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became verified. Strange to say, the farmer and his wife ridiculed us for our "superstitious fears," when informed of our experiences, and Mr. F., proposed to drive our team to my home that very night. Wisely, I had kept from him the more occult aspect of our adventures, merely stating that our ponics were balky, due, possibly, to Mrs. J's. influence. But, whenever this couple was ready to start, armed with a large lantern, a sudden whiff of wind, com ing from nowhere, extinguished the light, and in the ensuing darkness the same manifestations occurred that had confronted us! The farmer was tenacious and tried again and again, hitching the ponies to a heavy box agon, but such was the deviltry sure to follow, that these worthy people now peremptorily refused to harbor either of us or our team for the night! "You are both possessed of the devil," was their invariable answer to our request to keep our team over night. Finally I pre-vailed on him to call on a neighbor, who, ignorant of the trouble, agreed to take the horses to his farm. Nothing THE FINAL END OF THE WITCH. The above happened years ago and the reader may wish to know what has become of the "witch." It is but a few months since that a physician, my successor there, wrote me of the sudden demise of Mrs. J. To my knowledge, she was an old woman thirty years ago, and I am assured that she looked no older when the accident that removed her to the place where witches are said to go, befell her. It is solemnly stated in that neighborhood that she had made a compact with the Evil One, on promise of certain powers, he agreeing to not "claim her soul" so long as her feet touched the earth, or remained within three feet of the same. This accounted for the one-story, ramoling house above referred to, the long shed without flooring, etc. Mrs. J. might be alive to-day had she not forgotten her pactus with the Evil One, and refrained from mounting a wagon of manure, thus standing over three feet above ground, and, besides, not on soil. The Doctor reports that she was suddenly hurled from the wagon, and when picked up it was discovered that her neck was broken. As to any such compact with an evil spirit I know not; BUT I DO KNOW THAT ALL I HAVE RELATED ABOVE IS IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRUTH. Though a number of years have since passed, every happening therewith connected is too vivid in my memory to be forgotten. I have since delved in things occult, for over a quarter of a century, and know more than I did then, and, hence, can solve the puzzle somewhat more to my satisfaction, but still I ask the kind reader's assistance in unravelling the above experience. I REPEAT MY ASSURANCE THAT I HAVE REN-DERED A TRUTHFUL ACCOUNT, ON WHICH I STAKE MY HONOR. INDEED, I DARE NOT TELL ALL THAT HAPPENED-THEN AND AFTER-WARDS-FOR FEAR OF COMMENT.

Any mystical, psuedo-religious sys-tem, or advanced spiritual philosophy (whether it be Spiritualism, the New Thought, Christian Science, Theosophy or Quietism) which purposely ignores a thorough analysis, and investigation into the real psychological causes of vice, sin, and crime, will always be treated with moral suspicion. The first question asked is this, viz, is the system morally clean? Not is the philosophy of the system infallibly

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A Careful and Critical Examination of the Subject.

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The fact that our special reverence for the unseen, and our love for the marvelous is so great, that we would souner worship, and become the pupils of the most foul and ignorant spirit out of his skin, than the wisest and clean-est saint in it, does not change the mat-

ter in the eyes of the public. Spiritualism is both objective and subjective. In the objective sense, a spirit may be a cause of vice, as when In the subject sense, some psycholog

ical force of one's own soul may be a vicious cause.

This view is not flattering. last sense a standard of moral responsi bility is fixed. Let us take our medicine bravely. It may do no harm, if it does no good, to call attention to the psychological fact that the human pas-sions of jealousy, lust, despair and hate were, by the Jews, personified as spir-itual entities, in James 4:5, Numbers 51:17, and other places. This view belongs strictly to the

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In the objective experience they are drawn away, and enticed and overpowered by deceiving spirit entities, which besiege them from without, and which spirits are animated by one or, he other of the above passions.

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Let us frankly admit, however, that all the danger to wrong doing does not come from without; that not being in-fallible (ethical beings) that there may be such a thing as a capacity for self-decention in gover human boat that deception in every human heart that

beats. That human moral evolution implies out of which morals and eth evolved. This question is one which belongs to the sphere of subjective Spiritualism. It concerns the moral condition of my own spirit-not that of a guide. Subjective Spiritualism, therefore, is related to all those moral and ethical conditions relating to my own moral responsibility. In this sense my own fierce, savage passions I personify as the spirits, which are the natural causes of my vices. My savage ancestors of the zoological garden knew nothing of morals. My ethics are an evolution. Those who have descended from the archangels had a better start. But I was not permitted to come that way. I had come the way of the savage races and the zoological gardens. I had a bad beginning; this is why Darwin took so much pains to declare the nature of my ancestry; for a good man's pedigree is little hunted up. If I have the seeds of savage, cruel and unjust passions lurking within (the elements of my own subjective Spiritualism) I know where they came from; so does Darwin. This is a grim historic fact-not humor or romance. Let us be thorough-going with our view of evolution, or let it alone. Suppose, then, that I persist in per-sonifying the left-over elements of my own savage passions, as the spirits, which are the natural evolutionary causes of my vices, what then? Well, it necessitates a thorough analysis and investigation into the real psychological causes of the vices of my savage an-cestors, as well as those of my own. The lives of my ancestors of the zoological gardens, and my own life. therefore, hegan with passions, not with con-ceptions of the intellect, or with the erceptions of sensation, viz., the child at birth begins with hunger, fear and anger, which are passions-not 1 .h conceptions of the intellect or sensations of the senses.

plain, honest people and the best of neighbors.

My circuit covered an extensive area, and my wife was wont to accompany me during those long and otherwise monotonous rides. Thus, one afternoon we were nearing the farm of a Mrs. J., whose house was situated directly -a gloomy enough neighborhood.

Mrs. J's. son was then under my care for a fractured thigh, having just recovered from a similar accident to his left forearm. The direct causes of these consecutive fractures were almost universally laid to the worthy dame herself, or to her "evil eye," which, in the opinion of most people was able to work damage at a distance. Let me explain:

Mrs. J. was known to old and young as the "EVIL-EYED WITCH," and was shunned by all, because of her supposed ability to bewitch anyone by her disliked. Everybody was in actual terror of this woman. The reader must remember that in those days less was known of things occult, and, besides, I then was an out and out materialist, consequently illy prepared to cope with such matters.

The public dislike of this woman I explained through her repugnant physique, carrying her right shoulder "a la Richard the Third." She, as if in mock reverence, bent her "off knee" in a jerky manner, stumbling more than walking, all the while muttering unintelligible rds in croaky voice, mayhaps to some invisible entity. Who knows?

Her lips, as thin and expressionless as a slit cut in sole leather, were never without motion. From her emanated that weird, witchlike, nonsympathetic magnetism, all for evil and none for good.

Yes, she looked like a witch, soaked in evil, and one could well imagine her besmeared with that Devil's Ointment, supposed to be prepared in unholy confab on the Blocksberg, from clergymen's fat, clergymen who had served the devil in heaven's livery! Her eyes seemed to waukee avenue in Chicago, some thirty miles distant, and borrow their expression from the devil-fish, and, taken all his mother did not leave her farm, a fire actually started in all, this woman certainly looked a witch! She was the on the roof, but was readily extinguished, after which best shunned woman, near and far, amply abused in her the "witch" promptly received the money. absence, while most obsequiously flattered when present. Young and old did homage to the "EVIL-EYED ONE."

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Fred tearfully referred to his little wife, who was rapidly failing amidst such depressing surroundings and because of the shameful treatment she received from the old hag. I advised Fred to leave his mother and take his wife with him to Chicago, there to manfully work, and in peace and happiness support her, as in duty bound. but with pity and scorn, doing my best to reach his "benighted pate" with sufficient of the "light of this enlightened century" to meet and overcome all such "medieval nonsense.

All my pains were for nothing, for Fred implored me to keep my counsel and to not further raise his mother's "For," as he added, "she hears every word you say." Pointing to his mother working some five hundred feet distant on the farm, Fred further explained:

"IN SOME STRANGE MANNER MOTHER FEELS WHAT PEOPLE THINK, AND I AM POSITIVE THAT SHE NOW KNOWS ALL YOU SAID AND

How was my wife saved from being crushed to death? We both positively know that she was between the wheels while they met; the distance between them being less than two inches; We cannot explain, though we know these things to have happened.

#### FLOATING ACROSS A.DEEP RAVINE.

We were quite a distance from home and so were forced to return to the phaeton. The spell seemed to be off and we sped up the steep road, both sides of which bordered with deep ravines, cut by the rains of many years. It was as if some intelligent force suddenly deliberately headed the borses towards and over the ravine to the right, some twenty or more feet deep. Though the buggy and ponies touched the ground while on the road, we now floated across this deep ravine, and thus returned without touching its bottom.

I may as well remark right here that the next morning, accompanied by a number of farmers and others, the tracks of the horses feet and of the wheels could be plainly distinguished on the road and also where the team had turned towards the revine and back again. These tracks led to the ravine's edge, and continued on the other side, the returning tracks' equally plain. But the closest examination flid not reveal the least mark at the bottom of the ravine, unrefutably proving that we had really floated both ways over the ravine. Indeed, had we ALL YOU THINK, FOR, FROM MY CHILDHOOD not, and had we fallen to said ravine, we could not have UP SHE ALWAYS KNEW MY THOUGHTS AND escaped injury or even death, and, at best could not have All to few men, while their brothers freeze in hunger out of left the ravine without uman aid; until the coming day.

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have clothes, a well-filled stomach and a pleasant place to sleep, And my thankfulness of spirit runs proportionately deep.

There are people who are freezing, and are hungry to the core

Who for lack of work and shelter are now sleeping out of door.

When I see the mansions gaudy, and provided with the best, I am thankful that "good fortune" has a brother being

But I wonder that "good fortune" with so many things in store.

Gives one plenty while another starves and freezes out of door.

When I see the stately churches where the wealthy go to pray That the "meek and lowly Jesus might their sins all wash

away,"

When the means might be expended for the good of mortals more I feel sorry for the wealthy who must plead at heaven's door.

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time, And the thought uplifts my spirit with a radiance sublime. For the Present seems so partial, with the good things in its

DR. T. WILKINS.



In this sense vice has five distinct stages of psychological growth. 1. The stage of hereditary and self-

developed passion, i. e., as of vices which originate in the passions of hun-ger, fear, anger, hate, jealousy, love of domination, avarice, sex, the seeds of which are in every Spiritualist, living and dead.

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3. The stage of the conceptions of intellect, i. e., of vicious thoughts, mental images, ideas, generic images, inferior concepts, superior concepts, A continuous line of vice-thought always leads to action.

4. The stage of temperament, habit or disposition.

5. The acquired stage of impulsive, self-deceptive secret pleasures; secretly enjoyed for years.

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#### A PREDICTION VERIFIED.

Returning to the road, we concluded to leave the horses at the nearest farmhouse, some half-mile distant. All spooks and spookery had vanished. Slowly progressing, it now became quite dark ere we arrived at the farm. My wife was now seized with a great dread lest something evil should befall me at the farmer's, and urged me to pass by and on. But what could I do? It was impractical to lead the horses home, a mile or more, and I rapped at the rear door of the farm-house, several times without recognition. About to try once more, the door suddenly flew open, revealing the farmer, Mr. F., with gun pointed at me and evidently about to fire! My wife's shrick and the fortunate intervention of Mrs. F., recalled the fellow to his senses, and, as if combatting with some unseen influence, he threw the gun far from him, ago he related to many his remarkable experiences as detailed in this com-munication, and with a sincerity that could not fail to carry conviction. His wife a metric greeting: evidently relieved, sinking exhausted to the floor, his first, though we were old acquaintances, until my wife's shriek saved him from murder. And, thus, the "witch's" threat, that I would be in greater danger that very night, became verified.

Strange to say, the farmer and his wife ridiculed us for our "superstitious fears," when informed of our experiences, and Mr. F., proposed to drive our team to my home that very night. Wisely, I had kept from him the more occult aspect of our adventures, merely stating that our ponies were balky, due, possibly, to Mrs. J's. influence. But, whenever this couple was ready to start armed with a large lantern, a sudden whiff of wind, coming from nowhere, extinguished the light, and in the ensuing darkness the same manifestations occurred that had confronted us! The farmer was tenacious and tried again and again, hitching the ponies to a heavy box wagon, but such was the deviltry sure to follow, that these worthy people now peremptorily refused to harbor either of us or our team for the night! "You are both possessed of the devil," was their invariable answer to and on battle-fields, where wounds had to be neglected contemplated return to Chicago, when suddenly, without our request to keep our team over night. Finally I pre-from various causes. It must also be remembered that the slightest warning, the ponies stopped short, standing vailed on him to call on a neighbor, who, ignorant of the this was a simple fracture, without even the slightest stock still, at the same time trembling violently, as if trouble, agreed to take the horses to his farm. Nothing shaken by some controlling force." At first our thoughts further "occurred than that we had to walk home, our did not recur to the "witch" and her threat, BUT WHEN hearts and heads laboring under conflicting emotions. THE FINAL END OF THE WITCH. The above happened years ago and the reader may the sphere of subjective Spiritualism. wish to know what has become of the "witch." It is but It concerns the moral condition of my own spirit-not that of a guide. Suba few months since that a physician, my successor there, jective Spiritualism, therefore, is rewrote me of the sudden demise of Mrs. J. To my knowllated to all those moral and ethical conedge, she was an old woman thirty years ago, and I am ditions relating to my own moral re-sponsibility. In this sense my own assured that she looked no older when the accident that fierce, savage passions I personify as the spirits, which are the natural removed her to the place where witches are said to go, befell her. It is solemnly stated in that neighborhood causes of my vices. that she had made a compact with the Evil One, on prom-My savage ancestors of the zoological garden knew nothing of morals. My ise of certain powers, he agreeing to not "claim her soul" ethics are an evolution. Those who have descended from the archangels so long as her feet touched the earth, or remained within three feet of the same. This accounted for the one-story, had a better start. But I was not per-mitted to come that way. I had come rambling house above referred to, the long shed without the way of the savage races and the flooring, etc. Mrs. J. might be alive to-day had she not zoological gardens. I had a bad beginforgotten her pactus with the Evil Onc, and refrained ning; this is why Darwin took so much from mounting a wagon of manure, thus standing over pains to declare the nature of my ancestry; for a good man's pedigree is three feet above ground, and, besides, not on soil. The little hunted up. If I have the seeds of Doctor reports that she was suddenly hurled from the savage, cruel and unjust passions lurkwagon, and when picked up it was discovered that her ing within (the elements of my own neck was broken. they came from; so does Darwin. This As to any such compact with an evil spirit I know not is a grim historic fact-not humor or BUT I DO KNOW THAT ALL I HAVE RELATED romance. Let us be thorough-going ABOVE IS IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH THE with our view of evolution, or let it TRUTH. Though a number of years have since passed, alone. every happening therewith connected is too vivid in my sonifying the left-over elements of my memory to be forgotten. I have since delved in things. own savage passions, as the spirits occult, for over a quarter of a century, and know more which are the natural causes of my vices, what then? Well than I did then, and, hence, can solve the puzzle someit necessitates a thorough analysis and what more to my satisfaction, but still I ask the kind investigation into the real psychological reader's assistance in unravelling the above experience. I REPEAT MY ASSURANCE THAT I HAVE RENcauses of the vices of my savage ancestors, as well as those of my own. The lives of my ancestors of the zoo-DERED A TRUTHFUL ACCOUNT, ON WHICH I logical gardens, and my own life, there-STAKE MY HONOR. INDEED, I DARE NOT TELL fore, began with passions, not with con-ALL THAT HAPPENED-THEN AND AFTERceptions of the intellect, or with the perceptions of sensation, viz., the child WARDS-FOR FEAR OF COMMENT.

the Subject. Any mystical, psuedo-religious sys-tem, or advanced spiritual philosophy (whether it be Spiritualism, the New

SPIRITS AS CAUSES OF VICE

A Careful and Critical Examination of

Thought, Christian Science, Theosophy or Quietism) which purposely ignores a thorough analysis, and investigation into the real psychological causes of vice, sin, and crime, will always be treated with moral suspicion.

The first question asked is this, viz., is the system morally clean? Not is the philosophy of the system infallibly

true? If it is not clean the people declare that they do not want it in their families.

The fact that our special reverence for the unseen, and our love for the marvelous is so great, that we would sooner worship, and become the pupils of the most foul and ignorant spirit out of his skin, than the wisest and cleanest saint in it. does not change the matter in the eyes of the public.

Spiritualism is both objective and subjective. In the objective sense, a spirit may be a cause of vice, as when a person is obsessed.

in the subject sense, some psycholog-ical force of one's own soul may be a vicious cause. This view is not flattering. In this

last sense a standard of moral responsi-bility is fixed. Let us take our medicine bravely. It may do no harm, if it does no good, to call attention to the psychological fact that the human pas-sions of jealousy, lust, despair and hate were, by the Jews, personified as spiritual entitles, in James 4:5, Numbers 51:17, and other places.

This view belongs strictly to the phase of subjective Spiritualism, i. e., as distinct from the objective phase of bsession

In the former case, the person is simply self-deceived, drawn away from common sense, and enticed by the spirit entity of their own personal lust, whether it be jealousy, avarice, fear, hate, or the desire for power or sexual conquest. In the objective experience they are drawn away, and enticed and overpowered by deceiving spirit entities, which besiege them from without, and which spirits are animated by one or. the other of the above passion Let us continue to bravely take our

own medicine. Let us frankly admit, however, that all the dauger to wrong doing does not come from without; that not being in-fallible (ethical beings) that there may be such a thing as a capacity for selfdeception in every human heart that beats.

That human moral evolution implies (in the very term itself) the former existence of immoral psychological states, out of which morals and ethics evolved.

This question is one which belongs to

subjective Spiritualism) I know where

Suppose, then, that I persist in per-

at birth begins with hunger, fear and

anger, which are passions-not 1 .h

conceptions of the intellect or sensa

stages of psychological growth. 1. The stage of hereditary and self-

developed passion, i. e., as of vices which originate in the passions of hun-

ger, fear, anger, hate, jealousy, love of

domination, avarice, sex, the seeds of

which are in every Spiritualist, living

2. The stage of the sensations of the

3. The stage of the conceptions of

intellect, i. e., of vicious thoughts, men-

tal images, ideas, generic images, in-

continuous line of vice-thought always

4. The stage of temperament, habit

ferior concepts, superior concepts.

senses, i. e., of seeing, hearing, touch-

In this sense vice has five distinct

tions of the senses.

ing, smelling, tasting.

leads to action.

and dead.

plain, honest people and the best of neighbors.

thirty miles of Chicago, on a farm, among farmers-

My circuit covered an extensive area, and my wife was wont to accompany me during those long and otherwise monotonous rides. Thus, one afternoon we were nearing the farm of a Mrs. J., whose house was situated directly on the highroad, opposite an unpainted, deserted church -a gloomy enough neighborhood.

Mrs. J's. son was then under my care for a fractured thigh, having just recovered from a similar accident to his left forcarm. The direct causes of these consecutive fractures were almost universally laid to the worthy dame herself, or to her "evil eye," which, in the opinion of most people was able to work damage at a distance. Let me explain:

Mrs. J. was known to old and young as the "EVIL-EYED WITCH," and was shunned by all, because of her supposed ability to bewitch anyone by her disliked. Everybody was in actual terror of this woman. The reader must remember that in those days less was known of things occult, and, besides, I then was an out and out materialist, consequently illy prepared to cope with such matters.

The public dislike of this woman I explained through her repugnant physique, carrying her right shoulder "a la Richard the Third." She, as if in mock reverence, bent her "off knee" in a jerky manner, stumbling more than walking, all the while muttering unintelligible words in croaky voice, mayhaps to some invisible entity. Who knows?

Her lips, as thin and expressionless as a slit cut in sole leather, were never without motion. From her emanated that weird, witchlike, nonsympathetic magnetism, all for that death was prognosticated by the "witch" exactly as evil and none for good.

could well imagine her besmeared with that Devil's Oint- same was not handed to her by Wednesday, she would ment, supposed to be prepared in unholy confab on the "SEND THE RED COCK ON HIS ROOF," at midnight Blocksberg, from clergymen's fat, clergymen who had served the devil in heaven's livery! Her eyes seemed to waukee avenue in Chicago, some thirty miles distant, and borrow their expression from the devil-fish, and, taken all his mother did not leave her farm, a fire actually started in all, this woman certainly looked a witch! She was the on the roof, but was readily extinguished, after which hest shunned woman, near and far, amply abused in her the "witch" promptly received the money. absence, while most obsequiously flattered when present. Young and old did homage to the "EVIL-EYED ONE."

I must go back a little in time, for, previously, I myself had witnessed the wholesale slaughter of a litter of pigs by this "witch," the property of her neighbor, a Mr. K. During a professional call at this farmer's house, I had His other remarks, touching on black magic, I also met, occasion to praise the healthy appearance of a litter of pigs. To my astonishment, Mr. K., an unusually intelli-nighted pate" with sufficient of the "light of this enlightgent farmer, asserted that "nothing can save this litter, for the witch has 'evil-eyed' them!" Such STUPIDITY required correction, and I then and there gave vent to much "scientific" horror with what he said, but without shaking his belief in the old woman's "powers." As related to keep my counsel and to not further raise his mother's the next day by Mr. K., EVERY PIGLET "TOOK ITS ire. "For," as he added, "she hears every word you say." LITTLE TAIL BETWEEN ITS TEETH AT SUN-SET, THE DAY PRIOR, AND TWIRLING ABOUT distant on the farm, Fred further explained: FASTER AND FASTER, DROPPED DEAD." What killed the pigs I know not, but that they were dead I saw for myself.

#### A STRANGE, WEIRD OCCURRENCE.

But let us return to our story and relate what hap- THERE WAS NO ESCAPE FROM HER."

Where did these worms come from?

Where did they go to? What, indeed, had they been?

#### SEND THE RED COCK ON THE ROOF.

Pulling myself together best I could, I rebandaged the leg, while Fred aired his long pent up feelings by the recital of the weird happenings there, as strange occur-rences in "BLACK MAGIC" as perhaps were ever recounted to mortal. Even the recent death of a brother he believed the work of entities servile to his mother, for vil and none for good. Yes, she looked like a witch, soaked in evil, and one fused to advance money, Mrs. J. threatened that if the of that day. Though Jim's house was situated on Mil-

> Fred tearfully referred to his little wife, who was rapidly failing amidst such depressing surroundings and be-

cause of the shameful treatment she received from the old hag. I advised Fred to leave his mother and take his wife with him to Chicago, there to manfully work, and in peace and happiness support her, as in duty bound.

All my pains were for nothing, for Fred implored me Pointing to his mother working some five hundred feet

"IN SOME STRANGE MANNER MOTHER FEELS WHAT PEOPLE THINK, AND I AM POSITIVE THAT SHE NOW KNOWS ALL YOU SAID AND ALL YOU THINK, FOR, FROM MY CHILDHOOD UP SHE ALWAYS KNEW MY THOUGHTS AND

How was my wife saved from being crushed to death? We both positively know that she was between the wheels while they met, the distance between them being less than two inches; . We cannot explain, though we know these things to have happened.

#### FLOATING ACROSS A DEEP RAVINE.

We were quite a distance from home and so were forced to return to the phaeton. The spell seemed to be off and we sped up the steep road, both sides of which bordered with deep ravines, cut by the rains of many years. It was as if some intelligent force suddenly delib erately headed the porses towards and over the ravine to the right, some twenty or more feet deep. Though the buggy and ponies touched the ground while on the road, we now floated across this deep ravine, and thus returned without touching its bottom.

I may as well remark right here that the next morning, accompanied by a number of farmers and others, the tracks of the horses feet and of the wheels could be plainly distinguished on the road and also where the team had turned towards the ravine and back again. These tracks led to the ravine's edge, and continued on the other side, the returning tracks' equally plain. But the closest examination flid not reveal the least mark at the bottom of the ravine, unrefutably proving that we had time, really floated both ways over the ravine. Indeed, had we And the thought uplifts my spirit with a radiance sublime. not, and had we fallen into said ravine, we could not have escaped injury or even death, and, at best could not have All to few men, while their brothers freeze in hunger out of door. DR. T. WILKINS,

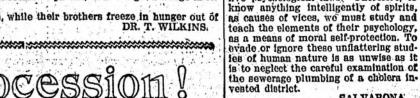
NUMA NUMANTIUS.

THANKFUL

- have clothes, a well-filled stomach and a pleasant place to sleep,
- And my thankfulness of spirit runs proportionately deep. There are people who are freezing, and are hungry to the
- Who for lack of work and shelter are now sleeping out of door.

When I see the mansions gaudy, and provided with the best I am thankful that "good fortune" has a brother being blessed

- But I wonder that "good fortune" with so many things in store.
- Gives one plenty while another starves and freezes out of
- When I see the stately churches where the wealthy go to
- That the "meek and lowly Jesus might their sins all wash
- When the means might be expended for the good of mortals more I feel sorry for the wealthy who must plead at heaven's door
- I feel thankful there is justice in the somewhere and some
- For the Present seems so partial, with the good things in its



SALVARONA.

or disposition. 5. The acquired stage of impulsive, self-deceptive secret pleasures; secrety enjoyed for years. Now, my own spirit, and every developed obsessing spirit that has ever lived on earth, had their natures developed-whether for lofty virtue or degrading vice-according to the above live psychological laws. Therefore, to

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# left the ravine without numan aid, until the coming day.

## Items of General Interest in Connection with Spiritualism.

you can otherwise.

vestigating this religion.

Since writing my last letter to The Mamle Pease. Then came the ora-Progressive/Thinker I have done con-tions of the older children, ranging iderable wandering, visiting many towns and trying to spread the good do its fullest value the work of the more a medium is controlled, the easier of shame to all who have failed to see word as best I can. As the towns visit-by a to restance, while the four years of its is for their gudes to handle them to a bottor advantage, and to give a fuller cood "Software work. But to prolotter, I will confine myself to the work So important is this phase of the understanding of Spiritualism. So the work that I hope you will publish this "Now to get closer to my set.

that time. Leaving home in answer to the calls received, 1 visited Pepin, Wis., and spoke to the good people there. I found

a very desirable refuge in the home of and clear was her voice as she spoke to a very desirable refuge in the holds of and clear was nervoice as she spoke to Bro, and Sister Foster, and learned that wherever we go we may find noble "Mr. President and Friends:--I would wherever we go we may find noble souls who are striving to unfold the like to tell you something about "Spirhigher elements of character to the best it Return." I think everyone ought to advantage. To say I was royally treat- know about it. If my papa and mamma advantage. To say I was royally treatwere to go to the spirit world I would be ed in this pleasant home would not express my feelings. Good companionvery sorry to lose them, but it would be ship in the form, good companionship much harder if I thought they had gone Sing in the spirit side of life, and then the control back to me. But you see I know Spiritual papers in abundance—The control back to me. But you see I know Progressive Thinker Library and a they could come to me, and if I were to Progressive those Royal Roycroft books go to the spirit world I could still be home with papa and mamma. YOU SEE WE DO NOT DIE, BECAUSE turned out by Elbert Hubbard and his What more could a man co-workers. THERE IS NO DEATH; and we do not hungry for the world's best thought. go away; we just stay at home, where

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want I spoke in the very comfortable hall e love to be. "It is called 'Spirit Return' because which was placed at my disposal, and had a fine audience the first night-then ople used to think the spirits went a long way off to heaven, but they don't have to do that; they just stay at home the second evening, what an audience greeted me and made me feel that Spir and love their papa and mamma like they used to do in the body, and they itualism was not devoid of interest to hungry souls yet. The hall was crowdenjoy God, too, because you know God ed, and nowhere have I received any better attention than here. So pleased is everywhere. So I think you all was I with my reception that I immediate should know of 'spirit return.' was I with my reception that I imme threatened to visit them again "It exists whether we know it or not, and it gives so much comfort and and shall certainly do so.

The next point was Porcupine, Wis. After a merry ride of fourteen miles happiness when we do know of it Then it will help little folks to lead a with the representative of "Uncle Sam" good life. Perhaps mamma or papa is arrived at this little village, and in the watching them from the spirit world. know I would not like my pa or ma to evening held forth in the school house A goodly number of seekers held down see me do anything very naughty, and I the scats, and gave me all the attention think if all you papas and mammas who I could desire, on Wednesday evening. have little folks in the spirit world Thursday it stormed heavily, but in knew that they could be in your home spite of the inclement weather, the with you, you would not feel quite so school was filled with people who came sad, and when you go out in the world from I know not where. There is not to work you would try to be good, be much to see in Porcupine, but they do cause your little girl is near; and when have people in goodly numbers. While you go to your home in the spirit world here I was entertained by Bro. and Sis-ter Chas. Myers, who are old-time Spir-tle child again; and I know I would not ter Chas. Myers, who are old-time Spir-A feature of the meetings like my pa to be naughty or unkind. So itualists. spirit return helps us to be happy and there was unusual in my experience. had been talking some time, and lookgood, and teaches us that we shall ing at my watch discovered that my some day return to help and comfort tongue had been "wagging" for nearly those who are left behind after we pass an hour and a half. I was surprised, as to spirit life." • • it had not seemed so long. I remarked The next oration was that given by on the fact and said it was time to stop Master George Whitwell, aged 17. The when a gentleman spoke up quickly, subject upon which he spoke is the all "turn your watch back and go important one of the Lyceum. How well saying, Well, Bro. Francis, I had known he presented the question can be appreof things that pleased me less than that clated by the following: did, and I simply mention the occur The Lyceum

rence to show that the people are eage "Mr. President and Friends :- It is for light upon this most fascinating sub my privilege to speak to you this after I wish to add further that if ject. noon on the benefits of the Lyceum really first-class medium and speaker will go there they will give him, or her, The Lyceum was founded many years ago by Andrew Jackson Davis, after having seen a vision of one, shown to even better attention than they gave yours truly." him from the spirit world. In this vis-

Friday again found me on the wing ion he saw a lyceum composed of chil-Once more a fourteen-mile drive up and dren and grown people, who had passed down the hills with Uncle Sam's mail from our sphere of life to the spirit carrier; then a swift ride by rail, and I found myself in "Odd Fellows' Hall," in world. They were formed into groups according to their age and knowledge St. Paul, Minn., stowing away the good and each of these groups was taught by things prepared by the Ladies' Auxila leader. Hero was in session the Midwin ter Mass Meeting of the Minnesota on this same plan; we have four groups

State Spiritualist Association. -the first for little girls, the second is A conference conducted by that vet for boys, the third group is for young eran worker, Mrs. C, D, Pruden, of St. ladles and the fourth group is for young ladles and the fourth group is for adults. I belong to the second group, and have been a member of the lyceum ever since it was formed by Mr. and Mrs. Paul, opened the sessions. A lively dis-cussion of points relative to the cause of Spiritualism made the conference of interest to all. In the afternoon, a fine Kates, four years ago, and I believe it audience greeted the workers, and I bewould be a good thing if all Spiritual-ists would send their children to the lieve felt well repaid for their attendance.

lyceum. Parents should remember that Those taking part were Mrs. J. P. Whitwell, Mrs. S. M. Lowell, and your

a bottor advantage, and to give a fuller ceed. "Spiritualism," by Miss Carrie

"Now to get closer to my subject i think it would take something more and began his teachings he was understood by few, and many religions have drifted from his teachings. He laid the foundation for Spiritualism-sowed the good seed-and to day we are reaping spirit friends. So my, friends, by athe good thoughts, from his actions and lending circles you can acquire all this, good deeds. and can come in closer contact with

"We may say that the Fox Sisters had the first rappings; they may be the first to make their gift of Spiritualism your loved ones on the other side of life than you can by attending public evenknown to the people." Spiritualism exing services. You can also develop mediumship, if you have mediumistic isted long before Christ was born, but powers within you; furthermore you can discuss more fully the many subthe people who were gifted with spirit return, or who were possessed by Satan, as the ignorant people called it, who could talk with their departed jects pertaining to Spiritualism than "It forms a firm and unshaken founlead, kept their bolief a secret for fear dation for young manhood and womanthat the ruler of their country or some hood-your hungry souls will be fed other religion would put them out of by the wonderful words which come existence. "Spiritualism telfs us to live in harrom the unseen world, and you will

mony with one another-to 'do unto others as we would that they should do feel thankful for the couple of hours in the week you may chance to spend in a circle. It is a place of consolation, happiness and good thoughts. unto us.' Spiritualism says you can talk with your loved ones in the Spirit "Harmony should reign in the heart World. We know what we are living of every person sitting in a circle, for for-we know our mission on this earth. with harmony the best results only can We know that these great mechanical be obtained. I myself have at the presinventions were made on the other side ent time the great pleasure to attend a of life, and then were brought to this world, made by some one, who possibly did not know what Spiritualism is, or circle; it has given me a truer and no-bler view of this grand religion called Spiritualism and has made me an en-tirely different young man than I was two years ago when I first took to inwhat it was, only that his body was the instrument that the spirits could handle to bring out their work, which would uplift humanity. We cannot become a "The power of understanding was slow at first, but during the last year I have learned and made more progress Spiritualist simply because we attend Spiritualist meetings, and not under

stand, or take some interest in the serthan ever before. It has given me a vice, nor if we do not live the life of broader thought, of understanding what ah honest man or woman. "Friend, to prepare for ourselves

Spiritualism really is, and I more than comprehend what it is to lead the life beautiful home on the other side of life of a true Spirtualist. It is the we should throw a ray of sunshine into with many other Spiritualists of to-day a gloomy wanderer's path, whose road to the dark and silent river is e'er as it is in my case. "As the time is short, I must come to shrouded with trouble and misery. He a close, but I wish to state that I sinwho cannot help himself because he cerely wish that many in this hall, in was left by the roadside under some

he days to come, will spend a couple influence. of hours a week in attending a circle. Do so when you have the chance, be-"The road of Spiritualism is long and narrow; we can be easily led astray from the beautiful path on which we cause it will benefit you, and you will never regret having done so. I say have endeavored to remain, and to stick this with earnestness, because I know it to as long as we could. Oh, the road is of my own experience." long for the weary wanderer, and many Those who listened to the sincere a steep he has to climb to reach his tone of the above mentioned young man long hoped-for destiny. Their paths, as could not doubt but that he spoke as he they journey on through life, may be full of misfortunes, but friends on the felt. After him came another boy of 16, whose effort made many of us open unseen side of life are ever near them

our eyes in astonishment. This was Master Joseph Whitwell, Jr., who enterwaiting to give them a hand, to help waiting to give them a hand, to help them overcome the obstacles, but are shut out by other forces. Part of their lives may be shaded with trees and flowers, while other parts may be bar-ren and hilly. They who are struggling to reach the godi or the silent River of Death, and be ferried across by their spirit friends into the land of eternity; or he we give a barbing hand and a tained us by telling us, in simple, well chosen language of the profit to be gained by an understanding of "The Power of Thought." "Mr. President and Friends :-- I have often heard it said that "thoughts are

things," and I believe it to be true, because every day I see the effects of oh, let us give a helping hand and a thoughts written in the lines of peokind word to help them on life's way, the ple's faces. To me "Thought" is for such is the work of Spiritualism." great principle or foundation on which we build our success in life. Every act the program was augmented by a thirtyof our lives is preceded by a thought, minute lecture each by Mrs. Pruden and if we allow a bad or wrong thought and Mrs. Talcott; and messages by Mrs. in our minds and do not try to put it out will certaintly lead to a wring act.

Eva McCoy and the writer. Also music by the Zumbachs. If, on the other hand, we do put the wrong thought out of our minds by turn-ing our thoughts to some other object, we become much stronger ourselves and the wrong thought will not be so apt to return again, and if it does, we shall find it much easier to get rid of apt to return again, and if it does, we few remarks by J. S. Maxwell, the shall find it much easier to get rid of than we did the first time; and this is ing, and was followed by Mrs. Mary the way that habits are formed which Jacobs and Mrs. Eva McCoy with meawill build for us a beautiful character.

sages from arisen friends. Altogether "The old commandments have said, this was one of the most successful and

CUBA---ITS WONDERS. SPIRITUALISTS TAKING POSSES-SION OF THE ISLAND.

> Mrs. Marian Carpenter Holds the First Spiritualist Meeting There,

To the Editor:-In the sunny and faraway land of Cuba, "The Pearl of the Antilles," many readers of The Pro gressive Thinker are spending the win vitas railroad, whose terminus has a line of New York steamers. We get off at Canet, a most flourishing Amer-

The Detroit party consists of E. H ican colony with a genuine American hotel kept by F. M. Gates and wife, as-Carpenter and wife, Mrs. Marian Carpenter; W. E. Cole and wife, Dr. C. E. Ford. and wife, and F. M. Gates and wife, also Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Carpensisted by Mrs. L. A. Henderson, all of Detroit. The colonists are rapidly ter and E. U. Carpenter of Gaylord, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Baldwin, of building homes and in a land where or anges, bananas, pineapples and vege Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Ellen Randolph tables grow spontaneously, and cattle of Delaware. O. graze all the year round, success is as-

The trip through the south and across the Gulf was uneventful and uninterestng. But when our little ship sailed through the narrow neck of the harbor under the shadow of the uncompromis ing and stately Morro Castle, past the ancient and frowning Fort Cabanas, and neared the ill-fated Maine, whose smokestask and watchtower rise many feet above the water, all passengers were on deck, breathlessly watching, as they realized that the distance between them and the historic city of Havana, was rapidly lessening. We soon to anchor in the midst of busy came local craft, sloops unloading their tropical wares from South America and the adjacent islands, steamers from Europe, and three dignified German battle ships. An important little tug comes sputtering to our ship's side, bearing the health officer, who, upon being assured that there was no illness on board, other than that usually attending ocean voyages, allowed us to board the lighter, and we were soon at dock. At dock did I say? I meant fairyland for "behold old things have passed away and all things have become is the realization of the new." This pictures of the prophets in our old geographies. The city boasts of 260,000 inhabitants

of all colors and types, from the fullblooded negro, up through all the intermediate stages of color, which would puzzle the ethnologist to classify, to purest white. It is hard to tell where are limited. he black man ends and the white man begins in this country. We are somewhat handicapped by not being able to the first Spiritualist meeting ever held speak Spanish, but there are many Americans on the island, and all of the on the Island of Cuba. The dininghotels employ interpreters who, if we expected audience. are sufficiently watchful, will not bleed us more than is consistent with their but they came en masse. Mrs. Carpenfirm conviction that every American is rich itable style. Her subject, "Spiritualism

Not the least of our pleasure is to go shopping. The principal business thoroughfares are so narrow that canvas is spread across the streets, from roof to roof, as a protection from the merciless tropical sun. Every inducement is offered to tempt the traveler's pocket-book, and rarely does an Amer-ican come away without a souvenir, in the shape of the beautiful feather work or silver filigree, both indicative of this most interesting country.

Uncle Sam's money is good everywhere. In Santiago none but United This closed the lycenm exercises, and States money will be accepted, but in all other places the ratio is \$1 Ameri-can to \$1.36 Spanish; for instance if we buy an article worth \$1.25 Spanish money and hand the dealer \$1 American

we receive 11 cents change. The Cubans are much dissatisfied Cuba, but it requires a certain soil and with the depreciated coin left by Spain. certain conditions not obtainable on all and an effort is being made to adopt parts of the island. A tobacco planta-tion such, as owned by Mr. Gray, of United States currency as the standard of value, and will probably be consummated in the near future. The street cars of Havana, a modern

grown has a small leaf and is used exsystem of belt lines, charge 5 cents American money or 7 cents Spanish. clusively for fillers. The tobacco is irrigated and grown under cheese cloth The city is very clean, General Wood

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favor of annexation.

failing source of wonder.

Smoking is a universal

covers when necessary. This care, coupled with the natural properties of had it thoroughly renovated, and the

such as knives and forks, and all clothing. The climate being mild the oppressed people allowed their children to go without clothing until it became a custom of the country. There is so much to see and describe

that we must turn regretfully away from the fascinating city of Havana, and go 350 miles Eastward. We take the Cuban Central railroad, passing through the provinces of Havana, Ma tanzas and Santa Clara into Camaguey Here we leave the main line of railroad and take the Puerto Principe and Nue

ured. The company has been organ

Canet, for Mrs. Marian Carpenter held

er delivered a lecture in her own inim-

as taught in the Bible," was chosen, for

her hearers were those unacquainted

with the philosophy of Spiritualism.

The lecture was well received by the

nothing objectionable happened. One

skeptic remarked that it was what he

had always believed. Even the Baptist

missionary's wife attended and was fa-

vorably impressed. There was a unan-

mous request for a meeting every Sun-

day evening. The heart of every audi-

tor was won. There is only one Marian

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rue that the best tobacco is grown in

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first thing these American women did at Canet, was to organize a literary club. Is it not true that wherever the American goes there follows schools. books and everything that makes a better citizen? We ought, however, to check this feeling of superiority over our Cuban sisters, and remember that public schools are an innovation instigated by the Americans. Under Spanish dominion there were only private eachers, and none but the rich might learn to read. Now there are compulory school laws in all of the cities, and the study of English obligatory. I am uninformed as to the rural districts, but



correspondent. Mrs. Lowell gave the dren, address, and was cordially greeted by old friends and admirers. Mrs. Whitwell gave the Invocation and I gave a few messages from the friends evond the border. The whole prosong, and presided over by Mr. J. S. Maxwell.

The evening session was well attended. The workers were the Zumbachs. in music and song; Mrs. Asa Talcott i an invocation, Mrs. Eva McCov of Marshalltown, Ia., and someone else, I be lieve, whose name has slipped my mind, as message bearers, and myself as dis turber of those who wished to spend a nortion of their time wrapped in the the laws snares of the Siren "Morpheus.

Saturday, Feb. 27 .- By this morning's conference, which was presided over by Mrs. J. P. Whitwell, the friends who began to flock into the hall, were thorawakened, and began to take hold of the work in real earnest. The subject, "What can we do to promote our beloved cause of Spiritualism." proposed by Sanford Niles, of Minneapolis, was the "open sesame" to the realm of Itually. thought, and like scintillating rays of light came the mental gems, hot from the forge of thought. Those who spoke were Sanford Niles, J. P. Whitwell, Mrs. Tryon, Mrs. Pruden, Mrs. Lowell, Mrs. Shaft and many others, including the "boy from Wisconsin."

At 2:30 a still larger audience brought inspiration to the workers, who were Mrs. C. D. Pruden, who gave the invocation; Mrs. Carrie Tryon of Minne-apolis, who, in spite of physical difficules, gave a very excellent address; and Mrs. Sauer of St. Paul and Will J. Erwood of La Crosse, as message bearers

In the evening another royal audience, and the work went merrily on-Force had accumulated until the ward. very halls vibrated with power. Once more the Zumbachs gave voice to their beautiful songs. Mrs. Lowell opened the service with an invocation. Remarks, trite and to the point were made by the vice-president of the association; Mr. J. P. Whitwell of St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Whitwell has the happy faculty of always having something to say ,and of saying it well. After Bro. Whitwell the address of the evening was given by your correspondent, and then came more messages by Prof. Zeno, of Minneapolis, and Mrs. Eva McCoy.

Sunday, Feb. 28 will be a red letter day in the history of Spiritualism in and encouragement of your presence and around St. Paul. Certainly it was with us. one of the most successful days I have

over seen anywhere, and contains a les son that every Spiritualist in the country should seek to learn, and an example that all societies should seek to follow. An excellent address was given by Mrs. J. P. Whitwell at the morning session, and messages were given by Mrs. Sauer and the writer. Dinner over, an immense audience gathered in the large hall, and the feature par excellence was presented. traveling.

The children of the St. Paul Lyceum. Next in order came Master Eddie fifty strong, marched into the hall and Hottinger, age 15, who voiced the folupon the stage. Carrying flags and graded from the tiny tots of four up to the boys and girls of sixteen and sovenlowing suggestive sentiments on "The Value of the Circle:" "Mr. President, Co-workers and

teon they made a beautiful sight. After Friends singing "America," the children took the seats reserved for them, and then came the real surprise.

Value of the Circle.' To derive a beneat from a circle; a great deal depends following address on "Spiritualism," lory, metaphysics have been upon the Spirit Guides who use the me- which is the last I have to report, and applied. True underlying Recitations and songs were given by upon the Spirit Guides who use the me-diums as their Instruments. Some which is the last I have to report, and applied. True under have come to light fr many of the members, including Elsie Johnson; Lily Cedarleaf, Ethel McKay, guides have in the past had more ex. dan, another of the 15-year-old ora safe guides to knowledge. Iver Johnson, Leroy Traeger, Jonnie Wallenberger, Edith Wallenberger, Al. perience in controlling mediums than tors. These lecturettes I am giving ver-bira Wallenberger, Marjory Smith and have others, and, as the old saying is batim, as written by the pupils them. opened.

-As has just been announced

nanner.

hey cannot always control their chil and if they wish to learn the beautiful truths and religion of Spiritualism, they should bring them or send them to the lyceum while they are still young, and, it is equally important that the young folks should be prepared Spiritualism when the parents have nassed on to the spirit world. "So I extend to you all, in behalf of

Our lyceum in St. Paul is arranged

our own members, a hearty welcome and invitation to attend our lyceum on Sunday afternoons.

"Our lyceum, as I have said, has been formed for four years, and while we have not grown very fast in numbers, feel that each of us who have attend ed has gained much in knowledge of of life, both here and here another as it is to change the current of water, taking it from a course of after. I understand that it is better that we should reason out for ourselves waste and destruction, to one of consome of the problems of life relating to struction and usefulness. No man is a our spiritual unfoldment, rather than strong man until he has learned how o depend entirely upon our parents and to control and to change the current of eachers for a knowledge of these is thoughts at will. hings, because each one of us has his

"Reading good books has a good effect on the reader, because it opens own life to live, and his own experiences to pass through, in order to gain new channels in the mind through berfect development, mentally and spirwhich the powerful currents of thought may be turned at any time, adding char

"In our lyceum we are taught to acter and grace to manhood, and the bring and express our own thoughts on more channels for good thoughts that questions pertaining to Spiritualism, are opened up the less opportunity or danger will there be of the disastrous and in this way we hope to attain a still higher knowledge of truth, and get out floods of evil thoughts overwhelming of some of the old ruts which people the mind, as these channels will be have followed in for many years, closed from the fact that they have no because their parents walked in these een used. Then also we must remem ruts before them. This gives us conber that there are books that we should fidence in ourselves and also teaches us not read at all, as they but serve to to express our own thoughts in a proper open up channels through which currents of thoughts may flow without "I know a great many people make

penefit to ourselves or humanity. great mistake, in thinking the lyceum "Realizing the power of thought, we is only for children. This should not be should try at all times to know what so; for if the older people and leader is right; then we can think right and teach what is right. I do not think it of the classes do not come out, the children will soon become discouraged, and is right for people to ask one another to take a drink, for while some people can stay away also, for children generally like to do what they see older people and do drink moderately, the very perdoing. And there is as much for the son whom you ask to drink might beolder people to learn of Spiritualism come a drunkard, making to himself the and of the spirit life as there is for chilexcuse, "Oh, Mr. So-and-so is a fine feldren to learn. . If you know all about ow, and he drinks; so why shouldn't eading a good life here, and of the spirit I?" and in a short time the habit has life hereafter, come and help to teach us such a strong hold on him that he canof it. Your knowledge is not given to not overcome it.

you for yourself alone, but for the bene-"Then through the power of thought fit of humanity, and you do wrong to hide it. If you do not know of these things, come with us to our lyceum and with us in a knowledge of Spiritual truths, and give us the strength "It is much better for children to be at every little duty in life. If we ex-

present at the lyceum on Sunday afterpect to be happy we should try to be noon, learning how to purify the body, mind and soul, than to spend the whole and remember that no one else can day in aimless amusement, and it cermake us happy if we will not try to the age, and tainly is an advantage and a great help make ourselves and others happy. to grown people to lay aside material say worldly affairs, once 'a week, and seek earnestly for a knowledge of their own spiritual nature, and also of the actions, and we shall be doing our share ity prevails over the material. spirit land toward which we are all towards bringing heaven and happiness on earth." "Two very fine efforts were those of

ing with music in the Spiritual way, and the latter with the benefits of medium-

by Mr. Whitwell, the subject upon secure their manuscript, so am unable which I am to give a short talk is 'The to do more than mention them.' Some to do more than montion them. Some form any true conception ... beautiful thoughts will be found in the

nous shalt not do wrong. I think if harmonious meetings I have ever at. they were written again to-day they tended. The music was fine. All the would read, "Thou shalt not think workers were in fine fettle and the aunot think wrong;" for if a man does diences large and appreciative. Presiwrong, then he is clean of heart and dent Maxwell was much in evidence and he never will do wrong. And from alded largely in making the meetings a this I should say our "thoughts are success, speaking a good word when this I should say our gram was interspersed with music and and instructed to carry on the work of things" which can be controlled and needed and losing his voice entirely. when will power, and by getting them into to do his begging for him—then mys-proper channels of usefulness. The teriously finding it when he learned and when a wrong thought comes to the mind, the right thing to do would be to

take up some thought or work of use ALWAYS SOME ONE BELOW. fulness, with energy and so learn to

control the action of the mind. On the lowest round of the ladder "It is just as practical to change I firmly planted my feet, current of thought from one channel to And looked up at the dim vast distance

That made my future so sweet. climbed till my vision grew weary,

I climbed till my brain was on fire, planted each footstep with wisdom Yet I never seemed to get higher. For this round was glazed with indiffer-

ence. And that one was glazed with scorn, And when I grasped firmly another

I found under velvet a thorn. Till my brain grew weary of planning

And my heart strength began to fail, And the flesh of the morning's excite ment

Ere evening commenced to pale.

But just as my hands were unclasping Their hold on the last gained round, When my hopes, coming back from the future,

Were sinking again to the ground. One who had reached near the summit Reached backward a helping hand.

And refreshed, encouraged and strengthened I took once again my stand.

And I wish-oh, I wish-that the climbers Would never forget as they go,

That though weary may seem their climbinbe

There is always some one below. . - 111 -Ella Higginson. year.' Important Work.

Under the auspices of the interna-

"Then through the power of thought we can form a good, happy disposition, or we can form one just the opposite. By keeping cool and not allowing every little thing of this life to aggravate us and make us angry, we become strong er. If we get angry we become weaker, and soon it becomes a habit to grumble tional Physio-Psychic, Society of 1204 dered to General Shafter.

and soon it becomes a habit to grumble at every little duty in life. If we ex-pect to be happy we should try to be again, for five years, given his entire pleased with things as they come to us, time and attention to, further research can repudiates the materialistic tendency of y to the age, and shows, by underiable So I proof, derived from a study of the esleeper, was smoking. we should always keep and culti-sence of language, that man is of dual ature, from his first incipience in the There is a rumor afloat that whenvate the best and highest thoughts, and nature, from his first incipience in the we shall surely do the best and noblest cell, and that the spiritual in this dual-Cuban baby is born, they grease it all

It will further say that divinity, as we endeavor to view it. and as man has ever endeavored to view it, is a concep-Miss Mamie Pease, age 15, and Miss Olive Crooks, aged 13, the former deal-God, or any period or nation, is the out ing with music in the Spiritual way, and the latter with the benefits of medium-ilization of that period and nation; that ship. Unfortunately I was unable to man is subject to immutable laws of whose origin it is impossible for him to

For the first time in the world's history, metaphysics have been practically principles are furnishin "laus the

not only an abundant crop, but the ligation to keep it so. In case of failure, the United States is privileged to choicest variety, and brings the highest step in at any time and clean it. Not price in the market. But not all land is suitable for todid the Americans clean the city,

Carpenter!

but they paved it, put in sewers and electric lights, also the street car sysbacco. The wealth of this island lies in sugar. Eighty-five per cent of all exports is sugar. We visited a sugar tem, and the Cubans' pride, the breakplantation and mill, said to be the next water, which is a stone wall running for miles along the blue waters of the Gulf. The Island has not yet recovered largest in the world. It is situated 6 miles from Canet, and 20 miles from the impoverishing effects Nuevita's, its nearest shipping point. thirty years of war, and the Cubans re-Mr. Sanchez, the owner of the plantaalize how much enterprise and Amerition, made us very welcome, and took great pride in showing us his home, his can capital have done for them, yet only the rich and the property owners are in garden, his mill and his 12 children. His home is built in the beautiful Span-

ish style, open courts with marble floors While you are shoveling snow off and a patio, filled with flowers and other your walks and coal in your furnaces. we are sitting in the park studying the tropical plants. In the garden were growing coffee, which we picked; cocoaflora, which to the northerner is a never nuts which were beyond our reach: We have almonds, bananas, oranges, grape fruit, taken automobile rides 20 miles out of cocoa, guavas, mammees and strawber-ries. We saw no grapes, and were in-Havana, and our eyes have not rested upon a single tree that we had eve formed that under the Spanish regime, seen its like before. These roads, hungrape culture was prohibited. A famdreds of years old, are smooth as ily, however, was allowed two grape floor, and on either side are tronical trees whose branches interlace, vines, but had to pay a tax of \$2.50 each to the crown. The mother country pur forming a canopy over our heads. For posed to furnish Cuba with her wine. picturesque beauty, first place must be Mr. Sanchez owns 42,000 acres given to the Royal Palm, whose smooth land, 10,000 of which are planted to trunk towering without branches 75 or sugar cane. There are 4,000 men in his 100 feet in the air, is crowned with a employ, and 500 yoke of cattle. Narmass of waving leaves sensitive to every southern breeze. The heaviest shade trees on the island are the row gauge railroads radiate from his mill to the cane field. The plantation mango, which also furnishes a favorite is dotted over with stations which are fruitz and the Indian laurel. Cedar connected with the office by telephone Unlike products with which we are faand mahogony are now being lumbered miliar, cane is planted only once in 10, the former being used on the island for 15 or 20 years, according to the quality of the soil. We watched the trains cigar boxes; the latter, squared and exported to the United States, to be made bring loads of juicy cane to the mill. into our finest furniture. Many of the where a traveling crane picked it up people are not aware of the commercial and placed it in the crusher. Verily value of mahogany, and how it shocks our ideas of the eternal fitness of things the machine seemed to possess human intelligence, so deftly and accurately to see fence posts, foundations and fuel made of that choice wood. The ceiba did it work. The cane passes through two crushers of many tons pressure tree is also in evidence. This uncanny tree whose trunk is almost burstand the refuse is sufficiently dry to run the immense engine. No other fuel is ing with its own immensity, is regarded as sacred by the natives, who say, "If required. We shall bring home samples of sugar in its various stages of manuyou cut it down you will die within the facture. The season of a sugar mill At Santiago we stood under the great ceiba, ten feet through at the base, known as the Peace Tree, for it varies from three to six months of each year. The capacity of this one is 325,000 pounds of sugar per day or

was here that the Spaniards surrenabout 32,000 pounds each season, all of which is shipped to New York City to be refined. It goes without saying that custom mong the men, and common among the Mr. Sanchez is in favor of annexation. women of the lower classes. Go where If Cuba would cast in her lot with the you will the men smoke. So far as ! United States, her progress would uncan learn, there are no restrictions rel doubtedly be much more rapid, but no

ative to the use of this obnoxious weed. one hurries in Cuba. Between courses at dinner, the men light a cigarette; conductors of rail-If American schools, capital and, energy would control, I suppose the mu-sical "beunos dios, senora," with which road trains collect your fare wile puffing a cigar, and clerks behind the counthe natives now greet us would be changed to the plain, every-day "good ter do the same. Even the porter who made up our berth in a Pullman morning" of the Americans.

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The Question Correctly Answered by W. F. Jamleson.

Spiritualists have enough to answer for without an extra straw of accusation. For my own part, I think more of a Spiritualist right than a Materialist

wrong. "The Torch of Reason," now "Liberal Review," did not, before it expired, be-lieve in "spooks," but it was terribly afraid of them! Before it died itself it charged the Spiritualists with supernaturalism. I knew this is not true, and endeavored to set it right-in fact, to

right it on two wrongs. The Torch said Ingersoll ended the supernatural, something which millions orthodox Christians still believe. If It meant to say he logically ended it, it is wrong in both instances; and so I wrote the following which The Torch printed:

Does The Torch wish to be understood as having discovered an inconsistency in the attitude of the spiritual journal? While I do not agree with our spiritual brethren on the question of "spirit re-turn," I do agree with them in about nineteen-twentieths of their very liberal philosophy. Years before Colonel Ingersoll delivered his first lecture on the "Gods," Spiritualists declaimed against "the supernatural." If there was any borrowing done, the Colonel borrowed from the Spiritualists, not the Spiritualists from the Colonel. I have been, ever since 1870 an admirer of the Colonel: liked his moral courage, bold, free speech; but "honor to whom honor Is it a fact that Colonel Ingeris due. soll originated the famous expression, "An honest God is the noblest work of man"? If so, let the credit be fixed beyond question.

I did not mean to be unkind in spreading that spider-web trap, but it had set just such a trap for The Progressive Thinker, which was right and the Torch wrong. Here is its reply:

To Friend W. F. Jamieson (Page 6)-We do distinctly wish thee and "the rest of the world" to understand that The Progressive Thinker, of Chicago (Spiritualist), by quoting the passage referred to and refusing to answer it, has placed itself "in an attitude of inconsistency as a spiritual journal," an attitude which grows worse and worse the longer it is continued. Yes, Ingersoll in that passage ends the old notion of "a natural or spiritual supernaturalism," and leaves those of that belief "up to their own funeral," and nothing else. "An honest God is the noblest work of man.' was Ingersoll's "own;" but he went it one better when he knocked out all possible Gods and devils, spirits and spooks by the said passage from his last speech, which The Progressive Thinker

can quote, but never answer. This is what I wanted. I then sent the following reply to show that this journal and Spiritualists are leaders in some things at least; but the Torch went out before my last words could reach it. This is what I said:

Did not the Spiritualists logically end supernaturalism a full decade before Ingersoll appeared on the ground? "Hell," "Damnation" and the "Devil" were "ended," logically, a century, or more, by the Universalists and Unitarians, before the genial Colonel made his first bow as a Freethought orator, although I have heard many persons "claim" that Ingersoll ended those dogmas. That he ably re-echoed the teachings of those people, concerning the horrible doctrines, is a fact.

Let us not forget that Swedenborg did a mighty service in liberalizing thousands. The "hells" he retained vere mild.

The Spiritualists always taught that their spiritual world is as natural as Neptune or this earth. This very week, Prof. J. S. Loveland, a scientific gentleman, and one of the

ever heard, a Sni

To the Editor :--- We have the honor of submitting to you the following report: The Psychical Research Society of Richmond, Va., secured the services of Mr. P. L. O. A. Keeler, physical me dium of Washington, D. C., for two seances and private sittings, on Feb. 20

Keeler.

and 21 last. The seances were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Daniels, members of the society, and were of a semi-private character, thirty tickets being issued to members and friends for each even

Not knowing the exact character of the seances, made the securing of strict ly mechanical test conditions a matter of difficulty for the society, but we thoroughly satisfied ourselves as to the absence of confederates, of trick parapher nalia, and of any sleight-of-hand methods on the part of the medium.

The seances were given in a soft light, strong enough to read by at ten leet distance.

The cabinet was formed by stretching curtain across one corner of the room, with its top at a height of four and i half feet from the floor. Three chairs were placed side by side in front of this curtain, Mr. Keeler occupying the one to the left (facing audience), and a lady and gentleman, our own people, were seated on the others to the right of Mr. whatsoever. Keeler in order named, thus forming

the battery. Mr. Keeler's right hand was placed on the upper part of the lady's left arm, his left hand clasping the wrist. The lady's right hand grasped the left hand of the gentleman on her right. A smaller curtain was then thrown over this battery and fastened by rings and hooks to the back curtain, at such height and in such manner as to bring the front curtain well up around the necks of the three, thus forming a cabinet for the generation of the necessary force, yet leaving the heads of those in the battery in plain view, as was also the case with the right hand and arm of the gentleman on the right, which was thrus through an orifice made for this pur-

nose in the front curtain. The first part of the seance consisted of bell ringing, tambourine thumping, imitation of snare-drum playing on the back of a guitar with the two halves of a split clothes-pin, spinning tambourine on cane, playing of guitar in positions which would preclude all possibility of being done by medium, even had his hands been free, and many other things of a like nature.

All this in the main was pulled off in he cabinet back of the curtain.

The second part of the seance (for which the battery was changed) sisted principally in the materialization of hands in front of curtain, which wrote on pads for those who held them. Five hands were out at one time, frequently three, both above and before curtain.

One hand was positively identified by means of a distorted thumb, the distortion having been caused by an accident. When held the hands melted through one's fingers despite all effort to hold them. Many messages were written on small slips of paper and thrown over from behind the curtain. The light was turned slightly lower for this part of the programme, but the number of hands out before the curtain at the same time, their various shapes and sizes, and the fact that they grasped and retained and wrote messages in plain view of all with the pencils handed them, would render any theory of trickery or artificial hands absurd. .The third and last part of the seance

consisted of trumpet work. The light was turned very low for this phase of manifestation, but by careful watching, testing and weighing, those who were close enough to verify their senses are satisfied that it was genuine psychic phenomena. During the entire seance we repeatedy received full assurances from the ladies in the battery that Mr. Keeler's hands were in position, especially dur ing the time the more startling manifestations were in progress; also we examined the curtain before and after the seances, helped to put them in position and arrange the cabinet, so we know whereof we speak. George Christy of minstrel fame, is Mr. Keeler's cabinet control, and proves imself not only efficient in this capacity, but also in that of entertainer, and he whose seance is enlivened by his mirth-provoking actions. In the private slate-writing sittings, those who secured same are confident of the genineness of the messages received and he phenomena, as the very simplicity of Mr. Keeler's method would prove all absence of trickery. One sitter as a test wrote the name of person still in earth life, inquiring as to the happiness of the supposed decar-nate one, etc., and received an answer from the party's nephew who is in spirit life, that the party addressed was still in the flesh. A letter from one who passed out some ten years ago was placed between two slates, the letter not having been taken from its envelope in the medium's presence, and these slates were space they will never again return to placed at the sitter's right hand on the table with neither medium nor sitter the start, namely, in close proximity to touching them. When opened both slates were found to be written full, to the spirit. Though like the lines it the message was signed with the same signature that was signed to the letter in the envelope, and the message itself and wider in the range of its thoughts was full of quotations as to names. places, dates and matter written therein from the old letter written so many

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# From thei Spirit Realms.

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#### Spirit Carlyle Petersilea.

While on Earth Mr. Petersilea was a medium for the forth my arms and hugged the thought into my soul, O, my readers, do you transmission of important letters from those long My father looked at me quizzically. in spirit life. Now, having become a freed spirit by at school, you did not find music himself, he will convey his best thoughts through "Music," I replied, "was, and is my the mediumship of his devoted wife, and we are sure they will prove interesting to our readers.

Letter Number One .-- The Inner Light, houses were brown, unpainted, and tered this new life. Father, I can enweatherbeaten; barns and outbuildings the same and somewhat dilapidated; dure it no longer. Music I must have or perish. The inner light is exceeding-

One of the first things that excited but the prism made them all as beautimy curiosity, and caused me to ask a great many questions, was that which I ful as a dream. If the sky was leaden, the prism made it sparkling and bright shall here term the Inner Light. Very with all the colors of the rainbow, and learned scientists may give it any name all the houses, barns, outbuildings, fences, trees, grass and shrubbery, all they please, but the general reader will understand me better when I simply took on the beautiful colors that the

ay, inner light. prism gave to them. My childish mind There is an outer or material light could not imagine heaven to be half as nd there is an inner or spiritual light beautiful, and I thought I should not The outer or material light is given off care to go to the heaven that the minisby suns, but the inner or spiritual light ter talked of; I would much rather stay permeates and penetrates all space on earth and look through my prism.

There was one pretty little place espe-Astronomers will tell you that inter cially, with a newly painted white house upon it, that suited my childish stellar space, after a certain distance is reached beyond suns and planets, is mind to a charm. As I looked through my charming prism, the neat, pretty, black with darkness. This might so appear to man if he could reach such an white house was transformed into altitude, which, of course, he cannot; but to the spiritual man no such darkbower of exquisite loveliness. At last when I became very tired with looking ness exists. Astronomers and scientists into heaven, as it seemed to me, 1 will also tell you that there in space the would carefully examine the prism to cold is so intense that the human mind discover the secret cause of all this cannot even conceive of it: but to the beauty; but there lay in my hand nothspiritual man no such cold exists: and ing but a broken piece of three-cornered as the mortal man cannot reach such an glass, somewhat solled by childish finaltitude, by any manner of means, so, then, no such cold does exist. Nothing gers and dulled by age, a very common

piece of glass that but for the secret exists that cannot be sensed by the mabeauty it revealed would have terial and the spiritual man. cast unceremoniously into the rubbish As I found myself out in the beautiful heap. 1 remember how bleak and lonespiritual or inner light, and had become ly I felt when I really could look no somewhat reconciled to my new condi-tion, I asked my father if he would tell longer, how disappointed I was at the dull and common appearance of all that me what caused this light. had been so charming."

"When I was a little boy, and went to school, you and the teacher told me that light upon the earth was caused by

in spiritual knowledge and like her 1 the sun, and as this light is not caused by the sun, or any sun whatever. I am prism. The one white light of earth, or curious to know what does cause it?" "The scientists of earth would say i and tame to me after living in this inwas caused by chemical action," said inner light sparkles with all the softthe earth look coarse and common, as ened and beautiful colors of the rain-

they did to my wife, after she had looked through the prism; and, like her, bow-in fact with all imaginable colors I should be bitterly disappointed if I -and that this light appears to our were obliged to live there again. spiritual vision as sparkling, vibrating, efforvescent; and all things which we see with or through it appear intensely chemical action. I would like to underbeautiful. The simple act of looking stand how." at objects, alone, gives intense pleas

ure. "Yes," I replied, "it causes my own soul to sparkle and vibrate with joy, and makes me think of many things that my darling wife has said to me in of our chemical colleges." our past earth life; among others, this, said my wife, 'someone gave me a mind to it. I fear I shall never have grandeur, its lofty music, its incense broken prism; one probably broken the patience to go through a course of and choir-boys, its great organ and from a candelabrum, and when I want-study, at a chemical institution, to find many planos, besides other musical in-ed to be very happy indeed, I would out the source and cause of this en-struments, hold him like a spell. Yet take my prism, and seating myself on a chanting light." little hillock, look at all objects that were within the scope of my sight; and really it seemed to me, as a child, that I had brought heaven down to earth. It

was in the country, and most of the 

#### **REINCARNATION.**

heights of which we have now received heid while on earth to a large extent and hoped that I did not blame him for faint glimpses, do you not think that we shall be able to control our destinies? Looked at from this view-point immor-tality becomes a necessary result of av.

SEANCES WITH W. W. ABER.

Aber.

GEO. B. FERRIS.

learned very much; but we have eter-nity before us, you know." Ah, yes; delightful, glorious thought. When in Germany, I had visited him often, and played for him a great many

times—in fact, I had played to him nearly all of his own compositions. He Eternity! Eternity! How I stretched was growing old and his touch had be-come tremulous and uncertain, which greatly grieved him, and as I played some of his most brilliant and charm-ing pleces, the great tears would roll

down his cheeks, and sighs, and even groans escape his lips. When I had finished some of his grandest music, he would throw his arms about me and cry out, "Bravo! bravo! You play after

my own heart. You understand my music. That is the way it should be yet heard a strain of music since 1 enplayed. Music is like a living creature.

To murder it is a crime; and so many or perish. The inner light is exceeding-ly beautiful and enrapturing, but music murder my music. They might as well kill me. You are my own boy-child is more so. What must I do, where go, of my heart-my musical son.' to find and hear muisc?" Then he would order cake Then he would order cake and wine

"Music is an attribute of the soul," and after partaking of it I would leave the old man to his rest; but the picture "Yes, yes; I know; but I want to of him, as I last saw him, was still fresh hear\*and perform it," I said. "My fin-gers are itching for the keyboard. I fired by genius; his long, white, thick hair falling about it heavily; his long "And yet," said my father, "it was hands and thin, upright form, now bend

music that burst your mortal body asunder and let your soul go free." ing a little at the shoulders. Ah, how clear and bright the picture was as "And it was music that set Mozart memory reproduced it

"Has Liszt changed very much in his ree, and many others," I replied: "and low, father, I want to know if there are ppearance?" I asked my father. musical instruments in this world? 'You shall see," he replied. In

all your writings you have told us that We had been moving onward all this there were. Come, now, I want to see ime, and now we paused before a gorsome of them with my own eyes, and geously grand cathedral. I will not now play upon them with these fingers that stop to describe it, for really my eyes will not keep still for desiring them so did not take in all the details, I was so intent on meeting the man I had come to see and hear. We paused just at the "How would you like to visit your old

friend, Liszt?" asked my father. "Oh, delightful!" I eagerly answered. vide open doors, and a volume of sound burst forth upon my listening ears. "Listen!" exclaimed my father. "He Let us go at once. Where may he be

s at it. He is the leader here," and "I think we shall find him at his famy soul drank it in. Do the readers of The Progressive Thinker want to know vorite resort-at a grand cathedral not what my sensations were? If so, I will tell them

"A cathedral? Are there cathedrals here?" I felt like one who is perishing of "And why not, pray?" he asked. "Yes, yes; there must be," 1 said, usingly. "Why not cathedrals as and food placed before him—or like one who has been long separated from the idol of his soul, and then meets her

"And why not homes, houses, colleges, cathedrals, churches, schools, inface to face, lip to lip, heart to heart. stitutions of learning and so forth, as Music was all this to me, and more. well as a throne, harps, palms, white And sol listened, and loved, and ate robes and crowns of gold, and so on, and drank of it. that the fashionable world below believe The great harm The great harmonies roared and thun

the material light, would now be dull and tame to me after living in this in-hell-fire, devils, imps, satan, pitchforks vast edifice so that it trembled like a hell-fire, devils, imps, satan, pitchforks vast edifice so that it trembled like a was caused by chemical action," said and think to the arter in and all things on and so forth?" he asked, smilling into leaf in the wind; and again the sounds and so forth?" he asked, smilling into leaf in the wind; and again the sounds were solemn, smooth and vast like eter-"Ab, yes; why not-why not? Is nity; and again, soft and sweet and gen-Liszt still a Roman Catholic?" I ques-tle, like a mother's lullaby; and again, brilliant, blithe and gay, as the

"The church has yet great power chimes of wedding bells; then, moaning "You tell me this light is caused by over him," he answered. "Pomp and and sobbing like my own grief-stricken pride go hand in hand, you know. Franz wife below.

Liszt loved both, and he still loves Oh, those wailing cries! They "Well," answered my father, "before them. His musical ability and genius pierced my heart like sword thrusts. you could fully understand just how it are towering, but his philosophical rea-is caused, you would have to take a soning powers are not so great. He covered my face with my hands. Of unhappy man that I now was, for the long course of study in one of our insti- used, in the earth life, to be very stubtime, for it was through and by me that tutions where chemistry is taught, one born and dogmatical, and to a great exher grief had come upon her-me, who tent he is so still. Like yourself, he would have given my life to save her our past earth life; among others, this, which now comes home to me with a great shock. 'When I was a little girl,' and found it impossible to hold my sidd my wife 'someone and blinded her eyes.

"Have patience." said my father "time will heal the brain and dry the eyes, and the soul will take a grand step upward to meet you. Let us enhe does not remain in a cachedral all ter," and shortly we stood within the "But before you are a rounded and the time; he has a very quiet home out- grand edifice. In my next letter I will "Do you know all about it?? I asked. "Not all," he answered. "Still I have When I was in the earth life I had tell of my interview with the great com-Still, I have reason to know that he is within the caposer and musician. Franz Liszt. CARLYLE PETERSILEA. (To be continued )

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Sparta, Conn.

who was drowned. Our little girl had

never been to school and could not

Twenty-three of the twenty-four with

whom we conversed came to us without

any suggestion. I called for but one

person, who appeared in a very short

One day I went to a store and pur-

had been performed and read by me.

entirely covered. I had three of these

slates, one of which is written in dif-

ferent colors. The colors are not ar-

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I have framed them and hung them in

our home, where friends can examine

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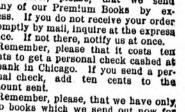
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ist for fifty years, says in this week's Progressive Thinker: "Modern Spiritism has but two basic

affirmations. 1. Discarnate spirits communicate with spirits still in the flesh. 2. The method or laws of communication is purely natural. These two propositions sweep away all the Godsall the miracles, and all the religions of humanity, unless we except pure Bud dhism.

"Purely natural," says this profound scholar. And so have taught Edmonds, Hare. Brittan, Hardinge, Peebles, Lockwood, and scores of other leading Spiritualists. The literature of Spiritism abounds with teachings against supernaturalism, and in favor of naturalism that Nature is all in all: that the "Sum mer Land" is as natural as this earth: that the spirits are as natural as we are. Some who have not made a close study of this modern movement have

been misled by the expression "supramundane"-but that does not mean supernaturalism. I do not want to see history misstated by any Freethinker. As Inger-

soll used to say, Let us have the "Truth of History." I asked you, "Is it a fact that Colonel

Ingersoll originated the famous expression. 'An honest God is the noblest work of man?' If so, let the credit be fixed beyond question." You answer: "'An honest God is the

noblest work of man,' was Ingersoll's 'own.'

I conclued that the best way to settle this point was to write to the gentleman who, I was strongly impressed, is the real author, Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis, the celebrated Poughkeepsie Seer, and, have often said, the intellectual founder of meeting is his answer: "Boston, Dec. 19, 1903. Jamiegor founder of Modern Spiritualism. Here

"My Dear old Friend, W. F. Jamieson 'In reply to your welcome letter and question-will say, before the civil war, inder the management of Dr. H. F. Gardner in Cochituate Hall, in Boston, one Sunday P. M., in a lecture on the Evolution of a Conception of God in the Human Mind, I took for a text-'An honest God is the noblest work of man. "'Mr. Alfred E. Giles was an auditor, and he is still in this world-the others

not. "Years afterwards my attention was called to the same expression by Mr. Robt: G. Ingersoll in one of his dis courses. And he was everywhere credited with originating that special reversal of the poet's line. 'Am glad to hear from you! May you

aniov all the good you do and desire-is the New Year's salutation of your "Friend, ever, "A. J. DAVIS."

"Am very busy." Let us have the truth at all hazards. "An honest God" belongs to A. J. Davis the Spiritualist, not to Col. R. G. Ingerioll, the Agnostic. Another fact: The Spiritualists are W. F. JAMIESON. Naturalists.

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years ago, and was a running comment on same. These slate writings were given in broad daylight, by a clear window, at a table furnished by the society, the slates furnished principally by the sitters themselves, and at no time were they out of sight or reach of the sitters and were held by both medium and sitters above the table during the writing.

Altogether the seances and private sittings were highly satisfactory to those of the society, who were in posltion to scrutinize the work at close range. Those who owing to their posttion and distance from the curtain at the seances, or who, by failure to seprivate sittings, were unable to verify the phenomena presented will be given an opportunity to do so shortly, as it is the desire of the society to se-cure Mr. Keeler for further work at an early date. Considering the fact that our society is made up largely of inves-

tigators rather than converts to the claims of Spiritualism, the showing nade by Mr. Keeler and his controls was excellent, and our decision as embodied in this report is forced from us in direct antagonism to our former opinions regarding such matter, by the cold mechanical proof furnished us from this source. We do not wish to be considered as advertising Mr. Keeler. The gentleman knows nothing of this report or its contents, and while we sincerely hope to meet him often upon

the warm plane of friendship, yet he came to us in this instance upon arrangements of a purely business character, unknown to us except by reputation, and, possessing the phase of mediumship he does, he needs no advertising from our organization. Richmond, Va. F. L. JOBSON, or. Sec'y.

The Doctrine of Pre-Existence Contro verted.

With due respect for those who believe in reincarnation or pre-existence, 1 am inclined to dissent from their views, and shall here endeavor to state a few of my reasons as concisely as possible.

There are many difficult problems to be solved by the pre-existionists before their claims become worthy of acceptance, but as space is limited I shall content myself with bringing forth a limited number of them. One of the stock arguments used to show the necessity for pre-existence is found this stage of existence inadequate that "whatever has a beginning must

necessarily have an ending." I, how-ever, fail to see any good reason why an eternal past existence is necessary. in order to insure an eternal future for humanity; and I therefore believe that the spirit begins its existence with the body.

For an example we will extend two imaginary lines into space. If they converge ever so slightly they will of necessity meet sometime in eternity and

cease to exist as two distinct lines. But if, on the other hand, they are slightly divergent, then, though they extend for an incomprehensible distance into the condition in which they were in at each other. Apply this same reasoning has a beginning, yet just so long as it continues to unfold and become wider and does not retrogress and lose what wisdom and spirituality it has gained just that long there will be absolutely no danger that it will return to its starting-point, i. e., be resolved back into the elements which gave it birth.

The necessity for pre-existence based upon the assumption that the earth will sometime in the future cease to exist, and therefore all forms of life evolved from it will also pass out of exstence. From my viewpoint, however evolution applies to the structure of the earth as well as to the beings which in-

habit it. Events move along in an orderly and evolutionary manner. suppose that the world will reach an advanced stage and then revert back to the beginning is unsupported by fact or analogy. The earth will change-may even be absorbed into other worlds or systems of worlds-but the purpose of evolution is served thereby. Until there is greater knowledge in this domain of investigation, it would seem more consistent that the future of the

spirit be not judged by this illogical the Consider the magnificence of those

spirits who have returned from the advanced spheres, compared with the spiritual knowledge possessed by incarnate man. Consider also the message which they bring; that there are spheres of existence far higher than those in which they themselves are dwellingspheres so exalted that their inhabitants do not return to earth. With the knowl-

edge which they have, can they not foresee any circumstance which might imperil their existence? And being ist yesterday or has existed from eter-

tality becomes a necessary result of evfrom the other side of life. olution and does not seem supernatural Grand Rapids, Mich. for it may be safely assumed that the

mind will continue to find new fields of research, now pinnacles of knowledge to aspire to: and will continue for incom prehensible time to gain more mastery over its environments. Remarkable Experiences with W. W.

"Oh, my father, how my wife's story

eem now to be looking through a

now comes home to me. I am a child

It is cited again and again that whatever has a beginning has an ending, yet Last July my baby girl, aged seven we know comparatively little as to years, together with two other little girls and an old man, were drowned in Our field of investigation is its truth. perforce limited. The plant, the tree our river here while boat-riding. the animal, the man reaches maturity No one saw the accident, and it was

and dies. Dies; but evolution has only shrouded in mystery. As a matter of course this had a tendency to make my for the farther elaboration of the indiinterest more intense, and on the mornvidual. In no form of life is there met ing of Jan. 22, just six months from the what can be called death. hour the body of our baby was recov-Consciousness does not exist in tangl-

ered, my wife and I started to Kansas ble shape outside of individuality; it is City to visit W. W. Aber. the product of all the elements which I thoroughly examined the seance collectively compose the spirit. The room at various times, both alone and sentient life on this plane of existence with others, and it was absolutely imis, like the elements which gave it birth, possible for any fraud to have been eternal and indestructible.

practiced upon us. There are many other difficulties to The room is an upstairs one of a be overcome by the pre-existionists bebrick house, with plastered walls and fore their claims become worthy of aconly one door at which we entered. The ceptance. If the pre-existence urged by cabinet in which Mr. Aber sat is three some is true-that the soul was not feet square and is located in a corner, brought into conscious existence until the other two sides being made of its contact with earth-then, granting heavy black cloth suspended from the that whatever has a beginning has an ceiling.

ending; we will sometime in the far-At the opening of the meeting we distant future, again lapse into the were asked to examine the room thor-oughly. My wife sewed the pant-legs of rimitive unconscious state. If we have existed from eternity what Mr. Aber stoutly to the carpet, his coat dull pupils we must be, considering

sleeves to his pant-legs near the knee how little we now understand! and his coat collar together, and I filled And then it may be asked, why should his hands with oat-meal. After the we be incarnated in the body with its

mer greatness?

from the same source; for, if it is possi-

ble for an animal to come into exist-

ence with its body, it is also possible

And thus on every hand the theory is

Many are the arguments, brought for-

ward to prove its truth, yet there is not

one that cannot be proven to be falla-clous. Of course, spirits have returned

for a human being to do likewise.

seance, some two hours later, he was various shortcomings and inharmonious found as we left him with none of the connections with higher things of the meal spilled. We had to get scissors to spirit, when the whole universe lay beclip the threads to loosen him. fore us ere we were drawn into the thralls of matter?

recognized, came and conversed with and other relatives and several friends. Our haby girl came to us every night, and one time talked with me probably fifteen with us, and putting her hands on me and petting me.

gested by ourselves and others, of the absolute genuineness of Mr. Aber's mediumship.

Especially in the voice, features, size, liver; if you wish to be sure that your of thought, instead of endeavor-ing to waste his time in "pursuit of knowledge of lower forms of existence which can be of no benefit to him after etc., it would have been impossible to kidneys are free from disease and are deceive us, and I recognized her voice doing their necessary work thoroughly; before I saw her the first time, and saw if you expect to be freed from catarrh,

times and there was absolutely no full supply of pure rich blood, a healthy doubt of its being she. tissue and a perfect skin, write at once,

ours also came and talked with us, one prove for yourself, without expense to especially sending word to her parents you, that these ailments are cured not to grieve so for her, as it hurt her, quickly, thoroughly and permanently and stated that she was with them at with only one dose a day of Vernal

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2-The Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World, Vol. 2. struck him. I did not know about the 3-The Encyclopedia of Death, and scar before, but have since learned Life in the Spirit World, Vol. 3. from those who prepared the body for burial that there was a scar exactly where he indicated.

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6-The Next World Interviewed. 7-The Occult Life of Jesus. 8-A Wanderer in the Spirit Lands.

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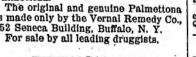
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#### An Important Question.

Mr. Dowie, of Zion fame, claims he is the Elliah who ascended to heaven in "a chariot of fire, and horses of fire," Impelled by a whirlyind. See II. Kings 2.11 It was Elijah's mantle that di

ical work of these doctors who claim Abuse of Patients at Asylums. the right to dissect living animals and If a tenth part of the charges made children. The doctors are setting up a by Miss Marion Gray in regard to the desperate fight in the name of science! reatment of patients at the hospitals of Herbert D. Ward, an author of note, the great metropolis of New York, are said in favor of the restriction before true, it should bring a blush of shame to every official connected therewith the committee: and excite the execration of every citi-

was told that I was 'too stuck up' for

weak and ill to raise myself from the

cot at first, and lay there in a half-faint-

ing condition. At last I heard a voice

at the end of the ward say:"

"The night I was taken to the hos

"Children in this state have been at the mercy of vivisectionists. Eight or ten died. It happened at Boston Hos-pital in 1896. There is in the hospital Miss Gray spent thirty-five days in the scarlet fever ward of the hospital at record of vivisection of the helpless

North Brother Island. She had the infants of the poor.' Mr. Ward then produced the followfever, and was taken to the contagious ing records of fatal results of what are disease hospital. When released she felt it her duty to go before the Comdescribed by doctors as "some experimissioner and tell the story of the awful

mental work" upon children by way of tapping the spinal canal: cruelty practiced on the charity pa-Case 2-Female, aged 20 months. Spinal canal punctured January 17, 1896, January 22, February 16, on day of She was carried in prostrated with the fever. For heartless cruelty, and patient's death.

brutality, the account she gives of the Case 3-Female, aged 4 months. Punctured January 17, 1896. Patient death of a baby has no parallel. She died January 22. Case 5—Male, aged 3½ years. Punc-tured February 3, 1896. Patient died "I was put into a bed from which a

convalescent had just been taken. The February 4. Case 6-Male, aged 6 months. Puncsheets were dirty and blankets looked as though they had not been washed in tured February 1. Patient died in conall the years the hospital had been in ulsions three weeks later. When I asked for clean sheets, I

Case 7-Male, aged 7 months. Mr. Ward said Dr. Wentworth justified the vivisection by saying: "The di-agnosis value of puncture of the subpital I was carried to the ward and laid upon the cot with my clothes. I was too arachnoid space is so evident that I con-sidered myself justified in incurring

some risk in order to settle the question of danger." The spinal cord is surrouned by a protective sheath continuous with that

"What is that woman lying there if she thinks I am going to unwhich protects the brain. This sheath dress her, she can lie there until she is composed of three membranes, the dura mater, arachnoid and pla mater. It was not until hours later that Miss Such is the great care in the structure

Gray recovered her strength sufficientof this dedicate organ, encased in the ly to disrobe and crawl between the bony column, and yet further to prevent sheets of the filthy, vermin-infested cot ar or concussion the space between the to which she had been assigned. pla mater and the cord is filled with a "In the wards the helpers were fuid. The experiments on the children creater danger than disease." said Miss

were tapping this cavity and drawing of the cerebro-spinal fluid. The doctor "They swore at us and cursed us roundly when we displeased them. They appropriated the food sent to us was not satisfied with the death of his first victim, he gathered in nine, and and used themselves the vichy intended watched their agonies! All died, as for the patients. They made eggnogs of the eggs prescribed for those upon anyone with common sense would know they would. What was gained for scian egg diet or intended to be made into desserts for the convalescent. Refuse ence? Nothing! The experiments was left standing about in the aisles were carried on for the love of pain, and by the sides of the cots until the the lust for torture such as actuated the

reek of it filled the air. Patients sick inquisitors of old. unto death were attended to only when Church Property in the District of "There was a baby in the scarlet

ever ward-a tiny, golden haired little Columbia. ot, just able to talk-whose death The exemption of property in the Disthrough the negligence of the nurses trict especially under the control of the was a thing to wring the heart of any Federal government, has become so enormous, and made the unfortunate

"The little fellow lay in a cot just across the room from the one I was in. Burning with fever, the baby tossed ones who failed to obtain exemption bear such a heavy load, that the Disback and forth across the vermin-intrict Commissioners have come out fested bed, moaning piteously. Every boldly against the abuse. lew minutes a plaintive cry for water According to the latest list there is wailed across the ward from the cot of

the little sufferer. "The night helper in the ward-a of taxable land and improvements in the District \$213,250,418, and by hook coarse, brutal woman of the type only or crook there is \$283,906,848 exempt, too common in the hospital on North or more than seventy millions of dol-Brother Island-roused herself from her chair near the fire and went over to the lars more than that which is taxed. Of cot where the little one lay. I breathed this amount \$6,500,000 is church propa prayer of thankfulness, for I thought erty, and the churches are besieging her heart had been touched by the wailthe commissioners to receive further ing cries of the fevered baby; but inexomptions! If the tax was equally stead of giving him the water he craved distributed it would be less than half she struck him time and time again. "'Wait until your two hours are up as much on a dollar as at present. It is and you will get some water, but not benot a matter of wonder that there is a she said. And the little fellow change of opinion as to taxation cowered in his cot, sobbing piteously. "All fight long I heard the baby cry-ing for water. I was too weak to leave my cot to help him, and lay there halfchurch property, and that many think that religious bodies have no more right to freedom from paying taxes than individuals. Not only churches, parsondelirious, with his quivering sobs in my ears. I tried to shut out the sound, ages, but schools, convents, monas-

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It appears from a special dispatch rom New York to the Chicago Record-There are of course, many degrees of power in each phase; and as for there Herald, that we now have music from being any one on this earth planet that can, for any consideration, impart to the stars! Captured melodies from the planets! Professor Albert C. Alpertson, the electrical engineer, whose you a gift that only comes from the uninvention of the so-called "magnet-train" created a sensation in scientific seen, it is to me not to be thought of. Of course'I can only speak from actual circles a few months ago, has invented experience.

an instrument which he believes is the umship within themselves they must study and develop that latent power, vital keynote to ultimate communication between the planets. The apparatus upon which he has been working else it will never be brought to the surfor several years at last, he says, has given him the results he has long hoped face. There are many ways that a pergiven him the results he has long hoped son will discover the gifts of the spirit for, and a few days ago at his home, 100 that lie dormant. I can only speak of Hamilton place, he listened to music the way I found mine, and when we grow or develop into a knowledge of these things we will be sure they are played by no earthly hands, but by ce-

Light rays are the media of bringing given to us by a power not of earth. Not often does any gift of mediumship manifest itself suddenly, and withnew invention, music, the original melo- out a desire or a working or studying dies and harmonies of the stars, may be to attain some gift. A great many peo ple are mediumistic, but the power is so small it will only be discerned by a medium; while the person will have dreams that always mean something, and impressions that if followed will be good. Such a person will never develop into a medium. They simply have not the gifts of the spirit as a medium must have to be successful. And no matter how long they sit for development, or how much they desire to be given some gift, or what great medium tells them they can be developed for so many dollight ray falling on a polished steel plate-this is inaudible, however, unless the plate is inserted into an elec-

was rewarded. She has just lately tric circuit also containing a microgone to the new world and I am glad phone or telephone ear-piece. This is the principle underlying my invention. she was so faithful. When a medium (the first one I ever transmitted heard talk) told me I would write imfrom the various planets tell different stories. For instance, when the instru-ment is aimed at Arcturus sounds of pressionably some day. I laughed at him. When the "white-winged messen-

ger" came to call one of my loved ones to the beautiful sunlit land, I began to study on these things. I studied and pondered for four long months, and had about fifty years of experience, but I received my reward and to me it is glori-"Sirius, or the planets above, I would ous! Death was for me the beginning judge from the instrument to be in a of my "gifts of the spirit," yet I had all

tion was due to the untiring efforts of this well known missionary and his wife, and also to Mr. Barrett whose ability as a parliamentarian and pre-Organization of the State Spiritualist siding officer is known to Spiritualists all over the United States. Mr. Bar-rett's lectures are always full of inspira-

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pose of organizing a state association.

singer of Alliance, Ohio, sang a beauti-ful solo, after which President Barrett

responded to the address of welcome in his usual happy and entertaining man-

The remainder of the morning was

devoted to the appointing of the various

committees, and to short talks from the

different delegates, giving their reasons

perous condition of their society

need of a simpler form or leaflet for the use of the younger children, also of a

card or booklet to be used as prizes fo

best attendance. It was also suggested

missionary; violin solo by Miss Ureth Mosher, Anderson; lecture (20 min-

utes) Harrison D. Barrett: music by the

Temple choir; spirit messages (20 min-

utes) by Mrs. E. W. Sprague; music, Temple choir; spirit messages (20 min-

utes) by Dr. Julia M. Walton, Jackson,

Saturday morning, Feb. 27, the various

committees brought in their reports,

and the constitution and by-laws were

The credential committee reported

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tion that appeals to each and everyone The first convention of the delegates of the various Spiritualist societies of Indiana met in the city of Anderwho is permitted to listen to him, and fills us with a desire to strive still harder to bring out any good that may be son, Ind., Feb. 26, 27 and 28, 1904, at the Madison Avenue temple, for the purin us. His beautiful word pictures always give us some good thoughts to The convention was called to order take home with us and make us feel the better for having heard him. Friday at 10 a. m., by Harrison D. Bar-

ration of the Markon D. Bar-rett, president of the N. S. A. After the invocation by Dr. J. O. M. Hewitt, of Chicago, and music, the address of wel-come was made by Dr. Gardiner Haines, president of the Anderson so-Mrs. Sprague and Dr. Julia Walton, with their spirit messages, brought comfort to many hearts, and with such earnest workers as these, the success of the convention was assured. clety. Mrs. Flora Russell, the well-known

The afternoon and evening programs were as follows: At 2 p. m., Music by congregation; invocation Thos W. Smith; solo by Mrs. Flora Russell; lecture (20 minutes) by H. D. Barrett; music by Temple choir; lecture (20 minutes) by Dr. Julia M. Walton; spirit messages (20 minutes) by Dr. Julia Walton; music by congregation; spirit messages (20 minutes) by Mrs. E. W. Sprague; benediction by Dr. Gardiner Haines.

for favoring organization. At 2 p. m., the convention was again At 7 p. m., Music by congregation; invocation by Dr. Gardiner Haines; music vocation by Dr. Gardiner Haines; huisig by Temple choir; violin solo by Miss Ureth Mosher; lecture (20 minutes) by E. W. Sprague; solo by Miss Hazel Wertz; lecture (20 minutes) by H. D. Barrett; solo by Mrs. Flora Russell; spirit messages (20 minutes) by Mrs. E. W. Sprague; music by the E. Z. Man-Was due to the interest taken by the younger dolin Club; spirit messages (20 min-utes) by E. W. Sprague; benediction. In closing this convention a vote of people who were educated in the ly-ceum. Mrs. E. W. Sprague gave sev-

eral examples of children brought up in the Sunday-schools, where there were thanks was tendered first to the members of the Madison Avenue Society for the use of their temple; to the choir and musicians for their beautiful muno lyceums, who remained with the church instead of embracing the religsic; and to the press of the city for its kindly, unprejudiced and fair treatment, ion of their parents, showing that the teachings received in childhood have a more lasting impression than those re and for the notices given of the convention; and to the citizens of Anderson Several members spoke of the great

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### HELP FOR THE SICK AND INFIRM MEDIUMS

ROM THE N. S. A. HEADQUARTERS. WASHINGTON, D. C.

List of Contributors-Sympathetic and Tender Hearts Touched-Concerning Law Against Mediums.

To the Editor:-- 1 am now ready to make my first report of progress, in the matter of collecting from the Spiritualists at large the sum of one thousand dollars by the first of June, that we may secure the other thousand dollars that has been generously promised to the N. S. A. for the Medlums' Relief Fund. As has been before stated, the National Association is paying seven mediums the sum of twelve dollars a month, each, tothat there were 48 delegates present wards their support; we would be glad to extend the list to take in many more who are in need of aid, but not till the incoming president to appoint one sufund increases can this be done. During the present week, we added another aged medium, a resident of this city, to the list. This beneficiary is eighty-two should have charge of more than one years of age and has no one to look to for aid but the N. S. A. This would have made the eighth on our list in addition to the complete support of Dr. Slade; but we have just learned of the transition of one of our pensioners, Mrs. to-day forwarded the sum needed for the burial of her remains. Thus the good work is going on. Our beneficiaries are grateful and appreciative, and we feel that we are not only blessing them, but that everyone who contrib-

utes to this work is also blessed by it. Some of the letters we receive with the contributions to this fund are beautiful. One elderly lady, who is herself an inmate of an "Old Ladies' Home. wrote, that in sending ten dollars to the fund, she felt it a privilege; that she would send more but all she has left is a sum to bear the expense of cremating her body when the spirit takes its flight. Another aged friend, now ninety-four years old, who has a home with her relatives, sent us the only three dollars she had, saying she could put it to no better use than to have some poor medium benefited by it. A gentleman in a Home in Pennsylvania, sent his dollar with a good word for the work. Sweet little Alice sent fifty cents for herself and "Precious." and wrote, "I sold my chicken for 23 cents, and put that in with the money." Surely these souls must be blessed with good thoughts and happy dreams, who have unselfishly done what they could; to one and all, we send our hearty thanks. Our contributing list stands as follows: Friend in Old Lad'es' Home. \$10: Chas. Bolton, \$10; Helen A. Haddox, \$10; Thomas C. Smith, \$15: J. R. Francis, \$5; T. B. Wait, \$5; Harmony Circle, South Buffalo, \$5; Wm. Schroeder, \$5; A Friend, Hamburgh, Iowa, \$5; E. W. Brooks, \$5; Geo. Seifert, \$5; Mrs. P. E. M. Dunn. \$5: S. A. George, \$5; Samuel J. Day or Way, \$5;, Mrs. A. J. Mintun, \$5; Mrs. M. B. Sprague, \$3; Mrs. E. J. Woodward, \$2; S. A. Tallmadge, \$2; John H. Kramer. \$2: Lucy W. Houghton. \$1.50; Mrs. Nettle Johnson, \$1.50; A Friend, \$1; Julia Bunker, \$1; August Kleine, \$1; Chas. Holkirk, \$1; Mrs. A. C. Headley, \$1; Arthur Peiffer, \$1; T. C. Millard, \$1; Mrs. S. S. Rockhill, \$1; E. Hughes, \$1; A. J. Brooks, \$1; Mrs. T. L. Schneitzer, \$1; Mrs. C. H. J. Bowen, \$1; Geo. L. Ralston, \$1; David Frolick, \$1; C. H. Phelps, \$1; A Friend, Providence, R. I., \$1; Abner Sisson, \$1; John Lynch, \$1; Alice and Preclous, 50 cents; A Friend, 50 cents; Mrs. Speck, 25 cents; E. Bsorcious, 25 cents; Two Friends, 15 cents Mrs. Zoller and Mrs. Williams, two of our good mediums of Washington, with other talent, gave a public benefit for the Mediums' Fund, at Wonn's Hall, March 10, from which we realized the sum of \$12.13; this sum added to the amount of foregoing contributions makes a total of \$138.78. We are greatly encouraged, and we feel that if all who can, will send according to their means, and if other me diums in different cities and towns, will also hold a benefit seance or meeting for this fund, that the required sum of one thousand dollars will treasury by the last of May. Please, friends, do not delay, but send your contributions on as soon as possible. Mr. Ralston, whose donation appears in our list, sends a dollar each month for the mediums' Fund; the one noted is the first from him since the thousand-dollar collection was started. Now concorning the recent statement of a law to drive mediums from Washington, our legitimate mediums are not molested, nor do they fear; they are pursuing their work as formerly, nor will they be troubled. The new law is to reach the sharpers whose doings are nefarious, and who are no part of Spiritualism and its works; one or two have been run out of town, and all decent people are glad that they have gone. MARY T. LONGLEY,

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called to order, and the business of the forenoon continued. Lyceum work was discussed at length, and many points brought out showing the benefit of heginning with the children in teaching Spiritualism. Mrs. Major Bitters, of Rochester, said that the present pros-

PURE MEDIUMSHIP.

Practical Lessons Gained From High

Sounds Drawn From Planets Made Audible Through Action of Light

Even when one has the gifts of medi-

the communication with the stars into Professor Albertson's hands. From the extracted, as well as other sounds no mortal ever heard before. Not only this may be accomplished, but the light rays from the sun, the moon, or from the remotest visible star in space may be utilized so as to play the music of "It is a scientific fact," said Professor Albertson to-day, "that a light ray falling upon the surface of a small polished steel plate, for example, will pro-"About tone being produced from a

good patient sister that prayed for fifteen years for some gift of the spirit, and she

contrast are heard. At first it sounded to me like an ear-splitting hurricane; then like the roar of a thousand Niagaras: then seething like the melodious low whispering, exquisitely soft sing-"Sirius, or the planets above, I would ous!

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ocal society holding a charter from the

sociation. It was also decided that any

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adopted.

Smith, Anderson.

N. S. A., and have relinquished their charter to the N. S. A. It was decided that the incoming the state one of the delegates to the N. S. A. and the others to be chosen by the this wise. There was a veil between board, and each local society to choose my earthly and spiritual vision, and by its own. At 2 p. m. the convention elected the prayer, desire and study, it was torn following officers: Not every one is brought to a con-President-Mr. E. A. Schram, Peru, Ind. First vice-president-Mrs. Elizabeth

that the convention pass resolutions which are to go to the N. S. A., making the lyceum a part of the work, and that universal literature he adonted. The superintendents who were to be appointed by the incoming president were to be instructed to organize lyceums in every society. At 7 p. m. the following program was rendered: Music by the congregation; invocation by Dr. Gardiner Haines, Anlerson; solo by Mrs. Flora Russell, Al-

liance, Ohio: lecture (20 minutes ) by E. W. Sprague, Jamestown, N. Y., N. S. A.

Kendall, of Massachusetts, and we have

district. The duty of these superin-tendents is to organize societies and lycoums, and encourage and strength societies that are weak, and urge all locals to become members of the state as

N. S. A. could become a member of the state association free of charge, provided they are in good standing in the

vided the waters of the Jordan, so he passed on dry land. The mantle which fell from Elijah's shoulders when the whirlwind caught him, was just as effective in the hands of Elisha; for on his return from across the sacred river where he parted company with Elijah, Elisha smoto the river with that identical mantle, and the waters were divided as before. It was Moses ROD that produced such wonderful results in the days of that functionary, as it was the hair of Samson which made

him so strong and agile with the foxes. Without that identical mantle which

fell from Elljah's shoulders, and which Elisha took up, how is it possible for our modern divine, though inspired by the spirit of the ascended Elijah, to perform miracles? The rod of Moses, and the hair of Samson lost their efficacy when separated from their owners By provisions of Elijah, and by special request of Elisha, the original magic power invested in that wonderful cloak continued in the hands of Elijah's successor. But it moldered to dust with its new owner, and its power is gone forever.

But here comes a sage question. John 3:13 gives the words of Jesus thusly:

'No man hath ascended up to heaven but he that came down from heaven even the Son of Man which is in

That passage of holy writ, right from the mouth of Jesus himself, knocks into smithereens the claim of Elijah's as cension. Now what is our Brothen Dowie going to do about it?

We are told of the voluble Congress man who set his mouth talking, then re tired, leaving that organ to address the House indefinitely. Let our brother adjust his vocal organs to the task of making Jesus' words harmonize with his claim, and with the Old Testament record, then we are content, though it shall go on forever.

#### The Theatre Receives the Wrath of an Evangelist, 🛥

Evangelist Munhall has been engaged by the East End Presbyterian Church of ' physicians, and the accounts of these Pittsburg, to stir the dry bones during Lent. He gave a sermon especially on the subject, "Dancing, Theatergoing and Card-Playing." "Nine-tenths of the actors and actresses are immoral," said the speaker. "The playhouse is the way to hades. The card-playing, theater-going, and dancing members of the church rarely contribute anything to the church but their presence."

The Episcopal church received a vi cious kick in passing because of the letter addressed to members of that church asking them to refrain from atought to have lent 365 days in the year," said this evangelist.

The morality of the stage will compare well with that of the pulpit, and practiced on children in charity hospresents not as many criminal cases for decision of the courts.

There is but one real heresy: Disloy alty to truth one ought to see,-David Starr Jordan.

Society is barbarous until every in dustrious man can get his living without dishonest countoms .--- Emerson.

cone to sleet hy th mpted from taxati again and gave no heed. The long night has also been discussed at length in the hours in the ward were passing more various citizens' associations, disclosing the fact that there were multitudes slowly than they had ever passed before and I lay there waiting, waiting who desired to have the church property pay its share of the expenses of the for some one to go to the little one who lay there crying through parched, District government. cracked lips for just a taste of water.

My heart almost burst with suffering as

I heard the moans of the little sufferer

growing weaker and weaker. The

As yet there is no move in sight on 'Toward morning the baby rose in the part of those in authority to have bed again, sobbing great, quivering the evil checked, if it is an evil, as so sobs and crying with piteous insistence many think. Then, pushing off the bed If the general government would clothes with his weak, puny little

move in this matter it would greatly inarms, he tried to get out upon the fluence public sentiment.

teries, and business blocks owned by

churches are exempt. Well does Dis-

trict Commissioner Macfarland say he

saw no reason why a church should be

"In the dim light of the ward I saw The New Fire Extinguisher. the baby fall forward over the edge of We read in "Holy Writ" that Elijah The helper was dozing in her chair, and the child lay by the side of called down fire from heaven, that con

sumed several captains of fifties, to gether with their fifties. But the Christian Scientists of Baltimore in a way outdo Elijah, according to the following statement from the

The ward was more desolately silent than I had ever known it. I tried Record-Herald of this city: o scream, but my voice was a mere Baltimore, March 6.-At a meeting of whisper. I tried to get out of my cot to Christian Scientists to-day testimony go to the baby who lay there suffering was given by a number of persons who alone and utterly helpless, but I was had interests in the burned districts, too weak to raise myself. I could only and who told how they saved their lie there and wait and pray that some property by prayer. One man said, as one would come to aid the baby I knew a result of his mental work, the fire had come to about 150 feet of the build-

"At the end of two hours the helper then turned, burning ing and awoke, and, seeing the motionless bun around it. Two of the large banks of dle by the side of the cot, tossed the he city, Christian Scientists state, owe little fellow back into it and threw the their escape from serious damage to the covers over him. Then she went back Interest taken in them by Chrictian Scientists. "When the ward nurse made her "When it was learned that the fire rounds in the morning she noticed that

was raging," said Mrs. Ellen Cross, C. D. S., "the Ohristian Scientists in the he baby appeared to be in a stupor and sent for the physician. Before ne came city, and also in every place where the lowever, I saw them carrying the little news of the conflagration reached. worked against the evil, treating it with And this is a Christian land and this scientific prayer. Not supplication, but one of its boasted charities! If this in the language of the text-book of the

cruelty was confined to a single hoscult.' The wonder is that with such wonderpital it might be more easily corrected. ful if not miraculous efficacy to their but it grows out of the system and is "scientific prayers" these Christian Scimore or less apparent in every hospital in the country. Patients may not be entists did not quell and quench the fire put into foul, vermin-infested beds, or in the other parts of the burnt district children beaten, but there are other in Baltimore, and thus saved the terrible loss and suffering. Or was their methods of torture. Charity patients "interest" solely confined to the two are material for experimentation with large banks, etc? Verily, Christian Sol-

NEVER DESPAIR.

ence is a queer cult.

Fight your way on through each storm and privation: Make of each barrier a power to uplift:

E'en as the vine in its dark desolation Throws out its arms to each bright sunny rift,

Making a ladder of weed and of bush, Up which to heaven it may struggle and push.

Fight your way on through each grief and each burden; Sweet are the blossoms which pa-

tience unfolds: Fime in its archives guards safely thy

guerdon; Tighten thy tendrils which faith sweetly holds. Dark though the day be, and darker the night.

Never a darkness but yielded to -Katharine H. Terry. light. "Astral Worship." By J. H. Hill, M.

setss legislature restricting the diabol-D. For sale at this office. Price \$1.

state of despair. Hideous noises. unthe glite mournful spirits in agony, bereft of all the conditions; and I often explain it in mournful spirits in agony, bereft of all eternal happiness, come from this celestial region. The sounds of shrieking, nerve-racking disharmony remind one. away.

as near as I can give an earthly comnarison, of the insane in a madhouse "There are brighter stars, which sing sweet music, and make one think by

sciousness of this power as I was, each must be taught in the way best suited to them to bring forth the latent power contrast of worlds full of angels. or gifts. To me the gifts of medium-"One would naturally think that the ship are sacred in a way. I know the more powerful the light ray, the better Power that gave to me my gifts of the the musical result, but this is not so. spirit and knowing so well The far-away fixed star is the one that that power is in dealing with earthly people, I am at a loss to understand how roduces the sweetest tones. This I elieve to be due to the noninterference any one can claim to be a medium, and

of the reflected light from the invisible. planets revolving about the sun. "The brighter the star, the less pure live a life entirely given to the flesh. There will be grave charges against and clear the tones. When the instrusuch mediums some day. I fear.

ment is played upon by the blazing sunight a million noises, due to reflected light from this and other planets, unloubtedly spoil the music entirely."

#### Toistoi and Principle.

Among all the socialists, and those who voice the discontent of the oppressed, perhaps none has occupied a

larger share of public attention. Born to high estate and affluence, the owner of vast estates, whereon the people remained serfs in all but the name he has posed as their champion, and masquera happy earth life. aded in peasants' coarse attire. The

attire was a sham, revealing his charsaid when he first began in his mediumacter, for underneath he always re- istic career, his leading spirit made him throw his tobacco away and for tained the finest raiment. He has writyears he was not allowed to use it, and ten many books, mostly of highly relighad no desire to, but by and by he beious tone, and has continuously progan again. He said his first control tested against war. He had no more was too good. I am sure the last one love for one nation than another, for was too bad to be allowed to control were not all mankind brothers? any one.

Now comes the exposure of his pre-tensions and sham philanthropy. He is selzed with patriotism which be-But we govern these things ourselves. At least, so it seems to me; like attracts like, you know, and if we choose fools the peasant to shout himself things degrading, and develop some of the gifts of mediumship, and have in hoarse for the czar, and gives a thou-sand copies of his books, to be sold for our spirit no desire to live a good pure benefit of the soldiers engaged in the life, we will draw around us spiritual far East in murdering the Japanese.

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people just like we are. Tolstol has not forgotten that he was in I believe any gift of mediumship, is his youth a soldier." His blood tingles given to uplift and better humanity, in his veins as he recalls the days in And I cannot understand how any one given to uplift and better humanity. the field. He fails to see that he con-fesses to the "world" his hypercritical having any gift of the spirit should decry mediumship. To me, it is the pathpretensions by contributing to the war way that leads me to the ones I love fund, for should he not give with equal and ofttimes so long to see, and I often measure to the Japanese if they are think if I were to lose the gifts of the brothers? He is a patriot after all, with a narrow love for his barbarous country and its barbarous laws, and would assist it in its injustice. spirit that I claim, the brightness and sweetness would depart from my life and I would be most miserable; and I

believe were I to use the gifts that God has so graciously given me for an evil

purpose they would be taken away. We Such Messages Brove a Nuisance. have many desires in this world but it To the Editor :--- Mrs. Folsom is being ems to me that my greatest desire is annoyed continually by statements to keep my spirit as white and as free from alleged mediums that Mr. Folsom from stain as I can. And as we live communicating with them, and sendhere so will our spirits grow; live in ing all kinds of soul-harrowing statelight, our spirits will grow in light; live ments purporting to come from him. in darkness and our spirits are dead to Please say to your readers that Mr. Fol. the light beyond.

om told his wife an hour before his May each one that reads these lines transition, that his first communication send forth the vibration of "higher life" would be to her plone, and three times while yet we live in our earthly bodies since his death his own guides have Greeting I send you. MADAME ROBERTS.

told us that he was not yet able to com-municate at all; and it is Mrs. Fol-The Dalles, Oregon. om's special request that all such cor respondence shaff cease. Mrs. Folsom desires to thank all true friends for Temporal laws rather punish mer

when they have transgressed than form them to be such as transgress seldomtheir expressions of sympathy to her in her awful bereavement.

C. W. STEWART. ost.-Milton. Williamson, Richmond, Second vice-president-Mr. Charles

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how strong Muncie. Treasurer-Mrs. Lou Schwennessen Muncie.

Trustees-Mrs. Margaert Miller, Roch-ester; Mr. W. S. Woods, Kokomo; Mr. J. H. York, Peru; Mr. J. B. Foster, El-You vood

Mr. John Congdon, justice of the cannot advocate mediumship, and hold peace, of Seymour, Ind., administered the oath of office, and President Barrett Spiritualism up before the world as the very best religion of the age, and be licentious, impure, untruthful, unchariintroduced to the convention the newly table, full of malice, use tobacco, gamelected officers of the Indiana State Asociation of Spiritualists.

ble, drink, swear and do a great many other things that some people think do The business of the convention being completed, it adjourned to meet one not matter because you believe in "spirits." and when you die you won't go to year hence, at such place as the board nay designate, notice to be given I could not think much of a medium.

three months prior to time of meeting, whose leading spirit, or "control," f possible. 85 some prefer, would allow them to in-dulge in those things that only tend to Saturday evening at 7 o'clock the folowing programme was rendered: Mudrag the spiritual part of mankind down, and also ruin the earthly body for sic by congregation; invocation by E. W. Sprague; solo by Miss Hazel Wertz,

Anderson; lecture (20 minutes) by Thomas W. Smith, Anderson; music by I talked with a medium once, who Temple choir; lecture (20 minutes) by Harrison D. Barrett; solo by Mrs. Flora Russell, Alliance, Ohio; spirit messages (20 minutes), Dr. Julia M. Walton, Jackson, Mich.; music by Temple choir: spirit messages (20 minutes) by Mrs. C. A. Sprague; benediction by Dr. Gardiner Haines, Anderson, Ind. Sunday, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m., the ser-

vices were opened by congregational singing, and an invocation by Dr. Gardner Haines, of Anderson. This was folowed by a conference consisting of fiveninute speeches by the delegates and any others who desired to express themselves.

Miss Flora Hardin, of Anderson, for so many years secretary of the Camp Chesterfield Association gave a very interesting talk, and in the course of her remarks spoke of the necessity of reading the different Spiritualist papers that we might know the why and wherefore of the phenomena and the philosophy of Spiritualism. She asked all those who were subscribers to either of the papers to raise their hands, and Mr. Barrett and Mr. Sprague remarked that there was the greatest number taking the papers, in proportion to the size of the audience, that they had ever known.

One very noticeable feature, and one that we feel quite proud of, was the perfect harmony which prevailed through the whole convention: all questions that arose were discussed in the most friendway possible, and opinions were exchanged without the slightest discord. Mr. Barrett, Mr. Sprague, and Dr. Julia Walton and others who have been in the work for years, said that it was the

most harmonious convention they had over attended. From a financial, as well as from a spiritual standpoint, the convention way pronounced success, and our prosects for the future are very promising attribute our financial success largely to Mr. Sprague, who has a na tional reputation in this way; and, in fact, the success of the entire conven-

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materialized, mainly from invisible ele-

ments in the air. It requires a number

grown man, but his food and clothing

are materialized in much/ less time.

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# A Critical Analysis of the Present Situation. MATERIALIZATION. Some Interesting Experiences with Mrs. Pemberton.

#### Spiritualism and the Trickey Element It Ilas to Contend With.

Instead of the phenomena, there would

James L. Dow, a prominent Spiritualist of Manhattan, Kansas, presents his views clearly and concisely in reference to a fraudulent element that has invaded Spiritualism, especially in all the large cities, and which is prey j off the gullibles, and sometimes deceiving the very elect with bogus spirit manifest-ations. His lecture will be read with interest by those who have been victims of the barnacles who those who have been victims of the barnacles who are under the auspices of organized spiritualism. When spiritualists rehave fastened themselves on our Cause.

Mrs. President, Ladies and Gentle- principles of Spiritualism are found conmen: -- It is a source of sorrow to me, nected with the various Christian as it must be to every true Spiritualist, churches throughout the country, for organized Spirit- the reason that they do not want to be to note the decline in ualism in the United States, and every socially ostracised by the better classes and Spiritualism will be elevated to the one who feels the least interest in its of the community. They desire for progress must be anxious to know the themselves and their families a social cause. Undoubtedly every one has standing which can not be obtained as some theory in regard to it as well as members of a Spiritual organization, myself, but it look so plain to me that therefore they join some church for the myself, but it look so plain to me that I would like to advance my theory for social advantages it affords them, it, for the candid consideration of those at the same time they know deep who are interested in the advancement of truth along the Spiritualistic line, ism is true, but they hold it concealed The first and most important thing for any organization to do that wishes to perpetuate its existence is to establish ous Christian churches, the crowd that the fact to the satisfaction of the bet-ter class of the community who are the organization are good, and work-of the most enthusiastic Spiritualist. the organization are good, and working in the best interests of the people. Secondly, they must establish the fact that they are honest. Thirdly, that the support organized Spiritualism with objects of the organization can be carried out. And, lastly, that the claims made for it can be substantiated beyond a reasonable doubt. When these things have been done the success of any organization is assured.

NOW SPIRITUALISM MUST HAVE FAILED IN SOME OF THESE RE-QUISITES OF A SUCCESSFUL OR-GANIZATION, or it would not have declined; this is self-evident. Now let us see if we can find out wherein it has had relied upon the common sense and failed; if we can do this we have learn the cause of the decline. it as a fact in the minds of the people,

In the first place, what are the objects of organized Spiritualism?

have been thousands in their ranks First, to teach and prove that manwhere now there are hundreds. If Spiritualists could keep fraud out and kind has an intelligent conscious existence after the change called death. Second, to teach and prove that those have only genuine phenomena, then the who have passed through that change called death, can and do communicate phenomena of Spiritualism would be a power in their hands to build up organ with those still in the flesh, in an intelized Spiritualism, but while the counligent and reliable manner, and that try is being flooded with fraudulent mehappiness comes only through good diums who are supported by Spiritualists, it is a hindrance and a damage to acts.

Now I take it for granted that there the cause. Some may claim that organized Spiris no one who will dispute that these objects are good, therefore it is evident itualism has made as rapid progress in that it is not in the first count that it the last ten years as most new organizations, but this can hardly be

has failed. Now let us look at the second: They stantiated. While it may be a fact that must satisfy the inquiring people that the number that believe in the fundathey are honest. Have they done it? mental principles of Spiritualism has It seems to me there can be but one been increased, we do not believe that answer to this question, and that is NO. the number who are identified with or-There are very few communities in this ganized Spiritualism has. There is no IZED BY FRAUDULENT AND UN made by Spiritualists can be rightfully PRINCIPLED MEDIUMS, AND SOME attributed to the low moral and social THE GROSSEST OUTRAGES standing of Spiritualism among the HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY THEM. people.

This being the case, what has been recall an instance where a physical the cause of Spiritualism getting this medium was engaged by a spiritual soclety to lecture, and teach morals and undesirable reputation. To my mind  $\tilde{\Sigma}^{\circ}$  opound the glorious doctrines of there can be but one rational answer, Spiritualism, that had to be ordered and that is DARK SEANCES AND out of town by the mayor before he had FRAUD THAT HAS RECEIVED THE finished his engagement, for obscene SUPPORT OF SPIRITUALISTS. Dark and outrageous conduct. Hundreds of seances, together with that erroneous fraudulent mediums all over the coun- belief held by many Spiritualists, that try have been exposed, who were re-ceiving the patronage and moral sup-would injure, if it did not kill the meport of Spiritualists, and I am sorry to say that most of them have been ex-flagrant and disgusting frauds that ed by outsiders when it should have were ever perpetrated upon innocent been the duty of organized Spiritualism and unsuspecting people. As organized Spiritualism has claimed many of these to do it. While Spiritualists wait for honest investigators to expose the fraudulent mediums as their own, and fraud they have been giving support, given their performances moral and when it is their duty to warn investiga-tors against it, and hold it up to public financial support, and made no organ-ized altempt to expose them, they are contempt, they may expect to see disrightfully deserving the social ostragusted investigators and hundreds of cism which they are getting. I do not good Spiritualists not identified with claim that organized Spiritualism has the movement, and get the name among wilfully and knowingly supported these the better class who are seeking for frauds, but under the false impression truth, of being dishonest. that in an attempt to expose fraud they

fuse to patronize dark seances or light ones not under strictly test conditions, and warn the public to look out for

fraud in them, thousands of pretended mediums will be thrown out of employ-ment, and will be found thereafter either in the kitchen or the coal mine, front ranks of the reasonable, rational and respected religions of the world. It is the sacred duty of all good Spir itualists to expose fraud as far as lies in their power, and more especially when it is found in the ranks of Spirit social advantages it affords them, while down ualism, and whoever exposes a fraudulent medium confers a lasting benefit to the cause. The time has now arrived when organized Spiritualism should put forth every effort to purge itself of the frauds that have so disgraced it. would leave these churches and be- It is to be hoped that the time is near at hand when no fraudulent mediums come identified with organized Spiritwill be allowed to creep in under the protection of organized Spiritualism. It Thousands would leave the church s better that all phenomena be diswhose doctrines they do not believe and pensed with than to support fraud in

any degree. I hope all good Spiritualists will come their money and their influence, and housands who are not yet believers in to feel that it is their duty to rally the doctrine would follow them to keep around and protect only the honest and true, and lend their support to no n the social swim; these would soon become Spiritualists when placed in a fraudulent mediums. This course can position where they could investigate it. only be pursued by requiring the most Now it will be evident to every one rigid test conditions of all mediums. who will investigate this subject that it You can not be too particular about it; be as careful as you may, you are liable is the low social standing of organized Spiritualism that keeps the great mass to be deceived, for some of these frauds of believers from becoming identified with the movement. If Spiritualists it seems are liable to deceive the very elect. Organized Spiritualism should be the embodiment of wisdom, honor, reasonableness of its claims to establish virtue and truth, with all the rubbish liminated.

Will you help make it so? JAMES L. DOW, Manhattan, Kas.

### KATE R. STILES.

An Account of Some Remarkable Phe nomena.

Some sixteen or eighteen years ago I attended one of Mr. Cobb's notable meetings in Boston. It was made up of variety, both in attendance, talent, and submediumship; and I think did a good work and led many from darkness to light. Among the various mediums that illustrated their gifts, I was especially impressed with the clean-cut, definite, and evidently correct intelligence mani-fested by the medial agency of Kate R. Styles. Since that time I have fre quently noted accounts of her good works and the first impression was al ways present in my consciousness to give added interest to what I read her. Within the past eight years I have

several times met her in a casual way, and at Buffalo last January, I had the pleasure of hearing her from the platform at the First Spiritual Church, at the meeting hed under the auspices of the New York State Association. This time it was not messages, or psychic readings; but a vigorous, inspired and inspiring speech-"short and sweet,"

Human Character Its True Meaning. The earth was haterialized from invisible elements in space. All the products of the earth, includ-

> The Rev. Mr. Batten Declared That | ways. I have known saloonkeeper Boundaries of Hell Lay in Lives of Men-Work of Human Devils-Bil-liard Balls Represent Many Broken Homes-Heaven and Hell Have Homes-Heaven and Hell Have No could tell of too many instances where Geographical Boundaries, but Are in- they have succeeded. HEAVEN MEANS CHARACTER. cluded in Sum Total of All Human

> > I ask you to notice this fact: HEAVEN AND HELL ARE PRESENT

CONDITIONS. THEY BEGIN HERE, BUT THEY DO NOT END THERE.

"HEAVEN MEANS CHARACTER." WE SHALL ENJOY AS MUCH HEAV-

EN AS WE HAVE FITTED OUR-SELVES TO ENJOY. AND WE ARE STORING UP IN OUR LIVES FUEL

FOR THE EVERLASTING BURNINGS.

GOD SENDS NO MAN TO OUTER

by our example? Are we putting away

SOME INDEPENDENT SLATE-WRIT

ING MESSAGES.

We began to wonder why they were

For three months we continued our

some

"Tho

he evil and seeking the good?

HEAVEN.

Experience.

well that they can, and under proper conditions do, return and build up tem-porary bodies of warm flesh and blood. This is one of the ways they take to "Heaven and hell are not matters of erritorial boundaries," said the Rev. prove to their earth friends that they Samuel Zane Batten in his evening sernon at the First Baptist church, Lin-· I have seen hundreds of such forms, coln, Neb. "They are present realities and human experiences. A man may

of a full

and often seen the whole process, from a small quantity of vapory looking substill be in the land of the living but he stance to a fully developed form. I may in reality be living in heaven or in lave seen and embraced in my arms hell. the form of my father who looked as natural as he did during the last years The Rev. Mr. Batten was discussing the subject of "The Heavens and the Hells of This Earth." He took for his of his life, and talked with him. I have een forms come up through the floor, text, "Ye are come unto Mount Zion, talk awhile, and then sink back. I have seen spirit forms while being held in and unto the city of the living God, the neavenly Jerusalem." the arms of a friend go out like a flash Heaven is not a question of geog-raphy, and hell is not a matter of chronof lightning. My spirit friends have come to me in materialized form many logy," said the Rev. Batten. "Mark the times, and at widely separated places. ense of the words in the text." Their conversation at such times has He spoke in part as follows : We have fallen into an unscriptural

ized in the room right before me. She shook hands with me, told me who she was and that she was an ancient, havng lived 2,000 years ago, and was my sulde. Since then I have seen and talked with her, often in full materialzed and etherealized form, and held communion with her through every phase known to Spiritualism. I am al-

most as well acquainted with her to-day as I am with my own family, though she lived in the age of Pericles in the city of Athens, Groece.

now hanging in my seance room, both of which were taken by the Bangs Sisters. The first one was taken by their spirit artist, and shows her in her earth form. The last one, taken last August, was produced by my guide's own artist and shows her as a spirit among the clouds. This picture is four by six feet, and is a rare gem. These portraits were taken in my presence, in broad day light, and without the use of brush

or pencil or aid of mortal hands. I also obtained a fine spirit portrait

the trumpet medium, late of Blooming-ton, now of Peoria, III., to hold a scance once a month in my house. She is the

spirit friends come and talk through the trumpet in clear, loud and distinct voice. They tell me they will come in materialized form when I get a materializing medium, and that they could easily do so through Mrs. Pemberton if she would allow herself to pass under control, which she will not do, preferring to confine herself strictly to her

room.

fine talks. She floated about the room in etherealized form in magnificently illuminated raiment, and came and kissed me. The only person in the room were the medium, my son and

some six years ago. He was a lad of thirteen and played the French harp beautifully. His mother guards his old

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been so intelligent and consistent that here could be no possibility of doubt of way of thinking and speaking. We often their identity. peak and pray as if eternal life were On the 13th of March, 1890, at a prifuture endowment. The scriptures vate seance in San Francisco, the form of a beautiful young female materialteach that it is a present posse Phose who believe in Jesus Christ have passed out of death into life. Those who love sin are living in death and

I have two fine spirit portraits of her

of an illustrious American whose name

is not necessary to mention, which also hangs in my seance room. I have engaged Mrs. S. E. Pemberton,

best trumpet medium that I know. The results we get are simply sublime. My

trumpet work. I built my seance room under the direction of my guide, especially the materializing cabinet. She and her distinguished friend talk through the trumpet freely about the

Only a week ago they both gave us daughter and myself.

My son Charles departed this life

He writes in his deathless, unfathomeaders of The Progressive Thinker if able love "of hell, purgatory and paraa few of the strangest experiences were dise." But, as has been pointed out, the scenes which he points out are not fuelated. Our seances were composed of only ture but present. He sees many, souls hree members: my father, Captain Zenas Vaughan, my husband, J. W. Grant, and myself. My father pos-sesses very strong psychic power. Mr. in that world of woe who are yet living upon earth. He says: "Wicked men may be truly called dead." He wants to make us see that the soul of man is Grant, although not a professional menow passing through hell, purgatory or paradise. Down in the abode of darkdium, indeed, rarely sitting, has, from a child, been able to produce independent slate-wiriting, and other independent phenomena. No amount of money would ness he sees a man. He still cats and drinks and puts on clothes. One day a scoffer asked a Christian: "Where is nduce him or his guide to sit to satisfy hell?" The Christian answered: "Anytrivial curiosity. For myself, I am

the wrath of God abides upon them

The great poet of the universe. Dante

has made this truth very plain and real.

where that God is not.' Some years ago, spending Sunday in Chicago, I went to a Y. M. C. A. meeting in the early evening. A number of the Lord and when we left we felt that we had indeed been in a heavenly place. About 10 o'clock, with a friend, I took going in full blast. Brazen-faced-women. lost to all sense of shame, walked the

streets and leered into our faces. All around open doors to the pit were to be seen with brilliant lights and beckoning boards. Finally, sick at heart, we turned homeward. That night as I sat in my room I felt that I had seen a bit of heaven and a corner of hell.

BREAKING UP HOME.

was visible on the frames; not a par-Men, remember that if you are over ticle of slate was visible anywhere: again attempted to chase the billiard they had gone silently, mysteriously, ball-that ball represents the breaking wafted away according to some won-derful law known to higher power. up of a home. It is true that home may be a black man's home-but it is a home. Stanley, the great American taken. At the next sitting, Mr. Grant's explorer, has said that "each pound of indian control wrote through him, and ivory represents a life; each billiard explained that he took the slates, sayball the breaking up of a home; each hundred pounds of ivory means the de-struction of a village." Livingstone in ing that a "bad chief" wrote on the slates while we were sleeping things of which he did not approve, and fear-Africa met many sad sights. He came ing that we would think it was he who to villages of slave hunters by trade. He found that the people killed the inwrote, he removed the slates. Ho promised to return them "all good fants and the aged, as it was too much time.' trouble to care for them. Bands of We bought another pair of slates, but warriors were out hunting for men and always kept the empty frames near, in women, whom they yoked together and case that our spirit friends wished to drove to the coast, where they were sold return the purloined slates. into slavery. Livingstone and Stanley both said again and again that what

omething of a sensitive, and a good leal of a Spiritualist. The manifestations of our first meet ings consisted mostly in independent men there consecrated themselves to slate writings, although there was always a great variety of other phenom-ena accompanying them. For instance, articles were thrown through the air; a walk through a region that was called the table at which we were sitting was the "Black Hole." There saloons were often lifted high in the air and dropped; tunes were rapped out on a horn in another part of the room, and also by the

table legs. After an interesting meeting on the evening of November 25, 1903, we discovered on the following morning, much to our surprise, that the slates had dis-appeared from their frames during the night. It was impossible that human hands had removed them. Not a scar

Haven't we given them pretty good might hurt the medium, they have sufgrounds for coming to that conclusion? fered the most outrageous frauds to go If so, we have failed in the second unpunished, and brought disgrace upon the cause. Why do Spiritualists uphold count.

In regard to the third count: Can the mediums in placing in the only place objects of the organization be carried where fraud could be detected out? 'To this question I would say, we who are interested, or those who are can never make the people to any great casily deceived, and barring those who extent believe we can, while a large are anxious to see Spiritualism purged number of the mediums who are show- of fraud and placed upon a high moral ing through the country under the aus- foundation? pices of the Spiritual societies at the Has there ever been a medium killed different places where they hold their by an attempt to expose fraud? Has there ever been a medium seri seances, are producing the phenomena by fraud. While investigators find so ously hurt (except in their mind) by it? much fraud apparently supported by or-Has not a large majority of the cases ganized Spiritualism, it will be hard to where an attempt has been made to see make the best class of them believe the phenomena produced in dark se that all is not a fraud. Therefore they ances were fraudulent, or genuine,

are compelled to believe that we are not able to carry out the objects of the been any, or many of these cases organization. And hence we fail on the third count. And last of all, are the claims of the

organization being established in the SPIRITUALISM LIKE A LEECH, mind of a large number of the investiga-SUCKING THE LIFE BLOOD FROM tors beyond a reasonable doubt? To this I think you will be obliged to say DUCING GOOD CONDITIONS, THEN

A large number of honest investigators can be found all over the country OUR DISGRACE. who have attended seances held to rewere attended by Spiritualists, and masses, they must be the ones who exgiven financial support by them, that pose the fraud; they are the ones who were proven to be frauds. If honest in-should do the grabbing of those who vestigators are invited to attend spir-are trying to personate spirits, for the itual seances, by Spiritualists, and they prove to be frauds, the only reasonable lead them to the light, and hold them conclusion that they can come to (in up to the contempt of all good Spiritual-the absence of other evidence) is that ists, and not leave it for outsiders to the whole phenomena are fraudulent, do; then try to excuse the medium and and the result is bad for the cause. I know many Spiritualists will say they contemptible fraud hunter. ought not to condemn all because one proves fraudulent, that you find black a half dozen genuine seances than let sheep in most flocks, that all religious organizations have frauds among them, There are two ways in which Spiritualbut no one presumes to condemn them ism can gain a respectable social standall on account of that one bad one. Why ing in community-one is to expose all should it be different with Spiritualistic fraud perpetrated in spiritual seances.

rganizations? Dishonest people can not always be light when least expected by the medetected, and may be received into good dium. There need be no fears of hurtsociety, because they were supposed to ing the medium if their manifestations be honest, but if they are proved other- are genuine; if not genuine you may wise, the whole society should not be hurt their feelings, but you will help condemned for the action of this one, the cause more than enough to comfor the society could not possibly have pensate for that. known his character at the time they received him. But with the phenomena recommend (it being attended with less of Spiritualism it is different; there is trouble and hard feelings), is for Spirno sense nor excuse for Spiritualists up- itualists to refuse to attend any dark holding and supporting fraudulent me- seance where an admittance fee is diums, and thereby bringing disgrace charged, and recommend no medium upon the whole cause. Spiritualists whose seances are not held under the can and should rid themselves of this strictest test conditions. It is the next malignant tumor, which is eating the thing to impossible to get strictly test very life out of their organization. conditions in a dark seance, therefore I These fraudulent mediums have so dis- would let the unbelievers attend the graced the cause that at the present day Spiritualists have no social stand-ing among the better classes. Thou-light.

light. pands who believe in the fundamental

Such a speech of ten minutes is worth more than ten years of dawdling selfand adulation. pointless commonplaces without soul or sense, which fre quently impose upon spiritual audiences. I like solid logic, enthused with a sincere love of truth and desire to do good to the people. But I can endure limping logic, better than soulless, selfish, indifference, seasoned with vanity and evident insincerity.

Early in February, 1904, while resting and waiting for blizzards to forget their evil designs upon the town, I was made decidedly comfortable and cordially welcome at the hospitable home of Chas. H. Swift, 150 Elizabeth street, Utica, N. Y., and then the good fates, or the stars, or the independent free will those of an accident, alias a chance, brought Mrs. K. R. Stiles to the same house,

and for several days she ministered to the spiritual needs of the house, and some seekers from without, who were attracted to her sphere, and gathered around the social and spiritual altar and were fed with celestial manna and blessed. There is such self-eviden sincerity in Mrs. Stiles' manner, tangible in her atmosphere, such simplicity and evident truthfulness, that no one seems to question that what they, receive is exactly as the medium underproven to be fraudulent? Has there stands it. There may be mistakes, and failures, but no one, I think, suspects proven genuine? IF A DESIRE TO EXPOSE THE any voluntary fraud on her part.

Added to this the messages are often strikingly real and sometimes quite as-FRAUD THAT IS HANGING ON TO tonishing to skeptics and investigators. I was much interested in her ac IT. DISQUALIFIES ONE FOR PROcount of some rare experiences of a unique character. At a certain time and place, which was fitted for good DOWN WITH THAT KIND OF A SE-ANCE. THEY ARE THE CAUSE OF

spiritual work, she was directed to procure an autograph album of authors. If Spiritualists ever expect to have She had never heard of them and wa ceive spirit communications, which any moral or social standing with the doubtful; but found one at a book store, She showed it to me. She was directed to leave it open on the bed or table. The room was unoccupied for an hour or so. On her return a fac-simile of the author's signature was clearly stamped on the blank page some two or three inches below the original From time to time these experiments were repeated until she had the direct Spiritual signature of many-I think of the authors whose names were It is better for the cause to break up at the top of each page of the album. It would take an expert to copy so

closely the signatures of Byron, Shak speare. Poe, Bryant, and others, even with the best facilities for forgery, But these names are not in ink, or per cil, though plain and strong. They ap-This can only be done by turning on pear like some chemical stamp work or

precipitation. Mrs. Stiles assured me that there was no chance for any trick or deception in the production of these

signatures. She was to remain in Utica through February, and I am sure she must make a good impression on all sincer The other method and the one I would seekers for truth. I believe she was booked for Elmira in April. I wish there were a thousand like her to feed the multitude with spiritual truth.

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harp from the touch of other mortals, but places it on the table at our seances. Charles comes strong enough to pick up his harp and play old familiar

But I started to talk about materialization. Let me first explain something about the limit of the power of me-diums. Some years ago I went to Fred Evans in San Francisco for a slate writing. He very frankly informed me that he was not sure of getting anything for me as the work was entirely beyond his control, but I received a splendid writing signed by the full names of my father and mother.

Some years later I went to Mr. Campbell, the spirit artist, in Chicago, for the purpose of getting a picture. He told me he would not guarantee any-thing; that sometimes he got fine results and sometimes he got nothing; that the power that did the work was entirely beyond his control. But I had seen my guide in materialized form the night before, and she then told what she would give me, and I got it precisely as she had told, and under strict test conditions. Now, all honest medlums know that they cannot guarantee anything. If Mrs. Pemberton would guarantee the appearance of any particular, spirit, I would at once say she was an ignorant impostor. No honest materializing medium can dare to attempt to produce certain results for pay, whether that pay is a thousand or million of dollars.

How can mediums know to a certainty what they can produce? Such offers are an insult to the spirit forces. YES, THERE ARE FRAUDS, AND PLENTY OF THEM, ESPECIALLY IN

THE MATERIALIZING BUSINESS. My spirit son Charles says if you have a counterfeit dollar, that is no reason why you should throw away all your good dollars. I say if you have a thousand counterfeit dollars and only one good dollar, you should save it and not call them all lead. I know that ma-terialization is true. I know it by the same kind of evidence that I have a wife and children; but I have known wonderful power in that line, and at the same time have been guilty of fraud. And there is where the trouble comes in. Why resort to fraud? Sim-ply because they fall, under the control of evil untrits. Thede for care come of evil spirits. These few cases come under the charge mide by "The Great Psychological Crime," Thit charge in-cludes all mediums, whereas only a very small number fall victims to evil spirits, and in those few cases the vic-tim had a natural inclination that way. S. H. WEST. S. H. WEST.

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seances, receiving many delightful and they saw was hell on earth. But we important messages. Our friends came need not go outside our own life to find from across the border to talk with us: this heaven or this hell. soldiers, whom father had last seen dy-

Not only are heaven and hell present ing on the battle-field or in the prisonconditions, but angels and demons are pens of the South, came back to tell him everywhere at work. The word "angel" of the battlefield in spirit land, where you know means "messenger"-that is, they were fighting for spiritual truths a messenger of God, of light and of and glory. Highly developed Indians came to us with their pretty, broken good. There are many such in this world and they are workers for heaven. English tales of the Great Spirit, and In the pictures the angels wear wings how they guarded us and watched over and have seraphic faces. But many of us, whom they loved. the angels that we meet are plainly Both pairs of slates used by us were dressed and have no halo. Shall I show the common school slates, with the frames bound in flannel. During our you some of these angels of God as they go about their work? Enter this home sittings, the slates were placed upon a and see the mother as she lives for her table in the cabinet in another part of children. the room from where we sat, and

The little one is sick, but with sleepneither slate pencils or crumbs of penless eyes and uncomplaining heart she cils were placed between them. The watches over it. See her as she gathers writing was always exquisitely done. her little ones about her chair and tells and finer than the finest of pen work: them that old, old story of love and the lines were as straight as those grace. The years pass, and one of the upon ruled paper, and the style of penlear ones leaves the home of love to manship was pretty and distinct. Every wander forth into sin, and that mother word revealed the unseen. My angel leaves her home and with sorrowing mother wrote one night a poem of four heart goes forth to seek her lost one. By and by she finds her-not the same verses, of rare beauty both in expression and sentiment. At another time an dear, pure child as of old, but stained Indian maiden came back to relate to now by sin and shame. But the mother us her experiences on entering the her own and pleads with her to spirit world. For three days, she said, leave the hell-come back to the heaven she stood in spirit beside her mother in -and love prevails and God's good the earth plane, and in terrible anangel leads the wanderer home. guish, trying in vain to make her mother recognize her. She said Mr.

#### PITFALLS FOR GIRLS.

Shall I show you a picture of the op-posite? Shall I show you a demon as years in the world of spirit) found her, he does his evil work? There are many and took her to her spirit home, and of these demons and some of them are helped her. "Me look for a personal in this city. There are men-the true agents of the devil himself-who are God, and me no find him," she said plaintively. "Tell all the world," she going around from town to town in the adds, "that there is no personal God." country looking for pretty girls. One of She finishes with the words: "The these devils comes to a village and spirit world is just splendid! Me so finds an attractive young woman. He happy now!" There was a strange ocgets a position in some store or office currence in connection with this message. I copied it carefully with a pen or saloon, and seeks an acquaintance. He flatters the silly girl and fills her cil upon a sheet of paper, and left it on head with silly notions. Perhaps he the table at the foot of my bed when I retired. When I arose in the morning, persuades her to elope with him on a promise of marriage. She listens to his lies and runs away. found the piece of paper, without a word of writing on it: there was not

But, alas, she awakens when too late, to find herself in an evil house. She is even a spot or dent in the paper to show where the writing had been. There could have been no mistake in ruined now, he says; she cannot go home; stay here and have a gay and the paper, as no other paper was near it happy time, with fine clothes and plenty Still our missing slates had not apof money. And then this ghoul lives on the wage of that girl's sin, and goes peared, and we had almost given up expecting them. On the evening of Febforth to seek for other victims. "What shall we call such a man as ruary 28, at our last seance, Mr. Grant

saw clairvoyantly an Indian chief, in that? He is a devil. He is doing the full regalia, holding out something towork of the devil himself; and that man ward father. For several moments the is a child of hell and shall dwell in object was held in his outsretched hand, hell! There are such men in this city, and I know what I am talking about. and then it was thrown sharply upon the table around which we were gathered. I screamed in surprise, and the Ah, and there are the victims of such men in this city, too, and I know where- next minute looked cagerly to see what of I speak. Not all angels wear wings, was thrown. Imagine our pleasure. and not all devils have horn and hoofs. Our slates were returned at last! The Some of these devils are well dressed, and good looking men, but they are frames which a half hour ago lay empty upon the table before us, now contained devils to the bottom of their lives, and two slates! The other pair of slates lay hell is their native country. These men undisturbed upon the table shelf below. have no conscience and fire and brim-The returned slates were as warm as stone are the only logical things for such folks. A heaven for such demons is a satire on all goodness and purity. Such men make hell logical and neces. Maine March 1st, and the message

sary. And there are many men and women begides these who are doing the Lord's "We all wish you a successful jourwork and the devil's work. There are ney. This is from all members of your band (33). Ever and always the same, men and women who love the souls of men and are going out to seek and to Wakagan, Chief." bless others. And there are men here ESTHER VAUGHAN GRANT.

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We expect to turn our faces west-ward March 1. We desire to hear from socielies and individuals who would like our services.

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Please write us at once if you would like our services, or we may have passed you by before we hear from you. Address us until March 10, Rochester, Ind. Home address 618 Newland avenue, Jamestown, N. Y

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ments with societies or camps. Ad-dress me at No. 279 Seventh street, Grand Rapids, Mich." Lucy Carroll writes from Washingtory that it was quite probable that Jesus as a result of reading of this inton, Pa.: "Our meetngs are creating a great interest among the people here. G. W. Way of Wheeling, W. Va., serves cident in Hebrew literature became inus for Thursday afternoon and even spiried to give expression to the ing. By his lectures and tests he has Golden Rule the grandest and noblest sentiment that ever emanated from his converted a great number to this great truth, that there is no death, only an lips. In Mr. Moore's peroration open doorway to a higher and better condition in life. Mrs. M. E. Gillard declared that there was not an act in all history from the first man down to serves us for Sunday afternoon and evening. Mrs. Gillard is an earnest the last birth that can be favorably compared to that of the Woman of Endor returning good tor evil not even that of the Good Samaritan.-Review, worker. We are all so glad to wel-come her. The seed that is being sown here now will in time bring about Alliance, Ohio. a hountiful harvest. Good phenomenal

When writing for this paper

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All books advertised in the column

We go to press early Monday morn-

J. H. Haines writes; "The Spiritual mediums would do well here; must Unity Society held its second grand come well recommended, and they will entertainment and dance Saturday be well patronized. A good materializlight, March 5, at Heuser's Hall, 576 ing medium is in great demand." Larrabee street, North Side. There Correspondent writes: "The Rev. was a large crowd in attendance. The Flora Heckman addressed the First musical programme could not be ex-celled, each person being an artist in Spiritualist Society of Spokane, Sunday evening, March 6, on Mediumship, Is It his or her line. Prof. Ray presided at Dangerous? The intelligences who co-operate with her in her work from the the plano and the audience realized he was the right man in the right place. spirit side proved conclusively that me-Mrs. Jennie DeLong, H. Hill, Baby Hildiumship instead of being dangerous. mers (the child wonder), Master Robwas a blessing to the world, in that it ert Ray, Miss Katherine Rea, Paul Hilmers, Chas. Hogan and Miss Josephine, had emancipated humanity from mental slavery, and given proof positive of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Elmo, the leading immortality and the equal personal south side mediums, gave several tests possibility of advancement of the whole and spirit messages, all recognized and highly appreciated. Mrs. Jennie De human race. Mrs. Heckman is filling a three months' engagement for this West Side favorite medium, society and will leave April 1. She also gave several spirit messages and test descriptions which were readily would be pleased to hear from other societies in need of a lecturer. She recognized. Last but not least on the can be addressed, Metropole Block. list came Prof. R. S. Ray, everybody's Room K, Spokane, Washington." choice, giving spirit messages and tests. His tests were short but to the Mrs. Isa A. Cross writes: "The rospoint, as they always are. The chairs were then removed from the centre of trum of the Hyde Park Occult Society will be occupied by Prof. P. C. Marsh on the evening of the 20th of March; hall the hall and the enthusiastic crowd at 323 East 55th street: services at danced until 1.30 a. m., to the music of Meyers Orchestra. The occasion will 7:45 p.m. Come early so as not to disturb the speaker by coming after serv-ices have begun. Psychic demonstrabe remembered as an enjoyable event." Mrs. A. Sexsmith writes: "The Ristions by Mrs. E. Kline. We will also ing Sun Spiritualist Mission will hold its first grand annual prize masquerade hold a strawberry social on Tuesday evening, March 22, at the same number. ball on Saturday evening, March 19, at Star Lodge Hall, 378 So. Western ave-A musical and literary programme will fill up the early part of the evening, and nue. This will be the event of the seathe medlums present will give greetson as there will be 50 prizes awarded. ings from our loved ones on the other A splendid entertainment has also been side. Nice refreshments are in order. provided for those who do not dance. A number of talented artists have been

25 cents pays for all. We want a good social time for all, independent of the engaged, as well as some of the best programme. Come early. Mediums speakers and mediums of Spiritualist welcome." ocleties. Special services will be held Prof. Lockwood, the scientist and lecby the Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission. on Sunday, March 20, at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Thos S. Warner, after his inspira-tional lecture, will be ordained by Dr.

turer, writes from Conneaut, Ohio: "Although we had a rainy day yesterday, we had two good audiences and the friends seem to be enthusiastic over the general character of our work. They State Spiritualists Association. Rolla Stubbs writes: "We have all your premium books that go with The They are very wide diversity of thought upon the

ALWAYS GIVE YOUR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS WHEN SENDING NO-TICES AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR PUBLICATION, OTHERWISE THEY WILL FIND THEIR WAY TO THE WASTE BASKET.

Pease talked of "Music in a Spiritual way," and 7-year-old Annie Whitwell deighted the large audience with her explanation of "Spirit Return," to-wit, the manner in which souls revisit the mateing, hence communications intended for that current issue should reach this ial world. Hist. Baul (Minn.) Globe. C. J. Van Alstine writes from Long

Beach, Cala "Mrs. E. E. Hammond of Los Angeles, formerly of Topeka, Kau-

sas, has been speaking Sundays for the First Spiritual Society. The result was a crowded hall, standing room only. Mrs. J. Lindsey writes from Grand Rapids, Mich .: "I have been working in he home interest most of the winter. She is an honest woman, and any society would do well to have her lecture. Our society at present is employing The society is not quite five months old, and so far not an inharmonious word or aconly home talent. Our workers are all in deep earnest, and work for the good of the hearers. Sunday at 2:30 confertion, owing to the earnest work of the ence; at five we have a public circle, and it is well attended. I take charge officers who have the good of humanity in their hearts." of it. At 7:30 we have a lecture by

W. N. Slocum writes: "The Light Among the Hills came to a sudden end, some one of our bright home talent. much good is being done. I am con-tem plating going to Chicago in early much to my regret. I had become acquainted with, and greatly interested Spring, and shall be glad to fill engage n, the characters when they demate rialized. Can't the author write a sequel? It would make a valuable book. 'From the Spirit Realms' will add a halo to the 'Light Among the Hills.'"

F. E. Gabel writes from Onarga, 111 .: "The Onarga Spiritualist Investigating Society has enjoyed a rich treat the past few days. Mrs. S. E. Pemberton, a fine trumpet medium of Peoria, 111., has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Skeels, our leading members, and during her visit she has held several test seances which were well attended. and proved a source of delight to some and of wonder and amazement to others. She has been engaged to return again in the near future."

B. F. Sliter, of Alameda, Cal., writes: 'On March 4, at about 4 o'clock a. m., being then in bed with my wife, but wide awake, I heard these words: 'Land will advance in price for about forty years, during the railroad period, which will then be superseded by aerial navigation.' Who spoke these words, I am unable to say. Let me say, however, that I was not thinking of landed values or aerial navigation, nor had been for weeks. The words proceeded from the darkness above the hed occupied by my wife and self, and were articulated with unusual distinctness These words were not heard clairaudiently, but by the normal physical ear. Were they a prophecy or what; who can explain? No one in mortal flesh uttered them."

Harry J. Moore's engagement with the First Spiritualists Church of Alliance, Ohio, has proven so successful during the month of February and the first two Sundays of March, that the so-clety there has decided to continue his services covering the last two Sundays of the month of March. Mr. Moore is engaged to serve the Englewood Spirit-ual Union (Chicago) for four months beginning with the first Sunday of April and closing with the last Sunday of September. Mr. Moore devotes the months of July and August to camp work and he has the first four Sundays of July (there being five Sundays in the month of July) and the last Sunday of August open for engagements with camp associations. Address him at 322 W. Main street, Alliance, Ohio, until further notice. Mrs. A. E. Sheets, prominent as a

ecturer, writes to Dr. G. B. Warne: 'Your letter of invitation reached me this morning. It cheered me somewhat to know I had not entirely passed out of the memory of the friends of our cause, that a desire to have me participate in your mass-meeting, was felt by you and others. I deeply regret the fact that I am not yet able to engage in public work to any extent. I shall doubtless leave the hospital at Battle Creek about May 1. I am hopeful that the start given me here may be followed up by a spiritual philosophy and its relation to steady improvement, and that I shall later feel myself justified in re-entering the field of activity. When that time comes it will give me great pleasure to meet with our friends and render assist ance to you in some of your conven tions in Chicago. Permit me to thank you for the courteous invitation extended and to wish you every success." Elizabeth Schauss writes from Tole o, Ohio: "The missionary work of the Ohio Spiritualists' Association under leadership of its able president, Mrs. C. Curran, is waking up more people to the truth in our state than has hereto been done. The month of March will be the banner month of the year in our state, the missionary force having been strengthened by our honored and loved national president, H. D. Barrett, who under the auspices of the O. S. A. is conducting mass-meetings in various portions of the state, and will, we know incite more life into all of us. The Ash tabula Psychic Research Society is looking with great anticipation to the com-ing of Brother Barrett, and are making preparations for a lasting revival du ing his sojourn with them, March 29, 30; that public interest is being arouse can be seen in an editorial in the Ashtabula Beacon Record of March 7, as follows: 'The inclement weather did not prevent the attendance of enough people to fill the G. A. R. hall on Sunday evening, for the meeting of the Spirit ualistic society, when an address was given by Mrs. Elizabeth Schauss of Toedo. The speaker had the earnestness and enthusiasm which proceed from faith in the message brought, and consequently held the attention of the audience. The speaker referred to the common saying, 'We live to die,' and de-clared that Spiritualism teaches that we die to live. She argued that too much time is devoted to the material man, the mere husk, and urged as more important the study of the soul that lives forever. She denied that Spiritualists have no interest in the Bible or no belief in God or Jesus Christ, and then paid a tribute to the Bible as the Book of books, spoke at length of God, and described Jesus as the world's greatest medium.' Our cause is gainng, the labor is sometimes accompanled by bitterness, but the fruit thereof is sweet." in the full thereof Dr. Georjean<sup>is</sup> Miller writes: "In your Issue of Feb. 27, is a clipping headed, 'Jesus a Colored Man.' Quite likely the Roman Catholic Jesus was a man with a dark complexion. The name Jesus is an Italian or Spanish name, but there never was a Messiah by the name of Jesus. The story as recorded in the New Testament is a fabrication falsehood cutifront whole cloth. The New Testament, very much like the Old, is a contemptible piece of perfidy. Such men as Jesus, Solomon and Moses never had an existence except in the brains of an abominable' priestcraft Any folly or fabrication can be proven by the Bible. No Liberal will deny this. There have been five Messiahs none of whom are now known to the people of the planet, neither are their teachings in vogue; in fact, that which they taught is, unknown among the children of women. So far as the Catholic and Protestant priests are concerned, they know not anything about any of the Messiahs. They are simply play-ing with fire. The lies of the Romish priests are accepted by the priests of Protestantism. Hence the Old and New Testament stories are called sacred by the different creeds. Creeds are but leach Sunday. All are welcome."

the offal of a stunendous fabrication. Religion, like the devil fish, is a oneheaded beast with many creeds, all of which can be likened to the tentacles of that devil fish. Every creed helps to feed and keep alive the monster demon religion; the one headed octopus that has filled the earth with misery, crime and materiality."

A. F. Ross writes from Tacoma, Wash.: "Our very eloquent and highly esteemed pastor, Mrs. Loie F. Prior, who has been with us since last Septem ber has been the means of increasing dium, will follow the locture with her our membership and enlarging our con-gregation to such an extent that the seating capacity in our spacious hall is

nearly always filled to its fullest extent. Many who have never given Spiritualism a thought before are now giving their utmost attention to its beautiful teachings, and now we can boast of the largest and most energetic society in the Northwest. Our lyceum is doing well, and great interest is manifested by the children, for Mrs. Prior has taken entire charge of its management, wherein she stands second to none in the work she is doing in their behalf. The Ladies' Auxiliary is also doing ex-cellent work, another feature of the

good done that we have to give due credit to our pastor, Mrs. Prior, and if the time ever comes when we have to part with her to take up other fields, it will be a sad blow for the Spiritualists of our beautiful metropolis. Our state president, Mrs. Sheldon, from Tacoma, made us a visit last Sunday, wherein she presented us with some views of our state encampment grounds, show-ing up the beautiful grounds with its tents of the last season; also the lovely little spring lake on the shores of which we have the pleasure of calling our own, containing ten acres, and we trust that many who are intending to take an outing the coming season will take ad-vantage of these beautiful camping grounds for they will surely be greatly benefited both physically and spiritually. Now, in behalf of The Progressive Thinker I must say a word for your benefit; you are certainly doing a grand work, and the truths presented from week to week are like manna to the hungry soul: it is bearing fruit and like bread cast upon the waters will return after many days. The masses are reading, and reading sets them thinking and bye and bye will the results be seen as t deserves.'

E. E. McCarthy writes: "I came Houston, Texas, four months ago to fill an engagement of six months with the Iouston Spiritual Society. My motive at the time of engagement was not so much to work for the cause, but rather to secure change and active work for health's sake. I have been a speaker and teacher on all progressive lines in Denver, Colo. I find this field productive and ready for good workers. The society was nearly disbanded by inharmonious teachers, yet held intact by a few noble members who paid expenses from their own income. The hall is now filled every Sunday and the society is again on its feet. We wish to make ar angements during the summer. I can give the best reference as speaker and platform test medium. I am clairvoyant, clairaudient, and also psychometric; also give life reading from name, palm or photo. I teach the philosophy and explain the phenomena. Address me at No. 1517 Preston avenue, Houston, Texas."

Report comes that about five miles east of Grandview, Ind., back from the Ohio river on a small mound that overooks a lonesome valley, stands an old house, once the home of one of the wealthiest families of Spencer county, which, it is believed, is habited by ghosts and spirits. Through death the family dwindled away until only one daughter remained and through advers ity they were compelled to give up the old homestead. The only remaining tion." child, an old maid, moved to a small cabin in a lonely dell, where she died recently. During her latter years she said many times that the family who owned the house would never enjoy residing there. Shortly after her death Rhodes avenue. The social was opened whisperings of ghostly oc by a lew ver and about the homestead began to cir-culate about the neighborhood. Mys-some instrumental music by Mrs. Hulerious voices were heard at the house. t is claimed, forms were seen gliding poetic improvisation. About seventy fivo were present. We were entertained hrough the hallways, doors slammed and windows rattled in an unaccount by messages and tests from Mrs. Burable manner. Travelers along the road declare that they have seen the form of land, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. McMenamin and Cora Dixon, the child wonder, also from Mr. Hillis, Mr. Phillips and oththe old daughter before them on the ers. The prominent co-workers pres-ent: Mrs. Bliss Green, Mrs. Maggie Waite, Prof Marsh (of Boston), Mr. road as she came from her old cabin home. She would disappear generally as soon as she was seen. A strange disease has attacked the stock of the farm Beverly, Mr. Lynn and Mr. Cleveland. and they die without apparent cause. Mrs. Hulser, who is a fine singer, fa-The family living in the old residence vored us with some coon songs. Mrs. at present are unable to sleep at night because of the weird and frightful Wagstaff and your correspondent dressed in gypsy costumes, gave palm oises. Investigation has failed to reeadings, and all seemed to enjoy them veal the cause, and the mystery is still very much. Sandwiches, cake and cofee served by the ladies. Everyone unraveled. Smiley Lewis writes from Dennison eemed to enjoy the evening, and the ladies hope to have the pleasure of wel-Texas: "During the past week it has been our good fortune to listen to the coming them all at their next social to solos and two fine lectures on the Suirbe held on March 19, at Mrs. Devenitualistic philosophy, delivered by Mrs. port's." Laura B. Payne, of Topeka, Kansas Grace Cortland writes from Detroit who for the past year has served the Mich .: "The authorities here are mak-San Antonio (Tex.) society as pastor, ing a raid on clairvoyants, and mediums in general, but the work will go on as well as doing outside work in advancement of the cause of Spiritualism. and live just the same." At the first lecture, as was expected. Will C. Hodge writes from San Diego, he audience was small; at the second "B. Fay Mills is here again, and is at-tracting large audiences. Things are there was a generous increase in number present, notwithstanding the cold coming our way in spite of any kind of wave and sand storm prevailing. On a Great Psychological Crime.' both evenings quite a number of promi-Mrs. J. A. Murtha writes: " I am servnent members of orthodox churches ng the First Spiritualist Church of Bufand others were present, who for the first time heard a lecture on our beautifalo, N. Y., for the month of March. The church is under excellent management, ful philosophy, and who listened in breathless silence to the words of wisand good work is being done by many earnest workers here for the upbuilding iom as they fell from the lips of the of the cause so dear to us all. I will speaker. On Sunday morning Sister serve the society at Watertown, N. Y., Payne left us to fill an engagement for for the month of April. I have the an afternoon lecture at Dallas. Now, months of May and June open, also the question is asked, when will she some camp dates. I would be pleased to hear from societies needing my servcome again? Truly, there is a good eld, and a wide expanse for work in ces during this months. Address me Northern Texas, not touched by the N. Niagara Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y. Home ad-S. A. missionaries, to whom was allotress, 402 Troy street, Toledo, Ohfo." ed the field of Texas to work up. The D E. Lunsford writes: "I certainly en harvest is ripe, but where are the reapoy the weekly visit of The Progressive We need phenomena to arouse ers? Thinker, and admire the broad guage the latent minds to thinking, from principle on which it is conducted. thinking to investigation, and the phil-osophy to diffuse the light, and lead the vish I could impress upon my brother Spiritualists the importance of doing way to organization for practical work. nissionary work for our papers. It is Who is to have the honor of doing it? Denison has a fine school system, and astonishing how few of the many professed believers who are subscribers to any paper. Lately I have been taking churches galore; the same may be said of a half-dozen other good towns within an active interest in looking up those radius of thirty miles, all connected who are interested and am putting out with convenient railroad facilities, in a my spare copies after I have read them, good agricultural district, populated and I do not intend to miss an opportuwith average intellectuality, but who nity of speaking a good word for the pastill, seemingly, are contented with the per and trying to induce people to subhusks of past-age theology, or the more modern materialism. 'Let there be light.'" scribe. I have several promised and will take good care that they do not for-MARRIED :- In Jackson, Mich., on Moses Hull writes: "Rev. J. F. Car-Feb. 20, Louisa L. Kirby and Albert H. Bevier, of Battle Creek, Mich. The ney, of Martinsville, Ind., long an elo-quent and able Universalist minister, Rev. Julia M. Walton, state missionary has long had leanings toward Spiritualof the Michigan Spiritualist Association, ism. Now he has got so far along that he calls himself a full-fiedged Spiritualperformed the marriage service. H. F. Coates writes: "Sunday evening. ist, and, though he still preaches every March 6th, Dr. J. H. Randall occupied thing good there is in Universalism, he the platform at Kenwood Hall, 4308 Cottage Grove avenue. The Doctor is a is ready at any time when he can be spared from other duties to go out into very progressive speaker, and his lec-ture was well received. Mr. T. W. the by-ways and hedges, and tell the neople why he is a Spiritualist. Sherk will lecture for us, March 20, in Carney does not see fit to leave the Unithe evening. His subject will be 'Life in the Spirit World.' I trust that a large versalist church. for in their differences from other denominations he is still a audience will be present on this occa-sion; Food for thought will be given to all. We have services at 3 and 8 p. m.

Mrs. M. E. Coleman writes from Cali-Jualism. Spiritualists wishing Brothe fornia: "Your paper came into our Carney's services for funerals, wed home like a ray of sunshine, and we dings or lectures on Spiritualism should have found it a present help; a paper write him at Martinsville, Ind. Having known Mr. Carney for ten years I have filled with truths, dealing with all subjects in a most kindly way, yet strong no hesitation in recommending him to Spiritualists within his reach. His n the right. May you ever be proscharges will always be moderate, and pered.' J. A. Toren writes: "The Hon: R. Gil-

ray will lecture at Wilcox Hall, corner busy." of Champlain avenue and 43rd street, for the Society of the Psychic Forces. Mrs. Isabella Cleveland, trance test me

clear-cut messages from the spirit side of life. We extend a hearty welcome to all Dr. H. E. Ballard writes: "Many were denied the pleasure of attending the Church of Higher Forces last Sunday evening through the inclemency of the weather. Those, however, who braved the storm were well repaid by hearing the lecture delivered by Prof. P. C. Marsh on Light of Spiritual Development, a subject handed up by a gentle man from the audience. The appreciation of the masterly manner in which Prof. Marsh pointed out how spiritual development could be unfolded through a knowledge of the law that nature surrounds us with, was demonstrated by a scintillation of spiritual approbation that flitted across the faces of those present. The Church of Higher Forces will exert its influence towards inculcating a desire for a knowledge that will stipply the investigator with a key to spiritual progression. Douglas Hall, in which we hold our meeting, corner of 35th street and Indiana avenue, is centrally located, cars pass the corner from all directions. The children's pro-

gressive lyceum being the nucleus to the building of a successful spiritual organization, a united effort is most earnestly solicited on the part of all those in our district towards making our lyceum a success. A success means in inducing the parents in sending their children to a Sunday-school where they will be taught to learn something of nature. When they have learned what

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already arranged for. Interest on the borrowed money is no more than we have been paying in rent for a dingy old hall which the sunshine never entered, even in this land of sunshine. You may be sure that yesterday was a glorious day for the friends of Spiritualism in San Diego, and everybody was happy.' Arthur F. Milton writes: "Article or the difference between Soul and Mind Mediumship in The Progressive Thinker of March 12, should be carefully con

sidered by those who are sensitive to impressions, and many mistakes will be prevented, both in the matter of information and guidance. But to be receptive to soul impression, it may be noted, that, as mental mediumship is inherited through mental activity (study and observation), soul mediumship is inherited through soul activity (charity, benevolence and sympathy); and then term the first inspiration, and the latter intuition to avoid error in classifica-

Mrs. M. Henry writes: "The Ladies' Auxiliary connected with the Universal Occult Society held its second social under their state charter, at the residence of the president, Mrs. Davenport, 3138 appropriate remarks by

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nature is, we need have no tear for their future. Spiritualism is growing, but not as rapidly as it would if more of an effort was made to gather the young in its folds. As they mature into man-hood and womanhood, they develop their influence, and this influence will become lasting because it is part of our inheritance. Children's lyceum meets at 2; conference at 3; evening service at 8. J. W. Caldwell and his charming daughters, Florence, Lizzie and Jennie, supply the vocal and instrumental mu-sic for our services." The veteran worker, Will C. Hodge, writes from San Diego, Cal.: "We send herewith an account of the dedication of the event than account of the dedication of the distrumental mu-sic for our services." The veteran worker, Will C. Hodge, writes from San Diego, Cal.: "We send herewith an account of the dedication of the distrumental mu-serve temple [Will appear next

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dently recommended." Will Carlton: "I have read with great inter-

Will Carlton: "I have read with Breat have est." Sarah Thorpe Thomas, the Humanitarian says: "A most exquisite bouquet \* \* \* \* the thoughts echo and re-echo through the deepest recesses of my heart. I have some word of praise for every page. the dedication : "To thos

inalists at Anderson resulted in wha will soon be known as the state organi-This movement is becoming zation. more widespread as time passes and the combined efforts of those who are at work, it is expected, will find the organization a thorough and complete one by the time summer arrives. chief feature of the first work of the big organization will be to put missionaries in the field and work up the inter-The field of Indiana will be est. vided into districts, each of which will he covered by the missionaries, whose business it will be to handle the subject in a broad manner and to invite every one and to obtain from every advocate their co-operation in furthering the interests of the organization.' It is believed this religion will reach a stage of interest in Indiana this year that has never before been attained .--Herald, Muncle, Ind.

Brought from Philadelphia to his home in South Pottstown, Pa., suffering from severe illness, which developed into diphtheria, Charles Urner lay for sixty hours in a death-like sleep, from which his physician and attendants could not arouse him. Suddenly he recovered consciousness and at once gan to improve. Physicians here regard his case as a very remarkable one.

Prof. W. M. Lockwood, whose lec tures have been enthusiastically received in the East, would like an engagement in Chicago during the month April. His scientific Spiritualistic lectures, illustrated by costly apparatus, would prove a drawing card. In his special line of work he is without a neer.

G. H. Brooks writes from Buffalo, N. 'I speak in Williamsport, Pa., Sunday, March 13, and Wednesday the 16th. I will remain there one week, then go on to Philadelphia, where I speak for Mr. Locke's society the last two Sundays of March."

That the mind controls the body to a very great degree no one can dispute. The normal state of religious belief may modify a diseased condition and hasten or retard recovery, but there are bodily diseases which the mind cannot control They are not myths, but are stubborn facts that mar our hopes and destroy our happiness. The hectice flush upon the face of the consumptive is not a delusion.

Emily, E. Philp writes about the En-lewood society: "We still meet at Hopglewood society: "We still meet at kins' Hall, 528 W. 63rd street. We have interesting meetings, and running under new management, no charge at the door, but depend on collections. We have a social and test circle at Mr. Speight's, 5636 Union avenue, Saturday. Mar. 12. We anticipate a very pleasant evening."

Harry J. Moore, of Chicago, was greeted with a large and appreciative audience Sunday both morning and evening. Mr. Moore lectured in the evening on the subject: "The Woman (commonly called the witch) of Endor, as a Medium and an Ideal Character.' During his discourse he brought out many traits of character of this woman, whom ignorant people have reviled and grossly misrepresented: Chief among the points made was that the Woman of Endor by befriending Soul, had prac-ticed the Golden Rule over one thousand years before Jesus was born. Mr. Moore also strongly inferred that inasmuch as Jesus was a Jew and the fact of the Woman of Endor befriending King Saul was a matter of Hebrew his-

interesting." The twelve-year-old daughter of William Blackburn, the colored barber of Ann Arbor, Mich., was seriously injured while coasting on Broadway Saturday and the family are firmly of the opinion that they had been forewarned of the accident. The household boasts of a lad of ten years and for, the past several days he has begged his parents not to let his sister go coasting. "She will be killed, mamma," said the little fellow every time that his sister went out on the hill. At first the parents paid no attention to the lad, but finally they became alarmed, and on Saturday forbade the little girl indulging in any more coasting. The child was very anxious to go and brought several companions with her to plead her cause. don't want to let you go," said the mother at last, "but you may if you will promise to stay only one hour." The child promised, but within 45 minutes

Geo. B. Warne, president of the Illinois

State Spiritualists Association.

she had been brought back seriously in jured .- The Argus. S. H. Ewell writes from Michigan: "I

was born in 1819, Jan. 3; became a Spiritualist in 1849; have taken a spiritual paper ever since the first one was published; have read lots of spiritual books and attended untold seances. It was uphill business for 15, years. send you a few of my effusions, just for curiosity. I have a small printing press and type to do my own printing." Thomas H. Hildon writes from Alle-gheny, Pa.: "Mrs. Emma Foster is conducting meetings in Grand Army Hall, Allegheny, Pa. It was my good for-tune to attend her meeting last Sun-

day evening. An enthusiastic audience paid the closest attention to her lecture. Mrs. Foster gave several re-markable messages from spirit loved ones. Her presence alone impresses one, and since she has been in Allegheny many of the backsliders have been occupying the front seats, and many new Spiritualists have joined our ranks." ---

Rev. Harry J. Moore will be with the Englewood Spiritual Union for the months of April, May, June and Sep-

tember. Cora F. Morse writes from San Fran-cisco, Cal.: "My object in writing is to call attention to an inspired speaker whom all Spiritualists in all lands should know and will know as they earn the full import of his message and recognize the power behind the throne. Many of our people here as-sembled in my parlors last Wednesday night to isten to this really great man, Mr. J. Stitt Wilson, who dealt with the moral and spiritual aspects of the new industrial freedom. He held his hearers spellbound with his wonder-

ful interpretation of the social, relig-ious and political situation. It needed no psychic to understand that he is in lese touch to the realms of the real. Many said as they left his presence that never since the days of Wendell Phillips and Lloyd Garrison had a truer inspirer championed the cause of humanity. The managers of every camp-meeting this coming summer should see to it that Mr. Wilson is booked for soveral lectures. His ad dress is Berkeley, California. I feel that calling attention to him and his message to the world is equivalent to offering meat, bread and drink to those spiritually ahungered and athirst. Ero long I hope to place some of his literature before my Spiritualistic brethren and sisters."

modern religious thought. I find here also one of the most active lyceums that I have met in many a day. It includes adults as well as children. My lecture in the afternoon was upon 'Visible and Invisible Nature and Its Phenomenal Aspects.' In the evening 'Why Spiritualism Has Not Been Ac cepted by the Popular Mind.' In this lecture I demonstrated that all nature s infinitely related by psychic or invis the modes of motion, which fact as the basis of spiritual communication had been entirely overlooked by our oppo nents.

Wm. Robertson writes from Dallas, Texas.: "The First Spiritualist Church, Truth Seekers of Dallas, Texas, on last Sunday night closed their third month with Mrs. Alice Baker as pastor. She is giving general satisfaction, being an earnest and conscientious worker; a fine speaker and splendid message medium. Our attendance is steadily increasing and new people are associatng themseelves with us. Master Milton Baker, the boy psychic, gave an interesting and entertaining lecture on the night of Feb. 28. The young man, though only 14 years of age, ranks with

the best speakers and psychic readers now on the Spiritualist rostrum. Both Mrs. Baker and her son are open for engagements in Texas cities, and can be addressed at 213 Bryan street, Dallas, Texas." Correspondent writes: "The Metro-

oolitan Spiritualist Society holds its regular services every Sunday evening. The last month fine speakers have been presented from its rostrum that have given the people a good deal of food for thought; among them Mr. Axel Gus-taveson, Dr. McWilliams, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Cochnore. Sunday, March 13, Walter DeVoe will deliver the address, and Sunday the 27th, Mr. Marsh will deliver the anniversary address. Every lecture is followed by spirit messages by the pastor, Mrs. Maggie Walte. The Progressive Thinker is always in de-

mand at the door." Agnes L. Cressler writes from Stur-gis, Mich.: "The members of the Harnonial Society of Sturgis, Mich., had the pleasure of listening to several able and instructive discourses given by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, last month. While our society has not the privilege of frequent meetings, yet there seems to be a general interest manifested. While we thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Sprague's lecture we greatly missed our worthy president, Mr. Thomas Collar,

who we regret to say was taken serious ly ill previous to our services, and was unable to attend; but I am happy to state that he is speedily recovering. Through the earnest influences of Mr. and Mrs. Sprague our society decided to take out a state charter, which we sincerely trust will benefit us in the future.

Wisdom out of the mouths of babes enlightened yesterday afternoon, at Odd Fellows' hall, the midwinter massmeeting of the State Spiritual Association. The children's lyceum brought small girls and boys upon the platform to tell of those who have 'passed over.' After Georgie Whitwell had outlined "The Benefits of the Lyceum," Joseph Whitwell, another child, discoursed upon "The Power of Thought." "The Value of the Circle" was made clear by Eddie Hottinger. Ollie Crooks a tiny giri, emphasized "The Benefits of Mediumship:" Carrie Judson sketched the subject "Spiritualism;" Mamie

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clearness is perhaps sacrificed to this forced brevity. Proofs have to be omitted, and the style becomes thereby assertive, which of all things is to be deprecated. Correspondents often weary with waiting for the appearance of their questions and write letters of in-The supply of matter is always quiry. several weeks ahead of the space given,

and hence there is unavoidable delay. Every one has to wait his time and place, and all are treated with equal 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 A. It is a hard struggle to break away from the belief, associations and friendships of early life, and unless a principle is involved, it is not a duty to make the sacrifice. If one grows out of these beliefs, and fully under the sacrifice. pary courtesy of correspondents is ex-pected. HUDSON TUTTLE.

C. B.: Q. Can you inform me of reliability of a party advertising to cure nervous troubles, obsession and insan-ity? He makes no charges but lets his atients pay when cured what they think it is worth.

A. We know nothing personal of the person mentioned, but on general prinwill affirm that no one can do what this prospectus promises. The asuntil cure is effected, is a delusive catch, and you will find that pay enough will be exacted.

If you have a case of "obsession" it is quite sure to be "nervous disorder," and for that there must be a cause which must first be removed. I have met with many cases of so-called "obsession," and although it may not be agreeable to say, the fact remains, that I have yet to meet the first instance which could not be directly referable to perverted or disordered passion, by which the nerve force is depleted and what may be called sexual insanity dominant. It may be a palliative, and a welcome excuse to make a scapegoat of "obsessing spirits," and thus escape responsibility, but the responsibility remains nevertheless, and the cure must be applied by self-control and cannot be furnished ready-made by self-lauded schemes of others.

M. D. Stacy: Q. What is the weight of a million gold dollars? The United States gold dollar weighs

25.8 troy grains, or a million dollars in avoirdupois weight 3,685.8 pounds. The contrast with silver is great, for a million dollars of the latter would weigh 58,929.9 pounds avoirdupois. A ton of silver has 37,704.84 dollars. A ton of gold 602,799.21 dollars. A cubic foot of gold weighs 1203 pounds, 10 ounces. A cubic foot of silver, 625 pounds, 13

E.L. Ray: Q. Should I ask a friend Disjore death to deliver a message to some friend, after his death, could he deliver the same?

A. Such a message would be faith-fully carried, but it is possible that the spirit to whom it was to be delivered might not be easily found. If you might not be easily found. If you should say to a friend starting on a the symbols; various as they are I rec-

force will call out force, and the social-istic movement will be retarded for many a year. What should be gained by evolution-growth-is attempted by revolution. All the gains of socialism must be by

steady, onward growth. Can socialism offer anything better than the postoffice, which takes a letter to the furtherest limits of Alaska for two cents, and is extending itself by rural delivery and by growth becoming everything the people can ask for? Can it offer anything better than the

public schools, paid for by all the peo-ple, and giving the best of education, an education such as was never in the history of the world furnished absolutely

Can it offer any better way of keeping up the public highways, bridges, etc. than is now pursued by the united peo ple? Socialism will be victorious if it seizes

the opportunity and cultivates this growth in the right direction.

M. A. J.: Q. I am a Spiritualist, yet a member of the Baptist church, and take an active part in the Ladies' Aid Society. I feel the presence of my lost ones, and cannot give them up, yet of late there is a feeling coming over me when I go to church or Aid, that

am doing what I ought not to do. want to do the Master's will. Do weaken the power which enables my spirit friends to approach me by this course?

how erroneous and misleading they are, he may reach a point where all the at tachments and associations of the past will be as nothing to the consciousness

of freedom, and the glorious prospect from the heights gained, and the lifted horizon. Perhaps by continuing to work with the sisters of the church, for a time at least, thoughts may be thrown out at appropriate occasions that will lead them to new views of the purposes of life and consequences of death. Such service may not be done in any other

manner. But when one reaches this state.of self-questioning, the new ideas quicken the conscience, and demand open ex

pression and to be lived by, it is diff. cult to go on in the old path and give tacit support to that which is felt to be wrong. We have no doubt that this correspondent will find that the members of her church are more favorable to the teachings of Spiritualism than she now thinks they are. It is the name that in most cases frightens away. Thoughts and ideas need not be labeled Policy and discussion are good allies in establishing the truth. To lock horns with everyone whom we think in error destroys our influence and power to lead. The gentle suggestion is more powerful to convince than stern com-mand. The "Master" always leads to the truth, by the truth, and for the truth, and his voice is the voice of the innermost conscience. When this speaks the soul can find no rest until it fashions the conduct of life to its dictates.

A Strange Dream.

What are called prophetic dreams occur to me only when I am about to awaken from a long night's sleep. Sometimes they come for instruction sometimes as a warning against danger and sometimes to convince me of an er ror and show me the inconsistency of my course, or, perhaps, as an exhorta tion to amend my conduct or to check

unprofitable thought and desires. For instance, if for some days previ-ously I had allowed myself to desire some selfish advantage, such as wealth public applause or fame. I would dream that my hands were soiled by contact

with ordure, and I would awaken with horror and disgust. Indeed, I know black, and a loose flowing robe adorning him that had a golden illuminated bor-

#### THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER SPIRIT MATERIALIZATION FARMER RILEY IN CHICAGO. LAKE HELEN, FLA.

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Meanwhile any number of raps were

neard on the table, questions answered

trumpet lying in the centre of the table

was lifted, carried around the circle,

tapping different ones, on the head,

hands or breast. Numerous raps were

heard upon it and the vibrations in it

were so plainly feltathat it seemed to

be a living creature at this Riley sat as one of the circle, his

hands being held by those sitting on

either side, but there was no shadow of doubt in the mindsi of: those present

would have taken many pairs of hands

the \$1.000 offered, Mr. Riley said he did

not like the principle of betting or mak-

ing a wager on the gifts of the spirit,

He had made it a rule during his fif-

een years of successful mediumshin

omena.

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by them and lights floated about.

ton, Mass.

Reading the various accounts of spirit manifestations and spirit materializa-tions as reported by others in The Progressive Thinker, leads me to feel as though I desired to say something as to what is occurring in the so-called Hub. The city of Boston has not been behind in the abundance of evidence of spirit power and presence as portrayed through the chosen instruments of the spirit world, and for many years has been abundantly blessed with the manifestations thereof: and it has been my fortunate privilege for many years past tain. to attend many of the seances that have been held by various mediums to convey to humanity the blessed knowledge of spirit materialization, where the

world is made aware not only of "the gates ajar," but that the glorious portals thereof are thrown wide open, and the two stages of existence-mortal and spirit-mingle freely with each other in

a blessed reunion. As in the days of Jesus in the past the world was blest with a wave of pen-tecostal power of the spirit, so are we even now living amid the times of another Pentecostal Era of Spirit Power; and as the former days of pentecostal power were in connection with the presence of Jesus, so is the present pente-costal power and outpouring of the power of the spirit also in connection with lesus, and is indicative of the second coming of Jesus in power and with great glory, as the fulfillment of his promise that he would return again; and I would suggest, let not humanity

remain blind to the signs and tokens with which the world is pregnant today. Modern Spiritualism is the second coming of Jesus; moreover, it is the closing period of the cyclic messianic era of which Jesus was the Messiah; and is also the opening period of another cyclic messianic era that will shave its representative Messiah on earth, who will become more and more recognized as such as time rolls on. Such, at least, is the testimony of those in spirit life who are wise and far ad vanced in spiritual truth, and can fore-

see and foretell events of the future as well as possessing a knowledge of the nast. But, Brother Francis, how a person will sometimes wander far away from what they start in to write about. Now, will return to my original intention. During recent years I have attended

numerous seances of Mrs. H. S. Stans-bury, and also Mrs. A. Spaulding, in Boston; both of whom are true and sincere mediums, and at whose seances it is no unusual occurrence for two, three or even four materialized spirits to be outside of the cabinet at the same time conversing with their mortal friends; they also go through the process of materializing their forms outside of the cabinet in various parts of the seance room; even two at a time side by side, in plain view of all to perceive: also de materializing in plain view, gradually diminishing in size until completely dissolved from view into the very at-

mosphere itself, from whence they had originally emerged in the process of materialization. During the few minutes they remain with their mortal friends, they not only reveal their identity by giving their names, but in their conversation such truths and information are imparted as

carries conviction that they are just who they represent themselves to be. I recently attended a seance at Mrs Spaulding's, 51 Rutland street, Bos ton, and desire to refer to ohe meldent n particular that occurred there; and

will relate it under this heading, viz .: An Illuminated Ancient Atlantian.

During the seance, a spirit of majestic stature and commanding presence is-sued from the cabinet, dressed in

#### Some Excellent Manifestations Through His Medumenip. Notes From Southern Cassadaga Camp.

It is almost impossible to keep up Farmer Riley, the materializing me-dium, is in Chicago/again and has been with the arrivals as so many come only for a day or two and are off again. giving a series of shances at the homes Those who visit Florida for the sake of of different friendssin the city. An invisiting places of interest are placing teresting one was held at the Rem-brandt Studio last a mesday, a number our winter camp upon the list, and some declare their intention of spendof the company being witnesses of his phenomena for thei firsh ; time. The ing the season here another year. Prof. Peck gave his last lecture for forms that appeared were strong, per-fectly developed in figure and feature,

the season on Tuesday. Subject, "The casting out of the unclean spirit and the differing widely one from the other, in coming of seven others more unclean than the first. The lesson to be learned size, build, dress and general appear ance. Seven of the forms dematerial was the emptiness of life and the neces-sity of something to take the place in ized in view of the circle out the cur every swept and garnished soul. Do not tear down without rebuilding. At intervals, vigorous writing was heard on slates left in the small, dark Prof Peck stayed over a day to take room used as a cabinet. They were charge of another entertainment for the handed out by a spirit to the one in the benefit of the association, and although there was but little time for practice circle for whom they were intended. The messages, on being compared, showed a variety of hand-writing and the Wednesday evening entertainment was a very enjoyable affair. Prof. Peck has been ably seconded in all his gave something of personal interest to the person addressed, Mr. Riley prefaces his materializa efforts for the betterment of the camp and some who have never stood before tion with what he calls a dark-room se-ance, which is of particular interest to the footlights before deserve praise for

courage and helpfulness. Mrs. Coffman gave the scance on

those unfamiliar with this class of phe Wednesday afternoon for the Ladies The company sat about a table in a Auxiliary, and Thursday spoke from the subject, "Give ye what ye have," and darkened room, with hands touching upon the top of the table. Almost inspoke especially of sympathy and instantly touches were felt from spirit hands, sometimes goally and caressing-ly; again with considerable force, jerk-ing coat collars, plucking the ladies' spiration. She followed her address with tests; she has several phases, but the blindfolded ballot test seances seem to be the favorite although the sleeves and pulling out hair-combs and writer feels her little Indian guide gets ornamental bows, sometimes carrying them about touching the hands or faces of the members of the circle before re-turning them to their original place or depositing them upon the table. very near the hearts of those who are fortunate enough to secure a message from her. W. J. Colville was gladly welcomed

Nor a "Power"; The Destructive Principle in Mediumship: Mediumship and upon his return from Jacksonville and Morality; Mediumship and Martyrdom; Saturday afternoon gave a most in-Mediumship and "Affinity"; Medium-structive lecture from the subject: ship and Emotionalism; Mediums and A fur collar worn by one lady was taken from her shoulders, touching the faces of all in the circle, and deposited Their Motives: Mediumship and Insan-What has Spiritualism to offer in the on the head of one of the gentlemen. A fancy pillow was carried about in the place of other beliefs? What does it deity. mand of us? and what is its future?" Part III. way, as was also a bunch of vio-His address fully answered the queries, and was clothed in the most beautiful lets taken from the dress of a lady and passed rapidly under the noses of all language and abounded in good com present so they could be felt and non sense.

Sunday morning Mrs. Coffman spoke The writer received a fine magnetic upon the Spiritual Manifestations of the reatment in answer to a request. She Past and Present, and declared that plainly felt two hands move up and present phenomena gave us faith in the down the spine several times, then pass in front over the lungs, imparting a strength and glowing warmth that was

> For the sake of witnessing to that which to me is realized truth, I will lay aside feelings that would hinder me from making known personal experiences of the most sacred character, and itualism and Theosophy? He said the will express what the spirit world has different subjects might be blended into taught me relative to reincarnation. one universal religion. He spoke of Desiring truth for its own sake,

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would shut up all its good spirits in suits of earthly pleasures, and by liv-some far-away heaven, and leave the ing a life of spiritual devotion I strove doors of hell wide open for devils to swarm at pleasure and psychologize the selfish elements of mortal existence in sensitives of earth, he felt the doctrine order to become attuned to the higher pernicious that would give such power realms of spirit life, and in order to live to evil and limit the divine in the huin close communion with mighty souls man. Mrs. Coffman followed his lecture of wisdom and love who live beyond with a seance. the confines of falsehood and error.

that the work could be that of any but the invisible but powerful spirit intelligences of his band. What has been The masquerade ball on Tuesday eve felt that the spiritual nature must be told, and more, occupied no more than would do credit to a city gathering; al- attuned to universal love and to purity from fifteen to twenty minutes, and it though crowded, all was orderly and a of thought and affection, like that of the very enjoyable evening was spent. The more developed souls, if it would seek to accomplish what they did simultabeautiful silk quilt was drawn by Mrs. C. C. Bacon, of Lake Brady, Ohio, and to know the companionship of beings neously. If Robert Hale could witness such exliving on the higher planes. After five all rejoiced that our honored friend reyears of devotion to my ideal of spirhibitions of power and intelligence as are given in these gircles and the fullceived it; while the writer was very itual development I began to be con-scious of the spirit side of life. While glad to be the possessor of a very beauform materializations that, follow, there tiful pillow made and donated to the so my body slept I would function conshould being shadow of doubt left in his, or any reasonable mind, as to the possibility of producing genuine pheclety by Mrs. Haviland, of Marshallsciously as a spirit in the spirit world. The wonders and glories of the spirtown, Iowa. Mr. Colville's classes begin Monday When asked why he did not try for

itual world began to unfold more and more, as I learned its laws and worked morning at 10 o'clock; and continue every week day until the close of the to heal and uplift spirits coming from earth life. I became acquainted with camp.

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soul or the germ of a soul lived and ex-IMPORTANT REFLECTIONS. Isted within the blood of the male parent, and the male parent breathed it in from the ethereal atmosphere." This approximates the truth as it has been shown to me, except that I would use the word personality for soul, and state that the female egg fertilized by the male germ has as much influence in the making of a personality as the male principle; that the male and female mental attributes are blended into the creation of a new personality. And the mother has an incalculable influence over the forming personality during the

period of gestation. Again I quote: "After development and growth, also after birth, the germ can no more go back and become a germ again than a chick can go back into its shell. Nothing goes backward. All things go forward, and thus, reincarnation is an utter impossibility."

It is not stated, so far as I know, that the personalty evolved from the germ goes back into a germ again. The process as it has been shown to me by the Masters is like this: The personality created by the parents is in the image and likeness of the mortal parents, partaking of their mental powers and at-tributes, and if there were no additional power given to the personality it would never transcend the limitations of its parents' mind. But this personal mind draws to itself an evolved soul from the spiritual world, which becomes attached to the forming personality at the time of quickening, and according to its evolved power, whether strong or weak, musical or mechanical, refined or material, determines in a large measure in in many respects by the laws of morta

In Reverence to Spirit Life and the Destiny of Man.

history of the past, and because these things do occur now they are only repetition of what has been, for the law is restful and sustaining, and different always the same. Sunday afternoon Mr. Colville sang from the touch of any mortal hand. The table was lifted to a considerable with great power, "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," and followed the height from our midst and a chair drawn from under one of the ladies and

song with an address upon the follow-ing subject: What is the essential difforence between Spiritualism and Chris-

tlanity; another, Between Spiritualism and Buddhism; another, Between Spir

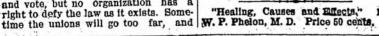
journey to England, take this message to a certain friend you have there, without a direction as to town or city where that friend might be found, you would impose a duty which might be impossible to perform. In the vastness of the spirit world, unless the spirit to whom the message was sent, at times came into your personal sphere, there great difficulty in finding a would be given individual. If the spirit does at times come near you, then you can by earnest thought give the message yourself. The spirit will receive it though you may be unconscious of its so doing.

A. C. Lantz: Q. Will the Socialist movement be in possession of the pow-ers of the government of the United States in the year 1908?

The student of the history of political parties becomes aware of the great difficulties attending the inception of a new organization, and will scarcely be ready to grant that it would be possible to bring such a radical change in four years. Not only to organize a party, but on such grounds of public policy that it would be acceptable to the majority of eighty millions of people, is a task for a generation. If a socialistic party were thoroughly organized and in the field, the coming presidential contest, with a socialistic condidate, it is not within the bounds of probability that he would receive a single electoral vote. This is not saying that Social-ism as understood by the best informed of its advocates is not true, or the best policy, but it is saying that the people at large do not understand it, and are not educated out of the old ruts in

which government has run. Is it possible that in four years a radical change can be made in the minds of the peo-ple? If this is to be brought about then socialism must first be relieved of the obloquy brought on it by its ill-ad vised and ranting exponents, who make it synonymous with nihilism and an-The newspapers now published archy. in its interest must give more space to instructing their readers in what socialism is and is not, than to berating the government with treasonable froth. The unions will have to stand with all citizens on the platform of law and not on force, to which they now so readily resort, and socialism will have to put better men to its front, than have made themselves so conspicuous.

And now as we are in the prophetic business, let us say further that the lawless element of the unions do not understand the temper of the American people, when they resort to force. The existence of government depends on the not come for me. We would not be con-laws being obeyed, and the consensus genial. I believe in God, and therefore of public opinion is that they must and shall be obeyed. You may modify or change the laws, that is the right of every citizen to assist in this by petition and vote, but no organization has a



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ognize the significance of each, and thus am greatly profited by instruction coming through dreams

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God.

Those dreams which are intended to point out emphatically-how wrong my judgment or conduct is, are sometime terribly alarming and shock me by their intense condemnation of my thought or course, and from them I learn how important it is (in view of the soul's truth, duty and responsibility) to walk circumctly and never violate "conscien-I have long since learned that the way from error to truth 1s not an easy one to travel, and that much disciplin must be endured before we become fit to mingle with "just men and women

made more perfect" in another and The life of the man of Nazareth is a symbol of the life of man and woman of all time, of every nation and every temperament; the variations of individual cases do not alter the rule The tour neyings of the children of Israel from slavery to Pharaoh, to the passage through the sea and the worship of darting light resolved itself into the idols in the wilderness, are all shadows of the life of man. Belief in the letter killeth the spirituality of the churche but the spirit would give them life. But "great is Diana," and still greater the "golden calf." The advance of

truth is blocked by the pride of religion, some people worship self and call it they were Atlantian spirits of the long-lost continent of Atlantis, who had but The following is not a very remark

able dream, but it was to me very vivid and left a strong impression. It will be noticed that it does not condemn those who believe in law or nature; it merely illustrates. October 29, just before awaking I had

a strange dream. I thought an angel or spirit stood before me. She wore a long robe the color of which resembled brown, and it was literally covered with geometrical figures. She spoke to me: "I shall come for you soon," she said. "and I thought I would call on you to let you know."

"How soon will you come for me?" asked.

"In about ten days," she replied.

"I thank you," said I. "I am ready to go at any time." As we were about to separate a thought struck me:

"I beg your pardon, madame. Allow me to ask, do you believe in God?"

"Oh, no," she replied. "I believe in natural law, like Mrs. A. and Mr. B.," and she named several persons whom I knew to be good citizens.

"Ah, then, madame," said I, "you need not come for me. We would not be concould not go with you; but I thank you for the interest you have taken in me."

Then we parted. Sturgis, Mich. THOS. HARDING.

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der all around it, while the entire robe was dotted with illuminated spots, and as he would wave the robe with his hands the spots would change in size

form and brightness until they finally became brilliantly illuminated stars. Then extending his right arm horizontally from his side, he waved it up and down two or three times, and as he did so an illuminated aura issued from his hand like rays of light and formed an illuminated space of, I should judge, about five feet square, and this square space was perfectly alive, so to speak, with rays of light darting here and there with indescribable rapidity, yet commingling harmoniously with each other. Imagine if you can a hundred shafts of lightning darting with light ning-like rapidity over the entire sur face of this five-feet-square space until every inch of it was a mass of living darting light in motion, and you will see it as near as I can describe it; then instantaneously, this beautiful space of

form of a materialized lady spirit arrayed in robes from which radiated this supernal light, and remaining standing thus a few moments she advanced to the side of the other spirit; and thus they stood, man and woman, and in a few moments retired to the cabinet After the seance, I was informed that

recently came to Mrs. Spaulding's spirit band and announced themselves as Yarma (or Yermah) and Mona, but that they are very reticent as to why they have come or what may be their intended mission. Such revelations

are awaited with interest. Persons who witness the spirit ma-terializations of the present time, can

easily realize the truthfulness of the ancient manifestations of a similar nature as related in biblical historical records; and not only spirit materiali zation, but all of the varied manifestations of the "gifts of the spirit" that are recorded in ancient history, are now being duplicated and reproduce

throughout the world in as great if not greater power than in ancient hibling times in the time of Jesus; in fact it is recorded of Jesus that he gave utter ance to the statement that "greater things than I do shall ye also do." JOHN WESLEY HOWLETT.

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Hear what the sun saith: "Patient still, The vaulted heavens I climb and climb.

Over and over with tireless will, Day after day till the end of time!

Never a pause and never a rest: Yet every morning the earth is new, And ever the clouds in the golden west Have a fresh glory, shining through."

Hear what the grass suit? "Up the hills

And through the ofthards I creep and creep, 10.91 D Over the meadows and where the fills Laugh in the shadding cool and deep.

"Every spring it is just the same!

And because it is, ham sure to see The oriole's flash of yivid fame In the pink white bloom of the apple tree." . o .. its

Hear what dear Love saitiff "Ob, I hear The same old story over and over; Mother and maiden year by year Whisper it still to dilld and lover!

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Bond and Vice-president Hilligoss. ward the higher life and who were help-Saturday evening, although it had rained all day, found the Bond cottage

full, even the porches being occupied Then I realized that I as a soul had People came from DeLand and Lake known and been associated with those beings for ages; that the consciousness Helen and contributions of flowers and fruits were many and most artistically of my personality was but a very small part of the consciousness possessed by arranged by Mrs. Bond and her daughter, Mrs. Maynard Bond. Dr. Hilligoss the soul; that during a period of 2,500 was chairman of the evening, and after years my soul had entered into birth as the song "America," introduced the fola mortal personality six times, for the lowing friends who voiced words of apsake of bringing truth to humanity, and preclation for their honored host and in each one of these incarnations had hostess and congratulations that in the aid and co-operation of these Mastheir Southern home they had not only the respect and love of those by whom ters; that by so doing the soul, which is a germ of Divinity, has been developthey were surrounded, but were fortuing its spiritual muscles and bringing nate enough to have their children near into expression on the lowest plane them, as three boys (or men) are here and Eva, their arisen daughter is their powers of will and love that will ultimately give it the degree of Mastery watcher and helper. The speakers as an archangel of God, an executor of were Mrs. Coffman, Mrs. Twing, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. McDonald, Mr. Conant the will of the eternal Father. Oh, the glories of this blending of mortal with and Dr. Joseph Sherman. Mr. Colville immortal nature no pen of mortal can then gave a most beautiful address and describe; my spirit is never clouded by the spirit of earth, because the light of ended in poetic language by naming the cottage Rainbow Villa. the Father-Mother God fills my soul and

Delicious refreshments were served, mind with ineffable joy. and then all repaired to the Pavilion Now for five years I have been living where a band from DeLand awaited this double existence of spirit and mortal, healing and teaching on both planes, and during this time I have found the motive of these Masters to be them, and those who desired spent some time in the merry dance, President Bond and wife and most of the elderly people joining in, Sunday evening a large number gathinto the mighty workings of the spirit

wife when a like service was observed, and guidance so valuable on all planes barring out the last part. Their cotthat I place their teachings in a very tage is very beautifully finished and exalted position, and when I find an-furnished, and roomy, and was packed other teaching that contradicts what furnished, and roomy, and was packed other teaching that contradicts what with friends who wished to do honor to they have taught me and demonstrated them. President Bond presided and into me while I have been in the spirit ed Mrs. Twing, and read regrets state, I naturally begin to question in troduc from Mrs. Coffman at her inability to be order that I may see if there are any there, and congratulations for the occadefects in the doctrine as it has been sion; then Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Conant, revealed to me, because truth only is valuable. An error, no matter how Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. McDonald and as the evening before, Mr. Colville spoke, and named the cottage "Spruce Pine Villa." humanity. Vice-president Hilligoss responded most feelingly, as did President Bond upon the previous eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kellogg have the sympathy of all; they have received news of their son Burt passing away suddenly at his Grandfather Kellogg's, in Cleveland, Ohio, March 4. Owing to Mr. Kellogg's poor health they will re-main here until it is a little warmen north. CARRIE E. S. TWING.



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ing me to awaken and develop my soul of the spiritual potencies within its heredity, unless its personality learns own being and develops them to the overcoming of the mortal limitations. This evolved entity that reincarnates holds within itself the potencies of the highest state that it has polarized from, within it is the image and like ness of Divinity, and in its upward progression this golden germ of God-power will eventually gain the ascendency over all the attributes accumulated from mortal experience, and subordinate them to its wise purpose. For the sake of clearness I will use personal illustration: My personality is not a reincarnation; it came from mortal parents. I as a personality did

not exist previous to my physical conception; and the personality and soul that reincarnated in this form did not become limited in consciousness to the limitations of my personal mind. He, my higher self, holds in his conscous ness all the knowledge he has gained through a long past of mortal and spir itual experience, and when I am free at night from the limitations of this mortal brain my consciousness is blended with his (my soul) and we are one. And if after years in the spirit world should again desire to take up a physso noble and so pure, and their insight ical expression, I would not lose my ical body as an instrument for physpresent consciousness thereby, but I would be bound to remain in connection with that body during its life time, and as far as physical expression goes, I would be limited by the thoughts and feelings of that personality: but my own consciousness could still communi cate with the angelic world, and in a large degree retain connection with its light and wisdom, and this accumulated wisdom would be the voice of intuition to my personality.

Those who would ridicule the truth of beautiful it may appear, is useless to reincarnation hold before us the idea of an intelligent spirit going back into There are so great a number of ways a Hottentot, an Esquimaux, an African of development of individual spirits and so many different temperaments and surdity of the doctrine of reincarnation. surdity of the doctrine of reincarnation needs on the part of progressing spirits, Their ridicule is all very well, if di-rected against the old Hindu theories of that we cannot lay down a rule which shall be the way every spirit shall proreincarnation and karma which have been galvanized into life by the spirgress. Souls have free will and ac-cording to their will and desire will itual wave of the present time. It is they seek to progress. The spirit of not taught from the spiritual world at God is liberty to all souls and allows the present time that man re-enters the each and every one to seek his own animal form or even seeks reincarnaeach and every one to seek his own animal form or even seeks reincarna method of expression, thus giving birth tion in a form below his last incarnato infinite variety. If a soul seeks to tion. It would be contrary to reason incarnate once or a dozen times, that is and spiritual attraction for an intellihis privilege, for through what he degent spirit to even associate with the sires to do will his own natural prolower races of humanity, much less ingression take place. Freedom is a carnate among them, unless he felt led ence. But because one soul finds find no ther way. to become a savior to them and could

growth and power by reincarnating does not prove that all shall be under My teachers are all Hindus, but they do not teach truth as it is taught among the Hindus on the earth plane; the necessity of reincarnating. The ancient Hindus saw the truth of reinto them the ancient teachings of trans carnation in a narrow way, and then migration, karma and asceticism are but grotesque images of truth evolved from mortal ignorance. turned their metanhysical minds to evolving a theory based on isolated

cases, and from their mortal concept But this subject is too large for one came the dogma of reincarnation; from article. I shall contribute more of my experience in a future article if it is their belief in the need of an avenging justice, they evolved the doctrine of acceptable to the editor of this paper. WALTER DE VOE. It has been stated by an opponent of reincarnation that "the life, which is

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My good friends, with joy do I greet you once more. I wish to say to you, that my spirit message, which was so well received by my earth friends, the publication of which made many hearts rejoice in both worlds, for the opening wide of this door between the seen and the unseen, allowing the easy passage of the denizens of the spirit world to their friends upon the earth plane, is much appreciated and enjoyed. And when you find a psychic, whose unfoldment is capable of sensing our near presence, and of giving utterance to our thoughts, it is both a blessed lov and privilege to return to earth, and to enter the presence of such a gifted soul.

My few words of address to night are for two reasons: First, to express my gratitude and appreciation of this de-lightful method to control, and, second, to introduce to you my friend, the noble spirit of my friend and co-worker George Washington, who accompanied me here to night. He will try to say a few words to you, and if your time is not too limited, he may succeed in giv ing a message to the world. I desire greatly to repeat the pleasure of my former attempt, when you can spare me for that purpose, some of your valuable time and vitality. The good old song of "Auld Lang Syne," my dear lady, you played at the request of my friend, George Washington, and you had many spirit listeners to your sweet music you live very near the spirit world and have many unseen visitors every day in your quiet home. Now I will withdraw, and give place to my friend. ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

#### A Communication from George Wash-Ington.

to this little planet, called earth, where the pleasure is keen, to return once in the world of politics, when true re-more to earth, and to voice my thoughts ligion shall sweeten and purify the through the receptive brain of this psy- lives of those who actively engage in its chic, with whose organism I can come engrossing pursuits, when treachery unfoldment and purification of human-in close rapport. Not a ripple mars will give place to honest dealings with the perfect harmony which I find in the one's fellow-men, when ambition will blended that it is as one, and daily, peaceful atmosphere of this quiet se- give place to the highest, noblest aspimessage forth to the children of earth, my many years of progressive life in ruled aright. the spirit land? With many thanks for Improveme the courtesy, I will now address the in everything concerning the interests Country." general public through your organism. A Message to Earth, from the Arisen

Spirit of George Washington.

Though many long years have passed ment of humanity. But the spirit world both sees and unupon the earth plane since I enjoyed a derstands the needs of humanity. Our residence among you all, think not for one moment, ye dwellers in the terrestrial world, that I have ceased to regard with interest, your plane of material existence. Deem it not impossible or exfairs on the earth plane. traordinary that I have been an active and useful guardian and protector of all the interests of Humanity and helped to seemingly backward road of retrogres-guide and direct the many important sion? Why so much warfare, and such and Lida Holt Talbot." In the form of phases of your spiritual growth and un-foldment. From this side, the realm of globe?"

foldment. From this show, the Soul, I causes, the true Home of the Soul, I have given my aid in the formation, de-velopment and progression of the laws narrow, which causes you to ask such a olic Conspiracy Detected and Exposed."4: Two pamphiets is necessarily limited and olic Conspiracy Detected and Exposed."4: Two pamphiets is not such a "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamphiets are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamping are the good and necessary for "Romanism Exposed."4: Two pamping are the good ar the enlightenment of humanity. honor.given me by the children of earth since my departure to the higher life, Without a struggle, there could be no 15 cents.

the appellation, "Father of His Coun-try," I truly appreciate and endeavor now to truly descrye that beautiful tribute by my earnest, active work here in the spirit spheres, in the protecting love and watchful care I am constantly sending back to the children of earth. Ah! how clearly from my home above, do I see the need of earth people for the protection of a father's loving care! The Infinite Father of all the Universe

doth choose from his loving family of progressive, aspiring souls in these igher spirit spheres, certain fitting, de veloped spirits, as instruments of His Power, to guide and influence the loving

children on the earth plane. Many inspired teachers, the poets, philosophers, sages, and those who, in their humble walks of life, live the pure Christ life, are the chosen ones of the Infinite Father, as they do their appointed work nobly, and live the true, unselfish life of the Spirit, they unconsciously shed a radiance over the undeveloped portion of humanity, and bless and purify all souls who recognize their true worth and useful lives.

There are those upon earth who truly live the Christ life, and they are the chosen teachers to whom the wonderful medium. Christ himself, from his high place in the heavens above, sends down to them loving waves of thought force, which purify and strengthen them for their chosen work. With what differ-ent views I now regard religion upon earth. My broader vision, my enlarged field of labor enables my spirit eyes to pierce the deep mists of superstition

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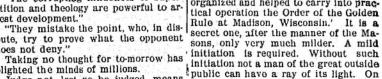
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At Pennville, Ind., on the morning of Feb. 26, 1904, the silent messenger siring a better knowledge of the philos-came as a blessed angel of release to ophy she loved so well. Services were Charles H. Rose, aged 55 years. For the past year he had been a sufferer of the past year he had been a sufferer of several paralytic strokes. He leaves a wife and three little girls. He was a kind hushand and fetter and a f kind husband and father, and a firm be liever in Spiritualism. Funeral serv ices held at the late residence, conducted by Mrs. Elmira Jones.

A FRIEND. Beulah Marie, the infant daughter of Mr. George Newcomer and wife, passed to spirit life, Feb. 29, 1904. The services were conducted by Rev. L. M. Oles, of the Psychic Research Society of Al-legheny, Pa. L. M. OLES, JR.

Passed to spirit life, Mrs. L. A. Barr, worker, but when the moment of trial Lyon Sta., Pa., on Sunday, Feb. 28. This estimable woman was greatly afdom from pain and entering into the was that she was led into the investigawaiting dear ones, was an occasion of more joy than sorrow to the ones left no this earth sphere. Mrs. Barr re-peatedly said her last years were her heatedly said her last years were her bliss of spirit life, life forever with the tion of Spiritualism, and had for many

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Sunday morning, March 6, Mrs. Jen-nie Norris Taft, of Ashtabula, passed peacefully to the higher life, at her ome in Saybrook, a suburb of Ashta-

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trine of Spiritualism do adopt the following constitution." On page 12, the the wise and the foolish. By-Laws say: "Any person shall be eligible to active membership into the Do unto others as you would have others do unto you, constitutes you the judge of the wants of all the others, order who shall signify his or her belief in the doctrine of the Golden Rule, and compels you to treat the sensible and who shall evince an earnest desire to fanciful, grave and gay, preacher and carry out the principles for which this player alike, because you are free to order is formed." As has been seen, the indulge your wants separately and singorder is formed to promulgate Spiritly, without regard to age, sex or conualism. Before a stranger to Spiritualdition. You not only ignore others'

ism has the least chance to investigate feelings, but it forces you to do so. If it, he must swear to promulgate it. It your wants are the opposite of the is a usychological crime against nearly wants of others, no matter. all of the mortal world, and the entire There are circumstances where the spirit world. No one that reads the Golden Rule is beautifully applied. In

constitution critically, before joining, cases of distress, and help is given, it and who is not already a Spiritualist, could think for a moment of going in. is noble; but the Rule Golden is unqualified, is without limitations or boundaries, is expressed in the broad-I think Bro. R. would not now be a Spiritualist had there been no other est sense. Under it, little children have the right to do anything to you that avenue to Spiritualism than through the mystic portals of his order. they would have you do to them. The foolish, ditto. How often we hear the Ostensibly Brother Rogers' "Order of

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Madison, Wis.

Prominent Spiritualist Passed to Spirit Life.

Brother N. B. Freeland, in No. 738 On the 8th of February, 1904, Gilbert The Progressive Thinker, says: "If a Sherman passed from his cozy home in criminal, being tried before a jury, was shown to be of exceptionally bloody Coldwater, Mich., to the life beyond. He came to this world April 15, 1814, in cruelty, and beastly heartlessness, the Golden Rule would compel every juror Wayne county, New York, and at the time of his death had nearly reached to acquit him, because every juror would wish the defendant to do the his 90th birthday. Born in the cabin of the pioneer, his same to him, regardless of the question

young life environed by wind, wave of guilt or innocence. It would compe and stately forest, he grew to early and vigorous manhood. At 20 years of age the acquittal of every criminal placed on trial.". There will still be those that he emigrated to Michigan, then a terri-

Brother J. Rigdon, in No. 737, The Progressive Thinker, intimates that I tory, and began the battle of life in the wilderness. His untiring industry, frulack spiritual mindedness. The Pope gal habits, large moral and intellectual is superlatively spiritual minded. The endowment, brought to him rapid success. He later emigrated to Indiana, Jesuits fall next into line. Those of least sense use the term most flippantand then to Missouri, where he carried The term is vague at the best. If forward extensive business operations and held many offices of public trust. the term is used in the sense of finewhich he discharged with the utmost ness, one may have a fine mind and fidelity. His first wife having died in lack both good sense and sound rea-1869, he married Miss Mary C. Disler, and moved from Missouri back to Cold-Dr. J. H. Randall, in No. 739, The water, Mich., where they lived to the Progressive Thinker, says he "believes sound argument can be adduced show ing Mr. Baldwin's position untenable

date of his death. Gilbert Sherman was a strong and commanding figure, intelligent, honest, temperate and industrious. His creed an extended address, without a word taking up my reasoning and trying to n all the daily walks of life was absolute justice to all; his religion, to be prove it erroneous. Forty-nine-fiftieths good and to do good. Men trusted him and believed in him because he was Had he named the address, Progress of honest and sincere in his conviction. Evolution and Developing Socialism, in-

He was an ardent Spiritualist, Death stead of the Golden Rule, it would be masterly and profound. I will extend to him was simply transition to a higher life. Long and patiently did he wait for the hour of his deliverance. my reasoning. Formerly the Doctor was a medium and an enthusiastic Spir-His passing takes from this world a strong character who lived to work and itualist. Then he urged others to innow. He has organized a "Church of the Golden Rule," with the motto, "One world at a time." To be consistent and mold the best part of the last century, and witness the birth of the new.

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