of the earth and the Universal Father of its peoples. It bids us think of the highest and noblest types of manhood and womanhod, not as men cruel by nature, treacherous in thought and revengeful in action, but rather that the right goal of all human action is to do the right for right's sake, to speak the truth for truth's sake, and to love others for love's sake. It gives us a nobler conception of the origin of the universe, shows us that the Divine Power is "closer than hands or feet," and that the true inspiration and joys of life belong now as ever to any or all who seek to know and do the truth. It makes our Christian Bible more beautiful and valuable than ever, because freed from the doginatic rust which was rapidly destroying its usefulness and purpose. It reveals the essentials of Christianity as taught by its founder to be not creed but character, not uniformity but unity, not dogma but ethics, and behind all else the beautiful spirit of unselfish, undying love as the world's greatest dynamic, both for comfort and inspiration.

### PRACTICAL REASON.

At this point there are men who would deny our

He Talks Exceedingly Close to the Lines Marked Out | hollow of its hand. But as the world of thought we By Spiritualists, and Illustrates the Progressive learn that there is one life, above all, through all and in all, life which is not matter but spirit, and which

spirit it calls God, so in the world of feeling our deepest emotion is love. In the world of thought our highest conception of God is that of power; but in the world of feeling our highest thought of divinity is love. We can know God best by loving Him because love is best understood by love. Some people wonder whether God is a person. It seems to me an idle

question. The power other than ourselves, which was here beore we came and remains after we depart, this power has brought us into life and is therefore our Creator. By reason of its disciplinary and protecting care of the universal life, it is our Father. No plummet of human reason can sound the depths of the ocean of immensity. But as nothing is ever evolved which has not first been involved, as the greater must also include the less, so the Creator of this personal consciousness must include all of good and right and love and personality that we are, and still be infinitely nore than the thing he has produced.

"Thus we can still pray Our Father, knowing that in this Twentieth Century Gospel we are face to face with a divine power or being, whichever name you prefer to use, before whom we may plead the voice of human need and imperfections, whose laws are everysacred books as illustrating the evolution of morals and religion in the history of the race and embodying the stillness of our souls we may often hear the whisperings of Ilis love."

#### ON IMMORTALITY.

And this brings me to my final thought, viz.: The comfort and inspiration which this Twentieth Century Gospel brings to our conceptions of immortality. Every household has its memories of loved ones, who have passed away into the land of silence. We miss their familiar forms and long for their vanished smiles and the sound of the voice that is still. Is it for them an eternal dark, a sleep that knows no waking, or can we stand by the grave and say, "He is not here but is risen ?" We wonder where they are, what interest or relation they have to the life they have left, whether they are as conscious of us as we are mindful of them, whether we shall ever meet again. Some may say "that if it should prove an eternal sleep why then 'tis rest.'' Some are so mentally con-stituted that they find it impossible to believe. But very few indeed believe that death is the end of existence. Immortality is as necessary to human life as is the sunlight to the world.

In the presence of such a tragedy as death, when our eyes are wet with weeping, and our hearts are near to breaking, as we stand beside the grave, this Gospel of the twentieth century whispers both sweety and full of comfort the strong hope of immortality. All life is one. Even science confirms the reality of a general immortality. Through the shadows of our ignorance, faith standing upon reason sees that the grave covers no faculty of soul, only the poor, tired, vorn-out body.

Whilst across the wind-swept wastes of thought love points to God, who being ever true in nature, is also true beyond our ken, who having given us a natural confidence in the integrity of things, and made ove life's mightiest and sweetest force, will carry through to larger capacities of appreciation and enjoyment the desires he has placed within the human breast. It is not probable that the orchestra will be silenced in the midst of the symphony, or that the building of character will be stopped when only half completed. Everything in our modern knowledge reminds us of the illimitable resources and possibili-

tics which await our growing conceptions. Nature right to proceed further. They say that all beyond has only yet begun to manifest her resources. How sweet and beautiful are the assurances of the birds and flowers concerning the dear ones, "which we have loved and lost awhile." Whatever we may think na-ture herself stakes her all upon the truth of immortal life. Everywhere she points her children onwards and upwards to the great light of life, bids them choose the good, and everywhere assures them that He who cares for the birds and flowers, cares also for the lives and loves of men. That saves the soul from endless grief, But living right that brings relief? for the lives and loves of men. And so with every addition to our knowledge we come closer to the great and final generalization which shall open for us the doors to the inner sanctum credence in their various departments as geology and of the universe. Every new step not founded on misastronomy. One of the greatest sciences of the future conception leads us nearer to that final understandwill be the science of psychical research. Where ing which is the ultimate heritage of the race. Already we have visions, born both of faith and knowledge of a world which shall in truth be God's free garden, where love shall reign supreme, where there shall be room for thought and for faith, where from one fane or altar all tongues shall recite one Gospel sing one psalter and repeat one simple creed,

John F. Goff, Michigan's Generous Spir-Itualist, Passed to Spirit Life.

"There ain't no sich person." gods. The practice of god-believers writing God with capital G as a proper noun is a fraud and deception; because they wish to convey the idea that they refer to a particular God, presuming readers will not observe the trick. They might as well write man with capital M and claim that it stands for a particular individual, yet not give his name. The word god is a common noun, applied to any and all gods, and spelling it with capital G does not make of it a proper noun, no more than spelling dog with capital D makes it a proper noun. No amount of such usage and custom will ever make god a proper noun, for we cannot tell which god is intended unless the writer indicates the particular god ho or she has in mind. But there can be no valid objection to

the use of capitals for proper names of gods, such, for instance, as Jupiter, Al-lah, Apolio, Baal, Jehovah. Theologians rarcly ever write or utter the name of Jehovah; perhaps because of his awful record and bad character-nevertheless, they mean Jehovah by God.

What some folks mean by God is widely different from what other folks mean by God, and so by God we have an endless jargon of theories and be-liefs founded on baseless assertions, conflicting statements, antagonistic doctrines, contradictory theories. Theseantagonists can unite and agree in their condemnation of the Atheist who does not accept any of their theories. He is made a butt for shafts of ridicule. What do god-believers know of a go they say is unknown and unknowab What can they teach on a subject whi they admit is beyond comprehension How can they define that which the declare to be undefinable? What they understand of a god they affirm incomprehensible? What shall we si

of people who persistently make use words and ideas they do not understan with the assumption and pretense knowledge? This is the attitude Theists, caught in the meshes of the own folly.

What do people know who have be taught the theories and dogmas of Th They know nothing but error, y believe much delusive nonsense. sertions without proof or basis of s mort are of no value. Belief of a theo or religious doctrine is no evidence its truth, yet they have a reverence old established precedent and follow the beaten track.

"For men are prone to go it blind Along the calf-paths of the mind, And try to work from sun to sun To do what other folks have don A. H. NICHOLAS. Summerland, Cal.

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what science tells us is unknown and unknowable, although by a strange contradiction the boundaries of knowledge are every day and everywhere being rapidly extended. I am safe within the bounds of truth in saying that there is everywhere to-day a growing reaction against the purely material conceptions of things which prevail very generally in the world of science only a few years ago.

The discoveries of radium bring us to the very threshold of the spirit world, whilst our investigations into the great mystery of human consciousness are revealing other sources of knowledge as worthy of science is obliged to halt, man's moral idealism becomes the constructive teacher and guide of morals and religion. There is an intellectual knowledge-a matter of thought; there is an ethical knowledge-a matter of feeling, and each advance brings us nearer to the time when

'That in us which thinks and that which feels Shall everlastingly be reconciled,

And that which questioneth with that which kneels."

#### CONCERNING GOD.

"What then has this Twentieth Century Gospel to tell us concerning God? To know God at all fully-as well might the child hope to grasp the planets in its tiny fingers, or to hold the mighty ocean in the

SOMEWHAT CRITICAL.	"I believe that he was born of the Vin gin Mary."
	How can this be so, if his mother wa Joseph's wife, and Joseph his rea
. F. SHORT, A THINKER AND	father?
AND WRITER, EVER WILLING TO	"I believe that he was crucified, dead
IMPART TO OTHERS, EXAMINES	buried, and descended into hell." Oh, my! let us hope not!
SOMEWHAT CRITICALLY THAT	"I believe that his body was raise
CHURCHLY "I BELIEVE" RIGMA-	from the grave on the third day."
ROLE, CALLED "THE APOSTLES'	Very few people now believe in th
CREED."	mythical story of a literal resurrection
Why called the Apostles' creed?	"I believe that he ascended up int heaven."
They never made it, saw it nor taught	What and where is up? That is ver
t, and yet it is recited over and over millions of times, as though it was the	foggy, to say the least of it.
all in all, the sum total of all truth.	"From whence he will come to judg
How narrow is the line often between	the living and the dead." That the Christ spirit will sprea
truth and error. Let us now consider	over the whole earth, let us hope, b
the articles of this creed. The first is, "I believe in Almighty	few indeed now believe in a literal pe
God."	sonal return in a bodily form.
That means my conception, not	"I believe in the judgment day." This supposes a marching up to th
yours.	judge after the fashion of earth
What is worshiped is a mental image. Every one has a definition. Whether	courts, some sentenced to go down in
mine or yours is the correct one, is the	the deep dark cellar of despair; an
question.	others to go up to the sky parlor. The belief has few defenders in this day as
Second, "Maker of heaven."	age.
Where is heaven and of what is it made? Is not heaven a soul-condition	"I believe in the holy Cathol
rather than a locality? Surely so.	church."
Third, "And earth."	Did any apostle ever mention an such church, or a church by such
Is the earth not an accretion, a growth,	name? What is a church? It is a boo
a development, a gradual formation, under the operation of natural law and	of believers. Where are we told to b
forces? Scientists tell us that matter	live in men. Certainly we cannot h
is uncreated and uncreatable; that it	lieve in all church members. Then a we can say is, "I believe in a portion"
has existed forever, and not something	the holy Catholic church."
"I also believe in his son Jesus Christ,	"I believe in the communion
begotten by the Holy Ghost."	saints."
Does not the New Testament teach	Do you believe in mediums, in
us that he was the son of Joseph the	ances, in messages from our frien
carpenter? His sacred genealogy is al- ways traced back through Joseph. All	
this would be without meaning or sense	
the hours of the bound the bound of	body."

- Where each sorrow shall have its soothers. And each need its kindly care, . And all mankind be brothers. And love reign everywhere.
- 'Where Heaven's eternal patience, All human hearts shall win, And earth's enfranchised nations. Shall hail God's kingdom in.

That spirit friends from higher strand Come back to us from spirit land? John F. Goff.

Having learned the fact, no soul can die Who tried to teach the passer-by.

The more of sorrow's tears to dry? John F. Goff. Who taught it is not just belief,

John F. Goff. Who tried to aid the cause so grand

And sent it broadcast o'er the land. By doing good on every hand? John F. Goff.

And who was given a miser's name, Because he would not give for shame, Yet lived above it just the same? John F. Goff.

Who was it lent a helping hand For many to gain a home and land? 'Twas this old soul most truly grand, John F. Goff.

Who was it bought a home one day Where mediums of the state can stay, And gave it for their aid? aye, aye! John F. Goff.

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ts, some sentenced to go down into deep dark cellar of despair; and rs to go up to the sky parlor. This f has few defenders in this day and

iving and the dead." hat the Christ spirit will spread the whole earth, let us hope, but indeed now believe in a literal perl return in a bodily form.

believe in the holy Catholic

ph's wife, and Joseph his real scattered to the four winds of heavennever buried at all. How can they come believe that he was crucified, dead up from where they never were? "I believe in the forgiveness of sins." Many there are who doubt that our believe that his body was raised little words or acts distress and make angry the Deity, and so make it neces ry few people now believe in the

sary that we appease this anger and ical story of a literal resurrection. beg for forgiveness like naughty chilbelieve that he ascended up into dren; or if we must obtain it, to get it simply by feeling sorry and asking for

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**DEITIES OF MYTHOLOGY** 

Gods Are Ideal Images-The Word God

a Common Noun-Unknown Gods.

In reading ancient history and litera-

ture, especially of the Greeks and Ro

mans, we meet with frequent mention

of "the gods," by which is meant the

gods of mythology, which were imagin-ary, omnipresent persons, supposed to

influences over humanity. I have a se-

cret suspicion that many modern writ-

ers and speakers make use of the word

God without understanding it; there

fore I want to lay before them names

and brief definitions of a few mytholog-

Apollo-a deity of the Greeks and Romans, worshiped as the sun god.

Aurora-goddess of morning. Apis-god of industry, worshiped

Circe-a sea nymph who turned mer

Cupid--god of love. Diana-daughter of Jupiter and vin

gin moon goddess. Discordia.--goddess of discord, ban-ished from heaven for exciting divisions

Echo-a nymph slighted in love,

Erebus-an infernal deity, son of

Fates-goddesses who presided over

Fauns-delties with horns and goat's

Hercules-son of Jupiter, celebrated

Irls-messenger of Juno, changed into

Jupiter-supreme god of the Romans

Mercury—son of Jupiter, god of mer chants and thieves.

Morpheus-god of sleep and dreams

Styx-a river in the infernal regions

Uranus-the most ancient of the

love

by which the gods swore their most sol-

Venus-goddess of grace,

and a god of wrath, war, vengeance?

Hymen-god of marriage.

Mars-god of war.

Neptune-god of the sea.

Pluto-god of Hades.

Plutus-god of wealth.

and father of men and gods. Juno-sister and wife of Jupiter.

pined away until nothing was left but

ical deities. This is important in dis

cussion of the God question.

the form of an ox. Ale-goddess of revenge.

Bacchus-god of wine.

Comus-god of festivals.

into swine.

among the gods.

human destiny.

for strength.

a rainbow.

emn oaths.

beauty, pleasure.

gods.

fire.

neaded

her voice.

Chaos.

feet.

Annubis-dog-headed god,

ssess various powers, attributes and

### THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

# Twentieth Century Gospel. An Extract from a Lecture Delivered by Rev. Ernest W. Hunt, at Bangor, Me.

Spirit of the Age.

Again we turn to one of the most recent departnents of science, viz.: Comparative mythology, and we ask, What have you to contribute to the Twentieth Century Gospel ? We declare, say the students of this science, that men's ideas and beliefs regarding the Supreme Power in the universe, are always progressive, that in the childhood of the race men had childish modes of viewing nature and childish ways of expressing their ideas. We say that these childish methods of expressing their ideas resulted in the beautiful stories which tell of the person, work and religion of the world's great saviors, which are found in the world's great Bibles. We say that in the growth of these stories men see the unfolding of great moral and religious truth, and the working of these mighty forces which make for righteousness, acting in and ipon mankind through the only agencies that were itted for it in those early days.

This science further tells us the Bible is a literamre subject to the same laws which govern the development of other great literatures, having the same deects of ignorance and superstition of errors of judgment and mistakes of copying. It also says that the Hebrew Scriptures stand pre-eminent among all sacred books as illustrating the evolution of morals and religion in the history of the race and embodying the stillness of our souls we may often hear the whisin its myths and legends the purest and most enlightened conceptions of religious faith and knowledge that the world has ever known.

#### CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS.

If, as it may be, these ideas now come to you for the first time, I can understand a feeling of disappointment arising in your mind when you compare them with the religious teachings you have hitherto entertained. You doubtless feel like the little girl who had a quarrel at school with a little Jewish girl and when she got home she denounced the Jews. Her mother said reprovingly, "My dear, you must not talk in that way. The Jews were God's chosen people. Our Lord Himself was a Jew." After a moment's deep thought the child replied, in a tone of horror and regret: "O, mamma, I didn't know that. I'm so sorry. I always thought he was an Episcopalian."

Vesta-goddess of flocks and herds. But think now of the constructive results of this Vulcan-son of Jupiter and god of modern Gospel. How much better and nobler it is. It enables us to think of God not as a jealous, fitful, Enlightened God-believers of America despotic king, something like a tyrannical sovereign should be very careful how they scorn or sneer at the delties and devotees of of Asia Minor, but rather as the Just Ruler of the mythology; for they are all in the same boat-that is, the gods they all believe earth and the Universal Father of its peoples. It bids us think of the highest and noblest types of manhood in are images of imagination. Can Theand womanhod, not as men cruel by nature, treacherists of the present time show that their gods are better than the ancients? What is the difference between a dogous in thought and revengeful in action, but rather that the right goal of all human action is to do the headed god and a three-headed god? What is the difference between a devil right for right's sake, to speak the truth for truth's sake, and to love others for love's sake. It gives us a At the time the Christian religion nobler conception of the origin of the universe, shows was invented, in the reign of the Roman us that the Divine Power is "closer than hands or emperor, Constantine, mythology was in its greatest glory; however, the aufeet," and that the true inspiration and joys of life thors and projectors of Christianity did belong now as ever to any or all who seek to know not want "the gods" in their system, beand do the truth. It makes our Christian Bible more cause "the gods" caused much confubeautiful and valuable than ever, because freed from sion and conflict; and they concluded that one god was sufficient and finally the dogmatic rust which was rapidly destroying its settled on Jehovah, the worst and most usefulness and purpose. It reveals the essentials of abominable of all gods-the god of Christianity as taught by its founder to be not creed wrath, war, vengeance. All gods are ideal beings, supposed to but character, not uniformity but unity, not dogma possess various attributes, nevertheless, but ethics, and behind all else the beautiful spirit of these gods exert a powerful influence unselfish, undying love as the world's greatest dyover religious devotees, who become namic, both for comfort and inspiration. like the deitles they serve; and this

#### PRACTICAL REASON.

At this point there are men who would deny our

He Talks Exceedingly Close to the Lines Marked Out hollow of its hand. But as the world of thought we By Spiritualists, and Illustrates the Progressive learn that there is one life, above all, through all and in all, life which is not matter but spirit, and which

spirit it calls God, so in the world of feeling our deepest emotion is love. In the world of thought our highest conception of God is that of power, but in the world of feeling our highest thought of divinity is love. We can know God best by loving Him because love is best understood by love. Some people wonder whether God is a person. It seems to me an idle unestion.

The power other than ourselves, which was here before we came and remains after we depart, this power has brought us into life and is therefore our Creator. By reason of its disciplinary and protecting care of the universal life, it is our Father. No plummet of human reason can sound the depths of the ocean of immensity. But as nothing is ever evolved which has not first been involved, as the greater must also include the less, so the Creator of this personal consciousness must include all of good and right and love and personality that we are, and still be infinitely more than the thing he has produced.

"Thus we can still pray Our Father, knowing that in this Twentieth Century Gospel we are face to face with a divine power or being, whichever name you prefer to use, before whom we may plead the voice of human need and imperfections, whose laws are everywhere and at all times uniform, just and equal and in perings of His love."

#### ON IMMORTALITY.

And this brings me to my final thought, viz.: The comfort and inspiration which this Twentieth Century Gospel brings to our conceptions of immortality. Every household has its memories of loved ones, who have passed away into the land of silence. We miss their familiar forms and long for their vanished smiles and the sound of the voice that is still. Is it for them an eternal dark, a sleep that knows no waking, or can we stand by the grave and say, "He is not here but is risen ?" We wonder where they are, what interest or relation they have to the life they have left, whether they are as conscious of us as we are mindful of them, whether we shall ever meet again. Some may say "that if it should prove an eternal sleep why then 'tis rest." Some are so mentally constituted that they find it impossible to believe. But very few indeed believe that death is the end of existence. Immortality is as necessary to human life as is the sunlight to the world.

In the presence of such a tragedy as death, when our eyes are wet with weeping, and our hearts are near to breaking, as we stand beside the grave, this Gospel of the twentieth century whispers both sweety and full of comfort the strong hope of immortality. All life is one. Even science confirms the reality of a general immortality. Through the shadows of our ignorance, faith standing upon reason sees that the grave covers no faculty of soul, only the poor, tired, worn-out body.

Whilst across the wind-swept wastes of thought ove points to God, who being ever true in nature, is also true beyond our ken, who having given us a natural confidence in the integrity of things, and made love life's mightiest and sweetest force, will carry through to larger capacities of appreciation and enjoyment the desires he has placed within the human breast. It is not probable that the orchestra will be silenced in the midst of the symphony, or that the building of character will be stopped when only half completed. Everything in our modern knowledge reminds us of the illimitable resources and possibilities which await our growing conceptions. Nature

has only yet begun to manifest her resources. what science tells us is unknown and unknowable, sweet and beautiful are the assurances of the birds although by a strange contradiction the boundaries of knowledge are every day and everywhere being rapidly extended. I am safe within the bounds of truth ture herself stakes her all upon the truth of immortal in saying that there is everywhere to-day a growing life. Everywhere she points her children onwards reaction against the purely material conceptions of and upwards to the great light of life, bids them things which prevail very generally in the world of choose the good, and everywhere assures them that He who cares for the birds and flowers, cares also for the lives and loves of men. And so with every addition to our knowledge we come closer to the great and final generalization which shall open for us the doors to the inner sanctum credence in their various departments as geology and of the universe. Every new step not founded on misastronomy. One of the greatest sciences of the future conception leads us nearer to that final understandwill be the science of psychical research. Where ing which is the ultimate heritage of the race. Al-science is obliged to halt, man's moral idealism be- ready we have visions, born both of faith and knowlready we have visions, born both of faith and knowlcomes the constructive teacher and guide of morals edge of a world which shall in truth be God's free garden, where love shall reign supreme, where there shall be room for thought and for faith, where from one fane or altar all tongues shall recite one Gospel sing one psalter and repeat one simple creed,

A BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT. John F. Goff, Michigan's Generous Spir-

Itualist, Passed to Spirit Life.

Mr. Goff was born in Sempronius, Cayuga, county, N. Y., June 26, 1823; he departed this life at the home of M. E. Depuy, near Wakelce, Mich., Feb. 18, 1904, aged 80 years. He was among the Michigan pioneers, and was one of the successful ones who crossed the western plains to California in search of gold, and was perhaps one of the most and eagle. generous men in Southern Michigan, if not in the state.

By his earnest love of justice and right doing, he has defended many against those who would have taken undue advantage. By this as well as by his liberality in cases of need, he has made many hearts happy, and by his planning and assistance he has helped many to gain comfortable homes that would otherwise have been in poor cirstars and planets were named for percumstances, if not homeless.

His gifts were not frivolous, but al ways practical. At Christmas time it was his custom to present flour, gro-ceries, clothing, etc., in a quiet way that none might know whence the presents came, giving always to such as he deemed worthy and needy. His plan was to help those who tried to help themselves. It was he who made it possible to es-

tablish the State Mediums' Home. This property is located near the center of ansing, and will be known as the Goff Medium's Home. It cost the state so-ciety \$4,750 and interest, of which Mr. Goff paid nearly \$4,000. The building is 40 by 42 feet, and has thirteen rooms and basement. It is heated by furnace, lighted by gas, and supplied with city water. It is a modern building that cost several times the price paid. The property was lately deeded to the state so ciety, Mr. Goff having canceled the debt, August 26, 1903. The Spiritualists of the state should be able and willing to keep it running for the benefit of worthy and needy mediums.

Mr. Goff has been a Spiritualist for over forty-five years. During all this time he has lived his religion, which means many slights, and much ridicule, but he has lived above it all. He was a subscriber to The Progressive Thinker from its very first. It was through his efforts that Farmer Riley first investigated and sat for development. He has helped many to see the light that is to illumine the world.

Mr. Goff was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and the brethren took charge of the burial services; interment at Fish Lake cemetery, Sunday, Feb. 21, conducted by the writer, (and I wish heartily to thank this society for their liberality in allowing us the use of their church on this and former occasions.) The following poem given by the guides a short time ago was read at the services:

A Tribute to John F. Goff. Who was it worked in early day, And by economy laid away Till he had enough for rainy day?

John F. Goff. Who was it bought up many a farm,

And helped the owners face the storm.

And proved himself their friend most warm?

#### John F. Goff.

Who was it went to rocky west, The famous land that gold had blessed, And helped himself and helped the rest? John F. Goff. Who was it saw the many poor And helped them oft to meat and flour.

Just at the time, the needy hour? John F. Goff. Who was it paid the mortgage due, For widow and for orphans, too, And helped them many a winter

through? John F. Goff.

clent times sang praises of them. Strong gods, mighty minds of the as-sembly, who aided to defeat the fiends -Indra and Agni sent bliss to mankind, Who was it learned the truth so grand, Let us if we have knowledge, tell the

fog.



am of the opinion that gods were per-

sons. Stars, planets, moon and sun

were named for persons, and other an-

mais and things the same as the later

The mediumship of the god Indra was

very great, and according to evidence

he is a powerful spirit person even to

our time. Gods came to Daniel of Bible history and God came to Moses, Jere-

miah and other persons, according to

printed evidence. Indra, in name, was found in Sanskrit and his name prob-

ably meant to see, to discover. Indra

signifies one who sees or discovers.

Gods of ancient times were wise per-

sons, inventors and discoverers of things in nature, and other things use-

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progresses he may know more about

should a man be worshiped because his

soul,mind, has left one material body

and gone into a new form of existence? Indra of old time was allowed the credit

of having engendered the sun and the dawn. All the remarkable works of In-

dra were performed by him merely for

the benefit of the good, which in the

words found in the Rig Veda means the

was the lord of the good, and the enemy

of those who were his enemies. Indra

was also a warlike god and a mighty

Imagination by writers of lies, fic-

tion has befogged many human minds.

Indra at one time was the supreme god

The Rig Veda forms the great liter

Indra, the youngest of the gods at that time, the chief giver of wealth, invoked

as the genial inmate of the Aryan

home, and as the bearer of oblations

wealth, plenty day by day. Agni was the first of the Angiras, the same as

Jesus Christ was the first of the Chris-

tians, and Mrs. Eddy the first of the

Christian Scientists. Agni was a god

who driveth grief away. No mortal man, no god exceeded his mental power

who sit as gods in heaven. Agni and

Indra were partners in their godlike

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- "Where each sorrow shall have its soothers, . And each need its kindly care. And love reign everywhere.
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Remarkable Powers Shown by Mrs. McAllister-Spencer at a Seance--Daughter of Illinois Judge Believes She Is Passive Agent of Mozart.

Experts in Psychology Explain Performance from Their Standpoint-Theory That Projected Soul Possesses Her

Called Not Unchristian,

PSYCHIC PIANO PLAYER PER-Inate or uncarnate spirits, that is, of FORMS-MRS. ELLEN M'ALLIS spirits who have shufiled of this mortal coil or who never had any mortal coil to TER-SPENCER GIVES EXHIBITION shuffle off.

IN PARLORS OF DR. JOHN D. He did not, however, believe that QUACKENBOS-PROFESSOR HYS-QUACKENBOS—PROFESSOR HYS LOP LISTENS—AS AN UNBIASED into her body and dispossessed the soul OBSERVER HE ACTS AS MASTER but rather that they acted upon that OF CEREMONIES, BUT IS NOT soul from the outside. FULLY CONVINCED.

Mrs. McAllister Spencer, the "psychic As set forth in the New York Daily piano player," has gone back to Chi-cago. Previous to her departure she ferald of Feb. 17, music lovers and speclalists in psychic phenomena gathered gave to the representative of the Herthe night previous in the parlors of Dr. ald and to some musical connoisseurs a John D. Quackenbos, professor in Co-lumbia College, Doctor of Medicine, and private seance, in which the once more exhibited her remarkable powers. lecturer on hypnotism, to witness a pri-The method was that which was folvate performance-the first in New York-of Mrs. Ellen McAllister-Spenowed at the performance given at the recent sitting in Dr. Quackenbos' rooms cer, who is known to her friends as the "psychic plano player."

The Herald representative whispered to her the name of some famous composed Mrs. McAllister-Spencer is personally of the past. and ancestrally well known in Chicago and other western cities. She is the She at once started upon an impro-

visation in the manner of the dead and daughter of the late William King Mcgone worthy. Allister, for many years senior Judge of The connoisseurs were then asked to the Appellate Court in Illinois. uess the name of the master imitated. home is in Ravenswood, Chicago. Ac. They never failed to respond. cording to the story she told me last

As to whether her gifts are supra-nornight her father and mother were both fond of music and wished that she mal the connoisseurs did not agree. It was thought by some that the problem should be taught in her early youth to could be explained on purely natural

grounds. Dr. Quackenbos, however, be-lieves that it is quite possible that she "I took lessons," she said, "for about three years between the ages of twelve is in communication and fifteen, but my teacher gave me up as an impossible subject. In the first with the spirit world. His statement follows:

place, my hands, as you see," and she held up a plump and diminutive hand with very short fingers, "are too small for a piano player's. Furthermore, I could never memorize a piece, and I For Sick Mediums was not the least bit interested in my studies. So my parents had to accep the teacher's verdict."

play the piano.

How She Learned to Play It.

Some twenty years ago the family was living in Waukegan, Ill. -Spiritualtributes \$10.00 to assist in taking care of ism was beginning to be talked about there. It was a favorite pastime for young people to sit in a circle around a sick and disabled mediums. How much have table with their hands upon its surface and concentrate their attention in the

hope of making the table move. The table never did move in the Mcyou contributed? Send on your contribu-Allister family, but a sister of Mrs. Spencer suddenly began to move her hands as if she were playing a pinno. It tions to Mrs. M. T. Longley, Secretary N. was suggested that she should seat herself at the piano and see what she could do. This experiment also was a fail S. A., 600 Pa. Ave., S. E., Washington, D. C. ure.

"Suddenly I expressed an ardent wish Secretary N. S. A. that I could play," said Mrs. Spencer. "I felt a strange inspiration. My moth-Every self-sustaining medium in this broad er told me to try. I sat down at the keyboard, and to the astonishment of land, every society that meets on Sunday, and everybody, my own especially, my hands flew over the keys in an improdisation. I played on for hours, and evevery Spiritualist who is actuated by humanerything that I played was as new to ev erybody as it was to me. I felt that I was impelled by some unseen force within me. Since that time the gift itarian feelings, should first read Mrs. Longhas never left me."

"And how do you account for it?

Unblased Observers Present.

At the close of every selection the

Yet, as Mrs. Spencer avers, she had

never, prior to her entrance into this

possible psychic influences until

the planiste. "Of course," he said, "from the bare facts before me it is impossible to say

whether it is a feat of memory or not. I must hear the lady play many times

and subject her to many tests before I

can be assured that each selection is

sition to subliminal activity."

still less to improvise, a single bar.

response to that "touch of explosive in- gestion of that immortality which psy-tensity," as Professor James has desig- chic vision and psychic audition inconnated it; that suggestional force which awakens ethico-spiritual activities in testably prove in that they illustrate the power of the soul to operate as a the supraliminal life, and subordinates the lower tendencies of the carnal nadiscarnate entity, as a spirit disen-tangled from the flesh.

ture when imparted by a pure-minded suggestionist who is in genuine sympathy with the subject and operates with the courage of his convictions. It happens to be a psychological fact that in a state of sleep, natural or induced, the 'touch" described above may be imparted.

Another fact; The thoughts, emotions, beliefs, aspirations and moral status of a suggestionist may be designedly or undesignedly communicated to a subject whose mind becomes mysteriously tuned in unison with that of the operator. As one patient expressed it to me, "Your thoughts become my houghts.' The time has indeed come, as Maeter-

linck predicted it would, when souls may know of each other without the intermediary of the senses. We have within us an immaterial principle entirely independent of sense organs and sense acquisitions. Its pinion is not It represents a reconciled to earth. flight above the temporal and hints of

eaven. Who, then, would venture to deny the ossibility of impression by extra-human intelligences? Whence come the beautiful and practical thoughts that possess us as we sleep and clamor for utterance at the moment of our awakening? Granted, during the hours of slumber, symposiums in the transliminal world of spirits having interests in common and free to combine and interpenetrate; granted on such occasions unrestricted access on the part of every soul to the knowledge and experience and impulses and ideals cherished by every other soul in the circle, and thought impression during states of

Mr. Charles Bolton, of Nauvoo, Ill., con-

Why should this soul, freed permanently at the moment of death, cease to project aspirations, communicate ideas. uplift human natures, simply because it is forever done with the perishable body as an instrument of expression If, then, in the providence of God, dis-embodied souls are free to do so, as-

suredly they have open to them a ready way of communicating with us by di rect impact in the world of transliminal life. But a pneuma so impressed may or may not see fit to take advantage of its corporeal investure (as our inspired mimic seems to have done) for the transmission to incarnate beings of knowledge, power, genius, forecasts derived, in the sphere of transliminal consciousness, from uncarnates or discar nates.

This explanation of Mrs. Spencer's performance is psychological, in that it accords with the known laws of thought in operation on this earth. It is rational, in that it is consistent with an exalted conception of the state of the departed. It is dignified, because it makes neither a fool nor a tool of the human personality concerned. And, in view of the negative position of the New Testament regarding the possibil-ity of cosmic communication with discarnate souls, it is not inharmonious with Christian belief.

Mrs. Spencer herself believes that she is under spirit influence. She has been told and she half believes that she is under the control of Mozart's disembodied essence. Dr. Quackenbos, as will be seen from the above holds that the spirits act from the outside upon her transliminal self. She is inclined to think that Mozart's soul takes actual sleep is rationally explained through possession of her bodily self, leaving creative communication. The Gospel her a passive agent while under this teaches the communication of saints, spiritual control.

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In looking over an old scrap-book I find "A Reply by me to W. F. Jamie-son," dated March 31, 1871-a third of a century ago-clipped from the Boston Investigator. The letter was in response to a challenge from Mr. Jamie son "to all infidels, and to B. F. Underwood in particular" to discuss proposltions respecting Modern Spiritualism. I was about to leave for the Pacific coast to meet appointments extending over several months and therefore Was obliged to decline this challenge for a discussion then, expressing willingness, however, to meet Mr. Jamieson after my return from California, at the same time saying, "I have not sought controversy with Spiritualists, but on the contrary have endeavored to secure their co-operation in the great work of free-ing the world from the thralldom of the

LOOKING BACKWARD.

Changed Positions on Materialism and

Spiritualism.

Christian superstition." In later years I met Mr. Jamieson personally, twice I believe, and had some pleasant correspondence with him, but nothing more was said about a debate. Indeed his views had undergone a marked change and there was probably nothing between us worth while discussing. Mr. Jamieson had outgrown his belief in Spiritualism and had become quite pronounced in his materialism and, I believe, he still

holds to this system. My acceptance of materialism became nore and more qualified until I completely discarded it as an inadequate explanation of phenomena, and al-though the label was for a long time still attached to my thought, I disvowed materialism and wrote against it during the years I was editor of the Boston Index—from 1881 to 1887—and earlier and subsequently during my connection with the Open Court and the Religio-Philosophical Journal. 'The study of psychology satisfied me that materialism has no standing in the

court of philosophy, that what we call matter is not an ultimate, or some thing per se, but the phenomenal mani-festation - of an underlying reality known to us only as states of con-sciousness. I saw that that only of which we have direct and indubitable knowledge is mind or spirit and not matter, and from that point of view have continued my investigations for

more than a quarter of a century. While Mr. Jamieson has been repelled from Spiritualism, I have been attracted to it and forced to accept its essential principles both by the study of philosophy and by careful and long continued examination of supernormal phenomena according to the rigid scientific method. My conviction of man's survival of

death (so-called) is so strong that it would not be shaken if I stood alone on this point; for the certainty which I feel is not the result of tradition, longing or authority, but of personal exam-ination and experience, with verifica-tion, which no amount of outside testimony could affect. I would probably go as far as Mr. Jamieson in putting aside as unevidential much which is claimed as the direct work of invisible intelligences, but the falsity of ignorant pretension and the fraud of charlatanry should not be permitted to obscure the validity and value of such facts and nhenomena as can neither he denied

nor ignored by the investigator who pursues the subject for years as Crookes, Myers, Lodge and Hodgson have, not to disparage earlier and less systematic investigators.

In the light of my present knowledge, if I had my work, as a Liberal lecturer, to do over again, I would put emphasis upon the future life, to which the pres-ent is but a preparatory stage of being. I used to lecture on "The Pros and Cons of a Future Life," giving the arguments for, and the objections to the doctrine, allowing my hearers to draw

And His Expose of Mediums at Cassad daga.

THE MAGICIAN KELLAR,

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"Seen and Heard" is a magazinelet, aping the "Philistine," in appearance, and attempting the same crude witticism. The difference is that between oop fresh drawn, and pop a week after he cork is blown out. Among its choice tid-bits, is a laudation of Kellar, or rather that notorious performer of tricks fills the editorial ear with whatever he thought would be good adverising material. Kellar says he Was before the Seybert Commission and surprised the members more than had the performance of any person who claimed to operate by "spirit power." As that commission held its sessions to show "how not to do it, it is not surprising that Kellar pleased, though it is difficult to understand the relation a professional mountebank has to Spiritualism. Slade, Maud Lord, Margaretta Fox and other mediums were there, and the committee do not even claim that they detected them in fraud.

But Kellar's great triumph was at he great camp-meeting at Cassadaga Lake in 1895. He "denounced the whole business as a fraud and was publicly challenged to explain the manifesta lions."

In his words: "Spiritualists were thicker than bees in a hive at the lake, and the Cassadaga propaganda was the talk upon all tongues. It was nothing more or less than a regular cabinet sitting with all the familiar tests, except that the conditions surrounding the cabinet were such as to apparently preclude the possibility of any human being entering it or being concealed in it. A huge sheet of plate glass was first placed upon a number of trestles to form a platform. Then an ordinary cabinet was built up, piece by piece, upon the glass floor, the curtains were rawn, and Cagliostro did the rest." But that was nothing to the doll-house

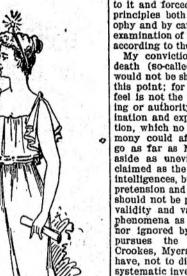
f a cabinet Kellar followed with. He continues: "Within a week he was eady to show Mr. Medium a trick worth two of his. He made two little trestles about two feet wide, and across these placed a piece of window glass about two and a half feet long. There he proceeded to construct a cabinet or the glass. He put it together piece by piece, and when it was completed, it was about as large as a little girl's doll house. They were stumped at the very outset by the extreme smallness of the

tiny cabinet." Thus prepared he proceeded to give all the manifestations, to the wonderment and confusion of the Spiritualists

who were completely "stumped." We have no doubt that Kellar is giving fresh news and the magazinelet is printing matter never before circulated. It is presumable that of the tens of thousands of visitors at the camp grounds, not one remembers the coming of the great Kellar, or the "stumping of the mediums. A public challenge and its'acceptance, the building of such a cabinet on a huge sheet of glass, on making a display from a cabinet no larger than a "doll-house," surely would have attracted attention, and some hint of it would have been given in the newspapers at the time. Yet there has never been a mention of this greatest of fakirs having visited that camp!

The charge is so libelous, and dam-aging on account of its source, that it should be met with the strongest evidence procurable. Hence, I wrote to Hon. A. Gaston, for many years president of the Cassadaga Association, at present Representative in Congress and a man whose word is as good as his bond. The duties of his office real quired his presence and personal attention.

His reply has no "equivocal" sound. although he does not give the name to those who deal in such stories:



asked Catholic Federation and the Public Schools.

The Catholic attack on the common schools has taken a new form. The priestly authorities have found that the public sentiment in favor of a state-susained system of education in which the lenominational religion has no part, is too strong to overcome. Hence the American Federation of Catholic Societies has taken for its object to organize and disseminate Catholic opinions, and the leading "opinion" is to capture Junds from the public treasury to sustain parochial schools.

Bishop McFall voices the new scheme, which is most assiduous and though plausible, revolutionary. He said before the Federation meeting lately at Detroit:

ance. Her fingers moved over the keys "Retain the present public school syswith a precision and agility thattem, but do not bar Catholics out of seemed to bespeak the trained pertheir rights as citizens. The Federaformer. tion has taken an admirable stand on this question. Its platform is, that there shall be no public moneys paid out audience was called upon to give its verdict as to the master who had been for religious instruction in any school. imitated. In every case the musical critics responded correctly. The list But let the state examine our schools. and if on examination it is found that we are giving the children an education Mozart, Grieg, Schumann, Gottschalk, Strauss and Stalsmidt. which comes up to the requirements of the state, then let the state pay for it."

The government has established the suggested, and the following were suc-"Evening," "Rain," "Cradle Song," "Death," "Battle," "Dreams," "A Wed-ding March," "Love," "A Funeral schools, making the educational advantages the best money and experience can procure. It refuses to admit sectarian religion. If any sect is not satis-March ' fied it has the right to found schools of its own, and pay for them.

psychic state, been able to memorize, What has so suddenly changed the at titude of the Catholics on the school At the close of the performance Pro-fessor Hyslop, while acknowledging question? The schools they have declared immoral and degrading are now that it was a brilliant tour de force, said all right, and "no religious instruction he would have to reserve any decision in any school!" he had had further opportunity to study

If the parochial schools are to be free from Catholic religious instruction, so free that they are perfectly acceptable to the state school examiners, then they will be just like the present state schools, and not have them under Catholic control.

If this demand of the Catholics be really an improvisation of the moment. If she never repeats herself in a long granted, why not allow the Methodists. the Congregationalists, the Jews and all the hundreds of sects into which the religious people are divided, the same privilege? And the Spiritualists and Freethinkers should have their schools, all supported by the common school fund That would be the complete breaking down of the grand scheme of public education which has been the glorious outcome of the combat of cen turies between church and state! Let us say, right here and now, that the American people are too wise to be caught by this insidious Jesuitical The public schools are foundcd by the people, for the people, and if any sect is not satisfied with them, they must maintain their own systems of instruction.

Continuity of Life a Cosmic Truth." By Prof. W. M. Lockwood. The work of asked to explain, ho said:

a strong, logical thinker, on a deeply important subject. Price, cloth, \$1. "Religious and Theological Works of Thomas Paine," Contains bis celebrated there and discontrases on religious and the basical subjects. Cloth binding. 430 mges. Price \$1. For sale at this effect infant can not possibly beget a sinless damnation," or absolute death of babies.

ley's appeal, and then contribute something "Personally, I believe that the spirits of masters dead and gone take posses-sion of my mind. For while I do not play anything that is in their works I to aid in this great work. lways play in the style of some famous

Dr. Quackenbos' Statement. The guests had gathered by this time and the performance began. Professor biography to be as represented by her friends, we are compelled to explain her James Hyslop, of Columbia College, was the master of ceremonies. He came wonderful power as due to some kind of simply as an unbiased observer to make up his mind as to the character of Mrs. transliminal influence. The lady herself is a spiritist, and believes that she Spencer's gifts, and if they were supraimprovises in the styles of dead comnormal to make a report to the Internaposers, while under spirit control. By the way of illustration: When the name tional Psychic Society, of which he is the most prominent New York member. of Mozart, for instance, is given to her, This was the method employed. Prothe spirit of that worthy immediately fessor Hyslop whispered in Mrs. Spen-cer's ear the name of some composer presents itself, elbows her own pneumapsyche out of the way, takes possession whose method she was to follow. She of her soma or physical body, and at once dashed into a brilliant perform-

flashes out through the medium of her brain and nerve organs musical creations that are unmistakably suorum generum. But it is not necessary to accept a theory so repugnant to reason in explanation of the phenomena. A more satisfactory philosophy is that of simulation by her penuma of the musical personalities it meets and admires in its cosmic environment; an appropriacomprised Chopin, Wagner, Beethoven, tion or borrowing of their transcendent gifts, and a spontaneous utterance of

Then themes for improvisation were organs that are absolutely under her own subpersonal control. To explain: Every human being ex-

ists in two spheres of consciousness, described by psychologists as the object-ive, supraliminal, or world of waking life, and the subjective or transliminal, the world of sleep, of extra-planetary ex stence. The better self of the transliminal sphere-the deathless pneuma or "spirit" of the New Testament-exer-

cises control that is practically bound less, within the limitations of possibility and right, over organs of body and faculties of mind, and the whole purpose of hypnotic suggestion is the es-tablishment of such control, either where it has not before been operative. Not only may irregularities in the fulfilphysical control, but all attitudes of the objective mind-its trends of thought,

opinions, beliefs, desires, propensities, tendencies, emotions and passions-are series of performances then it would controllable and alterable by this highseem that her gifts are supranormal. "I would next have to obtain facts as er human personality along lines that are moral and true. For the translimto her ancestry, to learn if her gifts were atavistic. I think from what I inal self of man per se is that principle in us which dictates what is right and have heard to-night, however, that it is likely Mrs. Spencer's mind has a dispo- inclines to good-that "spirit" in which

Dr. Quackenbos Convinced. Dr. Quackenbos, on his part, was en-

The "Spiritual Death" of Bables. Standard, said that "death reigns over spiritually dead. There is no intermeeverybody that ever lived.". When diate state. "3. The entire teaching of the Bible

"1. Because, as a matter of fact; proceeds on the assumption that everydeath has reigned over everybody that body is lost, which is another way ever lived, and does reign. This bare saying that everybody is dead; that ev-Thomas Palae," Contains bis celebrated fact would be sufficient to establish the orybody needs a Savior; and that every-"Age of Reason," and a number of let.

Mrs. Spencer is the daughter of a hard-headed, shrewd and logical justice the spiritual fellowship, mystically in Assuming the facts of Mrs. Spencer's and through Jesus Christ, of all believof the Supreme Court of Illinois, the late Judge McAllister, who presided ers, dead as well as living, who are united in the Holy Catholic church. over some of the most famous criminal But mystical communion does not necessarily imply communication between the living and the dead. The teaching trials of recent days. "My father," she told me, "had no beof the New Testament as to the possi-bility of intercourse between embodied lief in Spiritualism until he was forced to acquiesce in the evidence given to

souls and discarnate spirits is negative him in his own family circle. but it positively affirms the possibility gift of improvisation at the plano my of transliminal communication between uncarnate spirits and embodied souls. upon the harp. She had never played upon a harp in her life. My father pro-Intelligence not human, ill-wishing and well wishing, would appear to influence man, and the modus impressendi must cured this hitherto unknown instruinvolve action on a receptive translimment, gave it to her, and she straight inal consciousness.

But whether or not uncarnate dat communicate through the instrumons mentality of suggestion, and whether or not disembodied souls reach, via the channel of the related selfs, those of us who are still in the flesh-one fact I regard as established by my experi-ments (which cover five thousand experiences with hypnotized men and these gifts through bodily functions and men), viz.: A rational and dignified way

is open for such spiritual communicaaffirmative. tion every time we lose ourselves in slumber, for there is no difference as regards suggestibility between natural sleep and the so called hypnotic trance. In the latter, the sleeper is en rapport exclusively with the person who has induced the state; in the former, he may be en rapport with his own objective self, perhaps with a multitude of discarnate personalities who think and feel in common with him, and in case he be of superior parts, possibly with all well wishing daimons. anything about his friend.".

The Neoplatonic philosopher was right when he proclaimed the night time of the body to be the gay time of the soul, The impressing outside personality operates through the double consciousness fused in the human unit, ment of physical functions be remedied the superior spiritual self being obnox by assumption of the natural psycho- jous to the insignation of a belief impulse, or thought which may dominate the objective life. Spiritistic communication on this principle implies a plane of meeting infinitely higher than that of the ordinary seance, where soul or dalmon are supposed to communi-cate through the mind of an entranced medium who chatters a confused mass of trivialities and irrelevancies. It wereipleasant to feel that a con-

or under whose control the Apostle tingent of our better thoughts is in-Paul urges men to walk in order that spired by, those whom we have loved, they may neither be condemned by the member, always appear as living and tions in a report to the Psychic Society,

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volting dogmas.

their own conclusions.

Martin Luther and Smoot.

Smoot may be all that his church op-"After I had developed this strange sister one day expressed a wish to play character and writings were refinement

way began to play upon it as if she had been familiar with its use for years. She and I often sit together and play ducts, she using the harp and I playing upon the piano. Such is the accord between us that we improvise pieces the moment we sit down together without any previous understanding between Mrs. Spencer was asked whether her peculiar powers extended seyond the musical sphere. She answered in the "One day," she said, "I felt moved by some unseen influence within myself to mimic some personality unknown to me. When I had finished, my brother, for it does not contradict the Scripwho was present, told me that I had

given an exact production of the tone and manner of a friend of his-a civil engineer-who had recently died. I even repeated the exact words he had uttered on his deathbed, 'Oh, let me go! Let me go! I have had enough of earth.' My brother had never told me The third one whom I now scarcely hold in my left arm, may leave me at any time" (ib p.2, 648.) Returning to the subject of her mu-

sical improvisations Mrs. Spencer said that she could always respond to any demand made upon her. She is especially fond of playing in the morning before she sets to her daily task or in the evening when she is free. But oc-casionally, during the day, when en-gaged upon her household duties, she feels a call so imperative that she has impeded. to drop everything in order to rush to

the plano and deliver the message that has come to her from the unknown. The case is one in which experts like

Professor Hyslop, of Columbia College, are devoting serious attention. Profes sor Hyslop does not feel that he has suf ficient data at hand to reach any positive conclusion, but when he has had further opportunities to study Mrs.

child. Therefore the infant never had | dying too young to "believe" on Jesus progressive unfoldment, free from the The Rev. W. Ashmore, in the Chicago any spiritual life to begin with. If he Christ, or anything else, has not vital interference of the arbitrary Mumbo standard, said that "death reigns over is not spiritually alive, then he must be interest to Spiritually else, has not vital Jumbo which disturbs the reason of the interest to Spiritualists who have out. Jumbo which disturbs the reason of the grown the dogma. The subject is in- ologians, we can smile at such specula-

troduced as evidence of how hard such tions as the nightmare dreams, or the damnable beliefs, which cast a blight. spectres of delirious fevers?

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ent knowledge and my present convic-tions I should have been able to fortify and strengthen the faltering faith of many in what I believe to be an important and helpful view of man's destiny, with no less, but even more success in battling against absurd and re-B. F. UNDERWOOD.

ponents say that he is, but where is the consistency of holding him up to obloquy, and setting up Martin Luther as a model of excellence and paragon of virtue? Luther is the head of a great church and almost worshiped by its members, who idealize him without knowing anything about the real man. Catholicism was sensual enough out of which Martin Luther came, but if his

on the Catholic grossness, imagination would fail in description. Were the filthy utterances of this "reformed priest." to be more than hinted at. a clear case of "obscene literature" publication could be made out. From a celibate monk, he became a libidinous polygamist and proclaimed it as Scriptural. When a young convert married two wives he wrote Chancellor Bruck, "I indeed acknowledge that I cannot forbid it when one marries many wives,

tures." (DeWitte, p. 459.) To the pure and saintly Melancthon, Luther wrote: "I have already had three wives at the same time whom I loved intensely. Two I have lost, are now attached to other bridegrooms.

Not only did he assert polygamy to be right, but he struck at man's free will in resisting tendency for evil, and thereby has given excuse for the cowardly and unmanly. He taught that no man has a free will, that chastity is a delusion and impossibility, and the natural aim is gratification which should be un-

To remove any objections which might arise from the ten command-ments he said (DeWitte, 4188), "We must remove the decalogue out of sight and heart." "If Moses should attempt to intimidate you with his stupid ten commandments, tell him outright, 'Chase yourself to the Jews.'"

Luther had courage, the obstinate courage of the brute. When his friends sought to dissuade him from bearding his enemies at Worms, thinking it certain death for him to do so, he "I'll go if there are as many devils as there are tiles on the roofs of the ouses." A less virile will might not have carried the reformation. And it would seem that all religions in their beginnings rely on erotic passion, rath

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er than moral purity.

"Meadville, Pa., Feb. 21, 1904. "My Dear Mr. Tuttle: with my pres-

"So far as I know Kellar, the magician, was never on the grounds at Cas sadaga. Had be been there openly and in his own name, it would have create: a sensation and I would certainly have heard of it and sought him out. As the any such public demonstration, it never took place, nor anything upon which to base such a statement. I cannot understand why Kellar needs to lie, for he draws good audiences on his own merits. The sectetary, A. E. Gaston, who was on the grounds every day during that season, joins me in this statement, and if more evidence is needed the tea timony of the trustees and every visitor on the grounds through that season hight be taken. I am respectfully. "A. GASTON."

It is expecting too much of "poor human nature," that editors of magazines publishing such false statements will make honorable amend by admitting their refutation. The attack by false hood has been made continuously for fifty years on Spiritualism, and if in a single instance, the cowards who have dealt the blows have ever acknowledged their errors, the miracle has not come to my attention.

If Kellar was not at Cassadaga, as he claims, if he was not challenged to "explain the manifestations," of what value is the other portion of the story? Kellar in the role of a medium is a fake, and his tricks have no more relation to the genuine phenomena, than a bogus coin has to the United States mint

HUDSON TUTTLE. Editor-at-Large N. S. A.

IMPORTANT TO SPIRITUALISTS.

A Move in the Right Direction.

To the Editor:-A meeting was held on Monday evening, Feb. 15, at 77 31st street, of three delegates from each Spiritualist society in Chicago. Dr. G. B. Warne was in the chair. The object

of the meeting was to form an organization for the protection of societies and mediums, and to obtain recognition by the press of Chicago; also for the upbuilding of the cause in the city. Committees were appointed to meet a week later, on the West Side, and on Tuesday evening, Feb. 23, the following societies were represented: Illinoia State Association, Psychic Force So ciety, Hyde Park Occult Society, Universal Occult Society, Rising Sun Mission, Students of Nature Society, Prigressive Spiritualist Society, Research

Society. Resolutions were adopted and committees appointed to draft the by-laws and charter. The name adopted for the organization was, "The Chicago Spiritualists' League." The next meeting will be held on Monday evening, March 7, at the on the North Side. C. KIRCHNER, March 7, at the home of Sister Hilbert,

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br. Quackenbos, on his part, was en-tirely convinced that Mrs. Spencer's moral law nor bound by the law cere-pneuma or soul is impressed by discar- monial. And a man will always act in haps there is in this latter fact, a sug- members. man processes and the second s

### THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

### bow to Overcome the Malign Influence of the planets and people.

loose the bands of Orion?"

Many people in modern times are seriously affected mentally about thwarting the baleful influences of the planets. Numerous other people are seriously occupied in endeavoring to thwart the evil influences of people. Froving, as we known in the mind of the discoverer or the inventor that the you, insulate yourself (just as you do the electric wire, when have always said that humanity is very anxious to have a world knows anything. scape-goat. If anything harmful or painful occurs, there is a great desire to blame something or somebody.

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Now astrology, even as taught in modern times has gained quite a hold on the thought of the day. Ancient astrology that branch of study was giving an eminent author an exhiwas a mixture of astronomy and psychical science. It was astronomy spiritualized. All science in those days, (the days of the Magians and of the secret orders) was held as sacred. Even mathematics was known only to the few the perfect mathematical symbol of the six-pointed star was before them. The eye is not the vision, the thoughts must constantly studying these influences and adapting himself held in the sacred orders and temples because the masses had no apprehension of its meaning, and the different points were named after sacred names and numbers in order to We do not necessarily mean by this the scientific observer, protect both the mathematical instruments and the mathe- for he is frequently very bigoted, he is bigoted by what he maticians from invasion. These were in caves, laboratories, convents or wherever the learned men, apart from the world, could experiment and also worship God.

#### SEPARATION OF SCIENCE AND RELIGION.

There came a time when science and religion were separated; when the material philosophy and facts took possession of what had formerly been known only to the recluse and adept; the crucibles of alchemy were changed to those of chemistry, and there were no longer the mysterious incantations, nor anything occult connected with chemistry. The same is true with the astronomical tables. Yet we have every reason to believe that the ancient Egyptians understood astronomy as we understand it. The astronomes, the tables, the inscriptions, the mathematical structures all convey this thought. We also have every reason to believe that Babylon not only held the full measure of all astronom ical mathematical and chemical science, but everything that is known to the world to-day; that ancient "Babylon" that the children of Israel were told to shun, whose learning has only descended to us through Phenicia and Greece, or name. All this preparation to the real man of science, the through the sacred order of Freemasonry.

#### SCIENCE AND INSPIRATION.

To-day many people are making blundering searchings for the "occult" and "mysterious" among these things that are partly told as science and partly as inspiration. Intuition or inspiration is largely manifest in modern astrology, but it bears very little resemblance to ancient astrology in this: that its subjects and teachers are rarely sufficiently inspired. Inspiration preceded the letter in those days. When Memnon struck the note of language it was not from external, but from intuitional sources. When Cadmus journeyed into Egypt and returned to Greece with other letters of the language. his was also from the sages and inspired sources. To-day people take their learning as they take their medicine: by prescription, and usually it is just about as hard to take. Of course it very often degenerates into the feet instead of taking possession of the brain. Perhaps it does not do the feet any harm. The truth is that to-day learning is supposed to be something acquired from without, instead of something born from within.

Observation is not merely external. The telescope is not an external instrument; it was fashioned because of the necessity of thought of spirit. When Herschell saw the planet mentaily that no one else could see, the telescope had to be manifestation of force, straightway it is selzed upon by cominvented and builded that would make other people see it. merce without an adequate study of its preserving and de-No spiritual telecopes have been built as yet to make people see the heavens other than the stars, but science is climbing the new processes secret until they were understood in all conditions. Now, the more people are dominated by and that way. "Psychic Research" has told you of the necessity beneficent and harmful methods. Every force of nature live in the physical environments and the natural influences of having the telescope, but has not offered to build it. Be that is sufficiently powerful to move hundreds tons of weight hind all this modern thought lurks the psychical fact, that is sufficiently powerful to be equally destructive. That by what is called "planetary influences." But the spiritual it is time for a new out-pouring of knowledge, a new revelation of spiritual mysteries, a new unfolding, an unlocking of this building can destroy it; that which can move a steam the secret store-house of knowledge.

known people usually reason to things unknown very incor- the substances that generate too much electricity. If you rectly. The unknown must precede the known or you cannot are too magnetic you can, also, apply that rule. But you reason correctly. It is because the unknown precedes the cannot do this without intelligence. If thunderstorms affect

= A Discourse =

For instance, you cannot observe natural phenomena intelligently unless you know how to observe them. In the first experiments of electricity one of the learned professors in bition and the author said, "What am I to expect to witness?" That was precisely the intelligent man's question. He wanted to have his mind prepared to observe. Many people may see things and never see that which is passing be occupied with that which is seen.

The intelligent observer is the only qualified observer. knows or thinks he knows. The intelligent observer has some idea of what he is going to see, or what he is going to observe. In all psychic phenomena, in all spirit manifestations this has been the great difficulty: the lack of intelligence in the observer. People go to witness these manifestations prepared by prejudice instead of by intelligence, hence they are not correct observers. But in the phenom ena of nature, in the ordinary manifestation of what is called the rising and setting of the sun, your senses are fallacious: you do not see the sun rise at all, you do not see it set. It is only in the mind that you know that the earth moves and

causes the phenomena of subrise and sunset. In the vast inter-communion and inter-sympathy between planets, between the sun and its corelated planets, and beween systems, there must be entirely a dependence on intelligent methods, and the methods must be largely intuilive, methods which can never become "scientific" until first intuitive. Herschell's intuitions were alert for certain mathematical ratios in the distances of planets. That is the way he discovered the one which for a time was called by his

real inventor, the real discoverer is known to come from

within. Edison makes no claim of discovery by external observation. He knows, and he says that he knows, that these things come to him from an inner and higher source He experiments, not to make them true, but to utilize them. If your earth, as a planet, is exactly corelated in a certain

portion of its expression first to Mercury and Venus, then to Mars and the outer circle of planets beyond, then there is nothing to do or to be gained excepting to know how to adjust your material affairs to the adjudication of the planets. The mariner does not change the position of the North Star nor does he change the North Pole by navigating the sea, but his compass tells him the direction, and with his chart he is able to be guided. Man does not form the waves by sailing upon them; man does not control the electric currents of the earth by placing himself in sympathy and harmony with them. He who handles the lightning must beware, unless he knows the laws that regulate them. He who handles the X-ray must understand under what circumstances and conditions it is destructive as well as potent.

#### PRESERVING AND DESTRUCTIVE FORCES.

The truth is, that when an inventor or discoverer perceives a principle, reveals a new power, a new force or a new structive forces. In this the ancients were wise; they kept, which can move a ship can destroy it: that which can light line of destiny is what the real astrologer largely consults.

engine to wonderful accomplishments alike can destroy it. in a planetary sense is Mars. That immediate Nemesis ap-

Through Mrs. Cora L. U. Richmond. Chicago, January 24th, 1904.

"Canst thou bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades or | which is known, or even ninted at in existing scientific spec. | derstand your conditions and you may adapt yourselves to | not affect you. If they are more unfortunate than you, help ulation or actual knowledge, is very little. But from things them. If you are too electric you can remove yourself from them; if they are more fortunate they cannot harm you. There is only one secret in all this dread of the "malign" influence of people, and that is: fear. Theology fastened this fear upon the people in the form of Satan, and the various forms of religions have incorporated this in various you want to send a mossage correctly), so that you do not impersonated powers of malignity. Look in the glass when take on any more electricity. If you are too electric, adapt you are angry if you want to see Satan. Look into your own yourself to the natural electric currents of the earth and spirit if you want to see that which haunts you. There is no burglar that would want to come into this room now; he make your bed so that you sleep with your head to the

North, that the currents of electricity in your body may flow knows that our people do not have what he wants, and the in accordance with the natural passing of the currents of murderer would not come in here to do his murder. electricity on this portion of the earth. It is a piece of egotism to think that a spirit wants to All this requires knowledge. If one is determined to live haunt you, unless you have that which he seeks. If you are

whoily in the body, she or he can occupy himself or herself happy, if you are intelligent, you can help the spirit; if you are worse than the spirit the spirit may help you. If you or herself to them, by wearing clothes that are either elecare afraid, you do not know anything about spirit. Did your tric or non-electric, and live by living in habitations confather , or your mother or teacher ever take you when you structed properly to be either electric or non-electric. As were a little child into a dark closet and let you feel around you must live in houses, you might have them adapted to and see there were no bears there? Did you ever when a

you; you may have less dark corners for dust and cobweb child go right up stairs after dark into father's room or collectors. It would seem that whole generations of people mother's room and bring mamma something she wanted? seek for microbes. You may understand that microbes do you can go into the darkest slums in this city and if you are not like the light. They can be destroyed very rapidly in not in the state of the slums, nor the state of the fear of the the light and before they can do you any harm. More sunslums they will not hurt you, if you are you will go there of shine is like more intelligence. your own accord.

own thoughts.

THE EGO GREATER THAN ITS SURROUNDINGS.

When you are born, according to modern astrology, under certain planets (that is if certain planets are in the ascendant at the time of your birth), such and such will be the results. But this depends upon something else. Now there are many, hundreds, possibly more, human beings born at exactly the same minute every day, who are not equally affected either by atmospheric or planetary conditions, because they are not born in the same spiritual state or conditions, they have not the same temperament, they have not the same purpose in life. If people were just things and nothing else, if they were plants or bugs there might be exact earth conditions, there might be an exact explanation by these planetary conditions. But people are as different as their spirits are different. They come into possession of the physical form under certain a priori conditions but their state of coming modifies those conditions.

If the earth was governed by planets alone there would be no human beings here. You come here as you would take a ship because it is going where you want to go; it is doing the thing that you want to do; it is doing the kinds of things you want to do, and you who arrive and understand that you have arrived are not affected by all these planetary conditions. The Ego is, of course, greater than its surroundings. The daily expression of human beings proves all the while that they are upsetting these theories by doing exactly the things that the astrologers tell them they cannot do. An astrologer may tell you that you must not go out at such a time, as it would be very bad for you, that you would meet with an accident or something, for such or such a planet will be in the ascendant; but if you are intent on going out you will go, and nothing happens, though the planet goes on exercising its influence just the same.

The influence of the planet is not as great as the influence of the human spirit. People who live more in the intellectual or spiritual realm are, therefore, not as subject to physical, electrical, solar and planetary conditions as people who care a great deal about the weather and other merely temporal things. Some people like all kinds of weather; some people are very much depressed under certain meteorological conditions while others are uplifted under those of the planets over the earth, the more will they be affected Now the immediate Nemesis of the earth is spiritual, and

Oh the man that could say, "Canst thou bind the sweet in- But people are so eager for the commercial benefits to be de- plies to all things that relate to certain intellectual and luence of the Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?" did not rived from these discoveries that they do not study the op- moral conditions of the earth and their physical belongings. posite. There was some method in the Hindoo custom of So if you begin with the interior analysis instead of the exworshiping Siva the god of destruction, because the Hindoos | terior, you will find where there are reactions from excessive aggression and acquisitions and prosperity and all these con-

We say, this fear is all there is of the "malign influence" of people. The "Evil Art," "Black Magio" and the baleful influence of the Sorcerer are the invention of fear, and first invented by people who wished to maintain power over others. There may be teachers of supposedly "occult" things, mediums and others, who tell you to come to them to have "evil influences removed." Just go courageously into the dark corners of your own life and you will find nothing there but yourself. The great wide firmament of spiritual forces uses its influence according to the law of attraction. You need never fear anything worse than yourself, than your

As there is an absolute law governing the force that unites planets, worlds and systems; so there is a law governing the communion of souls and the communion of lives. and while it hurts you to send forth malignant thoughts, it does not hurt the one you send them to. It is like the boomerang; every malignant thought you send forth returns to

you, and rarely goes beyond you. Nothing but fear will make anyone dread it. The only harm it can do anyone is through fear.

The-ordinary influence of people over others, that which you consider harmful, or an oppressive influence may be alleviated by this knowledge and the added knowledge that if you place yourself in accord with the highest spiritual forces that are within, and that come to you from the realm unseen that in itself is harmony, Now anyone can go up to that instrument and make a discord, but you would let no one continue to do it, even if it were a baby you would not let it do it, very long. But the one who offers to perform knows something of harmony. So anyone who has an influence over your life is in a measure adjusted or attuned to your life, in a measure belongs to you, and this determines alike what they do to you and what you will do to them, and under these conditions you will be related to them definitely or not at all.

The truth is that the lines of life that link humanity together in this and all worlds at last resolves itself into a great chain of beneficent moral and spiritual principles and propositions. People are not let loose upon each other psychically as they think they are physically to destroy one another.

People seem to think that spirits are doing just what nations are doing, slaying one another. But they are not, they

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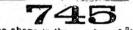
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have to go to Cambridge to learn his astronomy. He knew what he was talking about.

Old as Egypt is the knowledge that somewhere, if not Alcyone, some other sun is a greater center around which, not only this solar system, but others, probably twelve in number, move, and all moving around other suns or centers, and of the great deflections that cause the precession of the equinoxes, that brings you, now at this time of the year in Aquarlus, and that where there is a perihelion or aphelion with reference to other centers it affects the movement of your planet and your solar system just to that degree. The truth is, there is no world, no planet, no system that is not affected by all other worlds, planets or systems.

When sometime in the past history of the unfolding of your solar system from the great cosmic circle there was a planet, or should have been where the asteroids are now found, probably the pressure from without of new-born worlds and the pressure from within of the new planet Mars made the struggle that split into fragments that circle so it life, you must have as much control over their destructive never became a planet between Mars and Jupiter; between Jupiter and Saturn this was a great period of stress and strain in the formative process of the worlds or planets of your solar system. We cannot show you how as separate planets they unfolded one after another from the great central circle, how systems are thus evolved in their turn and solar centers are formed; but every one must admit, who understands anything of the law of what is in modern times called "vibratory action," or whatever law it is that pulsates into light, that pulsates into motion, that pulsates into electricity, into every force that you recognize, that law primarily affects, pervades and wields all substance, and that no world can be blotted out, no smallest satellite could disappear without its pulsations not only affecting all within that solar system, but in distant solar systems. You drop a pebble in a lake, however small it may be, and the undulations will go on and on until they reach the sands upon the shore. How far the effect passes you do not know. But a great shock to another planet or solar system would inevitably produce a shock to all the planets of the solar system and to all co-related systems. If it were merely a dynamical shock it would be great; if it were electric or magnetic it would be still more subtle and of interest to determinate. But whatever force it is that connects these planets one with the other, one cannot be disturbed or affected without disturbing all.

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It is unquestionably true that your solar system is held together by a mutual set of certain balances: the great centripetal and centrifugal, and the magnetic and electric balances proceeding from the great center and having its counter-balance in what is called space, which must hold all systems together. So by and by when you cease to utilize all discoveries as instruments of destruction some Edison will arise who them in the winter. You will turn on the sunshine as you will be able to tell you the exact pulse-beat of every planet, and measurably the throbbings of the great heart of the sun, and tell you what is going on there that makes your winters colder or warmer, and your earth fluctuate in its atmospheric conditions and the hidden fires come forth when there | those influences, as you call them, that are due to the presis a great cyclic change.

belts or new ethers into which it enters, new conditions. You will note that from the year 1881, or thereabout, there have been periods of sunset spleador and wonderful coloring physical and mental conditions are subject to planetary inof tints and tones unnoted before, except occasionally may have noticed also, after the cruption of the volcanoes | magnetic or largely electric you will be affected by such inon the distant islands of the sea the sun's rays, even though the sun shone, had less power, and all that summer you com- Thunderstorms will affect you; rarefied atmospheres will afplained of its being a cold summer. The sunshine had been fect you, or dense atmospheres, according to your physical intercepted by the volcanic dust.

Sometimes there is cosmic dust, sometimes there is cosmic

thought that then they would be saved from his wrath. Vishnu, the preserver, did not need to be worshiped, and ditions that belong to the earth, they are the reaction from Brahm the great eternal "Good" did not require worship. a false height mentally or morally, and are the immediate sians would result in an advancement of civilization and But Siva could destroy, "let us worship him." That is the results of the psychical influence of the planet Mars, and, Christianity. reason the Orientals worshiped the dreamer in the laboratory, the recluse that learned the art of controlling the destructive forces of nature.

When commerce can rest a little while, when it is comnelled to rest by the action of its own destructive energy. people will have time to study these "baleful influences," as they call them, and adapt themselves thereunto. Sailing with the wind and tide is not always practicable, but sailing against the wind and tide is only practicable with a force that is superior to the wind and tide or by compromise.

Therefore, if you would cause these destructive bolts to cease, these destructive fires to be used only as agents of force as over their ability to help you. You must understand both sides of the proposition.

There is no planet in the solar system or in the universe that is intent on doing the earth any harm. There are planets that sometimes intercept the rays of light from the sun when the planets are in conjunction or in apposition, so there are different vibratory actions than when they are in position; when in perihelion they have a certain influence, and in aphelion another influence. But the intuitive study of this subject is so remote from present human understanding that you cannot even observe the planets intelligently. The man that will use the X-rays for commerce before he knows its destructive as well as its useful force is an enemy to the human race. A man that will use it at all until he knows its destructive energy and potentiality is an enemy to the human race.

It is not enlightenment to press forward and take posses sion of these treasures of nature until you are prepared to adapt yourselves to both sides, the useful and the destructive sides. Therefore, radium, the most potential stored enpower of destruction itself, which seems to be a postulate the light !!" from eternity, that which gives, without exhaustion, forever.

#### THE SOUL A SPIRITUAL POSTULATE.

The soul is the spiritual postulate that resembles this new now do electricity. It may also prove that you will have an agency of equally destructive power. People cannot ward off the influences of planets by know-

ing that under certain conditions the earth is subject to ence or withdrawal of the sun's rays. There are certain

When the earth has passed a certain period in the great or sympathetic currents that flow toward the earth when they larger cycle that the solar system enters into, there are new are present that produce a certain effect, and when they are withdrawn that produces another effect.

People who are related to the earth exclusively in their fluences that affect the earth. If you are either largely fluences as magnetically and electrically affect the earth. conditions as regards the earth.

Human bodles are adjusted to the earth in relation to clearness. We can talk for hours on this subject, days, their temperament, or polarity, for they are magnetic or elecasks and months would be inadequate to exhaust it. That tric just as substances are. If you know this, you can un people affect me so.". If you do them some good they can roughs.

therefore, cannot in any way be evaded or avoided, because if the earth or any portion of its inhabitants are in a condition to be thus pressed or urged forward to pursue mere ma-

terial things the inevitable reaction will come. You know by the law of dynamics, or the law of force, that a certain amount of pressure in a certain direction will inevitably be followed by reaction, because it is out of the normal condition and cannot always be maintained. So these violent reactions from prosperity to poverty; from a certain state which seems like material or intellectual exaltation unto the opposite, are not the result of physical influences slone, but are the result of the natural moral reaction The nemesis being in the inter-planetary spiritual sphere which means the spiritual intelligences of Mars.

#### AN AVENGING MORAL FORCE.

There is not any great moral force in the universe avenging itself on man. There is a moral force in man avenging itself on him. There is a moral force outside of man that takes cognizance of all these conditions, and, by the inevitable result of sympathy between these states the consciousness of the inhabitants of the planet Mars must be award and must assist in all of these influences that will be helpful to the human race.

"Go into the slums and clear them out," some voice says. "Yes, but you will have to destroy everybody there before you do. There will have to be certain provisions made for those who live there."

"But go into the slums," says a voice, "and let in the sunshine."

The Rev. Dr: Van Meter in New York; Jane Addams in Chicago, and some one at the "Seven Dials" in London, let in the light and let pacilla out. Sometimes from Mars, not ergy of light thus far discovered, fortunately is so rare that from the twinkling planet itself, not from its belt magnetic, it can be little used. But when it becomes the possession of electric or ethereal that may have influence over the physithe race, look out! For radium, an energy that can last/ cal state of Earth; but from its flashing thoughts, from its without destroying itself is an energy almost akin to the inhabitants that are wise, some one sends a voice, "Let in

> "But it upsets our plans, our institutions, our business! cries the worldling?' But the voice keeps on and the light is let in. The only way not to be thus affected by Mars is not

to be in the state where the light is needed. But you cansubstance. Where you have so much light, there is also not find that lightjexcept by growth, and no one is to blame energy. We have told you that in the present century the for lack of growthat You? cannot have an astrologer prepare a sunshine will yet light your buildings at night and warm statement or chaft thaf will help you one particle. It will be growth from within, Neither does the wonderful orb Jupiter or that more perfect planet Saturn, which is said to exercise a "balcful" influence, have any effect upon human beings except where their influence is needed. And when the spiritual light and force is considered, angels and archangels are the messengers that bear from world to world and planet to planet the great thought that is to set people free from physical thralldom.

The malign planetary influences of the planets that you can know anything about really cannot harm you. The people that are affected by the physical influences of the planets are the same that would be affected by the changes of the seasons or the weather; or those whom you crowd into the gorges between the hills because they labor for their daily bread, and have them swept out from human life by the de struction of a flood,

There are many people who want to be released from the "malign influence" of people; we mean spiritual people as go to a hall, I cannot go to a public meeting because the

because Russia is a Christian, and Japan is a pagan, nation. It is thought by such persons that the success of the Rus-

The fact is, Japan is to-day the more progressive nation She has made strides during the past quarter of a century compared with which the little progress made in Russia is insignificant. She has enlarged her commerce and her relations with the whole civilized world; she has increased the

number and improved the quality of her public schools; she has adopted the methods of modern civilization: she has enlarged the liberties of her people; she has increased the number of free institutions; and she has, in every way, shown herself to be an up-to-date and genuinely progressive nation. On the other hand, Russia is kept back by an inertia that is the result of her racial, as well as her political and religious conditions, and she has at the same time, shown an earth-hunger, an unscrupulousness in seizing foreign territory, and a relentless cruelty in slaughtering the people of the countries she has invaded, which are without parallel in modern civilization. The less we have of the Christianity of that sort the better for the world.

The following paragraph, quoted from The Outlook, may pertinently close what we have to say on this subject at the present time:

"It is true that Russia has long been regarded as a great nower. It is true that Japan has just attained that dignity. Yet, Japan's commercial marine is much greater than Russia's, and so is Japan's ability to raise a loan. More important, still, Japan has proportionately three times as many children in elementary schools as has Russia. Russia's three times Japan's population. Russia's fifty times Japan's territory, sink into deserved insignificance beside this impressive educational fact. In trade and education, Japan is butdistancing Russia. War would not help but hinder Rus-B. F. UNDERWOOD. sia in that race."

ALL THE TIME.

6 What was the answer once you gave me, dear, When for a time I had not seen your face, And meeting, asked you had you thought of me Since parting we had named our trysting place? With loving glance you told me. "All the time."

That answer came to mind as vestereve I sat alone; and, what that day you said, Methought I heard in echoes of your voice, "There is no death; dear heart, I am not dead,

But near, and thinking of you, darling, 'All the time.' neace divine stole o'er my troubled heart.

Supreme my faith arose o'er time and space; know that when the silver cord is loosed And rent the mystic vell that hides your face, I shall be with you, darling, "All the time."

· · · "Yes, all the time; 'mid tempest, calm or sun I will be with you till your battle's won: Then in a home prepared in sunnier clime You will be with me where there is no time." -Sydney C. Elsdon in Spiritual/Quarterly.

We cannot help the past, and the man who lives in it is a ool.-Depow.

It needs but little pondering to see that the great poe well as those of the world. Some people say, "Ob, I cannot of the future will not be afraid of science, but will rather seek to plant his feet upon it as upon a rock .-- John Bur-

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L. I. Wilson, city editor of the Pueblo Star Journal, writes: "Mrs. L. O. Lar son, a medium of this city, has been here for the past three years. While I am not a believer in Spiritualism, at the same time I am an honest investigator, and am moved to speak for her. have watched her work, and what she manifests through clairvoyant and clairaudient forces (what she claims) is to my mind at least mysterious. She certainly has given tests that are marvelous; many would say supernatural. For many Sundays I have attended her meetings, and have been amazed at her manifestations. The rank and file of Pueblo citizens are all believers in Mrs. Larson's honesty and have the utmost faith in her work. Frankly, I am impelled to say that her work here has convinced me more of the mysteriousness in Spiritualism than twenty years of past investigation. Everyone who goes to her meetings (Sundays and Thursdays) is convinced that she is honest. She has given communications that are simply unanswerable, and has given her patrons and followers, and also skeptics, ample food for thought that no other manifestations could pos sibly accomplish."

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footed and attired in a thin gown.

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The High Springs Journal, of Florida, not dead yet. has the following interesting item: "The trial at Jacksonville, Fla., of the mental science healer, Mrs. Helen Wilmans-Post, who is charged with devising a scheme to defaud divers persons and using the mails to further this scheme, brought out very little new evidence Wednesday. A letter from an Indiana woman was read and placed in evidence, in which she wanted to know if Mrs. Wilmans-Post would undertake

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City, Iowa: "By the mystifying influ-ence of magic and all kinds of clever not be brought up in ignorance of the releight of hand tricks, Alonzo Moore, traveling magician with the New South Jubilee Singers, who is said to be the sults of later investigations into the his-tory of religion."

only colored magician, entertained a Prof. Delitsch, of Berlin, Germany, fair-sized audience at the Y. M. C. A. says: "I am opposed to having school gymnasium here. The jubilee singers also came in for their share of appreciaboys and girls taught that the narrative about the world being made in seven tion. Mr. Moore performed a number days is true, or that there is any veracof tricks which were entirely new to ity in the statements that man was many in the audience. The billiard ball made of clay, that life was breathed trick, in which he made the little into his nose, and that woman was spheres appear and disappear at will, made of a man's rib. I object to the was especially clever, and which to peo-ple easily gulled would be called a most tales about the ten patriarchs, about the summits of the highest mountains wonderful spirit materialization. When being covered deep with deluge water, and about the ark of Noah. Only truth will gullible Spiritualists learn the difference between trickery and genuine and the whole truth can make one spirit power?

Fallowfield township, Pa., residents The German-English Society Bund are up in arms all because a number of people in that neighborhood declare der Wahrheit No. 18, holds services every Sunday evening at 7:30 in Brandt's that a light nightly shines in the win-Hall, 152 E. North avenue, between Halsted and Clybourn; and every dow at the deserted pesthouse, and that consequently, they believe there Wednesday evening at 7:30 in Garfield are smallpox victims' ghosts about the Turner Hall, corner of Garfield and Larrabee streets. Emil T. Vaas, lecturer; place When Mrs. Angeline Kreider died last Frank Joseph, medium.

Saturday morning it was known by some of her friends that she had quite C. H. Murray writes from Elkhart, Ind.: "We have had hot times here the a sum of money and a note. Saturday the house was thoroughly searched but past few weeks. The altars have been hot and many have 'confessed' Christ the missing money could not be found and the preciousness of his 'blud,' and are singing, 'What a wonderful Savior is Jesus.'" and Monday morning the preparations o resume the search were made before hey began. Rev. S. T. Dodge appeared

use a pen or typewriter.

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of The Progressive Thinker are for sale at this office. Bear this in mind.

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ing, hence communications intended for

Percy Howard says: "It should now on the scene and said that he had had be borne in mind that to make sugges a vision during the night and the hid-ing-place of the money had been retions to the subjective mind, it is not necessary for the recipient of the sugvealed to him. He said he dreamed gestion to be in a .state of trance. that a man appeared and asked him if There are many stages of hypnosis behe was worried over finding Mrs. fore the somnambulistic condition is Kreider"s money, and said that he was. reached, and the subjective mind at all The man then told him to look stages is open to receive suggestion. tween two maitresses, on a certain bed, and he would find it. After his ex-This fact also must not be lost sight of. The subjective mind is just as amen-able to the suggestions of its own obplanation the searchers went to the bed sound "fishy," it is true, and can be proven by responsible citizens.—Praijective mind as it is to the objective mind of another. Were it not so, the whole theory would fall. In other words, it is amenable to auto-sugges rie City Herald. Thus is man constituted a free

W. E. Harvey writes: "I wish to state that I am a trumpet medium, capable Through a hole in the ice a young of sitting under the strictest test conmulatto woman was baptized recently ditions. I also get independent tablet writing. My brother, who is with me, Her teeth chattered so that she could a boy of 16 years, gets full-torm mate-rialization. We would like to visit not respond to the questions asked her by the elders of Bishop Crowdy's Church of God. The convert was bare good Spiritualists in Illinois, Missouri and Iowa. We will be in Booneville The Ind., for two or three weeks. Just fin elders carried axes with which to break ished a four weeks' stay there, last through the ice. When a hole was made week. My address there will be W. E. one of the taller elders jumped in. The Harvey, care of Dr. Grant Newton, water was up to his chin. Then a Booneville, Ind."

prayer of thanksgiving was made that the convert was not put in first, as she Judge Garretson at Long Island City was short and the water would have been over her head. A hole over more N. Y., decided to grant a decree annull ing the marriage of Margaret Jane shallow water was then cut. All this il-Familton and Edward J. Roache. Miss Familton was married to Roache on Oc lustrates the fact that all the fools are tober 12, 1903, by the Rev. Dr. Francis J. Snyder of the Lutheran church, Man

Wilson Duncan writes from Council hattan. On the day previous she had Bluffs, Iowa: "Prof Henry Abbott is lecturing here at present. Not since been married to Frederick S. Kirkman of Flushing by the Rev. Dr. Thorp of the Rosehill Methodist Episcopal Prof. Lockwood's sojourn here years ago, has Council Bluffs, Iowa, received church. Another action will be begun such an awakening along scientific for the annuliment of the girl's marrilines, far in advance of ordinary minds, age to Kirkman. Kirkman is said to be in light, color and inner forces. He will out of the state, and notice will be doubtless be remembered as one of the served by publication. He is only 19 world's great masters."

Word comes from Paris, France, that on October 19 on a charge of bigamy with a view to improving the standard made by Kirkman. She was subseof ballet dancing, a curious experiment has just been tried at the Opera Comique. In the presence of an audience of ballet dancers from the Opera and other theaters, a young woman woman named Mlle. Madeleine, who knows little of music or dancing, was thrown into a hypnotic sleep by Prof. Magnin, of the School of Magnetism As soon as the instruments played she began to dance in the most graceful fashion, her movements reflecting the exquisite sensations produced upon her the composer. The experiments by are to be repeated in order to teach the dancers the art of expression and graceful movement. 0 Prof. Ransby writes from Cleveland, "In regard to The Progressive Thinker, I would be sorry to do without t. I should like to see it in every Spir tualist home. It would be if, justice were done to your paper. In regard to the Great Psychological Crime, I feel sure it will do good in the end. I would be glad if every Spiritualist had a copy of Brother C. W. Stewart's lecture to read and study. I am sure every good thinking medium would endorse the same. A recent dispatch from Marshalltown, Iowa, has the following relative to Rev. Nathaniel Pye, formerly pastor of the yons M. E. church: As a result of some scathing remarks uttered by Rev. Nathaniel Pre in a recent sermon in the Methodist church, when he spoke on the subject, "Spiritualism, With the Testimony of God and Many Against It," a formal challenge to a debate with an expounder of Spiritualism, Rev. Moses Hull, pastor of the Spiritualists of this city, has been issued. The challenge is as follows: "Having graduated from the church into Spiritualism, we can say that we enjoy that which comes to us through Spiritualism, to say the least, as much as we ever enjoyed what we found in the church. When you ridiown.' cule and condemn Spiritualism you attack that which to us is as sacred as your religion is to you; in our estimation you are a blasphemer. Now, in the name of candor and fair dealing, we invite you to a public investigation of that religion which you denounce and affect to despise. Let the people hear both sides of the question on which we differ, and let that be from the same platform on the same evening." Columbus Wells writes: "I have be-come impressed strongly with the idea that there is no intelligence outside of personal beings. The conclusion is that it is impossible for mind to exist without an organized body and brain. The spiritual form, or body and mind, can not be separated; one cannot exist without the other. People have made the great mistake in assuming that the earth and everything thereon had to be Space is boundless, so is the created. number of planets or worlds revolving therein. Each planet has its spiritual counterpart." Mrs. L. Robinson writes from Baltimore, Md.: "We have a young society, a little over a year old, and we are making a determined stand for the glo-rious truth of Spiritualism. -We stand by the teachings of Spiritualism as inculcated by The Progressive Thinker, and we admire the fearless way in which you expose the fakes and frauds. Go on with the good work, and may the time soon come when all who disgrace the cause shall, hide their heads in shame, and relegate themselves to the cherished memories of the past." lear."

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Following"the recent Holy Roller excitement, Corvallis, Oregon, is now much aroused over the manifestations of two Seattle Spiritualists who are givng scances; at the Maitland House. One of these men is W. H. Kanouse, and the other is F. W. Rowe. The former s the physical medium and the latter,

the photo medium: These men have power, they, claim, to produce the picture of people who have passed to the other world; to recall and converse with departed spirits and do other strange and uncanny things. From 10 to 25 people attended a seance, a few evenings ago, and besides hearing an orchestra of stringed instruments played by alleged spirits, the crowd saw and heard enough to leave them thoroughly mystified. The mediums claim that their power is simply a gift, and does not come from study nor other source. The two men came to Corval lis on invitation from friends,-Portland (Ore.) Journal.

Emil T. Vaas writes: "Allow me to send you a short report from the Chicago field. On the evening of Feb. 18, while quietly reading the Psychological Crime, our bell rang violently, and on opening the door a noisy crowd rushed in, crying, Surprise! Surprise! Well, we were surprised indeed. The society Bund der Wahrheit No. 18, which we have been serving as lecturer for the greater part of last year, came laden with packages of good things to eat, flowers and presents of various kinds together with a substantial donation in gold and paper money, which they over whelmed us with in remembrance of our 51st birthday anniversary. Mr. Frank Joseph, medium, made a very

kind address to which we responded as best we could under the circumstances. All then spent a very enjoyable evening until nearly 2 o'clock in the morning, when we reluctantly gave the good-bye to each other, retaining the memory of happy evening, happily enjoyed by 811.

Frank T. Ripley has been lecturing at Findlay, Ohio, and the paper published there reports him as saying in one of his lectures: "Spiritualism proves his lectures: "Spiritualism proves man's immortality and the existence of a spiritual universe. It destroys all fear of death, annihilates the doctrine of eternal punishment, and substitutes the cheering assurance of eternal progress. It sweeps away the idea of a personal devil and locates the sources

evil in man's own imperfections. It denies the immoral and soul-corrupting doctrines of any vicarious atonements for sin, and, on the testimony of millons of immortal spirits, solemnly affirms that every guilty soul must arise and become its own savior. It ignores the degrading conception of a martial and vindictive God, and substitutes the worship of an Infinite, Eternal and allperfect Spirit, as Alpha and Omega, all love, wisdom and law. It abolishes the absurd and materialistic conception of the theological heaven and hell, making each a state of happiness or misery, dependent on the good or evil within the oul itself. It is the death-blow to su-

perstition, sectarianism and religious persecution, but the friends and promoters of all reforms that tend to elevate and benefit humanity. While Spiritualism proclaims that there is a standard of truth in everything, it acknowl edges man's incapacity to discover all ruth, and therefore it fetters no one's opinions and teaches, but never forces its beliefs on any one. Concerning all spiritual life, state and being, Spiritualsm accepts no theories that are not sustained by proven facts and corrobo rative testimony. Its phenomena being based on immutable principles of law, open up endless arenas of new re-search for science, and its consensus of years old. Miss Familton was arrested revelations being founded upon facts, tend to place true religion on the basis of science, and vitalizes science with

ALWAYS GIVE YOUR FULL NAME | more than 500 years before Christ! This fine portrait was given Mr. Hinkley through the mediumship of Mrs. Augusta Ferris. Mr. Samuel Smith has organized a home circle at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Chas. Haynes, on North Lafayette street. Friends meet every Thursday afternoon. They are entitled to hearty thanks from the writer for the hospitality given. The good talk from a German control, and the sharp wit of Jimmy Jones (two guides of Father Smith), will be well remembered. My present address is 91 Bostwick street, Grand Rapids, Mich. Finding Sister Sarah L. Davis very sick and low. I am serving in the capacity of nurse. Mrs. Davis is a thorough Spir itualist. She is not able to read and write at the present time, but if friends will send her a few good wishes, I will take charge of her mail to the best of

my ability." Mrs. A. Sexsmith writes: "The Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission, which meets at Star Lodge Hall, No. 378 S. Western avenue, held a Package Party on Mon day evening, Feb. 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Green, 770 West Van Buren street. We were sorry that Mrs. Green was not able to be with us, as she was called away to the sick bed of her mother, but the party was a grand success. The packages, as they were sold off to the highest bidder, afforded much merriment. Our president, Bro. Kerchner, certainly never worked harder than he did selling off the packages, but each one sold rapidly. had an enjoyable half-hour with the talking-machine, and then came the raffling of a beautiful sofa pillow donated by our vice-president, Sister Close, and which was the lot of the writer to obtain. Our palmistry parlor was well patronized. Our good sister, Mrs. Trafton, dressed as a gypsy, ren-dered great satisfaction. We had some recitations and instrumental music, and every one went home feeling that they spent an enjoyable evening, although hey may have been lighter in pocket,

as the proceeds exceeded \$28. We thank the dear friends and members very much for their kindness."

There is many a trouble Would break like a bubble. nd into the waters of Lethe depart, Did we not rehearse it.

And tenderly nurse it, and give it a permanent place in our heart.

There's many a sorrow Would vanish to-morrow ere we but willing to furnish

But, sadly intruding, And quietly brooding, thatches out all sorts of horrible things.

wings:

The Elmira (N. Y.) Advertiser has the following in reference to Mr. Edger-"The spirit of John McCarty, a sailor who died at his home in Newburyport, Mass., in 1882, addressed the conregation at the services in the First Spiritualist Church last evening, speakng through the mediumship of the Rev. Uscar A. Edgerly, who is conducting the services in this church for a short time, at least that is what Mr. Edgerly claims. In this connection it may be stated on the same authority, that it was McCarty's spirit which first made Mr. Edgerly's mediumship manifest at a meeting which the latter attended in 1885. Mr. Edgerly stated to an Advertiser reporter that he was sitting quietly in the meeting when he was suddenly and without premonition completely entranced and that the spirit guides then foretold the work they would perform through his instrumentality. His mediumship having been developed exactly as foretold Mr. Edgerly states that he realized that it was the obvious desire of his guides that he should devote his entire time to his mediumship work, which he has since done. McCarty last evening recapitulated his entire life. ie was a most entertaining spook. An Irishman, he spoke with the brogue of true son of Erin, the flashes of wit and humor that frequently. convulsed the audience, being typical of the Irish race. Briefly stated, John McCarty was

son D. Barrett, formerly editor of the Banner of Light, Boston, Mass. The sentences flow from his lips in a very easy eloquent manner, and every word so plain that anyone can understand its meaning. We have secured his services as a pastor for two months, begin ning with March 1. He is now on his way to Anderson, Ind., to organize a state association."

Some one writes from Clinton, Iowa, as follows, but neglects to sign the name: "I am still working as medium and speaker for the Philosophical ciety of Clinton, trying to spread the beautiful truths of the spiritual philosophy to all who will listen. I am trying to make people realize that Spiritualism is a practical, vital religion that can be lived seven days in the week and not like a Sunday coat to be taken off on Monday morning and hung in the closet; that it is a science which can

be applied to every act and experience of life; a religion that ought to make us better men and women, truer friends, more peaceful neighbors, and more worthy citizens. If Spiritualism has not done this for us, it is because we have not gained a true conception of it, or have not made a proper application of its principles to our lives. Sometimes I think we become so absorbed in what is going on in the skies that we lose sight of the work that is lying all about us waiting for the services of true hearts and willing hands. We roll our eyes upward and crave the help of our loved ones gone before,' while

loved ones left behind are in need of our ministrations. Angels will help us only in using our powers to help oth-ers. But I did not intend to preach a sermonette, I only wanted to say I am here, and will answer calls for funerals within a reasonable distance of Clinton. Address me at No. 223, Seventh avenue."

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C. W. Stewart writes from St. Louis, Mo.: "Mr. Folsom has been very sick for two weeks with a malignant attack of erysipelas in his face, and is still hovering between life and death. our meetings and work of every kind is stopped, and God knows what the outcome will be. If Mr. Folsom recovers at all he is liable to lose his sight, but we are hoping for the best." Pastor Predicts His Death.-Rev. Clarence M. Folsom Passes Away Near Hour He Fixed. St. Louis, 140., Feb. 28.—Arousing himself from a feverish slumber before dawn to-day, Rev. Clarence M. Folson, assistant pastor of the Church of Spiritual Unity, predicted to his wife that he would be dead before 4 o'clock in the the afternoon. At 3:45 he peacefully passed away. He had suffered three weeks from erysipelas .- Chicago Chronicle.

The subject of the discourse at the Church of the Soul, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, pastor, on Sunday, March 6, will be: "The Spiritual and Material Significance of the War in the Orient." G. S. Foster writes from Pepsin, Wis .: Will you kindly allow me to speak a word of praise through the medium of The Progressive Thinker, for one who is justly deserving. We have just been given a rare treat by Will J. Erwood, secretary of the Wisconsin State Spiritualists Association, who lectured here on the 22nd and 23rd of this month. Although we have but a handful of Spiritualists here, the hall was well filled both evenings. Mr. Erwood is an able speaker, the audience being, on both occasions, held spellbound. We bespeak for Mr. Erwood, a brilliant fu-

ture. March 10 Will See Awful Human Slaughter! New York, Feb. 27 .- A spirit which, he says, appeared to him some years ago and returned to repeat its warnings at various intervals, has revealed to Chesser Lortie of 157 Miller avenue. Brooklyn, the coming of a vast conflict that is to involve two hundred million people, and in which sixtysix millions will be killed. To forestall this horror Lortie has written Presi-dent Roosevelt and Pope Pius to warn them that the war between Russia and Japan is the beginning of the threatened struggle in which Japan, England

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#### PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

[Obituaries to the extent of ten lines only will be inserted free. All in excess of ten lines will be charged at the rate of fifteen cents per line. About seven words constitute one line ] - 1

On the morning of February 20, the 'Slient Messenger" came as a blessed Angel of Release to Mrs. Martha J. Tyler, aged 74 years and who for fifteen months has been helpless and speechless through a stroke of paralysis. She was the beloved mother of the wellknown medium, Mrs. S. T. Elliott, of San Diego, Cal. Appropriate funeral exercises were conducted by the writer, at Whitson's undertaking parlors, after. which the deserted tenement, amid a Mount Hope Cemotery. WILL C. HODGE. profusion of flowers, was laid to rest in

Passed to spirit life, Feb. 13, 1904, at the home of his niece, Mrs. John Cook, No. 15 Bassick avenue, Bridgeport, Ct., Mr. William Adams, aged 75 years. He vas a good friend, a firm believer in spirit return and a kind, harmonious old gentleman. Services by the Rev. Dr. Beckwith G. Ewell.

MRS. JOHN COOK.

Passed to spirit life, Feb. 14, 1904, conard Harrington, at Selma, Oregon, aged 75 years. Comrade Harrington had been a Spiritualist for fifty years. He was a veteran of the Civil wi E. D. HAGAN.

The infant son of W. T. and A. G. Patton, of Pittsburg, Pa., passed to spirit life, Feb. 4, 1904. The services were conducted by Rev. L. M. Oles, of the Psychic Research Society of Allegheny, Pa.

Passed to spirit life, George Little, of Warren Summit, N. H. Our brother was more than kind to aged pilgrims, who many times get abused in this toooften rough journey of life. His last All words were: "The sun will rise and set just the same when I am gone; morn, noon and night will come and go. I would like to work longer, but it is God's will for me to go. I bid you all a kind good night."

ARZELIA C. CLAY.

Passed to the higher life, Mrs. Abagail Bassford, of pneumonia, at the home of her daughter. Mrs. Emma L. Worth, 516 West Madison street, Chicago. Services conducted by G. V. Cordingley. She had been a lifelong Spiritualist, and was loved by all who knew her. A DAUGHTER.

Wm. Whitsel, of Dallas, Texas, passed o the higher life, Feb. 17, aged 70 years, leaving sister and two brothers to mourn his earthly loss, but in the full realization that he has only passed to a higher life. Funeral services at the home of Mrs. J. R. Davis, his sister, conducted by Mrs. Alice Baker.

Mrs. Louise C. Clisbee, of Danville V. Y., passed to the higher hife, Feb. 20, 1904, after a brief illness. An carnest Spiritualist, of whom it can truly be said, "She has done the very best she could." Her greatest pleasure was in assisting others to the light. When reading some poem in The Progressive Thinker, she often said, "This is food for my soul." A Galveston sufferer COR

Mrs. Mattie E. Hursen, bade adicu to ner loved ones at the home of her son, H. H. Hursen, Feb. 22 and departed for the spirit land. She was in her 61st year, and had been suffering with rheumatism for a long time, and was quite anxious to go, was even impatient, but had to stay in the form as long as there was anything to cling to. Upon her special request a very short and simple service was held, presided over by the writer hereof, and the remains were taken to the Graceland Crematory, for incineration. Mrs. Hursen was well known in the Spiritualistic ranks as a and the United States are to be arrayed staunch advocate of the philosophy, but

DR. T. WILKINS.

the effect that nothing was impossible, and that she would take the case for \$4 It was brought out that she per month. answered letters and promised to give her treatment to persons who requested t for every imaginable disease, and also for troubles of all kinds. She had agreed to give treatment for making a new set of teeth grow; to make a leg grow on a stump from which the lower limb had been amputated; to make hair grow on bald heads; to restore the aflections for each other of persons who had become estranged; to transfer the affections of persons, and, in fact, to do anything she was asked to do."

Mrs. Flora M. Allen writes from Manhattan, Kansas: "Our society would like to correspond with genuine medioms who may be passing through our state, in regard to holding meetings here. Speakers and psychometric readers and test mediums are preferred. Address me in care of Box 711, Manhattan, ansas."

A story that rivals Noah and the ark times from the mouth of the White river, says the Vincennes Capital. Franis Fields, ferry at White river, lived with his family in a small house on the iver bank. The high water threatened home, but he paid no attention to it intil a white dove flew across the ragng river and perched on the house. It emained a whole day, cooing to the Fields family. Mr. Fields took this as in omen, and prepared to move out. By that time the water had risen so high that he had to wade to land. The fam: ily is now in a precarious condition as esult of the exposure, but is thankful to have been saved from drowning by the timely omen.

Mrs. Isa A. Cross, corresponding sec rctary writes: "Mr. Walter DeVoe will lecture for the Hyde Park Occult Society on March 6, at Alliance Hall, 323 East 55th street, at 7:45 p. m. Everybody come out, and have a good full house to welcome him. Our progressive euchre party on Feb. 23 was a grand success. We will probably have one about March 16, but will announce the date more positively later. The Club room where the eachre party is held is at 474 East 55th street. There are always fine hand-painted china pieces for

Dr. P. Douglas writes from Kentucky: The books I ordered have been received all right: "I wish to say that I have enjoyed them to the fullest extent. I received a spirit rap immediately after they were delivered to me. When I read Dr. Peebles' book, I received another rap from the spirit world. I am clairvoyant and can see my friends on the other side of life quite frequently."

H. F. Coates writes: "Dr. J. H. Ranwill lecture for the Church of the Spirit Communion, Kenwood Hall, 4308 Solitage Grove avenue, Sunday, March 3, at 8 p. m. The Doctor is one of our most able speakers and it is to be soped a large audience will greet him. The subject of 'Development' . was haidled in a masterly manner, Feb. 21, by Mr. H. F. Arnold, who is one of our most promising speakers. Messages are given at all our meetings."

Prof. Delitsch, of "Babel and Bible" fame, Berlin, Germany, has again come to the front with elaborate objections to the prosent methods of imparting religinstruction in the schools. He The findings in recent excava-BRYS: tions in Mesopotamia should be put be fore schoolboys and girls. They should

tence was suspended. Her explanation of her dual marriage was that she was subject to hypnotic influence by Kirkman, and thus compelled to marry

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against her will. Correspondent writes from Buffalo, N. Y.: "Harmony Circle Spiritual Society is in a prosperous condition. It has added quite a number to its roll of members this season. Our Sunday meetings are attracting good-sized-audiences, and a large number of strangers attend. Our speaker and medium

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Mr. Charles S. Hulbert. His work is of a high order. His message and test work is far beyond the ordinary. Our entertainments so far this winter have been a financial as well as a social success, and our commodious and cozy hall has been taxed to its utmost. vice-president, Mrs. M. E. Lane is also doing a good work. Her mediumship has taken wonderful strides and she bids fair to become one of the best message bearers in this country. Our developing circles, are largely attended. and all its members show marked im-provement and spiritual culture, and ome will make fine mediums, and are better men and women for it in every way. We as a body think that The

Progressive Thinker is doing a grand work, and wish it the greatest possible success, in upholding and upbuilding our glorious cause."

A paper published in Fort Scott, Kan sas, has the following: "Mrs. Virginia Bryan, the lady who delivered two lectures in our city last week, was pronounced the best exponent of the occult that ever has visited here. The many people who were fortunate enough to hear her are loud in the praise of her wonderful powers. It is said, 'that it was easy to see she was under control of some foreign power other than her The Bourbon County Occult Association, which meets every Sunday night in the parlor of the, W. O. W. hall, has secured some excellent talent along these lines of thought, but no one ever portrayed the beauties of the new thought with more ease and comfort than Mrs. Bryan. It is only regretted that more people did not hear her. Mrs. Bryan is an ordained minister of the gospel of Spiritualism, having dination papers from the states of Ohio and Illinois. Fort Scott was the only

city in Kansas that Mrs. Bryan visited and we feel highly honored. She came from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where she had been lecturing for two weeks and came to Fort Scott for Sunday, Feb. 7 stopping over Friday, the 19th, then go ing to Denver, Colo., where she receives a large salary for one month's work. Mrs. Bryan may stop over on her return trip. We only wish she could stay with us always."

Dr. H. E. Ballard writes: "In answer to the question, 'What is home?' allow me to say: Home is a bulwark provided by the husband for the preservation of his loved companion; the wife's infirmary where with her angel tread and tireless hands she succors the mental and physical needs of her loved 'com panion; the mother's sanctuary for the

preservation of the flock over which her heart centers, shields them from the el ements and temptations, guides their erring steps with love, forgives their isdemeanors, and sacrifices her life's force to soothe pain and banish care That holy name of mother awakens the God in man, and hangs on the lips as

all that is true and practical in religion.'

Mrs. Mary Ince writes from Lafay-"Rev. E. W. Sprague and wife, N. S. A. Missionaries, have just

closed a second series of lectures in our soclety, which has been very beneficial, and greatly enjoyed by all. There was large attendance throughout the entire series, and great interest manifest-They arrived here on Jan. 1, and on the 8th they organized the Psychic Spiritualist Society of Lafayette, Ind., with 40 members, and left here on the 11th of January. Since that time the society has leased the old Universalist church on Ninth street for one year, and have papered and fitted it up for their exclusive use. Brother Sprague was called back last Sunday to dedicate our new church. He highly approves he step taken to place the society on a higher plane where its light may shine throughout the land, and show to the world that we are not ashamed to pro-claim the truths of Spiritualism."

Mrs. M. Henry, secretary, writes 'The Ladies' Auxiliary connected with the Universal Occult Society held its first social under its state charter at the residence of its president, Mrs. Davenport, 3138 Rhodes avenue. At least seventy-five were in attendance. Harmony reigned supreme. The enjoy occasion will long be remembered and be repeated every second Saturday evening. The vocal and instrumental

music was inspiring to that extent that it brought forth a very beautiful poetic improvisation from Mrs. Karcher, also very appropriate remarks from Princess Viroquo, Mrs. Bliss-Green, Mrs. Hansen and others. A poem was read by Prof. P. C. Marsh of Boston. Mrs. McMenamin did excellent psychometric work. Mrs. Burland, Mr. Hillis, Mr. Phillips and others entertained with tests and messages, also palm readings. This very enjoyable occasion happened to fall upon the birthday anniversary of the treasurer, Mrs. Wills, who was made the happy recipient of a magnificent palm, one of nature's emblems of eternal life. The presentation speech by the president was followed by a very affectionate response from the recipient A Book on Solar Biology should have been presented to ther, but through some neglect it did not arrive in time She will get.it later: She also received a large birthday cake and all seemed to enjoy it very much.<sup>6</sup> The Universal Occult Society holds conference meetings at 3 p. m.; speaking, tests and mes-sages. Lecture followed by messages, at 8 p. m., every Sunday in Hall C, at 77 East 31st street, fiear Cottage Grove avenue."

Arzelia C. Clay writes: "I left Grant Mich., Jan. 16, and came to Grand Raplds. I find considerable interest manifested in the great subject of immortal ity. It is pleasant to meet with those whose hearts are in the work. Miss Emma Gibbs takes an unfeigned interest in the cause. We feel assured she will become an earnest and eloquent speaker for future days. Mrs. John Lindsey holds meetings at the Soldiers' Home; as she is everybody's friend, we wish her much success. Mrs. James Walker is likely to become a fine test medium. Our kind friends, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hinkley, residing in the Hermitage Grand Rapids are doing a good work for the sick. Wo were greatly interested in the picture of a guide. Jehozadak, who was a high priest of Israel

buryport, Mass., where he died in 1882. In the words of McCarty himself, as in-terpreted by Mr. Edgerly, 'I woke up one morning to find myself dead.' It was then that he became converted to Spiritualism when he found that he from total annihilation, he says, by the could, through a medium, communicate timely assistance of the United States. with those still living on earth. Mc-Lortie predicts that by March 10 the vital change will occur. The prophet is Carty, who claimed to have been very intemperate while on earth, made a thirty years old and lives with a wid strong, earnest plea for temperance in owed mother and brother in a cozy flat the use of alcoholic beverages, giving a in East New York. He has been a clerk detailed explanation of the ill effects in the employ of the Long Island Railwhich result from the abuse of alcohol, road thirteen years, and in his off mowhich he says dwarfs the soul. In clos ments has given himself up to matters occult...-Chicago American. ing he made a plea for an impartial investigation into all things to determine their truth. Mr. Edgerly stated that the meeting last evening was given more as a social and should not be con sidered as typical of the regular Sunday services. At the Sunday afternoon meeting questions asked by any one in the congregation will be answered, the only stipulation being that they are by Dr. Warne, president of the I. S. S. germane The Rev. R. C. Filingham, vicar of

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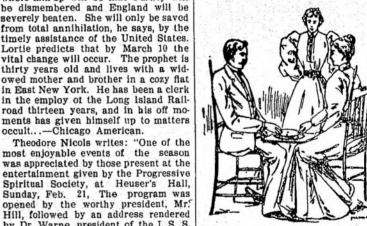
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A., which was received with the usual satisfaction. The Misses Doderwalds, Hexton, England, is back in New York. with their selection of music, captivated repared to carry out his threat made when he was in that city last June to "root priestcraft from the Protestant Episcopal Church." He says that the ther display of their talent. Next on the program was an original poem, 'Burning of the Iroquois,' composed and rendered by W. D. McKenna, which mind has a great influence on the body, and that when the mind becomes priest ridden the body is bound to fail, and adds: "I can cite Spain and Italy as instances where a priest-ridden people have become inferior. So sure as we were well received. The become ritualists we will degenerate to their level. The Russians are another race predominated by priests, and the result of this war will be that because they are a degenerate people they will be conquered. I shall now begin to organize my committee of prominent men, many of whom have expressed their willingness to join me in making a public protest. Meanwhile I shall write aricles protesting against ritualism, and shall hire halls in various cities in which to work up public indignation. Then next fall, when I come here again, I shall go to one of your high churches and make my stand. I may be arrested and imprisoned, but that will be only the beginning of my work."

Jennie P. Merchant writes from Wichita, Kansas: "On the morning of the 23rd ult., my mother. Mrs. E. O. Fyfe (who came lately from Chicago) told me she had felt a breath pass her ace, and in it the words, 'The Russians have taken Corea.' Why such a thing should happen to her, she is at a loss o determine, as she has taken no interest whatever in Russo-Japanese situation. I have written you this as a matter for future reference."

Mrs. Addle Cooper writes from Syra-cuse N. Y.: "I would like to tell you about the First Society of Spiritualists in this city. Mr. E. G. Reiley is the president; Alfred Underhill, vice-presilent; Mr. C. A. Whitlock, secretary; Mrs. Nellie Binning, treasurer and speaker; Mrs. G. H. Garner test medium. The society is composed of about 30 or 40 members and are mostly tried and true. We meet in Dr. Butterfield's hall on Sunday at 3 o'clock, to hold lycoum; then the truth seekors' class convenes; then at 7:30 p. m. we have the usual lecture and messages. Our hall is well filled, many times standingroom being at a premium. Through the efforts of our esteemed president we have enjoyed the privilege of listen ing for two evenings this week to the esteemed brother and co-worker, Harri-

against Russia, Germany and France was not a public worker. Austria, Spain, Italy and Turkey are to be involved and the outcome of the whole mix-up will be that Turkey will be dismembered and England will be severely beaten. She will only be saved



### PSYCHOGRAPH -OR-

DIAL PLANCHETTE.

This instrument is substantially the same as that employed by Frot. Mare in his early investigations. In its import, form it has been before the public for more than set a years, and in the heads of the Plan-obstic, and all other instruments which was been brought out in imitation, both in regard have been brought out in imitation, both in regard to certainly and correctness of the communications received by its aid, and as a means or developing mediumship. Do yous wish to drevelop Mediumship? Do yous wish to drevelop Mediumship? Do yous wish to drevelop Mediumship?

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low the mediums stumble over syllables, if they have the power of the spirit and are able to convince the skeptic of immortality." Mrs. Burland writes that on March 6.

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she will speak for the Star Mission Society on the West Side, and that Mrs. Nora Hill will speak for her church, Light of Truth, 47th and Cottage Grove avenue. She also holds socials where there are always a number of good me diums to give tests, good music and lunch, the second and fourth Wednesday evenings. Circles Tuesday evening at 3019 Vernon avenue. E. Wonderly writes from Defiance,

Addie J. Simpson writes: "I care not

membrance of the occasion.

Ohio: "The Spiritualist Society held a meeting Sunday, Feb. 21. Mrs. Carrie Curran, of Toledo, state president, was our speaker. This inspired speaker gave two lectures, afternoon and even ing, followed by readings in Psychom etry. We feel encouraged to go on with the good work. As this is a newly or-ganized society, we will be pleased to hear from any of the missionaries wh may pass this way, and also ask the

good wishes of sister societies.' Charles Nuss writes from Harrisburg Pa.: "Chas. Theo. Schneider, formerly of Williamsport, Pa., was in our city alding us to unite ourselves together. Through his inspirational power good work has been accomplished. He goes from here to Renwo, Pa."

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was received with great enthusiasm. Elocution, songs and recitation added much to the applause of the audience. The astrological readings by Mrs. Noyse sages by Mrs. Howes and Mrs. Hilbert (pastor of the society) were highly apreciated. A good supper was served Do you desire to receive Communications? followed by a social evening. Every-The Psychograph is an invaluable assistant. A pamphlet with full directions for the body went away with a pleasant re

Formation of Circles and Cultivation

of Mcdiumship with every instrument. Many who were fid aware of their mediumisile gift, have, siter c few "istings, bern able to receive delightul messages A volume bight be filled with commendatory lesters. Many who began with its as arousing fc', found that the islame of the filled with commendatory lesters. Many who began with its as arousing fc', found that the islame of the state of the state of the state islame of the state of the state of the state communications (by the Psychograph) from many ither friends, even from eld settlers whose grave-ficates are mose-grown in the eld yard. They have been highly satisfactory, and proved to me that Spir-litatium is indeed true, and the communications have from my heart the greatest comfort in the severest fors I have had of son, daughter, and their mother." D. Eugene Growell, whose writings have made his ame familiar to those intereated in psychic matters, writes as follows: "I am much pleased with the Psy-shograph. I is very simple in principle and constra-tion and I am sure must be far more sensitive to spir-linal power than the one now in use. I bolieve i will penerally supersede the latter when its superior. Becursely packed, and sent postage paid frome

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NOTICE .- No attention will be given anonymous letters. Full name and ad-dress must be given, or the letters will not be read. If the request be made, the name will not be published. The correspondence of this department has become excessively large, especially letters 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-pended. HUDSON TUTTLE. pected.

Albert W. Miller: Q. How do spir-its foretell the future? Are there any books except "The Discovered Country" giving an account of the inhabitants of the planets?

All events run from cause to effect, and every effect is the result of cause or causes. The astronomer taking the position of the earth, moon and sun, can by the well-known laws of their motions predict eclipses for unnumbered years, or go backward and give the day and second of the times they have occurred. The events which go into the conduct of life are more obscure and diverse, yet if the causes are all known, the effect they will produce is certain, and this effect, becoming a cause leading to other effects, may be taken as a stepping stone, and thus by steps from cause to effect, the future may be predicted.

There is no faculty or power of mind, in mortal or spirit, which presciently, or intuitively penetrates the vell of the future. A clairvoyant or sensitive may receive such prophecy, but if true, it is received from some mind that has wrought it out, by means of superior knowledge. In limited ways persons in this life are doing this same prophetic work all the time. They often fail, and often succeed, and their method is the same that spirits of the most profound mental powers must follow.

There are seven, possibly nine, planets in the solar system. There may be one inside the orbit of Mercury and one oueside the orbit of Neptune, and the orbit occupied by the unknown number of fragmentary asteroids. There have been many descriptions of the inhabitants of these planets, all fanciful, and without the least evidence of correctness. In fact, the conditions which prevail on all these planets, the relations of heat and light, are such as to make impossible for any beings like those inhabiting the earth to exist on any of

The only one with conditions in the least corresponding to those on the earth is Mars, and on that planet the weight of a given body at the surface is

gallant services in the Union army. reelingly he speaks of the three companions who went down in the storm of battle; of his own deeds he is silent. Yet being longer spared his record out-ranks them all. He was given a cap-taincy by Lincoln in the 14th U.S. In-fantry in 1861; breveted major for gallantry at Travillion's Station, Va., 1864; breveted lieutenant-colonel for gallantry at Codar Crock, Va.; colonel volunteers 1865; breveted colonel for services against hostile Indians, 1868; promoted brigadier general, 1895; major general volunteers, 1895; general; 1898; present

ommander of the fourth army corps. If these men were Catholics - they were true Americans, and an honor, to the flag to which they gave all that the

bravest can give. Actuated by the spirit of adventure and the love of liberty and justice which dominates their enthusiastic race, they came to Lincoln and asked for a post tion in the army. They came when men trained in military affairs were most needed and the President nor the country had cause to regret their hav-ing received commissions. Cardinal nor Pope had a voice in sending them The most remarkable incident of the terrible cyclone of death, the massacre of the Little Big Horn, is the escane of Comanche, the steed that had borne the gallant Keogh for many a year on the Indian border. Comanche was the only living thing that came out of that valley of death. He was found after the bat

tie, riderless and saddleless, and cov-ered with wounds, some distance from the scene of the disaster, and until his death, ten years after, was the special harge of the seventh cavalry. He was their pensioned guest and no bridle interfered with his freedom.

This horse furnished the theme for the widely published poem of Emma Rood Tuttle, "Comanche," here quoted from her volume, "Asphodel Blooms." Although not essential to the answer of the question, it gives an episode in the pathetic romance of the four young men who left their homes and attached heir fortunes to the Union cause when

Dead is the steed, Comanche, Whose tongue could never tell The woe on the Little Big Horn, Where Custer's soldiers fell.

bellion.

He only lived to see The closing of the combat, He only lived to flee! And he could never tell us

Three hundred white men slew.

The white men lay at evening Beneath the silent skies. That night the horse, Comanche,

No dream of fame consoled him, Nor sordid love of pay, But honors to the warrior horse

Accorded were that day. Was old Comanche's last; What Fortune had forecast! Discharged with honor was he.

Kept him, a royal tribute To Custer's memory. On all display occasions, Comanche, draped in black,

But none might stride his back, Never might living rider

Across his neck draw rein, Since Keogh's crimson life-blood Had stained his sweeping mane. and although the day is about the same But list! his place is planned

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POTENCY IN WORDS.

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# MICHIGAN.

Mid-Winter Meeting of the State Spirit-Such is the Earnest Claim of Mr. Newual Association.

The eleventh annual mid-winter meet

ing of the Michigan State Spiritual Association was held at the Unitarian Church, in Jackson, Feb. 5, 6 and 7, it being the third meeting of its kind to be held in that city. Friday morning a reception to visitors took place, every one receiving a

hearty welcome. At 2:30 p. m., the convention was called to order by the vice-president, Dr. O'Dell, of Paw Paw. Invocation was by E. W. Sprague of Jamestown, N. Y. Dr. B. O'Dell, who was presiding as president in the absence of E. E. Car

penter, introduced Judge J. J. Calkins, of the municipal court to deliver in behalf of Mayor Pickles, the address of welcome Judge Calkins spoke well, and not

only made the delegates feel the wel-come as a real, cordial extension of the American mounds city's hospitality, but gave the delegates much of the thought which they enjoy. He told of his own experiences, and welcomed at all times anything which shed more light and truth of the infinite.

In response, Mr. D. A. Herrick, of Grand Rapids, delivered some pleasant sentiments regarding the very hearty welcome given by Judge Calkins. Fur-ther, he said: "We do not only believe in the immortality of the soul, but we know of the next life. There is no religion which has more of sentiment, truth, reality and spirituality than that of Spiritualism. 1 am thankful to God that the world has honest critics of

Spiritualism, for were it not so, the world would not have to-day the great levelopment it has in this blessed knowledge. I love a religion which is ounded upon kindness and good deeds in this human life, better than one founded upon creed."

Dr. B. O'Dell, in a few appropriate remarks, closed the afternoon session.

The music for the afternoon was furnished by Miss Elsie Campbell, who the control said, "It is a fearful spell to presided at the pipe organ, and Mrs. put them in, and they will not bother Fred Beaman, who rendered in beauti-ful voice, the solo, "Face to Face." you much more,'

In the evening Mr. Herrick again adinfluences, they are driven away and dressed the convention, taking for his cannot stand these words or orders from any one who will use them, throwdiscourse the subject, "The Spirit of, Religion." Mr. Herrick stated that ing a force of will power with them. I 'He who denies the visitation of spirit have tried them hundreds of times and denies all the spirituality of the world."

chievous spirits.

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I know their potency, I have thought many times about Also, "It is your choice what you make making this public, in one circle we used these words, and the carth-bound spirits came in vast numbers, and the life you live in. Just as you live in this world, will you live in the next. It is best for us to learn ourselves before we judge our neighbor. The true spirit some of them were perfect geniuses, and they gathered is thick that they formed a magnetic chain around the religion is one of love, of all that is good. You don't want to fear the angel world; look out for those you find here. circle, but these words prevented them The religion of spirit if you will search from doing harm. It is the will power of the medium and the character of the control that governs—not the purity of the medium. for it, will find and bless you,"

them

Mrs. E. W. Sprague gave messages in the absence of John D. Boyle of De

The vilest may give give incomencia-tions occasionally, and the purest may get a vile control. It depends on the power of those controlling—not on the Saturday morning much interest was developed in the symposium; Dr. B. O'Dell presided. Mr. C. E. Dent of Vicksburg being the

medium. The medium may be pure, and the control bad or vice versa. Keep the words in your mind and you need first speaker; the subject of "The Con-dition of Spiritualism" seemed the one not use them orally or the stand the for the morning. Then the subject of mediumship was brought forth. And in speaking of frauds, Mr. Sprague stated: "We cannot stop frauds, but we I would be pleased to hear of the suc-cess of mediums using these words, and if used by one with will power, ob-session will be a thing of the past. Ask them to retire; if they will not, make them. can refuse to endorse them, and indi-cate to the world the difference between fortune-telling, faking and genuine me

D. E. Young, of Belden; Levi Wood, of Kalamazoo, M. L. King, of Girards; Julia M. Walton, G. M. Stanley and D.

Grey, of Jackson, were also speakers of the morning symposium. those who suffer from these false con-trols. Having tried them so thoroughly Mrs. Mary Stine and Mrs. Laura L. Crawford, of Detroit, gave a few re-

religious beauty. Dr. W. O. Knowles addressed the con-

vention at this session. He said :- "You

which will affect you in the future, and

I hope do you some good. If we want to make Spiritualism a betterment for

the soul, be a man, be a woman, be pure

and stand up with the masses.

are developing conditions this momen

marks on the progress of Spiritualism. that you may all partake. C. F. NEWCOMB. Saturday afternoon Mrs. Julia M Walton gave the invocation. The words Durango, Colorado.

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Notes From Southern Cassadaga Camp comb, of Calarado .... There has been quite a large addition OF . 118. I see by The Progressive Thinker

to the camp the past week, some who have come to stay, and some only for a there is much controversal going on in regard to obsessioned Assa Spiritualist week-others have already gone. Those come and go who expect to understand for nearly fifty years and having large the mystery of spirit communion in a day or two if they have only money to experience, I desire tosay what I know has great influence with the controlling pay for it. Others come with the feelpower in mediumship.bsAbout thirty ing if they can only get a glimpse of the years ago I commented writing for a band of exalted spirits. Uney had not real truth they will be satisfied, and do

found an avenue in which; they could not demand the marvelous. We all earn sooner or later that the real spirapproach earth for thousands of years, itual truth is a plant of slow growth-that the seeker must grow up to the and I found myself the choson instrument through which they would aptruth and not expect it to accommodate proach, and give to the world their hisitself to their plans or desires; but in tory, and with it to establish the order quiet, kindly ways people are seeking and finding gleams of heavenly light. from which Masonry 'sprang, They were no less than what we call the Mrs. Minnie Brown, at Hotel Cassada Mound Builders, who built the mounds

a, never withholds a kind word to the of Japan before the formation of the eeker; Mrs. Stephens is also kind, and Japanese nation, and all the mounds of Mrs. Wheeler and her Indian guide the Mississippit Valley; and all other Blue Flower, scatter rays of sunshine On my first introduction to them we we also hear that Mrs. Steele at Hote Webster, has done good work. had an occasional seance and were dis-

The trumpet medium, Mrs. Bartholo turbed by evil or, mischleyous influences. They would do all in their power to have us discard these noble presmew, has constantly in her charge a well loved niece who has for some time been a sufferer from lung trouble. The ences, and tried to get full control of climate has done her some good, but she looks like a lily in its whiteness.

our doings. One evening we had barely commenced writing for these spirits Mrs. Bartholomew's devotion to her is when one of the interfering gang got very touching-it's "Josie" first and her control and said: "If you want to know anything, ask me., You can't find out anything by that old white bearded heathen," showing our friends could be seen by them as they appeared in life. work afterwards. The weather for the week until to-day

(Saturday), has been most beautiful and even the warm rain is very please ant.

Our., old. white-bearded friend said, when he got in control, "You repeat Strawberries are very nice this year but a little later than usual.

these words: ICAI TLIEMO SAI MAI-THAU." I did as he directed and we were not again bothered by the mis-Mr. Colville's classes have been held every week morning during the two weeks, and are well attended and not When we got through with the writonly that but he donates to the associa. tion the proceeds-and it is a nice sum. ing for the evening, the control said: "You should have seen those mischiev-The writer has met him frequently for many years, but he never seemed such ous fellows when you repeated those words. They fell to the floor, bound a marvel as now. The people who are hand and foot." I remarked it was too bad to treat them in that manner, but not accustomed to real inspirational speaking and improvising of poetry, say, "Is it true that he had no previous knowledge of the subject to be given? and when answered in the affirmative Now in regard to these mischlevous and requested to give subjects themselves, they say, "It doesn't seem pos-sible."

On Monday evening we had largest card party of the season: the prizes were presented by Mrs. Dr. Hilligoss, Mrs. Stephens gave them another lime; a friend who did not wish her name mentioned, upon another occa. sion; we have some others in store from kind friends.

Tuesday, Mr. . Colville's subject was "The Problem of Life." On Wednesday, Mrs. Smith Baker read a most interesting original paper upon "How We Grow," at the scance held weekly at the pavilion. Mrs. Baker is a well known author and poet, and is-one of the leaders in humanitarian work in Kansas City. She was followed with descrip tions by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Bartholo mew, which were very satisfactory.

Prof. Peck spoke on Thursday af ernoon upon "The Evolution of Mind." His lectures have been very interesting showing thoughtful study and were illumined at times by an inspiration that made his hearers wonder how they could ever have believed in the old idea of creation.

Sunday, although the day was rainy, there was a large audience for both ses sions. In the morning the writer spoke upon the subject, "Are Not All Ministerng Spirits?" and Mr. Colville closed

them, difference in the set of th with a poetical benediction. In the afternoon Mr. Colville spoke upon subjects given by the audience. it was a very excellent discourse. Both Mr. Colville and Prof. Peck sang solos Prof. Peck was assisted in the chorus of and knowing their power, I freely give The Beautiful Island of Sometime, by the lady singers.

Although it was very unpleasant Sunv evel



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The Little Big Horn battle Oh !that he could have known then

Paraded with the soldiers,

Wounded and hungry stood

The Seventh Cavalry

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length, the year is nearly twice as long. The winter would be the length of the earth's year, followed by a year's sum-mer. The eccentricity of its orbit is so great that it approaches the sun twen ty-six millions of miles nearer at one point in its orbit than in the opposite. Its distance, nearly twice that of the earth from the sun, 141,000,000 miles, would allow it to receive about one-third the light and heat. So much less light and heat, combined with the length of its seasons, only a narrow belt along the equator could be inhabitable by such beings as the conditions prevailing on that planet would evolve.

D. J. A.: Q. Is it or is it not a fact that during Abraham Lincoln's first term as President, he requested the Pope of Rome, through a cardinal in the United States, to send him some young men, to enter the Union Army as officers; that twenty were sent from the Papal Guard, and enlisted in the Union Army, were commissioned as officers: pinger?

This story has not even the element of probability. It is a libe, on the societies that I have visited so far are names of brave men who gave their lives in defense of liberty and for the soon will have a lyceum with every preservation of the nation's. That this chartered society. widely-circulated story might be met Mrs. Schauss and Mrs. Baird are effiwhile there were witnesse living to re cient workers in the cause of truth, and fute it. I wrote to the only survivor of General J. J. Coppinger:

men to take positions in the Union Sandusky, Ohio, March 6; in Toledo, army, and that twenty were sent. As March 13. We wish to invite all you are mentioned as one of the num- Spiritualists in vicinity of Toledo to join ber, I take the liberty of writing you for information. I know you will at once and most successful meetings Toledo see the historical importance of your answer.

The reply is explicit:

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4, 1904. Hudson Tuttle:

Dear Sir:-In answer to your inquiry. Kelley, O'Keefe, and Keogh were young' brother officers of mine in Italy in 1860, in the same battalion. They came to the United States early in the war. President Lincoln gave them commissions. Gen Kelly was badly wounded-shattered jaw-at Port Republic, and Prof. Lockwood is recognized as one of

died after the colse of the war. Col. O'Keefe was shot four times at Five forks, and died soon after wounded. Col. Keogh was killed in action at Little lectures on the Molecular Hypothesis Big Horn, Custer's last fight. He was of Nature; an. presents his views as the last of the three. God bless them! demonstrating a scientific basis of Spir-Other officers came, but I think they itualism. The book is commended to lar joined the volunteers. I regret I can- all who love to study and think. For not give you their history.

not give you their history. 1 Know nothing of the story or the cardinal you refer to. Very respectfully, I remain, J. J. COPPINGER. With characteristic modesty, Gen. Coppinger does not mention his own With characteristic modesty, Gen.

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purest and noblest things."

others who have voluntarily assisted us the four men who came from Italy and in the missionary work. We expect foined the Union army.

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was finished. Mr. Paine developed the photograph in a "dark room" at the rear of the auditorium, and it proved to be the picture of an old, white haired man.

A medium declared he had seen spirit forms around the camera, and he heard the name, "Luther Colby." Dr. A. B. Spinney then gave a very

pleasing lecture, which would do one good to hear : Sunday evening an address was given Fuller. We wish to thank the singer. Mrs.

Fred Berman, and the two organists, Misses Della Herrick and Elsie Camp-bell; also the kind friends who made it

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To Invest Your Money on the Advice of Spirits.

The following from the San Francisco Call of Feb. 20, 1904, illustrates an important point:

Saturday evening, Mrs. D. A. Morrill, Spiritualism, oil stock and patent of Grand Rapids, gave an address, on "The Powers of the Soul." She said: medicine figure in a suit for damages "The Powers of the Soul." She said: "We who are endowed with the spirit of the infinite should remember there is a great responsibility upon us. "We feel we must impress upon you the sa-credness of mediumship. We must the plaint to the same there are also bottle, induced the plaint to invest part of his bank conduct. by filed yesterday by Fritz Salmon against

right living." Mrs. Julia Walton also addressed the convention in the evening. Her sub-The plaintiff says that in February, 1901, Earle told him that the stock of jects were taken from the audience, and were "Mother in Spirit Land" and "The the Hecla Oll Company was a valuable Beauties of Sunshine." In part she said, "We know Spiritualasset and advised him to purchase

block of it. Earle, Salmon claims, veriism is true, we know immortality is a fied his statements a few evenings fact. Are we applying these lessons to later, when in his capacity of medium ism is true, we know immortality is a our daily lives. Let us come together he produced a slate message from the as really we should come together; plaintiff's sister, Lizzie, telling him to children of one common parent, and buy the stock. Salmon followed the adwhen we welcome you into our midst we do not care to what church you bevice, purchasing \$250 worth of the stock. A week or so later he again long; we do not care whether you be purchased \$250 worth of stock on the long to any church so long as your soul strength of a message received from s reaching out after the highest and

Lizzie and transmitted to him on a slate by Earle. The evening was concluded with the Some time later, after he had

receiving of spirit messages by Mrs. E. W. Sprague of Jamestown, N. Y., and by him that the Hecla Oil Company was ceived various letters from Earle telling Mrs. Belle Fuller of Grand Rapids. The booming, the plaintiff alleges he con-sulted Earle about his Kealth. The latwork of both was very pleasing. As Mrs. Dorothy Daily of Détroit, and Dr. P. T. Johnson of Battle Creek, could ter, he says, informed him that he knew of a medicine that would work wonder not be in attendance Sunday morning, with a sick man. He bought a bottle, the time was taken by the reading of a paying Earle \$10 for it; for the latter the time was taken by the reading of a letter by the vice-president, Dr. O'Dell, told him that he alone knew where to from E. E. Carpenter, who is spending get it. A few days later he bought anthe winter in Cuba; also a short adother bottle, for, he says, one night dress by E. W. Sprague. Sunday-afternoon Mr. Sprague again addressed the people with facts regard-ing National and State Associations; The message also told Thim that "no after which donations were given for drug store had it in stook, (180, as in the

amounting feature was a "spirit photo graph." Photographer J. W. Paine, of Jackson, stated to the audience that he that the stock of the Heoladoll Company

Jackson, stated to the audience that he had purchased an unopened package of plates, upon one of which he had scratched his initials, with those of Frank Foster, the "spirit photogra-pher." The plate was then put into an ordinary camera by Mr. Paine, "upon which he, Mr. Foster and another gen-tleman in the audience each placed a thand. In a moment those in the front hand. In a moment those in the front thank him for the kind wards he gave

seats, nearest the camera, declared they us in his welcoming address, MISS RENA D. CHAPMAN, Sceretary.

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bell; also the kind friends who made it possible for the State Association to hold this meeting in the beautiful city of Jackson, and who were so free-For sale at this office,

out in the rain to attend Prof. Peck's stereopticon exhibition of the solar sys-tem. He gives another course of lectures next Sunday evening, descriptive of his course of lectures upon Evolution.

We would like to mention more of our people, but we fear it would be trespassing upon your space. Still there is one whom we will mention. Mrs. C. C. Bacon, of Lake Brady, Ohio, who gives out pleasing truths. She is well on her journey to the Sunshine Land, but she talks sense in the conference. At one time she said: "I used to have a pretty had temper and speak out quickly, but now I've made up my mind not to get mad till to-morrow."

On Friday, the subject at the conference was the Golden Rule. Her speech opened with the following remark: "Well, it's a subject that has been talked about for hundreds of years, but the Golden Rule has never been worn out by being practiced."

Mrs. Rose Johnson, of Dunkirk, N. Y.

has the entire charge of Brigham Hall. She still has rooms, and the frequent changes in the hotel by people staying only a little while and going farther south makes it possible to accommo-Molecular Hypothesis of Nature

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When I leave this earth by death? Are the harps forever sounding? Do they never cease to play?

Oh that we could hear their music On the planet where we lay!

Are the streets all wide and golden? Are the cleaners robed in white? Do the houses on their borders Ever close their doors at night?

Will there, when I reach that city,

Be a place made for me? Will there be some kind friend waiting With a robe and cup of tea? Will I have to sit forever

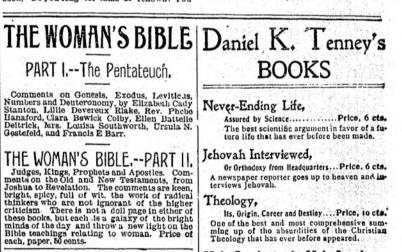
In that palace made of gold? Never see an earth companion? Never hear a story told?

Oh! could I but visit earth friends? And tell them the wondrous tale How that heaven is a city

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To the Editor:-- A few weeks ago I read in your paper a half-column article, whose writer expressed himself as by no means convinced of the fact of immortality, yet at the same time not only willing but earnestly desirous of being convinced. The paper has been mislaid and the writer's name has slipped my memory. For this he will pardon me, I am sure. ..

I am not sufficiently egotistic to thus publicly attempt to convince our friend. Such action would imply a belief on my part that I possess either a rare knowledge or a very superior faculty of impressing what I know upon the con-sciousness of another. My aim is much more modest. The most and best that I can do is to make mention of what helped me in my search for proof. No other man could or should follow just where I trod, but the steps I took may serve as suggestions for his partial guidance, thus enabling him to keep somewhere within touch of the true course and avoid useless and tiresome wandering through the mazes of mere guesswork.

No one man ever proved the truth of immortality to or for me. That work I was compelled to do for myself. So l cannot prove it to another. He in turn must do his own proving. And the beauty of it is, he can. He can prove it as certainly, can come to know it as absolutely as he knows his own life, his individual . consciousness of life. and the task is not a hard one. Yet certain conditions are indispensably necessary. Like the athlete, he must prepare himself not only by what he takes on, but by what he lays off, for the time being, at least.

The seeker after the truth of immor tality must first take on an earnest desire to know the truth, no matter how much rubbish it may displace, nor how sacred or precious the aforesaid rubbish may have seemed to him.. Also a perfect willingness to accept each advanced point as it is proven (not oth erwise) and shown to harmonize with what has been proven. I have heard men gravely maintain that one could not really be certain of his own existence, adding: "For may not life itself be an illusion?" To try to convince such a person would be a sore waste of time. He must sweat it out alone for awhile. These lines are not for him. He who would prove immortality

must likewise be willing to set aside every opinion, prejudice, or teaching which seems to conflict with the truth as proven. Willing to set it aside tem-porarily at least. Of two contraries only one can be true. Prove one true and by that act you have proven the other false. When opinion contradicts proven truth, so much the worse for the opinion. To cling to opinion while striving to find that which it contradicts is about as wise as trying to build a fire with one hand while pouring water upon the kindlings with the

other. The sun never insists on shining upon you or me. It simply shines. We may erect whatever barriers we like in the form of roof, wall, shutter, curtain, or other shade, and it never attempts to crawl beneath them. It simply shines. we wish its rays for light, warmth, or growth, we have only to remove our barriers and lo, it shines. And thus it is with truth. It pursues no, man. It simply is. It forces itself nowhere. It simply is. It wastes no time proving itself. He who wishes it proven must do the proving. It simply is. Hence, he who wishes the proof must of necessity seek it (not expect to be argued into it) and when found must welcome it, welcome it above all else, make a home for it, and thus secure it for his very own.

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there is of your life is but a showing forth of Life, the great immortal prin-

ciple? We agreed, did we not, to stand by what we once established? - What can end, stop, destroy your life? Whatever it is, it must have the power, must it not? Can anything that is not alive act or manifest power? No. To perform an act or wield power it must be alive? Certainly. Being alive it is one more exhibition of Life. So to end your life we must employ Life. Set Life to work, not to destroy another life but to end itself, for we have found that there is no life outside of Life.

Again, is it possible for principle to work one way at one time and an opposite way at another? Is it not always true to itself? Is not its action always in the direction of manifesting itself? Did light ever manifest darkness? Life simply cannot act otherwise than in the direction of re-creating, reproducing, perpetuating itself. And what can hinder that action, since power itself is dependent upon Life for the chance to act in any manner whatever.

There are two or three ugly stumbling blocks in the path of one who is first awakening to this light. One is the in-dividual man's idea, handed down from remote ancestry, endorsed and his taught by school, press, and pulpit, and flashed back upon the mirror of his inner consciousness from the assembled mind of the race, that he is a material body, a mass of bone, muscle, blood, nerves and separate organs, placed here amid all sorts of danger from fire, flood pestilence, and the greed of his fellowman. Theologians tell him he has a soul which lives forever. Would-be scientists deny it. The ensuing confusion befogs his every attempt at a higher view.

Another hindrance is the equally misleading idea that there are just two worlds, this and another; two lives, one here and one there. That your life or mine begins on this particular planet. That the interests of the Great Universe centre on this one little grain of sand

Add to these our attitude towards that giant bogy-man, called Death. A friend instead of an enemy, yet our fears permit us to see only the grinning skull and crossbones with which bigger cowards than we have invested him. Not a thing, not a power, A change of condition, nothing more."

There is a higher view of life than this. If the old views contradict the truth as proven, so much the worse for the old views. If there is an idea of life that fits in and harmonizes with what we have learned of the truth, surely that idea is worthy of a test. How may it be tested? By living it. Isa Cleveland.

There is no other way. Live just one year steadily remembering that you are soul in temporary possession and absolute command of a material body, that your life is simply an integral, not 1: m.

fractional, part of Universal Life which never began, can never end, that you are heir to all you can conceive and understand of it, just as you are free to all the sunlight you can use; and at the would be to swing back into the old ruts. W. H. HUTCHINSON. diums.

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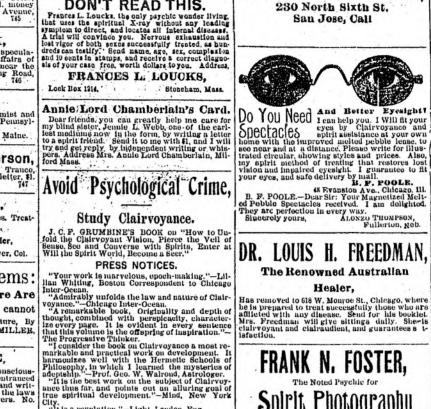
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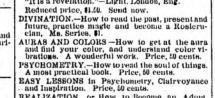
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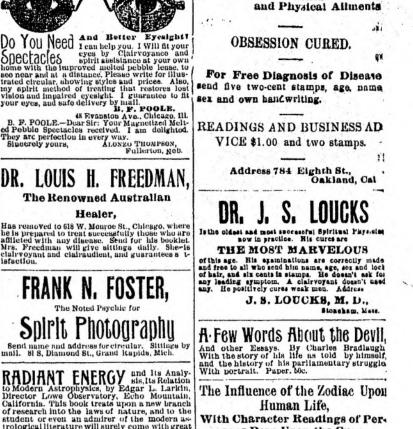
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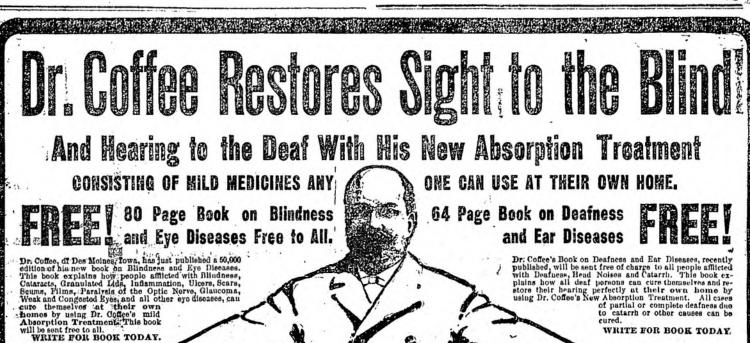
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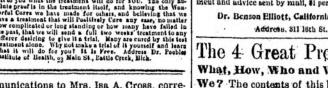
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