

"The Widow's Mite" is the story of an alleged communication which Dr. Funk large iron safe in a drawer under a lot had with the spirit of Henry Ward Beecher about a year ago. The story was told briefly at that time, but Dr. Beecher wishes you to find it. That is Funk now makes known for the first all I can tell you." time what really happened. It is so cir-THOUGHT IT Y cumstantial, and is backed up with such a cloud of apparently reliable witnesses. that it is worth reproducing in Dr. Funk's own words.

STORY OF THE WIDOW'S MITE." Dr. Funk's version of the affair is as follows

In the early part of February, 1903, having heard of a woman in Brooklyn who every Wednesday evening gave spiritualistic "sittings" to her family and a few invited guests, I requested a ard dictionary, called at my editorial mutual friend of the family and myself. Mr. Irving S. Roney, a gentleman who has long been in the employment of Funk & Wagnalls company and who has the confidence of us all, to secure for me an invitation to attend several of these meetings. I found the family plain, intelligent folks, in humble circumstances; the medium a delicate lady of 68 years, of little school education, refined in manners. The controls report themselves to be three in number-viz.: a daughter of this brother by the name of Mamie, who died at the age of 7; and a friend of one in the circle by the name of George Carroll, and a son of the medium by the name of Amos.

The sittings are a kind of prayer meeting, a weekly reunion of the fam-ily, "living and dead," and have so been held, I am told, every Wednesday for over four years. No charge of any sort whatever is made, nor is there any collection taken. The communications are believed to be by direct or independent speech and by raps, with lights occasionally appearing on the curtains, to him by Mr. B. F. Funk, and he under the impression that it had been The voices are of a great variety; 1 counted in a single evening as many as returned to its owner. I asked "Are nty-some apparently the voices of you sure of this?" children, and others of middle aged per-

sons, and of old men and women; a few of these are the voices of Indians, and turned." I told him to go to the large one of a jolly, typical Virginian negro. Each voice maintains its individuality during the evening and from one even-help him see whether that coin was ing to another. Listening closely, I was never able to detect any confusion of minutes one of his assistants came into the voices, except on one occasion in the office and handed me an envelope in voices of Mamie and the negro, which were two "widow mites." Aunt Eliza.

TESTS ALL "UPON HONOR."

He said: "I don't know where it is. am simply impressed that it is in a conversation at this second circle I had spoken of the finding of a coin through another medium. This clew vitiated the evidential value of this later interview Beecher wishes you to find it. That is as a test.

night before, if he remembered

After receiving the surprising answer from the control, George, that it was "the black coin" which was the correct THOUGHT IT WAS SENT BACK. The next day when I went to New York I thought over this curious comone, I sent both coins again to the Philadelphia mint, without giving them any munication about "The Widow's Mite." indication or clew of what had taken was certain the coin had been re turned, but the insistent statement that place, simply requesting to know which of the two coins was the geniune "Wid-ow's Mite." The reply that came back it had not been returned and the curlous fact that such an unusual piece of was as follows: money should have been so positively

SOME OF THE AFFIDAVITS. mentioned all impressed me strongly During the day my brother, who had "Mint Service, Office of Superintent-United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., been the business manager of the Stand-March 14, 1903 .- Funk & Wagnalls rooms. I asked him, without telling Company, 30 Lafayette place, New York. -Gentlemen: Our best authority on him anything of the incident of the "The Jewish coinage is the book of Frederic Widow's Mite" which we had used in W. Madden, M. R. S. L., assistant in the the illustration of the dictionary. He department of coins and medals, British said that he did, and, in reply to my museum. He describes the larger of question as to what he had done with the two pieces as having a center knob, surrounded by six stars or lobes, in which is written in Jewish characters it, he replied: "I returned it." "To whom?" I asked. He said: "I don't know the man, but I returned it to the the name, when translated-Jehonathan person from whom you said you had borrowed it." To my cross examination Hamelik or King Jehonathan. The re-verse contains the figures of an anchor. be repeated again and again that he The time of this king is given as that of Alexander Jannaeus as 105 B. C. to B. was certain that it had been returned. In the afternoon, at our business con-C. 78.

ference, Mr. Wagnalls, the vice presi-"The second and smaller piece is evi dent of our company, and Mr. E. J. dently a copy, made at a comparatively Wheeler, the editor of the Literary Direcently date, of a coin representing a gest, being present, I told them of my later date than the first plece, the ob curious experience. Mr. Wagnalls said verse of which is filled with Jewish 'I never heard that you had borrowed characters representing, when 'trans-lated, 'Jonathan the high priest and the such a coin." Tapping the bell, I called in the cashier and asked him: "Do you confederation of the Jews,' written with remember an old coin called "The Widin a wreath of laurel or olive. The re ow's Mite' which was in our possession verse has two cornucopias and a poppy during the making of the dictionary?" head with a dotted circle, and its time He replied that he did, that it was given not later than 78 B. C.

"AILBERT A. NORRIS. "Acting Superintendent." It was the second and smaller coin

that we had used by mistake in the dictionary; the larger is the "black coin" He said "I believe it has been so reand the one that we should have used, and which we have ordered on the above information to be subsitited in the dictionary plate in the next edition. iron safe (we have two safes in the cashier's office) and had his assistants

The envelope containing the two coins when found was sealed, and on it were written these words:

Value \$125.

ears of age, against whose simple hon esty I have not heard a whisper, al though careful inquiry thas been made of those who have known her for many of the person to whom the coin was to years. I have now visited her house he returned? omething like twelve times, and have watched her carefully-even when she

giving a test proof that actual comhas been under severe stress. . My judgmunications are taking place between ment of her is favorable. She seems the spirit world and this, why did he wholly artless, simple minded, tender not choose to communicate something earted, and ideally truthful. As my exfar more worth while? It would not be perience is that mediums often degener difficult to think of a thousand things te morrally, I would not vouch for the concerning any one of which the world future truthfulness of any medium.

unity to do so.

frauds.

turn it.

Beecher as one interested in the coin's

mond, that he had not returned it.

2. Had the medium's subconscious

mind discovered, among the millions of things written on my subconscious mem-

ory, the fact that I had once borrowed

ory could have been an impression that

memory this inscription about "The

ATTITUDE OF PROF. WEST.

Widow's Mite."

planation:

would have listened with strained at-2. The medium up to date of this tention to Mr. Beecher, and could have writing, March, 1903, receives no money just as certainly recognized that his for her sittings, and insists that her knowledge on these higher themes was name shall not be given by me in con beyond the knowledge current upon nection with these sittings, as she does I. K. FUNK. earth. not wish any increase in, the attend VALUABLE TO PSYCHICAL INVESance; so it seems reasonable to exclude as motives those of gain and notoriety TIGATORS. 3. The owner did not know that the

by giving the name of the person from

whom the coin had been borrowed, and

3. If Mr. Beecher was desirous of

Dr. Funk then submitts at least a coin was missing from the collection lozen questions which have been asked and those who had access to the safe in concerning possible explanations of the which the coin was most solemnly de-clare that they had not thought of the mystery and answers them at least to his own satisfaction. The book, which coin for years. Had there been a desire is nearly 600 pages in length, begins on the part of any one to commit fraud. with a plea for psychic research, which does not appear that there was oppor that the writer is no novice in shows the study of phenomena, but has gone After an exhaustive investigation of deeply into the subject with-an open all possible trick or fraud, it seems to me that this theory is eliminated. mind and a desire to solve some of the mysteries. He next discusses the ways It may not be amiss to say here that which some Spiritualists predispose for years I was editor in chief of a jourinvestigators unfavorably, and also how nal that made its mark as a fighting ome nonspiritualists dispose them political reform paper of wide circula-tion; I think no one will deny that in

selves unfavorably. It must not be thought that all he has that capacity I gained considerable repo say is favorable to these things or that utation as an expert in unearthing he accepts them with blind credulity On the contrary, where he can he off NEW DIFFICULTIES ARISE. sets the claims of mediums and others The difficulties this theory meets: with incontestable reasoning. The book 1. "The Widow's Mite" is a rare is the record of a search for truth, and coin; there are but few of what are as such it deserves a respectful hearing. known as "originals" in existence; not The above review is from the Chicago one man in ten million has one in his possession, and the great probabilities Tribune, and is published to illustrate the trend of the secular press towards are that I was the only man out of the Spiritualism. We shall soon publish a sixteen hundred millions on the earth review of the same book from the pen who had borrowed one and failed to re- of Hudson Tuttle. In many respects it a most valuable work. 2. The naming by the control of Mr.

A WARNING TO THE PUBLIC. return-a man who was a close friend

At a regular meeting of the N. S. A alization than in the rap. Who can imiboard of trustees. May 3. a unanimous tate the rap? Yes, who?

vote was passed for the secretary to send a card to each of our spiritual papers, warning the public against the logically have followed the first, for if following persons, who claim to be workers for the good of Spiritualism: it were known that I had the coin, it

manifestations. Spirit photography is new, and true; slate-writing and nearly all the mod-ern manifestations are as old as the thing to be rich." It says, "It is a very fine thing to be rich." Christ says, "Give to A Mrs. Roberts, now of St. Louis, M hills, as old as humanity; the gods, heavens, hells, bibles, dogmas and isms, are all barnacle attachments upon the one simple truth of demonstrated continued life; there have never been any expressions more simple and important than life, love, and liberty; can that trinity be made more inviting by any additions? By any fanatical, ignorant, mythical schemes? "Let go," let in the light of truth divested of every selfish attachment, and the frauds, and hypocritical fraud hunters and all humanity will be uplifted. The class designated as fraud hunters by Spiritualists, are as a rule the class who are engaged in fraudulent kinds of whom business, that could not exist and thrive except by fraudulent methods. The clergy, the doctors and lawyers, and a class of get-rich-quick business men and women, are developed and unfolded upon the fraud plane of life; these classes are the natural fraud hunters, they have grown into that line of business-deception. Be patient with them-they are being spiritualized. By observation you will discover that the preachers of all the isms, and the doctors of all the drug schools, are usually found in the front ranks as hunters and schemers. they are as sharp and apt as watch-dogs. As soon as the people become sufficiently enlightened to dispense with the professionals, frauds of all kinds, material as well as spiritual, will be without occupation. Let us move for a radical change all

practiced on a confiding people.

that spiritual phenomena is all a hoax,

money scheme, a religious deception,

play upon what? Oh! upon those

high and holy Christian myths of soul-

saving; those blood-saving influences, public prayers, and all the other

schemes for subjugating the ignorant,

Mr. Hale's \$1,000 offer is to all exter-

nal appearance a legitimate, honest

business transaction, and I see no good

reason why any well-developed mate-

rializing medium may not accept the

challenge providing a guarantee from

said Hale is given that all arrangements

shall be made fair and just to all par-

It will not be a chance game, or a

gambling unlawful effort, but a liberal offer of Mr. Hale to reach an all-import-

ant truth by one single demonstration.

F. W. Martin, of Elyria, Ohio, has made a very excellent offer (see The

Progressive Thinker of May 7). Prof.

Loveland, Esq. Dunn' and others, have

made suggestions and expressed their

views upon this old subject in the same

Progressive Thinker; in fact the 7th of

May Progressive Thinker will pass as a

symposium number on Materialization.

I hope no hypocritical religious, or

blind materialistic influence will deter

some strong independent medium from

giving Mr. Hale the tests or light he is

This is not a religious controversy; it resolves itself into a simple problem for

which Mr. Hale is willing to pay a nice

Thousands have gained the facts-

the truth-for a thousandth part of the

He does not ask for any of the Spir-

itual attachments-the barnacles that

have loaded down plain, common-sense

Spiritualism, or the truth of con-

inued life is no more a religion of any

ology; it's a demonstration, not a faith

The ism, the god and religious graft

is selfish and thoroughly material and

human, the result of past subjugating

There is no more mystery in materi-

There is nothing new in materializa-

tion; it has ever attended Spiritual

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We send our missionaries among the Mohammedans and Buddhists of Asia to destroy the time-honored faith of their fathers. The writings of Confucius form the most profound political and moral philosophy in the world today, and we are begging money of our people to send missionaries protected by the guns of the United States to destroy the religion of the Chinese

The followers of Confucius are the most industrious people in the world and there is no good reason why we should undertake to introduce the socalled Christian system into China. True they work seven days in the week and their work brings them happiness. For sixty centuries they have lost themselves in their work and they do not need to learn a better catechism. They have lived like frogs in a well six thousand years; they are a good people, so let them alone.

If a Mohammedan missionary should drop into a Christian community and begin proselyting for his faith he would have to hump himself with back to the town or be treated to a coat of tar and feathers and a ride on a triangular rail. But let a Chinaman hit a Christian missionary in the ear with an egg that has seen better days, and the combined armies and navies of the world are ordered out to sweep down on China and erase the whole country from the map. Does not the record of all history prove that the sword has never made Christians of an unwilling people? The hypocritical pretense that we carry Christian civilization into the Philippine islands with iron and dynamite shells, backed by land franchise grab-

bers, is a grand fraud. We know what the English army has done for India. After three hundred years of this kind of effort we find in a population of 300,000,000 less than 100,-000 professing Christians. The army chaplain has done something, but the army suttler has done the rest. India is fast becoming a nation of inebriates, and the opium habit which English mercenaries introduced among the natives, has become well nigh universal.

The church claims that it is obeying the command of Christ, when he said to his disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every crea-ture." But why does it disobey all the rest of Christ's saying? Is it because there is money in the missionary business? Christ says, "Woe unto you that

of Prof. West, from whom it was borrowed. 8. The pointing out of its location in a "drawer" "under a lot of papers" in a "large iron safe." This guess might

B. F." "This envelope contains two widow's

"Mr. Raymond: The widow's mite-please put in vault for safekeeping.

The medium at these sittings sat belot of papers, where it had mites lain forgo narius."

ten for a number of years. hind a curtain in the dark. A dim light in a corner of the room in which we sat, controlled from the cabinet, made objects about us faintly visible -by it with a little straining of my eyes I could tell production the smaller and lighter col the time by my watch. The bedroom ored one. The other was much blacker in which sat the medium opened into the kitchen. The conditions were not genuine widow's mite, for I remembered at all of a test kind. It was all "upon the Philadelphia mint, who was an exhonor.'

The conclusion that this mediumshin was a remarkably good case of secondary personality was almost fixed in my mind up to the time that I had the singular experience which I give below.

THE BEECHER QUESTION.

On my third visit I was quite tired, and sat quietly during the entire evening listening to the talk between the cabinet and the sitters-of the sitters there were fewer than a dozen. About 11 o'clock the control named "George, in his usual strong masculine voice, abruptly asked: "Has any one here got anything that belonged to Mr. Beech-There was no reply. On his em-

phatic repetition of the question I replied, being the only one present, as 1 ing?" felt sure, who had ever had any imme-diate acquaintance with Mr. Beecher: coin-the widow's mite?" "I have in my pocket a letter from the Rev. Dr. Hillis, Mr. Beecher's successor. Is that what you mean?"

CONTROL IS INSISTENT.

The answer was: "No; I am told by a spirit present, John Rokestraw, that Mr. Beecher, who is not present, is concerned about an ancient coin. "The Widow's Mite.' This coin is out of its place and should be returned. It has long been away, and Mr. Beecher wishes it returned, and he locks to you, doctor, 'to return it."

I was considerably surprised and asked: "What do you mean by saying that he looks for me to return it? I have no coin of Mr. Beecher's!"

"I don't know anything about it except that I am told that this coin is out of its place, and has been for a number If years, and that Mr. Beecher says you .an find it and can return it."

HE REMEMBERS THE COIN.

I remembered then that when we were making "The Standard Dictionary," some nine years before, I had bor rowed from a gentleman in Brooklyna close friend of Mr. Beecher, who died several years ago-a valuable ancient coin known as "The Widow's Mite." He told me that this coin was worth some hundreds of dollars, and, under promise that I would see that it was returned to the collection where it belonged, he would loan it to me. 'Aithough a mem-ber of Dr. Richard S. Storrs' church, this gratieman remained a conspicuous friend of Mr. Beecher all through the famous trial which so severely tested the loyalty of many of Mr. Beecher's friends.

DECLARES COIN NOT RETURNED.

ow's Mite' that has ever been in my charge, was one that I borrowed some years ago from a gentleman in Brook lyn; this I promptly returned;" to which the control replied:

"This: one has not been returned." 'And-then, after a moment's silence, he said:

"Do you know whether there is a arge iron' sale in Plymouth church?"

In examining the coins and also the plate of illustrations in the dictionary it was found that we had used for re ored one. The other was much blacker. I concluded that the light one was the that we had sent both to the curator of

> pert on ancient coins, and had asked him kindly to let us know which of the two was genuine. I instructed Mr. B. F. Funk, business manager of the dic tionary department, to follow the information of this expert in making the coin plate, and up to the time of this in-

terview with the control I had thought that this instruction had been carried out.

TWO MITES ARE FOUND.

anywhere in the safe. In about twenty

envelope had been found in a little

drawer in the large iron safe under a

The

GOES AGAIN TO SEANCE.

The following Wednesday evening attended this same Brooklyn circle. Toward the close of the seand 'George" began talking. I said to him: 'George, do you remember the request you made of me last Wednesday even

"There are two of them; now, George can you tell me which of the two is the right one?'

Without an instant's hesitation he an

swered: "The black one." I was certain that the lighter one was the correct coin, as that was the one we had used in the dictionary. I asked him whether he was sure that it was the black one. His reply was instant: "Certainly." Then I asked whether he could tell me to whom it was to be returned. He said that he could not tell, but he thought it was to be returned to some place in Connecticut, but he did not know for sure. I asked him whether he could tell me from whom I had received it. He said that it belonged to some friend of Mr. Beecher's. I wished to know what friend, if he could not give me the name. He said that he could not, but that he was shown a picture of a college, that he did not know

what this meant unless that this man had been connected with a large school said:

"Where located?" "In Brooklyn." "What part of Brooklyn?" "On the heights." "A gentlemen's school or a ladies school

"A ladies' school."

THE OWNER DISCOVERED.

This information about the owner of The Widow's Mite" was all correct as far as it went, for the gentleman from whom I had got it was Prof. Charles E. West, who was, at the time that I had borrowed the coin and had been for many years at the head of a ladies' high chool on the Brooklyn Heights. But spirit control that the correct coin-the the curlous thing was that so much

I said to the control; "The only 'Wid- could be told of the details and yet the be given, nor could I be told with any the coin to be sent. The answer to my the Philadelphit mint. _ epeated sitting and two future sit-

tings: know: loes not tell."

following week I asked these same two com as the one to be returned. questions of Mr. Beecher, who was said 13. All efforts failed to secure from

-shekel. that I would have kept it for safekeep-ing in just such a place. This reason-Nothing else was written on the en ng, however, would have velope, but in the preface to the dictionary there is this statement, speak-ing of the illustrations: "The Widow's fairly shrewd business training, while the medium is an elderly lady who has Mite (which was engraved from an exhad no training in business methods.

cellent original coin in the possession of Prof. Charles E. West of Brooklyn, N. Y.)." Unfortunately, few people read making of the dictionary. As there the preface to a dictionary. Mr. Roney is one of the most truthful coins are usually colored black. men I have ever met-in my judgment

incapable of falsehood or trick CONCLUSION DRAWN FROM FACTS with "a ladies' school", "on the Heights' Mr. West assures me that no other "in Brooklyn."

members of his father's family knew of the loan of this coin or of its absence from its place in the collection. 1. I believed the coin had been re planation:

urned. This was not a case of forget fulness, as my belief was based on the natural thought that my instructions for its return had been carried out. Mr. B. F. Funk's belief that the coin had been returned was also not a

case of forgetfulness, as he, too, be lieved that his instructions had been obeyed. 3. Mr. Raymond's (the cashier's) be

lief was a case of forgetfulness. He intended to return it, but forgot to do so. 4. Neither of the assistant cashiers knew anything about the coin. Tley ell me that they now remember some three years ago to have seen the envelope, but that they knew nothing whatever about the contents except what was written on the envelope; they

knew nothing of the coins having been used in the making of the dictionary and nothing of the history of our possession of them. 5. 'The cashiers alone knew the com-

binations of the two safes. 6. The cashiers' department is a sin-

gie room about thirty feet by fifteen such a coin, it remains to be explained how she knew that I had not returned it 'eet. 7. While the safes are open there is My subconscious memory bore testi-

always at least one of the cashiers in this room. medium had ever met the cashier, the only man on whose subsignscious mem-8. Mr. Roney was the only person at

the seance with whom I had any previous acquaintance. 9. Mr. Roney declares to me that he never saw inside of the two safes in the cashier's department, and says in

his affidavit he never had heard that we had had such a coin in our possession or that we had used such a coin in the making of the dictionary. On careful inquiry I am assured

that there is not the slightest acquaint-ance between any of the cashiers and the medium or her family; they widely apart in the crowded city of New

York.

1. Prof. West's well known deep in-11. Both Mr. B. F. Funk and myself believed that we had used the West coin in the making of the dictionary terest in his coin collection, and the friendship between him and Mr. Beechplate, and we had no thought or sug er in earth life, and the presumption that this friendship has continued in reston from any source to the contrary intil the information came through the spirit life.

live

2. If the professor was interested in the return of the coin, it is likely that he would have remembered, that I had black coin-was the one we had not used, and then we were sure that the it, and would have deemed it probable that it would be found in my safe; then name of the owner, of the coin could not spirit control was in error. We did not yield this point until after we had recertainty where Mr. Beecher desired ceived the above mentioned letter from by clairvoyance, he could have thus lo the coin to be sent. The answer to my the Philadelphit mint, owed:

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who claims to be a representative of the N. S. A., and who has opened some kind of a "home" in that city; this worequired a man has no connection with this National Association, and is not indorsed by our chartered societies.

Mr. John A. Johnston, who travels 4. The designation as the right coin about the country, also making claims that one which had not been used in that are false; he is not a representative of this association, nor is Presiwere but two coins, this might have dent Barrett a friend of his, as claimed. been guessed; yet imitations of ancient Persons sometimes show one of the old time certificates of contributing mem 5. The correct designation · of the bership that the N. S. A. issued years owner as one who had been connected ago, but which did not indorse anyone

-these certificates were abolished several years since; as, if they were not POINTS IN FAVOR OF THEORY. carefully examined, those to A. The points that favor this exthey were casually shown might be misled by them. The public is warned 1. It was in the memory of Mr. West against anyone who may show these myself, the head cashier, and Mr. B. F. certificates as tickets of endorsement. Funk that the coin had been borrowed. Mrs. E. M. Dunning, an elderly wo-2. It is possible it was in the subman hailing from this city, sometimes conscious memory of the cashier, Rayfrom other places; she was first known as Mrs. Dunning, then as Mrs. Weeks, and again by the name of Dunning. 3. It may have been in the subconcious memory of the assistant cashiers This woman writes to parties in all di that they had seen in the safe the enrections, also frequently travels over velope with the inscription on it: "This the country, soliciting money on one envelope contains two widow's mites." pretext and another. At one time she B. The difficulties this theory meets: had a land scheme on which she at My memory was that I had ortempted to raise money. She has re dered the coin returned and I had cently been claiming to be a medium never known the contrary; that I be too poor to pay the license for practic lieved the coin had been returned, and I ing mediumship in this city, and beg was the only one at the sitting who could have known that the coin had not ging for aid in this line. She has never been a medium to our knowledge, and been returned; hence in what possible we have known her for years. She is a way could the facts have been in the chronic beggar, unworthy of aid; com subconscious memory of any one presplaints of her persistency and offensive

ness have come to us from all quarters the public is warned to place no trust in her tale of woe. MARY T. LONGLEY, N. S. A. Secretary.

Washington, D. C. HER FIRST BORN.

Against her breast a baby lies

Its little hands are pink and white; the gazes down with loving eyes And guards it fondly day and night.

this coin had been borrowed and had Against her breast a baby lies not been returned. How, could she have picked him out from the millions of other men in the city of New York? That God has trusted to her care; She softly sings and gladly sighs

Had she succeeded in thus picking him And gently strokes the silky hair. out, then she would still have had the Against her breast a baby lies. further task before her of finding out And what cares she that wars go on from the millions of impressions on his

That nations fall and nations ris That kings are crowned and flunkeys fawn

gainst her breast a baby lies A. The points that favor this ex-That lovingly returns her gaze nd she cares not how men may prize The world's good favor and its praise.

Upon her breast a baby lies; Above her fair young head the light Has formed a nimbus; from the skies Glad angels watch her through the

night. -S. E. Kizer.

I am to see that the world is the better for me and to find my reward in the act.-Emerson.

"Reason is the test of ridicule, not ridlcule the test of truth .- Bishop Warburton.

Force yourself to reflect on what you read, paragraph by paragraph.-Cole ridge.

In a free country there is clamor with little suffering; in a despotic state there is little complaint, but na sufferias.---Caraot

along the line at the beginning of the New Era that is in sight. The writer has written occasional ar

ticles for the Spiritual and liberal press for the past fifty years, but has never felt good enough, wise enough, or just enough, to criticise or advise mediums, especially as a class.

He never saw one that was not human, either in the material or spiritual form, nor one that claimed to be a saint or perfect. Mediums are just about as uman, honest and truthful as the preachers and doctors, and a thousand times of more value and importance, than the professionals from my point of

view As Brother Loveland has written, the fraud cry is not new, its the same old song, and from the same professional class. When they assume they are seeking the good and interests of the ause, marke them and be sure they will bear watching.

To say that frauds are destroying the cause, injuring Spiritualism, is only a selfish howl, a spiritual bugaboo; the spiritual devil of fear, the most fraudulent and injurious piece of deception mown. The fraud cry is an agitator and there

is a class who can only be reached by ust such methods.

Spiritualism-spiritual facts and truth-is not dependent upon fraudulent leadership, or upon the cause; the cause is dependent upon intelligent honest lives; upon the everyday effort and determination of each individual, to live a spiritual life of love and justice. DR. M. E. CONGER.

Chicago, Ill.

Reading maketh a full man, confer ence a ready man, and writing an exact nan.-Bacon.

If you see a man doing a thing and doing it well, tell him so. It will help him to do it better .- Stverett McNell.

him that asketh." It says, "Impossible; join a charity organization instead." Christ says, "From him that would borrow of thee, turn not thou away." It says, "Not without good security at 6 per cent." Christ says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It says, "Get all you can." Christ says, 'You cannot serve God and mammon.' It says, "That is dead easy; God Sundays, mammon week days." Christ says, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," It says "Look out for A No. 1 first." Christ says, "Take no thought for tomorrow." It says "Save, save, and put in the savings bank." Christ says, "To him that smiteth thee on the one cheek. offer also the other." It says, "Call a

policeman and have him arrested for an assault." Christ says, "From him that taketh away thy cloak, withhold not thy coat also." It says, "Telephone for de-tectives, catch him that taketh away hy cloak, jail him for burglary." Christ says, "Sell all thou hast and give it to the poor," It says, "What is that! Give all you have to the poor and be poor ourselves? Not much!' Christ says, "Give to him that asketh." says, "What! We would not have a cent left in twenty-four hours. That is nonsense." Christ says, "Forgive your, debtors." It says, "Impossible; busi-ness could not be carried on in that way. Sue them, and recover damages f you can." Christ says, "Swear not at all." It says, "Prisoner, witness, lift up your right hand; do you solemnly. swear," etc. Christ says, "See that ye despise not one of these little ones. It says, "You cannot look after all the

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rag-tail kids; you have your own family to care for." Christ says, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even do ye also unto them." It says, -well, it generally says nothing to this. A shrug of the shoulder is the only an swer.

The church openly, deliberately, consciously and collectively disobeys all the sayings of Christ which I have quoted, except the first one mentioned. It does not believe them or it would not disobey them. The so-called Christians may say they do. They may bow their heads and recite their creeds. They may think they do. They may even build churches and pay clergymen to tell them to believe, and how to do it, and assure them that they do believe. They do not believe. I say that they do not believe in the validity of the commandments. I say they do not believe, because they do not obey them. I say they do not obey them because they cannot. I say that Christians to-day, live in the midst of an economic system which forbids them to live the life Christ bade them to live. The fact that people still maintain churches and pay preachers to tell them to do that which they have not the silghtest intention of doing, or even attempting to do, and could not do if they wished, is one of the most astounding paradoxes of human history. MILO W. BARNES. Kokomo, Ind.

Simplicity, without which no human

performance can arrive at perfection.-Every noble life leaves the fibre of it

interwoven forever in the works of the world .- Ruskin. Only experience can show how salt

the savor is of others' bread, and how sad a path it is to climb and descend another's stairs.-Dante.

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ALarge N. S. A.

all those who have come to the front as opposers of Spiritualism, not one is to be compared for a moment, with Dr. Isaac K. Funk for erudition, ability, training, general intelligence. He was a leading minister of the gospel for a heading minister of the gospel for a backbook but here is a passage which is controls". through uncultured mediums a leading minister of the gospel for many years. He founded the Homiletic Review, a. strictly orthodox journal, The Voice, The Missionary Review, The Literary Digest, was editor in-thief of the magnificent Standard Dictionary, the magnificent Standard Dictionary, spirits; in question. When such a man takes up Spiritualism, not for a passing moment; but as a life's work; observes its facts in all their changes, studies the philosophy they suggest, gathers all available material on the subject, and after twenty-five years sits down to tell the story, he has something to say worth the hearing.

book, had he not, as it were, been ing to Dr. Funk through a medium and rounds of the press as protonly nover much that, if true, it would compet us that does not be the total attent and re-ceived more editorial attention. In pre-paring an answer, the book crystallized "I cannot reconcile myself to the spir- line voice, abruptly asked: 'Has anyone

incident, it seems that it might serve a tions have left upon the whole a pleasbook to do my best to persuade a larger held onto their characteristics while in can find it an can return it:'

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the fulfillment of that promise. In a investigation that is marvelously com-sense it has not been hastily prepared, plex and that what we are getting now for it is the growth of a quarter of a century or so. Every book should be in a way a biography of the author, who the gives a record of his travels hith-the gives a could be investigation of psychic phenomena-this has been a recreation-keeping a record of the most important things est desire for the truth and was met by treed. I felt sure, who had ever had any im-investigation of psychic phenomena-this has been a recreation-keeping a record of the most important things

"My experience in these investiga- looks to you, doctor, to return it."

tists; it has been my purpose in this Dr. Funk early learned that spirits of years, and that Mr. Beecher says you "In Brooklyn." Like

number of trained scientists to serious, earth life, and appreciates the recoil of "I remembered then that when we persistent and intelligent efforts to help those who first meet this fact, having were making "The Standard Diction-

always entertained exalted ideas of ary," some nine years before, I had bor-The reporters seemed to have taken what spirits must be. He found that rowed from a gentleman in Brooklyn-for granted that Dr. Funk had been priests at these circles often appeared a close friend of Mr. Beecher, who died drawn into a circle and been dazed by as rigidly Catholic as "when on earth several years ago-a valuable ancient an incident new in his experience. He and Protestant preachers as rigidly coin known as "The Widow's Mite.' He

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not amenable to law, to the higher, the to form a part of her circle. She was a

"'On the Heights.'

"A gentlemen's school or a ladies' school? r. .. "'A ladies' school.'

we sent a carriage for a little woman

a medium. She brought no friend with

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We then led her into the seance room

which we had prepared as requested

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"This information about the owner of ful that it supplants old ideas with new 'the widow's mite,' was all correct as interpretations, almost to revolution. far as it went.....But the curious thing His book will be as "standard" with was that so much could be told of detail Spiritualists as his dictionary is than twenty-five years of investiga- southern plantation type came free eral hundred dollars, and under promise cain could not be given, nor could I be world. coin could not be given, nor could I be world." told with certainty where Mr. Beecher A valuable feature, especially to the wanted it to be sent. student, is a list of all the more import-This limitation of the control has al- ant books on the subject, which has evways been a source of doubt, a stum- idently been prepared with care, and impartial criticism. Every thinking Spiritualist holds his edge. The narrative is followed by affi- beliefs as tentative. Dr. Funk has cast his lot with Myers, Crookes, Wallace, Perhaps there is not a Spiritualist Zollner, Robert Hare, James and Varwho has not met with facts in his own ley, and if they are Spiritualists, he is And then after a moment's silence, he experience equally or more startling the peer of them all. HUDSON TUTTLE. Such évidences come every day. The greater Editor-at-Large N. S. A.

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very strongly." "controls" through uncaltured mediums In a conference which followed, Dr. are of a high intellectual and literary Funk's brother insisted that the coin standard. They are able to instruct had been returned. Mr. Wagnall said and hold the attention of a man of the he did not know that the coin had been ability of Dr. Funk, and of thems borrowed, and Mr. Wheeler, editor of refute the charge so often made that all

ment of the case? Is it not the purpose edged by the judge of any court or imbeen found in a little drawer in the out contact, materialization, spirit pho-of Spiritualism simply to make known partial convention of scientists. The heard of a medium in Brooklyn where it had lain forgotten for a num-only his own investigations, but he gives a resume of those of Prof. James

ber of years." gives a resume of those of Prof. James, "In examining the two coins and also Rev. Minot J. Savage, Frederic Myers, the plate of illustrations in the diction- Prof. Zollner, Judge Dalley and Alfred forced to do so in self-defense. Some in a broad way, they overrule. The po-reporter prepared a garbled report of tent part of this foreign power is collection taken. The communications asked him to kindly let us know which of the inferior phenomena, to say i sus-the story of Henry Ward Beecher com-friendly."

tionary Department, to follow the infor- is an exhaustive presentation of the years before. He came to Dr. Funk, genees is not new. The two men who He studied the conditions of the men mation of this expert in making the methods and results of the great scient asking if he had corrections to make, visited Lot had power to pull Lot in dium and after several seances became coin plate, and up to the time of this in tists who have investigated the subject Dr, Funk replied that the version was side the door and close the door and impressed with the belief that it was terview with the control, I had thought Dr. Funk does not claim to be a Spir-so erroneous, he requested the story not strike with blindness the citizens out- not spirit control, but "secondary per that this instruction had been carried itualist. He does not wish to be identi-

used. We have no list of the books. It was more than a century after the when he would give the whole and com-plete narrative. No heed was given to this request and the crude and bizarre report was published, and it went the rounds of the press as probably never much that, if true, it would compel us ters there were fewer than a dozen. me last Wednesday evening? The report was published and the crude and the site of the seance 'George' flotsam and jetsam, the from and sufface, he re-trouch and the crude and bizarre report was published, and it went the true that, if true, it would compel us ters there were fewer than a dozen. me last Wednesday evening? The report of it! He desires this to be dis-true that the crude and the site of the seance 'George' flotsam and jetsam, the from and sufface, he re-true that, if true, it would compel us ters there were fewer than a dozen. me last Wednesday evening? The report of it! He desires this to be dis-true that the the there were fewer than a dozen. me last Wednesday evening? death of Richard of Bury (1345) that the faint beginnings of literary culture can be traced. At the end of the fifteenth century Trithemus, the Abbot of Snanheim, sets down to the authorship of Aungerville the little treatise called PhHobiblion," perhaps the first work which shows any disinterested zeal for liberal studies in England. The author praises the early Mendicants and censures the sloth, greed and luxury of the friars of his day. The late date of the book may also be inferred from the fact that he insists on the necessity of Arabic and Hebrew, as well as of Greek and Latin, of grammar and poetry. (Note: It is said to have been

first printed in 1483 at Spires). the dissolution of the monasteries, very small apartment at Oxford would have sufficed for the books and for the reading men of the University. posed to have turned the Vatican into a workshop of copyists. The translation of the Greek classics is said to have the real projective problem —a problem was disappointing, much repugnant; no coin of Mr. Beecher's.' shown the picture of a college, that he is ready to retreat or retract when he which is looming to such proportions as but I say, upon the whole, what a de- "'I don't know anything about it ex.' did not know what this theant, unless finds himself in error. Not one claims certainly to justify much attention from lightful world is the spirit world if cept that I am told that this coin is out. Use a connected: with 'a to have reached infallibility in conclumany of the best trained of our scien- there are spirits!" gone forward at a rapid pace. Then the institution of libraries naturally followed the collection of MSS. for there had been no library in Rome. Accord-

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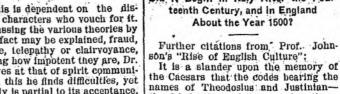
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real law that governs—a law far more plain woman, intelligent, a widow with ary, it was foithe that we had used for Russel Wallace. The researches of effective than ours, neither coarse nor her son of 35 and unmarried brother liv- reproduction the smaller and lighter Prof. Wm. Crookes are lengthily given. clumsy, a law that never fails in its ex- ing with her. "The sittings were a kind colored one. The other was much After four years of most careful experiecution? The higher intelligences con- of prayer meeting, a weekly reunion of blacker. I concluded that the lighter mentation Prof Crookes wrote: "Be it Yet his busy life would not have trol absolutely and prevent the lower the family, living and dead, and have one was the genuine widow's mite, for remembered that an explanation to be probably allowed him to compose this from working harm except to them- so been held, I am told, every Wednes- I remembered we had sent both to the of any value must satisfy all conditions selves; and even the self-inflicted harm, day for four years. No charge of any curator of the Philadelphia mint who of the problem. It is not enough for a

ing to Dr. Funk through a medium and "I repeat that the visible participation of the precedence of the

to be then published, but to wait until side, and yet these two men were not sonality," which I suppose is equivalent out. the had concluded his investigations, amenable to the laws of Sodom. So to the "subconscious self." "On the following Wednesday even- the bank of the mighty stream and when he would give the whole and com-lesus was taken in the spirit and car. "On my third visit I was quite tired, ing I attended the same Brooklyn circle. while he describes its course, and the block mental and the close of the seance 'George' flotsam and jetsam, the froth and

About eleven o'clock the control named "He replied at once: 'Yes, about the tinctly understood, that his position "George," in his usually strong mascu- coin, the widow's mite.' "There are two of them; now, George, Yet he is an example of all those who it hypothesis except through thinking here got anything that belongs to Mr. can you tell me which of the two is the have earnestly set themselves to the in-He says in the preface: "This book is that we are entering a psychic field of Beecher?' There was no reply. On right one?' "Without an instant's hesitation, he tancy, his doubts, are arguments. His emphatic repetition of the question, "Without an instant's hesitation, he tancy, his doubts, are arguments. His attempts to explain the manifestations

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indeceives them by a record of more Protestant. A negro of the extreme told me that this coin was worth sevtion and study of psychical phenomena. quently through a New York medium that I would see it returned to his col-He had the privilege of seances with whose circle I attended. She talked ne- lection where it belonged, he would loan Margaretta Fox Kane, and listening to gro dialect and was full of very earthly it to me. rappings given through this earliest of negro humor."

He concludes: "If these are genuine ow's Mite" that has ever been in my bling-block in the path of investigators, The spirit with which he approaches spirit talks, we must recast our notions charge was one that I borrowed some which disappears with fuller knowlthe subject is truly expressed in this of much of the spirit world, for that years ago from a gentleman in Brookquotation: "The first step in progress world then is very different from what lyn; this I promptly returned,' to which davits of all parties concerned. is to be willing to say, 'I don't know,' some of us were led to expect when we the control replied: is to be willing to say, I don't know, solute the word to sing, 'I want to be an and the second step is like unto it, to be were taught to sing, 'I want to be an willing to be led, empty of theories, angel, and with the angels stand.'" And then after a moment's silence, he experience equally or more st cmpty of preconception, by a fact." "We are shocked to find that spirits said: 'Do you know whether there is a than this of the, "Widow's Mite." Again, "The only credit I claim for my- are folks just as we are, the same as large iron safe in Plymouth Church?"

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Reception to Dr. Peebles in Battle Materialization a Fact. Creek, Mich. On one occasion an Episcopal rector The First Society of Spiritualists of and myself and a few respectful but in-Battle Creek, Mich., tendered Dr. J. M. dependent friends in this town pro-

Peebles a reception and banquet last cured the use of a room into which no Friday evening, in their hall. It was a medium had ever been. When ready grand affair.

It is well known that Dr. Peebles has een a resident of Battle Creek, Mich., some forty-five or fifty years, when not engaged in sanitarium work in San Diego, Cal., or in traveling around the put on a gown belonging to one of them. world. At one time he lectured six consecutive years in this city; accordingly when he returns to us the older Spiritualists especially flock to see him.

At seven o'clock about one hundred friends and admirers of the Doctor gathered around the banquet table. beautiful with its snowy linen, elegant china, colored candles, and a profusion of flowers. Our president, Mrs. Kleckner, read a very cordial well-written welcome to the Doctor. Mrs. Morrill. our present speaker, pronounced the invocation, after which all were seated to partake of the luxurious repast

spread before them. The committee in charge had prepared an excellent program. Every-thing passed off harmoniously, and barmony among Spiritualists means success. After the congratulations and hand shaking all around, the audi seems to be good report. ence was given a short stirring talk by the Doctor, in which he thanked the society for the reception and friendly greeting given him. His words were full of sympathy and encouragement, riveting the closest attention. He was followed by Dr. W. G. Thurber, a young man who accompanied the Doctor from California. Dr. Thurber is bright and

talented, speaking in the trance state. We predict for him a brilliant future. Mrs. Morrill gave a short but clear and concise address. She spoke of the passing away of the old pioneers, and the grand work they did when it cost

something to be a Spiritualist. Miss Nellie Richle favored us with a

> Dr. B. L. Elkelson gave a fine address in a semi-trance state, complimenting tending to him the friendly hand from was entranced and spoke. And so con cluded one of the brightest, happlest, evenings in our history. We all hope, that Dr. Peebles may be with us for many years to come, for he wields a strong influence for good, among us. He stands as a beacon light in our

midst, all of whom love and revers him. MRS. EMMA SNOW-HOYT, Becretary.

ice now, or later on, will hardly be able to ever realize what this brave goods about eight feet long, and sewed her up-and I know she was in the bag until we ripped the bag and let her out. woman has endured in her persistent And from within the bag, sitting in a unflinching devotion to the noblest common chair, behind a dark curtain, cause the sun ever shone upon! Never has she let its banner trail, but has carshe gave a seance in dim light-and

they did come out, male and female and ried it safely forward to achievement little children. One little girl got on a amid such volleys of tyrannic wrath, palm leaf fan held by me, and talked to and through such fires of persecution as stoutest warrior hearts might well all of us. quail before! Not until a few genera-I passed the fan on which the child

stood around the, circle; then it was retions have passed will the world be able turned to me, child and all. She told to estimate aright the whole value of me who she was etc. I do not know that she was the spirit of a person who had once lived in the flesh at such a she will not yield a point against the place, but she said so, and there was truth, as it is revealed to her, though indeed a child by that name died several years ago. I learn this on what her. The mediumistic sensitiveness of truth. as it is revealed to her, though

of our heroine to the impact of the great I am not interested in the religious liberators on the spirit side of life has phase of the question, nor have I any enabled them to sustain her against terrific odds. philosophy for or against the Spiritual-

stic claim? I will leave that all to What a measure of Love's holiest ten derness and power these great souls others-buildhat there is genuine phenomena as well as a mint of fraud I am absolutely certain, just as was Dr. Hud-son, et al.

There are some things about the cult you seek, and on a brighter vantage-ground than you have heretofore atthat are quite disagreeable, but on this

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race, yet be the force what it is-I care not-the phenomena is a fact, and I wish to clearly so state. Beyond this grading, impure influences and results of the Romish confessional, as proved white to that subject I would be classed as agnostic. by the sad experience of many wrecked lives. Price, by mail, \$1. For sale at this office.

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like passage found in Sulpicius Severus, a mythical Christian writer assigned to the year 400 In conclusion let me correct two mutilated passages in my last article. They should read as follows:

tained, again put on your working ar-mor and step into the field. We shall as a scholar was in maintaining the antiquity of the Vulgate at the same time greatly miss you here. that he denied the antiquity of the writ-

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tion.

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Lois Waisbrooker, who has served

the cause of Freedom brilliantly and

valiantly for so many years, has been

veeks; for a few days past she has been

able to go out a little, and she is now

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THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

Spiritualism Ably Defended.

Do Such Spirits Ever Control Mediums

EVIL DISPOSED SPIRITS.

In The Progressive Thinker some time ago, there was an article writen by A. J. King, of Hammonton, N. J., in which he asks. "Do spirits control mediums?" Then he asks again, "Can nd do evil disposed spirits control metums for evil purposes?" Then he goes p and says: "This is a fundamental question, and should be settled, or answered rather, in no uncertain and doubtful way."

Let me give my experience along this line. Five years ago last October I first investigated Spiritualism. I had at that time in the spirit land a father, mother, four brothers, two daughters and one son, besides several aunts, uncles and cousins. 'The first night that I sat in a seance room my father, mother, two daughters and two of my brothers came and proved their identity by giving me tests which I alone knew to be true. I I will give you one of the tests that was given me by my little daughter Gretchen, who had passed over at the age of four years, some two years before this seance took place. She said: "Papa, my under sore is well now, and I can run just as fast as I ever could, and it don't hurt me one bit." What she meant by her under sore is this: Some three weeks before she passed over she had hurt the bottom part of her foot. This she called her under sore; this no one knew in the room but her and myself. When she spoke this I had to explain to the rest of the sitters. They, one and all, said: "That surely ought to convince you that it is your daughter,' and it did.

The next night I went again to this same medium, and about the same sitters, some sixteen in number. At first everything seemed to go all right, but it soon to began to lag in interest; there seemed to be something wrong. I re ceived several messages from some-one that claimed to be my brother William, and also one who claimed to be my father, but it did not seem to satisfy me. The rest of the sitters all seemed to be satisfied, so I said nothing and went home with a heavy heart, dissatisfied. I had made up my mind to stop right there.

But when I got home I found my wife and our youngest married daughter, Mrs. Robinson, waiting for me with a written message from every one of our friends in spirit life. I said, "where did you get these from?" My daughter said to me, in a little while after I had left home some one said to her, "Get a writing tablet and pencil; we have something to tell you."

My eldest daughter in spirit life came and controlled the hand of Mrs. Robinson. She said, "Cecil (which is her given name) you are a slate-writing me-dium. I am your guide. I will allow no one to write through you but myself. If any one has any message to send, they will tell me; then I will control your hand." She said "Tell papa that the had spirits have taken charge of the se ance room, and have drove us all away You know that the majority rules; this is a law that holds good in spirit life as well as in the mortal life. This is not right, but you know that sometimes might makes right."

At one other seance some two years ago the evil spirits overpowered the medium's guide and took charge of one of the trumpets of which there were two in the room. They did fool some of the investigators but not all. Some one asked the guide what was wrong. He said, "I am afraid of that man." Someone asked the guide where he was He said, "I am under the stand. I am afraid of that big Indian." The result was that the guide closed the seance.

Mr. King says, "I might rest the case here as having proved that no evil spir-its can control a moral and well disposed medium." They overpower the medium's guide and then impersonate the guide. It is as my spirit daughter said, sometimes might makes right. How is a medium to know this change control only by the advice they give; New Orleans, Replies Most Vigorously to the Brutal Attack of Dr. Coburn on Spiritualism.

TheNew Orleans Picayune says that none of the animosity listened to their conversation, with the result that they were never returned we simply feel that the people ought to know sages in that day, just as in this. the other side of the story. We wish Dr. Coburn well, and In the New Testament we read of the appearance of Jesus

ness, remember that they lived here and the friends they many proofs of Spiritualism? left, and do they return to this world? That is the great During the past fifty-six years thousands have witnessed

question we are to consider.

places of earthly existence? the work of God. Yet it is of spiritual benefit only because hear the voices of comfort. and love.

be, or is it in another world from whence it will never re- ualism.

explained by natural or by spiritual laws. The Bible is a record of the thought and history of the the circulation of the blood, and they said he ought to lose is factory, to seek the Spiritualist. As a consequence, there tyrs.

others in that olden time did.

TRUMPET SEANCE.

Common Sense to Be Exercised.

Mrs. Nellie S. Baade, Before an Enthusiastic Audience in would be wrested from him, and said that he and his sons would die in battle the following day. And the prophecy was verified to the letter.

Moses and Elias, though they had been dead for hundreds of years, appeared unto Jesus. Peter and James and John

which marked the attack of the ministers was indulged in by so impressed as to believe themselves on holy ground. On Mrs. Baade. There was a disposition to be charitable to- another occasion handwriting appeared on the wall. The ward the evangelist. Mr. Coburn teaches what he believes words spirit, angel and man were used interchangeably. to be right, she said. Thousands have received a higher What was the cause of the writing? Was it' not a spirit spiritual life and have received messages from the other from the other world? You will remember reading of the world, and when a man says the spirits of the departed have time when Elijah spoke. Surely men received spiritual mes-

though our ideas may differ, still, if, through his teachings, to Saul at Tarsus. Saul was a lawyer; he hated the name he can bring men to a higher plane we bid him godspeed. of Jesus because of the good he had done, and he treated his The highest spiritual truth needs no defense, yet the public imprisoned followers with cruelty. Then he heard a spirshould be informed as to the truth we teach. I am pleading it's voice, none other than that of Jesus, and saw the great for that higher Spiritualism which frees men and women light. The others did not understand as did Saul to whom from sorrow. My mission is to teach that there is no death. the manifestation was real, and the skeptics have been ex-Truth wears no mask, bows at no human shrine and asks plaining it away on the ground of hallucination ever since. no applause, she began. Years ago I began to revolve in my But was not that sufficient proof of the return of the spirits? own mind the question of the destiny of the human soul. I After the physical death of Jesus a materialization of his only knew that I was a physical being. Something caused spirit appeared to 500 people. Several times he appeared me to think and investigate. I was brought to the altar of and spoke to those who saw him, just as the spirits of those theology, but began to seek further, as do all of those earn- who have passed into the spirit life have returned during est souls who would solve that greatest of riddles in the uni- the past decade. When the disciples were on their way to verse. I came to the conclusion that there was a God, and Emmaus, Jesus appeared to them and then vanished. Once I became a delst. I reasoned that the power which had as a materialized spirit he ate and drank with them. At the given me existence would take care of me afterwards in the sepulcher an angel, or a spirit, appeared. John saw a spirit spirit life. Still later, through Spiritualism, I came to the at Patmos, and when-he wrote a spirit inspired him. What question: Do spirits live, have personality, retain conscious- are all of these incidents, taken from the Bible itself, but so

the same demonstrations. Narrow creeds and denomina-

Under hypnotism we gain control of the faculties of oth- tions presume to save the world by belief, but we who beers. Through suggestion we make those whom we hypno- lieve in Spiritualism teach but one creed: that the world is tize imagine they realize what we describe to them. Is it a our country, and to do good is our religion. To love God in stranger thing to force the spirit out of the body for a short spirit and in truth is our teaching. There is nothing higher to say: time and use some other power to give a message which than the spirit. There is a thing greater than the soul of shall inspire men to loftier things than the mere common- man, and so the spirits of the departed come back to speak to men because they love them. We teach that each man

In the olden time there lived spiritual seers who taught must work out his own salvation. If we live rightly and the truth to the people. The Bible is considered sacred as seek to unfold our spiritual powers we may see the light and

it teaches many how to live. It is made a fetich. It was Jesus was persecuted because of this revelation which written by men through spiritual sources by means of sug- came to him. His wonderful power came because he develgestion. These men reasoned from effect to cause. They oped the highest spirit power within him. He prayed to his saw the beauty of nature and felt the aspirations of their Heavenly Father for assistance and received spiritual reveown souls, and they believed that there must be a God of life lation, and because he did so the orthodox said that it was the work of the devil, just as the ministers here have said

So it is to-day. The lowest man or woman is always in- that the work of Spiritualists is the work of the devil. spired in some degree by the beauty of the flower, and if Which is the infidel-the person who accepts the teachings they think at all they believe it is the handiwork of God. of Jesus, and sees the man who developed his spiritual life Man, seeing these things, has felt that there is something to a wonderful power, or the so-called Christian churches outside of this life. He has seen his loved ones pass away, who teach formalism, and not spirituality, as, the necessary and he has asked himself: "Is death the end of it all? step for the saving of the human soul? Thousands have Where is this spirit which I have known? Has it ceased to been brought to live upon a higher plane because of spirit-

turn?" Superstitious, he has ascribed to the supernatural Persecution has ever followed anything strange and new that which he could not understand. There are some things When printing was invented, the priesthood said it was the which have always been beyond the understanding of men, work of the devil, and so we have the "printer's devil." And but all so-called superstitions are no longer so when properly yet to-day, with this same devil, they are printing the Bibles which are sent to the so-called heathen. Harvey discovered

beople of that far-off time before the coming of Jesus. It his life for teaching such a preposterous theory. Galileo shows that men were just as anxious to consult spirits as taught the rotundity of the earth. The priesthood, and the now. In stead of finding their own solution of outside phe- ecclesiastics condemned him also, and he was obliged to nomena the people thought it easier and, perhaps, more sat- recant. Which has triumphed now? Truth needs no mar-

was a law against consulting spirits. How did this neces- Those who live spiritual lives gather around them higher sity for a law arise if these things did not exist? Spirits spiritual influences which aid them. Washington was so were certainly seen in that time as well as now. David, used. There are thousands who admit the truth of Spirit- common sense in psychic phenomena." Solomon, Isaiah, Jacob, Rachel doubled immortality. Jacob, ualism, but I do not admit it because it is looked upon as when he saw his son dead, said he was not. Others in the something new and because they are not willing to sacrifice Old Testament also doubted the existence of a hereafter, their convictions. There are counterfeits in Spiritualism. Yet these contradictions but prove that they differed as the People do not counterfeit pennies, and so they do not counmodern world does today on this great question. Dr. Coburn terfeit that which is not worth while. They sell their souls dogmatically closes the door between the two worlds, as for money that they may live. Perhaps they may imagine a superjective mind since sub and suthey may repent at the eleventh hour, but the higher Spirit- per are antithetical. Otherwise, how

I have but to call to mind the incident in regard to Saul valiam teaches that such a repentance is worthless. The

A CRITICAL REVIEW.

Dr. T. J. Hudson's Theory of the Sub-Jective Mind.

The established habits of feeling and thinking are so deeply interwoven into our mentality, that unconsolously they direct the ordinary modes of thinking and acting. Had these habits of feel ing a foundation on truth; that is, on the facts which arouse them, and to which they respond, then such feelings would give rise to true thinking, and corresponding acting would result therefrom, and be in harmony with the feeling that prompted the thinking. But if the thoughts that aroused the feeling were founded on error, the thinking would be erroneous, and the acting wrong. The purpose of this article is to offer

some friendly criticism on Dr. Hudson's theory of the "subjective mind." When a difficult problem arises, it is easy to coin a word for its solution. A school-boy in his efforts to solve an arithmetproblem who makes his figures to suit his wishes, finds no difficulty in its solution. So Dr. Hudson uses the term "subjective mind" to fit his theory. Everything must conform to his conceptions. That term by its ambiguity covers the mystery, and gives him, as he thinks, a fair wind and easy sailing. It is evident that he, observing the rapid advance of Spiritualism and the shaky condition of the church, and that Spiritualism is undermining it, he has set about working up a scheme to oppose its claim to truth. The doctrine of evolution, meeting with scientific approval, he abandons the Mosaic conception of creation, and undertakes to make it conform the evolution of creat tion with the biblical account, so as to save "Christianity" from the relentless grasp of Spiritualism, which he fears, or did when on earth.

In his last work, The Evolution of the Soul, among other things he has this

"Science has at last succeeded in unraveling the whole mystery, removing every phenomenon from the domain of superstition and demonstrating that all manifestations of whatever nature, proceed from the subjective minds of living persons. I cannot now enter into details; but must content myself with saying in the most emphatic manner. that all that is mysterious, all that is uncanny and diabolical, all that is inane and idiotic, all that is false and infamous, all that transcends reason and common sense in psychic phenomena is due alone to ignorance of the fundamental laws that govern the relationship between the body and the soul." It is the opinion of some Spiritualists, that Dr. Hudson's works will aid the cause of Spiritualism, by exciting investigation; and that no truth suffers by investigation. This opinion would be correct if the people were disposed to investigate; but the fact is, most people are satisfied with their opinions on this subject; or if anything is desired in regard to them, it is to confirm their

opinions. Public sentiment among all classes, favors the idea of church influence; that its tendency is moral in the community, and the people are in nowise inclined to change their opinion thinking that error is not to be feared when truth is free to combat it, and that they are exercising free speech

But the fact is very few are willing to combat error. This is the case in regard to Dr. Hudson's theory. Spiritual-ism, in his opinion, is "all that is uncanny and diabolical, all that is inane and idiotic, all that is false and infamous, all that transcends reason and give him credit in being honest and incere in his work; but that does not help the matter. He thinks that Spiritualism must be throttled to save the church, and he goes about it on the assumption of a "subjective mind."

Sub means under; then there must be Chinese.

pose that your friend had in his lifetime unconsciously communicated the knowledge to your subjective mind, and there it lay hidden from your objective consciousness until the medium, by virtue of her, psychic power read it in your This is the loose and illogical manner

of reasoning based on the assumption of a subjective mind founded on a "You may suppose!" The materialization of spirits, their rapid pencil and typewritten messages containing matter en-tirely foreign to the mortal who witnessed their production-words of from 500 to 1,000 in a minute in pencil, and 225 words written on the machine in a minute: not once, but continuously in matter sufficient to fill hundreds of octavo pages. Also, the execution of life-size portraits in crayon of deceased relatives and friends, recognized by those to whom they were intended, and oth-ers who know the persons portrayed in

earth life. I have seen nearly a hundred of these crayon portraits, some of them executed for me-among them my daughter and grandfather-each done in a minute. Besides, beautiful portraits of ancient spirits in oil on canvas frames, done in from five, to seven minutes-each all without pencil or brush, and in deep twilight. Those in colors would require the work of days to execute by mortal artists.

If anyone can imagine how these wonderful performances were done, some of which-especially the rapid writingno living man could do by "the subjective mind of living persons," he could do an inconceivable thing. If anyone doubts the veracity of these statements, they can be attested by hundreds of witnesses if he will take the trouble to investigate them, or get the books Rending the Vail and Beyond the Vail adver-The Progressive tised for sale in Thinker, he can learn more about the natter.

It is evident to every thinking mind that, taking into consideration the general ignorance on the subject of Spiritualism, and the readiness of those who are prejudiced against it to fortify their opinions, the works of Dr. Hudson oper-

ate as a serious impediment to the advance of the spiritual cause. It is much to be regretted that our writers and speakers are so silent on a subject of so vast an importance to humanity. His works have the prestige of science, and that goes far to influence the minds of those who put implicit confilence in writers who claim to be scientific. There is no science of mind founded on a basis upon which physical science rests; that is, on the forces which are revealed by the phenomena to which they give rise-the relation of cause and effect; for effects (facts) are the only revelators of knowledge; that is of science. In all so-called mental science we have speculative theories only as a basis, and since no two agree, it is plain that they all are not founded on truth; and as all are speculative, it reasonable to conclude that all are alike, baseless.

The church hails with delight Dr. Hudson's works and his readers have implicit confidence in all he says. We do not realize the vast influence the work is exerting. It affords a pillar to support error, and enables the enemies of Spiritualism ready means to accomplish their work.

E. J. SCHELLHOUS.

Evolution of the Gods.

While mediums are in agony from beng called fakes and frauds, we may calmly consider who were gods to several nations of mankind? All the gods of China appear to have been persons now called dead. Ancestral worship, or honor, may be said in a sense to have made all dead men gods. Temples are crected with the consent of the Emperor, to men who while liv-

ing had in various ways distinguished themselves. It is possible to say that any one of these men may become in evolution of mankind the chief of the national gods. There is evidence that the Chinese have had many gods. Na-

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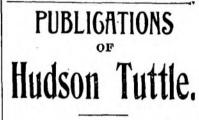
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a good spirit will give good advice and use proper language, while a bad spirit will give the opposite. Like produces like. Mr. King says, "two spirits can not occupy the same body at the same Did not Jesus cast seven devils time.' out of Mary Magdalene? What is devil but a bad spirit? Did he not cast out a legion of them that were in the man that lived in the tombs, which entered into the herd of swine? Is it not also written that when the evil spirit is gone out of a man it walketh through drv blaces and seeketh rest and finding none it saith, "I will go back and enter into the house that I came out of"? It goeth and findeth the house swept and garnished. (He finds the house occupied by a good spirit), then he takes seven other spirits with him worse than he is himself; they enter in, and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Jesus said, "the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself. but the Father that dwelleth in me he doeth the works." Is this not proof that God's spirit, or in other words, God himself was his control? St. John 4:24. God is a spirit, has he not got as good a right to control a mortal as any other good spirit-at least I think so. Did not Jesus say ye are God's temple-cannot more than one man occupy the same temple or house at the same time. Are not the same natural laws in force now that were in vogue at the time Christ the medium was on earth? Does not the same conditions produce the same results now as then? If not, why not?

J. F. KREMBELINE. Kenton, Ohio.

Wants Skeptics to Explain.

Will some of our friends who say there is no such thing as genuine materialiation explain what is here given? At the time this took place I was not a believer in, or even an investigator of Spiritualism.

One night I sat in my room which was lighted only by the street light, when just in front of me and in plain sight appeared a form much like my ather's. With his left hand he stroked his long grey whiskers, and the act was one which had been his habit in earth life. The form stood there, I should say, a minute, and then disappeared. About three or four weeks after this I attended a seance, and the third form to appear was the same one. It ad-vanced to the center of the room and stood before me, and in plain view of 15 or 20 others. After standing there a few moments, it dematerialized where it

The same evening another form clothed in white, came up as if through the floor, about three feet away from the curtains, and taking my hand wrote my mother's first name. After remain-ing in full view of all in the room for a

few moments, the form faded away, apparently through the floor. Now this took place in a private resi dence, not the home of the medium, and the dining-room which was used as the cabinet contained only the ordinary fur-

niture of such rooms. Our skeptic friends might say the first appearance in my room was a trick of the imagination, but a room full of people would not use my eyes. W. G. ANTHONY. Codar Rapids, lowa

to prove this. By order of the King all of those who saw blood of Jesus cannot save any man. If we have done a spirits were banished from the land, and yet when he was in wrong we must right it. As we live the spiritual life here trouble and thought that God had gone from him, he ex- in this world, so shall we live in the after world, the spirits sub-mind. pressed a desire to visit the woman at Endor. He disguised have told us. None can work out salvation except through himself and went there. She became clairvoyant, told him the development of his spiritual power. One soul is as near he was the King, and asked him why he disguised himself. to eternity as another. No church has a monopoly on truth, fact. It is entertained and approved in Samuel, who had been dead many years, appeared to him and we are not to be saved by a mere acquiescence in a beand brought others who had lived. Such manifestations in lief. We must live spiritually to be spiritual. We are those days brought the belief that the spirits of the departed placed here in the school of life, and here we are to work out were gods. They came up out of the earth. They material- our salvation. "Heaven is within you," said Christ, who ized. He told the woman that he could get no message from taught the grandest Spiritualism and who himself returned the soothsayers and astrologers, and he wished to know the to this world and was in himself a sufficient refutation of the outcome of his troubles. She told him that his kingdom statement of Dr. Coburn.

> posely, they assist these tricksters to deceive themselves as well as others.

Not long ago I attended a trumpet seance that was "Tests" That Were in No Wise Such-A Plea for clearly a fraud from beginning to end, and I saw how thoughtlessly Spiritualists and others assisted the medium (?) to carry out the deception.

Whenever the trumpet would give some name, as To the Editor :- I see so many exposures of fraudu- John, or Mary, or father or mother, some one would lent mediums with the details of their trickery, that I say, "Is that you, father?" "Is that you, mother?" begin to wonder if there is such a thing as a genuine "Is that you, sister Mary?" and the trumpet would medium: and I am impressed with the fact that un- answer (always in a hoarse whisper, and always the

these frauds and unprincipled tricksters, the cause of glad to be here," etc. Spiritualism is doomed to go down into utter disgrace "Well, I am glad to have you come. Is sister Sarah

and oblivion. No cause, no religion, no philosophy, with you?"

however grand or true, can stand under such a mount- "Yes. She says tell you she is happy."

ain of fraud. I believe there are thousands, and tens In this way it was easy for the medium to keep up of thousands of good and intelligent people who satisfactory (?) tests. With few exceptions the peowould gladly believe in Spiritualism, if they were not ple gave the "clue" to the medium. I purposely did met at every turn by fakes, impostors, tricksters and the same, in part, but when I or any one else would humbugs of every description. Everyone of these un- put a direct question the answer was always evasive principled impostors should be sent to the penitenti- or totally wrong; but as long as we nibbled at the bait ary, and if some of the worst ones should get into everything ran smoothly. ait

Judge Lynch's court they would scarcely get justice. When the trumpet would say: "John." "John. I regard them as the most contemptible set of crimi- and we would say, "John who?" or "What John?" nals in the whole catalogue, and it is the duty of Spir- the trumpet would say, "You know. by You; knew itualists everywhere to drive them out of business. me in earth life. I am so glad to be here;" etc. But Clear your decks of these humbugs, "peacefully if if any one was persistent to make him tell his name, you can, forcibly if you must." Let there be a "se- the trumpet would say, "Well, I must go, Good bye." cret service department running through all societies, Now, let me say to all Spiritualists and to all invesall state and national associations, to the end that all tigators: Frame your questions in such manner as to frauds when discovered shall be at once reported to give no clew to the medium as to what answer to give. all societies in the United States and Canada, by "un- When these spirits go to "beating about the bush." derground telephone." But I am forced to say that and fishing for a clew, and cannot proceed without the Spiritualists are responsible to some extent for the desired "bait," you can depend upon it, that the thing success of these "fakes," and indirectly, but not pur- is a fake. SUBSCRIBER.

could he conceive of a subjective mind, without implying a superjective mind? "Super" means above, over, therefore, there must be a mind above, over the

This attempt to explain the phenomena of spirit manifestations is a bare assumption, and without foundation on consequence of the ignorance of human nature by those who embrace so-called Christianity. This class of people regard Spiritualism as an enemy to the church, and anything that combats it is hailed as a welcome ally.

It is evident from Dr. Hudson's writings, that he has never investigated the subject he so rashly condemns. He assumes that man has two minds: what he calls the slibjective mind and the objective mind. Let us examine this mat-

ter. All words that express quality or kind, are antithetical; as good implies bad; right, wrong; high, low; crooked, straight, etc. "Ob" means in front of, before, against; and "jecio," to throw An object is "something about which any power or faculty is employed, or omething apprehended or presented to the mind by sensation or imagination. That to which the mind is directed for accomplishment or attainment." (Webster.) Then how can there be an objective mind? Mind acts; the object does not. A subjective mind would mean subject to something not itselffor a thing cannot subject itself to itself. If man has two minds they can not harmonize no more than things objective and subjective, can harmonize. His theory dissolves into an invisible mist when analyzed, and has no bearing on the subject.

Dr. Hudson tells us that "science has at last succeedd in unraveling the whole mystery, removing the whole mystery." That is, that "all manifestations of whatever name or nature proceed from the subjective mind." All manifesta tions of whatever name or nature. presume he means mental manifesta tions. That leaves nothing for the "objective mind" to do. And yet he tells us that the "subjective mind" is uncon scious, as will be seen a little further on. That is to say, all mental operations are unconsciously married on! Such is the logical deduction of this

wonderful theory! But all-sweeping as it is, it does not take into consideration the most important of the spiritual phenomena-that of materialization-now becoming so common. Dr. Hudson admits the fact of telepathy, and attempts to explain the phenomena of the higher spirit manifesations by it, in this way: "When a medi st dium tells you of a circumstance in your own life, or in the life of a departed friend which you never confided to a living person, you say, 'that is telepathy; she reads it in your mind'; but if the medium should give a message from your departed friend to the effect that before his death, he had hidden in a particular spot a certain sum of oney which he intended for you, but

which he was unable to give you because at the time of his death you were absent: and if you should afterwards find the exact sum in the spot indicated, you might find it difficult to account for the medium's knowledge. Yet it is easily accounted for by the fact that intimate friends are in telepathic communion with each other unonscionsly. In this case, we may sup-

With a clear and true idea about the gods, fear of God and gods and Satan and Devil should pass away. The shape of some of the ancient gods would be called freaks if they were in

bodily form among us. Spirits of all these gods may come now among us, the same as they came in ancient times. These may influence, control and ob sess Christians and others ignorant of Spiritism and Spiritualism. Good spirits, good gods, may have a duty to perform though mankind, put their bodies in prisons for insane persons and other prisons. Of old it was said:

"Worship the gods as if they came, But if you don't it's all the same. Worship the gods as if they were there, But if you worship not, the gods don't

care." An historian about China informs me

that Buddhism swallowed Taoism, Tao ism swallowed Confucianism, but at last Confucianism swallowed Buddhism and Taoism, thus the three religions are one. Ancient and modern Chinese knew about good, evil and ignorant spirits, as also did the ancient Egyptians. Spiritists and Spiritualists should teach clearly and wisely to physicians the facts about spirits influencing, controlling and obsessing mankind. Bos ton is near Yale, Harvard and Welles-ley colleges, therefore it is a good place to clearly proclaim the facts. At present we have a Protestant bigot for Police Commissioner, and an

Irish Roman Catalon these may be educated. AURIN F. HILL. Irish Roman Catholic for Mayor, but

A SONG OF HOPE.

Build high, O human architect! Thy soul can span the space That intervenes between that height And thy despairing face! Build high, nor fear thy hands too

weak, Nor feel thyself too small, To answer to the voice that speaks, Respondent to thy call.

Build high, the pulse of nature throbs In every living thing: Wed not thy soul unto the clods, But rise on aspirant wing; Until the harmony of the spheres, Within thy soul shall mate; With all thy doubts and hopes and

fears Translated into fate.

Build high, for yonder star that leads Thy captive soul away, Is but a part of life that feeds. The universe to-day. Bound in this chain of endless life, Why dwarf thy soul with fear. When in some fairer world than this

Thy star shall re-appear. MARY WEBB-BAKER. Spartansburg, Pa.

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A CRADLE SONG.

And whispers a fond good-night;

Each little bluebell droops its head

Is wafted to baby and me.

While a whispered good-night from the

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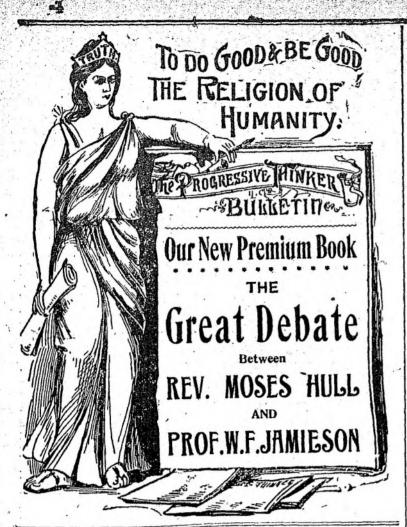
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paid off and gathered headway.

The Ship Sped By.

Mother Came. "That was done in an instant. She

VISION SAVED IT.

Sallor's Mother Appeared in a Dream and Prevented Wreck-Was at Home I saw a light on the bow and heard a -J. A. Webster of Castine Tells man pass the word aft. Story of How He Prevented an Accl-

dent by a Premonition Which He Had. "The ship swung to, the jibs rattled Capt. J. A. Webster, one of the best in the windiand Licould hear men talkthe commercial an interesting experi-ence of a thrilling incident in his early out of her way. This was all done in seagoing days which will be of general less time thin it takes to write it. Then interest not only because of the stirring I came down and went aft and found all adventure with which it has to do but hands on deck asking questions and no

also on account of the occultness of the body to answer them. The captain happening. This is Capt. Webster's says: 'Webster, what does all this tale: To the Editor of the Commercial: To the Editor of the Commercial: says: 'How come you to go forward and I shipped on board of a vessel called go up into the rigging?' I said I did

the Grand Turk, commanded by Capt. not know what I was doing until I found John P. Nichols, in Searsport in 1842. myself up there. She was what they called a brigantine. full rig brig forward, fore and aft main sail on the main mast with top sail and top gallant sail, with high quarter deck that I could do to save the vessel. Then for cabin, steerage for the sailors in the there was lots of other talk and comforward end, rail from main deck about ments that have nothing to do with my

three feet high. story and when we had talked the mat-"I was 22 years old. In the winter of ter all over it was 12 o'clock. They all 1843, went to New Orleans for a load went below but it was my watch and I of molasses for New York, with deck- took the wheel. load of hogsheads on deck as far forward as the fore rigging, came down We arrived in New York on the 17th the river into the gulf of Mexico. The day of March. It was a fine day with second day out the wind came around a fair wind. The captain and the mate

dead ahead and blew fresh southwest, were walking the quarter deck. The Had to put her on the wind to beat out. captain asked me all about how I hap-In the afternoon the wind blew south pened to come out in the night and go and we had to take in all the light sails up aloft to see that vessel coming onto and put her under snug sail for night. us. He said he had thought of that a

There was quite a little sea making up, great deal. Then I told him the whole Night came on and it was quite dark, story,how my mother appeared to me It was my watch below from 8 to 12 and pointed to the windward and then and I was pretty sleepy. "The first thing that I knew, I heard was the matter and I went to see if I

my name called in a quick, sharp voice. could see what it was. The captain I jumped out of my bunk, poked my said that is the most marvelous thing head out of the companionway. The that he ever heard of. captain was on deck talking with the "The mate says: 'Them that are born mate. It was something unusual for to be hung will never be drowned." him to be on deck in the night. I says: "The captain says: 'Ain't that rather 'What is wanted?' The captain said, 'Nothing. It is only 11 o'clock.' hard on Mr. Webster after he has saved the vessel and all our lives."

"I says, 'Somebody has called me.' "He says, 'Oh, no; go below.' answered the mate. went below and turned in again. Just got into a drowse and I heard my

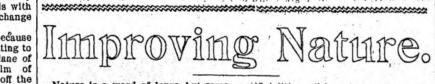
The Story at Home. "In the summer I came home and my

name called loud again, 'James, James.' folks were all delighted to see me. "There was no mistake this time. I Mother said she never expected to see knew my mother's voice. It was very dark in our room. As soon as I opened me again. Then she told me how she dreamed that she saw a great ship commy eyes I saw the image of my mother as plain as could be with a terrible look ing that was going to down our vessel and it scared her almost to death. of fear and grief on her face, standing Father said she called my name out at the foot of the steps of the companionway. She looked at me then pointseveral times in her sleep. At last she jumped out of bed, swinging her arms ed her hand way off to the windward on the starboard bow as we were on that

tack, and vanshed instantly. ," 'I thought that she was crazy,' said my father. 'I jumped out of bed, caught "I started upon the run, barefooted and bareheaded over the deckload and up the fore rigging about 25 feet. I her and woke her up. She was terri-could hear a sound resembling thunder bly frightened.' I asked them when

nervous or excited. The sound kept "They told me that it was the last growing louder, then I knew very well day of February. They said that night there was a vessel coming for us and it they had the greatest storm they had had for the winter. It snowed and

outlines of a big vessel coming right for ful thing that they had ever heard of. us. She would have struck us right be- Now this is all true just as it happened. tween the two masts or near the main. There is no fiction about it. All of this mast. As soon as I could see what it is just as mysterious to me as the wire-was best to do I halloed as loudly as I less telegraph and just as fresh in my



Nature is a word of large, but some artificialities, all luxuries, and simply who evince a high degree of intelli-what indefinite meaning. With some follow the methods of Nature, in all her gence and sound judgment in matters it includes everything that ex- simplicity.

Paranolacs and Paranolacs. Dr. D. R. Brower, for ten years superintendent of the Virginia state asylum for the insane, and for several years instructor in nervous diseases at Rush Medical College, Chicago, declared re-By that time the ship was pretty close on; I halloed, 'luff aboard the ship.' Then cently in Judge Honore's 'court, that Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, John Alexander Dowle, and Mohammed were insane persons, or paranolacs.

As stated by the Inter Ocean:

Dr. Brower's assertion that the lead ers of the Ohristian Science and Zion cults are irresponsibles was made while he testified in the case of Michael Curran a wealthy liquor dealer seeking freedom from the Lake Geneva sanitaium on the ground that he is illegally detained as an insane man. Dr. Brower declared on the faith of his thirty-five years' of study that neither Mrs. Eddy mean?' I says: 'I don't know, sir.' He nor "Dr." Dowie is sane.

In Curran's behalf it had been urged that the man had until his conviction for insanity attended regularly to his business of managing two saloons. Dr "The mate says: 'You seem to know Brower responded that nothing could pretty well what to do after you got there.' I said that was the only thing be judged from that fact, as in cases of paranoia many persons have been known to have successfully conducted business for years after insanity seized them.

"Two figures of prominence in American life to-day are insane," said Dr. Brower. "They are Mary Baker Eddy and 'Dr.' Dowle. Neither is responsible "This was the last day of February. for what he or she does. In my opinion they are well developed cases of para-

"In the case of 'Dr.' Dowle he has lost his identity. He is no longer Dowie, but Elijah III. In Mrs. Eddy's case her insanity is shown from her expansive vanished. Then I thought something deas of her importance in the world as a teacher of religion. To students of nervous disorders, versed in the history of paranoiacal research, there can be no doubt that both the persons I have

nentioned are insane. "Mohammed was, in my opinion,

rom paranola." "'I guess he can stand that all right,

ers insane, Dr. Brower cited the case of Mark Gray Lyons as an instance in the history of Chicago where an insane man has successfully conducted his business affairs for years. Lyons came noted as having attempted to kill Edwin Booth on the stage of a Chicago theater many years ago by shooting at im with a revolver from a gallery. Gray's dementia took the form that he was Booth's son, and when the latter

Dr. Brower said Gray later success-fully conducted a banking business, but never recovered his sanity. From all these cases, as well as from

his study of paranola, Dr. Brower said nothing could be told as to Curran's sanity from his ability to conduct his business properly. He said he believed the man under examination pefore the court a sufferer from insanity.

The trial results from the attempt of Thomas Curran to secure control of the estate of Michael Curran. Because he exhibited a spirit of generosity and "always was feeling first rate," attorneys tried to prove him insane.

The Chicago Chronicle seizes Dr. Brower's pronouncement as a text applicable to W. J. Bryan, who, it says, continues carrying about his free-silver pet long after its death and decay," nence is a paranoiac. The esteemed Chronicle, however, cannot be called an impartial judge in this matter, being itself afflicted with paranola in the form of chronic anti-Bryanism.

Surely there are paranolacs and para noiacs, and types of them may be discerned in the class of respected persons

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next to nothing about it.

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against Spiritualism may be found all

too ready to render an opinion and a de

cision in accord with prejudice rather

"be

man brought into a court of inquiry

It is plain that his theory, reduced to

work great injury and injustice against

the right to life, property, liberty and

women well able to care for them-

selves in the affairs of life and business.

of earthly interest and business, and yet cling with a death-grip to the horsmiles upon us.

Remarkable. friends of hers. Even having this work

derful baby's picture in the house brings happiness and prosperity, assert Denver's Seven Months' Old Healer. all her friends who possess photographs A 7-months-old haby healer is the of her.

latest manifestation of supernatural Eunice Brown was born the 30th day, 4 All power vouchsafed by the gods to the of last September, under the astrological sign of Liber.

" May 21, 1994.

The infantile heater is the daughter. For the first five months of her life of Mrs. Grace Brown, a metaphysician, the only remarkable thing about Baby Enuice was her rapid growth. But when and she gives out health to all comers. At least this is the claim of her parents, she had attained the age of five months The child can even cure the colic and and was cutting her first teeth, she beany baby who can do that is a winner, gan to show her wonderful healing As for croup, it never troubles this power. A friend of her mother's, a magnetic child. When she shakes her well known society woman, was dying rattle the ozone, viri, nervine, oxogen- of cancer. The baby, with her nurse, hysis, anti-fat, corn cure and other life- visited every day the dying woman, the saving substances fly in all direc- baby playing with the sick woman's tions, invisible in the air.

And the baby only laughs and coos woman felt the magnetic current, felt and shakes down more health for her better each time the baby came and now is out of bed and well and expects There is tonic injevery yell as she to leave soon for California, where three cries for her bottle and all her smiles months ago she expected to be dead by are charged with healing power. She pow. She has since cured a number of

is cutting her teeth and this is no job smaller aches and pains. at all for her because she can doctor The mother is not a healer of any herself as easily as she bestows new kind herself and is very chary of having life on other people. If she takes an oc- the baby exert her bealing power too casional nip of soothing syrup it is often, for fear it might tax her strength, more in accordance with established Mrs. Brown is a well known lecturer, custom than from any neea she feels and has talked in every state of the personally for this favorite medicine of union. She was formerly editor of the Essene, published in Denver, which is

Then, too, Baby Brown is a mascot now merged with Mind. The whole and brings all kinds of good luck to family is very proud of the wonderful those who are fortunate enough to be baby.

An Alarming Report. A minister from Cornwall, N. Y., attending a late Methodist Conference held in New York, in making his report on Sunday-school work, said:

BABY BROWN.

ucky people of Denver, Col,

friends.

"I have to report an alarming condition in our Sunday-schools. We are osing schools and scholars, and teachers rapidly. In the last seven years paper.

we have lost ten schools, 554 teachers, and 4,990 scholars." This, observe, must have related to World," contain more valuable data hose schools under his immediate charge. At the same rate, if this statement is correct, what is the loss throughout the state? the nation? Even if it related to the state, only. It would indicate Methodism is not advancing, whatever the gilded reports to the con-

A Great Imposture Closed.

News comes that the French government has interposed its authority and closed the miracle business in Lourdes. Situated at the base of a huge rock 500 feet in height among the Pyrenees and the "Occult Life of Jesus." mountains, in South France, the place became noted on account of the alleged two girls on February 14, 1858. Soon there with miraculous healing power, forty years it is claimed 8,000,000 of persons have been saved from disease and death, though many other millions have visited the famed place. But the "cures" are said to be priestly frauds.

It is estimated 200 have really been benefited. Because of these few alleged cures millions have been robbed. The imposture became so serious an

investigation was set on foot, and it re ported ninety-nine out of every hundred each year returned home actually worse because of thir visit to this resort of superstition.

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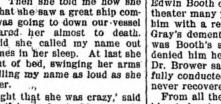
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> Man Will Some Day recognize Woman as His Peer.

Until woman has obtained "that right." protective of all other rights-the ballot," this agitation must go on, absorbng the time and energy of our best and strongest women. Who can measure Georgia Gladys Cooley in Pittsburg, Pa. the advantages that would result if the After almost two thousand miles of magnificent abilities of these women travel I find myself once more in the city of iron and steel, and in spite of the great volume of smoke, "Old Sol" ing consumed in the struggle to obtain their birthright of individual freedom? The society here is an honor to the Until this be gained we can never cause it represents, and one that stands | know, we cannot even prophesy, the capacity and power of woman for the uplifting of humanity. It may be delayed I am pleased to see another one of longer than we think, it may be here come when man will recognize woman The first season I served this associa- as his peer, not only at the fireside, but tween the sexes, that shall result in A re- good can come to the individual or to



around calling my name as loud as she could holler.

ment more than the perfect accordance was pretty dark. in fundamental teachings of the spirit

intelligences among all people and in A more compact and clean statement of those principles is rarely found,

of this journal, from which the following is a quotation: "First and foremest, our movement is

a religious movement; for, like every other religious movement it deals with a continuity of life after the change called death. "It is a scientific movement, because

it deals with the great truths relating to life, not only on this physical plane of spirit after the soul has thrown off the physical body, testing and proving the

and harmonized and cease to be mira-

evidence against any one, and hence re-

sorts to the cheap tricks of epithet and

misrepresentation. Fortunately the

day has passed when a priest in his

pulpit was looked on as a divine mouth-

piece, and was able to set his hearers

on the heels of heretics and "witches,"

From the Antipodes.

"The Message of Life" is a bright

nonthly published at Levin, Mana-

watu, New Zealand. From it we learn

that there are active spiritual societies

in nearly/all the important towns in

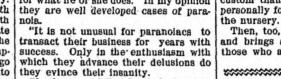
that far-away country. Nothing illus-

all countries.

like a pack of ravenous wolves!

in the distance. I did not seem to feel this happened. "Presently I could see the water blowed fearfully_{il} Then i told them of foaming under her bow and sparkling my experience on board of the vessel, like diamonds and could see the dim They thought it was the most wonder-

could to the man at the wheel, hard up mine J. A., WEBSTER. your helm, for God's sake; case off on ago, Castine, March 10, 1904.



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n history may be cited as suffering Prior to declaring the religious lead-

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The Surgical Craze.

Excessive surgery was assailed recently by Dr. E. J. George, of Chicago, addressing the Illinois Homeopathic Medical Association.

the questions involved in the courts. "Old school doctors are going daft over operations," he said. "They seem Judge Gaynor, of the Supreme Court, isto have a mania for surgery and want sued a writ of habeas corpus, the pristo use the knife before they try any- oners were heard through their attorthing else. We are in the midst of a neys, and the ball players were dissurgical craze. Many doctors are not charged, not being found guilty of an satisfied unless they are cutting all the infraction of law. time. They think the knife a remedy for everything. I do not believe this What is this world coming to? Way

condition will continue much longer." This craze for surgical operations is zealous effort was made, first in the implanted by the practice of vivisection

of animals, by medical students, in the vent the carrying of the mails on Suncourse of their studies in medical colleges, and is a legitimate outcome of, a habit formed by, such procedure. And the very highest medical authorities de- tie up the running of railroad cars on clare that vivisection is of no practical Sunday. Another failure. Street cars value as an aid in the understanding of next distressed the goody goodles. The human anatomy and physiology. It courts decided they were necessities in only tends to induce an unfeeling hard- our modern civilization. We next find ness and insensibility to the pain of the suffering-the craze for cutting living flesh overmastering all humane in-

over-heated and densely populated stincts and sympathies. cities to get a breath of cool air, but The cruel delight in torturing dumb, helpless animals, as exemplified in vivmust go to church and listen to a long drawn-out discourse on the horrors of isection, is transferred into a mania for hell, and the wiles of Satan, on Sunday, cutting and carving human beings, But the courts said modern ways are If Dr. George desires to eliminate this not ancient ones. "What may have been well enough for primitive man surgical craze, he should seek to eliminate vivisection, which is the root from which the craze has its genesis.

Bishop Cheney's Fling.

Now the courts sit down on prosecu Bishop Cheney, speaking in Christ tions for playing orderly games on Sun-Church, said: "The biographers of great day. The goodies have tried to reach skeptical leaders are few in which all these questions by their "God-in-thethere is not revealed their secret de-Constitution-movement" and failed in pendence on occult and magical practhat. So the startling question arises tices. I have rarely known a man to What is the next move? for all experi-dishonor his own reason with the ence tells us, "the enemies of liberty loathsome abominations of Spiritualism, | cannot remain silent." that he did not find the Bible too full of miracles to be believed!"

"The Infidelity of Ecclesiasticism To strike at a cause by epithets and A Menace to American Civilization. misrepresentation is only one remove By Prof. W. M. Lockwood, lecturer from the assassin who strikes in the upon physical, physiological and psy-dark with a dagger. Bishop Cheney chic science. Demonstrator of the moshould give the games of the "great lecular or spiritual hypothesis of naskeptics" who lean on Spiritualism, Price 25 cents. For sale at this office.

ery critical test known to science. "It is a natural religion, because knows no miracles and deals with all

which permeates all space, is the foun-tain of all life, the source of all wisdom

and to which each individual spirit

is by some persons expressed in the

What is to Be Done About it?

been engaged for weeks on Sundays, in

Brooklyn, N. Y., practicing their games

before assembled thousands. Vacant

lots, in the neighborhood of factories

closed on Sundays, were occupied, and

no charge was made for admission. A

Sabbath Committee implored the aid of

the police. Arrests were made to test

back three-fourths of a century ago a

courts, then before Congress, to pre

day. The project was a failure, and the

mail bags were whirled through space

Then a concerted effort was made to

the same element organized, and mak-

ing a strenuous effort to close all popu-

lar-resorts. People must not leave the

ceptions of human rights."

on Sunday as on Monday.

Professional baseball players have

ists. With others, it includes the phys- In these days, we avoid both these ical world, all the animals below man, extremes, and take the ground that Na-

and his physical frame, leaving the psy-ture, in her entirety, is wholesome and chical and spiritual man as belonging to sound; that her methods are not to be another order of beings. despised, nor her mandates to be disreancient Greeks, beyond any other garded. At thesame time, experience has The people that ever lived, cultivated the taught us that Nature, far from being ablove of Nature. They celebrated the solutely perfect, may be improved even beauties of the natural world in song by our own efforts; that we may may and story, and embodied them in art change our environment to correspond and sculpture. Nature furnished their with our own higher ideal conditions. models, and they could use no language By art and science we have improved too strong to express their delight in our grain and fruits; our poultry, whatever in the outward world ap- horses, cattle and sheep adapting them pealed to the eye and ear of man. to our needs by making use of Na-In later centuries, under ecclesiastic- ture's own methods, without the violaism and by turns ascetism and sen- tion of any of Nature's laws. We stock sualism, a new mood came over the our waters with species and varieties of mind of man. He conceived the idea fish brought from afar. In short we that Nature is corrupt and depraved change our surroundings at will, so far and that the highest duty consists in as our knowledge will permit. Our crushing and subjugating it. To for- luscious fruits, such as the apple and the desert; to extinguish natural de natural products that were scarcely fit sires and to overcome natural appe- to eat, and hundreds of our vegetable tites; to learn to despise the body and and animal products have been so whatever sustains it-this was consid- transformed by the art of man, that ered the highest object of life and nec- they bear only the slightest resemessary to prepare man for the solemn blance to their progenitors.

realities which awaited him beyond the It is, indeed the work of man to-day grave. Gibbon and Lecky, in passages, to change the face of the earth, and have described the results of this dis- everything with which he has to do, in torted conception of life and duty. It order to increase their usefulness and converted men into hermits and anchor- suitablility to his wants. ites, and unfitted them for the secular Whether Nature is so defined as to pursuits of life, without any valuable in- comprehend the mental and spiritual part of man, or not, is unimportant. We

tellectual or moral results. -Rousseau's teachings that Nature is at least can improve it by education, by perfect and to be followed implicity, discipline, by self restraint, as well and was a natural reaction from the ascet- as certainly as we can improve our icism of previous centuries. He went physical constitution, by observance of

Expresses His Heartfelt Appreciation.

passed through a fearful storm, dismantled, with sails hanging in shreds, I am slowly righting myself, and desire to eebly express my gratitude to yourself and your noble companion. Mrs. Franyour grand paper, for the surpassing

and myself through the weary months of sickness and trials. She has gone to her reward! No grander soul ever lived than she;

sponded so grandly that I am overtrue humanitarian principles that are One clinging backward in the dark, the foundation of our glorious philoso. The sun smiles on our parting, dearl phy of life. I am making great efforts shall continue to advocate Spiritualism in its highest form.

He Has Passed Through a Fearful Gate. On the Sunday morning after his Storm. He Has Passed Through a Fearful Gate. On the Sunday morning after his wife's recent death he walked, restless, down to the dock and sat in the same ings. place, and saw fer the second time the sunrise clear and beautiful through the Golden Gate. The following poem by his sister, gives the significance of the

> Across the bay and out to sea A shining path for you and me,

Fresh from the of morning, bright as

And all the waves, on either side,

Again I come and call and hark; With one hand groping out for yours, One clinging backward in the dark.

The same bright carpeting of gold

Straight from the morning is unrolled But I am weak and faint with loss, And with dim eyes I stand and wait 1220 Mission St., San Francisco, Cal. Uncertain of my steps. Come back And guide me through the Golden

Gate! business," and was called insane cause he exhibited a spirit of generosity and always was feeling first-rate." If that is an indication of paranoia or insanity, it is a pity that all men and women are not paranolaca.

rible and wicked dogmas of an effete theology morally dead and stinking. Is as an example for others to follow not this paranola, strongly developed? after. And what shall we say of those who

Mayflower's prophecies has been ful- sooner than we expect, but the day will dishonor the name and office of spiritual mediums, using the same to defilled.

fraud, and for purposes of . vice and tion she told the good people she saw in the councils of the nation. Then, them in a lovely church of their own. and not until then, will there be a per-What can we say of those who, when Last season she repeated her prophecy, fect comradeship, the ideal union besaying, "Oh, you cannot see your pretty fraud has been exposed, still persistentchurch, but it is very near at hand, and the highest development of the race. ly defend and uphold the fakes, and is soon to materialize for you," and What this shall be we may not attempt condemn those who expose them? here it is, a clean, well furnished and to define, but this we know, that only What is it but a species of paranoia? handsomely furnished edifice. And, would it be strange if it should markable work is being done by the La- the nation through the rendering of exeventually turn out that the esteemed dies' Aid society and the success of the act justice .- Susan B. Anthony. Dr. Brower himself is a paranoiac-on church is assured.

We were greeted by a splendid audience Sunday morning, and the evening law and legal practice, can be made to as well as the following Thursday found the church packed with an excellent class of people. This is a fair example of in which, he declares, was revealed to what harmony and stick-to-itiveness the pursuit of happiness, of men and can do. Brother Stevens, the worthy president, is just the right man in the right place. He and the entire board have worked faithfully together for

This matter of pronouncing such people many years: insane is no trifling affair. It may be a I feel the spirit of home-making manmost cruel engine of oppression-and festing itself within our ranks at the has been such in very many instances. present time and we can look for re-sults in various directions and places. Many persons have been incarcerated in insane asylums, on the pronounce-From my earliest work in mediumments of insanity experts, and have, ship the guides have continually been after enduring mental torture amid surasked the question, "Why do the Spiritrounding environments that might well valists fail to build churches?" etc. The cause a sane person to become insane, reply has always been: "There is no been pronounced sane, and released need of building churches. The orthofrom their enforced and unjust captiv-

dox people have built and are building ity, on the testimony of other experts. them, and many of them will be ob-Verily, there are paranolacs and paratained by the Spiritualists at very low noiacs, and some of them may be found figures, and through mortgages. among the doctors who claim to be ex-As we look over the land and note the perts in such cases, and whose "opin-

number of churches owned by the Spirions" suffice to send unhappy victims to itualists, we find the majority of them the constrained duress of insane asyhave been secured in this way. Let the lums, where even a sane person may be good work go on. made insane by the unhappy surround-

but a prophet. He wrote: This matter of "expert" testimony is "Build your churches? They are ours, a mighty uncertain affair at best. How

By a law ye have not known; often do we see, in cases at law, that Raise your steeples, flank your towers! Truth shall claim them for her own. experts of apparently equal reliability, arrive at totally opposite conclusions, Marble be the solid walls, and give positive testimony embodying Granite the foundation-stone;

their firm opinions, diametrically at va-Error, build thy princely halls! And in such instances who shall be Truth shall claim them for her own!

the expert to decide between the ex-I noticed The Progressive Thinker perts? It may finally fall upon the judge of the court, and he may know was for sale at the church door and

eagerly sought for by many. GEORGIA GLADYS COOLEY. If Spiritualism is involved, or the san Pittsburg, Pa. ity of a Spiritualist is under inquiry, a

The Widow's Mite.

This remarkable book is of much interest to all investigators and believers in Spiritualism. It is for sale at this

It may be a paranolac deciding upon the sanity or insanity of a man or wooffice. Price \$2. Finally it seems a travesty on justice

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Dreams Won Him \$1.500.

Springfield, Ohio-John Stoneburner, of Beatty, a few nights ago had a dream He did not pay any attention to the dream until he had a second one, and then he decided that he would make an investigation.

Stoneburner says he went to the spot indicated in his dream and after digging three feet in the earth, he discovered a quantity of gold coin. They were dated in the eighteenth century, and altogether amounted to \$1,500 in American money.

Among them was a \$22 gold piece. The money is supposed to have been buried by the French, about 1745. Mr. Stoneburner will exhibit the treasure in the Ohio Building at the St. Louis Exposition.

Ohio Spiritualists, Attention!

The sixth annual convention of the Ohio State Association of Spiritualists will be held in the city of Columbus, May 27, 28, and 29, in the Board of Trade auditorium. Three sessions will William Denton was not only a poet be held daily during the entire convention. All societies are earnestly re quested to send their full quota of delegates, and individual members are urged to be present in person. Business of importance is to come before the convention, in which every Ohio

Spiritualist is interested. Local societies and members desiring to offer amendments to the constitution must file the same with the secretary prior to April 25, 1904. as none can be legally acted upon, received after that

date. Full particulars regarding program, etc., will be given in a future issue of The Progressive Thinker.

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two sunrises: 10 cis, and the thousands of readers of The sun siniled on our wedding, dear; kindness shown my arisen helpmate Unrolled a Carpeting of gold,

none more true and faithful in every Wakened to music as we passed respect. would be seriously objectionable in this age of greater activities, and better con-Mrs. Lillie and the hundreds who That morning was my sunrise. Now, have co-operated with her have re- Amin I come and call and health. whelmed with their demonstrations of

to stand firm in the path of duty and Across the bay and out to sea.

GEO. F. PERKINS.

At Sunrise.

so far as to teach that men should re- the laws of physical health. turn to a state of Nature, giving up all B. F. UNDERWOOD.

Spiritual Theory of Evolution. By Sar'gis.

naturally leads reminiscence to the origin and development out of it. of Psychology, and in 1860 he announced the beginning of freed from the nightmare of theologic superstition. his life work his System of Synthetic Philosophy.

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was the construction from these facts of a system-the been a query with Spiritualist students how this theory in density. Oxygen, hirrbgen, carbon, hydrogen, etc., are Raphael. Titian. scheme of a student rather than the theory of an explorer. could be held by those who accepted the facts and teaching but conditions of space, as is iron, copper, granite-all held Now, these earlier men, philosophers, artists, statemen, cerian rather than Darwinlan.

Darwin was born eleven years before Spencer. Thus within less than fifty years, mainly by the works of these two men, the philosophy of life and human progress has been changed, as to the educated world, and the ancient theologies utterly confused and confounded.

To the Spiritualist student the advent of modern phenomdent, is full of interest and suggestion.

olution and that of the Spiritualst, which is more from the did not account for man. But now that science has accepted well explained-as seen in the Chaldean, Hindu, Egyptian, comprehension of the churches. point of view than of real substance. It is somewhat diffi- the theory that all form is simply the requisite chemical Greek and Roman cycles, and in the growing enlightenment The church people, as a mass, do not mean or wish to be there is a common view-point that is often feit as a defect in form-life becomes more amenable to a concept of law and the discovery of America. and of the fossil records of the rocks.

of evolution naturally led to the idea that life-forms are but as to worlds and the phenomena of life and form. variations from a primitive germ, or germinal condition, Evolution, then, is not an infinity of form life from a comand science has been seeking for that. It was thought they mon germ or cell, but the result of attractive properties in had it in what they called "Bathybius," an ooze at the bot- primal substance-as fixed proportions produce, or if you tom of the ocean, and are yet bunting for the missing link like it better, "create." Whether it be God, infinite intellibetween the animal and man. Tell them that all this is but gence, force, gravity, or what not, the fact is that certain a reflex of the old theologic creation idea and they would be chemical proportions in this primal substance produce a indignant, but when you bring theory and fact together the new form with differing properties-no matter who or what old disability has not disappeared.

But so long as science discards what it chooses to call and logical uses the fact is "it." "spontaneous generation," so long will evolution, in parts, be Now, as chemical affinity, or as some prefer it, polarity of a debatable hypothesis. Evolution in its broader sense is substance "creates" form, the conditions as to substance is the explanation of life forms, and if the term unfoldment the controlling factor as to the nature of the form life prowas more in use as to its processes of growth, the under- duced, or is that we call environment and climate. Take the standing would be clearer, and you would not so often meet facts of today; Beginning within the arctic circle and comwith the "involution" refrain from the theologic objector. ing down through the north temperate zone, the tropics and There is no essential difference to the thinker by the terms on to the antarctic continent, we find form life, vegetable, creation and evolution. To create is only to produce, and animal and marine changing with the degrees of latitude. as to life-forms is but the differentiation, or individualization and then from any locality going from tide-water over plain, from the same conditions. It is very much like two state- mountain, valley, desert or morass, we find form life rements of one fact.

Spirit theories are not wanting, and they have one recom- in aby period of our planet, so that in one geologic age we mendation---they do not confuse the mind with antithetical find plant life dominant, in another the reptillan, the saurian conclusions, nor do they ask science to take anything from and other so-called geologic times-but the same biologic miracle or revelation. Life is here and is maintained by conditions, the same principles of locomotion present-modwhat we call chemical agencies and conditions. It must ified only by the atmosphere or climate that overspread the have its advent under like agencies as sustain it. Science planet at the time. Darwin and Spencer, Descartes and itself made the great discovery of the 19th century, the law Newton could not have lived with the cave man, but the of "valence"----or the equivalence of chemical action----the se- cave man was not a monkey; nor can the jungles of Africa cret of form, and the demonstration that all life force, so to day produce a Grant or a Dewey, nor could a gorilla be called, is chemical. To say that the earth and all that is in domiciled with a thoroughbred or a short-horn. it and on it was created in the sense of "made" is to present Consider that all the gods, all the religions, all the arts, a concept that leads to specialty in everything. But to say all the sciences, all the inventions and discoveries, all the that it was formed and its contents formed from it, is to sug- poetry and literature of the world have their origin and degest a concept of formative processes.

law of equivalence in chemistry, the two logically harmo- proof. nize. Synthetic chemistry suggests that all forms are but So evolution is first of the planet, and when it produces it is the fact.

pearance of all embryonic life. How else could it be and be comes to the world through the light of the spirit. the phenomena are as important now as then. The lesser come about when the grades are prepared.

the fact before us every day, year and age. of the evolution theory. Darwin's Origin of Species is just But now that science has postulated the fact that all life Science has recently postulated an ether, a thing as old in Now what folly to attempt a homogeneous organization eleven years younger than Modern Spiritualism-published processes are chemical and that form is but a thing of chem- spirit literature as its modern advent. But its office or out of such differing grades. As a friend in a recent/corre-

And so it turned that much-most, it may be said, of what is of geology. They tell us that certain strata of rocks are in solution by ether-ibeir condition as solids or fluids is but religionists, were practically within a century, and came taught in our schools and by our scientific literature is Spen. millions of years old, yet their fossils are as distinct and a change in density. For example, what is coal? Simply when Gutenberg had prepared the agent of their propaganda individual as the living forms of today. The when and stored carbon. Our calling oxygen, nitrogen, etc., gases, --printing-without which they could not have reached the where of the homogeneous primal organism seems as far with the nomenclature attached, only dwarfs the conception then intelligent world. They are enough to illustrate the away from Palaeozolc fossils as from the Permian or Recent. of their nature. They are primal elements of the universe, idea that influence of cycles affect different minds along dif-Individual life is ever present in all that man has been As our planet travels in an orbit of about twenty-eight thou- fering lines, as illustrated by the grades. And it is farther

The "made" or creation concept permeating the theories oneness of all substance or matter, and simplifies the ideals peoples on the planet feels and responds to its influence, in than lectures or books.

ulating force.

of men and fill them with wine or strong drink, and each will disclose his personal trait or governing disposition. Or speaking philosophically will manifest along the lines of least resistance. One will be jolly, another want to fight, either for his religion, politics or other thing; a third will uses the fact-if any user is insisted on. For all practical to steal, while some will give away all they have. So in

kind as to peoples, even of nations and races. Suppose, as in the dark ages, the planet being in a dense region of space and its inhabitants as a mass are in a low grade as to intellect, say 30, such a people desire war and are controlled by its influences, destruction, violence, just and death. Suppose another people grade, say to 60 and 70. While still warlike yet intellect, oratory, music and men of great genius will result. But should a people grade higher to a considerable extent, the religious will manifest most actively and worship of numerous ideals as to God and susponding to environing conditions. The "law" is the same perstitions, rites and coremonies appear, and along with these in social life a tendency to things that appertain to the sexes will be notable.

> gestions are sufficient to inspire the thinker with wider five feet high and an ear six inches long, while another will have an ear a foot long on a stalk twelve to fifteen feet high

character according to their grade.

To the Editor -The recent demise of Herbert Spencer fional curiosity. And so of all correlative dogmas growing forms of life. The genes and altitudes of the globe present Lee, Wesley, Rapp, Joseph Smith, Noyes, Blavatsky, Eddy, the Indo-Chicago school, and others whose name is legion.

in 1859. In 1855 Herbert Spencer published his Principles ical expression, the evolutionary concept can be discussed function is not vouchgaled by science. That we call space spondence says: "There will be divergence of thought, and is but substance or matter field in solution by ether. There of course there will be divergent kicks." That covers the The strict evolution school treats form-life as coming from are two known things in the universe-ether and matter- case practically. But to return to the renaissance period Darwin's work was based on investigation, discovery and a single germ beginning. The law of "valence" removes the one is the solvent of the other. The barometer tells us ev. again and see the galaxy of great names of another grade: a practical study of nature and its life forms-a life long la- necessity of this idea, which was but the first step in the ery hour of the differing donaities of the atmosphere. As in Bacon, Copernicus, Galileo, Kepler, Descartes, Newton, Gutbor of exploration as to facts and details. Spencer's work emancipation of science from "creation." It has always the lesser so in the greater-the substance of space varies enberg, Lorenzo de Medici, Michael Angelo, da Vinci,

able to discover. Science had to creep before it could walk, sand years through this space of differing densities, it must manifest in the many more people throughout the world who and the "descent of man," or the ascent of the monkey was from time to time be influenced by the conditions through now have an intelligent perception of the lesson of 1848. but an effort to break away from the creation concept. To which it moves. These periods for convenience are called When we look at it in this light the progress is marvelous realize what a nightmare this antique "made" idea was, cycles. And as the progress of life on the planet as we see indeed. Let the world have a cycle of this light equal in ena of the one and the philosophy of the other, so coinci- and to an extent is, needs only to recall that such great nat- it is governed by its conditions, so is it influenced by those time to that of the dark ages, or even another generation or there is, however, a difference in the scientist view of ev- assent to the conclusions of evolution and to insist that they die ages, or the rise and decay of former civilizations be so hension of spirit will be as universal as is now the cruder

cult to explain this difference to the non-Spiritualist. But equivalence, the processes, progress and differentiation of of the present time, which at a venture we may date from in error, and the avorage mind is not satisfied by the semisuperstitions of their creeds, and having had Spiritualism both schools, and which colors the expositions and literature system. Crystallization is the one process of form, from No thinker can ignore the evidence before us that this is generally diffused for only a generation, they cannot be exof both. This point is that this planet of ours was "made"- the simple to the complex. And individuality or variety is, a period of great mental activity, and of necessity underly. pected to be farther advanced. But note how liberal the and in the sense of a finished work. And this notwithstand- so to speak, but the arrest of development and the infinite ing it a condition of the planet and its forces that, contrasted young clergy to what their elders were fifty years ago. And ing all that science tells us of the geologic ages of the globe, play of this law of chemical equivalence. This harmonizes with the dark ages that preceded it, must be regarded as a what is true of the church people is largely so as to Spiritwith the hypotheses of science as to the homogeneity or cycle of light. And being so, the mental condition of all the ualists. To many, very many, a scance is more acceptable

> action along its traditional lines-the effect acting as a stim. What is the lesson? Instead of scolding, let us have more mediums, more phenomena, more patience, and the future For a homely illustration, but a familiar one: Take a party will console us by the retrospect of a marvelous growth of "the cause?" Let us consider the grades before we become uncharitable, pessimistic or censorious. And to be frank with ourselves, a very large per cent of objection, scolding and fault-finding is because the rank and file do not respond to the methods of the churches, to which so many of our socurse and swear, while a fourth will sing songs; some want called leaders have been in their formative life habits, accustomed. They must try and get up in the grades by the time next examination day cames round.

But our "application" seems like getting away from the evolution text-yet is only a parenthesis, the wider conception of cosmic things, showing that it is the planet that from nge to age controls the life upon it and as well the mentality of its populations-a broader view than that of the textbooks.

Buried cities have been discovered with relics of their civilization far back of any history or tradition. There were causes for their rise, decline and oblivion. Is not the spirit theory of cycles of light and darkness in which the planet passed and the consequent influence upon the mental development of its inhabitants more in harmony with the facts than the materialistic hypothesis that it was turned out Without going into more extended discussion, these sug- rendy made? The story of religion and the theories of science are in essence the same as to the beginning-that the charity for the differences and shortcomings of his fellows. planet is a flaished work. One says God regulates it, the One kind of corn in a field will produce a stalk from three to other that law governs through inherent forces in the finished product.

It is a curious thing that Lord Kelvin, the premier scien--owing to the kind of corn. People are from five to fifteen tist of the English-speaking world, in a recent address sugfeet high mentally, according to their kind-and manifest gests the presence of life on this earth of ours as having its origin in germs brought in meteorites from other planets.

As all sermons have an application, let us apply this to As the negro boy when told that Adam was made of mud velopment in the north temperate zone, and the influence of Spiritualists:"How many people in 1848 had any sort of an and leaned against the fence to dry, asked, "Who made the "And when this concept is taken in connection with the planetary conditions on human evolution needs no other idea of spirit except from graverard stories of ghosts, or of fence?" so we might ask Lord Kelvin, "How did the germs "witches. wawocks and long nebbed things," and like nurs- get on the other planets?" not putting the how they got away

ery tales. To this grade of mentality came the Hydesville from home against the pull of gravity. Sometime with the results of this law of equivalence, and analytic chemistry en- the air to breathe, the soil to yield and the climate that af raps. That dead people could make these sounds was to the permission of The Progressive Thinker it might be in order dorses the hypothesis consequently it is not only a fact, but fords the conditions, the law of valence supplies the forms of average mind of that day unthinkable. As Hamlet says, it to discuss the spirit theory of life's advent on our world. organic life suited thereto, and the human race and its ani- was "caviare to the general." A few that graded well up the but it is not now. It need only be said that Kelvin's face is The reader is familiar with the germ theory, and the elab- ma) competers have evoluted with the highest elements that scale of mental perception saw and understood, and they are turned from the old direction, and it only needs to substiorate illustrations by Hacckel, showing the sameness in ap- are present to them. This is the doctrine of evolution as it too as to the mass in a minority to-day. To reach this mass tute another source for the meteorites. It time it will all

form-life at all? It has been a curious fact in the study of And why, you may ask, does not the so-called scientific grades cannot grasp the underlying philosophy, and it is fu- But to close up: Just think back to 1848, and to the

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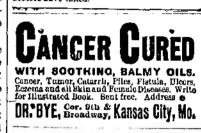
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Actins," through which all affictions of the rest granulated lide. cat-ness, granulated lide. cat-rest, so and ear, such as bilind-mess, granulated lide. cat-rest, so care ovus, dearness, etc., are cured without cat-ting or drugging. It is a simple country ance houses they are durough it the patients cure theomesive abolishes the butchedes and torturous meth-ode practiced by occlists, and surfist, but at the same time perfects a positive and lasting cure. How we do go and to the age. It eaved my eyes from an operation." Mr. F. W. Harwood, Spitusfield, Mass., says that "Actina" cured bilm of dearness of nine years' standing.

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form-life that almost the entire attention has been centered mind accept a theory so reasonable? Because of this very tile to attempt a cult in Spiritualism, until more people can that spirit return was an unthought of thing; that the mass in germ cells and cell aggregation as the seeming all of bi- law under consideration. Some do and some can't. To it- think spirit. What are creeds for? Simply to compel this of mind was opaque to such a conception. Then when it beology. This principle logically and practically culminates lustrate: Let us take mankind as we do a school or college, diversity of mind that cannot see alike to subscribe by faith gan to contemplate it, there was no apprehension as to a law in the jelly fish. But how about the other factor-the me. A mass of students enfer and are given the same curriculum to what they can't think, and thus accept the ideas of the or conditions. And bosts of even Spiritualists are not much chanical principle? When you come to individualize this of studies, and recite at the same time and in the same creed-makers, with "I believe." Creeds are like political advanced to day. As proof of it look at the discussion of protoplasmic congeries of cell life, to have it swim, crawl, study each day to the end of the term. On examination day platforms, devised to give profit to the builders. phenomena-materialization, etc. Beg pardon: there is

walk or fly, what do you require? A new power or another they are graded according to proficiency from zero to 100. The dark ages culminated about the time of the discovery nothing controversial in this, but to a person who knows maprinciple without which motion or movement in form is im- Some grade 25, some 50, some 80 to 90-and perhaps a of printing and of America. This period is what the literary terialization to be a fact, as truly as that Spiritualism itself possible-the mechanical principle as expressed in the joint prodigy is given 100. Why this difference? Simply a mat- and art world call the Rennissance, and the religious people is a fact, it is often times a question whether to sigh or laugh and lever-the ball and socket joint, and the muscle. See ter of capacity, or natural endowment, modified by tempera- the Reformation. In one direction it gave rise to Savona- over the ideas some people have of it, as disclosed by their the snake, a simple form of moving animal life. Thus or ment in exceptional cases-but all making up the individual. rola, Luther, Loyola, Menno Simons, Calvin, Knox and oth- test devices. Materialistic philosophy is spiritual compared ganic form-life is as much a thing of mechanical principles So with the body of a people. According as the person is ers. These were the forces that gave to their century its with them. But the theory of grades covers the case, as it as of the protoplasmic properties. And why this fact so born so is his grade.

creeds. They founded the basic concept of the orthodox does many other things, and throws over all the mantie of generally ignored by the evolution schools? Of course the It is not needed in this intelligent age to urge argument to creeds and power from that period to the present. These charity and faith in the growing light and intelligence of the "made" or theologic school is not in this discussion, as it is show that the planet at different epochs, as well as now in were followed at a later day by those who sought to reform present cycle—but in the morning of its evolutionary not sufficiently alive now to be anything more than a tradi- localities, furnishes the forces that produce higher and lower those creeds, people of a different grade, as George Fox, Ann power. SAR'GIS.

MAYDAY IN ST. LOUIS.

Celebration by the Lyceum of the First Spiritual Assaciation.

The First Spiritual Association of St. Louis celebrated the coming of May this year with such glad rejoicing--music, song and a dance around the bistoric Maypole-as would have cheered your heart to have witnessed. It was a grand success in every way, and took place in The Temple-the only church building in St. Louis sheltering the cause of Modern Spiritualism-and was witnessed by an intelligent audience. whose frequent applause testified their appreciation and enjoyment.

The rostrum and platform about it were profusely adorned and beautified with bot-house plants and flowers: the walls with trailing vibes and green growths of various kinds, from among which stood out, in bright and suggestive contrast, numerous American flags interspersed with World's Fair colorsthe first emblematic of our great free republic; the second of the enterprise of St. Louis, together alluding to and reminding of patriotic duty leading to

loyal, active, useful citizenship. Aiding these in carrying out this idea and as befits our progressive age, the same colors were pictured on the top and sides of the Maypole in buibs of living light which, flanked and assisted by other colored light, created a most artistic and beautiful ensemble and attractive stage effect.

Spiritualists, claiming to know the hest and nurest in religions, insisting that ours should be generally recognized as such; affirming that it demonstrates what all other religions could only believe and support by faith-that we are, in fact and truth, "immortals"-children of God in reality, and naturally, therefore, inheritors of divine attributes, what are we doing to assist our children to know and understand themscives as such-and the moral duties thus imposed upon them?

This is a hurning question, that ought to singe and scorch its way into the very souls of every parent Spiritualist.

We know that life is more than an opportunity for the selfish indulgences that occupy the chief, attention of the ceum superintendent and her husband,

laws of right and justice as we comprebend those things-and joined to a faith and confidence in the divine majesty ordaining all law, are more neces sary-are more efficient as ways and

means to the attainment of human happiness and ultimate soul success than all else.

As intelligent Spiritualists we know these truths-we teach and preach them-they are the very bone and marrow of our religion-it is that we may make these facts generally known that we associate burselves together-what are we doing, of a practical nature, to help our own children to realize thes truths---which shall help them to righteous, noble citizenship-to teach them what we profess to be of so much importance to all the world beside, and which shall properly fit them to go on with our work?

As exponents of a religious, reform tumed as of "ye olden time." But you should have seen the chilmovement we should know how important, as a factor of our success, is the educational work of the Sunday lydren seated at the long table in our lycoum, and that it is criminal in us to i coum room, and listened to their forful appreciation of the satisfying plenty of deny our children its opportunities. It is the mission of Modern Spiritual

vided as a sweet conclusion of this redism to save civilization-to retain and letter day in their lives. Here they were joined by every child in the audisecure unto humanity all that has thus far been gained by it and progress it to safer and nobler heights. Our children ence, who had been hunted up and carmust do this work and it is our unaried in by the superintendent, to take voidable duty to properly prepare them a free part in this free entertainment. for it assisted by the opportunities of-Whether of our persuasion or not, every child in the church had a share in this forded by the advanced methods of the feast, and you should have been here modern lyceum. Every child of a Spiritualist should be aided to the full en-Brother Francis, to have seen and felt joyment of this privilege and opportuhow they all enjoyed it.

This was strictly a children's affair, at which the older folks were secondary nity afforded by the weekly Sunday lyceum-in satisfaction of infant soul desires which should be gratified. and had no more part in than to serve, It was something of these ideas that look on and enjoy. While at the table, short addresses occasioned our Mayday festival, prompting the desire to attract popular attenwere made to the children by the super-

tion to the necessity for and value of lyintendent and some of the lyceum ceum work. teachers. Besides providing pleasure for our lycoum children, our association and the

public at large, this celebration was intended as an appeal to the thoughtful among-us, to awake to the imperativeness of properly supporting and encouraging this lyceum work.

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teachers and workers. To them all praise is due for this most memorable occasion in the history of Spiritualistic lyceum work in St. Louis. ering, on March 26, 1904: I never saw children enter into the

J. M. H.

It is with expressions of hearticht joy approach your atmosphere this morn-ilittle once entrusted to your care, bring sign my name, them up in wisdom's ways and in the spirit of a thing with such earnest zest before. What a crowning satisfaction ing and speak to you for a few moments it surely was to the invisible ones of my entrance into spirit life and the abiding with and near us, because of wonderful transformation which has their soulful interest in the educational come to me,

work of this association-as they When my eyes were opened to the re-bitter of addressing earth friends through this pen." It is none other looked upon what was taking place alities of spirit life I exclaimed, the half upon the rostrum dedicated to their has not been told! I was greeted on all own loving service. Great was their sides with exciamations of love. My joy, I know-and surely due them by us dear companion advanced to meet me, in partial acknowledgement of their and, oh, the joy of the reunion. I can-

helpful service and guidance. The children especially honored were wilderment, as I clasped hands with so modus operandi of this form of thought many old workers, friends and relatives conveyance. I might mention the Cecil Weatherwax as Queen of the May; Freda Rosenbaum as Spring, and Johnny Bertram as King-the two for they had all been told of my comtwo former most beautifully and approtwo former most beautifully and appro-ing. Dr. H. B. Storet, Ehen Cobb, Ja-zie Lincoln, Mrs. Lambert and several cob Edson, Dr. A. S. Hayward and com-of your East Hoston frienda, with the

Rev. Warren H. Cudworth, who is waypanion, Dr. J. D. Moore, William A. Rev. Warren H. Cudworth, who is way-Dunklee, Mrs. Clara Hi Bihks, Abby ing the star Spangled Banner, and says Judson, who advanced and presented me with a bouquet of forget the nots, my me with a bouquet of förgefine nots, my adds he has prepared an essay on "Spir-sout was filled with an ecatasy of joy it Life and its Possibilities," which he ice cream and cake that had been prowill sometime write through your hand, earth cannot conceive of. Finight mention other names, but suffice it to say I had a grand reception, al recompense large cloud of witnesses will be present for all my labors while in your midst. I at each meeting and I shall be present would that it stimulate all workers in in the old familiar halls and places of the fields of progression loud with all worship. I am very glad I can convey heir might what their hands have to these few rambling words through this do. The earth journey, is a short one at medium, whose pen so easily conveys the longest term of years, and spirit life my thought, and so convey this one is an unending state for spiritual work greatest truth of the interchange of

with advantages, and a high spiritual work present truth of the interchange of with advantages, and a high spiritual thought between the two spheres of ex-development and unfoldment impossi-listence. We are not dead, but alive to ble when clogged with material and all that pertains to your happiness, your physical environments. I was present last evening at the Last pearl of truth as it descends to your dies' Ald Society and noted the remarks minds from the portals of light, and

of each speaker and almost feit I could grasp every golden opportunity it is rise and speak again. "But my physical yours to possess, thus adding knowl-form was not there. Is it not natural edge to your faith which is enduring that at this time so near the anniver-and will not pass away.

"After Her Death. The Story of a into your midst and I sensed very keen. sister in this cause of humnnity, he sister in this cause of humanity, be Summer." By Lilian Whiting. No mind that loves spiritual thought can fail to be fed and delighted with this ly that I had got through my arduous faithful, let your light shine in all the duties with you? I momentarily feel dark places and satisfaction will be the sense of blessedness it is to look yours as you enter spir'd life. You will book. Beautiful spiritual thought, com-bining advanced ideas on the finer and into your faces once more and to see and you have taught the true gospel of thereon the look of goodwill and love peace as did the lowly Nazarene when for me and mine. Other workers and well wishers will more would I say but I am thankful for vidual Problems and Possibilities." By soon follow in my footsteps, for one by the present privilege, as I feel sure it wm. George Jordan. Another valuable one we cross the stream of death and will bear weight on many minds. I am little work. Price 20 cents. For sale at feel assured many loved ones are ready incl dead, only my late physical body this office.

ter, moral strength-obedience to the the their corps of efficient lyceum (MESSAGE FROM J. FRANK BAXTER, to welcome every soul new-born into died. My soul goes out in thankfulness The following message [Banner of this kingdom of peace and good will to to all who assisted at the funeral serv The following message [Banner of all. Light, Boston, Mass.] was written through the hand of Mrs. Mary F. Lov-ones left behind, a father's and a mothices and for the good wishes expressed I would be remembered by my dear by so many loving hearts.

Yours for the truth of Spirit Com-It is with expressions of heartfelt joy ler's blessing rest upon you and the dear munion and spiritual progression. I J. FRANK BAXTER.

knowledge of spirit communion. A dear brother of mine advances and

says: "Speak of me. I never had the Men my brothers, men the workers,

ever reaping something new; That which they have done but earnest He says, "I than Charles Sullivan. knew this instrument and had felth in of the things that they shall do; the writings given her." For I dipt into the future, far as human

not through another's pen describe the are penning these lines from me many saw the vision of the world, and all the spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the wonders that world have a spirits are advancing and watching the world have a spirits are advancing and watching the world have a spirits are advancing and watching the world have a spirits are advancing and watching the world have a spirits are advancing and watching the world have a spirits are advancing and watching the world have a spirits are advancing and watching the world have a spirits are advancing and watching the world have a spirits are advancing and watching the world have a spirits are advancing and watching the world have a spirits are advancing and watching the world have a spirits are advancing and watching the world have a spirits are advancing and watching the world have a spirits are advancing and watching the world have a spirits are advancing and watching the world have advancing advancing advancing advancing advanc Saw the heavens fill with commence,

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argosies of magic sails. names of Mrs. Helen M. Flint, Mrs. Liz-Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping zie Lincoln, Mrs. Lambert and several down with costly bales: Saw the heavens fill with commerce, and there rained a ghastly dew

From the nation's airy navies grappling 'Sing it at the coming anniversary; in the central blue; Far along the world-wide whisper of the

south wind rushing warm, With the standards of the people plung-Remember that in the coming week a ing thro' the thunderstorm: Till the war drum throbbed no longer, and the battle flags were furi'd in the Parliament of Man, the Federa-

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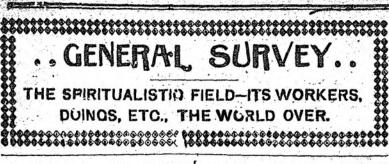
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ANNOUNCEMENT-Harrison D. Bartett is located in Syracuse, N. Y., for the months of April and May. He will be pleased to fill week evening engagenents within easy distance of Syracuse ipon reasonable terms. Address him at ince for dates and rates. Send all leters to Harrison D. Barrett, P. O. Box

162, Syracuse, N. Y. The Washington Times says: "Judge Scott in the police court to-day officially lecided that 'damn' is not a cuss word. Alfred Burnett, 104 years old, of Boston, Mass., said, 'Oh, damn it' in a street car ast night, and a plain clothes policenan arrested him. Mr. Burnett spent The the night in the station-house. uss words were spoken because the ild gentleman was taken past his destination. In the police this morning the judge not only discharged the prisoner, but reprimanded the policeman who arested the venerable stranger."

Dr. W. G. Thurber writes: "The reseption tendered to Dr. Peebles in Batle Creek, Mich., was a most brilliant The Doctor is very popular in uffair. Battle Creek, not only among Spiritualists but even the more liberal Christians, for he has been invited to deliver in address before the members of the Young Men's Christian Association. The Doctor is now reading the proof leaves of his over 100-page pamphlet apon Reincarnation; it is a kind of symposium. He has just put to press his work on 'Obsession, or Evil Spirits and their influences.'

For undertaking to hypnotize Postmaster D. W. Mahony in the postoffice f Passaic, John Nugent, an employe of

When writing for this paper use a pen or typewriter.

We go to press early Monday morn ing, hence communications intended for that current issue should reach this office not later than the previous Satur day morning. Bear this in mind.

nue, Thursday afternoon and evening, May 19. This is the first meeting of the benefit socials to be held this summer Mrs. Richmond will be present. We are to take our luncheon, and stay to Take due notice that items for this

page in order to insure insertion must the evening meeting." W. W. Aber writes: "I desire to say contain the full name and address of the to my many friends that I shall be at writer. Otherwise they may be cast

home, 3422 E 10th street, Kansas City Mo., during the St. Louis World's Fair. I have been informed by our local Fear will cause a sudden blanching, a agents that stop-overs will be allowed bloodless condition, which in the case on all excursion tickets. For other in of the brain, must certainly result in formation as to nights of seances, etc., please write to me at above address." anemia or inaction of its cells, which may remain as atonic or clonic spasm

J. O. Stephens writes from St. Joseph, of the vessels and where atonic, require Mo.: "Spiritualism is booming here special act of the operator to break First we have had Mr. W. C. Jessup of Chesterfield, Ind., trumpet medium, most of the time for the last three months, do not wish to miss a single number of The Progressive Thinker. I see the mawho has been giving seances around in private houses, which have been the terializing mediums have failed to remeans of many acknowledging the truths of spirit return. His seances spond to the challenge of those California gentlemen who are Spiritualists having aroused such an interest we conthemselves. The thinking people of all cluded to follow up his work with the shades of belief are watching and waitphilosophy; to this end we opened negoing to see if any materializing medium tiations with Mr. J. A. Bailey, and se will accept and prove the fact of matecured his services for one month. We rialization. If there is no acceptance are free to admit that he has exceeded of course there can be but one concluour expectations. His lecture last Sun sion, the mediums knew they could not day evening, on the 'Power of Thought, stand the critical ordeal. It is high was pronounced by our ablest Spirit-ualists, who have visited the various time for Spiritualists to demand that they do now come forward at once or camps, to have been the equal, if not suelse honestly confess their inability to perior to any that they had ever heard produce genuine phenomena. Keep the

He will remain with us for some time, matter constantly before the people, and make the case so plain that the meand will answer calls for week-day meetings or funerals within a reason diums will either have to give the tests able distance of St. Joseph, Mo." demanded or retire from the business The story is going the rounds that the The cause of truth demands it; the fate Czar of Russia employs a medium to tell future events. Of course she preof Spiritualism is now at stake. It is no little matter, but is one of the vital dicts success for Russia in the end, ssues that confronts the cause to-day." The Chicago Record-Herald says: "She Mary Webb-Baker writes: "The Proprojected on a screen a vague image from a luminous detail of which the gressive Thinker comes to me a most welcome visitor, whose columns eviczar was able to distinguish Port Ardence much activity along our lines, proving our cause not dead, but steadily thur in ruins and a fleet being blown up.

Finally the Japanese are seen with advancing, finding less and less resistdrawing from Korea with the victorious ance, as the enemy's ranks become im-Russian army crowning the heights be pregnated with the thought and teachhind." ngs of Spiritualism. May the years be There was a most beautiful and satismany through which The Progressive factory memorial service for Mrs. Eme-line S. Perkins, in lower Scottish Hall, Thinker will scatter the seed of pro-Sunday afternoon. On the platform Correspondent writes: "Sunday, May stands were exquisite bouquets of flow-, the Metropolitan Spiritualist Society ers; on the lower one callas in wing eld its regular meeting at St. George's shape, with marguerites, jelly flowers, Hall, and despite the inclemency of the and a fine, spray-like purple flower; weather, a good-sized audience was above these, a bank of callas, white pinks, and fine purple ones; and at the present and the messages from Dr. Burgess and the pastor, Mrs. Maggie Waite, top a vase bouquet of jelly flowers, fine

were never clearer or more accurate. purple ones, and pink carnations. Among those who paid their loving trib-The society will close its meetings for the summer, May 29, to reopen again ute to the departed were Mrs. Briggs, in the fall when Mrs. Waite returns Mrs. A. H. Harland, Prof. A. W. Wilson, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. H. Evans, Mrs. C. Wer-W. P. Clifford writes from Iowa: "I mouth, F. P. Cook, and Mr. Perkins, the shall obligate myself to secure subscriphusband, who also read a poem by his tions for The Progressive Thinker at sister, Mrs. Darling. There was an upall times, and wherever I may be, as I lifting influence through it all, and Mr. consider it the greatest of all liberators, Perkins feels greatly improved and ben and truth and happiness being the goal of our ambitions, we should all endeavefited by it .- The Truth, San Francisco. The Chicago Examiner relates an alor to spread the glad tidings, and try to most incredible story which comes from make our fellow-men happy and pros-perous in the welfare of one another, Hungary. A lady apparently died and vas buried. Ghouls wanted the valuthat the world may become better. Let able rings on her hand, so dug up the us all make an effort to stimulate Bro. ody, cut off three of her fingers, and Francis in his undertakings by doubling this brought her back to life. She the subscription list to The Progressive crawled out of her grave, was discov Thinker. While at Waterloo, May 1, 1 ered, and finally restored.

J. F. Snow writes from Philadelphia, Pa.: "I consider The Progressive Thinker a grand bureau of information on all subjects pertaining to our beloved philosophy. Such writings as come from Lyman C. Howe, lectures by Cora Richmond and others, are truly soul-inspiring. Then there is Hudson his pen are alone worth more to me

ticularly drawn to him."

AND ADDRESS WHEN SENDING NO-TICES AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR PUBLICATION, OTHERWISE THEY WILL FIND THEIR WAY TO THE WASTE BASHET

completes our engagement here, it is

with a feeling of reluctance we turn our back upon a pity where we have made many friends, and we shall miss the presence of those, we have learned to love through the law of association; but such is ife, and we try to make the best of it, hoping at some future time to meet the dear friends again."

"All things; both seen and unseen, are perfectly natural." declared Rev. G. E. Chesbro, as he lectured before the First Spiritual Mission of Los Angeles, at 181/2 South Spring street. Dr. Chesbro holds that there is no such thing as the supernatural, and, touching upon this point, he said: "Advocates of the old theology, which was good in its time, make the distinction of natural and supernatural; they are, therefore, forced to the conclusion, which they are comcelled to teach, that the natural or seen things are produced by the supernatu ral or unseen, which in my youth I was told was done by miracles in a very unnatural way. This could not possibly be. While it is true that the unseen things have been unfolded into external manifestation from the great deep sience of the unseen, yet it is not true that the supernatural ever produced the natural, because the supreme principle in the science of being teaches the ir refutable fact that nothing--no thingcan produce something wholly unlike it self. If there were a supernatural it would be wholly unlike the natural, and t could produce only its kind. There fore the unseen source of all manifest-ed existence must be just as much a part of nature as the seen things it has produced. Hence the element of power which a person is brought en rapport with the unseen world as a medium be-

ween that world and this on the plane of physical consciousness is just as natural as it is for a kitten to open its eyes after it is nine days old. The only difference is that the kitten lives in perfect accord with natural requirements, while humanity does not. Noah's character, whether real or ideal, was that of a medium between the unseen intelligence and that of the earth plane. Noah was a just man in his generation and Noah walked with God. according to the

Bible account," and the speaker maintained that when all mediums live such lives as his mediumship will be recog-Chesbro doe nized and valued. . Dr. not believe in the Spiritualism which claims materialization, and says the only way in which communion with the unseen world is to be had is through de velopment of the spiritual power which lies dormant in every human being, and may be awakened to a realization of the spirit world around it.-Los Angeles (Cal.) Express.

Sunday evening; May 22, Dr. G. B. Warne, president of the I. S. S. A., will address the Spiritual Progressive Soelety at 183 North avenue. Mrs. Nellie Metcalf, of Detroit, Mich., will make remarks and give tests and messages. Emily E. Philp writes: "The Englewood Spiritual Union will hold, on Sunlay evening, May 22, at Hopkins' Hall, 528 W. 63rd street, a Spiritual Christening and Confirmation Service, at which flowers will be used instead of water. Mr. Moore will lecture on the subject, Some Reasons Why.' He will also give a brief history of the various modes of baptism, and also defend the innovation caused by the use of flowers at christenng and confirmation services instead of the usual way of using water. ... Special

music will be rendered, and good and reliable mediums will be present, and follow the lecture with messages from spirit life.'

Mattie E. Hull writes of the death of Soul-inspiring. Then there is Hudson Tuttle. The articles that come from the Temple this forenoon, then the re- A gentleman who is a devout member mains were taken away. Mrs. Emery of an orthodox church lost one who was

ALWAYS GIVE YOUR FULL NAME can act upon the subjective mind of characters predisposed by environment and education to crime, often overpowering them with sudden desire to mur-der or steal, then it would be wise for the state to keep criminals bound to

physical life as long as possible in order that the perverted and undeveloped forces of their nature might be educated and trained to a high moral level.

When the necessity for this is seen some one will rise up with a method History proves that people as a whole always manage to get what they aspire for. Their prayers are answered the power of the omnipotent Intelligence that is latent in all things, manifest in all things and superior to all things."

R. C. Baird, secretary, of Elyria, Ohio, writes to remind all Ohio societies to be prompt in remitting per capita tax, as the books will be closed after the 23rd. A list of all members and officers should accompany same. Delegate credential blanks will be mailed to each society upon receipt of per capita tax. Send one to me for each delegate properly filled out; retaining one for each delegate.

Mrs. Irene Smith of Tacoma, Wash. will give a free illustrated lecture at 319 E. 55th street, the hall of the Hyde Park Occult Society, Friday evening, May 20, subject "Astrology, Phrenology and Palmistry." Do not miss this treat.

Mrs. Pettibone writes that her hus-band, Hatfield Pettibone, passed to spirit life in Boston, May 9. He was prominent as a medium for physical manifestations.

Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner, who been doing some excellent, work in Texas, will start for Chicago the first of June, and will stop off at places in Texas towards Illinois, if desired. Ad-

dress, The Temple, Galveston, Texas. Mrs. W. C. Mitchel writes from South Bend. Ind.: "I would like to tell those who are interested in Spiritualism of the rare treat we have been enjoying in our home. Mrs. Maggie Vestal has just left us after a sojourn of one week. Her stay was one of profit and pleasure to all those who attended her seances. They were mostly in the dark, but all private sittings were in the light. She is a genial, happy soul, and by far the finest trumpet medium I ever met. hope to have her in our home again before many months, and I can most cheerfully and conscientiously recommend her to all who are investigating and seeking the grandest truth that ever came to mankind."

Correspondent writes: "On May 22, before the Metropolitan Spiritualist So ciety over which Mrs. Maggie Waite is pastor, Mrs. Laura Fixen will lecture, followed by spirit messages by Mrs. Waite. On May 29 this society will close for the summer months or until the expiration of Mrs. Waite's camp engagement at Chesterfield, where she is engaged for the entire season as platform medium; opening its doors again in September."

Ella Wilson Marchant writes from San Bernardino, Cal.: "I have read 'Some Psychic Experiences of an Octogenarian,' by Prof. J. S. Loyeland, and find them well worth a perusal. Send 25 cents for a copy, and thus render a timely assistance to a veteran Spiritual 'ist, as well as securing a personal benefit. Address him at Summerland, Cal." K. G. Walker writes: "It is all very well to say that the philosophy of Spiritualism should, from its intrinsic merits, win converts, and that phenomena should take a subordinate place; but the truth of the matter is that comparatively few appreciate the philosophy. while the great world of skeptics must have the phenomena to convince them of the truth. For this purpose we must have test mediums; and among the very best are Mrs. Hamilton Gill and her brother, Mr. C. J. Barnes. Strangers bereaved of their friends never go Mr. Emery: "Mr. Emery has passed to them without receiving consoling

MATERIALIZATION.

A New Phase-No Entrancement of the Medium.

A new phase of spirit materialization has been displayed for more than a year past at P. L. O. A. Keeler's light circle seances in Washington, D. C. After the usual physical manifestations and the writing of messages, a final battery" is formed; then the gas-light is turned off and a lantern, opened and shut by spirit power, affords just light enough to distinguish faces and forms. This part of the seance thus becomes a materializing one, but the medium is

not entranced. He sits, as usual, in a chair in front of the cabinet, with a single person beside him, both enveloped in a sheet of dark cloth, with only their heads exposed.

Having attended many of these seances and having myself sat many times in the battery by the side of Mr. Keeler, I am qualified to testify concerning what I have seen and heard. Mr. Keeler is in his normal state just as I am. Apparently and avowedly he

knows no more about the mystery than do. A face appears as the curtain behind and above us opens. The name of the

deceased one is whispered or spoken aloud or the name of some one pres ent in the audience is called out. That person goes up to the cabinet. Generally the spirit cannot say much-fre quently not a word-but sometimes conversation occurs. I have heard it

carried on in foreign languages, the spirit speaking through the trumpet. The facial features of the spirit are not often as recognizable as would be desired, but in some instances they are so striking as to cause exclamations of joy and the shedding of tears.

In The Progressive Thinker of January 9, I described one of these materializations-the article headed "Spirit of Thomas Paine." He came pursuant to appointment. After showing his face and form he disappeared and presently manifested his presence again by deliv ering a speech of seventy words, which, according to promise, were written down in the cabinet exactly as spoken. The two sheets on which the words We were written were torn off the tablet, folded and passed over to me just be fore the seance ended. Paine spoke so slowly that his words could be taken down by an expert penman in plain longhand

Some of the spirits have come out from the cabinet and walked about the floor. General Grant came out in plain soldier's attire, escorted by another general who addressed the audience; but Grant was quite silent. These forms I could distinguish between me and the lantern. How they get out neither nor Mr. Keeler know. Generally we are not aware that they are out until the forms appear before us. And they return to the cabinet without disturbing us at all.

It is asserted by some that spirits cannot be seen with the physical eyes in their normal state. If so, then not only my eyes but those of every person who attends these seances are in an abnormal state. It is further asserted that a materialized spirit is without weight. Not so. Not only I but many others in my presence have been rough ly handled by stalwart ghosts at dark circles. And while sitting in the battery I have often felt the weight of the spirit hand or elbow on my shoulder. And did not Prof. Hare actually weigh the materialized spirits on scales? And do we not sometimes hear the heavy tread of a ghost?

Oh! the folly of denying spirit mate rialization visible to mortal eyes. They clasp hands with us, they walk forth, hey sit down, they dance to music, they talk. They are for the time being altogether human. I have kissed several of the female spirits, and others have done the same. It is no different from kissing mortal flesh.

WM. HENRY BURR.

SPIRITUALIST MEETINGS

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

The Church of the Soul, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, pastor, holds services every Sunday in Hall 309, Masonic Tem, ple, at 11 a. m. Sunday-school at 10 l. m.

First German Spiritualist Society on the West Side. Meetings every Sunday at 3 p. m. in Garselman's Hall, corner, Ashland avenue and W. 13th street.

The North Star Spiritual Union holds services at Perl's Hall, 1546 Milwaukee avenue, every Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. E. J. Hanson, pastor.

The Hyde Park Occult Society holds regular Sunday evening services, 7.45 o'clock, at Alliance Hall, between Kimbark and Monroe avenues. Jackson Park cars pass the door. The best tal-ent available will be secured for all meetings. To spread the truth is the object of this society. Address all com-munications to Mrs. Isa A. Cross, corre-monding secretary 560 Meet 55th check sponding secretary, 560 East 55th street, Entrance to hall, 319 E. 55th street,

The Light of the Truth Society meets. each Sunday at the northwest corner of 17th street and Cottage Grove avenue; Conference at 3 p. m., and lecture and tests at 8 o'clock. Mrs. M. A. Burland, pastor.

The Progressive Society holds serve ices every Sunday at 183 East North avenue, corner Burling, at 3 and 8 p. m. Good speakers, tests and messages at every session. Mrs. Hilbert. pastor. The Englewood Spiritual Union holds meetings at Hopkins' Hall, 528 West Sixty-third street, every Sunday even-ing at 8 o'clock. Conference in the **af** ternoon at 3. The Ladies' Auxiliary meets every Thursday afternoon at same number. Harry J. Moore, lecturer.

New Thought services conducted by Julia M. Learnered, at 7:30 o'clock ev-ery Sunday evening, at 720 West Madison street, third floor.

The German-English Soclety Bund der Wahrheit No. 18, holds services every Sunday evening at 7:30 in Brandt's Hall, 152 E. North avenue, between Halsted and Clybourn; and every Wednesday evening at 7:30 in Garfield Turner Hall, corner of Garfield and Larrabee streets. Emil T. Vaas, lecturer; Frank Joseph, medium.

The Spiritualistic Church of the Students of Nature hold services at Nathan's Hall, 1565 Milwaukee avenue, corner Western avenue, Sunday even ings, 7:30 p. m. Mrs. W. F. Schumacher, pastor. The Church of the Psychic Forces

holds services at Wilcox Hall, corner Champlain avenue and 43d street, every. Sunday. Conference at 3 p. m. Lecture at 8 p. m. The hall number is 361-363 East 43d street. Conducted by Mrs. Isa Cleveland.

Church of the Spirit. Services are held every Sunday in the Schiller Building, 109 Randolph street, Suite 301 and 302. Conducted by Prof. William Fitch Ruffle, at 2:30 and 7:30

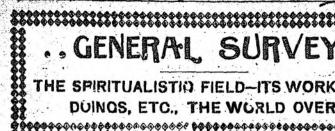
Church of the Spiritual Truth holds meetings every Sunday evening at 7:30 at 962 Milwaukee avenue, near North Paulina street. Mrs. J. DeLong, pastor. Spiritual Church, Licht und Wahrheit, meeting every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in Wicker Park Hall, 501 W. North avenue. Lecture and tests by Mrs. Th. Loll and Mrs. J. Villroak. Church of the Spirit Communion,

Kenwood Hall, 4308 Cottage Grove avenue. Conference and messages at 3 p. m.; lecture at 8 p. m. Messages by H. F. Coates and others. Good music. The Spiritual Unity Society holds

meetings every Sunday at 3 and 7:30 p. tests by Prof. R. S. Ray, pastor. Central Spiritual Church will hold

services every Wednesday afternoon and evening at Taskinge Hall, Thirtyfirst street and Archer avenue. Conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Howes.

The Universal Oc Society holds its meetings at No. 77 East Thirty-first street, Hall "C," every Sunday afternoon and evening, the rion. Robert Gilray, pastor. The renowned medium, Charles J. Peterson, psychic. Conference at 3 p. m. Regular service at 8 p. m. A Spiritualist Temple has been opened by Mrs. Schwann, at 523 Belmont avenue. Services held every Sunand Thursday evening at 8 day o'clock. Tests and music at every service. The Rising Sun Spiritual Mission holds its meetings every Sunday at 2:30 and 7:45. Sunday school at 1:30. Star Lodge Hall, 378 S. Western avenue. All welcome Church of the Spirit. Spiritual services are held at Schiller Hall, at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Psychometric reading and messages given to all attending, through Wm. Fitch Ruffle, psychic. The Independent Spiritualists meet every Sunday, 8 p. m., 6991/2 N. Clark street. Mrs. W. Brockway with "proof positive tests" which dumfound the skeptic and set the serious to thinking. Spiritual Science Society meets every Sunday from 2 to 10 p. m., at Arlington Hall, N. W. corner of 31st street and Indiana avenue. Admission to afternoon meetings, free; evening service, 15 cents. Mrs. Dixon and her daughter, when the child wonder, will always be in attendance. Others will assist. These Many meetings will be continued all summer. Dr. Beverly, president, No. 44 East 31st street.



the office, was requested to walk out. He went home and two hours later became so violently insane that arrangements were made to send him to the sylum in Morris Plains. Nugent has been interested in hypnotism for several months, and during that time he has been taking lessons with Professor Tony Frylinck, a local lecturer on the subject. Frylinck some time ago warned the young man to drop the matter, but Nugent persisted in practicing upon friends. He would stop people in the streets and ask them if they were aware that he was able to hypnotize them When Nugent reached home he tried to hypnotize the chairs in the oouse. Word was sent to the family physician, who, after a hasty examination, declared that Nugent was insane. -Chicago American.

Edson A. Titus writes from Hamilton. Ontario: "On Sunday, May 1, Oscar A. Edgerly began a five Sunday engagement with the First Spiritualist Society of Hamilton, Ont. On Sunday, May 8 he gave the fourth lecture of the series of ten. We find Mr. Edgerly to be a trance speaker of marked power and eloquence. In the four lectures given we have listened to the expressed thought of three different spirit intelligences each of whom must have been an orator of eminence when in earthlife. The lectures have been philosophical, logical, convincing. I write the above that all the readers of your valuable journal may know what a grand and helpful instrument for the dissemination of spiritual truths the spirit world has in the mediumship of Mr. Edgerly. We all regret the shortness of his present enand will prevail ... gagement with our society, and we hope and expect to secure his services for a much longer engagement as soon as he has time that is available."

The Medical Summary of Philadelphia says: "The power of one mind over another is a subject always interesting when restricted to its legitimate medical and scientific aspect, and it it a notable fact that with many persons. this undefined force, or power, is sup posed to be restricted, largely to the human species in its relation to hypnotism. This, however, is not so. That, at least, some of the lower animals can be hypnotized, was discovered almost as soon as anything was known about the subject. Researches by M. N. Vaschide, having proved that a definite power of the human eye can be made to act, as a true anesthetic, paralyzing brain action in animals as well as man. He has, likewise, shown that its mechanism is real and hypnotic; he has experimented largely on frogs. In further proof of the value of the experiments, it is has been observed that the various attitudes taken by the frogs are characteristic of those strikingly taken in the human subject, the victim of hysteria. The analogy, therefore, being complete, inasmuch as it at once points strongly and wholly to the nervous system as to one altogether at fault in hysteria. It further, and likewise suggests that hypnotism may not be far removed and may, indeed, be akin to fear, or anemia, sudden anemia of the brain, for stimulation always awakened the frog, either by alcohol, ether or, chloroform, heat doing the same and cold favoring the sleep. Take, for instance, a wild beast, and how it will quail by looking, it steadily in the eye; is not the beast's fear here manifest and is this not sudden hypnotism? 2157 W. Monroe street, near 42nd ave-

ody is welcome."

this side and may their efforts add stars to their eternal crown. H. F. Coates writes: "Moses Hull will lecture for the Church of Spirit Communion, Kenwood Hall, 4308 Cottage Grove avenue, Sunday, May 22, at 3 p. m. Subject, The Resurrection of Jesus in the Light of Modern Spiritualism; at 8 p. m., Biblical and Modern Spiritualism Compared. A musical programme has been prepared for this occasion. Come early to both meetings and get a

seat."

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did discourse by Rev. Moses Hull, the

old wheel horse and champion debater

equal as a debater and expounder of

Medern Spiritualism of to-day, and the

duties we should all endeavor to per-

form and carry out. We wish him and

Mrs. Hull many years yet to work upon

in the Spiritualist ranks. He has no

biblical truths, in our opinion, and

the route traveled by the boy. This is what they discovered: The somnambu-A. C. Doane writes from Summerland, list left his bed, secured a brace and bit and went to the postoffice, four blocks Cal.: "In The Progressive Thinker of May 7, it is said, that according to Bibaway. Securing a box he climbed high enough to bore holes through a door lical record. Jesus materialized and permitted one doubting Thomas to feel and turn the lock. Then entering he of the wound in his side, and put his went to a delivery window, climbed eight feet into the private office, and fingers in the nail holes, etc. On this ancient story rests the orthodox proof bored three holes into a cash drawer .of immortality. Now which is most reasonable, to believe there was a holy Chicago Tribune.

Prof. B. F. Mundell writes approvingvirgin, the mother of that Jesus, whom ly of the good work done by Mrs. Vir-ginia Bryan at Wichita, Kansas. He we must believe in or be damned, or believe our own developed spiritual says: "She is certainly an able talker senses. As to materialization, I now it and one who interests her audience to be a fact through others as well as from the beginning to finish." myself. Self-cultivation and unfold-Felix writes from Milwaukee, Wis. ment of the moral and spiritual senses 'In my estimation the apologists for of each individual is necessary to reveal fraudulent conditions for materializa

the truth to all minds, be they spirits or tion are getting the worst of it. It bemortals, and that is the mission of gins to look as if the materializing me-Spiritualism, and it came on earth to diums must show up something besides stay, and revolutionize the priestcraft their stock argument about not 'making of all nations. We have only felt the merchandise of their gifts.' Mr. James token of the coming thunderstorm in this Keck cleaves that argument or objec-tion from crown to toe. Mr. Hale will freedom-loving republic, for it will yet storm the stronghold of falsehood on doubtless give them proper conditions earth, and establish the universal refor materialization. I think the more public of the brotherhood and sister we get these fakers on the run the bet

hood of humanity; for truth is mighty ter it is for Spiritualism." Dr. Beverly writes: "The Spiritual Science Society has plenty of room in Dr. P. S. George writes from Lincoln, Neb.: "Max Hoffmann left Lincoln last Arlington Hall, 31st street and Indiana Tuesday for Des Moines, lowa, and avenue, and will introduce many new other points in that state. He will also features. Every Sunday evening after fill engagements in Illinois and Wisconthe regular services some physical sin, and expects to return here about manifestations will be introduced. the first of October to remain until next Next Sunday evening a slate-writing sesummer. Max is an indefatigable workance in the light by one of the best meer and his work here has resulted in diums before the public. The services much good for the cause,. One evening in the afternoon are free and physical exercises will be taught the children by last week his many friends arranged to surprise him at his rooms. Fifty or sixty in number gathered there and a competent teacher, and many other new attractions will be introduced by they had a merry time, a splendid lunch the Sunshine Club. Booths for readings heing served. Before the closing of the will be occupied from 2 to 10 p. m. by affair the surprise was made complete competent mediums and palmists, so evwhen a committee marched into the ervone désiring may obtain a private room with a most elegant upholstered eading. Come early and bring your hair valued at \$40, and in a neat little lunch. Free tea and coffee. Our next speech by a Mr. Beal it was presented party will be Saturday evening, June 4, and it will be a swell affair. We have to Max in appreciation of his labor in this city. It required some little time before he could get himself in shape to the finest talent and will satisfy everyone present." speak in appreciation of this gift. He

Laura G. Fixen writes of her travels will always be received in Lincoln with in Australia: "My whole journey was a warm welcome by his many friends." one grand reception. I never met finer W. F. Schumacher writes: Sunday people.

evening, May 8. Brother Coe gave an interesting talk before a number at the Nellie S. Baade writes from New Orleans, La.: "Tuesday evening, May 3 Students of Nature. He will lecture on one of the most enjoyable events of th the 'Echoes of the Past, Present and season was the social at the home of Future,' Sunday evening, May 22, for Mr. and Mrs. Henry, given in honor of the Church of the Students of Nature the Spiritualist Society of this city. 1565 Milwaukee avenue, assisted by There was a large attendance. The other mediums. This church will close cause is prospering at the present time with a large attendance at each session. its services the last Sunday in May for the season. Will open again the first The challenge to debate with Dr. Co Sunday in September, conducted by its burn attracted to hear us defend and astor, Mrs. M. Schumacher. Lvery champion Spiritualism, many who are Mrs. L. LeSieur writes: "Mrs. C: H now regular attendants at . our meet-Mullins wishes to extend a cordial invi-tation to all the members and friends ings. As the Doctor refused to meet us in debate our guides discussed the ques-

tion alone, and it has made several new of the Band of Harmony to her home,

goes to live with her soon to be his bride. His bereavement large attendance at the funeral. Mr. Fulton, the administrator of the Pratt threw him into hopeless despair. A

Albany, Mo .- While walking in his friend of ours finally persuaded him to sleep Hardin Hughes broke into the estate, was one of the bearers. He is a accompany him to Mrs. Gill's, who was postoffice yesterday marning and was Methodist, and I understand one of the greatest opposers we have in the whole trying to open a cash drawer when he woke up. Frightened at his predicatown. He talked with Mr. Weaver. afment the youth ran home and told his father, a Baptist minister, of what had terwards with Mr. Hull and I. He said, I thought you had a very nice service. I was highly pleased.' Of course we occurred. Father and son then aroused were pleased to hear these words." the postmaster and with him traversed

All mail for E. W. Sprague and wife, he N. S. A. missionaries, should be addressed Rochester, Ind., until May 1. After that date 618 Newland avenue Jamestown, N. Y.

Harry J. Moore desires to thank the many friends who have written to him expressing their, sympathy and hope for his speedy recovery from his late illness. Mr. Moore takes this way of expressing his appreciation for the interest shown in him as it will be impossi

ole for him to answer each individual by letter, and follow out the instrucions given him by his physicians. The annual convention of the Kansas

State Spiritualist Association will take place in Security Building, Seventh and ansas avenue, lopeka, Kansas, June 3 o 6, 1904. President A. Scott Bledsoe, Topeka; vice-president, H. H. Benson, Frainfield: treasurer, John Bever, Stering. The following persons will par icipate in the exercises: Judge H. H. Benson, Mrs. Incz Wagner, Bessie Bell-man, Etta S. Bledsoe, Frank T. Ripley, A. Scott Bledsoe and others.

C. H. Mathews writes from New Phildelphia. Ohio: "If any of your readers ecture by Rev. J. E. Roberts, of Kansas No. 565 (Sept. 22, 1900) a prediction is files, as I do, will find many valuable, practical suggestions and predictions. that will astofish those who do not know that "The things which are seen

are temporal,' but the things which are not seen are eternal!' " Walter De Voe writes in the Chicago Daily News as follows: "It is the belief of thousands of persons that the spirit or character of a person persists after the death of the physical body continues to exist as an intelligent entity in the more ethered atmosphere of the earth and influences for good or evil the thoughts and morals of humanity.

The evidence proving this to be true, is so strong that, after much investiga-tion, such authorities in exact science as Prof. William Crookes, F. R. S., Prof.

Alfred Russel Wallace and Camille Flammarion, to mention no others, acknowledge that they are converted to a belief in immortality and spirit return. The Psychic Research Society com-

posed of the most advanced scientific minds of the day, has accumulated volumes of evidence showing how people are influenced by their friends or enemles from the spirit side of life. The murder of murderers by the state ap-pears as a double or me in the light of this theory that immortal characters do not lose their influence over mortals. when they drop the physical form by: death. If the mental hody of criminal converts to the cause. As this month energy is set free by death so that it

an entire stranger to him. The visit brought the most satisfactory results The dear one came to him and gave absolute proof of her identity. His gloom is gone, and he now goes on his way rejoicing. And this is only one instance in hundreds. Mrs. Gill gives two test circles a week- on Sunday and Thursdaly evenings, and no one ever away from these meetings without a test. Sometimes these tests are very amusing. On a recent Sunday one of the controls said to a fine-looking gentleman present: 'Dear me, if the folks knew what you are, they'd be careful to behave themselves. You're a detective and I can see your star inside your coat.' The man laughed, and said the spirit detective was right, and turned back the lapel of his coat to show his star. He said he had never attended a Spiritualist meeting before. Barnes is a fine psychometric reader. and his presence adds much to the in terest of these meetings. Mrs. Gill and Mr. Barnes will attend camp-meetings this summer, and would be glad to make engagements in neighboring states. Their address is 522 West Mon roe street, Chicago." ILLINOIS ITEMS.

Missionary work has its disadvan

tages as well as benefits. Hardly do the missionaries leave the field before good, bad and indifferent mediums put lesire an intellectual treat, let them re- in an appearance eager to make the er back to The Progressive Thinker of newly awakened activity tributary to March 16, 1901, and read over again the their own pockets. Brother and Sister Sprague have just organized a society City, Mo. It impressed me then; it will at Danville, Ill., and now even some of bear reading again. To refer back to the Spiritualists there are debating asking the city council to fix a license tax made my Franz Petersiliea and in- as a partial barrier against the incomdorsed by A. H. Nicholas, in regard to ing of undesirable hordes. The press building materials.¹ See sixth column, of that city are reaping a harvest from first page. Those who can refer to the advertisements, varying from four lines to a column in length, announcing 'ev erything from the cradle to the grave. offering advice on love, marriage, business, finding stolen goods, health, good luck and success.

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MORTUARY.

Seldom have there been more sincener expressions of sympathy than these sent forth by the Spiritualists of all parts of Chicago to Prof. and Mrs. R. S. Ray, of 207 Lincoln avenue, on account of the death of their nine-year-old son and only child, Robert W. Ray, His unusual brightness and inherent manligoes ness had won for Robert the genuine regard of the many who had met him at the week day and Sunday services held by his father as well as at the monthly meetings of the Chicago Spiritualists' League. Always interested in what was going on, but never forward in manner, he was a favorite with all who knew him. He seemed endowed with an innate sense of his personal responsibility for the entertainment of everyone. Born on March 29, 1895, Good Friday, he passed out on April 1, 1904, Mr also Good Friday. For some time he had suffered from valvular heart trouble which caused the death of his mortal body. In the early part of his sickness he told his mother he was go-ing to die. Weeks before the last illness he told one morning that he had seen a recently deceased schoolmate beckoning him to join him, and told he had been dreaming, insisted that he was awake and sitting up in bed when he saw the vision. friends sought to brighten the hour of orrow for that home by tender offices

and lavish bestowal of beautiful floral offerings. Impressive were the services conducted by Mrs. Cora L. V. Rich-mond at the house and also at the mortuary chapel of Graceland Cemetery, where in accordance with the child's expressed wish his body was laid to rest three weeks later. Such spirits as he make up the kingdom of heaven.

Mrs. Martha E. S. Root passed from nortal life at her home in Bay City, Michigan, on Saturday morning, April 2, 1904, in her sixty-sixth year. After memorial services on the following Monday, conducted by her old friend, Mrs. Mary L. Doe, assisted by Mrs Perry and Mrs. Knaggs, her body was

taken to Detroit for cremation and its ashes now repose in an urn in the li-brary of the home which her individual resence so long graced and gladdened. Her personal character, broad sympa thies, intellectual power and spiritual endowments made her a tower of strength to every cause she championed. She was prominently identi-fied, often officially so, with the Equal Suffrage Association, the Woman's Press Association and the State Federa tion of Women's Clubs in Michigan, a well as with the work of the W. C. T. U. Her wide influence was always exerted in behalf of a Spiritualism that is true, honorable, pure and of good report Personal friends, widely scattered, mourn their loss in the passing of this

noble woman, but rejoice that she herself has found the shelter of the peaceful haven for which she longed in count less hours of suffering. A helper here she will continue to be a worker there Warm sympathy will go out to the hus band who was her companion for thirtyone years. He will often realize he

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May 21, 1904.

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This department is under the man-

Address him at Berlin Heights, Ohio.

NOTE-The Questions and Answers

have called forth such a host of re-

spondents, that to give all equal hear-ing compels the answers to be made in

the most condensed form, and often clearness is perhaps sacrificed to this

forced brevity. Proofs have to be omit-

sertive, which of all things is to be dep-

recated. Correspondents often weary with waiting for the appearance of their questions and write letters of in-

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

not be read. If the request be made, the name will not be published. The correspondence of this department has

become excessively large, especially let-

ters of inquiry requesting private an-swers, and while I freely give what-

ever information I am able, the ordi-nary courtesy of correspondents is ex-

Editor: Q. Does not the press ex-

There is no question of the power

ert a great moral influence?

HUDSON TUTTLE.

anonymous letters. Full name and ad-

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The supply of matter is ilways

HUDSON TUTTLE.



Mrs. Wharton, their conductor, is a very

able woman. Assisted by Mrs. Buten-

hagen and Mrs. Jackson, they are pre-paring for a May festival, the children

taking a great interest in the work, and

their leaders are certainly to be con

gratulated. The new society at Wellington, is do-

ing a good work, they are interesting

ism, and it means something to be a

Spiritualist in a town where the fires of

the old "material hell;" have not died

out, and the reverendarpreach it as one

ciety May 1, and also at Wellington, do

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est and spiritual. She has organized

several new societies in the past four months, and goes to Geneva, Ohio, to

organize a new society, Sunday, May 8

Other societies have been organized

and reinstated by the work of the state

missionaries during the past few

The lyceum here under the direction of Miss Laura Winslow, is doing well,

for the benefit of the lyceum. We use

Mr. Ring's Progressive Lyceum paper,

and find it very instructive; they also

want to say, all hall! Lizzle Harlow;

tions for it. Away with such nonsense.

for protection? The surest proof to me

of good mediumship is to see man or

woman investigate and know for them

selves. Knowledge is what we want

faith I can stand-and there are many

who are so honest and yet lack a desire

to study the laws which control. They are stupid. My friends, came to me not

stock messages, saying some of them

for one have stood all the old blind

and is to give a Mayday entertain

months.

many who knew nothing, of Spiritual-

PUSHING THE WORK. PRINCIPLES OF NATURE.

The Philosophy of Modern Thought Critically Considered.

as infallible, to disparage all facts con-flicting with its chropology, byt the ev-I have read with interest an article idences of the vast antiquity of man have become unanswerable. The pyrby W. M. Strong, of Hamilton, Can., en-titled the Philosophy of Modern amids were old before authentic his tory, and beneath their base lies the

Thought. He defines substance as the phenomena of an inner working power, and that power is omnipotent. That nature abhors a vacuum, and therefore never permits one.' These are his premises briefly stated. That there is nothing; greater : than

mains of human art have been found at such depth as to place the age of these remains. Calculated from the annual thickness of the layer deposited, these truth is a self- evident fact. is my premise. I have no prejudices against modremains must have been at least one ern thought, so far as it is true and practicable. In this sense it is like an ancient thought, only valuable for its usefulness. I regard the soul as a vacuum," and herein appears the impossibility of it. The sublime and ridiculous are so closely united that sometimes one is taken for the other. Modern philosophy (?) backed by scienco (?) says there are no vacuums, ilso that nature abhors, vacuums, Now f nature abhors vacuums, it is self-evi dent there must be vacuums to abhor,

for how can nature abhor that which has no existence. It is not possible to conceive of a thing which has no foun dation or existence. The supernatural is denied also, and that itself shows the weakness and nakedness of philosophy. The soul is the ice age, or drift. Here years be-came as moments and are counted by supernatural, and is a vacuum, but it is not given to ordinary minds to know From the first introduction, when For how can the natural mind be this lieve in that which nature abhors? We

man appears coarse and heavy of bone, thick of skull, a brawny animal,, able to instinctively try to destroy that which kill single-handed with a stone or club we abhor, and the mind that rejects a the bear or wolf which disputed. proposition is at variance therewith his cave-dwelling, to the present there has been a continuous advance. There has and its thought is that of destruction. No man can conceive of the supernat ural, unless that he have something in been at no time a "fall"; at no time a "universal deluge." himself in harmony with the idea. The The savage races of the present are

soul is a vacuum. It contains the Ego superior to their past estate. Not one its maker which is supernatural be cause nature cannot destroy it. In nature things are moved by contact and by impact. Operations by contact are downward. We cannot operate upwards save as we receive that which is supe rior from above by impact. This is the way of the spirit. This nature in which we now exist is

not infinite. There are other natures. This is a peculiar one in which motion is the law. Perfection of motion is the ultimate of this nature. Perfection is

A little farther on Mr. Strong states that "There can be wather "There can be nothing more contrary to natural law than the thought of the infinite principle of life destroying or planning to destroy itself. I hope our friend will not have the inconsistency to aver that as there can not be a vacuum in nature, therefore there is no such thing as destruction in nature, because all averred, destruc-

vacuum While it may be a scientific fact that all life is one, as in the aggregate, yet science does not teach that one life is

is this true of the human family, but of

which is to say a unit is equal to the

LETTER TO A MINISTER. Energetic Leaders in the Front, in Ohio. in Which Life In Various Aspects Is

The work in our georious cause is progressing in Ohio, Hader and O. S. A. as never before. Our carnest worker, In the clipping I enclose you will note a report of "an unusual number of sul-cides, at least half of them due to deand honest medium, Miss Carrie F. Cur ran, state president, has done more for spondency because of inability to sethe O. S. A. than allsher predecessors and the good work is still boing on. cure employment," Still every step to reduce the hours is vigorously opposed must speak of the good work being done in Sandusky, Irving Jackson, presby employers. Are Christian employ ers generally to be found urging this re ident. They have a fine seclety and form? I know that in the printing busi are doing a grand work. Three weeks ness, religious papers, etc., are noted for paying low wages, though there are ago I went to serve the andlety there and organized a lyconmolithey opened their -lyceum with a fifteen children. exceptions, of course. I suppose most of them have a struggle for existence, May 1 I served that society again, and anyway. they then numbered twenty-five and added several more binat . day. Mrs

Presented.

The views and position of a church are governed largely by its officials and surroundings. For instance, slavery was a divine institution in the South be fore the civil war.

From another clipping enclosed "Men who seem to be right" in every particular, honest, truthful, will do anyone a favor, but-they never go to church."

As you have pointed out, character is not a matter of "church membership. This is shown plainly in "That Printer "Udell's" and "The One Woman."

In churches confining themselves to the giving of moral lessons and the pointing out of the folly of wrong-doing, ttendance must surely be beneficial; but where efforts are made to instill be liefs contrary to reason, mental harm seems inevitable. Can you reap truth when you plant error-"figs from thistles?"

There should be a mighty influence for good in neighborhood organization to promote purity and righteousnes Possibly the movement to unite the churches may ultimately bring this about in an effective manner. The greater toleration necessary may finally result in honesty and sincerity being made the only test, with the genuine use it in Sandusky. I saw by your valuable paper the stand Lizzie Harlow has taken, and I desire for the moral advancement of humanity being accounted sufficient, regardless of belief, either in Christ as the Savior, or in the sacredness of the when one so noble and grand, used by the angel world to proclaim freedom Bible. To-day the progressive minister or church-member occasionally feel from the slavery of ignorance, comes that he has grown so far beyond the doctrines of the church that he must out for and in defense of the truth, I feel I and my good husband are not the leave it or be forced out. "He can't go back!" Sometimes the result is the only ones who cry fraud. There are so many Spiritualists, who claim that if founding of an independent church, the you look for fraud you make the condiexistence of which depends upon the power of the minister to hold together Must we not use our own mediumship sufficient number of followers able and willing to support it.

There is a saying which is in substance: "Fools can ask questions which wise men may be unable to answer. Yet it would be exceedingly unwise to draw the inference: "Never ask ques-tions, lest thou be considered a fool." What kind of a story would there be of long ago feeling very anxious because I had said some of the old mediums used the world's progress had there been no inquiring minds? The minister who recommended the corrupt politician eviwill hear of it and they, will all work will hear of it and they will all work against you and ruin your mediumship. I said, if my mediumship, what little I have (for I am only à beginner), de-pends upon favors from such a source as that to further my gevelopment, the sooner they know it the better. And I do not fear, for as the old Ro-man judge said. If it be of God or truth, it will send, and my source as the source of the sou dently had not investigated sufficiently must confess, however, that I do not know how much to believe about political candidates, because of so much lying and so much concealment. Still it is rarely that I vote a straight ticket.

Some of the accepted teachings in the churches to-day were the heresies of the past; may not some of the heresies of the present become the acknowl edged truths of the future?

man judge said. If it be of God or truth, it will stand; and my, spirit mother would not forsake her child because she sought to ind, the truth, Neither would any honest friend. I hope and pray Mr. Hate may find sound one who will accept his offer, but I fear not. ANNA E, BAIRD. Is it contrary to Christian ideals to think of Christ having especial pity for such as Judas Iscariot, who allow avarice to overcome them despite their great opportunities. Judas repented. and sought death—inflicted upon him-self the penalty which the law yet metes out to the murderer. (Did he believe he was going to eternal punish-ment?) He had no priest to convert him and to assure him of Divine for-

giveness. Whenever any great work for hi



Send in Your Dates and Names of Sec retary at Once.

Interest in the various Spiritualis camp-meetings has commenced, and secretaries of the same should report at once to this office, so that proper cor rections as to dates, etc., can be made

Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa. The camp session of the M. V. S. A. Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, will open July 31 and close Aug. 28. For programmes address Mollie B. Anderson secretary, Clarksville, Mo.

Maple Dell Park, Ohlo.

The American Spiritual, Religious and Science Union will hold a camp session t Maple Dell, commencing July 24 and closing Sept. 1. Lucy King, corresponding secretary. Address with stamp, Box 45, Mantua, Ohio. The grounds will be open for family reunions, Sunday-school picnics, and Sunday meet ings, etc., from June 1 to Sept. 15.

Chesterfield, Ind.

Chesterfield (Ind.) camp-meeting opens July 14 and closes August 28. For programs and other information ad-dress Lydia Jessup, secretary, Chesterfield, Ind.

Forest Home, Mich.

The fifth annual camp-meeting opens at Snowflake, Mich., July 31 and closes Aug. 21 Write to Mrs. Ruth Eastman, secretary, Mancelona, Mich., Box 69, for full particulars.

Unity Camp-Meeting. The Lynn Spiritualists Association will hold meetings every Sunday at Unity Camp, Saugus Center, Mass. commencing June 5 and ending Sept 25. For full particulars address Mrs. A. A. Averill, 42 Smith street, Lynn, Mass.

Freeville, N. Y.

The dates for the Central New York Spiritual Association Camp-meeting, at Freeville, N. Y., are from July 23 to Aug. 22. four weeks and five Sundays. Owing to the protracted and severe illness of our secretary, Miss Victoria C. Moore, I am acting secretary, to whom all letters pertaining to the camp should be addressed. W. W. Kelsey, President, Cortland, N. Y.

Lake Brady, Ohio.

The Lake Brady Spiritualist Campmeeting opens July 3 and closes Sept. For full programme address A. G. Keck, Akron, Ohio.

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> than the thought of the infinite principle of life destroying or planning to de troy itself, which I take to mean that he believes the principle of life is inde-

CAMP CHESTERFELD, IND." The fourteenth annual camp-meeting of the Indiana Association of Spiritualists, (Camp Chesterfield) opens on Thursday, July 14, and closes August structible, a principle never changes,

tions of nature are caused from move-ments of and in nature to prevent that which he says never existed, viz., a

The statement "all are parts of one stupendous whole whose body nature is, and God the soul," may be true in the abstract. It is equally true that life and consciousness is individualized, and what I may build up to day, W. M. Strong may destroy to-morrow and vice versa. There being as many divisions of life and action in our great universe as there are individual souls, not only

the lower animals as well. But our friend's real position is that nothing is more contrary to natural law

To the Editor :- Please permit me to say that after three months' continuous ork as speaker and medium for the Phlosophical Society of Spiritualists, 1 was called away by the illness of a relative, but have returned after two weeks'

tween the yellow cover journal and the of scientists gave it support. Can it al-conservative is lost. With the facili- ways override the common sense of

F. A. S.: Q. What is obsession, and A. Obsession is possible, and every

prurient rascality; and the smaller fry Go on with this to its full extent and of town and village closely imitate. there is perfect control which is known correspondents are sent to as obsession. To prevent this control great distances to report murders, rob- would be to prevent mediumship entire beries, debaucheries, and nameless ly. The objection lies against undeveloped, sinful, or evilly-disposed spirits The taste of the public is not only whose messages are undesirable and in-

catered to, it is cultivated in this direction; and when it cannot satisfy the supplies the reeking columns.

found Dead-Killed the Wrong Man-Woman Ratbanes Her Husband-Murder of a Betrothed-A Young Michigan Desperado Terrifies a Community and Shoots Two Men-Rivals in Love Fight -Sold His Wife-Negro Lynched a Duel -A Regular Mill, etc. One solid page is devoted to a full report of a prize fight, attended by the best society

exercised by the press. It is greater than all other influences brought to of them has attained a higher place in bear on humanity. The time was when the pulpit and public rostrum were the The "fall of man" is a myth, invented great educational and directing forces, to explain how evil came into the world but that time has gone by. The most ruled over by a good/God. Religious powerful government dare not brave systems are all schemes to get this evil the opposition of the press. But this is thus introduced, out of the world. If not saying that the press is what it the "fall of man" is a myth, what is to ought to be, or what it might be, or become of a religious system founded that it has a great moral influence. In thereon? The future holds the full anits eagerness for news, in catering to swer. Thus far, it has ignored the an unrefined, vulgar taste, it has be facts of science, and gone forward as come debased until the distinction be though all discoveries and conclusions

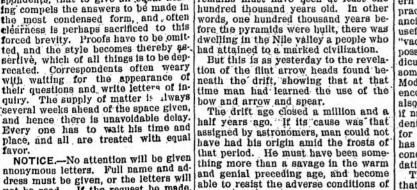
tles for news-gathering the columns be- mankind?" come sewers through which the effeteness, degradation, imbecility, villainy, moral disease and corruption of the how can it be prevented? Are all me-whole world, in a seething mass of un-diums, more or less, in danger of it?

utterable abomination is poured. The great metropolitan journals take medium influenced is in a greater or the lead in the gossip of villainy and lesser degree obsessed by the controls. Bpecial crime

fluence detrimental. A medium can be influenced only by craving for moral and social carrion by spirits in unison. The aura surroundfacts the ready pen of the hack writer ing the medium allows or prohibits ap-

take at random a leading morning medium may be judged by his control, paper and this is the repast set before or as the medium, so will be his conits readers for breakfast time: A Mys- trol. terlous Murder-Big Hole in City's Fi-nance-City Officials Have the Biggest nated by the sum of all spiritual ten-Graft-Woman and Man Break Jail-A dencies and harmony known as right-Tennessee Mysterv-Young Woman leousness.

absence, feeling that in my effort to men, the details of each round being as



No well-informed person ques-

ment doubts that there were great na-tions on the earth six thousand years

ago. Every effort has been made by those who accept the Bible literally and

annual addition of mud brought down

by the Nile. Every year the great

river overflows and leaves a film of sed-

iment. In borings in this deposit re-

"explorations," or for a mo-

A.

tions

millions.

brutally told as the scene itself.

The reporters vie with each other in making their articles sensational, and announce them with stunning headlines. There are columns of advertisements of quack medicines, and alluring promises of "retired clergymen" with remedies for unmentionable diseases, and columns of "personals" which ought to damn the publisher to infamy.

Through the 48 pages, one looks in vain for one item of self sacrifice, hon-or, integrity, or a moral action. "The or, integrity, or a moral action. mirror of the times" has no surface for the reflection of these.

The literary taste of the people is degraded and vulgarized instead of being Improved and elevated. The glowing harratives of robberies, murders, prize fights, assignations, and nameless devlitries, instead of preventing by example stimulate imitation and engender thirst for the notoriety of crime

The comic illustrations follow the imbecile lead, and have become pitiable instead of mirth-provoking. They have become like the gaudy daubs of ne nursery.

We would say to the press: Cast out the "end man,' dispense with your "court fool" who makes jest of human degradation and misery. Your "funny has worn his jokes threadbard Bad spelling and slang will not sustain here and hereafter depends upon how If there is a good deed in the we live and think and do. Great deeds world give it place and preference. We weary with the deluge of filth, corrupthe result of truth applied to right livtion and crime. We weary with a press ing. And I am glad, dear Progressive Thinker, that your columns are filled subsidized to political corruption, to church influence, to capital, to the strong against the weak.

understood by the world, even by me J. T. Moxley: Q. Did Jesus Christ diums themselves, and so abused by ever exist on earth as related in the many. New Testament? May the time soon come when the

The Christ-idea has been entertained by all races of mankind from remotest ages and every people . has had an exponent, a personal representative of that idea. How much reality there is in these "Saviors" history furnishes scarcely anything but negative evidence. The birth, lives and deaths of all are surrounded by fables and myths.

The only evidence of the existence purpose, but to teach man that he is an of Jesus is contained in the gospels, outside of these there is not a line or immortal being, that death is not in the universe, but only life and love and word authentic relating to him. You beauty, and order and harmony. Oh! ye immortal gods! have patience must study this evidence and decide whether it be conclusive or otherwise with us-we shall realize by and by "he blography of all these "Saviors" that mediumship endows us with the was written a long time after their algrandest possibilities for lifting ourleged births.

selves and others out of the conditions S. F. Moore: Q. Are the "Explora- of benightment that still cling to us tions at Nippur and through the regions while on our way upward from sav-of ancient Babylon" authentic? As F

understand it these explorations show that great and prosperous nations exist-Clinton, Iowa. ed at and before the creation as record-

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truth of a still unpopular relig ion to the people, I am repaid for sacri-fices made, by the consciousness of having gained the love and confidence of those with whom I have labored. I for one shall be glad when Spirito discover itself and its destination ualists arrive at the stage of development when they cease looking after strange gods and settle down to the consciousness that life is one and truth truth whether it comes from the lips

water off a duck's back.

igion there is in Spiritualism.

If Spiritualism teaches us anything it

whole thing after all: for our happiness

with so much food for thought regard

tween the true spiritual medium and

the fortune-teller. But we can't expect

the world to make a distinction while

those employed by Spiritualistic socie

ties use their gifts to satisfy the de

mands of men and women who care for

nothing above or beyond the material

Mediumship was not given us for that

ALICE C. BARRY.

lane of expression

ourselves.

The Import of Mediumship,

the ratio that the mind is left free to make its own discoveries. of Mr. Jones or Mrs. Smith, then Mr. J. Solomon of old said there was nothand Mrs. S. may hope to settle down ing new under the sun. If this is true, among a congenial people and do far we have no modern thought. It is the same to-day, yesterday and forever. more effective work than by running about from Dan to Beersheba trying to Yet it does not follow that God cannot satisfy the insatiable curiosity of those destroy life even if he is life. We all know that great storms such as dewho are always calling for something new, while not having made any prac stroyed Galveston, and great earthtical application of what has already

quakes such as almost depopulated been given them. An ounce of applie Martinique, are caused from what we regard as the abnormal action of natruth is worth more than a shipload that has rolled off and over us like In Galveston and Martinique ture. many thousand lives were destroyed or displaced. Will you give us your the-If we have got more truth and a better religion than the Christians, ory for the destruction of these lives? and this property? Will you tell how best way to let them know it is to live it is that thousands of people in the United States and Canada are living Some of us think when we have had few tests, we have found all the reupon the agonies of the millions? The

same being true in the ocean. little fish are devoured by the larger ones, and s that the life we live is about the that the real practical truths of nature are that the thousands are continually luxuriating upon the agonies of th millions. Can you explain these facts without implicating the Infinite princi noble aspirations, beautiful lives are ple of life of which you speak so much? A. T. ALFRED.

Wonders of Little Things.

There is a certain little fly that ing mediumship-that power so little makes four hundred and forty steps in running three inches, and all in one-half a second of time. To equal this, in proportion to his size. a man' would have to run at the rate of twenty miles world shall know the difference be

a minute. The common flea leaps two hundred times its own length. To show like agil-ity, a man six feet tall would have to leap a distance of twelve hundred feet. The cheese-mite is about one quarter of an inch in length, yet it has been seen to take the tip of its tail in its mouth, and then letting go with a jerk, leap out of a vessel six inches in depth.

To equal this, a man would have to

jump out of a well from a depth of one hundred and forty-four feet-Equally strange things are found among the plants and vegetables. A student of nature once tested the grow-

ing force of a squash. When it was eighteen days old and measured twentyseven inches in circumference, he fixed a sort of harness around it, with a long lever attached. The power of the soliash was measured by the weight it lifted. Two days after the harness was put on it lifted sixty pounds. On the nineteenth day it lifted five thousand

The seed of the globe turnin is about one-twentieth part of an inch in diameter, and yet, in the course of a few months, this seed will be enlarged by the soil and the air to 27,000,000 times its original bulk, and this in addition to nch of leaves. It has been found by experiment that a turnin seed will, under fair conditions. increase its own weight fifteen times in

one minute. Turnips growing in pent ground will increase more than 15,000 times the weight of their seeds in one day.-Exchange.

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28-continuing over seven Sundays. of all its parts now and forever The best list of speakers that ever But there is nothing more fluctuating appeared at this camp. has been enthan life in all its varied forms; and gaged. To enumerate: W F. Peck W. while passing through those fluctuating J. Hull, Lizzie Harlow, Marian Carpenter, Annie Gillespie, Harrison D. Bar-rett, Eugene V. Debs, W. J. Colville, stages of existence, the spirit is trying Clara L. Stewart, Dr. G. W. Littlefield, T. C. Smith, Dr. J. H. Mendenhall, and by experience and contact with visible nature. It, finds that way grows. broader and more interesting just in Harry J. Moore, Maggie Waite, mes sage medium on Sundays, and Frank of disposal. Ripley during the week.

A number of specialities are intro duced such as Labor Day, G. A. R. Day, Woman's Day, Old Settlers' Day, etc. Prof. Neelie's Boy Band, fifty-three in number, will discourse sweet music on Sundays.

Dances, concerts: theatricals and stereopticons will constitute the line of evening entertainments: Mediums for every phase of the phenomena will be on the grounds to give demonstrated proof of immortality. I am not in pos-session of all their names or I would parts." a word of the Bible. He had nothing give them; suffice it to say . that the to do with it. Its adherents say you committee on mediums feel satisfied of must believe every word in the book on the genuineness of their mediumship, you will be damned. As for myself, I or they would not have invited them. would rather be damned." At my recent board meeting, held on April 28, contracts were let for the put ting in of water works; the building of of unseen attendants. The disbelief of six double cottages for the entertain ment of guests, and other substantial improvements. The lodging-house was let to one who will keep it orderly and clean. The dining-hall, lunch counter, grocery and ice cream parlor will be in the hands of one who is competent and experienced, who will conduct them to the satisfaction of the Board.

With all the preliminary work so well in hand, I can promise the general pub-lic that Camp Chesterfield this season will in point of excellence and efficiency excel any of the previous years. I only hope and pray that my health may improve so that I may be equal to the oc-

casion. I extend a cordist invitation to all to attend, knowing that if you once visit this beautiful resart you will never regret it.

ever regret it. All letters of special, inguiry should be sent to our worthy secretary, Mrs. Lydia Jessup, Chesterfield and ind., who will take great pleasure in responding will take great present in a state of the second state of the seco

The Reason of Greed Alists. Jim.—Sam, what isin he dyeason you

re a Catholic? sam.—Because my fatherigad mother were Catholics. Do you suppose I am going to turn my back upon the religion of my parents?

Jim.-Well, no; it is natural for you to lean religiously in the direction your parents have led you. But suppose your parents had been Methodists, what would you be?

Sam .-- I presume in that case, I, too, yould be a Methodist. Jim.-How, then, are you going to de-

termine which of the two sects is the true one? Sam .- Because our church is the old-

est; the mother church from which all

Jim.-But suppose your parents had been Methodists; how, then, would you determine which one of the two is the correct one?

Sam .--- I presume I would make use of the Methodist argument, whatever it is, to prove that that church is the only true one.

Jim.-Ta ta, Sam, Sam .- Byo-bye, Jim. ity is accomplished it is customary to tary, Delphos, Kans. speak of those engaged in it as God's instruments. It would horrify Chris

Grand Ledge, Mich. tians to assert that God decreed Judas The Grand Ledge (Mich.) camp opens should betray Christ. Thoughts of July 31 and closes August 28. For full this nature when presented to a Chris-tian usually bring talk of God's mysprogramme address J. W. Ewing, Grand edge, Mich. teries, as though that settled it, and no one should dare to question this mode

Island Lake, Mich. The Island Lake Camp, at Island

Lake, Mich., 42 miles from Detroit, on sensational scene occurred in Franklin Avenue Congregational church, Cleveland, when Rev. J. Alford the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad commences July 10 and extends through Fisher preached his last sermon. The text was II. Corinthians, iii:17: "Where the month of August. For full pro grammes address H. R. LaGrange, sec the spirit of God is there is liberty." retary, 84 East Montcalm street, De Here are significant quotations: "God is troit. Mich. not a supreme being, in some shrouded part of the universe, ruling everything. We must get away from the dogma. Harmony Grove, Cal. Camp opens July 17, and closes July God is a spirit, without body, form or 31. For particulars address Frank C. "Christ never wrote a line nor Foster, secretary, Escondido, Cal.

Onset Camp.

Commences July 24 and ends August For full programme and particulars address the secretary of the camp Onset, Mass.

Island Lake Camp.

the most learned can have no weight The Island Lake Camp Association lo against my own personal knowledge On the other hand, I do not hold that cated at Island Lake, Mich., 42 miles others should believe even though such from Detroit on the Flint and Pere Mar eminent scientists as Crookes and Walquette railroad, will open its tenth an lace have declared their investigations nual camp session, Sunday July 10, ex proved the existence of communica tending throughout the month of Au tion between the spiritual world and gust. An excellent programme has this. I recognize the right of individual peen prepared for the coming season opinion on these matters. Possibly We have under contract such speakers and mediums as B. F. Austin, G. some of the greatest scholars in the past held religious beliefs which would Kates and wife, Amanda Coffman, Mr and Mrs. White, D. A. Herrick, Dr. Julia

:I can imagine my regular Sunday ev ening attendance being annoying to some because of my failure to bec member, I should be sorry to know that my unwillingness to come into fel lowship made my presence unwelcome especially if self-conceit be assumed as the reason. A sensitive person will not consciously remain an intruder when he can easily retire.

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be deemed ridiculous by the advanced Christians of to-day.



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We have been told by spirit beings or, perhaps, space was translimited, or that the time will soon come when all some other such fool thing as that; or; people will understand and know that how some of those subjective and objec-Spiritualism is true, that the human tive mind fellows would go about ex soul exists in a conscious state after physical death, that intercommunica-tion between the two worlds will be so common, and spirit manifestations so positive proof; nothing else will no. A good deal has lately been said pro extraordinary in its demonstration of a future existence in realms invisible, and con regarding materialization, and to economize space we will just say to that all will be compelled to acknowledge and recognize spirit return as a those who pretend to be anxious to bet money on something they know very lit-

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fact in nature. We have always felt a doubt concern- the about: Go down into the very depths ing the realization and fulfillment of of cause and effect; there you will find this prophecy until lately when we the law that governs the phenomena of learned of the wonderful manifestations materialization; there you will find taking place at the home of our friend, positive proof that materialization is a taking place at the home of our friend, A. L. Martin, this winter and spring, which it is our desire to relate for the benefit of the army of readers of The demonstration should only be accepted Progressive Thinker, the greatest exponent of Spiritualism on earth to-day. Before we proceed with the story we be accepted as such, for any of your

stand that every statement made in can not always be depended upon; this article is true; that this is not a hence if some one should take up your manufactured, sensational newspaper challenge, and if you should perhaps se story, made to order from a delusive a true materialization you would still stock of an imaginary brain. Many no not be any wiser than you were before doubt will think it exceedingly marvel- you parted with your \$1,000 hard cash. ous and strange, but every statement A skeptic world would not believe apy can be proven to be true by any one in- statements given out just because some terested, be he Spiritualist, materialist one had lost \$1,000. 'The medium would not be any more famous nor held in any or any other kind of an ist.

Mr. A. L. Martin a (reader of The higher esteem by reason of such a trans-Progressive Thinker), wife and daugh- action. A skeptic world should regard Sir William Crookes' investigations and ter, reside nearly seven miles northwest conclusions of greater value than this of Ponca City, O. T., on the west bank of that beautiful timber-fringed stream betting transaction would or could pos-called Bols-de-Arc. This 10-year-old sibly be; but—has it done it? sibly be; but—has it done it? True friends of Spiritualism and its homestead, nestled under spreading branches of a giant elm tree above high phenomenal foundation, should only regard this question as to whether the water mark, is an ideal home, where medium through which this manifestaharmony reigns supreme, and the three tion takes place, is a fraud or not. A members constituting the family seem to form a veritable major chord on the Spiritualist should know that materialization is a fact in nature, not from witscale of being, which seems to be sympathetically blended and re-echoed nessing the phenomena, but from the knowledge and understanding of cosmic among the feathered songsters in bush laws governing the phenomena. Always remember that it is one thing to witand treetop, among which Mrs. Martin has her favorites, that come to her ness a demonstration-a phenomenon; when called to receive some sweet morsel that she may have found in garden but it is quite another thing to give a true explanation of the cause and the or field. Friends, if you should approach law that governs the phenomena. this sacred home you would no doubt "Why are those balls of cotton ask. tacked on top of so many tence posts, not knowing that this friend of the birds has placed it there for them to birds has placed it there for them to sick by the power of God," and that spirit's point of view. As a necessary result, the more eletacked on top of so many fence posts?" versation with the family, you might perhaps be surprised to see Mrs. Martin leave you in great haste and run for dear life-to save the life of, some of her little bird friends from the attack of some mischievous hawk.

Six months ago this family was induced to form a home circle and sit for development, but nothing seemed to come to them until the 23d of February last, when Mr. Martin was entranced and wrote four messages, three in Engnature.

lish and one in German, in beautiful German characters .or letters, all of them signed with the name "Jim." The message in German read like this: "I with the Martin family, who often see am the fellow that took the shuttle out of the sewing machine." This explained him passing through the house or standhow the shuttle had been taken out of ing in a doorway. He seems to be an the machine some time previously. One expert in unlocking, bolted doors, and message in English read like this: "I moving all kinds of heavy material ob-am the fellow that stuffed the horn of jects. And he says: "He does not have your phonograph full of rags and hand- to dematerialize material objects in or-Kerchlefs." This was quite a relief to der to move them through space." Let Mr. Martin, for he had been accused of the Hudson theorist, with their "tissue playing that 'trick on his wife and soul" crack this last nut if they can. daughter. In another message "Jim" said that he had taken that old rooster they had missed so long. But the most marvelous of all was the last message, which reads like this: "I was out to your farm yesterday," which was Washpast, nature ruthlessly casts her poor specimens. The ill-begotten, the weak ington's birthday, "and put the "Marine Band Tremola in the oven of your cook

is Spiritualism a Religion, a Science, or · a Business?

Judging from the actions of many Spiritualists they consider it a business (This is not a tirade against fraud. It is not written to point out the errors of nediums in particular, but of Spiritualists in general. Examine yourself, reader, and so whether it applies to When they go to a medium they you.) desire business advice-not spiritual truths. They would make servants of their arisen friends, suffering them to manage their business affairs, asking them to run errands and answer unnecfact in nature. You may witness a true essary and unimportant questions,: A demonstration of this law, but such a medium to them is a veritable encyclopedia, from whom, on the payment of a as corroborative evidence: but many sofixed price, they can obtain whatever information they desire on any subject in which they are interested. They meas-

> ure a spirit message by its effect on their purse, while the ennobling, uplifting, spiritualizing influence that Spiritualism-should exert is not comprehended by them, nor desired. The philosophy of Spiritualism, grand and inspiring to the spiritually awak-

ened person, they dispose of with the complacent remark: "We have enough to do to attend to the affairs of this life -we can learn about the other life when we get there. To live in one world at a time is enough. Give us' something of practical importance-something that will be of use to us while here."

Consequently they are content to drift along without any inclination or effort to comprehend the profound philosophy to which the phenomena should logically lead; and, as a result, the truths of Spiritualism make no lasting impression on their minds. Instead of awaiting the gleams of spiritual knowledge which those in higher realms of life are always ready to impart, they prefer to receive advice concerning their material affairs; but in the very nature of things it is improbable that an aspiring spirit, who spends only a small portion of his or her time in the contemplation of earthly things, would

We will take for example the phebe able or willing to give the necessary nomena of healing as practiced by the attention to a purely worldly matter to As a necessary result, the more ele-

that their doctrine (explanation) is vated spirits finding the spiritual les-sons they would convey are not heeded true, when in fact it proves nothing of the kind, and if there is anything on or desired, seek more congenial condiearth to-day that can be proven, these tions, and impart their lofty and en-nobling ideas to souls who are prepared statements can be proven to be as false as any false statement can be. A true to receive them; while spirits not as adexplanation of any phenomena must not vanced, but who are more closely enonly harmonize with some of the facts rapport with earth, and better informed related to the phenomenon in question, concerning material affairs, give the rebut it must be in harmony with all quired advice and the sitter departs things in visible and invisible realms of contented, wholly unaware that his ma-terial desires have caused him to be

surrounded by those in a like condition of mind, while the better class of spirits have, by his unwillingness to listen and heed their superior advice, been rudely cast aside. This is not an isolated example, but a common occurrence, as anyone whose experience in Spiritualism is not extremely limited will readily recognize.

A ready door to demoniacal influence is thus opened, for if information concerning earthly matter is desired, earthbound spirits are certain to be present. to give it. I do not wish to infer that all advice concerning earthly affairs is given by undeveloped spirits, for, when

the need is great, even the more advanced sometimes point out the proper course to pursue; but we should not pester them with needless questions, for they have other work to do than

merely attending to our affairs. If they

card when they were called for, but you can imaginerary exprise when the ush-ers commensed passing the blank cards to the audience the sloter suband write some brief message on a You to the audience, the sister pointed to me sitting haif wag, down, and read Want both of my measures while both were folded and still in my pocket; she read both correctly, word for word, and an-swered both, and added from my wife that she was very glad I had made the conditions so that she word conditions so that she could communicate with mer After that I never attended one of Sister Folsom's seances in which she did not deliver some message to me without my even asking questions. Now, natient reader, these are only a few of the reasons why I am Spiritualist. DAVID I. MARTIN.

Marshalltown, Iowa.

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· MRS. VESTA R. JONES.

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stove in Rachel's house.'

Now for an explanation: Mr. and Miss Martin have each taken up homestead claims in Woodward County, in Western Oklahoma, 165 miles west of here, and built suitable houses thereon and started other improvements. The harp spoken of is 61/2 inches long, which, with its case, was missed from the Martins home some days previous to this. and could not be found high or low.

On the 13th day of last April Mr. Martin and daughter Rachel started in a wagon to their new holdings, or claims, in Woodward County, and, of course, and unrelenting. they often talked about the probability of finding the harp in the oven as stated in the spirit message. Mr. Martin bet a new hat that they would find it, which was taken by Rachel, as she was very much skeptical on this harp question, unfit and the agreement was that when they got to the house Mr. Martin should stay in the spring wagon while Rachel unlocked the house and went in to see.

On the fourth or last day out, both riding in the wagon, plainly heard the words, "I am going," which was accompanied by a whiz, like something moving swiftly from them through the Soon afterwards, when they came to Miss Rachel's house she hastily unlocked the door and went in, opened the oven door, and there, to her great amazement, lay the harp in its own more to the advancement of the race of men morally and intellectually. It case, together with another pastboard would seem to us better if the ugly and box, 31/2 inches long by 2 inches wide, and something over an inch deep. She took them both out to her father. When vicious could perish instead of the good Human nature, at its best, succors and saves the weak and unfortunate while the box was opened it was found to contain Miss Rachel's gold watch . and chain, wrapped up in a black silk waist This watch she had securely belt. placed in a jewelry case under lock and key before she left home, and the waist belt had been taken from her trunk at inexorable rule. If we were, our better home, but a small gold locket was gone from the chain and she thought surely that was lost, but on returning home abate its hardships. she found it where the watch and chain hand been put. .

Every article was found intact and in that she has for the culpably self-weak-erfect order after having been trans- ened. In this she makes no compensaperfect order after having been transported 165 miles through the air by invisible means, and the harp was often seem that to save the good in "The played upon by their invisible friend Land of the Blest" (not yet definitely lolim," who, no doubt, enjoyed the jokes cated) saves humanity from the he had played on them.

While Mrs. Martin was alone at home she had the impression that "Jim" would try to take her watch some night, so she fastened it securely on her night-clothes, under a waist belt, and one night she felt some one trying to take it, and she quickly grabbed some one's hands and held on to them, saying: "Now I have got you; but if you will go." And immediately the hands she held melted away in her hands. A few days ago, while sitting in a rocking chair, talking to some lady visitors, Mrs. Martin, chair and all, was moved 11/2 feet on the floor. At other times her hairpins were all pulled out of her hair, and she will find them snugly piled up in a pile somewhere else in the house.

One day Mr. Martin's overcoat was moved from the kitchen to the parlor. Sometimes they all hear a human voice singing with the phonograph when it is playing. This, together with many other manifestations, makes us wonder

and the unfortunate by inheritance are see fit to warn us of approaching dan rubbed out without pity. Entire un-numbered species of animal life by this ger. and occasionally give us advice re lating to material affairs, all is well and destructive process have been swept good; but that does not justify us in into oblivion, leaving only their vestiges placing burdens upon them which we for us to ponder over and guess at their should assume ourselves. classification. Did we dare to say that Oh! when will we learn to consider

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old Mother Nature was an experimenter our arisen friends, not as business asand made mistakes? We might consociates, but as honored guests who clude that she was repeating her trials have laid aside forever their earthly to see if she could not do better. Measraiment and the cares that go therewith ured by human pity, all the gauge we -guests who should not be treated as have, this relentless process which servants to do our bidding, but as eaves only the physically strongest, teachers and guides who have explored though not otherwise best, seems harsh regions inaccessible, to us, and who have come into the shadows of mun-

The charity and pity for the weak dane existence to give to us truths which we, unaided, could not have comand afflicted that this same Mother Nature has planted in the human heart is prehended! Let us consider that progall there is left in sight to mitigate naress in spirit life leads away from ture's hard rule as a destroyer of the earth; and to needlessly recall our disembodied friends is only to retard their As if the mentally great or lovably

progress, and ours as well. good were not worth preserving as a When we hold communion with our betterment of our race, this selection of spirit friends we should endeavor to exthe strongest, bodily, as propagators, alt ourselves to their condition of life; leaves mentality oftenest among the castoffs. The big and robust Pawnee cast-offs. The big and robust Pawnee outlasts the Stevensons and the Henry tered all material affairs should be laid Kirke Whites. As a business proposiaside, all troubles forgotten, and our tion this rule of natural selection if it minds should be concentrated for the could only save the good as well as the spiritual side of life; then the co muni stoutest as progenitors seen through cations received will reach the dighest human spectacles-would seem to tend plane of excellence, and undeveloped spirits will not manifest. GEO. B. FERRIS.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

A Soldier Becomes a Spiritualist.

I married at the age of 25, one year inhuman nature destroys them antago nistically. Nature is too big a thing for prior to the war of the rebellion, and us little midgets to criticise yet it is went to the front where I thought my at least self-evident that the best of us duty called me. There I soon lost my health, and my mental powers became so enfeebled that I put off the investiganatures would not antagonize it to tion of spiritual phenomena, and later when I sometimes mentioned the mat-

Though a poor inheritance of phys-ique is not the fault of its inheritors, ter, my beloved wife always tried to dis suade me, saying that while she benature has the same dislike for these lieved that angels sometimes visited our earth, she could not at all believe spirits ever did.

tions to the unfortunate. Nor does it So being a great lover of domestic peace, I let the matter rest, but strange to relate, about eighteen months since vi. it became necessary for my dear wife

ciously strong here below, while it to go to a hospital for an operation, do more good than a donation to any other fund takes the best patterns away from us from which I thought it barely possible where this example would seem most for her to return alive. You can imageffective for the elevation of our race. Ine how I longed to mention this mat-Unless Christs in heaven are better for ter to her before they took her away, upon the books of the Association. Every meus than Christs on earth; which if true, dium, every speaker, and in fact every man and for she would not consent for me to go with her; but the night before she the query is forced, why the one sent us did not stay in the more favorable lo-went, she said to me when we were cality that he is reputed to have come alone: "Now, David, if I don't come woman who loves the cause of Spiritualism from? Perhaps the uniqueness of life home to you in the body, I will surely should swell this fund with their gift. The apnow I have got got got will let you consists in its having no parallels. That come in the spirit if possible." which is incomparable will remain in-definable. Besides its harmonies and at the hospital, and as soon as I readaptations that benevolently fit us to ceived the message from my daughter our environment, Nature seems to have who was with her, that she had passed

her harsh moods, unbending and inex- out, I began to look for some sign from orable. Do we serve God in trying to mitigate his destructive power that cuts off the unfit? We certainly serve humanity which seems to be about all the good service we are capable of. There can be no service to Omnipo-to the can be no service to Omnipo-to the philosopher is not yet born the can be no service to omnipo-to the ophilosopher is not yet born the can be no service to omnipo-to the spiritualist camp-meeting." So I made inquiry for the place, and as who can harmonize our lives with na-ture's antagonisms. There may be an "upper kingdom" where the utility of be some test seances given by that dear

and speculate on what is coming next, discords will become apparent, the faithful lover of all truth, Sister Josie and have no doubt that in the future harsh grinding of which here below our K. Folsom. I went into a tent and wrote and have no doubt that in the luttice manifestations will take place in the Martin's home. Now, in conclusion, we would like to ask Prof. Quackenbos to explain how the single purposes can be who passed out some 25 years ago. I folded said messages up in the amaliest Lensing, Mich. H. J. HAVIN.

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