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The Notorious "Blue Book" Carefully and Ably Analyzed.

It Is Not An Imaginary Book.

he Blue Book is claimed to be a compilation to deceive the public. Its existence has been known for years by prominent Spiritualists. Mr. H. D. Barrett, for ten years President of the N. S. A., has known of its existence, and therein was put down as an E. Z. Mark, meaning, of course, that he was an easy mark, gullible, and easily deceived. His prominence before the world today as a leader in our ranks, adds impressiveness to his words.

Rev. N. F. Ravlin, venerable with age, honest throughout, a man of vast knowledge and eloquent, logical and forceful on the rostrum, presents his views in a manner that cannot fail to set honest Spiritualists feel that the so-called books are of

"Forrest," of Boston, whose wife is a most excellent medium, gives his views. He is a man of great experience, of extensive research, and thoroughly honest, and what he says will add weight to the general statements.

Mr. Toren is unknown to Spiritualists generally, but we have no doubt is perfectly honest in his statements, but not having had the experience of Mr. Barrett, Mr. Ravlin and "Forrest," he thinks the Blue Book never had an existence.

To the Editor:-There may be those who have read the article under the above caption in your issue of April 30, who have perused it with great interest. but I wish to assure your readers that here are many who have read it with profound disgust. I for one oan no silent when so-called face of the above assertion this same writer states that: "The N. S. A. should inaugurate the movement, and probe the thing to the bottom."

There are, no doubt, among the thousands of mediums in this country professional tricksters who have identified themselves with Spiritualism, but there is not the cause for alarm some people are continually striving to im-press upon the public mind. Miss Harlow's statements in regard to fraudulent test and materializing mediums. are not only unfounded, but to say the least, are extremely silly. There are people, however, who grasp at straws and believe any and everything they hear or read.

Now I propose to prove from a business standpoint and as a matter of jus-tice to the grandest cause under the statements made by Miss Harlow and N. F. Raylin are lies manufactured for the purpose of retarding the progress of Spiritualism. Miss Harlow's article starts out with

the statement that "Spiritualistic seances of the generally popular type, owe much of their success to the Blue Book," and the further assertion that, "thanks to the Blue Book the medium does not have to rely on inspiration or spirit control."

We also have in mind a prominent Spiritualist of this city who something like two years ago made similar assertions from a rostrum of one of the South Side societies, and who has probably repeated these statements until as Miss Harlow says there is, I will

have traveled far and wide. Miss Harlow's article, however, has the usual earmarks that is a peculiar characteristic of the daily press when publishing anything pertaining to Spir-But let us see if there is a grain of truth in the statements made by these speakers and writers. What rould be required and how much the probable cost of such a book as these people say exists, but of which they ad-

mit they know nothing of. At a very low estimate there are in the city of Chicago twenty-five thou sand persons who are directly or indirectly interested in Spiritualism, and to accurately compile a history or even a synopsis of these persons and their de parted relatives that could be of any value to a medium, would require not less than a page of matter printed in nonpareil type for every one of these thousand investigators Consequently 25,000 pages, or 12,500 will ever remove or cover up the fraud leaves would be required to make up question among Spiritualists. Like such a book for one city only. The Banque's ghost, it will not stay down thickness of such a book could not be until truth and justice are permitted to less than eighteen inches. The cost of have their way. It is therefore entirely and fifteen days to set up the matter for information in regard to bogus tests, do such a book. Some printer, therefore, not exist. They do exist; "'Tis true; would know whether such a thing as a and pity 'tis, 'tis true." Blue Book is ever published. The cost Every true-blue Spiritualist cannot

MISS HARLOW AND THE BLUE | less than \$3,000. The binding of such a book would be next to impossible, but it might be done to better advantage in six volumes. The cost of binding, therefore, would be more than the "Blue Book" could be purchased for, or,

"say \$5."
These figures are made only in rough way and were it in reality a business proposition the figures would go much higher, for the cost of paper and ensible people talk and write on some- other incidentals have not yet been thing they know absolutely nothing taken into account. The editorial about. In your issue of May 14, N. F. work and the compilation of statistics Raylin, of Baltimore, Md., says: "THAT would require a force of clerks large SUCH A BOOK EXISTS IS TOO WELL enough to in one day eat up the price KNOWN TO BE DISPUTED." In the the book would bring, for in a city like Chicago with only twenty-five thousand Spiritualists it would be impossible to sell moré than one thousand copies at the price of "say \$5."

en as a business proposition such a thing as a "Blue Book" would have to come into existence through philanthropy, or the expense might be borne by the rich orthodox churches. Now suppose there were such a thing

as a Blue Book what sane person would say that it would be of any value in the use of platform or seance work. Descriptions innumerable and nothing to guide the medium outside of a description of the person to whom the medium is giving a test. What a lovely time a medium would have to locate in the "Blue Book" the information desired. And suppose the medium could turn to the page in such a book and read there all about such a person, what kind of a memory would be required to satisfy a promiscuous audience. Would it not require more than a mind reader to use a "Blue Book" if there were one?

Such statements as made by Miss Harlow are silly rot and make people disgusted. Spiritualists wno make such unfounded assertions know that they are not telling what is true and if I were asked to judge them I should say that they are the ones who use "stock tests" and in order to cover up their dirty work accuse others of using a 'Blue Book" that exists only in their

imagination. Now, if there be a "Blue Book" such give \$10 to the person who will show not in need of a "Blue Book," but to help the cause along I will give \$25 for a copy of a "Blue Book" for the city of Chicago containing the information Spiritualistic mediums are accused of using. And if the missionaries of the N. S. A. and mediums who wear diamonds are using such a book, it is more than necessary that Spiritualists learn the facts. For my part, "I am from Missouri. You have to show me.

JOHN A. TOREN. 4308 Langley avenue, Chicago.

THE FRAUD QUESTION.

"No question is ever settled until it is settled right," says Ella Wneeler Wilcox. Those words apply to Spiritualism and to Spiritualists. No amount of denial, nor unlimited white-washings question among Spiritualists. Like Banquo's ghost, it will not stay down position on such a book would re- out of keeping for any Spiritualist to quire a nice sized fortune, for it would engage in wholesale denunciations of require one hundred compositors work- the opponents of fraud, and to declare ing nine hours per day, two hundred that certain well established sources of

of type-setting of such a book would be fail to be interested in the discussion of type-setting of such a book would be not less than \$60,000. There w

writers are perfectly sincere in their known as Faith and Hope

The "Blue Book" issue is interesting and instructive. Many good people know it does not exist, while others of greater experience and calm judgment realize that the counterfeiters do have sources from which they draw their "tests" for their victims. For a long time I believed there was a printed book, or perhaps several of them, from which the desired evidence was derived, but for the sake of those who do not believe in the existence of such a book or books, I am willing to admit that said work or works may be written in ink, or some portions of the data, in

1899, and 1901. Let me say nere that I believe the term "Blue Book" to be a or designate any and all sources of in-formation from which counterfeit mewho seek their presence. I further small size, adapted to the purse and pockets of those who are seeking to deceive the people. It is not supposed that one big book, with blue covers, contain-ing several hundred thousand "tests(?)" has been printed at great cost as one writer shows, for the use of this "defective class" of mortals. In 1897, the writer received a letter

from a friend in California, saying that he had seen the San Francisco "Blue Book," He had always declared that no such book existed up to the time of securing the work in question. "It contains several thousand tests," he wrote, "and gives the most minute informa-tion respecting many of the individuals easily be mistaken for a pocket-book. It is'very interesting to me." more was written along the same line. My name, he said, was in the book, spirit names being entered in red ink and those of mortals in black ink. Naturally the writer was desirous of knowing what was said about him, and copy of the book, or the page referring

I received a copy of the data regarding myself. It was complete in every detail, and astonishingly accurate with respect to my family history. Born as could not but wonder how so much inormation was gained concerning me. Another friend wrote me this same year, saying she had seen one of the books. "It has my history down fine," she said. "It tells everything about me, even giving the names of my parents who took leave of earth nearly fifty years ago." She gave me an abstract of her record as stated in this book. It was wonderfully accurate. So much for 1897. These two parties from whom I gained this evidence were absolutely nonest, and had been overcredulous regarding Spiritualistic phenomena up to that time. The gentleman was a 23rd degree Mason, and a man of strict in-

In 1899, a lady told me that ten of these hand-written test books had been placed in her hands for safe-keeping, by ne of the counterfeiters, who feared the homes of certain mediums at one of the camp-meetings were going to be raided. She spent the night in examining those ten little gems, and made verified copies of many of the so-called tests they contained. She did not hesitate to lay the facts she had discovered before me, and there is no doubt in my mind that the data she gave me were exact copies of those found in the books., Her discovery changed things quite materially for several persons. none of whom are now posing as medi-

In 1901, the writer was offered fifteen similar compilations for a certain sum of money, by a medium who has seen more years of service than I have of life. The agent who conducted negoti-ations saw those little works almost every day, and convinced me beyond all doubt that it was an opportunity not to required to complete the purchase, and tried to do so both by letter and telegraph. I did not succeed, the main ar gument being that the time had not yet rrived for purchasing and publishing these books. The abstracts given and quoted to me were prima facie evidence f the then existence of these books Those little memoranda books passed friendly to that kind of manifestations han I am or was then known to be. I saw copies of some of the pages of a few of these works; some of the data could not be gainsaid. The information given was absolutely correct, and it was made up, compiled, and used for the purpose of deception.

These memoranda books may not be in general use, or common use, by the "defective classes," or counterfeit mediums as they were formerly. may have been found to be too dangerous for general or promiscuous use. The central office or bureau of oral information is far less conspicuous and troublesome. There are Spiritualists of prominence who know where these peculiar bureaus are located in several of the large cities of the land. They have given their evidence honestly and truthfully, and been labeled liars for their pains by people who claim to be Spiritualists. Granted that these little ooks are compilations of facts-granted that they are not printed—granted that they may be composed of handwritten, type-written and printed clip pings-when used to deceive, or made

feiters to be heard in their own and men and women have seen, handled, ume, nor the expense very heavy. As their friends' behalf. Some of these and made excerpts from these compiled time went on, each medium who joined tions. I have seen some of the excerpts views and their vigorous defense of myself. These people, their evidences, mediums and mediumship is high testiare far more worthy of credence than mony to the elements in human nature the unsupported denial of one writer (or a dozen) who has not yet had this one has a higher regard for mediumship than the writer; no one Lelieves more fully and earnestly in the genuineness of the phenomena offered in the name of Spiritualism than does the writer. I have even gone so far as to say that I believe every phenomenon bearing our label is a grand possibility of fact, and can be proved a truth under proper conditions. But when our splendid phenomens

are shamelessly simulated—when tricks and pretense are palmed off as mediumship, it is time to protest, and to asl for a change of conditions. The work Whatever may be the conditions to of cleansing the Augean stables should day, some such books existed in 1897, last, and 1901. Let me say nere that I By so doing, they can protect the genuine mediums, and render them a lasting service, by exposing the counterfeiters. If such honest work hurts the cause so much the worse for the cause These words apply allke to the counter-feit mediums, and to those speakers who commit their talks to memory, and then offer them to the public as the utterances of Daniel Webster or Jesus Christ. There should be no difference in the treatment accorded these two classes of offenders. They should be let alone, and advised to find occupation

Even at the risk of making this artieven at the risk of making this arti-cle too long, I must refer to the busi-ness of test-exchanging. During the past few years I have seen several let-ters written by so-called mediums to other mediums in the field, giving names, dates, etc., as tests for their brother's use. Some of the parties. brethren's use. Some of the writers are prominent in our ranks. They diswanted to lend their friends a helping hand. I have seen mediums exchange lists of tests. In one convention I act ually picked up a memorandum accidentally dropped by the medium to whom it was given, containing eighteen "tests (?)" Oral posting is now in rogue and has been for some time. s a source of income to the one doing the posting, and is a very present friend to the counterfelter who is to occupy the platform,

Test-exchanging and oral posting can only be carried on by those who have cess to reliable information. This in formation is recorded somewhere. any rate, it is found, given and From what I know of the secret test books, and from what truthful men and vomen have told me of them my conclusion is that a common source can be furnish the ground facts to be embellished into "tests" from the platform. An ex-medium at Onset said to me year or two ago, "So you have 'caught on,' have you? They had your record to a T. didn't they?"

"Yes," I said, "and how did you find "Oh, it is easy after you once know how. Some of it you gave yourself when talking with your spirit friends, or to the medium, unconsciously, of course. THEN YOU WERE LOOKED

UP! We had your record pat. Glad-you know about it, though!".

My experience in this respect is only one among thousands, yet the copy of my "record" sent me by my friend in California made my face burn, and caused me to conclude that I was and ong had been just what the foot-note said of me in disposing of my case. I deal fairly with all questions of this character. But I must be excused from accepting sentimental phenomena found n exchange offices, or memoranda books, or sermons by Chapin, Beecher, Brooks and Jesus, as evidences of fact am from Maine, and am no longer

"E. Z. MARK." Yours for honest mediumship and rue Spiritualism. HARRISON D. BARRETT.

Syracuse, N. Y. BOSTONIAN'S VIEWS IN REFER

ENCE TO THE BLUE BOOK. To the Editor:-The above article by Mr. Toren, is a rather remarkable one o emanate from a Spiritualist, in that it teems with the most virulent abuse of two worthy and highly respected vorkers in our cause in particular, and of all who are trying to purify Spiritualism in general. The recently published letters of Dr. Ravlin and Miss Harlow, in which mention was made of the

excited the gentleman's wrath. He de-

and goes on to prove it in a way that seems (to himself) conclusive. Regarding this "Blise Book," Mr. self, if she deems it worth while to no-Toren, and also doubtless a great many tice such vile insinuations and such an the lecturers. They overlook the fact Then be ye Jew or Gentile, Spiritualists, have an requirely wrong ungentlemanly assault upon her character that the Blue Book simply stands for Ask not another's creed. conception. It does not exist in the ter. As for myself, I scorn his imputamutual help and secret co-operation in form of a mammoth volgine or number tion of falsehood and dishonesty in my the stock test business. of big volumes like a prelogedia, nor spiritual work, and were it not that my does it contain a complete integraphy silence would be misconstrued, his tiand directory of all Spiritualists or in rade would be treated with the convestigators. It is of several years tempt it deserves. growth and was issued in the form of His labored effort to show what such

easiets or small pamphists, to satisfy a a book would cost, even for the one city is to repent, and henceforth give only demand for the information contained. of Chicago, is too puerile to deserve se-It was issued by parties who had agents rious notice. It contains the bulk of world. That they are It was issued by parties who had agents in all the principal cities were Spirit his article, but has in reality no relectualists were in evidence, and these agents at first collected the information for their respective cities, perhaps a few dozen names, and sent them in to be printed. Each each them in to be printed. Each each them in the plied with these printed lies, for his business, representing a union or conown city only. When a stranger medition, through which tests (?) are printed in that city he was immeditioned.

time went on, each medium who joined the association and got his start from good business. Then he, too, would send in new tests and names as he gathered them in his work. Every one who knows anything about the medium business knows that mediums (the crooked sort) keep a memorandum of iculars gathered from the sitter. Soon he has quite a supply of these and from give tests or read hallots, everything peing recognized, and can keep it up for ours, if necessary—not giving a genune test in the whole time. These addiional names that are sent in from time to time were printed and sent out to the gether, made in time a respectable-sized ook for each city. And the expense peing incurred in small amounts and met by monthly or quarterly contribupressive. So much for Mr. Toren's massive volumes and labored calcula-

IT MAY BE WELL TO SAY, HOW-EVER, THAT THE "BLUE BOOK" IS PRETTY MUCH OUT OF DATE AT able that most of the documents have been called in and destroyed, as the exosure of that method of obtaining tests frightened the mediums and all concerned, and rendered the destruction of such damaging evidence neces-sary and advisable. That such documents DID and DO exist is a known fact, and while it may be difficult to produce a copy for evidence now, owing to the caution of those who used them, there is no lack of trustworthy evidence as to their existence. Crooked mediums are so plentiful now and they formation they require, that the books are no longer necessary. So that as a subject for dispute, the blue book has had its day and been retired into "in-Mr. Toren admits that there are

ricksters who have identified themwith Spiritualism, and then goes on to say that it is no cause for alarm and lent materializing and test mediums are disgusting, silly, and lies manufactured for the purpose of retarding the prog ress of Spiritualism." I am uncertain as to whether this man Toren is a pro fessional medium, a partner of some medium, or just a plain, ordinary, cred ulous "Easy Mark." But, whatever he is, he has exhibited a bad feeling. His disgraceful and virulent attack upon a good and respected medium. Miss Harthem liars, was as uncalled for as it may not be in circulation to day, but they are accessible to the initiated and one of the most able and deserving of . The est man and hates fraud with an undy ing hatred. He has never been "fraud hunter," but ran up against it several years ago, on different occa-sions, until sick at heart for the future of Spiritualism, he was forced to admit what thousands of good Spiritualists now maintain, that commercial mediumship is exceedingly "rotten," and he IS FIGHTING FOR TRUTH, AND PURITY WITH STURDY AND EF-FECTIVE BLOWS. Dr. Ravlin left a high and lucrative position in the orthodox pulpit some years ago, when the some of the rest of us had to endure persecution and suffering as the world knows not of, for the sake of the Truth Miss Harlow is recognized as an honest, true-hearted woman, a good medium, an eloquent, logical speaker, and she is a lady in every sense of the word. It is a matter of the utmost indiffer ence to me whether Mr. Toren believes

there is a "Blue Book" or not, or whether he admits that there are fake mediums. He is welcome to sit in dark seances to his heart's content, if he so desires' worshiping the hem of some fake medium's garment. Let him not write himself down as a Spiritualist. but rather as a "spiritist." spook chaser and test-hunter. No true Spirit ualist ever assailed a prominent brother or sister mortal with such language and accusations as he has used.

FORREST. Boston, Mass.

N. F RAVLIN REPLIES.

To the Editor:-Mr. John A. Tores takes Miss Harlow and the writer severely to task for statements made concerning a certain Blue Book, said to be used by certain mediums in giving fraudulent tests, etc.

He says he "proposes to prove from a business standpoint, and as a matter of Book is scouted, while those that affirm justice to the grandest cause under the it, and not without reason or evidence sun, that the statements made by Miss are ridiculed and calumniated. Unjust Harlow, and N. F. Raylin are lies manufactured for the purpose of retarding nies vehemently that such a book exists; the progress of Spiritualism. Now, Mr. Editor, as to Miss Harlow.

she is abundantly able to defend her- site element and undertake to smirch silence would be misconstrued, his ti- to deal in personalities, but let it be

The writer knows from his own knowledge, that stock tests are secured by confederates, and passed to certain mecacity what they purport to be, tidcommunications from the spirit world. HE HAS HIMSELF PROVED IT IN THE CASE OF A MOST WIDELY WHOM HE REGARDED UP TO THAT TIME AS ABOVE SUSPICION. He possible, had he not been confronted by the facts. He has on different occasions he would have been willing to make known fact that the exposures of materializing mediums are of frequent occurrence, and the various toggery in which they masquerade as materialized spir its has been captured along with the medium; and even where nothing of the kind has been found, and the medium would scorn to do such a thing, yet the cabinet spirits personate the spirit friends of the sitters, and thus a cruel deception is practiced. The peated experiences. But he will take off his hat to no man living AS A DE-FENDER OF GENUINE MEDIUM-SHIP. And the insinuation that he wrote one word in his former article as reflecting on the honesty of the missionaries of the N. S. A., is absolutely untrue, as any reader of the article can

fled admiration for Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, and for Mr. and Mrs. Kates, and certainly he has no controvers with the N. S. A. The charge come with very ill grace, that the writer would even lie to retard the progress of of Spiritualism, when he has sacrificed everything he had on earth in its defense. At one time he believed every medium honest, and every communica tion assuming to come from the spirit world genuine. He would gladly believe such to be the case now. He would be glad to know that he has been misinormed, and that no Blue Book of fraud ulent tests exists. But, under the cir umstances, such a course self-stultification. There is too much evidence of the practice of fraud by the most noted mediums, to deny its exist ence. A certain famous known to the writer, claims to have let his wife into the "secret" so she can give tests equal to any of the mediums. and he advised a certain lady lecturer to post herself in the same manner, and great medium, and make plenty of Being encumbered with such oney. thing as a conscience, his proffered in Both are structions were rejected. well known to the writer. The medium is drawing crowds in a certain city, and

The writer has it from reliable authority that a gentleman in this city assisted a very noted medium in formuwork and now he denounces Spiritualism and everything connected with it as | And if man continues onward, onward a humbug and a fraud. A good lady go the flowers, too, we met soon after arriving in Balti If 'tis but a change of body, when the ore, said she knew spirit return to be a fact beyond all question, for, said she, Then their souls must rise immortal out ited Baltimore, all gave me the same identical test, word for word. that wonderful, and all strangers, 40

me?" We said, "it is indeed truly wonder ful. You have been highly favored." Strange, very strange, if indeed

At one time it would have been regarded by yours truly as a wonderful exhibition of spirit power. But now who shall say? We will not say it was not, and yet one would naturally think there would be some slight variations through five different persons. But who shall solve the problem

which we are-confronted?

Where is the remedy? There seems to be no possible way by which fraud can be eliminated from Spiritualism, for the reason that Spiritualists themselves employ and defend mediums who are known to fake in their mediumship, and who have been exposed again and again. They lose stant demand. Crooked work is winked at. Moral distinctions are obliterated. Truth is forced into an unholy alliance with falsehood.

Dishonesty seems to command premium. Confidence is betrayed while the most sacred feelings of the human heart are outraged by a lie wearing the mask of truth, and coming in the form of loved ones personated, or a bogus test. The idea of the Blue insinuations are indulged in by some of the editors of spiritual papers. Instead of standing up boldly for clean, pure mediumship, they truckle to the the reputation and belittle the work of Now, Mr. Editor, we do not propose

well understood that certain star mediums are known to be in this nefarious that which they receive from the spirit that they can give genuine tests no one will dispute. to misjudge or injure any one. He has no personal animosity toward any of these mediums. He is seeking to live in view of what he has to meet in the great hereafter. Our philosophy teaches that as we sow we must reap. Now if there is no Blue Book, or stock

exactly what they purport to ings from our own loved spirit friends: that no spirit forms are personations, claiming to be what they are not; that no forged communications are ever given; that what one gets through mediums can be relied upon as true, both as to source and import, "Is a consummation devoutly to be wished

The charge that lecturers are in the habit of belittling phenomena, and that they are jealous of the mediums, is not true. When a speaker is to be followed by a test medium, he is placed in a position of embarrassment, for he feels the vibrations from the audience, most of whom came for tests, and who care nothing for the philosophy.

I never heard one of our speakers say ught against phenomena. There is no. antagonism between and the genuine phenomena of Spiritualism. But no sooner does one denounce fraud, than the cry is raised that one is persecuting the mediums, and opposing phenomena.

BEFORE SPIRITUALISM

EVER ACCOMPLISH THE WORK IT IS DESTINED TO PERFORM. THE AND THE EXPONENTS OF BOTH BE ANIMATED BY A SUPREMELY, PURE DESIRE TO SERVE THE AN-GEL WORLD IN BLESSING ALL N. F. RAVLIN. Baltimore, Md.

THE SOUL OF THINGS.

Though we love the leaves and flowers. and we smile to see them grow, et we seem so cold and heedless when

hough their sweet and pretty faces oft adorn our precious dead, is seldom we take notice when they fall where we must tread.

Have not leaves and flowers feeling, and a language that they speak, When they smile up at the sunlight that

Do they never whisper to us in fragrance of the soul, hat they, too, are living beings in the great Eternal Whole?

Do their sweet and charming faces never touch the human heart, And in death and love and marri play a quite important part? they not appeal in beauty to the

highest thoughts of mind' Do they not deserve attention from the soul of human kind? Are there no green leaves in soul-land?

Are there no sweet flowers there? gone forever into air? If they perish when they wither from the mortal, fall and die,

So man's spirit with the body in the graveyard there must lie. If the souls of things e'er perish, then

of man the same is true.

leaves and flowers fall, beyond the earthly wall. From her depths of soul evolving Na-

ture builds all living things; From her fount of living matter into mortal life she brings All existing things through spirit and

through spirit back they go, Thus the leaves and flowers, coming, back in spirit they must flow. DR. T. WILKINS.

'A SONG OF LIFE.

Live for some noble purpose An earnest, manly life, Shunning deceit and falsehood-Scorning revenge and strife-Never of wrong complain-Sunshine and darkness dreary. Nourish the golden grain.

What does it matter, brother, If in the race for fame. One wins the gilded carriage, And one a beggar's name Earth life's a fleeting season, Naught but a passing cloud, Now it appears in purple. Now in a winding shroud.

Why do you live? you murmur. Why do you die? I ask. Seek love and peace and wisdom-Be that thy life-long task. Give all soft words of comfort Give all a softened heart,

Give all your wealth of pity, Whose tears are seen to start. Often a word of guidance,

Rouses heroic manhood, Which else had ne'er been stirred. see his heart grow lighter, I see him freed from pain, Yet somewhere in the cosmos Yours is the greater gain.

For if the flower be spotless Care you where grew the seed? That honest hearts may rise; Work through the noon of manhood, And when the evening dies,

There need be no foreboding-MRS. INEZ WAGNER.

Religious despotism binds him who victim.-Sentinel of Liberty. Bad men live that they may eat and drink, whereas good men eat and drink

that they may live.-Socrates. The scholar who cherishes the love of

The Battle Ground Among Spiritualists.

By reading it you know the exact stat- will do so. Be courageous. us of our Cause, and are in nowise

Use the faculties which God has given you.

Use the faculties which God has given you.

The "cabinet doctor" will generally advise the cir.

The Bible's authority for it. the whole trruth--not a half-truth. It medium." conceals nothing; it hides nothing in "Of course it might—if one is rough enough; the What do you infer from that? Is it n "medium" or "doctor," one and the same, is going mighty dollar in which she is interested? darkness, but presents the whole truth, to protect herself. to act as your reason dictates. From Be a knower, not a believer. financially; in fact, its success has been fore sending it to print. phenomenal, and to-day it is the largest materialization; oh. no; if I was to deny such a beau-assisted Elsie Reynolds, Mrs. Annie Higgins and Prof. higher estimation as an honorable and upright citizen

everywhere to consider, illustrating a condition in our osophy; philosophy—general laws or principles of ranks that is most deplorable.

Is it not better to stand up courageously and face this sad condition, and critically examine it, and de-tenderness relate our experiences; let us be gentle in vise a remedy, if possible? Or should Spiritualists be our thoughts and attitude towards one another. like the ostrich, which, in case of great danger, thrusts its head in the weeds, thinking itself safe be- cheap!" J. T. McColgan, M. D., (letter in No. 754.

Refusing to see or acknowledge an evil does not cured unless publicly known and exposed. Exposure friends, to at least listen to one who has put in over work, and then publicly denounced herself and her I could endure it no longer, and on one occasion I must precede the destruction of an evil. A business twenty-three years of patient, endless searching for co-workers. concern in Chicago had been actually robbing people the truths of spirit phenomena. raided by the police.

Mrs. Laura M. Hyland, who wrote the following in. mediums (who are not mediums in any sense), and dium, until I became a public, and materializing me-wife, brother, father or husband. was able to deceive the very elect-those who are dium. honestly and sincerely seeking the truth. She dein all our large cities and also in various other parts of the country.

sum of money, and they will reply as if honest:

"We are in the hands of our angel guides, and such offers, etc., spoil conditions. We can not produce noon, after a grand and inspiring lecture by the wellthe manifestations to order; we are under the control known Prof. W. Bowman. of our guides, who produce the materializations."

Let us work with one end in view—to rid Spiritualism of the freak materializing mediums, who are now over genuine manifestations by their methods of de-

vince the world of its great worth, truthfulness and done. grandeur. We should all continue to work for its redemption.

To the Editor: Ought we not, as Spiritualists, to do the outsiders think?

But better, or more appropriate words could not be coined in reference to the present state of affairs of Spiritualism.

What is the cause of battles?

some one to see them, and be brave enough to try and brought in this "squabble," or his works compared sage or produce a spirit form? eradicate them-hence the war.

Let the cry of Spiritualists be, "Peace! Peace!" But there can be no peace while it is steeped in the good motive. contamination as it is to-day.

Truth: the unawakened, firm believers, and the awak- materializing mediums? ened ones, that have brought about this battle.

There are too many letters in The Progressive communication to-day, no doubt, will be "rambling; should be in a moment's notice, as this is written, hav- -records of thousands of years show that much.

ing just received a copy of said issue. defend the cause, mean well; it is their right to do so, you will assent. and with all due respect to Andrew C. Dunn (a leading lawyer) -he may be acquainted with "legal" me not, for I have not yet ascended to my Father"? law, but he is certainly unacquainted with spirit law, He understood the Law of Spirit. or he would not confine his thoughts to paper as he

if you ever have another opportunity, where a do more than the greater? bright light-for your own sake, for the sake of the who refuses an honest offer of money for very Truth's anxious public, and for your beloved dead, find out, sake; a pure worker will see no wrong, no offense.

It is doubtful if you will ever have the manifesta- of money for their services. tion (?) occur again, if the medium reads this, and Do they get offended and cry "Bribery"? you promise yourself to find out the truth!

A Higher Standard of Morals is De-

manded.

for the publication of transpiring events Peter.

walking in partial darkness. It gives ele (especially if there are strangers present) "not ... Mrs. Reynolds, in the published letter, gave me The idea that is provalent that in holding seances the whole the strangers present) to be rough with the spirits, that it might kill the this advices. Don't let so many deadheads in your in one's own private parlors, in their own homes,

Mark well, please, what I write in this letter. I And you all know it. its first inception it has been a success am accountable for each word, and weigh it well be-

mercial medium.

Here is another Object Lesson for . Spiritualists of your experiences; listen to reason; reason is phil-Thinker. science, and science is knowledge.

cause it cannot see those who are seeking its very life? is not of the highest thoughts; that should be avoided.

It behooves many why Mr. Hale's offer of one serves the gratitude of every honest Spiritualist in thousand dollars has not been accepted; it is a good the nights when I held the seances. presenting to the world the methods of the slimy offer, yet the materializing mediums hold up their In private homes, I've seen mothers and fathers earnest circle. freak materializing mediums now infesting our ranks hands in horror at the thought that they should re-weep, as they thought their little ones came from the I entered the cabinet and "went into a deep ceive money for their "gifts." Tut, friends; Elsie spirit world, and talked "baby-talk" to them. Dear trance; several "spirits" appeared, one a tall man, Reynolds and I have done the same thing; we have God! how often I came near breaking down. But it and Mr. Howard shook the "spirit hand" heartily Every exposure made thus far has revealed the shricked in agony, on one occasion, when a Mr. Dob- was not yet time. I did not know enough. freak medium or confederate dressed in artificial tog- bins, of Sawtelle, offered either one of us fifty dollars I did not know how to give a scance-under strict

Many persons will remember that Sunday after- posed it: 2011.

words, at the paltry fifty; yet we thought we did a watch, watch! good night's work in Sawtelle, if we took in eight or polluting its fair garments and throwing doubt, even, ten dollars, and produced from fifty to seventy the truth?

ception, which in many cases deceive the very elect.

Out of all this turmoil, confusion and deception cannot be done; make the offer, for love's sake, for spirit manifestation. I use the word "genuine" be.

How happy he and his SPIRITUALISM will eventually emerge, and contruth, and our dear departed ones, and it cannot be cause if it cannot be gause if it cannot be gause if it cannot be gause if it cannot be can

Why? Because you cannot take hold of a ma-

Know those laws and you will understand.

tion, wrote well, save on one point, where he alluded Can Maud von Freitag read one folded or sealed Unclean conditions in some form; remaining for I am sorry that the name of our Savior has been Can George Brower get one typewritten spirit meswounds to the doubting Thomas."

> to the commercial mediumship of to-day. No doubt it was thoughtlessly penned, but with a

> Do you think, dear brother, that our Savior would

It is the terrible experiences of the seekers of or could materialize through any of our commercial It is best to stick to our subject.

Jesus did many wonderful things, which have never Thinker, No. 754, to give each personal attention; my been duplicated, nor ever will be; furthermore, he did not materialize through any medium, and if any spirit it is difficult to edit a paper for publication as it can materialize it will do so without the aid of mortal

The Spiritualists claim universally that Jesus was Our good brothers and sisters, the believers, who the greatest medium that the world ever had; to that When Jesus materialized, did He not say: "Touch

Now the question arises, if He was the greatest me-

dium who ever lived, and He could not be touched, is Let me beg of you, dear brother-or anyone else- it right to suppose or assert that the lesser lights can 'spirit' will lead you outside of a cottage door, into No! It is not the pride that is hurt, of a medium no medium uses a stronger light for her "spirit" and again, only to half-craze the poor man and

before you re-enter the house whether it is a spirit or Times innumerable have noted physicians and law- ed any of Mrs. Reynolds' seances. yers, and other professionals, been offered large sums

No! They are ever ready and willing to use their

evidence," referring to the New Testa-

While the Bible contains the best

a growing liberality that reaches be- lowed to certify to the truth of any

yond the standard from which they statement in the Bible which cannot be have for centuries drawn their inspirasubstantiated at the bar of reason and

WORLD GROWING BETTER. derive our standard of morality, the * Canon Henson recognized the people by sayis established. In these bodies there is ing that "inspiration should not be al-

The question is often asked, and its Expressions of church dignitaries are ment he says there is less to oftend reanswer is subject to debate. Is the too frequent of late years not to conson or conscience, "but whether little

world growing better? There are vince any one that the lines by which or much it will have to go the way of

world growing greens and expressions which go they have been held are expanding and the Old Testament prodigies." He to prove that relatively the world is binding. What was heresy a century even recommended supplementing the

growing better.

ago is now looked upon as progress, reading of the Bible in church with the take the reports of immoral Even the Roman Catholic church, the "Christian compositions which have se-

acts as published in the press we might last to yield to the spirit of the age, is cured the approval of general accept doubt the improvement of society, becoming more liberal. The present ance," declaring that, "indiscriminate But we must consider that population is pope is the most fiberal-minded of any increasing at a rapid rate and facilities who have occupied the chair of St. tremely perilous proceeding."

have grown with even greater rapidity In the Christian world there is con-manual of fundamental morality given

than population. The telegraph, by stant development and expressions of to the world, it is weighted down with means of which the various portions of the clergy questioning even the inspiration so much indecency and immorality, that

was not adopted until 1851, so that the ted.

practical use of telegraphy is but half
a century old. Prior to this the means high dignitary of Westminster Abbey, a

There are thousands of people,

The Progressive Thinker is educational. Hold on to the form; take off the gauzy, illumined skill and knowledge, for the benefit of the human all persons will acknowledge that, who have attended robes. Do your part—if you love your dead, you race hand ape proud of their success. her seances, than is Elsie Reynolds, and yet, Mr. Mc-

Just so should a medium be proud of her gifts, and Colgan says she is a "transparent fraud." use them well; are the others not gifted?

seances."

Ask any public medium for a free reading or a leaving YOU to judge therefrom and know what the word means? "One who believes." do you free materializing seance, and again the hands will know what the word means? "One who believes." go up in horror. "What! Give their gifts away? go up in horror. "What! Give their gifts away? much as the medium does, she or he would not visit No, sir! Money in advance."

with the one thousand dollar offer!

Spiritualist paper published on this tiful phenomenon, I would indeed be grossly ignor- Broeske in cabinet work; gave public and private than is Mr. Howard, engineer of the city water comant and by for the most prost page. green earth and by far the most pros- ine materialized spirit form produced from the cab- times innumerable I have heard people declare and He has been for many years a firm believer in inet, in a public hall or private home, through a com- relate their wonderful experiences with their "spirit" phenomena, sparing neither time, trouble, friends," in almost an identical manner, as many have nor expense to have all mediums who visited Sawtelle Now don't get impatient, dear friends, and think related in their letters through The Progressive come to his house and give private seances.

> My heart has ached many a time; and many's the same, offering fair pay; on all occasions I refused, tear I have shed to think that I could be so igno- which he will verify. Let us feel kindly towards each other, and in loving miniously deceptive. Thank God, it did not last long. One consolation was always with me: I knew what his wife. I was doing, that the time would come when I ould Imagine, if you can how I felt when they used to There is no achievement in being cynical-"it is too expose it, and they could see that I was working ulti-tell me of the heavenly joy he experienced when Mrs. mately for their own good.

We are a brother and sister-hood, each one trying the history of Modern Spiritualism, that another pub- perienced when they could "talk and see their little mend it or banish it. No evil can ever be radically to do the best he can. We can do no more; but try, lie materializing medium practiced the nefarious ones from the spirit world."

of thousands upon thousands of dollars, and would Do not back such an experience of a few months' ter the conditions, to insure pure, high moral prin- their own little cabinet, which they had put up, where have kept on doing so if it had not been exposed and or a year's attending circles. I say it in all kindness, ciples, or none at all. I did no more than ought to after a hard day's work he and his wife and remainyou have only been on-lookers—you must search with- have been done; but, oh! how I suffered when I held ing children sat nightly, hoping in patient hope, that the anxious ones in my arms, walked and talked with his little ones would come, as he had been told by difarticle, most skillfully played the part of detective, I have "sailed in the same boat," and my heart was them, felt them tremble, listened to their sobs as they ferent mediums that they would do so.

and learned the methods of the freak materializing broken, when any one said a word against any methought they were embracing a spirit mother, sister, No door was near the cabinet, confederates were out

> Don't talk to me of agony! If ever I suffered the tortures of the -- it was on

gery. Talk to them about test conditions for a special for one materialized form, to be produced under test test conditions; for months I waited and an opporconditions, which he would strictly manage himself. tunity came! I was satisfied; I knew enough, and ex- and friends; then his three little "spirit children"

It took strong courage, but I did it,

Two of the little spirits were no higher than his

No! It is no criterion that because I was a fraud, knee, the other was in long clothes; two were able to

I doubt it.

festation is sufficient.

If Mr. W. W. Aber, of Katisas City, is so confident terialized spirit, much as is said to the contrary. It work how merciful to the spirit world and I be at Mr. Howard's knee, and in the entrance of the It can take hold of you, but you cannot touch it: Spiritualists it would be if he paid California a visit. cabinet at the same time? Why! Because there are spiritual laws which must "I hold myself responsible for this remark, that there That is one of the points where the elever trickery be ashamed of ourselves, to read such words? What be obeyed, just the same as civil, natural or divine is not a genuine phenomenal medium in Los Angeles, predominates. and I doubt if there is one in San Francisco.

I know nothing of the Eastern mediums; we have Our worthy editor, in his article on Materializa- trouble enough to take care of our own.

to our "blessed Lord, materializing and showing his ballot, or get spirit rappings under strict test condimother would not believe it.

Can Elsie Reynolds, Annie Higgins, Mrs. Feaser, Ethel Crindle Henly, Broeske or C. V. Miller, of San occasions, but I would produce them exactly the Francisco, or any other materializing or phenomenal same. medium produce spirit manifestations?

They cannot. I am willing to pay the penalty if

the accusation is not correct.

I know, and they know that I know.

Next week I will give a list of spirit names, through face," and it was about to dematerialize, and I called The Progressive Thinker; they may set some people to for a light. thinking.

J. T. McColgan, M. D., in his letter May 7, says: These people who confess to being gulled by such a still on my face; the other little one was standing in transparent humbug as Elsie Reynolds, would be very the entrance of the cabinet as before. poor judges to pass on a genuine materialization. Also: "A materializing medium who cannot produce phenomena in a light strong enough to allow the as he is, he wept bitterly. ready detection of masks and disguises is either not sufficiently developed to give public seances or is a cursed work for a life-time?

fraud." There are thousands of persons, friends and foes of manifestations than does she.

It is very possible that Mr. McColgan never attend-

Hardly any of her work is done in total darkness; ness, for space, and I thank him sincerely. most of it in bright light, as light as a lamp, un-

shaded, and turned high can make a room. There is no one braver in using strong light, and

ILLUSTRATING WHAT IS

GOING ON IN OUR RANKS.

What kind of a judge would he be, between the real

and unreal? where there is no earthly chance of a confederate What do you infer from that? Is it not the al- slipping in, no doors to open noiselessly, no cabinet prepared, or brought by the medium, is a safeguard against fraud.

This is a wrong impression, for, if you knew as your house in order to hold a seance.

For the benefit of those who depend largely on There is something wrong somewhere, and it is not these private affairs, let me tell you of one which I think will be of some interest.

On many occasions he has invited me to do the

Why? Because I had too much respect for him and

Reynolds held a seance at his house (which was quite I believe there has been but one other instance in often) and the intense pleasure he and his wife ex-

did accept his urging invitation and held a private I will dare do anything to further the interests, bet- seance in his house, in an humble, honest room, using

of the question; the cabinet was nailed cross-wise in a corner.

His wife, himself, two gentlemen friends of his, and his children were all that made up the little, anxious,

and talked of affairs that only he and this dear spirit" knew.

Other "spirits" came, his and her mother, aunts came, whom he recognized as he surely did the others.

Two of the little spirits were no higher than his Mrs. Reynolds and I had our pride hurt beyond therefore all'are frauds! No! No!! But watch, lisp "baby-talk," the three appeared at one time, and ords, at the paltry fifty; yet we thought we did a watch, watch!

But watch, lisp "baby-talk," the three appeared at one time, and one approached his knee; he felt the litle face and Would you do what I have done in order to get hands, and after a while it dematerialized at his knee, while the other was still standing in the entrance of the cabinet; he was sitting some six or seven feet

How happy he and his wife were; how they enjoyed

Heavens! I was those three little tots. You may ask: How could I be three? How could

God pity the poor parents who are thus deceived! I was his tall gentleman friend, whiskers just as he wore them, and as Mr. Howard recognized.

I told him that I was. The heart-broken father and He told me he would give me twenty dollars if I

would come to his house again; and again produce his similarities in the various faiths in orlittle ones, just as he had seen "them" that night. _. I told him to keep his money, as I had done on other

Still he would not believe it.

The appointed night came and so did his "three little baby tots," from the "spirit world;" the one came to his knee again; he was patting the "little

It was quickly produced. Heaven pity him! There I was at his knee, his hand

Not one word was spoken. He arose and went in another room, and big, brave

Oh. God! How can some people follow that unholy Hearts of stone they must have.

For years Mr. Howard and family had been firm be-Elsie Reynolds, who will in all truthfulness say that lievers. Elsie Reynolds had been to his house time

> This is only one instance. But I have already imposed on the editor's kind-Some day "The mists shall roll away."

Earnestly yours, LAURA M. HYLAND. Sawtelle, Cal.

derive our standard of morality, the . Canon Henson recognizes the highest Bible ethics. Their high conception of invented, which with air ships, will moral virtues becomes their guide and break up war. They will hover over

FLYING SHIPS.

the worlddis growing better.-T. J.

Palmer, in Medford (Okla.) Patriot.

Navigating the Air to Be a Success.

To the Editor: 21 send you a communication given clairaudiently through They will drop an explosive that, when Justin Hulburd, better known on your it reaches the lower density of the atsubscription listens Justin Robinson, mosphere, it will spread out in all direcwhich was his stage name, he having tions. They will keep throwing them been an actor about fifty years. He is out so fast it will kill thousands of men the world are brought together and tion of the Bible are no longer considerable and the world are brought together and tion of the Bible are no longer considerable as a high standard of moral character reland, in 1829. He came to New York in cess that we are perfecting in spirit made known the world over is but 70 denouncement of the immoral sentiand. The world has outgrown its also at the age of two years. He has shown the more cultivated to the Old Testament once then ticity; mankind, in the more cultivated to the constructed ments of the Old Testament once the nations. was but 13 miles long. The Morse sysnow looked upon as a matter of fact and
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cent. He may show a late the progressive spirits will find individthe progressive spirits will find individthe standard of moral'y; the world
cent. He may show in his 76th year, and
the progressive spirits will find individthe progressive spirits will find in tem, though brought out the same year, tolerated as a truth rejuctantly admit is growing better, if reason and public is kept in the physical body by spirit out their conditions. power for a work which is not yet compower for a work which is not yet com-'Over fifty years ago Benj: Franklin pleted. He is clairvoyant, clairaudient made the prediction through this mediand trance. E. W. HULBURD. Descanso, Cal.

of communication was by the slow graduate of Oxford and Cambridge Unitermed atheists, infidels, skeptics and methods then in vogue; and half the versities, raised a little storm by impliberalists, whose daily walk and high world might be dead and buried, and pugning the inspiration of the Old Test standard of moral ethics challenge the On Thursday, April 21, 1904, about they would break up war.

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Standard of moral ethics challenge the devotes of Christianity. Their rule of five o'clock p. m., I was sitting in company with my cousin, Justin Hulburd, a liked to keep their skins on, it they possible in science and educated reason dictate. For head of case and educated reason dictate. For head of the reason dictate. For head of the reason dictate. For head of the order of the or

inspiration. That men do and have adopted this high standard or morality; unfettered by church or ecclesiastical bands, is one of the best evidences that slavery; but it has got to be done, and will break up war, as nations will not dare to risk the great slaughter. Benjamin Franklin is at the head of the movement

'The spirits are bound to stop war between nations. The improvement will be on the same line as the wireless telegraph, but greater. They will build flying ships so perfect that they will fly through the air at a rapid speed. They will drop an explosive that, when

um how they would perfect flying ships. They would be called "aerial boats," and through that process of navigation

shows an intellectual and cultured mind that the human race is still barbarous Your boasted civilization is a halfbreed of barbarism; it is like our ortho dox farmer praying for rain, and the God he believes in sets his house on fire by striking it with lightning. 'The feeble-minded to-day living in

physical bodies require a strong demon-stration, so their God sends them cyclones and tornadoes to wake them up out of their hibernating sleep of old orthodox creeds; in time they will get to understand the laws of nature are running those things and not old Jehovah of the Bible that has held them so many years in a deep lethargy where it was almost impossible for the law of reason to break through and laugh at their credulity. Your friend as always,

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lamentable. Nothing could be more illogical; not to rect. say more unreasonable, than a generalization so Mr. Aber has often gone into private homes, where sweeping. As well might one say, "All doctors are every precaution had been taken to render deception frauds," or "all lawyers are rascals," because he had impossible, and under these circumstances the most been taken in by some quacks and shysters.

mate that Mr. Aber has hired confederates to write that these materialized apparitions do (as they say) pensation, nor would he permit me even to attend his could accept such a theory? circles free of charge; nor would I ask it. The laborer I wish here to relate a striking test received by a to be true. Now, I do know that the phenomena of reached the limit. Mr. E. is a pronounced sceptic, writing these lines.

recognized them by certain well-marked peculiarities either. and characteristics. I have repeatedly verified these At the last scance, an old and intimate friend came imposed upon me for an instant.

which is infallable.

familiarly with one of my brothers for some minutes; sudden illness, which hurried him to his grave. slowly shrink together, become hazy and nebulous, Mr. E. wishes his name suppressed for the present. pear by degrees until all was gone, except the head, bors; therefore, I have not mentioned it, nor that of contact with my left foot, when it also disappeared in- subject which may be addressed in my care, he being stantly. This was all in a good light; and this form a near neighbor of mine. the solid and substantial form becomes unreal, vague News and other papers. and shadowy; seems to shrink together, to grow Of course the skeptic will say that the medium got floor, and is gone.

ous parts of the seance-room, slowly taking form and about the appearing and disappearing

On one occasion a form rose from the floor almost make "mighty interesting reading." at my feet, and grew before my eyes into a tall, hand- Spiro. I. T.

In re the controversy over the Hale-Cherry some, well-dressed man, who at once asked for pencil offer I am moved to remark that should Mr. W. W. and paper. Being provided by a stranger, who had Aber, 3422 Tenth St., Kansas City, ever be induced only arrived that evening, and had brought a tablet to take up the challenge, he could certainly deliver for the purpose of taking notes, this apparition quickthe goods. I have since 1902 made an exhaustive in- ly wrote three pages, writing with such amazing rap-Westigation of Mr. Aber's mediumship and I am free idity that he seemed to be simply drawing straight to say that I have learned more through this one me- lines across the blank page. The writing was comdium than I had by ten years' careful research pleted in much less than a minute, and I could not through the organisms of many other psychies. Mr. have believed that he had written anything at all, had Hale, Cherry, et al., make the common mistake of pre- I not actually seen and read the writing myself. It suming that because they have been so unfortunate proved to be a short essay upon conditions of the as to meet with one or two fake mediums that ergo all spirit-life, etc., and was well written, grammar, ormediums are fakes. A grave mistake that, and most thography, punctuation, alignment, etc., being cor-

brilliant phenomena have occurred. This I know to I regret to see that Mr. Hale goes so far as to inti- be a fact, and there is no escape from the conclusion articles in his favor, etc. I know that this is absolute- actually represent entities, who once walked the earth ly false. Mr. Aber is a very poor man in fact, hardly in fleshly vestments, except to fall back on the "lame makes a living; then how could he hire anybody? It and impotent" (and now entirely discredited) theory takes money to do this. I have been attending Mr. of magic. If there be such a thing as magic-the Aber's seances for two years, and have always paid magic that was believed in by our forebears, then my way. Mr. Aber has never offered me any com- this might explain it, but what intelligent mind to-day

is worthy of his hire. Neither he nor any other man young friend of mine, reserving my own personal excould hire me to write anything that I did not know periences for a future article, as this has already materialization as presented through Mr. Aber is ab- seemingly almost proof against conviction. Having solutely genuine. I am as sure of it as that I am now heard of Mr. Aber, he desired to attend some of his circles with me. In January last we visited the cir-I know it to be a fact, because forms appear which cles, where E. carried his skepticism to an almost abare fully recognized by the sitters present as relatives surd degree, saying that he "come just to show us and friends who have disappeared from this plane of how it was done." But he hasn't "showed" us yet. being. I certainly did recognize and fully identify He admitted that his friends came to him, that he my father and three brothers. I know that I was not recognized them, etc., yet he refused to be convinced. deceived, could not have been deceived about this He said: "The phenomena can't be genuine, because thing. They gave their names, and related a numthere isn't any spirits, you know." He thought it ber of facts known only to me alone, and further I might be necromancy, only he didn't believe in that

observations under diverse circumstances. Mr Aber to him, giving his name, which I will call X. Now X. could have known nothing of these things, as I was a had some time previously removed to a distant part of total stranger to him and the whole circle at my first the country, and E. believed him to be still alive. In visit. I am quite sure that no man could have gotten fact, he had received a letter from X. only a few up a simularrum of my aged father that would have weeks prior to his visit to Kansas City, in which X. had said that he was in good health, and E. had heard Even granting that such a thing might be done, nothing tothe contrary. So when this form presented, could this simulacrum have conversed with me, and claiming to be X., my friend said at once, "There mentioned facts known to no mortal there save me must be some mistake. I know that X. is still alive." alone? I say, impossible! But not satisfied with all But the form still persisted that he was X.; that he this, I devised numerous mental tests, which were re- passed away a short time after the last letter to his sponded to satisfactorily, absolutely proving the truth friend E. So the matter stood, E. returning home of spirit-return through materialization beyond all next day. He immediately wrote to his friend X., but possibility of cavil or dispute. If any reader of this received no reply from him, nor was the letter regreat paper should happen not to know what is meant turned. But some time afterwards E. had a letter by a mental test, I shall take pleasure (in a future from the wife of X., in which she confirmed the truth number) in describing my method of applying same, of the statements made by the form at the Aber circle. X., while still apparently in his usual health, had a But to resume. At one of these circles, I conversed few days after his last letter to E., been seized by a

then even while he was still speaking, saw his form All this is the simple truth, capable of verification. and sinking through the floor, melt away and disap- for fear of persecution by his ultra-orthodox neighwhich rolled over on the floor until it was almost in his friend, but Mr. E. will answer any letters on the

was fully recognized, had been talking to me, had his My wife had a very similar experience, which was hand on my shoulder in fact when the peculiar change related in a lengthy article on psychic phenomena was observed, which always precedes the disintegra- which I contributed to the "Medical Brief" (Vol. tion of these forms. This change is instantaneous; XXXI, No. 8), and which was reprinted in the Dallas

smaller, crumbles, melts away, then sinks through the these facts from the "Blue Book," or from the sitter's subliminal consciousness, etc. But what about the How is that to be explained on any theory of exact resemblance to your departed friends in form and feature, which is often noted even the minutest I have seen these forms rise from the floor in vari- characteristics being faithfully portrayed? How substance, walk about, write, speak and in short do which are one moment solid and substantial and the anything that any human being could do in the limnext melt into the very air? Can these things be done ited time in which they were permitted to remain by fraud? If so, I would like to know something with us. And I have repeatedly seen them disap- about that particular species of fraud that can propear in the same way, in reverse order. How is it duce such effects. Let some good anti-materialization brother rise and explain. It seems to me it would

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Important Data Collected.

In Reference to Mediumship and Its Effects.

In response to a request for information as to the frects of mediumship, published in the Spiritualist papers, data have been furnished the writer relative to 47 cases.

The different phases of mediumship covered by these data are represented as follows: Clairvoyance, 23; clairaudience, 19; inspirational speaking, 19; rance, 18; raps, 7; psychometry, 6; personation, 3 painting and drawing, 8; table tipping, 2; singing, 2; visions, 2; fire test, 1; materialization, 1; invention, 1.

Only two out of the whole number state that meliumship was injurious. One correspondent, howcame insane, and two committed suicide. Unfortun- is not a medium. ately, no means of verifying these statements was given, so that they cannot be considered.

In one case (that of a private medium for trance, the medium, except a brief period of weariness immething beyond a coincidence in this.

In four cases, some benefit is claimed.

Thirty-nine cases report decided benefit. It should, perhaps, be stated that the writer has susceptible of verification.

If it could be demonstrated that the evolution and mental depression, exercise of an individual's psychic powers destroy his ory, or judgment, reduce his vitality, render self-con-fited. trol more difficult, impair individuality or otherwise ever, has not been established, but is directly con- tion. troverted by the results of both observation and experience as herein hinted.

f an experience (especially if subjective) than the materialization, with good effects. individual who was subjected to it. Who could know spiritual-prior to his mediumistic experiences-bet- effect. ter than himself? Then, unless his judgment is perverted, he can accurately determine the effects and Results beneficial. certainly is fully qualified to testify in his own be-

other than the avoidance of a publicity that might be est good.

medium a desire to misrepresent in that way is sand cases. gratuitous, unwarranted, unjust and prejudicial.

Brief notes concerning a few of the cases follow,

the subject being indicated by a number. No. 2 has "heard voices" since he was five (is now 69) and declares they have never deceived or misled him. Has been a public speaker for thirty-six years, and credits spirit control or mediumship with all that

No. 5 was cured by mediumship of using profanity, slang and tobacco. Is a public medium.

No 9 has been an active medium for fifty years, and says that for the past forty-five years he has not experienced a day's illness. He also says that of the Of the cases here referred to, the data in five are numerous mediums with whom he has been personally acquainted he never knew one who had been injured

No. 13 has been a public trance medium forty-six ver, cited four instances in which the results were years, with the most pronounced benefit. The indeclared to have been disastrous, as follows: Two be- formation in this case is supplied by a relative, who

> No. 19 has been a trance medium for more than thirty years, with good results.

No. 28, clairvoyant, trance, etc., for twenty-five clairvoyance, clairandience, raps, automatic writing years. Health excellent, but the exercise of mediumand inspirational speaking) it is averred that the ex- ship and financial failure seem to have gone together ercise of mediumship has had no effect whatever upon in this case. 'The data, however, fail to show any-

No. 29, thirty years a trance and inspirational speaker. Good health, and no bad effects,

No. 30, a medium for various phases during fortysix years, has suffered in health at times by contact accepted the testimony of mediums themselves, where with "vicious spirits." Her memory has been slightly impaired, and formerly was subject to periods of

No. 32, after a mediumistic experience of ten years, integrity, endanger his sanity, weaken his will, mem- is greatly improved in health, and otherwise bene-

No. 34, for twenty years a medium, has good health injure or weaken him, his testimony might be proper- and declares his mediumship of direct benefit—semily considered incompetent. That proposition, how- trance, clairvoyant, inspirational speaking, persona-

No. 40 claims to have been a medium since 1828, during which long period of time he has exemplified No one should be better able to estimate the effects many different forms of the phenomena including

No. 44, for more than twenty years an inspirational a medium's condition—physical, mental, moral and speaker and magnetic healer, with unvarying good

No. 45, an inspirational speaker, test medium, psybiased, his mental vision clouded, or his moral nature chometrist and healer for more than thirty-five years.

No. 47 is a remarkable case. Before he became aware of mediumship the doctors pronounced him a If he has been harmed, or if he has known others to victim of consumption and doomed to an early grave. have been injured by mediumship, it would seem that A "developing circle" cured that ailment entirely, the highest and most sacred moral and benevolent and he has ever since been strong and well, and has considerations would lead him to so state. Under been a trance medium forty-seven years. His mesuch circumstances, silence could offer no reward, diumship is highly prized and considered of the great-

My thanks are cordially extended to those who On the other hand, the allegation of imaginary ben- kindly took the pains to write, and I hope in the efits could win no reward, so that to impute to the future to accumulate data covering at least one thou-WALTER P. WILLIAMS.

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Mind Is Nothing But Motion.

Some of the lower animals don't get their eyes open No instinct, no reason. Reason is instinct expanded, ill several days after birth. There were some sub- as the university is the common school expanded. jects to which the ancients never got their eyes open. What is called intuition does not begin until after the The mind is one of these on this subject especially mind stage has been reached. Intuition, like all other the modern research has made great advance.

motion, the motion of the brain; in the same sense China, to be reared by Chinese parents, and its intuithat wind is nothing but motion, the motion of the tions will be unlike what they would have been air. The latest psychological science demonstrates brought up under an American training. summarized in a brief article.

As a foundation principle, it makes the unit atom a person. Science long since proved that matter is not faculty of selection, and will-force of execution. Chemistry also demonstrates that it contains all the elements of life. This knowledge has justly formulated a personality for each separate atom. There are about eighty varieties of primal matter so far known, and of the yet unknown it is not estimated how many. It is known, however, that the unknown are the smaller quantities.

The single primal personality has, comparatively, but little strength. The simple molecule has more. The larger one has still more. When these combine and form a mass the strength increases accordingly. Also the variety of expression increases. As the mass increases till it reaches the man size the variety of expression becomes almost infinite. It expands till there is thought, reason, imagination, fancy, instinct, intuition, conscience, etc., etc., These are terms of convenience, all expressive of nothing but motion; discovered by the telescope nor cut out of space. As all expressive of nothing but law, for it is proven an instrument for the discovery of mind the telescope that mind and law are the same.

system, the brain being its seat. The ends of the fin- are farther apart than the heavens and the earth, Let gers think as much as the brain proportionately with the astronomer and psychologist each have a respectthe amount of nerve substance in them.

Every one knows the force of habit, its law, its the more rapidly enriched. power. It persists with the strength of nature. This No scientist yet knows what it is. It is only known Change the posture of the body from reclining to ly expected all will yet be made clear. standing, and the thought will be changed. Play and All of the ancient psychologists are obsolete. They work have their special thought waves.

is not an entity, in the sense of a substance, but is chemists quote ancient alchemists: no more than modrather the combined character forces of the whole ern religionists quote ancient theologians; or no more

objective phenomena: Instinct is the origin of mind. 615 Adams St., Madison, Wis.

phases of the mind, changes as conditions and en-It is now clearly known that mind is nothing but vironments change. Transplant an American babe to

double volume gives the full detail. It can only be stream is moving water, the motion being caused by knows the rotary motion of the earth could not be independently of the earth itself. The jockey does not inert; that each atom had an intelligent, unerring need telling that the two-minute gait is not connected with the energies of the horse. The psychologist would simply be amused to be informed that brain and mind are unrelated. That motion and matter are distinct entities is true.

and all other energies and forces easy of comprehension. It is all only the motion of principles inherent in primal matter. The knowledge is so simple it makes all the phenomena of the universe no longer difficult of solution. Astronomers will receive great benefit from the latest evoluted psychological science. That astronomers have not developed this knowledge themselves is not surprising. They have enough to do to evolute astronomy, and do it well. One astronomer says: "One would think that explorers of the sidereal universe would be the very ones able to "cut mind out of space," and bring it to the earth all ready for 50 cents; by the dozen, 40 cents. Exuse." The psychologist knows that mind is neither would be worth more to turn it round and look In man the intelligence is centered in the nerve through the other end. Astronomy and psychology ful confidence in the other, and universal truth will be

will be quoted no more than the modern astronomers There is here an inevitable conclusion that the soul quote ancient astrologers; no more than modern than the well informed, wise Spiritualist quotes Chemical action is the substratum principle of all ancient theosophy. E. W. BALDWIN.

this, and the developed progress is already being taught in some of the leading universities. A large that there is not something that moves. The gulf

This modern knowledge makes Radiant Energy,

point is the leading feature in the educational reform. what it does. The distinction between force and in-It emphasizes the great importance of forming the telligence is buried. Distinguishing between chemchild habits rightly. That which is done from habit ical attraction and intelligence is meeting a like fate. is so easy, and if the habits are right all of life's ac- In the latest development of psychology there are still complishments are greater and pleasanter. It is a some slight technicalities not yet fully cleared, though simple thing to experiment with the thought wave. these do not affect the general result. It is confident-

IT IS NOT DEAD.

Have the Churches Captured Spirituatism?

We sometimes hear talk about "the decline of Spiritualism—the absorption and death of our cause," which is only a freak of fancy. It is not dead, has never declined, but is as much alive as it ever was and able to take care of itself, and under the guidance of wise spirits who know what they want and understand what they are doing. It has had many obstacles placed in its pathway; many erroneous teachings and practices to overcome; prejudices and customs to impede its progress.
We often hear it said, "The churches"

are trying to capture and absorb Spir-We are glad to know it, and hope they may be eminently successful. It is a good thing to absorb and a valuable prize to capture, and there is plenty of it for all the world, and we hope they may capture, appropriate and utilize all they can find of it. It will be and has been a great help to them in various ways. Do let churches capture Spiritualism churches capture Spiritualism in abundance, and it will be finally discovered that Spiritualism has captured and

There is much of error promulgated and propagated in the name of Spiritualism, and this has always been done since the beginning at Hydesville and Rochester; because it requires many years for some people to become emancipated from errors previously acquired. These errors belong to individuals who express them, not to Spiritualism, per se, which is the opponent of any and all errors and false practices of every kind.

The church authorities deny the genuineness of spiritual phenomenatribute them to the devil, or explain them on other hypotheses than the re-turn of spirits. The facts are not investigated, but forbidden. They believe in future life but make no effort to prove it-accept spirit phenomena alleged to have occurred in past ages, but will not accept the demonstrated facts of such things now, nor believe living its own needs, and we will let the wise

Modern Spiritualism has been the avowed opponent of the churches, and they have stood in antagonism to it; in a Methodist family, and its greatest champions are and have been converts fere with church institutions, but aims treasured and richly enjoyed by all who to convert individuals to its principles. Love genuine poetry, and especially by ence, could not exist without witnesses; facts, philosophy. Its remote purpose Spiritualists. The volume is tastly or that the science of geology could not be established without witnesses.

uals. Some churches and orders have disintegrated in the last half century, and this presses final violent its appeal to and influence upon individand this presages final victory. /

ists want, and they are free to have it. equality with other religious denominations and wants to be so recognized; and it is well equiped to convince the world that it is a religious body. It has a creed; a religion based reverently on Scientific Theism; a ministry; pastorates; missionaries; officers; commun-ion service; invocations; christenings; reverence; sacred consecrations; and a code of moral ethics in the golden rule, quoted from the Holy Bible.

They who are best pleased to hug a delusion, even though they know it to be such, must retain their fond idol. It may appear that the churches have captured Spiritualism by the many false doctrines saddled on to it by speakers the divine origin of the Bible? and writers who are doing more to re-tard its progress than all fraudulent This cannot be avoided. Some folks are ignorant in some particare supposed to be. Knowledge, the true savior, has no compromise with ignorance nor error; it scorns unsupported belief; it tasks no favors of theology.

The casual observer . may conclude that Spiritualism is amalgamated with popular religion, judging from what many Spiritualists are saying, doing and writing. The observer should bear in mind that the host of Spiritualists are made up of people from all classes. orders, sects who join our ranks bringing some of their errors which they undertake to propagate, and this causes some turmoil and conflict. This very fact is proof of freedom, liberty, tolerance, equality, unity in fundamental Spiritualism. There is some chaff, but good wheat is there also. There are counterfeits, but the genuine coin ex-

ists in abundance. Spiritualism is an inexhaustible theme of discussion on an unlimited variety of topics; and the heterogeneous character of its adherents is such that no man or set of men can lay down any laws for the government of the whole body. Each one governs himself or herself. Spiritualism has prestige enough for

tent leaders. A. H. NICHOLAS. "Poema di Progress." By Lizzie nevertheless, it started in the church, Doten. In this volume, this peerless poet of Spiritualism may be read in her from the churches. It does not inter. lively to severe." It is a book to be

spirits run it who are the most compe-

The N. S. A. is what some Spiritual. Testimony in Its Relation to Spiritual Phenomena.

> As it is my purpose to do my fellow those who are not of my way of think ing, I will prepare a few articles for The Progressive Thinker on "The Weakness of Witnesses."

Is there a religion which has no attempted to substitute the "testimon of witnesses" for demonstrated fact? Has not Mormonism had its "Golden Plates" to prove its claims divine-ac Has not the Catholic church a hos

of witnesses to back its miracles? Have not excavations and discoveries of ancient manuscripts settled forever That black blot of human life, witch

craft: Have not multitudes of "witnesses" sworn away the lives of count less thousands? Has there ever been a delusion which has not had its army of witnesses ready

to seal their testimony with their

blood?

As a rule, those people were honest painfully honest. Dallas Lore Sharp well said: "Allow ance must be mode for false seeing and the temperament of the observer. One's interpretations are matters of nature and-of constitution sometimes. The facts I must see with the eyes of my

neighbor; the meaning of the facts can see with no one's eyes but 'my Witnesses have their place; but to rely upon them, instead of demonstra tion, is weakness. The attempt to hinge Spiritualism upon the "testimon" of witnesses," by some of its writers, is the weakest thing in its history.

Why should any Spiritualist make the mistake of supposing that science itself rests upon so shaky a foundation as "witnesses"? Many of the writers upon Spiritualism are agreed that "science is to know." is based upon classified knowledge, undeniable facts, imperishable truth. All that witnesses can do is to encourage investigation, incite others to know for themselves. suppose that science has no stronger mand us to the Dark Ages, when it was customary to "prove" absurdities by the testimony of witnesses—especially if the witnesses swore to the truth of their stories. We might as well say

cause its facts are millions of years old; atim: but some of my Spiritual brethren overooked the principle I laid down as undeniable, That "a fact a million years verification, old or new."

ent-day revelation from a spirit world is a world. What kind of science is it that would

of witnesses as a substitute for demonstration? The philosophical Spiritualist himself requires more than this.

How many Spiritualists to day could

of to-day; but the thinker asks for its the afternoon the sea was asswaged, said it was "probably a seal." and the wind being at sea we set sayle, I heartily agreed with those spiritual and stood south by east, and south philosophers who maintain that a present-day revelation from a spirit world is one of the companie looking over boord the demand of this age if there is such saw a mermaid, and calling up some of much discussion over," not mermaidsthe companie to see her, once more came up, and by that time shee was come close to the ships side, looking earnestly on the men. A little after a sea came and overturned her. From the navill unward her backe and breasts were like a womans, as they say that believe the story written by Henry Hudson himself, June 15, 1608, with his own hand? Hudson was noted as a haire hanging downe behinde of colour navigator, but weak on "mermalds." I blacke. In her going down they saw maids and the "materialized" are gone will give the account verbatim et liter- her tayle, which was like the tayle of a forever!

porposse, speckled like a macrell. Their "All day and night cleere sunshine, names that saw her were Thomas The wind at east. The latitude at Hilles and Robert Rayner. There has noone 75 degrees 7 minutes. We held been much discussion over the merold is as much a lact as the occurrence westward by our count 13 leagues. In maids. One eminent author, Dr. Asher,

An author in our own day: "I much prefer to believe in the mermaid" on

account of the sentiment! The past few months "there has been we've passed that, but over "material ized spirits.' Doubtless Barnum would have paid handsomely for one healthy long-lived mermaid, one with long haire hanging downe behinde of colour blacke."

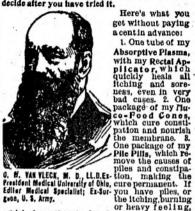
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SAR'GIS COMPLIMENTED.

W. H. Burr, a literary genius of Washington, D. C., pays this high compliment to Sar'gis: "He is splendid, rational, philosoph-

fcal, scientific." An Object Lesson to Those Who Hasten

Burial.

Many correspondents have contributed articles on the subject of premature burials, and editorials from time to time have been published, showing the great danger of burial before death, especially in cases of certain diseases. No physician has ever been able to distinguish profound trance from death, and the only certain sign of the departure of the spirit is the commencement of disorganization. Even the first indications of that are not sufficient.

The following from Vienna, Austria, related of an advocate who having been seriously ill for a year with an incurable heart disease, died a few days ago. The funeral was arranged and numerous guests assembled for the mournful

But as the coffin was being removed from the death chamber the startled guests heard a noise from the interior of the coffin, and suddenly the lid burst open, the advocate sat up and began to reproach his family with having awakened him too soon from his sleep.

He was taken back to bed and the doctor announced that his health had considerably improved since his sup posed death.

Who is the Devil?

Now that the devil has become myth in the minds of almost everyone, it is refreshing to have belated ministers declare their conviction that he "do exist." Rev. McElveen, right in Boston, the supposed fountain of intelligence, said that although skepticism held the mind and there were doubts as to the existence of a devil, there was no good grounds for denying that he ixists. good grounds for denying that he exists. ment and the New.

The Rev. McElveen knew just why God created the devil. Wonderfully conversant is he with God's intentions. God placed the devil in the world to try man's character, a sort of "punching bag" for the children of men to exercise on and grow strong. He is the constant opposer, and man develops in re ligion by the struggle. The trouble is that the temptation is too strong and catches nine-tenths of the tempted.

Really his is the old scheme which forms the plot of that most ancient of all poems, the "Book of Job." Job is an exemplary man, but the devil makes a sort of wager with God that he can win him over, and God permits the devil to have several trials. Intelligent preachers do not believe in such a, personal devil, but some belated member ministerial class are held by the linger ing superstition.

Women's Clubs Growing More Liberal. the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs, said at the recent festival of the New England Woman Suffrage Association:

"A great change is coming over the in regard to woman suffrage. Only four or five years ago, when it was proposed that our State Federation should recommend women to use their school vote, the idea was considered so alarming that a special meeting of the state board was called, and there was much opposition; and the proposal was only carried at last by the argument that school suffrage was an accomplished fact, and that we must accept its responsibilities. Two years ago, the State Federation devoted a day to the question how to increase women's school vote, without objection from any-

"In looking over the program for the Biennial of the General Federation at St. Louis. I am struck by the change in the subjects to be considered, they are so much more serious and solid they used to be. Many are legislative and legal. I see that Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker is to give an address on what the ballot can do for working women. That would not have been possible two years ago.

"The clubs are helping the suffrage movement by awakening the civic conmittees on child labor, on legislation affecting working women, etc., and the more the club women get interested in these questions, the more they learn to desire the ballot."

"Healing, Causes and Effects." By

The General Assembly of the Presbyte rian Church, at Buffalo, N. V. While the General Conference of the

M. E. Church was in session at Los Angeles, that of the Presbyterian Church was at work in Buffalo. As will be seen Entered of the Chicago Pochetico as Second-Class Matter by the Associated Press reports, neither of these conventions is supremely happy. The "higher criticism" is in evidence in both as a disturbing element,

and the "higher criticism" is a child of Spiritualism. Spiritualism has killed the doctrine of a personal devil, the story of Adam's fall, a hell of fire and brimstone, a heaven of harps, thrones and golden streets; infant damnation, predestination, and, in fact, all else that is foolish and unreasonable in old theology. The retiring moderator, Dr. Robert

Coyle, of Denver, has evidently been reading something of the Spiritualists dea of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, along the line of true altruism, for in his opening sermon, he discussed the labor problem and the hostility of the masses to the church, and said: "How to take away this soreness is the great problem of the day. Few things are more in evidence at the present time than the unrest of the masses. Their discontent increases. Their complaints grow louder and louder. Strikes multiply. The gulf between capital and labor widens, and, unless some solution is found, it is not pleasant to think what the outcome is likely to be."

On the subject of divorce and the rapid decrease in the size of the Ameri can family, he spoke as follows:

"As between a system that allows a man to have three or four ex-wives, or woman to have three or four ex-hus bands, and a system that permits a mar o have his plural wives all at once there is little to choose. I am not sure but the odds are on the side of the Mor mon. If this social scourge of easy di vorce continues, it will call down upor us as a people the curse of Almighty God. Childless firesides are being sub stituted for family circles."

It seems from the following that that that branch of the Presbyterian church known as the Cumberland, was far in advance of the main body from which it separated, on the subject of predestination, infant damnation, etc. It is a little bit of history with which the average reader is not familiar, and we give it as given in the press report of the assembly's meeting:

It is universally acknowledged that the all important question to come be fore the assembly is that of union with the Cumberland Presbyterian church Many of the strongest men in the as sembly are opposed to the movement including all the colored commission ers. Among the opponents of the union are former Moderator Patton, forfer Moderator Minton, the John Fox and others. The root of the opposition is on the demand Cumberland Presbyterians that the colored people be erected in separate pres

The Cumberland Presbyterian church derives its name from the Cumberland river in Tennessee, or rather from Cumberland presbytery, which took its name from the river. . The secession took place in 1810 and was due to two principal causes.

There was a great revival of religion in middle Tennessee under the auspices of the clergy of the Cumberland presbytery, hundreds of persons being converted. In their religious enthusiasm the clergy preached boldly against the doctrine of predestination and election.

After the revival a large number of young men who had been converted and who had not been educated academically, announced their desire to enter the ministry.

They were received by the Cumberland presbytery and some of them licensed to preach. There was a controversy over this in the synod, and the matter would have been taken to the general assembly, but in the meantime a number of the presbytery met in a new religious body, to be known as the Cumberland Presbyterian church of the

United States.

The confession of faith adopted was Identical in all essential features with that of the mother church, except that As soon as the Presbyterian church revised its creed and also eliminated predestination, the Cumberland church made overtures for union, asserting that there was no longer a division.

The Cumberlands long ago adopted an educational standard for the ministry. There are about 185,000 communicants in the Cumberland church, mainly in the south and southwest. They own much property and support many flourishing schools.

There was a notable absence of distinguished men in the assembly, which is a great disappointment to Buffalo. But two former moderators are present. The only prominent lawyers are Gen. Ralph E. Prime of New York, Louis H. Severance of Cleveland, Col. James M. Rice of Peoria, and Robert M. Willson of Philadelphia.

Russia Church-Ridden.

A palpable fact is presented by The Converted Catholic, of New York City when it says that the Russian Church Mrs. May Alden Ward, president of is as superstitions, intolerant and bigoted as the Church of Rome, though the Czar does not claim to be infallible like the Pope.

The war with Japan is drawing large ly upon the resources of the Russian empire, and the church must give up some of its great wealth. Like Roman Catholic countries Russia is overrun with priests, monks and nuns.

The Chief Procurator of Russia, in a late report to the Czar on the state of Russian religion, brings out the fact that the power and wealth of the Greek Church are immense. There are 66.780 of these churches in the empire. During the last year 833 new places of wor ship were consecrated. In connection with these churches there are 16,658 monks and 36,146 nuns. There are 2,050 head priests and 43,743 ordinary priests. These, together with 58 156 deacons and under deacons, make a grand total, along with seven other divisions, the figures of which are not given exactly, of 170,000 persons in official positions. A sum of nearly \$30. 000,000 was paid by the Russian people last year for the support of this vast or-

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To the Editor:-Here is a sermon from a Gold Fleaf in Nature (in the Detroit Evening News) unexcelled by any Rostram Pilot in our ranks. Here is a truly illustrated mentality of what man should be. It is really refreshing to pick up a daily paper of late years attd read an article like J. P. RUSSELL. the following. ... izla of a ski

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It is the season when all nature is leaping with life. Under the magical smile of the sun the cold clay that seemed dead becomes senseful and animated with a million forms of activity.

The seeds thrusting forth their shoots, the trees bursting into leaf and the flowers unfolding into bloom and fragrance, all tell the same

Perhaps you have seen the phenomenon in many seasons and it is an old tale to you. But did you ever note the important fact that nature in all her forms

lives by giving? If you never observed that, then the great object lesson of nature, presented to you year after year, has been lost utterly. If you are blind to

that, then the simplest secret of life is to you a dream undreamt. Did you ever know a tree or plant or creature—except a human one -that takes all to itself and gives out nothing? No; you never did, and you never will.

Look at some heroic oak, with its massive trunk and ponderous limbs and mighty mass of foliage straining toward heaven. Has that tree grown and does it live by sucking its immense mass of material substance from the earth that supports its roots, think you? Well, it does nothing of the kind.

You might chop down that tree at its very roots, saw it up and build house of it and warm yourself through the winter at the fire of its limbs; yet, when its roots shall have rotted clean away, there will be just as much earth where that tree grew as there was on that far-off day when the acorn first sprouted within it.

You, with your intellectual endowments and your spiritual nature touched by divinity—can as much be said of you when you are gone and six feet of earth is mounded up where you are laid away—that you provided shelter and warmth for someone's winter and left no scar where

you grew? The grasses, the plants, the shrubs, the weeds even, do not consume soil: they make it. The whole habitable surface of the earth has been transformed from bleak rock to fertile soil by vegetation that has given

in growing and has grown by giving. We call the plant an inanimate thing, and yet it is the only thing in all the world that knows how to manufacture living material.

It makes it of carbonic acid gas, to man a poison, and in the process it eleases oxygen, to man in the chief life-giving element. But for plants

the atmosphere of earth would be a deadly gas. Inanimate though we call it, the plant in its life teaches us if we will earn a splendid lesson for spiritual growth. In the great cycles of nature extremes meet and the highest comes in touch with the lowest. Man, too, if he will learn of the plant, may create life forces-not of a material sort, 'tis true, but infinitely higher.

We, no more than the plants, can grow from our own rootage. No: like them, we must feed upon poisons.

Toil, suffering, poverty, sickness, despair and all the other adversities of our fellows we must take to our own hearts, if we would have real character building and release to the world the life giving oxygen of human sympathy.

In the same degree as the plant takes in poisons, and throws out pure oxygen, it grows. And, whether we realize it or not, whether we care or not, man grows in real human growth only in the same degree as he, too, absorbs the poison of his moral atmosphere and gives out helpful sympathy.

He can no more grow upon his own joys than the plant can grow upon ygen. Yes; man in his real life, like the plant, grows as he gives and gives oxygen.

as he grows. Are the walls of your sympathy shallow? It is because you are not absorbing and distilling your share of the infinite bitterness and woe of

Spade.

the human brotherhood.

Information comes from New Haven, archaeologists, to excavate and explore asses; and were so dexterous in their the site of ancient Carthage. The work aim they seldom missed their mark." is to be undertaken by the American government, owning the territory which includes the site of the ancient city.

Carthage was colonized from Tyre, a Phoenician city, 846 years before our era. It was located on the River Bagradus, near its mouth, on the southern coast of the Mediterranean, close to where is now Tunis. The city rose to great distinction, and contended for centuries with Rome for the empire of the world. She had many colonies in what is now Spain, as in Cornwall, England. New Carthage, on the western was one of her colonies, and there were others all along the banks of the Gaudelquiver. 'At one time Carthage had a population of near one million. For in a garbled and fragmentary continuous war waged between Carthage and Rome, until finally, it was captured, some 5,000 people remaining in the city, who were slaughtered by furnish the missing information? the Romans, the rest having fled. Says

a late writer: "Carthage burned for seventeen days, and concealed its very site under a Notwithstanding its already over-heap of ashes. The plow passed over cursed condition in the matter of t, and the ground was cursed forever." Mommsen says: "Where the indus-trious Phoenicians bustled and trafficked for five hundred years Roman slaves henceforth pastured the herds of

their distant masters." This mighty city of Carthage has now been used as a quarry for over 2,000 years, by her rapacious neighbors. Gen-Middle Ages, seldom returned without a ballast of Carthaginian marble. The Cathedral of Pisa is said to have been built out of the ruins of this ancient city. The most impressive remains are the arches of the aqueduct, once fifty miles long. More lies under drifted sand. Large marble blocks of the ancient walls were lately partly de-

stroyed by the Tunis railway. So powerful were the Carthaginians at one time they had a standing boast that the people of Rome could not wash their hands in the sea without the consent of Carthage. Says the Encyclopedia Britannica:

"The Carthaginians, like the Phoenicians, were a deeply religious people Religion entered into every important action of their lives, and their priests vere held in the highest honor.' Rollins: "Anciently, children of the best families in Carthage used to be sacrificed to Saturn," a custom identical with that of the Jews, in their sacrifices to Moloch, only another name for Sat-urn. Their expertness with the sling,

Ancient Carthage, and the Pick and sleges. They slang large stones of above a pound in weight; and sometimes leaden bullets, with so much violence they would even pierce the Ct., that a movement is projected by strongest shields, helmets, and cuir-

This characteristic of both Carthaginians and Phoenicians recalls the advenschool of classical studies now in Rome. ture of David and Goliath. The lan-A western capitalist, name not given, is guage and characters in writing of the ready to supply a very large fund for three peoples, if there were three, were the purpose. Permission to excavate also identical. In fact they were of the has been obtained from the French same race, and seem to have been the same people, contemporary in time, but latterly separated by distance. The Jews are represented as having been slaughtered in their wars with the Romans, else were sold into slavery. Over 700,000 Carthaginians, and the people of all the other Phoenician colonies, es caped from slaughter. What became of them? And from whence the Jews of

to-day? Says the Encyclopedia Britannica: "Phoenicians [this includes Carthaginians as well! have had the misfor scribed by their enemies. We must re ceive with caution the accounts given coast of the Mediterranean, in Spain, us by the Jews of Canaanitish cruelty or by the Romans of Carthaginian dishonesty. The relations of native torians, both of the mother city and of her chief colony, have come down to us more than a hundred years an almost Our best hope of more perfect knowledge lies in the deciphering of contemporary inscriptions.

Is it not possible the pick and spade on the site of ancient Carthage, will

Priest-Ridden Spain.

Notwithstanding its already overpriests, friars and other Romish orders, it seems that the six thousand of the same ilk who have recently gone to Spain from the Philippine Islands have made a great deal of trouble for the Spanish clergy, which body declares that, coming after the invasion of religious orders driven out of France the imoese vessels trading with Tunis in the migration of these men from Asia creates an intolerable situation.

Statistics would seem to show that Spain had enough priests to support he fore the arrival of these friars. There were 40,476, or one to every 400 of the population, 2,476 high ecclesiastics for 57 cathedrals, besides 70,000 religious and 80,000 brothers and chaplains. For the support of all these men the state annually pays 50 millions of pesetas. While ten millions of the Spanish peo ple are illiterate, and the country is more backward in agriculture, manufac tures and commerce than any other claiming to be civilized, the clergy have an annual revenue of 773 millions of pe setas, without counting legacies.

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STRIKING EVIDENCES OF SPIRIT POWER.

Fearful Din in Old House Where Foul Crime Occurred

While preparing breakfast for himself and three other fishermen in an old house on Margans seine grounds, three miles from Seaford, Del., John Morgan was startled by a series of loud sounds, resembling a stampede of horses, issuing from an upstairs

Morgan who was alone, was badly frightened, but, the sounds stopping, he plucked up sufficient courage to investigate. Finding the door leading to the up- upon seances given by successful mediums. He was stairs room nailed fast, he returned to his cooking. A also a warm personal friend of the late Henry Root moment later the thumping commenced louder than during his lifetime and the relations of the two were

Morgan, now thoroughly scared, fled from the falling in. Again he fled from the house.

Years ago a man named Bramble was murdered in the house, which was known as "Moonshiners' Rendezvous." Shortly after the crime thumpings were heard in the room where the deed occurred, but they ceased as years went by.

The Spirit Fruit Society.

"Of making many books there is no end," said a wise man of old, and he might as truthfully have said the same concerning religious and semi-religious fads and cults.

One of the latest of these has in vaded the realm of Chicago labor unions, and has lured away from the pleasurable excitement of strikes several prominent labor leaders. It is as- and Aaron. suredly a vast improvement upon the all too customary union plan of brutally 'slugging" working men and young women who do not follow the lead of the unions on strike.

The new cult is known as the Spirit Fruit Society.

As stated in the Chicago Chronicle: The Chicago Federation of Labor ex ecutive committee was astonished to re ceive the written resignation of Robert G. Wall, one of its leading members, who had renounced trades unionism and everything else in his old life to devote the remainder of his energy to spreading the gospel of "Spirit Fruit." He has gone with his, wife and family to the farm near Lisbon. O., where lives one Jacob Beilhart, founder of the new cult, who came to Chicago recently and established headquarters for his few followers at 81 Clark street.

Some of the beliefs of this "Spirit

Chicago labor leaders follow: We believe there is one universal spirit, which pervades all things and acts out through nature the various qualities which compose it. What is called nature and natural

law is the external expression of this iniversal spirit. We believe this universal spirit is more than is to be seen in the external

world of material creation. That this universal spirit is the es sence of all wisdom, love and intelligence. That all actions in nature are harmonious if understood. That this universal spirit can never act other than harmoniously.

Other rules and regulations cover pages of printed matter and Chicagoans who have taken up with the cult claim to understand them. Herman Kuehn, disciple of Jacob Beilhart, was visited yesterday by Organizer Fitzpatrick and other officers of the Chicago Federation of Labor, who sought to learn what had caused the desertion of so many leaders from the trades union ranks.

"It is not a religion, it is a cult," said Kuehn. "Call us what you will, call us anarchists, call us crazy. average man will think us crazy. believe in love, love, love. Love rules eliminate bodily age from the conscious teaching them many things that will everything. It is above law, above ness; to die continuously and be correwho come under this influence will be

happy.' Who pays the rent for these of-

fices?" he was asked. . "No one worries about that. Every one is certain that it will be paid," said Mr. Kuehn. "Of course you may misconstrue what I mean when I say Jacob to us is what Christ was to his apos-Other federation leaders who have

renounced unionism for the society are Honore Jaxon and J. B. Miller. Jaxon is the man who wrote the letter sent by the federation to President Roosevelt several months ago protesting against the president's closed shop policy. desertions are awaited with anxiety. One point that may be noted is the

seeming similarity or apparent harmony of the creed of the Spirit Fruit Society with the "statement" of the N. S. A. on Infinite Intelligence.

Aside from the influence of the Spirit Fruit Society on trades unionism, the show indications of improvement, and creed will be of special interest to Spiritualists.

Whether the Chronicle is quite cor rect in its further statement that the Spirit Fruit Society proclaims "a new religion promising to all mankind a living without money, happiness, peace and universal love," may be doubted, although many strange freaks of thought are manifest in some of these latter day religious cuits.

Yankees of the Orient.

We are all more than glad to note the wonderful progress Japan has made in material progress since she adopted our western civilization. Schools teaching western learning are said to be almost universal among these "Yankees of the East," as they have been felicitously termed. They have borrowed everything from us but our dominant religion. That they deem and treat as su-doing so, and unless a Christian he perfluous and useless. Indeed they insist they have a more reasonable and old chief saw the point, so one morning practical religion, and one better adapted to their needs than ours.

It is hoped in all their gettings from us they will escape our vices. And were it not that they are surrounded by Christian nations practicing war and violence against weaker powers we should regret to see them make such progress in the art of wholesale ler, for slaughter on the battle field de serves no milder term to express its

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Dr. Wilson Recognized Henry Root at Death.

During his lifetime the late Dr. Isanc T. Wilson, of Quincy, Ill., was considerably interested in Spirituals ism, and in earlier days was a frequent attendant of the most confidential and personal character. If house and called for his fellow-fishermen, but they now comes from the nurses who were with Dr. Wilson were out of hearing. Returning to the old house he in his last moments that just an instant before his soon heard another noise, as though the walls were pulse ceased to beat the doctor sat up in his bed and extended his thin hand with the exclamation:

way; but who else would have thought it?"

spirit, too, had left its tenements of clay.

"Of making many books there is no with the principles of hygiene; and to end," saith Holy Writ; and the swarms avoid the internal burial which causes of fads that arise and flourish in the old age and somatic death."—pp. 21, 22. congenial soil of human minds are only

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Perhaps, to escape their dilemma humanity morally and spiritually, as they will plume those wings that our well as physically. It is well worthy of author declares man will yet evolve careful reading, even though one does and fly away to higher and blissful

maturity spiritual health and betterment.

To the Editor:-No doubt you will remember when I appealed to you in December, 1903, for aid in regard to my wife's condition (obsession) and that you spoke of it in No. 732, as "A Most Pitiable Case and a Psychological Crime." I am now very thankful to state to you that she has to all appearances regained her normal condition, and feels contented and happy. This excellent result was brought about by the aid of Mrs. May A. Price, 61 D street N. E., Washington, D. C., assisted by her band of spirit guides. She was interested in the case at once, and I believe that any one afflicted in like manner can not do better than to apply to her for assistance. Immediately after she began to treat my wife she began to now I wish to publicly congratulate her, and thank her for her success Mr. Editor, you desired me to let you hear from me frequently, which I failed to do on account of having so many things to attend to that I neglected that, but will inform you as to the final outcome which, I am happy to say is good, but I do hope never to have this

A DEVOTED SPIRITUALIST.

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the other?'

"Me eat her.'

A Precedent for the Mormon Elder. President Smith, of the Mormons, with his five wives, against whom the ern times. Read over our premium list ladies, pushed on by the clergy, and encouraged by Congress, are reminded of light you. They will constitute a perthe Indian-chief, who sported two wives. Daily the man of God, forgetting the example of the wisest man, Solomon, with his seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines, labored with his dusky majesty to induce him to abandon one of his wives, assuring him he could not be a Christian without would burn in hell forever. Finally the the dominie with an extended hand Piere is a word—'tis writen on the sky with a smiling face, the late pagan me

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comparable to the swarming plagues of but is it in accord with the constitution Egypt, of the time of Pharaoh, Moses of physical nature as we behold it in Among these fads is an ancient one oak and towering cedar, but howsoever that has taken root in certain modern favorably situated, time brings the minds of metaphysical character, that giant oak and the tall cedar that was of physical immortality—the notion the crowning glory of Lebanon to the that the physical body of man may be dust. Decay is written on all things

The underlying principles of this book dark and grim visage, an enemy from are those that pertain to Christian Sciwhom there is no escape, a ruthless ence, Mental Science, Suggestion, slaughterer of helpless victims, the Psycho - Therapeutics, Metaphysical heartless sunderer of friends and dear. Healing, etc. In each of these is a prinest loved ones, who are torn apart by ciple that has a healthful healing tendency of great potency in very many instances of human ailments. But none of them can forever thwart the forces of decay and dissolution that inhere in physical organisms.

good and forever-the one incarnation will endure forever. But what will become of the physically immortal? They cannot always find and moral panaceas have been tried and room for their existence on this little still, without exemption or exception, planet, even though they could subsist mankind has gone on dying, dying, dy- on air alone. Would they be translated ing, despite all remedies, and the tears physically, like Enoch and Elijah of

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We have selected for our subject this evening:

opment of man, Religion or Civilization f of old theologies, of obsolete beliefs. Religion is help- so plainly, that time has dissolved or disintegrated had reached a condition of idleness that wealth in- carrying the world forward. Within the last 50 years, ful, it is aspiring, it is inspiring. But civilization is them, but in the delta of the Nile, covered by the duces, and there was a caste among the inhabitants, the doors have opened more widely to religious the motor that moves the world, that reveals the sands of Egypt, there are cities to-day that are bring- that separated the worker from the capitalist, just as thought, and therefore to a greater emancipation. world's mysteries, that takes out from hiding her ing forth not only the evidence of man's existence, it is doing to-day, and remember, yo who are young, Religion has been binding, it has been trammelling, it manifold treasures, that opens widely the doors of but of his wonderful civilization. We may say that and ye who are old, the pendulum is swinging, and has been fettering human thought, for hundreds and Nature and portrays her beauties, her wonderful religion has accomplished so much for man, religion you are workers and redeemers of mankind, you are hundreds of years it has proclaimed to the world: heights and to more wondrous revelations than the finelly separate, they are not one. Theology has are on the summit of the housetop, or on the moun- from them to himself, but the moment you speak of tion has illumined her many apartments. Nature is from heaven, it has consigned men to hell, it has equal on the foundation of this fact, that each one is ligion you have labelled "thus saith the Lord", they so filled with mystery because we know so little of her kindled the fires out of the products of the earth, it doing that which he is best able to do, and God can have cried out "hands off". Religion has been enin the treasures that lie buried in her bosom, and it is made the pit bottomless, it has made heaven a high There is in religion justice, in theology an escape been free to think or act. The moment he has apthe enverse of the past the worlds that are shining has created heaven out of the most precious metals, upon Infinite justice; in the theology there is a vicarinot accepted, he has been driven back by doubt, prejudent world in the present age. Upon the tablets of written history (I do not mean the tablets of written history and the spiritual progress of the race has been octogenarians, when electricity was finding a place tory in books, but upon the tablets in the his. to the conception of man, that he is to enjoy these mightier than the material progress, for everything through the land, as a means of communication, the festations of the wonderful power of mind, and its where the soul can become more and more akin to that proclaims a belief, stands almost upon the same when human intellects have appropriated them to ability to utilize Nature, to uplift, to advance, to peron the stairway to the higher possibilities.

EGYPTIAN CIVILIZATION.

telligent beings, and the wonderful evolution from the of progress. lower to the higher grades have been like a pendulum swinging to and fro, each time swinging out further, and each time swinging not quite as far back, that the

deeps, her heights, her wonderful merits. She is rich has made them to burn self, a natural product; it has require no more of men. the civilization of worlds that is bringing out from and glorified place, beyond the conception of man, it forjustice; in religion there is eternal merit, based proached the threshold of the world that religion has tory of Nature) there is written with the hand, wonderful gifts, and they are consigning men to to-day subserves the intellectual advancement of man-church, theology, and the religion that expressed whose very mark is indelibly impressed upon the heaven to live in idleness. Remember those that do kind, a universal education, a widespread intelli- itself through that channel was an opposing force, earth, upon the stones, that earry forward the evi- this are wearied with the tasks of the day, and long gence, as a power that mounts higher on the ladder and men were advised not to allow it to cross their dences of what has been. This civilization of to-day for rest. But the living, growing, intelligent man of progress, than any other force that has ever re-path, or soil their hands. Why? Because everything is not the first civilization by any means; the civilization or woman wants no place to sleep in, but desires a vealed the inhered possibilities of human thought. that did not conform to "Thus saith the Lord" was tion of Ninevek and Babylon were not the first civili. place to grow in, a place to expand in, a place to ad- The spiritual life of man transcends to-day any era an instrument of the devil, and therefore an injury, zation of men, they were not the first intelligent mani- vance in, a place to acquire more wisdom in, a place in his existence; the religious life, the religious life and to-day, when civilization has utilized these forces, petuate the intelligence which belongs to the human truths than revealed to it before. The thoughtful and stone the images of Deity, towers on whose tops the fact that religion has been the advancing power. being. In the deeps of the earth are buried many of man or woman wants no bosom of Abraham to rest are altars, and men believing that they are reaching Ah, no; humanity and humanitarianism is a living the evidences to-day, upon tablets of stone, that re- upon, but to think, act and find the moving rivers that so much nearer the Divine force, simply because they nower, humanitarianism is a living life, a living yeal wonders of the olden time and have prepared the are a world of revelation. Civilization is a revelator, worship. The Druids built their altars, but they were power, a living force that is carrying the world on way for the coming of all the revelations of the pres- because it utilizes every element of the universe for built upon the high towers, that they might reach and on, and will carry it on forever. ent. Every time the great wheel of evolving power is its advancement, it is a revelator because it adjusts more closely to the spirit. Men have always ascended It is a classifier, it is a civilizer, it is a progressive going on and round and round it is revealing greater the laws of Nature to the uses of man, and man is the 1 ben their thoughts have been directed to spiritual spirit. What we call religion is the fact that carries potencies than it has ever before shown upon the power that brings the world its inhered forces. The- things, and their ascent has been typical of the grow- us back over what the history of the trinity behind world. Every revolution brings out greater riches, ology ascribes the authority of Divine law to a su- ing out of the spirit, the emancipation of thought, the us has revealed. We read again the laws of the olden and reveals new mysteries, new miracles, if you preme force. Theology ascribes a source of Divinity liberation of forces that inhered human nature, but time, and we make them the foundations upon which please, to interest the mind of thinkers, the intelli- to the marvelous universe everywhere about us, but the religious cant, the religious, theology, the per-, rest the present, and contain a prophecy-of the future. gent men. Down in the depths of the sands of Egypt eivilization is the revelator, the power that rends the verseness of the real religious nature of man has held We look upon it as upon the aged mother who rocks lie to-day the written records of generations long vail of mystery, that tears down the old, that builds him back by the old opinions and dogmatic faith that her child to and fro in the cradic of the past, she lulls since passed from the face of the earth, and as year up the new, that uncovers buried worlds, that builds have held him so long in chains. The spiritual world it to sleep, by singing the old hymns, the old songs, after year the centuries have rolled and the sands of up new, and all the new are one step further on than is advancing. I do not mean by this, when I refer and her eyes catch glimpses of the wonders that are Egypt preserved their history intact, they seem to the old. Go with me down to ancient Babylon, and to the spiritual world, as something beyond your ken; in store for that little one, and the intelligence which have pointed the finger of their intelligence to the what do we find? We find there the wonderful city I do not mean the spiritual world to which you have quickens her thought, outlines the possibilities that present generation, that they might bring them from that is covered with debris of ages of centuries, and not attained, but I mean the spiritual world, the spir- may reveal themselves to the understanding of her Nature's deep and show men that they are only we find there bricks that were made of men, that were itual life of the universe, the spiritual nature of man child that she dreams of, but which will see, and see burned, and were laid up in walls. We find there has never reached such heights as to-day belongs to clearly, that which to her is the religion of hope. And articles of husbandry, we find there domestic utensils, it; it has never looked from such summits upon the where is the mother of to-day that is not hoping for and we find there articles of adornment that make world, and all the world has bowed itself to His more for her children than she ever received unto Down in Egypt do we find the evidences of civili- homes more beautiful, we find there works of art, and proclaimed: I am Thine, do what Thou herself? Where is the mother that would not sacrization, almost surpassing the present. We find there the world stood aghast at these wonderful revela- wilt with me. Religion, religion I think when I read, fice, that would not lay aside everything, that there specimens of crockery, specimens of art, specimens of tions; and to-day out of those sands and the wash of is that power which enables man to see, to think, to might come a greater power, a better fortune, a color, specimens of musical instruments, almost to time, over the very debris of the olden time, they are grow, to advance, to take up life, to rend it in twain higher good, a wiser future, to her offspring than appall the thought, the mind, the soul of the explorer, bringing up the manifold records that date back to if need be, and through it he is revealing its inherent had been vouchsafed to herself? Thus the past has and to-day, down from this debris are coming forward more than 10,000 years prior to the time of Christ, forces. the evidences that tell of civilization dating far, far and what is the result, showing there a state of civili- All the ages that have gone have never told the but she has lulled to sleep for too long a time the men, back from the time allotted unto the earth to measure zation that transcends our own in many respects, but wonders of electricity. To-day, you are upon the first until the fires burned out through the embers and

THE SPIRITUAL MEANING.

Which influence has been the greater in the devel- not only the evidence of what the earth contains as can gaze upon it with wonder if you will, you may man to read, or read again, that he shall read the well, but it is bringing out the mystery which the investigate its causes; and when the Elamites went thought, that he shall read the theories, that he shall Religion can never die. It is the power that rolls earth contains alone. There are no manuscripts upon into ancient Babylon and destroyed the olden city, read the law, the principles that are being evolved all stones away from the sepulchers of old opinions, which the written language of man has been written what did they find there? Hidden wealth, and man from human intelligence, is a spiritual potency that is gifts, her marvelous potencies. Civilization is the has accomplished so much for the redemption of the equal in the sight of God, and law and justice and Thus far and no farther. To the mathematician, it great lever that rests upon the parallelogram of in- world from sin, religion has builded its theories, the righteousness, and in the religion of mankind you are has said, you may go so far in your calculations, that telligence, and it is lifting the world to mightier theories of theology and the spirit of religion are dis- equal, whether you are digging the soil, whether you you shall measure the distance between the stars, and world has ever dreamed of, until the light of revela- builded heaven, it has builded hell, it has elected man tain, and there proclaiming a Divine truth, you are any power outside of them, beyond the ken of the re-

its existence. Time is not known to the present con- out of the present there has been extracted a mightier step of its revelations, you are to-day receiving in- ashes of old opinion, and they are bursting afresh, ception of man, when the earth was inhabited by in- force, and has gone one round higher upon the ladder timations of its power,"you are receiving glimpses, and the world is becoming more enlightened and like the lightnings that flash athwart the heavens tell quickened by the revelations of the old to the new, you there are greater possibilities in store for you. and the prophecies that are turning the to-morrow of

There is a spiritual meaning to all these things, and tures, and religous natures! It has this to do with wonderful redeemer of the old into the new; civilizaretrograding motion has not been as the preceding what is it? I will tell you. When you stop to con- us: The spiritual communication, I do not mean tion has been the emancipator from slavery; and what one, and each age has evolved new theories, new prin-sider for a moment what it is that preserves, what it through spiritual media, they whom you are calling must come to this land, what must come to this giples, new uses for the manifold gifts of Nature, is that explores, what it is that reveals, it is the spir-spiritual mediums; but I mean the spiritual communi-world, what must come to this people, that a greater The scientist that has been content with the mani- itual perception of man, it is the force of intellect, it cation from intellect to intellect, of world to world, of and more equalizing civilization shall send its waves festations of the laws of Nature that are revealed on is the application of mind to matter, it is the utility of all that can carry the wonders of the intellect to other broadcast over the earth, until all men that bear the Nature's surface is far in the background, but the the superior that it has made of the inferior, it is parts, to other conditions, to other lives, those are the image of God upon their souls shall rise and proclaim explorers that are delving into the deep heart of the the force of intelligence applied to all that is beneath spiritual potencies to all the human race, to all races, themselves Men, Redeemers, and Gods.

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"Is Spiritualism of the Devil?" was

as characterized by some creeds, make all similar phenomena in our day? him a formidable rival of the deity in the management of the affairs of the from a life of debauckery through the rading in ministerial garments, universe. The success with which Sa influence of his spirit mother. I am might have at least impressed the ofuniverse. The backers with which the accomplishes his designs robs God personally acquainted with three men Iended preacher, that not all had peoof much of his power and virtually de who were saved from a drunkard's ple are or have been Spiritualists. thrones him from universal and infinite grave by conversion to Spiritualism. I sovereignty.

instigator of all evil and who works their spirit friends and the tender care would-be-denouncer of Spiritualism is with a free hand to lead men to perdition, is not only utterly beyond proof, but it is not consistent with the existence of an all wise, all good, and allpowerful God.

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Specifically, Spiritualism maintains the possibility of intercommunion be glorious cause of Spiritualism had such tion, yet the mapority of evolutionists tween the so-called dead and the living a hard struggle for existence as an or scorn the idea of re-embodiment, and through certain phenomena which have ganization, as the namesake of the city been more or less common in all ages wherein Modern Spiritualism had its thought of perpetual re-embodiment.

Scientifically and philosophically, correlate and explain the peculiar oc- constant strile to keep down an unjust all peoples have been regarded as au teaching, as well a personal feeling pernatural, with which all Bibles have against Spiritualisms About a mouth bave been founded.

laws are the same 'yesterday, to day fanned into fame through a contro-and forever.' Hence, the same phe versy between the Methodist minister nomena which marked the history of and the writer, the outbreak taking tion of matter; aggregation of all soul, ancient times may and do occur in mod- place at a meeting of the University Exern times. I nese phenomena have been | tension Club, by the divine (?) throwinvestigated in the most exhaustive ing a club into the Spiritualistic camp, manner by the ablest and most careful Said club became a boomerang, howstudents in every department of ever, and fell with a sickening thud on to all or to ourselves, till we can come thought, and the almost unanimous vert the minister's doorstep, and so added to a realization of the oneness of all dict of the investigators is that they fuel to the fire. are the manifestations of intelligence A controversy began through the akin to flower, mountain and creature, which I gave messages, nearly an hour, from invisible realms—the signals by press, but was discontinued by the edwhich our departed friends seek to at litor, space being forbidden both partract our attention and convey to us ties. As the writer had the last say,

world of souls. The time has gone by for denouncing Spiritualism as mere fraud. Intellifor an eye," he rushed into public gent people no longer deny the reality through a small circular of an insulting, of psychic phenomena. The influence insinuating, misleading character, and of unseen intelligences upon mankind proceeded to pass them among is recognized everywhere, and but one friends in and out of the methodist fold

semons to worry, tempt and lead as-

venerated teacners

"Was it the devil in the guise of Samnel who appeared to Saul and warned third bim of his approaching doom? When pit. Moses and Elias appeared on the mount, was it a trick of Salan to delude ence for descending to the low plane on The subject of a sermon by the Rev. W. Jesus and his disciples? Did the devil which to minister had based his at F. Peck at the First Church of Spiritual impersonate the Crucified One at the lack, that of free love, or as his defini-Unity, St. Louis, Mo. He said in part: wonderful conversion of the persecut tion put it, free lust, but had he heard The potency and power of the devil, ing Paul? If not, why attribute to him the history of free love Bible charac-

know of two young women rescued reply or debate, but I hardly think the The existence of a devil who is the Irom a life of shame by the counsels of invitation will be accepted, as the of a 'medium.' Tens of thousands have well aware that he has made a mistake by the consciousness of spirit compan- and the citizens forget. ionship, and guidance, while the number who have been saved from the and the person wilfully dishonoring the against Satan."

SPIRITUALISM IN ROCHESTER, IND.

Sprague.

Perhaps no place in America has the birth.

In the twelve years of labor for the since the death of Major Bitters, broke "As God is without variableness,' his out with renewed vigor, and was

messages of priceless value from the the minister thought he had been cruelly treated, and to ease his mind and follow the teaching of Moses, "an eye

alternative remains to the opponent of | Copies of this circular were forward-Spiritualism—he must either accept it ed to prominent Spiritualists and offi as a great truth, or denounce it as 'of cials of the National Association, with the devil.' This is an impeachment of the and defenders, Mr. and Mrs. E. W

DENIES SPIRITUALISM IS

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Lift a hand to save. It is to ignore the to throw stones at its liberal neighbors, testimony of the Scriptures and of their and gave statistics to show that out of the many bundred preachers in the per lientlaries in tois country alone onethird had gone from the Methodist pul-

> Mr. Sprague apologized to his audiall similar phenomena in our day? ters recited, as well as proof given for "I know a young man who was saved the wholesale corruption of wolves pa-

A challenge was given publicly for a been uplifted, sweetened and purified he would be glad to have his church is no place like Home, Sweet Home,

gloomy doubts of materialism and no sacred cause of the spirit world, will go less gloomy belief in a vengeful God is down before his argument and presentaalmost countless. Was the devil retion of facts. Nowhere is Mr. and Mrs. sponsible for all this? Then truly, as Sprague more loved and respected than ity of the human soul; the inculcation Jesus replied to his critics, Satan is set by the Spiritualists of Rochester, Ind. MARGUERITE MILLER.

Comments on "Man Not Eternal." We were glad to see the strong shot against the inconsistent logic in our ranks, by B. W. Baldwin, in The Progressive Thinker of May 14. Evolution of itself is nothing but reincarnascorn the idea of re-embodiment, and most reincarnationists scorn nature, and is law, order and stability Spiritualism is the effort to investigate, spirit world, there has been almost a and the divine mind or soul is in con tinual struggle to express itself through currences which in all times and among and unreasonable prejudice against the material. This shifting nature of both physical and spirit matter forbids our ever holding an immortal expression been filled and upon which all religions ago the fire which has smouldered ever but we perpetually express ourselves as we make use of the law of change in matter; and re-embody ourselves as we need. This is a law, and being law, we sum it up thus: Stability of sont: evoluor life in infinite life, or God.

Nature is kind, as you say, and we as part of nature, as only one of all, can never be truly kind in our personality Last Sunday night, Master Milton to all or to ourselves, till we can come Baker, the boy speaker, held our audito a realization of the oneness of all ence spelibound by an inspirational lecture of forty minutes, length, after And in this realization comes the knowledge of immortality, and the sacredness and rights of all life. There comes also the peace that their way into our meetings. Our daily

JESSIE S. PETTIT FLINT.

one with God.

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TEXAS.

Notes From a Worker in the Cause.

Receiving many letters lately from of holies, the quiet scance room, we my friends in the North, asking if I talked with our arisen ones as face to should return North this summer, if you face. will kindly permit me space I will answer through the columns of your most arise and to the front, and raise the worthy paper, as I find it impossible banner of the sacredness of our cause with the duties resting upon me that I and mediumship. Many, many times have I been told: "You must be more have in my field of work here, to answer all letters personally.

At present it does not seem possible my work seems to be berê. Do I like the Sunny South? Yes, in

many ways. My health is much better in some respects, having regained my voice and it is as clear as though I had never had any throat trouble. But there and in no very far distant time I shall wend my way northward.

I want to tell you something of our work away down here in the Lone Star State. The Truth Seekers' Spiritualist Society which I have been serving almost six months, is the thirteenth Spiritualist Society organized in this city, so I am informed by the old workers ere, and each one of the previous ones going down through one cause and another, finally vanishing, but always being live embers left, a new organization would soon be started. Our present organization started over two years ago, the future generations into a higher un-and it has bad a struggle for existence, derstanding of these beautiful and subbut a few faithful souls that had this great cause for humanity at heart, have stood at the helm and kept it together. We have had some very cloudy days, since my work began here, but after each cloud such a sweet ray disunshine comes that we have pressed onward, ever looking upward. We bave re cently elected as president a young man of royal integrity, full of spiritual enthusiasm, who we feel will be the right man in the right, place, and a great incentive towards drawing our forces together here. We have as plano and violin, player, Miss Linda Zink, fourteen years of ago, and Lillian Lincoln, eleven years of age, and, ob, how they do play, inspired by the beautiful angels around them, with the two sweet singers, Mrs. Di. Bock, and Mrs. Lincoln, our music cannot be excelled.

every message being fully recognized. There are many intellectual people inquiring for the truth and wending

passeth all understanding, for we are thought is that the angels may never again have cause to weep over the downfall of organization here in this beautiful southern city. I also want to fell you of the medium ship of our little plane player, Linda Zink. It was our privilege to attend in Current Spiritualistic and Occult one of her seances a few evenings ago Her friends and spirit guides are pro-You can do it by rending each week lecting her very carefully, so no one is

this way until strong enough spiritually to adhere strictly to truth and honesty; then the great amount of fraud that is would not be." Through the medium ship of this sweet little girl, in the holy

We as speakers and teachers, must careful on the rostrum; you will hurt such a medium, or such a Spiritualist, for me to return North this summer, as for they think that medium's manifestations all right: that if they are ever found practicing fraud, it is becaupeople have taken the fraudulent conditions. We admit good and harmonious conditions bring better results, bad con ditions might cause a failure, but not fraud. I say with dear Sister Baird, of Elyria, Ohio., whom I very well know: Away with such bosb. Mediumship in its purity is the foundation of the greatest spiritual awakening the world has ever known, despite all the fraud that has crept into the fold. Must we as speakers and mediums become little veaklings, and let fear choke us and our angel inspirers? No! Thrice No! I am so glad we have a Spiritual paper that gives all a chance to speak the truth in our own way. What an educator the dear Progressive Thinker is. The clear-cut, logical inspiration given through its columns must lead us and

the spiritual laws and philosophy life. Long may Brother Francis live to lisseminate these great truths upon all sides to the many readers of his paper. MRS. ALICE BAKER.

213 Bryan street, Dallas, Texas.

AFTER ALL

We take our share of fretting, Of grieving and forgetting; be paths are often rough and steep, and heedless feet may fall; But yet the days are cheery, And night brings rest when And somehow this old planet is a good

world, after all. Though sharp may be our trouble. The joys are more than double. The brave surpass the cowards, and the To guard the dearest ever. To fail the feeblest never:

And somehow this old earth remains a bright world, after all. There's always love that's caring, And shielding and forbearing, Dear woman's love to hold us close and

There's home to share together In calm or stormy weather, And while the heart-flame burns it is a good world, after all. -Margaret E. Sangster.

May Collins. An address delivered be-fore the Ohio Liberal Society. For sale "This is an impeachment of the and defenders, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. ophy and the Spiritualistic and Occult the guides. Thes we have physical "Mark Chester; or a Mill and a Mill-deity. It is to charge our heavenly Sprague, came to our city and held phenomena it contains each week, is phenomena in all purity in several different phases. We exclaimed from the Hy Carlyle Petersilea. A pure psychic carthly children Satan and his host of the Methodist preacher so to speak.

The mark Chester; or a Mill and a Mill-phenomena in all purity in several different phases. We exclaimed from the Hy Carlyle Petersilea. A pure psychic ford to be without the paper. Its price depths of our soul; "Oh that all our story, elevating and reformatory. Paphysical mediums had been protected in per covers, 40 cents.

THAT CROSS A HUMBUG.

tation Was Produced-A Method Whereby One Can Cause a Halo to Appear About the Head.

To the Editor: - In your issue of May 14, George H. Corpe of Oregon, asks bout a painting, "an unfinished picture of Christ."

Some five or six years ago a traveling showman hired a small store in Washington, for about one month, in which to exhibit a picture. The store was on the east side of Seventh street above D street. I paid ten cents to see the ploture. It was of a man in full life-size. and resembled the usual pictures Jesus of Nazareth. It was viewed by gas or electric light. No trace of a cross was then visible. When the visitor had thus viewed it all he wished, the lights were extinguished and the room was exceedinly dark. By gazing where the picture hung, there came out into clear view a cross large enough for the crucifixion and a halo about the head of the man. The general outline of the man appeared but very dimly The showman had some such story to tell of its origin as Mr. Corpe cites, but he showed no proof of any sort of his statements, and he was himself merely an unknown traveling showman. course, the ignorant, and especially some Spiritualist women, credited the appearance as supernatural; but I found no man of large intelligence who credited the strange claims. All such whom I talked with agreed with me that the phenomena of a luminous cross and halo were visible in complete darkness; and, that they can be produced anywhere, by anyone, through the use of luminous paint, or anyone can buy a match box which will shine in total darkness if treated with the same paint, of which phosphorus is a prominent ingredient.

Going one step further, it is possible for an adept, i. e., one who knows how to cause secretions in his own body by which he can make a halo appear about his own head in the dark. I make the statement from knowledge which is not for the general public. When this can be done, it is but a few steps to ability to project an astral double, or spirit form, either of himself or by mental effort of some other person, dead or alive, old or young. This work innetism, so-called; and of the means of creating an indefinite supply thereof. It is not safe to the community that any person of questionable stability of char acter should possess the knowledge Of such data, witchcraft is an output, and thereby thought-transference can be accomplished. Through the latter the virtue of many a person has been destroyed even when the actors did not understand the powers they uncon-sciously employed. These kinds of knowledge are only for the pure in heart. CHAS. W. SMILEY, A. M. Washington, D. C.

"A Plea for the New Woman." By "The Komance of Jude. A Story of the Life and Times of the Nazarene and His People." Through the mediumship of Mrs. M. T. Longier, An intensely interesting book. Neatly bound in cloth and gilt. Only 50 cents. "Antral Worship." By J. H. Hill, M. D. For sale at this office. Price \$1.

.. GENERAL SURVEY ...

THE SPIRITUALISTIC FIELD-ITS WORKERS. DOINGS, ETC., THE WORLD OVER

CONTRIBUTORS .- Each contributor is alone responsible for any assertions or statements he may make. The editor allows this freedom of expression, be lieving that the cause of truth can be best subserved thereby. Many of the sentiments uttered in an article may be diametrically opposed to his belief, that is no reason why they should be suppressed; yet we wish it distinctly understood that our space is inadequate to publish everything that comes to hand, however much we might desire to do so. That must account for the non-appearance of YOUR article.

WRITE PLAINLY.—We would like to impress upon the minds of our correspondents that The Progressive Thinker is set up on a Linotype machine that must make speed equal to about four That means rapid work sitors. and it is essential that all copy, to insure insertion in the paper, all other re-quirements being favorable, should be written plainly with lnk on white paper, or with a typewriter, and only on one side of the paper.

ITEM8.—Bear in mind that items for the General Survey will in all cases be adjusted to the space we have to occu-py, and in order to do that they will generally have to be abridged more or less; otherwise many items would be crowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line item is cut down to ten lines, and ten lines to two lines, as occasion may re-

TAKE DUE NOTICE, that all items for this page must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer. will not do to say that Secretary or Correspondent writes so and so, without giving the full name and address of the writer. The items of those who do not comply with this request will be cast into the waste basket.

KEEP COPIES of your poems sent to this office, for they will not be returned if we have not space to use them.

ANNOUNCEMENT-Harrison D. Bar rett is located in Syracuse, N. Y., for the months of April and May. He will be pleased to fill week evening engage ments within easy distance of Syracuse upon reasonable terms. Address him at once for dates and rates. Send all letters to Harrison D. Barrett, P. O. Box 462. Syracuse, N. Y.

The Mississippi Valley Spiritualists' Association, which annually holds its session in Clinton, was organized and incorporated November 21, 1882, as the 'Iowa Conference of Spiritualists," and on the first day of April, 1885, the cor porate name was changed to "The Mississippi Valley Spiritualists' Associa-The remarkable growth of the association necessitated the change in name as it has reached out from a pure ly state organization until it takes in all the states of the Mississippi valley and bids fair to cover the entire Ameri can continent with its influence ere many more years have passed. The magnificent grounds in Clinton, are owned by the association and the thousands of visitors who attend the annual camp-meetings of this association each year enables the management to provide the very best talent on the spirit ual platform.-News, W. Brooklyn, Ill

Mrs. L. Colleen writes: "Wishing you success for all the good things you give us in our paper each week, feeling glad that we Spiritualists have such a periodical that dares to speak out the truth, I am with you heart and soul in your freedom of thought, especially the exposing the Jesuits. They are like a lot of rats, digging holes for us; but never mind, remember the old saying, that those who dig a hole for others gener-floating. Otis, who is but sixteen, has the intermission which kept every body ally fall into it themselves. Men may the full-form phase of materialization, in good humor. The Ladies' Auxiliary kill the body but they cannot kill the soul or truth, for it will stand through the ages. The kingdom of heaven is him in a closet, sewed his coat on him, coming nearer to earth every day."

Alfred L. Cole, M. D., has issued in pamphlet form, a most excellent lecture "THERE IS NO DEATH." The Doctor is thoroughly well posted in the Spiritualistic philosophy, and will answer calls to lecture before any of the societies in the city. We take great pleasure in announcing him. He can he addressed at the Auditorium Hotel, Chicago.

Mrs. Jennie De Long, pastor of the Church of the Spiritual Truth, holds meetings every Friday and Sunday evenings at 8 o'clock in her parlors at 962 Milwaukee avenue, opposite N. Pau lina street. Tests and spirit messages given.

P. Atkinson writes from Vancouver, B. C.: "I received all the other premium books last year, and read them all, and was very much interested in them some of them I read twice. I received also your very interesting paper. The books and paper should be read by ev ery broadminded man or woman."

Dr. Beverly writes: "Remember the party and dance at Arlington Hall Saturday evening, June 4. This is the coolest hall in the city as it is cooled by electric fans. Ice cream and lemonad will be served, and every ticket draw a free reading by your choice of many psychics that will occupy booths. Our meetings will be continued during the summer and the best talent before the nublic will be there to entertain and instruct. No better teacher is on the plat from to-day than Walter DeVoe. demonstrates in his daily life the greatest of success on all psychic and spiritnal lines."

G. P. Benezet writes: "The following. I cannot conceive that what I think or do not think about reincarnation is an important matter, has been left out of my article published in your last issue. It is the beginning of the third paragraph, which is very obscure as

Carbondale, Ill.-Ghosts were given an official standing under the law to-day by a jury in the Circuit Court, decided the will dictated by the shade of Mrs. Martha Young's late husband, and copied by her before her death, was legal. Adolph Young, a son, sought to acres of land and other property to his brother George, who is said to have engineered the slate-writing test by which ghost of their father made known his wishes.-Chicago Record-Herald.

Julius Wagner writes from Allegheny, Pa.: "The Bible Spiritualists at G. A. R. Hall are doing a grand work. Mrs. Emma W. Foster is the medium. Her tests are wonderful and convincing Sunday, May 26, I gave a lecture on the Science of Phrenology, and Its Fundamental principles and Applications and Relation to Humanity. After the lecture, I gave readings from photographs. a study to which I devoted over thirty

Mr. Aber has returned from his successful trip to Chattanooga, and will resume his seances at his residence, 3422 10th street, Kansas City. Mo., on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, else. Such pretenders are detrimental

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In consequence of DECORATION DAY coming on Monday, May 30, we are compelled to go to press on the pre ceding Saturday, and in consequence many items will be left out of the paper Theodore Franck writes from Louisville, Ky.: "An attentive audience ap preclated the sermon at the Church of Spirit communion on Sunday, evening May 21, delivered by Mrs. Annie Throndsen. It infused new thoughts into the minds of those present to high er aspirations. Her tests, plain and ac curate, tended to convey a knowledge and conviction of the grand truths in Spiritualism, almost equal to that of her admirable logic." J. M. White writes from Manhattan

Kansas.: "The society at this place is doing quite well. They meet twice month in the German Presbyterian church. Sunday, May 22, we had a good crowd in the afternoon and the meeting was a great success. One feat ure of the work here that is especially commendable is the music used in the meetings. Instead of old, obsolete meaningless church tunes. the songe used are all strictly Spiritualistic in music and words, and the singing is done with a will. Home circles are the rule here, and there is one child medium, 9 years old. I tested his powers He was controlled by a Chinese spirit and when I addressed the influence fit some Chinese words, he readily signified his understanding of the same, and the boy has never seen a Chinaman Mediums passing through here desiring to stop off, should address Mrs. Flora M. Allen, secretary. They will send delegates to the next state convention at Topeka and are marching along well.'

Mrs. Ellen Millard writes from California: "I find that it is essential for every good Spiritualist to subscribe for The Progressive Thinker. A friend in Summerland has been very kind to send me the paper, but I feel that I should be a subscriber. I am very much interest ed in the work. I have a daughter fifteen years old who is a medium. hold meetings Tuesday and Friday evenings, and it is so nice to have our

dear ones come and talk through her.' Regular meeting of the Chicago Spir itualists League at the North End sonic Temple, 615-617 North Clark street, Monday evening, June 6, 1904, at 7:45 sharp. The following persons will participate: H. H. Hill, Dr. G. B. Warne. Dr. Freedman, Miss Harris, P. C. Marsh, Miss Ella Strauss, R. S. Ray, Mrs. Irene Smith and Mrs. Wm. J. Howes. Admission, 10 cents.

Geo. W. Crawford writes Larned, Kansas: "I feel that I must write you the appreciation I feel for The Progressive Thinker. I have only been a Spiritualist for little over a year but The Progressive Thinker has taken the lead in all the papers I take. We have with us the Harvey Brothers, two excellent mediums. This is their second visit to us, and interest grows. W. E. Harvey has the trumpet and partial materialization phases, and the demonstrations obtained are truly remarkable. He sits under strict test conditions, and his guides will not allow you to mention any of your spirit friends' names, but the spirit must give their names themselves. At the close of the and entertaining feature of the ball was seance his guide allows a match to be struck, and all can see the trumpet by Prof. Lowry's colored trio, during and many have recognized their departed friends at his seances. We placed his coat sleeves to his trousers, and his trouser-legs together, and manifestations went on just the same. This was not in a room of their own; but at the | corded at both afternoon and evening home of a skeptic in our city, Lawyer Clines. If Mr. Allen should succeed in getting a thousand dollar materialized form, that would not convince me or any others with reasoning nowers of their own, that his medium . had not tricked him. The Harveys will be with us two or three weeks longer. Anyone desiring their services may reach them by addressing them in care of me, Box

422 Larned, Kansas." An account of a phenomenon observed in a girl of 12 residing at Vladikavkas, in the Caucasus, Russia, has been communited to the Novoe Vremya. The girl is the daughter of a workman named Luba. It is stated that every object which she approaches begins to move. If she goes near a dresser with plates upon it they begin to dance, washing hung on a line flies off it, a bottle standing on a table is raised in the air, and, falling down, is broken in pieces, and stones lying on the ground leap in the air and fall again. The girl is perfectly healthy, and laughs at the occurrences called forth on her appearance. No one can explain them, although a number of doctors and professors of physical science have been consulted. The child's parents are very poor, and wish to send her out to domestic service, but she always loses her place owing to the assertion of ignorant people that she is possessed of a devil, and that she should be sent to Father John of Cronstadt, in St. Petersburg, to have the demon exorcised. At present the means are being collected o send the child to St. Petersburg in order that her marvelous magnetic powers may be examined by medical au-

thorities. The Vermont State Spiritualist Asse ciation will hold its next Quarterly convention at Opera House, Barre, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 17, 18 and 19, 1904. The management have secured Dr. B. F. Austin, of Geneva, N. Y. a very able speaker: Mrs. Eille I. Webster of Lynn, Mass., one of the best test mediums on our platform: the wellknown state speakers, Mrs. Abble Crossett, Mrs. Emma Paul, Mr. Alonzo Hubbard, Mrs. Sarah A. Willey, and Mrs. da Lewis. All are invited and it is hoped that they will all be present. Great effort will be made by the mangement and the local society to make this convention one of the best ever held in the state. A rare treat may be expected. All come and lend a helping and. A. F. Hubbard, Tyson, Vt., president; Don H. Chapman, Cambridge, Vt., chairman of board of managers; Miss Alma Leonard, East Calais, Vt.,

secretary. Prof. R. S. Ray, the well-known medium, writes: "There are a number of so-called mediums claiming to receive messages from my little boy. Robbie. who has recently passed to the spirit I want it distinctly understood

hat such messages are not true, as he comes only to Mrs. Ray and myself. He manifests in our home and nowhere

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to the beautiful truth of Spiritualism which should be held sacred. Please do ot cause our angel friends pain."

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day morning. Bear this in mind.

Odessa, Russia.—A tale comes from Liebisko which once more illustrates the superstition of the Russian peasants. Liebisko is a village in the province of Poltava, little Russia. There dwelt a girl, Aksinia Petrokova, whose extraordinary beauty was almost super-natural, so her neighbors decided she must be a witch. They more easily reached this conclusion because all the other women in the village were jealous of Aksinia and because she was affected with a form of catalepsy which often caused her to fall into a trance. Awakening from a trance recently the girl systerically declared that she had been horrified by the sufferings of the Rus-sian soldiers at Port Arthur. Among them several reservists from the province, Aksinia avowed they were dying from cold, hunger and neglect. soldiers, indeed all the villagers, be-came greatly excited and sent to St. Petersburg to learn how close the girl's vision showed the truth. The War Office informed them, necessarily, the Czar himself was no happier than the troops at Port Arthur. Thereupon the people of Poltava decided that the woman was verily a witch. They took her from her home, they stripped off her garments, they bound her to a horse's tail. Lashing the brute to fury, they dragged the poor girl over rough roads, under its pounding hoofs, until death released her.-Examiner, San Francisco, Cal.

H. F. Coates writes: "May 22, both afternoon and evening a very large audience greeted Moses Hull at Kenwood Hall, 4308 Cottage Grove Avenue, where he lectured for the Church of the Spirit Communion. Many of the orthodox belief were present who were surprised to learn that their Bible contained our evidence of the continuity of life, and the ability to manifest to their earthly friends. Mrs. Pierce sang a olo, entitled, 'Face to Face,' which was heartily applauded. Miss Croley came in for her share of the applause by rendering two instrumental selections. We trust that Mr. Hull will favor us with his presence again in the near future, and long may he live. Sunday, June 5, Dr. J. H. Randall will lecture for us. His subject will be 'The Science and Philosophy of Materialization. The Doctor is a very able speaker and the subject of materialization is one which has excited many a debate. Mrs. Carrie Crawford Pierce has been engaged to sing each Sunday night in the future. Our hall will be open all summer.

L. H. Kingsbury writes: "The May Hop and Leap Year party, given by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission, at their hall, 378 S. Western avenue, Saturday evening May 21, was one of the grandest events of the season. The crowning of the May Queen, Miss Bessie Gaul, was a special feature, the ladies forming a horse-shoe when the Queen was crowned, after which a snap shot was taken of the affair. The grand march was then gotten under way with President Kirchner of the Mission, and President Sister Green of the Auxiliary, leading. After the March a quadrille was first on the program, followed by 21 selections. Supper was served to almost 200 people, and it was voted a very fine affair, and great credit was given the ladies of the Auxiliary for the care they exercised in arranging all details. Fully 500 people enjoyed the affair and were loud in their praises of the fine time they had. An the vocal and instrumental selections has come to stay and have arranged for a grand entertainment and festival on June 18, and are also arranging for an outing in July. Although the weather was warm on Sunday afternoon, May 22, quite a large attendance was reservices of the Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission. The Sunday school is progressing nicely under the superintend ency of Brother Warner. Brother Montgomery delivered an address in the afternoon as well as did Brother Warner, followed by spirit messages by Sister M. A. Andrews. In the evening, our good Sister Burland, pastor of the Light of Truth Church, gave an elegant discourse, and some well received spirit messages. Sister Dill also officiated. The singing was also very fine. On Sunday evening, June 5, there will be an experience meeting, and in the evening, our pastor, Mrs. Nora E. Hill, will be speaker. Her subject will be 'Knock and the Door Shall Be Opened.' The address of N. F. Ravlin, until further notice, will be Kaneville, Kane

county. Ill. His correspondents are requested to notice the change. Mrs. M. Klein writes from Van Wert, Ohio: "I am pleased to see such able minds as Sar'gis, George W. Lewis, Chas. Dawbarn, N. R. Freeland and Dr. Sweringen's all dealing in their way with these live issues of to-day. I fee that my humble services may yet count something in the great effort of clearing the rubbish of ages from the truth as it concern's man's destiny here and here-

after." Correspondent writes: "Sunday, May 22. the Metropolitan Spiritualist Society was packed to the doors in spite of the intense heat, to listen to an address on her travels through Australia, by Mrs. Laura G. Fixen, who has always proved a great favorite with this society, and the applause which greeted her before and after her address showed how she s appreciated. A beautiful solo was endered by Miss Hertznet, and another by the beautiful child singer, Miss Meyer, followed by answering of questions by the pastor, Mrs. Maggie Waite and giving messages from the spirit side of life. Sunday, May 29, this soclety closes its doors for the summer to reopen in the fall."

E. A. Schram writes from Peru, Ind.: As we learned from Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague that they were on their way nome for a much needed rest, and would go through our city on the Wabash, we took the opportunity and flagged them for a three nights' meeting. The advertisement of these two able speakers and mediums always draws out a class of the best people and they showed their appreciation by their good attendance. Though it rained nearly all of the three days the hall was well filled. The discourses delivered by Mr. Sprague were interesting and instructive. The christening of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al bert Scherer, the first of the kind ever witnessed in this city was highly appreciated and praised by many. As at in the front part of the hall and looked into the earnest faces and eager eyes of the audience, I could not help but think how little the people of this city knew about the philosophy or phe-

mens of Spiritualism eight months

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

ago-only since last October when our society, was torganized with only thirteen (good luck) inembers. We have now thirty-two, eight of whom were added through the earnest effort of Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Sprague. They have organized many societies that are prospering, and carrying on the good work. They also organized the Indiana State Association of Spiritualists at Ander-con last February. It is needless to say that the work required to effect such an organization is more fully appreciated by those in the traces. I wish to say to he many Spiritualists of Indiana, that if there are any Spiritualists where they have not a society and wish to organize, we will he glad to assist you. The state officers desire societies in every city and town in the state. It is expedient that you associate yourselves ogether, for in union there is strength. Any information desired in this direction can be obtained from the secre tary, Mrs. Carrie H. Mong, Muncle, Ind., 415 S. Franklin street, or E. A. Schram, president, Peru, Ind."

Mrs. G. Clark, secretary, writes: "The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Rising Sun Spiritual Mission gave their leap year party, May 21, at Star Lodge Hall, 378 S. Western avenue. The special event of the evening was the crowning of Miss Bessie Gaul as May Queen. She was presented with a large floral basket, from the ladies of the Auxiliary. She indeed looked the part bestowed upon her. The crown was also a fine floral piece. Tables were set the entire ength of the lower hall and decorated profusely with flowers. Prof. Lowry's colored trio discoursed fine music dur ng supper, also between the dancing numbers. About two hundred couples were in attendance. The ladies deserve much praise in their perfect arrangements, and are again busy planning for an ice croam social. June 18. Admission 25 cents. Ice cream served free.

peautiful silk quilt will also be raffled." Mrs. L. J. Jaquet writes: "While visiting Mrs. Cutter I noticed that some one had advertised my meetings (which I will hold every Sunday in Van Buren Opera House, California avenue and Madison street), as the Spiritual Wisdom Church, and that Sister Cutter and I were to give free tests. Neither of us know anything about giving free tests for anyone sailing under the name of the above church. Besides, I rented the hall independently and am holding meetings independently, and have given my meetings the name of Evangelical Spiritual meetings, Sunday at 2:30 and 7:45 p. m."

Lida A. Rowe writes from Findlay, Ohio: "Frank T. Ripley, the well-known speaker and platform test medium, is erving our society for the third time this season. ... He is a grand test medium and he has made many hearts glad by the messages given by his guides." J. Baker, of Muncle, Ind., writes:

'The Muncie Spiritualists closed their meetings on last Sunday with memoria services. Mrs. Emma M. Nutt-Moore has been the speaker and medium for the past two months. Her lectures are sound and logical, while her improvised poems cannot be surpassed in beauty and power. She is also a fine psychom etrist. Her readings of articles and photographs are easy and accurate. The meetings will begin for next season the first Sunday in September. Mrs. Moore will be the speaker and medium for the season. She with her husband, Mr. Thomas C. Moore, are lo-

cated at 321 East Jackson street, Muncie, Ind." Mrs. LeSieur writes: "The benefit Band of Harmony sociable, held at the home—'Maplenook—of Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich, Oak Park, was a phenomenal success. We had very interesting exercises in the afternoon, and an unusual musical treat in the evening. The lively manner, bringing prices away beyond our fondest hopes. The proceeds for coffee and the auction were upwards of fifteen dollars. Our next benefit Band of Harmony sociable will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Druliner, 93 Bowen avenue, South Side, Thursday, June 9. Another treat in store for us. Don't migg it."

F. F. Stowe writes from Lockport. III.: "Mrs. S. E. Pemberton, of Peoria, Ill., one of the very best of trumpet mediums, is spending a week at my home in Lockport, giving private sittings during the day, with a public seance in the evening. Lockport has never had any demonstrations of the kind before, and it is wonderful the interest that is being felt here. More are coming than can possibly be - accommodated, and many have to be turned away. Appointments are already booked for three days ahead. There is nothing that will interest people so much as the genuine demonstration of the phenomena, and that can only be done by a good medium.

Dr. A. H. Waitt writes: "I have been in my Minneapolis home for the past two weeks where I expect to remain till the camp opens at Mount Pleasant Park, Clinton, lowa, in August. It is my intention to be there during the entire camp."

Miss Marie Jacobsen writes: "On account of the desires of some North side people who were unable to attend the farewell social on May 17, which, by the way, was very successful, a birthday party will be held on June 4, in Mr. Ruffle's honor, through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Chappell, at their residence 556 Burling street, near Fullerton avenue. Take Lincoln avenue car: also Halsted and Fullerton avenue cars. Admission 25 cents."

Jessie S. Pettit-Flint writes: "The First Spiritual Union of Corvallis, Oregon, closed the season by giving a Sunday afternoon lawn social, May 22. The day also marked the 75th anniversary of Dr. Flint's birth, and friends and Union gave warm greetings and kindly wishes that were heartfly appreciated The harmony was perfect, and the day in keeping. Longley's Beautiful Songs and S. W. Tucker's !! Spiritual Wreath were drawn upon by competent singers, and added much to the pleasure. Coffee and cake were served."

Island Lake Camp Association wishes to open correspondence with good trumpet and sate-writing mediums. Address N. P. LaGrange, secretary, 84 E. Montcalm street. Detroit. Mich.

Jennie C. Paine writes from Canton, N. Y.: "Mr. Harrison D. Barrett lectured to the Society of Spiritualists at West Potsdam, N. Y., May 12 and 13. Would that we could have a lecturer like Mr. Barrett in every town in the world.

Robert Schnur, secretary, writes from Rockford, Ill.: "The district circuit of northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin Spiritualists will hold a three days' grove meeting, June 24, 25 and 26, at Harlem Park, Ill., two and one-half miles north of Rockford. Many prominent workers from different states will be present at this meeting. Harlem Park is a beautiful place, and well suited for such gatherings. The best of car service from the city. Full partic-

ALWAYS GIVE YOUR FULL NAME | ulars later through these columns Friends wishing to attend this grove meeting should write to the undersigned, so that arrangements can be made for their comfort during the meetings. Address me at No. 1315 School street, Rockford, Ill."

Mrs. Isa A. Cross writes: "The Hyde Park Occult Society will be favored with a lecture from Mrs. Irene Smith, of Seattle, on June 5, at the regular Sunday evening meeting, at 319 E. 55th street. Any and all wishing to hear something of the philosophy of Spirit ialism from a scientific standpoint will do well to hear her. Services at 7:45. Mrs. E. Kline will give messages There will also be a progressive euchre party held at the same hall, 319 E. 55th street, on Tuesday evening of each week. Beautiful hand-painted prizes as usual. Score cards 25 cents. and see what good times we have. Game at 8 o'clock.

Rolla Stubbs writes from Long Lake Minn.: "The dedication of the Lake Minnetonka Spiritual Society, occurs June 5. The state missionary workers. Mrs. Whitwell, Mrs. Sours and President Maxwell and many others are expected to be with us on that occasion. A cordial invitation is extended to all who can attend. It is intended to have an all-day meeting, from 10:30 a.m., to 3:30 p. m., with a basket picnic in the grove close by the temple. Free transportation from station to the temple. Train leaves Union Depot, Minneapolis, at 9:30 a. m., and arrives at Marke-ville at 10 a. m. Round-trip tickets 50 cents; ten-ride tickets, \$2.25, good for the season. Those intending to come out will please notify Mrs. Rolla Stubbs Long. Lake, or the secretary, Miss Mabel Mather, Long Lake, so that there will be teams to meet them at the sta-tion. The society holds meeting and lyceum regularly Sundays at 2:30 p. m. Friends from the Twin Cities in vited to attend."

Geo. B. Moore writes from Fort Scott Kansas: "Mrs. Virginia Bryan, of Ohio, lectured to a fair crowd Sunday night, May 15, in W. O. W. Hall in our city. Many of the city's best people were present. They represented the professions-lawyers, doctors and professors Mrs. Bryan leads her hearers into new fields of thought along many new lines and explains several new senses vet undeveloped in the minds of modern men; then she takes flights into new spheres and explains the doctrine of Spiritualism from the modern standpoint, as yet unexplained by any other lecturer ever visiting us. After the meeting, she proves the fact of spirit communion by many messages, all of which are readily recognized. If Mrs. Bryan has an equal in the country, it is in the person of Mr. Hugh Burroughs who assists her in the after meeting which is held in the parlor of the big lodge room. Mr. Burroughs lives up to his belief. He is a living monument of what Spiritualism teaches. He is teacher of high class morals, whom it would benefit all to follow. Such me diums can never be spoken of too highly for their teachings are the best. They will leave for Lawrence, Kansas, this week."

OBSESSION ILLUSTRATED.

Remarkable Crime of an English Lad -He Murdered His Mother, Uurged by Spirit Voices to Do So.

London England.-It is the general opinion that few more extraordinary erimes have occurred in this country that that committed by Frank Rodgers, of whom the whole kingdom is talking. Rodgers, is, of course, the fifteen-year old boy who murdered his mother in the little town of Meldreth, Cambridge shire. Apart from its ghastly sensationalism the story presents many unusual features. Between the boy and his mother a strong attachment existed, which was so marked that in the family Some three months before he killed her. at the imminent risk of his own life he saved her from being run over by an friends brought a large number of pack-ages, and the auction passed off in a them, no outburst of passion, preceded the fatal deed. The boy's statement that he shot her because he heard a voice commanding him to do so, and had no recollection of the firing of the pistol, imparts to the case a strong element of psychological interest. At the preliminary examination, at which the lad was remanded for trial, the remarkable spectacle was presented of the pearing in court to defend the son, who is accused of matricide. The boy's uncle, who is also a lawyer, was associated with him.

Mrs. Rodgers, who appears in other respect to have been an amiable wo-man, was a victim of intemperance. She was under the influence of drink, when, as she was crossing between the two platforms at the local station one day an express train came thundering down upon her.

How He Saved Her Life.

"She seemed to be dazed," said a spectator, "and it appeared for a moment as though she was certainly doomed, but Frank, who was some distance away, rushed forward to track, and at the risk of his own life, grasped his mother in his arms and ewung her bodily off the line just as the train dashed by. The lad showed great pluck and presence of mind, but when I expressed my admiration of what he had done, he simply remarked that it was nothing, no more than any-body would have done under the circumstances, and appeared quite unconcerned."

That feeling has characterized the boy's attitude since the tragedy in which he played such a dire part. After killing his mother he carried his little sister. Queenie, to whom he was deyoted, to a near-by inn, and said coolly the landlady:

"Please take care of her to-night. There has been a little upset at home. have shot mother." In prison he has spent most of his

time réading. When he was being driven from the fail to the courthouse he calmly read a newspaper. He seems to have no realization of the terrible crime that he has committed. As when he saved his mother's life, so when he slew her, apparently he regards it as something anybody would have done under the circumstances." Some of the witnesses testified that

he brooded much over his mother's intemperance. To an acquaintance he remarked that he hated the thought of liquor, pathetically adding: "See what it has done in our house." One day at breakfast-his mother had been intoxicated the day before-he told the famly that he had dreamed during the light that he had strangled her.

It was the influence of his mother's example and upbringing on his little sister that gave him most concern, although, according to the evidence, Mrs. Rodgers had never ill-treated the child. After shooting the mother, he told his eldest sister that he had done it "for Queenie's sake." The mother had given way to drink that day, and after supper the family had left her sitting in an irmchair in the breakfast room, half asleep. "It was then that Frank went ipstairs, got a revolver belonging to his ider brother, and returning with it, His Story of Voices.

The most remarkable evidence was hat given by Dr. Octavius Ennion, the family physician, who was summoned o the house immediately after Mrs. Rodgers had been shot. To him the poy volunteered the statement that he had heard voices urging him to murder his mother.

"On the night I shot my mother, Frank told him, I went home and had upper. Afterward I went upstairs and ot the revolver and went down to the reakfast room. I felt an almost irresistible impulse to shoot mother. I refrained, however, and went out. mpulse came again, and I went back nto the house.

"A voice distinctly told me to do it. It said: 'Do it and do it quickly.' I do ot remember firing or pointing the pistol, but I remember hearing a muffled report, and then I stumbled against the This is all I know about it.'

He also told the doctor that for two or three months he had been constantly haunted by the feeling that his mother was close behind him, and that when he turned his head he saw an apparition of her, which slowly vanished

Insanity will undoubtedly be the defense at the trial, which will be strengthened by the fact that a brother of the dead woman was confined in an asylum. Her own failing may be attributed to heredity, for her father, it has been stated, was a man of intempererate habits. The boy is of rather more than average intelligence, and much bigger than most boys of his age, his recent growth having been unusu ally rapid.

Interesting Phenomena Witnessed at the New Era Camp.

To the Editor:-Brother J. H. Lucas. 148 Lane street, Portland, Oregon, president of the New Era Oregon campmeeting association writes me that the camp-meeting this year will open on July 2, and continue over the fourth Sunday. The buildings, grounds and all things pertaining thereto are being rejuvenated and gotten into condition one of fthe best meetings ever held on that consecrated ground.

The character of the present management is a guarantee against all

trickery and unwholesomeness. The writer, while attending a few of the closing days of last year's meeting at New Era enjoyed the pleasure and profit of a brace of personal spirit experiences which, while neither marvelour nor unequaled, were exceedingly pleasant experiences to the recipient. One of the incidents I attribute to spirit power was the inhaling of the full fragrance of a beautiful pink rose by the olfactories that, in forty years, through the blighting influence of catarrh, had been off duty-in fact, "dead as Julius Caesar." You say, "Hypnotic suggestion.

Possibly; but no mortal was the operator. The rose was casually handed to me by a friend with the remark, don't care for roses.

The other incident referred to was on this wise. I was crossing the grounds one evening after the lights in the grove were out, when a sudaen bright ness from above caught my attention. There, in an opening to the sky in the dense fir foliage of—say, 50 by 100 feet -hung a perfect, dome-shaped daz-zlingly white canopy. It filled the space perfectly, and hung in festoons to within thirty to forty feet of the earth. while through the apex of the bellshaped glory a star or two shone with a mellow, golden radiance. The sight was enchanting. I rubbed my eyes and looked again, and still the snow-white. lace-like canopy filled the space. The thought occurred: I will go to the hotel, a few paces distant, and invite others to witness the wonder. Starting to execute my intention, I turned for a parting glance at the wonder, but where an instant before it hung in all its purity and splendor, only the steel blue sky and the clear cold stars shone down.

I do not present these very pleasant experiences of mine at New Era camp as an inducement to old patrons or new ones to attend the coming meeting, as profess to keep these bits of experience in stock. Bring the very best possible conditions to the meeting with you, and

the best of results will be added. I wish in this connection to express the gratitude that all lovers of the truth as the world has it in unadulterated Spiritualism, should feel to such men as Loveland, Sar'gis, and a few other clear-headed, strong-souled advocates of consistency and good sense concerning the exalted charge committed by the spirit world to mortals. It is undoubtedly true as pointed out

by Mr. Loveland in a recent article in The Progressive Thinker that the heat with which so many platform speakers insist on taking on priestly titles, orders and ceremonials, disgusts and repels many thinkers who cannot endure the odor of the old, old bottles for the new wine of spiritual truth and life. The true friends of Spiritualism know

as no others know or care that this beacon light of the ages to a world in dark ness is, through the weakness, folly and pure cussedness of many of its professed friends, in crooked and hard lines: but deliverance must and will come; but when and by whom? J. KIGDON. Salem, Oregon.

PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

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

Passed to spirit life, Mrs. Adolphine

Lemmers, May 17, at her home, No. 28 Otis street, Cleveland, Ohio. Sister Lemmers was born in Burgeois, Bulgaria, in 1844. Soon after coming to this land of liberty she and family learned the truths of Modern Spiritual ism, thus adding knowledge of the future life to the beliefs of the past. Our sister became an active attendant and worker in the lyceum, and the Good Samaritan societies. Her life was one of brightness and joy. Our eloquent Brother Hudson Tuttle officiated at the funeral. He gave grand, good comfort to the mourners and friends. The central theme of his remarks were Home, Wife, Mother. His word-picture of the home she had made on earth, and the mother's love as it was expressed in the beautiful nome where she had lived and reared her family were very impressive. The appreciation of her loving kindness was portrayed by the floral offerings that were lavishly displayed in decorating the casket and room where the remains laid. The portrayal of this picture by Mr. Tuttle into the spiritual home where wife and mother had gone to prepare a home, more beautiful, was one that led the listener into some enchanted spot not made with hands, but born of the spirit of a wife and a mother's love, when all will be united again with that broader knowledge of the uses of our earthly trials and struggles through which all must pass.

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time. The Church of the Soul, Mrs. Cora Li V. Richmond, pastor, holds services every Sunday in Hall 309, Masonic Temple, at 11 a. m. Sunday-school at 10

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

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The Light of the Truth Society meets each Sunday at the northwest corner of 47th street and Cottage Grove avenue. Conference at 3 p. m., and lecture and tests at 8 o'clock. Mrs. M. A. Burland, pastor.

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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 afternoon 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 every Sunday evening, at 720 West Madison street, third floor.

The German-English Society 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 Wednesday evening at 7:30 in Garfield Turner Hail, corner of Garfield and Larrabee streets. Emil T. Vaas, lecturer; Frank Joseph, medium.

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 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.

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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 Occult Society holds its meetings at No. 77 East Thirty-first street, Hall "C," every Sunday after noon and evening, the Hon. Robert Cli ray, pastor. The renowned medium, Charles J. Peterson, psychic. Conference at 3 p. m. Regular service at 8

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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, the child wonder, will always be in attendance. Others will assist. These meetings will be continued all summer. Dr. Beverly, president, No. 44 East 31st

street. Evangelical Spiritual meetings, Sundays, Van Buren Opera House, at 2:30 and 7:45 p. m. Mrs. L. J. Jaquet, inspirational speaker.

A Spiritualist Temple has been opened by Mrs. Schwann, at 523 Belmont avenue. Services held every Sunand Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Tests and music at every ser-

Spiritual meetings are held at 326 Wells street, by Dr. and Mrs. Carl A. Wickland; Sunday afternoons at 2:30 o'clock and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock. Residence, 616 Wells street.

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its meetings at 77 East Thirty-first street, Hall C. R. Gilray, pastor. During the months of June and July the meetings will be conducted by the renowned medium, Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley. Her old friends will have an opportunity of hearing her once more. Church of the Spirit, Schiller Building, 109 East Randolph street, conducted by Prof. Wm. Fitch Ruffle. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. Brief address, closing with readings for all. 3 p. m., brief address, followed by tests and mental telepathic demonstrations. Mrs. Marie Jacobsen will give demonstrations of psychic and scientific palmistry. Speakers and mediums invited. 8 p. m., address, followed by messages.

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HUDSON TUTTLE. Address him at Berlin Heights, Ohio

NOTE-The Questions and Answers have called forth such a host of respondents, that to give all equal hearing compels the answers to be made in the most condensed form, and often clearness is perhaps sacrificed to this forced brevity. Proofs have to be omitted, and the style becomes thereby as-sertive, which of all things is to be deprecated. Correspondents often weary with waiting for the appearance of their questions and write letters of inquiry. The supply of matter is always several weeks ahead of the space given, and hence there is unavoidable delay. Myery one has to wait his time and place, and all are treated with equal

NOTICE .- No attention will be given anonymous letters. Full name and address must be given, or the letters will not be read. If the request be made, the name will not be published. The correspondence of this department has become excessively large, especially let-ters of inquiry requesting private angive what swers, and while I freely ever information I am able, the ordihary courtesy of correspondents is expected.

HUDSON TUTTLE.

mine possesses the following peculiar psychological traits. A dentist was A. It means that you are conversion. caring for a diseased tooth for her. On approaching his office on one occasion the feeling that she would see crepe on the door became so intense that she ing to their respective characters. Infelt it was unbearable. When she are stead of having your mind "upset" by the door. But a few mornings after-wards crepe appeared on the door.

On one occasion on rising in the morning she saw crepe on a neighbor's door across the street. She looked at it and wondered who was dead. On investigating she found the view was illusory. But a morning or two later the ously, for it comes from the sensitive-crepe was indeed there. She did not ness of the spirit to receive impressions know anyone was ill in that house.

On another occasion she became possessed of the idea that a certain lady friend, an actress, was in a certain house a few blocks away. She went to the house and found the doors locked and blinds down. A policeman informed her that the house was vacant. But an uncontrolable desire seized her to ring the bell again and again violently. At last the lady appeared at a window above and called to her. For some reason she did not want it known she was

Several events like these have oc My query is, what is the philosophy of this?

I have named the phase "intuitional clairyoyance," from Latin into, to look within, and clairvoyance, realization of what is passing in our own inner self. The soul receiving and reflecting prophetically. Please give an opinion of the appropriateness of the definition. This is a record of facts in the

those occurring in the lives of thousands, and it is to be regretted that imms and others. It was stated that it they cannot be collected, and thus the foundation laid of a true spiritual science. The Psychical Research Society has persistently gathered volumes of such facts with the object of generalizing, and explaining on some theory, "can play with fire other than their spiritual origin. In this burned."—News Item. task the mapority of its members have become convinced that spiritual influence is the only means of harmonizing all the facts. I suggest to those who bave had psychic experiences, by impression, influence, trance, or dreams or at home circles, to carefully narrate them, and send to this department. A the devil. It is not "silly nonsense," valuable column or more of facts might but something that "burns." thus be gleaned each week from the prolific Spiritual field. I make this appeal directly to each and every one

who reads this paragraph.

If the facts are classified under distinct divisions, Mr. Anderson has sen an expressive term, "Intuitional It must not however. be over looked, that one cause under lies all psychic phenomena.

We are spirits, in physical bodies, and as such have latent all the faculties of decarnate spirits. These faculties at times are active, and manifest in a degree the capabilities they possess in the freed spirit. Hence the difficulty of distinguishing the manifestations of spirit in the body and the spirit independent.

Clairvoyance is "clear seeing," by the spiritual perceptions. It depends on the sensitiveness of the individual. A person thus sensitive may perceive by dence of intelligence from the church, the activity of his own spirit, in the but this outburst paralyzes me, and I manner of a spirit freed from the physical body. Less clearly, because the a born idiot and that there is no hope spiritual faculties cannot be as inde for it. pendent, fettered by its material environment, or in this condition, like a re- these wise councillors have discovered ceiver of a wireless telegraph, it may to be back of the respond to the thoughts of all spiritual called Spiritualism? beings in unison. It is the absolute neand brings the sensitive into direct contact with those harmonious. With this prelude the facts given by Mr. Anderson become transparently explained. His daughter's mind, like a telegraphic receiver, caught the thought-waves, whether emanating from persons or spirits. These received thoughts sugspirits. These received thoughts sug-gested symbols, which were so vivid they became objective realities. The Devil, then hurrah for the Devil, belady who concealed herself, could no more keep her thoughts in the closed house, than a transmitting instrument on a tall mast on a headland could restrain a message sent through it over the circling sea.

It is true a part of these experiences may be explained by spirit impressions, but it is not necessary to call on exter

F. T. Cornist: Q. Where do the "rain-worms," such as are found after prolonged rains, on the surface of the ground, walks, etc., come from? or swarms of frogs?

Whatis meant by a cycle of time, and of how many years' duration is it? A. It has been a favorite explanation that these worms fall with the licity attainable in the future life. A

fishes, etc. Few are aware of the great number of earthworms in the soil. If at certain seasons, the soil becomes sat urated, as by a heavy shower, the worms seek the surface, and appear at times in astonishing numbers.

Near ponds which are filled with tad

poles, when these become metamorphosed into young frogs, these leave the water for a time, and it seems that the plague of Egypt is repeated. As this occurs during showery weather, it has been popularly supposed they rained down. There probably have been nstances of fishes falling from the clouds, as hurricanes have taken up the water from lake or sea, and let it fall

Soldier: Q. What is the number of oldiers in the armies of Europe, and the cost?

A. The armies of Europe are said to number 3,000,000 men continually under training and the reserve, which it is possible to mobilize six times more. That is all able-bodied men are considered soldiers. The cost of maintenance may be estimated at \$200 each, and their withdrawal from productive labor means the loss of as much more Europe spends \$750,000,000 on her army and navy. In case of war, or threaten-ing war, the expense enormously inreases. There is not a nation in Europe whose people are not practically slaves to this war tax, the interest of which supports moneyed masters, and to pay which taxes the national resources to the utmost without a hope of ever canceling the principal.

C. F. C. Prescott, Arizona: O. Iam not much conversant with Spiritualism, but when I sit with the Ouifa Board or Psychograph, names of relatives and friends in spirit life are given with messages. Some are true and some false When my belief is almost established, B. R. Anderson: Q. A daughter of then comes untruthful messages to up-

A. It means that you are conversing with a variety of spirits, and just as you would were you talking to a mass of men, receive replies from each accordrived there, however, no crepe was on these messages, they are really more conclusive evidence than if in perfect accord.

> Mrs. Warren Galt: Q. What is the sixth sense, and how does it unfold into the seventh?

> A. Clairvoyance, or spirit seeing, has been called the sixth sense, but erronefrom spirit. It is simply a manifestation of the spirit, more or less modified by the influence of the body. It may e made to "unfold" by cultivation, that is made to be more receptive and re liable. It is, however, a misuse of words to speak of it as one of the senses. In its purest expression it is a manifestation of all the spiritual senses

IS THIS PARANOIAISM?

Spiritualism Declared to Be of the Devil.

It was unanimously agreed by the Presbyterian ministers at their Monday meeting yesterday that Spiritualism is 'of the devil." There was no mincing of words in this assertion from the paper on "Psychic Phenomena," by Rev. P. V. Jenness, with which the denuncia tion opened, down through the remarks realm of the spiritual nature of man, of by Rev. B. H. Charles, Rev. W. G. Kess-treat significance. They are similar to ler, Rev. W. B. Floyd, Rev. Henry Gard ner, Rev. C. L. Chalfant, Dr. M. C. Willwould not do to combat Spiritualism as mere nonsense, because then the people would say, "If it is nonsense it can do us no harm," but they should be taught that it is "of the devil" and that "no one "can play with fire without being

> dence of the possibility of priestly insanity. These divines (?) in convention assembled have spoken, now let lightened. the world be silent. "Psychic phenomena" is the work of

I have been hoping a great deal for the church in recent years. I have been watching its movements, and I have foolishly entertained hope that some day a sign of intelligence might

spring from it. You know how a mother watches her baby as it gets to be five, six, eight or ten weeks old; how she rams her head into its little stomach and "boo-boos," and after awhile the little thing laughs. and even laughs aloud. Do you know I have often thought that this first evidence of baby's intelligence is the most beautiful thing I have ever seen? It seems to me that it should be a great the mother because proves, and it is pretty near the first proof that she has that the little thing

not a born idiot. I have been hoping for some like eviam losing heart. I feel that the baby is

Now who the devil is the Devil that to be back of the psychic phenomena

To admit that phenomena exists is cessity of this unison, this being at fatal to their hopes. Oh, you poor tuned alike, which excludes all others, Presbyterian leaders, you have certainly loosed a devil in your camp by this confession. Better have stuck to the old text of "silly nonsense," because then you had a fighting chance. Now every probe you make stabs your own

> Psychic phenomena mean the action cause he is making himself felt and making the church to tremble. Or rather making the leaders tremble lest they lose their soft jobs of doling out. driveling rot they call metaphysics. GEORGE E. CRAMER.

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Ignorance is the curse of God. Knowledge, the wing with which we fly to heaven."-Shakspeare.

One of Webster's definitions of ignorance is as follows: "Uninstructed; untaught; unenlightened; unlearned; unlettered: illiterate. Ignorance denotes want of knowledge, either as to a single subject or information in general; illit-erate refers to an ignorance of letters, or of knowledge acquired by reading and study. In the middle ages, a great proportion of the higher classes were illiterate, and yet were far from being ig norant, especially in regard to war and

other active pursuits."

Taking the foregoing "quotation" for guide to lead us through the vast field of humanity, where this prolific weed grows, thrives and flourishes, despite the unceasing, untiring energy of the enlightened minds which have come and gone, to root it out, it still propa-gates and stays with us. No matter how much we pride or esteem ourselves with the amount of knowledge we pos sess, it is not safe, right or just, point the finger of scorn, or disfigure our faces with sneering reproof, no mai ter how much outward appearances may cause us to think we are more wise than those whom we meet.

Why, my dear friends, don't you know we are all ignorant to such an exent, it is appalling to contemplate, and makes us realize we are fortunately immortal, and have an eternity of time in which to learn. Question yourselves, you of the studious, serious, inquiring urn of mind, if after many years of persistent zeal and study in trying to figure out this problem, and solve that mys tory, "how much do you know?" How much knowledge have you stored away in that mind of yours, if you have devoted years and years of your life, in studying one single branch of science, and then realize you have only entertained one, tried to make yourself acquainted and conversant with one single, solitary member of this large famof knowledge, while the balance of its relatives are standing outside impatiently knocking upon the doors of your mind for admittance? Take an inventory of the present status of your knowledge in this way, and you will truly realize just how little you do know, and how much there is to learn.

Ah, my friends, what a comfort and joy it is to read the pages of history, and find the impress of thought indel ibly therein, which has been the means of throwing just a little more light upon this or that subject, so that others might learn and be benefited thereby. You, thinkers of the past, who have gone but are not forgotten, who exist more than ever in the loyal and loving hearts of the seekers of knowledge, will live on and on, imperishable in minds of generations yet unborn, when the monuments raised to your memory by the hand of man will have crumbled into dust. Like bright and flaming me teors, you have flashed your brilliant, shining light of knowledge athwart the clouds of ignorance, illuminating the way that others who follow may see

and learn thereof. Life is serious, life is real, and you and I were created not for the sole incentive to devote all our time to frivolity and jest, but to seek beneficial knowledge, to constantly strive to discover something vital and important which will be a satisfaction to ourselves and make it a little more easy for oth-

ers to progress.

My dear friends, it is not fair or just to be drones in this busy hive of hu-manity, sitting in idle carelessness wasting the golden, fleeting moments of opportunity, while the workers are out in the field and forest, gathering the honey of knowledge from the flowers of wisdom, bringing it home on the wings To the Editor.—Here is another evi- of thoughtful love, storing away intelman's mind might be appeased and en-

> I cannot call you ignorant, in a cer tain sense, neither can you call me, for I know not what particular knowledge or experience you possess along certain lines: likewise, I may be similarly situated, but we can exchange thoughts and

learn and profit from each other. Take for instance, as an illustration the contrast between the babe of pov erty and the babe of wealth. The former was brought into this world by poor, ignorant parents, who lived in a hut on one of the back alleys of a large city. This small morsel of humanity, from the time it opens its baby eyes sees nothing but poverty. many times it has awakened from its infantile slumbers with the cry of hun ger gnawing at its vitals. Po little frame has shivered and trembled with the cold for want of covering when the wintry winds and storms howled round its poorly constructed the chinks and cracks of the walls, to tease and vex this poor little waif with the stings of biting cold. This babe of poverty lives, grows or rather struggles through the perplexing, helpless trials of babyhood into the period of childhood. It has been constantly surrounded with rags and filth, played in the gutter, is a stranger to education, but is not uneasy on that account, because it has never been taught differently. Its little ears are not at all sensitive to oaths of blasphemy, and its small nose has become accus the foul atmosphere and stench from living in unsanitary and close quarters. t has had no particular care, but little kindness, yet, it manages to exist and grows up into manhood or womanhod. Now, take the child of riches and This child of wealth comes into the world with the proverbial silver spoon in its mouth. Its infantile body has, from the time it came. into existence of fabrics. It is chucked under the chin, and its dimpled face has been

compare for a moment the difference en clothed and wrapped in the softest kissed out of shape by the many aristocratic friends, who have come in to see and admire the new babe. It coos, gurgles and laughs; puckers up its infantile face, wreathed in smiles, while its fat chubby little body twists and rolls in its downy bed of richest mate rial. Mary, the nurse, is constantly admonished to keep Alonzo or Geraldine

My friends, strange to say, this child

of wealth grows, thrives, flourishes and

develops into manhood or womanhood. Each child, the child of poverty and the child of wealth lived; had a different set of experiences, YET, WHICH SHALL WE CALL THE IGNORANT ONE? WERE THEY TO MEET, COM-PARE EXPERIENCES, COULD THEY LEARN OF EACH OTHER? WHERE WILL WE DRAW THE DI VIDING LINE BETWEEN KNOWL-EDGE AND IGNORANCE? Are they not so tangled and closely related to each other, it is almost an impossibility to separate them? Yet, my friends, al-though this line of demarkation which divides the forces of ignorance from

out of the draft.

vast limitless spazd then which I be-hold two large couledding armies drawn battle array. OI can see the ranks and files of ignerance, dressed in the black garments of superstition and nar-row-mindedness, opposing the bright and shining hosts of knowledge, whose uniforms are dazziles to the eye, ready for the word of commend, when the bugle will ring out its pesonant notes, telling them the fight is on. I can see the generals and officers of knowledge riding back and forth upon their snow-white steeds of wigdon, shouting commands to their soldlers to double-quick, and plunge themselves into the gaps of the dark-visaged, fanorant ones, divid-ing their forces, gradually pushing them back, gaining newinground every mo-ment. I can see these forces of light making grand charges, mounting hills and vantage grounds of success, planting their flags of victorious knowledge,

of ignorance over the cliffs of oblivion My friends, this battle I speak of. this continuous struggle between knowledge and ignorance has been going on from the time this earth was first thrown into space. This is a war that will never cease until the forces of light and knowledge have rolled back the forces of dark ignorance and obliterated and driven them clean off the face of the earth. Choose, my friends, which side you are going to Join, to carry on this great and glorious struggle-"the

winning battles and forcing the ranks

enlightenment of mankind,"

The noise and din of this continuous strife comes ringing and reverberating down the aisles of time, from those who took part in the struggle centuries past to us of the present day. Those bright, spiritual ones gone on, come back with their enlightened minds, standing by our sides whispering words of encouragement and cheer to don the armor of purity and truth, enlist and lend our force of knowledge to defeat the forces of ignorance. They are still anxious, those beautiful ones, who have spent a few fleeting years with us here in the body, devoting their earth lives to the interest and betterment of humanity. They are still mingling and comming-ling with us, sending us shafts of houghtful light, the bright and glowing ight of knowledge, to pierce the gloom of ignorance which hovers over this

We are building all the time, for all time, unceasingly, upon the shifting sands of ignorance, or upon the solid imperishable rocks of wisdom and knowledge, Try to banish from your mind the false impression that you have no part to play in this grand frama of life.

We are all created for a purpose, you and I and all of us, to do something to make this world the better for our having lived in it. That something, my friends, is left to our own judgment and resources to choose how noble we can make it and how beneficial it will be to

mankind. There was a grand, beautiful temple planned by the God of everlasting love; that beautiful supréme Bforce, which lives and dwells in all and through all, and given to mankind to erect. Its foundation was started eons past, and as time rolls on, each generation delves and works in the mines of wisdom to discover somethingsin the dark vaults of seclusion and ignorance, lasting material to be used in the building of that grand edifice. The name of this beau-tiful immortal edifice which we, as human beings, are building and establish ing here upon this sphere is a beautiful monument of reverence and love, which wer in our hearts; sentertain for that grand, beautiful God: of wwisdom and truth; that Supreme Force of love who brought us and all that lives into existence and gave us the helrloom of immortality and everlasting protection is the "Temple of knowledge."

Ah, my friends, do you want to be material worthy to enter this beautiful building? If so, go to work, fit and prepare yourself in developing the talents which lie dormant in your nature. Wake up from your drowsy slumber of oprer to give something, if only thought of love, to enter into this mighty structure of knowledge whose oright and shining rays of wisdom are fast dispelling the darkness of ignor ance from off the face of the earth. Then, when you and I have stepped through the doors of death and gone to our new ethereal homes on high, we can come back to our birthplace, the earth, and view with interest and pride the children of men, still working and shaping this beautiful temple of knowledge and feel that we, while here in the material, performed our duty in doing something towards the completion of this grand, sacred edifice, being erected WILLIAM HENRY DARBEY.

Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Hale's Offer. Why such elegantic attempts to cover he real motive of Mr. Hale's offer of \$1,000 for a genuine materialization? Several of the coadjutors of the pre ended materializers assume that Mr. Hale's motive is to convince the public f the truths of Spiritualism. Henc they go on and contend that the people generally would not change their views on account of Mr. Hale receiving this test. Now why assume this position Like all level-headed men Mr. Hale doubts the existence of materializa ions. He offers this inducement of \$1,000 for his own benefit. Suppose he had offered \$100 for a pint of pure port turers of wine to claim that if they did produce the pint it would not convince he public of the genuineness of port wine? I fail to see any essential differ ence. All of this hedging and dodging under the assumption that the offer is for the public, is too transparent. How quickly any genuine medium would rush in to win this money:

One victim even ugoes iso far as to say he would not respect a medium who would convince Mr. Halei . The ridicu ousness of this statement is too appar ent to merit commented Again these fakes and their cappers raise the cry of commercialism! Yet these same trick sters are charging from two to five dol lars per cap. for their seances! There is one method of detecting the backers of these frauds which Inthink is infal lible. They are not like the blind en thusiast who when he sees and believe he has found a genuine case sends single panegyric and then retires to his usual avocation; but having a share in the earnings of his mal he makes a reg ular business of panogyrizing him. When we find one of this kind spending exploiting . his time and money, in given medium (?) there are breakers

The writer does not know there is no such thing as materialization, but does not believe there is. B. R. ANDERSON.

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What is Life? What Exists? What is Spirit? son.

To the Editor:-No doubt by this ime you have discovered that to enlighten and educate the ignorant, the superstitious, and the errors of the human family is no easy task, but is one of the most difficult and laborious jobs that you or any one else ever under-took for the ignorance of the masses of to-day is but the reflection of the ages of the past, and dates far back to time immemorial, until no wit has become chronic and second nature. Now, there are a great many people whose minds are much exercised over

REFLECTIONS.

the question of the origin and continua tion of life. From the fact that life is in existence, it is a self-evident fact that it always existed, and it is but reasonable to infer that it always will exist. What is life? Existence! exists? Animated matter and spirit.
What is spirit? Unanswerable. But But it is that life, principle or spirit that is one component part of universal nature, without which nothing could exist, but would be in a dead and lifeless condition.

Now, all the knowledge that we obtain we derive from facts proven or unproven. There are positive facts in existence, which are truths. There are also many ponderous facts in existence which can neither be weighed nor measured, only accepted, as circumstantial proof creates a belief in their validity as facts; for example, the air is in exist ence as a positive fact, yet unperceivable. We are face to face with time, as a positive fact, although unmeasured.

The universe is in existence, as a posilive fact, and the fact that it is in existence is a self-evident fact that it always existed, as there is no known power in existence that could create a universe from nonentity. Matter is in existence to-day, as a positive fact, and self-evident fact that it always existed. as there is no known power, in existence that creates substance from a vacuum. Spirit life, or the life principle, or God, as some prefer to call it, is in existence as a fact, although unperceived and must have always existed from all eternity, and always will exist, as eternity is now, to-day and forever and as spirits individualized from the great parent source, so will they con-tinue to exist in an individualized state forever

It is through the natural law of nature that individualized spirits do and will continue to individualize, to all eternity. Thus spirit, the life principle. is a cimponent part of nature, and must have existed co-eternal with matter, and always permeating the same, as there is no proof of its antedating matter, or of a subsequent coalition with

Now, it was, and still is, a prevalent idea among the people of the nations of the earth, that there was at a certain period in the far distant barbaric cycles of the ages of past Oriental history a creation, a perfectly developed universe brought into existence, with all of its ponderous retinue of segregated planetary systems, from a vague nonentity. Now, if so previous to that creation, that which we now call the universe was one vast vacuum of supreme nothingness, impenetrable darkness and vague obscurity, that nothing existed, nothing could exist, for there was noth ng to exist upon. It was, and is also a prevalent idea

among the majority of the people of to-day, that there was a supreme being called God, that He possessed supreme power, that He was a self-created being, and that He always existed, but how He or they, know that He always existed, a self-created being from nothing, is still an unexplained and profound mystery And there are still multitudes of people in our fair land who claim to be enlightened, intelligent people, who cling to the old, fossilized, antiquated idea, that a great personal God exists, that He always existed, and that He made the universe from nothing in six days. Now there is no such a quantity in by any power, or by any law whatever

is an utter impossibility, as 1. To create matter would require a mighty power far beyond all knowledge that we have of to-day in the art of cre-

ation 2. It has never yet been proven by all the historical accounts of past ages, down to the present day, that there wa such a being in existence, endowed with such an overwhelming power.

3. It is beyond the limit of an ex-

treme imaginary comprehension, that a solid could be produced from a vacuum. Thus, then, a physical law of nature in the material world is continuation, subject to evolution. The oak of to-day was the acorn of yesterday; the oak of to-morrow is the acorn of to-day. But in the spirit law of life, the spirit, orlife principle, must have existed co-eternal with matter, as there is no proof of its preceding matter, or of a subsequent coalition with same or as ome writers advance the idea, that the soul had a beginning, is shortsighted Or as one writer presents the idea, that the factors that combined to raise a soul into an independent existence required millions of years of transmutation and active construction, to produce a soul, is superbly preposterous. And to advance the idea that a soul sprang into existence from an infinitesimal spark of spirit life which took millions of years to perfect, is en-

tirely inadmissible If wrifers, instead of laboring to preent some incomprehensible ideas on the subject of Spiritualism for the public to digest, would simplify their communications to a common consistency of reasonable thoughts, it would be far better for the cause, and for the ignorant reader, than to present so much logic far beyond their comprehension. What the public needs in regard to Spiritualism at this stage of its existence, is "facts," not high-sounding para-graphs. C. P. MITCHELL. Moline, Ill.

AN ANGEL OF LIGHT.

She Gave Up a Grand Social Career to Spread Light and Happiness Among Tenement Bables.

Zoe Blair, daughter of one of the oldest and most prominent families of St. Louis, Mo., has turned from a brilliant social career to devote her life to ministering to the sick and suffering children of the poor.

She was a leading light in the social

circles of St. Louis and Chicago. She was sought by many charitable organizations patronized by social leaders to serve in an official capacity It was at a charity ball in Chicago

that Miss Blair felt the call which changed her life. She was secretary of the organization which gave the bal and chairman of the visting committee which visited the poor and indigent of Chicago. While performing this duty she realized that much of the suffering was needless, that common sense and sanitation would bring much happiness to many, and that all that the poor eded in many instances was to be

Mass Meeting of Spiritualists at Jack-

The Spiritualist mass-meeting last

Saturday and Sunday, held in Odd Fel-

lows' hall, was an unqualified success. On Sunday afternoon Rev. Dorothy Daly was to have been included in the program, but owing to a misconception she did not arrive until late. Mrs. Julia M. Walton was the speaker of the after noon. The latter dwelt upon the need of educational institutions to give mediums the protection of that higher scholastic perfection which when free from pedagogism is a chisel to perfect the outlines of the white statue of mediumshin: but we must remember when we criticise mediums, oh Christians, she said. Christ chose his disciples from the humble fisher folk, illiterate and simple Some of the highest authorities in the ecclesiastical world are declaring the Bible, the Christians' book of authority, to be a pack of lies too gross for tolera tion, its incredible, puerile or demoral izing narratives. When our Canon Hensons, oh, Spiritualists, make sweeping attacks upon the book where you have found the bright pearls of inspira tion lustrous with the divine light of angelic thought, it is time that you should know your mission. Ecclesiasticism proud of its scholastic achieve ments, has outgrown the eternal light of truth shining elsewhere than in collegiate halls; to you then is entrusted the fair gift of mediumship, ancient and modern, to cherish and defend as God's best gift to man. The beaconlight that beckons us to an eternal lope that shines out across life's stormy waters. Dare not sully the vase that carries these radiant roses from the summerland, nor stain the goblet that receives the wine of the pressed vintage of martyrdom. Our fessed faith that Christ was the model whose character every medium can afford to use as a pattern to strive to-

wards following.

Mrs. Sharlow followed Mrs. Walton with well received tests. Sunday evening Odd Fellows' hall

was filled to its utmost capacity. After an invocation by Dr. Julia Walton, the president of the state association introduced the Rev. Dorothy Daly of Detroit. Mrs. Daly asserted the president given her ten minutes to tell what she knew of Spiritualism and she could not do it in the space of time allotted to her. The lady is a pleasant and entertaining speaker, and gave some pretty word sketches apropos of her theme. Rev. Marian Carpenter then

dressed the audience, who listened with interest as she pictured the glowing details of her faith and knowledge. spoke of her visit at the prison chapel that morning, saying, "I only wished that the sweet-faced woman who spoke to those men, those victims of unpleasant and unprofitable environments, of salvation through the blood of Christ had only said in stead, 'You are all Christs, only the divine side of your nature has been in a state of lethargy: some time you must waken to a knowledge of the divinity within." Elo-quently and logically the speaker carried her hearers forward to the time she crowned the work of the evening with messages purporting to come from the arisen ones. No one could look upon her radiant face and doubt her vision had been unsealed and the fair land of our soul's promise had opened its bright gates to her enlightened gaze. Ever dear to our Jackson audiences Marian Carpenter has bound the chains of love and gratitude by this evening's beautiful work.

shown how to act and what to do. Miss Blair's brother, Dr. Vilray Blair, who has his office at the residence of above, the price is 40 cents each. their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Blair, No. 3729 Delmar boulevard, proved a Books, and you can select from them as valuable counsellor to his sister.

From her friends in society Miss Blair heard little save protests. They could not understand how she, with her existence, neither can there be, as a brilliant prospects and delightful pres-"created product." To create matter ent, could consider the course she contemplated.

Having decided upon her profession Miss Blair concluded that she could do most good in nursing children, whose utter helplessness appealed to her more than aught else.

She entered a nurses' training school n New Orleans, where she was graduated, and her ability and earnestness won for her the important position of read purse in the Maternity Hospital in that city, which position she was forced to resign to take a rest at her

home in St. Louis. It was hoped by many of her friends that she had had enough of the life of a nurse when she returned home, and would re-enter the life of a social leader, but as soon as Miss Blair had recuperated sufficiently from her labors in New Orleans she went to Kansas City and began the life of a district nurse. Speaking of this work Miss

Blair said: "This is the work which appeals to me most of all. In district work you must go into the homes of the poorest and show them how they can be much bappier by using the things which they have at hand. You must even show them how to bathe the children, and it is a great pleasure to see how the babies enjoy their baths. Afterwards you teach the mothers how to prepare the food for their children, and these poor people who are ignorant of the most primitive rudiments of sanitation often regard the nurses as veritable fairles in the good that can be accom plished with soap and water and plain food properly prepared, of which they knew nothing before. They are grate ful, too, and in the gratitude that one earns from these poor and needy ones there is more gratification that in many social conquests.

I believe some of my friends pity me." said Miss Blair, smilingly, "Until they know the great pleasure which one feels in relieving the suffering and dis tress of others, of seeing the pitiful faces of the children of the poor smile up at you gratefully and hear the inherent but profoundly grateful thanks of the poor mothers, they will never know what real pleasure is." 1.

At present she is doing the work of a ward to the time when she can resume her best-liked work among the poor and needy. Miss Blair is tall and slender, with

yes which are expressive. She is a delightful conversationalist and is brimming over with wit and good humor.

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Innermost of Manhood

We do not for a moment suppose that our sub-man quite smothered into earth life.

has just a brain and nothing else. That brain will be It is these looser form attachments to his manhood part of a larger form, with organs, independent, it is that distinguish the sensitive from his fellows. They true, but all working together, or the brain could do are not quite closely attached to the blended whole, no work, and the form would soon drop apart. But so they get and sense experiences which are often, the fact that this sub-brain, and this form of sub-man and usually so imperfectly related through mortal are outside our sense grasp, puts them beyond the sense that they are pronounced false—the work of study of minds which pronounce reflex action "pur- designing spirits-or perhaps called first-class lies, poseful," but not "intelligent." The vivisectionist manufactured by the sensitive himself.
may slash and tear the physical till it becomes silent. The key note of the whole problem is the fact that sub-man is himself at great disadvantage when he of the time exercise their independence. tries to use the physical brain. He is at once limited. A number of such personalities become blended so His expressions will be distorted, and his intelligence closely that we call thein "mortal man." A myriad

always in touch with its units. The most distant star, sense, but inside the psychic aura of that form. Man which even the telescope fails to exhibit to mortal eye, has grasped this fact in nature, but so imperfectly is producing a positive effect upon our planet, and that it has become the foundations of his superstiupon all things therein. For instance, though man, tions, and the mark of his ignorance. The time seems the mortal, cannot see it with a telescope, he makes a to have come when man should begin to know himsensitive plate, and places it in a camera, which is self as he really is-just a collection of myriad forms, held to the motion of that star for hours at a time, but not one of these molecular forms permanent, Neither the man nor his plate are doing anything, either in this life, or any other. Of course man's presbut the star is, for presently its distant personality is ent form outlasts death. That we know is proved by pictured by its own energy upon that plate. In the ag- spirit return. And for all we know, it may last a gregate that must mean a mighty fount of stellar en- myriad ages before the units have gained all the exergy pervading space, and contacting with every perience they desire. form therein. We may not to-day be able to sense We now see that the "purposeful" activities, recogbut the time will surely come when the intelligence of merely the psychic activities of personalities belongthe vast whole shall be recognized as a mighty influing to the form we call man, but not so closely atence acting upon the form speck called the brain of tached to the form center as to become tangible to

and necessarily a dominating influence, although we form, and turns itself inside out on the least provocamay be too small to comprehend its proclamations as tion or necessity. Little swellings appear on its surissued by the great blended personality, called "over face. After a time they usually break off and set up soul" or God by some, to the speck personalities housekeeping as independent hydras. This is propacalled "manhood."

of lucky or unlucky days caused by some distant star, the work. Some of these new born children of the we do thus know that the most distant star, and every hydra make it their specialty to catch the needed other star, is an intelligent personality, and in touch prey. Others do the paddling from place to place. In with every other personality throughout the universe. fact, various organs now appear, and the startled The influence is universal, like that of a national gov- scientist finds himself in presence of an animal he had read its laws and proclamations.

apart, and change its form. Indeed, it is probably ly attached center. the mortal.

ditions. For instance, in one condition we call it hot, undeniable fact upon which manhood itself rests. in another cold; in one liquid, in another solid; and, so far as we know, every form is capable of polariza-

and towering steeples smitten by the lightning's fiery

nessengers, all are no worse than remaining cities,

forests and ships. Then why does Nature wreak

smites the brightest children and causes the great Lacon.

fore your readers. I find:

of former ruts.

tion, that is of responding to an outside influence. But the form, built up as it is of vast numbers of other forms, and therefore a collection of personalities, When we study a little further into the Innermost must blend gradually, for time is a factor even in of Manhood we perceive that the mortal brain limits eternity. There is a time when the new conglomerathought expression by its form or shape. This mortal tion of forms is but loosely attached, and, of course, brain is itself an individual, on a small scale, and de- it may not then hold some of its personalities to close termines whether the man shall be a genius, a fool, or and central contact. Herein is the explanation of the just an average, like the rest of us. The extended different form persons, belonging to one greater form psychic brain, which belongs to the innermost of man, person, being left partly unconnected at birth, or percompels a different expression of manhood. For in- haps one or more severed by some sudden shock, too stance, its memory is perfect; and it may have many severe for the force at work to hold it to its center. expressions such as clairyoyance, etc., impossible to The child in process of birth is a collection of persons, the physical brain, but which all belong to the larger as we have seen, some of whom may just escape the man, and are thus "the innermost of manhood." And slower vibrations of mortal life, and thus remain on perhaps most important of all, we remember it has the psychic side of that form. Our scientists are reform. It is therefore built up of molecules, that is to cording experiences of various marked personalities say, it is a compound of energy, substance and intel- peeping out through one mortal brain, in many well ligence, like the physical brain, which is vibrating known cases, and if molecular grouping is itself a within the limit of our mortal sense. This limitation personality, we can now perceive that the psychic exof the physical brain limits the sub-intelligence, too, pressions called clairvoyance, clairaudience, etc., are when it is called to the level of our everyday life, merely expressions of certain faculties that were not

He may starve it, and thirst it, and dope it with drugs, every molecular gathering is a personality, and that but all he can accomplish is to stop the sub-man from man, like other forms, is built up of such personalipreaching his sermon upon the inner life. But this ties, which work together part of the time, and part

others just escape this close blending, but are still The universe, by which I mean the Cosmic whole, is part of the whole form. They are outside the mortal

that intelligence other than as an expression of form, nized by the scientist and called "reflex action," are mortal sense.

Cosmic intelligence is thus seen to be most surely The wee little animal known as a hydra is little but Without any acceptance of astrological assertions at home, when the combined intelligence divides up ernment, although the unit citizen may not be able to long known as a "hydra polyp." In a similar manner read its laws and proclamations. manhood itself may have been evolved.

That influence applies, of course, to the whole of So our problem as to the "innermost of manhood" every form, and not merely to the little part of it rec- is met and solved when we realize that every form, ognized by mortal man's sense. It is an influence of manhood included, is built up of other forms, each the whole upon the unborn speck, and also upon the with its own personality, though it may be but loosely speck of substance, intelligence and energy which at attached to the form's center. Yet each and every death escapes the doctor, the undertaker and the one of these blended forms, whether loosely or closely. scientist. It is not unit whispering to unit, but a attached, manifests a fealty to its center that holds it Cosmic blending of units uttering an intelligence so to such manifestation as conditions will permit. And vast that any smaller molecular grouping may feel it it is in the department of loosely attached forms that rather than comprehend it. At this point in our study we discover the class of manifestations we call it is well for both the reader and the writer to remem- "psychic." And necessarily their manifestations are ber that Cosmos itself is molecular, and therefore a largely beyond the control, and often without the blending of individual units which will one day drop knowledge of the mortal sense belonging to the close-

doing so at every moment. But we now realize that In other words, we each are composite men and manhood is ever subject to this greater expression of women. There may be plenty of "reflex action" and intelligence, and ruled by it, all through his existence even "chain reflex," as Loeb calls it, but the intelliin form, and it is quite probable that his sub-conscious gence so manifested is not that of the individual, but self-his aural manhood-his innermost-may inter- of the composite whole. And that composite whole inpret much of this Cosmic intelligence which escapes cludes "the innermost man." There are lesser and greater composites, but that manhood is always a We next take special note of the fact that every. composite of a number of personalities may be taken form expresses itself differently under different con- and accepted by the student reader as a natural and

ities overtake us, fires and floods beggar our brightest

tation, we are still in uncertainty about our own

Death is the liberator of him whom freedom cannot re-

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speaking of cruelty to animals, and a probable hap- beings on this earth's surface.

2-Although it must be a great relief to be born strength to withstand such.

where no work was required, would feel unhappy out unselfish way of living and thinking.

proud ships destroyed by fierce gales, the tall palaces gladness caused the song of welcome to you.

answer is, that Nature seeks an equilibrium in all from whence it springeth.-Richard Hooker,

such fearful vengeance on certain things and beings? lease, the physician of him whom medicine cannot cure, and

you may well ask. By the same universal law that the comforter of him whom time cannot console. Colton

floods which engulf the homes of the poor. The only Men talk of the truth who never yet sounded the depth

Pocatello, Idaho.

The doctor and baronet, Sir William Blundon, in things, regardless of the desires and prayers of tiny

pier life after death to those dumb brutes who have 4-Hence in summing up, if our destiny leads

borne the heavy burden, and received abuses in this through barren and hether-bedecked plains and over

life, awakens a thought of the evidence somewhat in rough roads, we may have been the cause by misjudgcorrespondence with the learned baronet, gathered ment in shaping our course, and hence we are but exfrom spiritual and other sources, which I will lay be-periencing the effects of our own doings; but if calam-

1-Animal life exists beyond the death of such ani- prospects, then bear it bravely with the consciousness

mals. They have an immortality, though not an that we are not at fault, but ever remember that every

eternity in the same form. They exist in the psychic experience we pass through is to try and test us, and

aura surrounding the globe for a while until finally to bring out inert possibilities, which probably no absorbed in the life element from whence they came, other experience could have done. We may at times unless the former owners of such animals can and scoff at temptation and condemn the tempted, but unwill with their love hold them in the real spirit life less we have passed through the fiery ordeal of temp-

into a new life away from slavery and abuse, still 5-Although we find no justice in the absolute in neither man nor animal can appreciate the fulness of the universe, there is a certain thing which may be

freedom after having experienced nothing of it here. termed recompense, namely, where the reflex of a no-It would in a measure be a great torture at first, as ble thought or kind act causes happiness to the donor.



LIST OF CAMP-MEETINGS.

Send in Your Dates and Names of Secretary at Once.

Interest in the various Spiritualist camp-meetings has commenced, and secretaries of the same should report at once to this office, so that proper corrections 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 at 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, Sunings, 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 address Lydia Jessup, secretary, Chester-

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.

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Moore, I am acting secretary, to whom
all letters pertaining to the camp
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President, Cortland, N. Y.

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Grand Ledge, Mich. The Grand Ledge (Mich.) camp opens July 31 and closes August 28. For full programme address J. W. Ewing, Grand Ledge, Mich.

the month of August. For full programmes address H. R. LaGrange, secretary, 84 East Montcalm street, Detroit, Mich.

Harmony Grove, Cal. Camp opens July 17, and closes July 31. For particulars address Frank C. Foster, secretary, Escondido, Cal.

Onset Camp. Commences July 24 and ends August 28. For full programme and particulars address the secretary of the camp

Onset, Mass.

New Era, Oregon.

The First Spiritual Religious Association of Clackamas county, Oregon, wil open their camp meeting at New Era, Oregon, July 2, and close July 26, including four Sundays. Camp about 18 miles south of Portland, For further

Forest Home; Mich. This camp-meeting, located at Snowflake, Antrim county, Mich., will open July 30, and continue till Aug. 22. For

lars address M. G. Duncan, president, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Wonewoo, Wis. The camp-meeting of the Western Wisconsin Camp Association will open Aug. 4, 1904, and will close Aug. 22. For full particulars write Miss Ger-trude Spooner, secretary, Wonewoc,

Ottawa, Kans. The seventh annual encampment of the Ottawa Spiritualist Association will be held at Forest Park, Kansas, Aug 20 to August 30. Send for programme.
Address H. W. Henderson, president,
Lawrence, Kansas, or Jacob Hey, Secretary, Carbondale, Kans.

Forest Home Camp, Mich.

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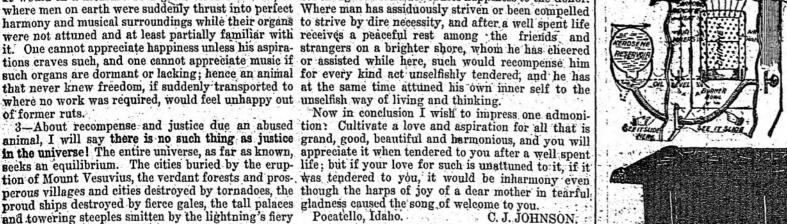
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