

lar in his dress. Then the light-haired man seemed conscious, but helpless for a little while, and as if he was taken into the field to a certain spot. I saw him lying on the ground, and his spirit would make only a limited number of mountains or standing near, as if it had left the body but was watching it. I got the impres sion of his body being carried from this

spot, but could not see what was done with it. The lady told me that the nn unusuall

together with the spirits to inhabit them.

inexhaustible. It is true that the earth being limited, the following words: an infinite number of worlds and systems of worlds, the organism had adapted changes to meet, and were these qualities.

"Perfect correspondence would be perfect life, and we would not be capable of eternal advancement our journeyings through that which has no end and spirits, but the universe, being infinite, would make Were there no changes in the environment but such as unless we have eternity in which to develop and use has had no beginning?

Such is man's destiny as revealed by Spiritualism, it never to fail in the efficiency with which it met In considering what is in store for us beyond the such is its broad conception of the universe, and thus would be eternal existence and eternal grave we can not do better than consider the testi as the bud foreshadows the blossom, do the inherent

verse. It is infinite in the full sense of the world; ab- has given us an excellent definition of the requisite further, if we are capable of unlimited advancement, it to heights as far again above us. The more one consolutely boundless in extent, its resources absolutely conditions and qualities necessary for cfernal life, in is a logical sequence that we are destined for an end- templates the subject the more vast and limitless it less future, for nothing exists without cause or use; becomes. How, then, can we hope to see an end to

light-haired man was the husband of a friend who lived in Kansas; had disap-poared six weeks before. He lived in the country, started home after attending theater, and never reached there. The horse came home wihout him.

I was the fourteenth medium she had called on, and the first one that had told her he was dead. They all told different things; some gave names, but she believed he was dead, and I felt Fure of it, as parts of the vision she knew to be true, so it was likely the others were. She asked why he was killed. I then saw a large wallet, such as she said he carried. I described the interior of a bank, and saw a man belonging there who limped. She recognized the bank as the one he had visited that day and had received money, which he had in the wallet at the time he disappeared. The president of the bank is lame. She said a letter of his was found in the field where saw him taken, as it was one he had in his pocket before leaving home; if was known to have come from his pock et that night.

One day while the lady was with me, for she called several times to see if we could get more regarding the matter. took a pencil and automatically a spirit wrote: "Will is in hell. He can't make Anyone understand his body is in the river near the bridge."

One day I saw two men hunting and the ground indicated that it was early spring. I could not tell if they were really hunting or the appearance of hunting to show they were looking for the body; but I was impressed that in the early spring two men would find

One other medium, Mrs. Nolan, saw him in the water; saw the lap robe on the bridge where it was found, and believing there was some truth in what we two told her, the lady wrote to her hirother in Kansas, asking him to see that the fiver was more thoroughly exsmined, but as they all believed he had run away, they had not as yet done so. But another spirit influence was at work in Kansas. About the first of April, I think, a man who had with a friend, worked near the river, and had been watching to see if the body was there, dreamed that he saw it in a certain place. In the morning he went for his friend, and together they found the

body just where he had dreamed it was. I have for years been studying and testing mental laws, and am satisfied that dreams are produced by very much the same condition that clairvoyant visions are given to the sensitized medium. At no time in people's lives are they without spirit influence around them. Sensitives find the different selves if they are strong enough mentally to hold their own mind and not be entranced, If a weak physical condition makes weak mental powers, one has not the power to hold their own if the spirit tries to operate through their mind and they become entranced. But the mafority of people are so physically strong and the lack of the sensitized condition makes it impossible for any of the Belves, save the one which is most assuredly the self, to hold supreme control." But in sloep, when self rests, the apirit or soul which is in attendance can

bring on the clairvoyant condition, and we call it a dream. MRS, MAY A. PRICE. Washington, D C.

broad conception of the universe is them, there that given by Coleridge when he says: "It is not im- knowledge." Man, if he is eternal must possess capa- mony of those who have already reached the other faculties of man as revealed by Spiritualism foreverse.

ment. We may be capable of infinite progression and an obvious advantage over less complex forms. It conceivably grand. Thus do we advance beyond the Grand Rapids, Mich.

LILY DALE.

Saturday afternoon, July 16, Rev. Henry Frank, of New York City, ad-May be it is someone who has not been dressed the City of Light Assembly on the "Victories of Truth." He is a fine

orator and an inspired speaker of great ower on the lines of progressive thought.

On Sunday morning, July 17, a hot wave struck Lily Dale, a visitation that made ice cream and lemonade the things devoutly to be wished for. It would have been an easy matter to imagine it the 17th of June instead, the anniversary of that memorable day. more than a century ago, when the desisive battle of Bunker Hill was fought that helped to achieve our American liberty and independence. We mark the wide difference in circumstances. est meaning." however, fanning oneself under the cool

shade of glant trees, listening to delightful band music, or the inspired utterances of eloquent oratory, is like livng in another world, compared with by frequent applause. He said: "The he struggles of that little band of noble horoes who fought so valiantly in the the highest achievement of science. ish accents. cause of freedom, when the heat was so florce and intense that the tongues of the soldlers swelled out of their quored a limited environment has made moutos. Their hardships, their strenua step in the process of its development. Intelligence is an expression, a process, ous efforts, made possible the privileges ous efforts, made possible the producting spirit we enjoy to day. The conjucting spirit of raw militia against veteran regulars may be paralleled by the steady and de-lives, and is supreme and universal, commenced his class instructions at the nomena, out of the darkness and up to termined effort of the common people. The stars speak the language of reason, auditorium, and Mis. Petrison opened, the heights of understanding and knowl-to throw off the shackles of tradition and the processes of nature are as rest the lyceum exercised, at the Octagon edge, through a demonstration of the to throw off the shackles of tradition and the processes of nature are as rest the lyceum exercised, at the Octagon edge, through a demonstration of the to any stars and the processes of nature are as rest the lyceum exercised, at the Octagon edge, through a demonstration of the to any stars and the height of logic. Human in- with a goodly number of children.

to throw off the shackles of tradition and superstition till perfect mental lib-tional as the laws of logic. Human in-with a goodly number of celldren. At 4 o'clock J. Clegg Wight, mot, a has valuable apparatus to assist in the product of Buffalo, and the telligence is the capability of an indi-At 4 o'clock J. Clegg Wight, mot, a has valuable apparatus to assist in the product of Buffalo, and the telligence is the capability of an indi-At 4 o'clock J. Clegg Wight, mot, a has valuable apparatus to assist in the product of Buffalo, and the telligence is the capability of an indi-At 4 o'clock J. Clegg Wight, mot, a has valuable apparatus to assist in the product of Buffalo, and the telligence is the capability of an indi-At 4 o'clock J. Clegg Wight, mot, a has valuable apparatus to assist in the product of the work marylous skill and and thereby conquer his environment." It will be highly appre-ing, who took her text from the Scrip-Amad Lord Drake followed the speaker of the speaker of Judas with pleasant remarks and tests. Mr. Wright will be continued every after after he had hunged himself. "He went Frank is on his avertes do lecture and Those familiar with past teachings free threes in or for professors perfect of motions." It will be here and will give tests wonderful thing to be realy to so to bold classes, the said, "It's a where he is advertised to lecture and Those familiar with past teachings and teaching and the vertices the state in the professors perfect is the said, "It's a where he is advertised to lecture and Those familiar with past teachings and teaching and demonstration of hold classes, the said, will give tests wonderful thing to be realy to so to bold classes, the said will give tests wonderful thing to be ready to go to hold classes, the same as last year. His that they cannot afort to miss them, teachings and demonstrations have kin. from the platform until the arrival of your own place if you an stand in that fon, a bright lad of a dozen years, so Tuesday morning Mr. Wright gave the died the most intense enthusiasm Mr. Wiggin, the following Sunday.

pected when they pass on, that all the wecks.

bands of heaven would be glad that

There is utterly no reason whatever for assuming organisms which are able to adjust themselves most us that they are far in advance of the inhabitants of tion burst upon our enlarging vision, then will we be that the continual creation of immortal spirits will ex- readily and successfully will live the longest. They earth in intellectual and spiritual qualities, and often able to see and comprehend the grandeur of the illim-

The greatest trouble to be met with in the discus- their correspondences. There are, for example, in the vanced that they seem almost divine in the compre- ation is not a failure; evolution is not a farce, but it sion of this subject is that man, being finite, can with environment of every animal certain things which are hension of their minds and the purity of their charac-would be if man were not eternal. We may not be difficulty comprehend or define the possibilities of an directly or indirectly dangerous to life. If its equip- ter. And yet, so we are told, even these advanced able to prove eternal life because no spirit has ever infinite universe But it needs to be appreciated that ment of correspondences is not complete enough to spirits say that there are still others so far beyond lived eternally, but this much we do know, that, a truth may be beyond our ability to prove or even to enable it to avoid these dangers in all possible circum- them in intellect and spirituality that in comparison

understand and still be no less a truth We may have stances, it must sooner or later succumb. The organ- with these higher spirits, their own advancement an endless future before us and yet be unable to com- ism then with the most perfect set of correspondences, seems insignificant. Thus by the testimony of reliprchend the fact while in our present state of develop- that is, the highest and most complex organism; has able witnesses we can trace our destiny to heights in- we will have just begun to live.

the same role twice each week. Chairman Barrett supprised his > Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Twing's char-Notes of the City of Light Assembly. they have come. I think that when friends by an unexpected appearance on acteristic talk was prefaced by a song people go over there they will have Sunday. He was warmly we comed and service conducted by Mr. Lillie. Light someone to go with them to their place. takes up his work with easy famillarity, showers brought a most acceptable and everyone is pleased to have the po- change in the atmosphere on Wednes-

> those who are so lonely and grive so of Spiritualism. A committee carefully struggles along the path of progress, much. Oh, happy hearts, teach this sewed the garments of Mr. Bambam, the sentiment of liberty in the souls of lesson to the hungry world, that blessed whose figure was concented by the drap men had made for supremacy. He nar-are the homesick that though they have ings of his light frame: catinet, but rated in thrilling tones the inhumanistruggles and capies and they are home, whose face was constantific visible, ties, the cruelties and atrocities perpe-less, sometime, somewhere they will un-Hands that were far beyond this reach trated in the name of religion, gave derstand home in its fullest and sweet- were thrust out of the tapping and dates and events with marvelous accuprofusion of flowers, roses and carna- racy. He closed by a portrayal of the Sunday afternoon, Rev. Henry Frank tions that were fresh and fragment. An important considerations demanding lectured on "The Power of Thought" to invisible typewriter, Sphoser clicking the attention of the world at the pres-

> a large and responsive audience, who could be distinctly heard, printed mes- ent time. manifested deep interest in his subject sages directed to persons in the "Forest Temple" meetings are ence. Musical instruments were played conducted daily under the competent correct analysis of the human mind is and an independent voice sairs in child- leadership of Mrs. Deveraux and are The mediums, who fur a profitable feature of the good work

> Every unit in nature which has utilized alshed every indication of genuineness, accomplished at the City of Light. the past experience and thoroughly con- are pleasant, gentlemanly appearing Thursday morning Prof. Lockwood young men and we bespeak for them gave his second class lecture and modthe generous patronage of all who are eatly proposed as a friend and fellowseeking proof of the period the invise student, to lead the minds that are

other life, and not be sorry. I have companies him to St. Louis, where he first of his series of public class lec- among his patrons, and attendance heard people talk as though they ex- will visit the exposition for a couple of tures at the auditorium, and appears in promises to be large and of the best card party at the auditorium, given by quality of minds. The admirers of Mr. Wright collected ings

in large numbers in the afternoon to listen to a discourse from a subject suggested by Chairman Barrett, "The Power of the Ideal in the Real." Mr. Wright prophesied that three great powers were coming together, Russia, British Europe and America, and diffi-culties will be settled without war or the sword. Inventions will be so mighty, engines of destruction so terrible, no nation will venture into combat. Disputes among theologians will cease, and everyone will echo the sentiments north end of Cleveland avenue. of Paine, "The world is my country, to

do good is my religion." On Thursday evening the Willing Workers gave a farewell testimonial to lstt, is at the Pond cottage. Mrs. Twing, with a small admission. which netted \$17 to their treasury. Next Friday evening, the 29th, the ly. street. ceum children give a masquerade entertainment, assisted by Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Zeybel, Mr. Lillle and others. It is a welcome sight to see Mr. Allen

Campbell nack for a time in his beautiful spacious cottage which overlooks the entrance to the grounds.

Edward Caleb Raudall addressed the City of Light assembly for the first time on Thursday. Mr. Randall is a prominent lawyer in Buffalo, and for

fourteen years has been holding seances in his own home, doing what he calls "missionary work" with the spirits who need assistance.

A thing of beauty is the handsome mosaic vase of massive proportions, that has come to ornament the platform at the auditorium. It is the gift of

possible that to some infinitely superior being the bilities that will enable him to remain in harmony shore and are thus in a position to speak with some shadow his immortality. And when we have scaled whole universe may be as one plain-the distance be- with his environment no matter how great the degree of accuracy concerning conditions on their the heights we can but faintly conceive of in our tween planet and planet being only as the pores in a changes he may encounter. Henry Drummond, in side of life. Of course they cannot solve all the vari- present state of development—then will the universe grain of sand, and the spaces between systems and "Natural Law in the Spiritual World," makes the fol- ous problems that will arise regarding their future give to our keeping the secrets we now think of with system no greater than the intervals between one lowing remarks which are pertinent to our theme: and ours, but they can give us an idea of what they awe and long to understand, while our minds in their grain and the grain adjacent." Yet profound and "A distinct relation exists, and must exist, between have experienced in their own lives or learned from embryonic, stage are not capable of comprehending comprehensive as this conception is, it gives but an complexity and longevity. Death being brought their association with others more advanced. Spirits such vast truths; and as we pause on our upward path imperfect idea of the magnitude of an infinite uni- about by the failure of an organism to adjust itself to in describing the spirit life state that they are des-and compare the heights we have gained with those some change in the environment, it follows that those tined to advance ever higher and higher. They tell yet to be scaled, then will the true magnitude of creahaust the resources of the universe. When the mean- will continue time after time to effect the appropriate their communications bear witness to the truth of itable universe whose eternal character is mirrored ing of the word infinite is fully understood, such ob- adjustment, and their power of doing so will be ex- their assertions. Yet no matter what their character in our own lives. We are destined to a permanent jections as this become pitifully inadequate, and it actly proportionate to their complexity—that is, to may be, they generally agree that they hold converse life; a life where the dross of carth is cast aside, might almost be said, absurd the amount of environment they can control with with and receive instruction from beings so far ad- where the spirit stands supreme. We never die. Cre-

"When the moon is old, And the stars are cold,"

A pleasant social function is the the Willing Workers on Tuesday even

GEO. B. FERRIS.

Mrs. Miller Wilcox is giving materialzing seances at the Sherman cottage on Buffalo street.

Mrs. Steele of Pittsburg, gives excellent sittings at her quiet home, No. 8 Cleveland avenue

Mrs. Chas S. Hulbert of Buffalo, medlum and magnetic healer, is an interested listener in many of our audlences, Hot and cold baths, under the superintendence of Mr. and Mrs. Kent, can be had at the association's bath house,

Mrs. S. E. Pemberton, trumpet medi-um, is at the Sunflower cottage.

Madam Mayer, astrologist and palm-

Dr. J. M. Temple, business and test medlum, can be found at No. 10 Third

Mr. A. Normann, spirit photographer and slate-writer, who has confounded the skeptics for so many years, is at his lovely home, No. 1 Library street. J. S. Zebley gives instructions in

dancing on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the Octagon.

Mrs. Tillinghast, who always smiles a welcome to visitors, is at her old post of duty in the library

8. M. KINGSLEY.

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Suppose the church had had absolute control of the human mind at any time, would not the words liberty and progress have been blotted from human speech? In deflance of advice, the world has advanced.-Ingersoll.

As to theology that is now studied in the place of the works of God, it is the study of human opinions and of human fancies concerning God. It is not the study of God himself in the works that he has made, but in the works or writings that man has made.-Paine.

Opinions which are equally honest on both sides should not affect personal estecm or social intercourse .- Jefferson,

life hold out kindly hands, and beg for- bam and Mr. Fararr of New York, for Wednesday and Saturday evenings are giveness, for all wrongs must be right- merly Cleveland, gave a benefit scance a pleasing source of recreation and well giveness, for all wrongs must be right meriy Cleveland, gave a benefit scance a pleasing source of recreation and well ed. I sometimes think that there are at the auditorism which netted some patronized by people inside and outside none so proud as the prosperous, none \$28 to the association. Their@manifes. of the grounds. so heartless as the happy. Those who tations are given in the light, under On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Wright have not a care, nothing to disturb the strict test conditions, and are similar lectured on the history of the religions tranquillity of life, often exhibit such in in character to those of the series of the world dating each to the 11th difference to those who are struggling. Davenport Brothers in the early days century. A history of superhuman

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"Are all the bones, all the blood corpuscles, all the various fluids of the body, the brain cells, etc., Materialized? Or, does Materialization consist in simply enveloping the spirit with substance that is visible without the use of bones, blood, etc?" The following is the answer to the above question propounded by the Editor to the guides of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.

To answer the above question com- power (volition). That substance-a pletely would be to reconstruct and re- omic-etheres) or in grosser forms o l science based upon the known molecule or organism must be attracted physical laws of the universe, i. e., all and dispersed by a process superior to he laws supposed to be known to the any known law that governs even atom bysicist; and this would necessitate ic or chemical attraction and repulsion and that the direct action of the voll a new vocabulary constructed to answer the needs of the new knowledge contion of the spirit must be first upon the more ethereal substances and that ac-tion will move the grosser or more cerning the action of spirit upon substance.

'Materializations, or form manifesta mundane conditions of matter to respond. Aggregation and segregation tions are as varied in character and in integration and disintegration, materi their manner of production as are the human conditions under which they ocalization and dematerialization, being cur. From our own knowledge we not but relative terms applicable, to states or manifestations of manifestation, and not to ultimate or really take place wthout the aid con-sciously or unconsciously of any huprimal matter, nor to ultimate or pri mal spirit. All materializations are therefore

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man being, i. e., without the aid of already organized bodies or materials or adaptations of phenomena to human fabrics offered as a substitute for real perceptions through the senses. A materializaton, but we can also affirm that many of the so-called "exposures" 'haunted house" frequently reveals forms, sounds, and lights, all of the nost objective and startling nature, yet are mistakes of sincere people who are easily deceived to accept as fraudulent there is often no person through whose unexplained conditions of unfinished or mediumship the manifestations occur imperfect manifestatons. That there the place itself, the scenes enacted or are many simulated manifestations is experienced forming the requisite "conditions" when the state of the spirit also true. producing the phenomena is considered

But eliminating all doubtful cases and classes and returning to the first proposition, "Of what does materializasupposed state, the volition of the spirit tion consist?" we would say: It is the seeks to make something known that old, old question of spirit and matter, and has been facetiously answered, "What is mind? No matter. What is stance and the sounds and sights promatter? Never mind."

Sir William Crookes, Dr. Alfred Russel Wallace, Prof. Zollner, Camille Flammarion, Prof. Robert Hare, Prof. J. J. Mapes, in fact scores of scientific by which spirits can seem to come out minds who have investigated the entire with mortals clad in human forms and range of phenomenal Spiritualism, attest the facts, accept the truth of spirit, vesture. existence and manifestation through The student and inquirer cannot ar-those facts to mortals, but have never rive at hasty conclusions; must endeave ventured a theory on the subject of or to be impartial; must employ all his

'how" they are produced. Prof. Mapes once said to the writer of of good sense; should bear in mind that this: "Admitting as you claim that all the laws governing the material uni-spirit volition can control even one verse are not known, that the human atom of matter without any other dynamic agency, then everything is pos- temple of material science, and that sible

The relation of spirits (set free from the next stage of life, are yet in the in-the limitations of the human body) to fancy of knowledge concerning the organic or inorganic substance, must methods and forces that lie between orcontain the solution of the whole question of physical phenomena produced by realm of spiritual causation, where one

Materialization may be an appear. appear, where one can think a world ance only, so arranged as to be adjust-ed to the average human sight, or so ar, the sky will show another jewel of

that spirits can communicate with mor- belief.

sees evolutionary processes in all hu-methods. Many of these persons are very shrewd. sees evolutionary processes in all hu-man methods of progress. His wife devout, and frequently open the seances with prayer. is an excellent medium, the author of 'They are usually bold in their claims, because they "Automatic or Spirit Writing," a book above the seances and that the crowd is cred-ulous and knows nothing of their tricks. That has had a large sale, and he speaks from a wide knowledge of psychical Yet they will be invested with less importance as Spir-itualists become more intelligent, more skeptical of pretensions, nore discriminating in considering them. Pretended mediums, however shrewd, should not be article a careful perusal.

after its germination. The same kind of seed planted course to spirit agency. in different places, with difference of soil, and elimate will show very different results in the matured prod- an expert in legerdemain, and in all modern devices ucts.

The same is true of systems of religion and philosophy. They do not come into existence de novo. They grow from pre-existent systems, and change in adjustment to changes in the medium-changes in conditions. Christianity, planted in Abyssinia, in ant, and that it is antecedently probable that a public thought, mood, habits, language, character and social Western Europe, in Southern Europe, in Greenland, and in New England, has developed into systems very lifferent.

What Christianity was in its inception depended npon previous thought and conditions and upon the mental and spiritual as well as physical soil in which leaves the seance with the belief that such was the t took root. It was a cult of poverty, a religion of the poor, such as dwelt along the banks of the river nomena could have occurred if they were not pro-Jordan and on the shores of the Sea of Tiberias, duced by invisible beings. But could he tell how they where the material conditions were as wretched as were produced if they were caused by spirit agency ? they can be conceived. What Christianity is today, a Mosaic made up of many systems in countries wide- Some of them were palpable frauds; none of them imly separated and among races in varying degrees of civilization, is the result of its original character as an inheritance from pre-existent paganism, stamped by standing that in some cases pains were taken to show the influence of Jesus and St. Paul, and all the douces, that fraud-proof conditions existed. What was racial, national, social, religious, spiritual and seewar, done to point out that certain avenues of possible which have modified it and adjusted it to so manyidifferent peoples. ate lina

of the "empty air" and walk and talk tended influence only when it had been largely modi- unwelcome to those eager to have the show opened. fied by its environment, only when it had been infoon- Of what evidential value of spirit agency to an intact with the paganism of Greece and Rome; and of vestigator is a performance of any kind conducted Alexandria, and had assimilated portions of the old under conditions which admit of fraud as a possibilreligions and philosophics, and was thus able to per-ity of course, among friends, those who have absopetuate under a new name doctrines and ceremonies jute confidence in one another, such conditions are unwith which the masses were familiar undersibther called for. But with professional mediums, those mind is only in the vestibule of the names. ... The ritualism of Christian' Rome grew onl of who advertise to do certain strange things and rehe ritualism of Pagan Rome. spirits both in the human states and in

demand for theological instruction. The quality of deception and fraud. the spiritual teachings corresponds with the prevail- Those who object to this either have no idea of the ing mental and moral condition.

B. F. Underwood is a profound thinker With belief in continued life after body dissolution along all lines connected with human those who have passed from this stage of being, the progress or advancement. Believing demand for the service of mediums is inevitable and in proportion to the prevalence and strength of this

tals, he would like to see this great those with whom mediumship is a peculiarity of per-modern movement placed on a plane sonal interest and satisfaction there is a large class who serve as public mediums for profit. In addition of action where fraud and deception to those who are, or who honestly believe they are me-would not be practiced. Clear-mind- diums, and who try to be true and honorable, there are many who have learned to simulate the phenom-ed and logical, and a born critic, he ena which they are expected to exhibit. This they reasons from cause to effect, and he methods. Many of these persons are very shrewd. Sees evolutionary processes in all hus antions and shifts in purgling and confounding

Pretended mediums, however shrewd, should not be able to pass off their tricks as the doings of spirits. An individual plant is what its progenitors and its With more intelligence and scrutiny people would environment have made it. The factors in its devel- cease to attribute to spirits out of the body any pheopment are its anecestral forms, and the climate, soil nomena simply because they were perplexed, puzzled and other surrounding influences operating upon it and unable to explain such phenomena without re-

> Why should any person, especially one who is not for producing deception of the senses, the thousands of illusions and hallucinations, ascribe anything to the agency of disembodied spirits simply because they can not understand how it is done, if not by such agencies? It is wiser to assume at the outset that there are methods of deception of which we are ignorperformer will select for his practice tricks that those present will not be likely to understand.

Take materialization, for instance. An investigator in a dark or partially dark room sees figures and hears voices which impress him as those of spirits (according to the dominant idea in the circle), and he case, because he cannot understand how such phe-I have attended many so-called materializations. pressed me favorably. In no case were the conditions such as to exclude the possibility of fraud, notwithdeception were closed, however, served only to invite my attention to other avenues against which no pre-It existed as a great system of commanding and ex- cautions were taken, and references to which were ceive money the same as conjurers do, for their per-With belief in the supernatural-in a divine person- formatices, nothing should be taken for granted as ality, a redeemer, salvation by faith, and a future end- to honesty and good faith, and all possible vigilance ess life of enjoyment or punishment-there is always and precaution should be exercised to guard against

vast amount of deception that is practiced by large At present in large portions of Christendom, the numbers of so-called mediums, or else they are so MIXED WITH THEM A LARGE And when born in the spirit, then sink

Comprehensive Analysis of the Pres-ent Situation—Excellent Evidence of Spirit Power and Presence, by a has to be moved and helped up and Spirit Power and Presence, by a down in his hed. You had a case for Prominent Lawyer. him (law-suit) shortly before he passed

out; he goes this way (grasping an im-To the Editor :- The true Spiritualist aginary rope hand over hand); you had annot he other than honest, fair, sina great deal to do with his affairs; he ere and truthful in his dealings with wants you to know that he sees and others, for he knows that not only are there myriads of bright spiritual eyes looking upon him, but that to inten-tionally wrong or defraud another of that which is due him is to turn the sun of progress within him back upon the dial degree for degree commons. knows it all now. His name was Mar the dial degree for degree commensuthe dial degree for degree commensu-she had ever heard of him. Then rate with every injury done. Hence, it again on the same occasion the medium follows that no true medium-and mequite as impromptu told me there was diums are Spiritualists par excellent-

diums are Spiritualists par exertence of fraud in me in business as a writer who had mediumship. mediumship. But there are mediums, or persons, that she was of such and such descripwho practice fraud in the matter of tion personally; that she had two in-spiritual, or alleged spiritual, phenom- fants in spirit life. "No," said I, "you spiritual, or alleged spiritual, phenom-ena. Of course they are not spiritual are wrong. I recognize the lady, but she never had but one baby, and that phenomena if they have their origin from physical or earthly causes solely. Spiritual phenomena, as the term imwas by a former husband." "Oh, yes," says the medium, "this lady has two bables in spirit life. I am plies, must originate in a spiritual domain; they must proceed from and be caused or produced by the spirits of persons who once lived in the body but certain of that because I see them." "Well," I said, "there is some mistake somewhere, for 1 never heard of but

who are now in a spiritual realm withthe one baby.' out a physical body. Determine to a certainty, by any The next day, telling the circumstance to a mutual friend, she said to method or process whatever, that any given manifestation is so caused and me, "Why, Mrs. —— did have two bables, but she never told of but the you have a genuine spiritual manifestaone, the other was so small when it tion. If by "conditions" imposed upon you by the operator, or medium, or oth-The glib-speaking telepathic, mind-

ers, you are deprived of the opportunity to determine certainly as to the nature reading, sub-conscious Spiritualist will never talk me out of the only leof the manifestation, you not only cangitimate, logical conclusion to be de-duced from that incident, viz., that it not say whether you have witnessed a genuine spiritual phenomenon or a coun came directly from a spirit and is proof terfelt, but you are justified in a prima positive of the truth of Spiritualism. facie presumption of fraud which noth-Ing but subsequent proof may remove. That there is such a thing as genuine materialization of the spirit form, or of my existence. body, in part, at least, as the hand or face, I take it is amply demonstrated.

In my own experience I could cite in

stances which to my mind, and I be

lady, at a neighbor's house where som

sence with the movements of the hand;

and all the time all the hands of the

sage given will be so general, and the

name or names given so common that

they will fit a good many people; only

I remember attending a seance given

by a prominent and well-vouched medi-

thing, and never attended another se-

When spirits and mediums can give

as nothing but noise, jingling of belis,

hanging of tambourines, twanging of

riety show, the spectacular and mysti

fying performance of the juggler, and

demand spiritual phenomena with a purpose, or let us have none at all. The

old family circle, as advocated by many

old-time Spiritualists. It seems to me

would go a long ways toward the solu

iem.

ance given by that medium.

um in a city foreign to my abode where

will get anything they can recognize.

persons who attend the seance

them-would have known me. If not, why not?

e to deny one of the most patent facts A. M. GRIFFEN. Chicago, Ill.

lereon I plant my feet and here shall

stand because to do otherwise would

TRUTH UNDEFILED.

lieve, to any reasonable person, amoun to a demonstration. As long ago as the Every heart knows its weakness, its burden of sin, What need to reveal them? Love says, year 1864, in the presence of a lady, a member of the Episcopal Church, and not a professional medium, in a little "Look within,"

town called Alton, in Wayne County, N For God and each soul there's a witness Y., not twenty miles from Hydesville I saw at an improvised cabinet the face between.

He shall judge thee and others, fear not, of a number of departed friends unfor the scale der conditions which precluded fraud

Of Justice and Mercy He holds shall or collusion, and one of the neatest dem onstrations came one afternoon at Ma provail— In the triumph of Truth, though its rion. N. Y., in the presence of the same

teachers be frail. Let the good in thy brother he dear to

six or seven sitters were invited to be present at a voluntary seance. The thy heart, room was slightly darkened by placing With his vices and follies the truth has

blankets, etc., at the windows, and all no part. sat at the dining table with all the it will live, and will triumph the most hands, including those of the medium

through Love's art. visible on the top surface of the table Men cannot defile it, though sunk in the Presently there was a tapping on my

shoe underneath the table, then a twitching and pulling at my тігс, Tis the jewel of heaven that mortals shall tire

pants leg, and then a firm grasp at my Of striving to tarnish or burn in the leg by a real, tangible human hand. I didn't see the hand, but we know fire.

those things as well by sense of touch They may try it as dross in the furnace as of seeing; and then to test the mat of pain

ter I asked questions and the hand, or But pure as when given the truth will fingers, tapped out the answer on my remain, shoe; thus connecting human intelli

And show never to angels one scar or one stain.

whole company, including those of the medium, plainly within my view on the table. "This was all simple enough, and All truths that exalt thee are jewell of th

worth, And none the less holy, though lowly 114 was absolutely convincing to all present of spiritual interference and causation.

their birth. Instances of this nature might be cited by the dozens, and by Spiritual-But, remember, Love never works ruin

ists all over the country, more than suf or ruth

ficient to establish any science under To any who toil in the kingdoms of the sun. THE TROUBLE IS. NOT

THAT THERE ARE NOT GENUINE

For behold Love herself is the holiest PHENOMENA ENOUGH, BUT THAT THERE IS INTERMINGLED AND truth.-

POSITION IN THESE MODERN All the passions that add to humanity's DAYS. You can generally detect the woes. fraudulent manifestation by the failure For Yove hides the secrets that hate to produce convincing results. The would disclose "spirits" or "controls" do not seem to

often

is much more susceptible than the human visual organs. A degree of form manifestation that could be seen, yet substance would be very slight and so ethereal in quality as to have no seemof the medium as the focalizing center for this substance relatizing the law of polarity of atoms to attract and fix to the vision of the sitters (or circle) the form desired. If, however, the sense of

touch or feeling is also to be satisfied, sufficient material must be added-or the equivalent in effect-to satisfy the sense of touch, (Psychological action and hypnotic suggestion not being employed in such cases.) In this latter case, however, it is not so much a matter of added substance, as of added adaptation of substance to the sense of touch (polarization).

In case of a desire for more complete effect of human organism there hair, clothing, etc. (A lock of hair cut from the golden

locks of "Katie King," a materialized spirit, Miss Florence Cook being the medium and Prof. Crookes the experi-mentor, and a piece of fine fabric cut from her dress, both seemed as material as any human hair or woven human fabric; both, however, gradually dematerialized after being carried on the person of Mr. Crookes for a few days, and finally disappeared.)

Forms often appear that to the human senses have every indication of being human forms. Yet they are not organio. Sometimes only head, or face and organs of speech are materialized, die of the circle my friend Elvira Dins

or spirits an adaptation to human

senses and perception. That "density," "specific gravity," and all similar terms are relative, and that a spark of radium under sufficiently rapid manipulation could be made to appear as a palace of light, all will admit? that the forms presented in genu ine manifestations often seem to take who it was, nor who for, which was on the appearance, and even the conditions of the medium or sitters is also a few moments then retired into the true, and that an interrupted manifes- cabinet, but shortly stepped out again, tation often presents the appearance of stepped along to a mirror about halffraud when the perfected manifestation | way to me on the wall, and looked in it or finished seance would be completely a moment then retired to the cabinet satisfactory is also true. There can be again. All this time not a look, nor a no absolutely satisfactory manifestation | motion from either of us that any perof any, of the phenomenal phases of son could know that we knew each Modern Spiritualism, physical or men- other, but I was waiting to have her do tal, oxcept under circumstances and what I knew she would do, make some tal, oxcept under circumstances and what I knew she would do, make some conditions where the question of move to show me that she had fulfilled "fraud" can be, entirely eliminated her promise. In a minute or two, she Such was the case with the investiga-stepped out again, came about half way tions of Mr. Crookes and such has been | to me and raised her hand and pointed the case in scores of other investiga- to me. I said, "Elvira," and she cam tions. Then to understand that the vo- so close I could have taken hold of the lition of the spirit or spirits producing form, but she could not speak. ... I said the phenomena is the starting point, the "Please turn your face towards the light positive center, and that matter, medi-so I.can see both sides of your face, positive center, and that matter; mediums, altters and all that relate to the without a shade." She turned clear human or mundane side are relative around so. I not only saw her face but and (to the spirit, world) subjective, her whole head." This lady had pecul That "substance" even in its most reliarities in form, and movement that I fined state of the psychic sura is acted, will not stop to describe, but in every upon not by 'organic law' from the major form and feature she was perfect, ex-terial side but by psychic or spiritual cept she looked uncommonly pale.

ranged as to be only tangible to the light, where one can think "let there be photographer's sensitized plate, which light," and earth and sky will be suf-is much more susceptible than the hu- fused with glow like the noonday sun. If, through attempted imitation-the result of cupidity and ignorance-or not felt, might be produced, and often any other cause this phase or other is, in which case the aggregation of phases of the manifestations of spirit power shall seem to be withdrawn, still will the great movement that unites the ing density, no specific gravity. In that spirit world with mortals go on. Until case the spirit or spirits surrounding from such substance as perfect lives the medium would use the psychic aura are made-and fairest hopes and prophecies arise-will come the "materialization" of good deeds and blessed humanities that will lead the human race unto a perfect knowledge of the

methods of the soul.

The Question of Materialization.

There seems to be a great amount of discussion over the question of materi alization just now. I positively know that there were genuine mediums for that manifestation of spirit power at the time I was in the East, but I also am aware that there were frauds a that time in Boston, who pretended to produce what they did not. I tried to

get into some of their circles, but may be apparently weight, flesh, bones, failed because they knew me, and hair, clothing, etc.

ment. But while in the neighborhood of Boston I used to have seances, with those I knew to be true, and talk with my friends from the other side. A friend of mine asked me to attend the first materializing circle I could, and she promised me that she would do the best she could to materialize so I would know her.

A short time after I was lecturing in Great Falls, N. H., and having heard of the Pickering manifestations at Rochester, I went there and engaged a sea in their circle without giving my name sometimes hands. In all cases the substance required is aggregated by the volition of the spirit room was so light I could see to read common print or the time on my watch

I know her instantly, as no other person on earth could imitate her, either in looks or movements. I said mentally, will wait and see if any one thinks they recognize her, so I said not a word Three or four exclaimed, "Oh! what a beautiful spirit," but they did not know

somewhat of a wonder. She stood there Demands the Full Penalty of Law.

offenders of such statute law to its full extent, by fine and imprisonment. would not let the offenders off by their ecutly done at Los Angèles, and leaving the criminals free to go into some other locality and palm off their nefarious practices on other innocent subects. All Spiritualists throughout the land are directly interested and humili-ated by such criminality, and we become the laughing stock of the world. I have passed my eighty second mile post and nearly all of my acquaintances of my youth have passed on, and sup-

posing I make an effort to communicate

most marked feature is the growth of faith in the al- short-sighted that they imagine "the cause" mighty dollar, and the accumulation of big fortunes which they are attached may be injured by these exwith such magnificent displays of luxury and fashion posures. Some people would rather cover up an into impress the masses as colossal fortunes enable their iquity and deny its existence, even, than to face it possessors to make. Accordingly the clergy who and the scandal which may result to a movemeent minister to the rich and aristocratic churches preach with which it is identified. No organization and no to and for those upon whose liberal checks they look movement can be, in the long run, hurt by exposure for the handsome salaries they receive. 'The theological and spiritual teachers indulge in as- degree responsible for the fraud except so far as they

sumptions and pretensions of knowledge, in dogma- attempt to justify, excuse, conceal or excuse it. Any tism, in praise of unquestioning faith, in denunciation movement that does this ought to perish-the sooner of doubt, and assume airs of sanctity and superiority the better.

in order to make up for their real lack of such knowl- fraudulent methods are expected not only to depreedge as the profession of theology and as the elergy cate investigation, or even discussion relating to once boldly elaimed to possess implies. The Christian them , but to show relentless hostility toward every priesthood and all other priesthoods are natural and one who exposes the frauds, unmasks their perpetranecessary concomitants of the systems which they tors and puts investigators on guard against spurious represent, just as much as the systems are natural exhibitions given in the name of Spiritualism. But outgrowths of the human mind in its long, weary tran- the moral atmosphere of Spiritualists' halls and sition from the darkness of ignorance, credulity and camps would be much more wholesome, if commercial blind faith to the light of knowledge, skeptical habits mediumship with the deception and fraud which it of thought, inquiry and reasoned belief. Now how is it with the dark side of Spiritualism ?!! mum.

offered at the time fifty dollars if any way given under heaven and among men person on earth would produce the form to prove continued life to the race, will by any means except her being there, I enter the circle. which you know and show me how it was done. I am heartily in favor of rooting out conditions for materialization, and one every fraud producer of any manifesta-form after another appear, claiming to fons called spiritual, throwing them be relatives or friends, and I greet them every fraud producer of any manifesta-tions called spiritual, throwing them out root and branch, and everything that I can do to help accomplish such a desirable work, I will do with all my will and force. I believe in exposing them everywhere and at all times. They leserve the most strenuous and persedeserve the most strenuous and perser states to test sugar offenders pay vering action from every lover of truth, voice is that sugar offenders pay and our cause, and when such a thing penalty to the uttermost farthing. can be proven against them, the 'law

should be used in every available way to stop such a diabolical imposition. Every Spiritualist should make himself a committee of one to watch every move of any whom they have good real son to believe are frauds. But I coun-sel that this should not be carried too

far, but give every one a chance to prove himself true. P. C. MILLS. Seattle, Wash.

If I was to express my ideas on this

ubject of fraud in the ranks of Spiritualists, I would say if we have laws to protect innocent people in the investi-

should be partially darkened to make Nor need, with toil, to tread the path again; cordially as ... of . yore, supposing the past. forms to be what they represent themselves to be, but to my horror I find from pain, they are all counterfeits; and the medi-um a fake. But there are laws in all states to redress such wrongs, and my greet thee. pay the

en thrung." D. BOYNTON.

A Few Thoughts on Materialization.

To the Editor: ^din regard to materi-alization, I believe it to be possible, but I do not thigh it is bur duty as apostles to try to induce off loved ones to come to try to induce off loved ones to come so close to earth as to take on flesh and blood, if the bossible. The beauti-ful fleecy form to mo is enough, espe-cially if the features are shown. This will be done fit the freesence of any well developed the line, who lives close to God. The Bible close not prove mate-rialization of iny find, yet I know it is true and it may be possible to produce ualists, I would say if we have laws to rianzation of any and, set I know it is protect innocent people in the investi-true, and it may be possible to produce the flesh and blood kind that crack tion of continued life after the change we call death, I would say punish such some cabinet circles. I do not say it is impossible, but I do say that those I I have seen in such circles were not spir-ir its, at least those that came to me. I promise to leave the community, as was am a tolerably good. Clairvoyant, and can see just as well in the broad sunlight, or through a wall, as any other place, and an not carry uccerter, would be glad to see the genuine, but have never seen any in circles of that kind. place, and am not easily deceived. I Los Angeles, Cal.

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THE JOURNEY'S END.

Rejoice! Thou nearest thy journey's end at last

The goal appears, where all thy labor's

And rest ensues, with sweet surcease

Friends wait thy coming, and there will

And give thee welcome, for thy fair

weighed thee down.

. claims made slight,

proper place,

all made right,

fect

So, in the end, thine own will come to thee.

What ye have sown in griof, ye reap in 10**7**.

years; So wilt thou gather bliss, without alloy,

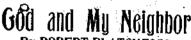
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there was no one present who knew my The book of the day in England. Scores of infi-sters are preaching it. Bishops and worklogmen name or residence. I was a strange ters are preaching it. cat in a strange garret. In this new

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renown. And thou wilt joy, that henceforth thou art free, From all the mortal clogs, which And thy deservings there, have right by

grace, And those preferred—who of thy

Are now constrained to take their

In spheres, where wrongs of life, are

For cause precedes and ever binds ef

And still will rule aright, whate'er the

rect.

And garner still, in all the coming

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THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

True Papal History Life In the Spirit Realms. Abridgment of the Letters of Charles MacArthur, the A series of Letters from Spirit Carlyle Petersilea, would be impossible for me to do this. I can be of far Eminent Historian, Who for 30 Years Has Made a Specialty of the Catholic Question.

BY A STUDENT.

Recently says the pope, "the Holy fraud that the Jesuits were instruction to find some other excuse. This was to find some other excuse. This was absolutely necessary as there are three absolutely necessary as there are three three absolutely necessary as there are three three absolutely necessary as the source of the sour We are informed that ten important decretals ,credited to Anacle tus, which are quoted to prove Rome's vicars of Christ have been dropped primacy. from the list and five others have been

added. The name of only one of the The Jesuits are adepts in this kind of new ones has been given; the other works, but in their zeal they frequently overstep the mark. Notwithstanding four are to follow.

Duchesne, said to be a "famous histo heir claims for intelligence and for the rlan" was selected to assist the divine highly intellectual position of their messenger, and as all the reasons for writers, the papal church knows to her dropping the names of the popes have not been given, I propose to assist in the work. I think the inspired revealer ated by a high sense of the moral acwas right, but I also think that the prescountability that is conceded to accred ent pope did not catch the entire mesited historians. Lazzari and Pappensage; it should have been 210 instead of brock were delegated to the task and declared, after minuute investigation 10. I use the term "pope" for convenience. There is not a scintilla of his- that Cletus and Anacletus were the torical evidence to support the claim same person. That his name was origthat Peter ever saw or heard of the inally Cletus, and during a persecution city of Rome. The papal claims are in Rome, under Vespasian; he left the based on the most diaphanous legends. city: When he returned he called him-Many early writers entirely ignore the self "Anacletus, or iterum Cletus (Clefirst three popes. The first mention of tus again)." But the Jesuits experts were unaware

any bishop of Rome is of Clement in 91. Before that time the papists in Rome formed a very small society of unthat it should be the distinctive title of the title of "The delight of the human the Bishop of Rome. The custom was bodies in St. Peter's that are "resplend followed in the Eastern or Greek ent with miracles performed every church, and even to-day every Russian day." Nor does it account for the two church, and even to day every registing day. For does it account for the two priest is designated as 'pope.' The term has lost its early significance; is esteemed only by interested clerics and the wife of Cletus. But I think that both of them are myths. by the ignorant.

Felix II., 356-366.

The history of Felix is interwoven

with that of Liberious, 352. The coun-

ture, was deposed and sent into exile

succeed him in 356. Even at that early

Marcellinus in speaking of it says:

Most of these ten popes are dropped from the list under the specious plea that they were not canonically elected. The canonical election of every pope is open to the gravest suspicion. For cil of Arles, summoned by the emperor, 1000 years they were elected by the had condemned Athanasius, the formu-For cil of Arles, summoned by the emperor priests and people of Rome, just in the same way that we elect our public offi-cers. The gravest disorders naturally crept in, as there was always a Tammany hall in Rome. As early as 418, Felix, an avowed Arian, was elected to we find Pope Boniface I. petitioning the emperor to pass a stringent law regu- date the bishopric of Rome was one of lating these elections and to exercise the greatest sinecures of the empire. his voto power. In 498, Pope Sym- The contemporary historian Ammianus machus convened a council for the same purpose, in which it was proven "When I reflect the splendor attache that votes were openly bought and sold to the See of Rome I can understand and benefices promised in return for any intrigue that might be used to support. Moreover, until the complete reach it. The bishops of that city separation of the two churches, Roman ceive the most costly gifts from the Roman matrons; they appear in public and Greek, the pope was not consecrated till his election had received the seated in brilliant chariots, in sumptu imperial sanction; and, during the ous attire and their table surpasses Arian rule in Italy and until the det those of kings in magnificence." struction of the Lombard kingdom by In exile, Liberius reflected on his past struction of the Lombard kingdom by Charlemagne, the popes were always glories and his mind wandered back to nominated and elected by the heretical that sumptuous table and those darling Roman ladies, now enjoyed by his civil power.

Up to the 14th century, few, if any hated rival. He weakened and signed the Arian creed which denied the divinpopes were elected without the assistity of Christ and ignored the Holy ance of the emperor or some king, and Ghost. This in tistinctly stated by St very many of them depended on petty Italian princes to secure themselves in Athanasius, St. h y, St. Jerome and he papal chair. the historian Sozon. Athanasius calls him "a monster,

Hence the many wars in Italy. From raised by the malice of Anti-Christ, worthy of and fit to execute the worst 1305 to 1378, while the papacy was established at Avignon there was not a designs of his wicked partisans." canonically elected none, as all of them ere tools of the French king, who nom-

Arians. At the council of Milan, 355, inated and elected every one of them. And up to the 15th century popes were all the bishops except three, signed the Arian creed. Even Oslus "the father subjects to councils; the council of Conof bishops," the "head and leader of the stance having deposed John XXIII, as we shall see when we reach that gentleman and elected Martin V., (1417). And the uncertainty, from a canonical standpoint, surrounding all papal elections is evidenced by a decree of Nich-Ghost. And the council of Rimini, 359, olas II., (1509) that a pope, on his elecattended by over 400 bishops, also fell into line, as did the council of Selencia. tion, may act even before consecration. In fact, there is no rule defining canoniMrs. Carlyle Petersilea, Medium.

LETTER NUMBER ONE.

outward they reach and call for me to respond. The scribe, and you will be made acquainted with some of following is the paragraph referred to: "We are con- the details of spirit life. tinually met with the question : If spirits can return, Now life spems, in a measure, to repeat itself, somewhy is it we do not learn more of what they are doing, what as one would climb a spiral stairway. Every of what their life consists ?"

mediums for this particular phase of manifestation For instance, when I was born into spirit life, my for more than twenty years, she felt a little discour- father received me, sustained me, comforted me, aged when she read it; and she has read of the same taught me, put me to bed, and afterward fed me with question being asked, a great many times. Some milk; then he remained with and near me until I was what more than twenty years ago, my own father, able to take care of myself; and he did precisely the Franz Petersilea, controlled and wrote automatically same when I was born into earth life, that being the a book which I called "The Discovered Country," material birth, this the spiritual, a cycle higher, it will giving a detailed account of his own experience in be seen, but almost the same. My mother having spirit life. This book is still for sale. Shortly after- passed into the spirit realms when I was a babe, often ward, my own-mother wrote, in the same way, a fully returned in spirit to see the little boy she had left detailed and descriptive life of spiritual beings, what here, she visited me the same way as an angel, and they do and the means used to accomplish whatever still continues to do so, but, as on earth, she is too far work they may be engaged in doing. The books read removed to make a home and live with me. like romances to be sure; but they are not. They give Franz Liszt was my dearest musical friend in my

mother; and she wrote nothing but the truth. My music and played it to him as few others could to his father's book was also true in all its details, the name satisfaction; but we could not agree on religion. In simply being changed a little, as I, at that time, hard- my adolescent state as a spirit, I again visited him and ly dared to have it known that I had become a be- played to him, dearly loved and appreciated him, but liever in Spiritualism, as it was sure to ruin my busi- again we could not agree on religion. ness entirely. I had a conservatory of music, elocu- When, as a young man, I left Germany and retion, languages and art. I afterwards sold out to the turned to Boston, Dr. Eben Tourgee and myself New England Conservatory and then felt that I could founded the New England Conservatory of Music. breathe a little more freely, and shortly after, I let the Dr. Tourgee was the business founder and manager, world know what I did believe, and that my father but was not a musician, yet he loved and appreciated had returned and controlled the writing of a book, he music above all things. I was, at that time, the prinhaving been a teacher in my conservatory, and well cipal musical performer in Boston. Dr. Tourgee

As soon as it was noised about that I was a Spirit- business manager and your humble servant the muualist, my business dropped off to that extent that I sical director. Now, why I enter into all this detail, might say I was financially ruined; but ruined or not is to show how life and its incidents are repeated in ruined, there should be no more skulking for me; and cycles. I have never evaded or skulked since. Not only were In my last letter I told you how I meant to found a those two books written, detailing life in the spirit conservatory of music, elocution, languages and art. world, but many others were written which were not Now my mind became very intense on the subject and published in book form but found their way to the sent forth vibratory waves into the ether and they spiritual periodicals, some of them the following: were caught up by my old friend and coadjutor Dr. "Solon and Mary," "Edward and Mary," "Amy Les- Eben Tourgee, who had been here in the spirit life ter." "A Celestial Wanderer," being the first experi- for, perhaps, fifteen or more years; and once more ence, in spirit life, of Charles Dickens; and many, Eben Tourgee sought me out. I want also to say, that many others. Besides all of these, for a number of you may understand my position better, that in later years, The Progressive Thinker published series after years; and shortly before he entered spirit life, he had series of letters that were written through my hand been the one who had bought me out and merged my automatically by the spirits whose names were at- conservatory, which I had started later in life, into tached to them, detailing their lives in the spirit the New England, together with myself, once more; world, how they lived, what they did, giving minute for I had, after a number of years, left the New Engdetails of things as they found them. My wife land and started one all by myself which I carried on copied all these letters out carefully (as they were for fifteen years. That makes twice my life and insimply scrawls that no one but she could read, for terests become merged into that with Dr. Eben Tourthey were written with lightning-like rapidity) and gee while still on earth. Now comes the third time, sent them to The Progressive Thinker, and the editor higher up the scale of being, both now being in spirit

course, my wife feels a little hurt after our united jects ... The first time he wanted me to become a years of toil, more than twenty years of constant writ- Methodist, and because I demurred he bestowed his ing for both of us, hers being the most severe and ar- best favors upon others not as competent as myself, duous work, in this very phase of manifestation; de- which he openly admitted, but the conservatory must tailing life in the spirit spheres, or realms, which, be run by those who were of the Methodist persuawith Brother Francis, I think the better word; and sion. I became discouraged, was young and hotafter all this the question is continually asked: If headed, and left and started one of my own. As I

greater use to the world, by writing my own experience and apportion of the experience of those with whom I come in contact, than I could to give my whole time, and Mrs. Petersilea's time, My wife has just read a paragraph of two in The in searching out the particular friends of those Progressive Thinker, that has set up a series of vibra- who write to her, asking me to do so. Subscribe for tory thought waves within her brain, and as they flow The Progressive Thinker, get your friends to sub-

time one gets around, one's experience seems to be Now, as my wife together with myself have been very like the preceding, except a spiral circle higher.

the real life and experience of two spiritual beings at adolescence, when I was sent to Germany to finish my The book, "Mary Ann Carew," is especially fasci- those of the Leipzig Conservatory-but my dear nating. This was the real maiden name of my own friend whom I loved. I appreciated his wonderful musical education, not my teacher-my teachers were

known as an agnostic-or a full-fledged materialist sought me to aid him in founding the New England Conservatory ; and together we founded it; he the

life. The cause of our separation in both instances These letters were not fraudulent, but true; and, of on earth was our wide divergence on religious sub-

spirits can return, why is it we do not learn more of said before, after fifteen years, he, together with the the end of the tenth lunar month." How what they are doing, of what their life consists? company, bought me out, and once more I joined my Now I would advise all who ask these questions to forces with his. During this time-five years-he

pacy. There was an innocent and holy rivalry between mother and daughters, the former boasting that she never slept with any one "less than a bishop." Serglus, whom we have already seen had been twice elected pope and driven from Rome, had now returned and was acknowledged favorite of Marozia.

One day he seized Christophorus, put him in prison, where he was strangled The bones of the murdered pope were afterwards buried in St. Peter's, where they performed miracles and the early records esteem him both a saint and a martyr. But Mr. Gotti has just decided that he is not "true pope," so most like-ly the miracles will cease. Sergius was then elected for the third time. June . 905

As Christophorus has been dropped from the list, there is a hiatus of eighteen months, and it will be interesting to learn how Mr. Gotti intends to fill it. Sergius is credited with having been successively the favored lover of the mother and the two daughters. And his son by Marozia was duly elected pope in 931, as John XI. He ruled the Universe, Apostolic and Holy Roman church for five years, when he was imprisoned and murdered by his halfbrother, Alberic.

The relationships of this holy family were slightly mixed. Marozia had been married to one Wido and after his death-or murder, she consorted with his father, Adelbert, Marquis of Tus-cany. Alberic was the result. Sergius III., is described by Cardinal Baronius "the embodiment of all possible vices." 'The most notable religious act

of his reign was to allow Emperor Leo to divorce his wife and marry his mistress, by whom he already had a child. (To be continued.)

BOOK REVIEW.

A Triangular Polemic. A Discussion on Reincarnation, or the Successive Embodiments of the Human Spirit. By J. M. Peebles, M. D., The Peebles Medical Institute, Battle Creek, Mich. Price,

30 cents. Dr. Peebles has performed a distinct public service in producing the abovenamed volume as it offers between its covers a comprehensive review of the much-discussed question of reincarna tion on the part of its advocates and opponents. The work comprises the cor espondence between Dr. Peebles, Dr. Helen Dinsmore and W. J. Colville which took place in the columns of the the English Spiritualist journal, Light, in London, and the Banner of Light in Boston. It may be accepted that each writer has said the best that is to be said upon the side selected. Mrs. Densnore presents the usual arguments in favor of the assumed re-embodiment o the spirit, while the nature of Mr. Colville's contentions are so well known that neither need be re-stated here, as my readers in the past have been made thoroughly familiar with the arguments in the pages of this journal. Dr. Peebles' replies are in most cases brilliant, always forceful and pointed, but his wit fulfills the dictum of Figaro, the immortal barber, who lays it down that, "Satire like a razor keen,

Should wound with a touch scarce felt or seen.

In support of his position Dr. Peebles nuotes from the communications given through the mediumship of W. Stainton Moses, J. J. Morse, E. W. Wallis, and M. H. Wallis and others, and presents a characteristic and special approval of bis positions from the pen of Andrew Jackson Davis. As to the oft-repeated question, "What is the process of reincarnation?" on page 74, the Doctor quotes from the "Chondogya Upan-ishad." of India which, according to the Rajput's teachings upon reincarnation. says "The person to be re-born becomes more ethereal by relieving himself of his seven sheathings when he becomes breath-like, then vaporous, then cloudy then descending wraps himself in the awaiting womb, and there lies conbeautifully simple! You just melt away into smoke and there you are-or there

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kindly published them. In fact, the majority of papists were

council of Nicea," the first Occumenical council of the church: the man "who worded and drew up the Nicene creed"; even he, joined the Arians, denied the divinity of Christ and ignored the Holy

cal elections, as is proven by the late in the same year, with its 160 bishops. Felix was cold and austere; most woelection. If only canonically elected popes are to be kept on the list, then men disliked him. Liberius was a great favorite with them, for he was there will be no list. gay and festive. On his return to

The present pope was a compromise candidate and was elected because the Rome there were two factions. Liberiveto of Emperor Joseph of Austria, pre- us had the more numerous. So, those vented the conclave from electing Ram- of Felix were murdered in the strets, in polla, who, unquestionably, was the fa- their homes, in the public baths, and were pursued even into the churches. vorite candidate.

Listen to what he said in 1893, in his The historian tells us that Rome was saturated with their blood. Felix esfirst sermon at St. Mark's church, Vencaped, retired to an estate, where he "The pope is not simply the representative of Jesus Christ; on the condied in 365. All the early records claim him as a saint and a martyr. His festrary, he is Jesus Christ himself, under the veil of flesh, who by means of an extival was celebrated on July 29, particularly at Cerventra, of which city he was istence common to humanity continues the patron saint. His body, in a maghis ministry among men. Does the nificent sarcophagus, adorned the capope speak? It is Jesus Christ that thedral and performed miracles. speaks. So that if the pope speaks, we have no need to examine, but have only When people became more intelligent and were able to read, the qustion of to obey. There can be no rights in opthe legitimacy of his canonization was position to the pope in teaching or giving orders. His decision must not be raised. So, in 1582, Gregory XIII., or dered an investigation. Cardinal Barcriticised, nor his commands disputed. onius, who was also "a famous histo-Consequently, by divine appointment, rian" was directed to gather all the oball kings, cardinals, priests, must be jections against Felix and Cardinal subjected to him who has placed all

things under his feet." Hundreds of thousands, inoculated Santoris was appointed to defend him. Baronius filled an entire volume to prove that Felix was "neither a saint with this papal venom, are landed on nor a martyr but an accursed Arian our shores every year, and the time may come when this country will regret who denied the divinity of Christ." Sanin sackcloth and ashes what is called toris, as he testifies, could find nothing n favor of his client and had recourse liberality.

The microbe of reform will never into prayer. oculate a pope who considers himself

On July 28, on the eve of Felix's festival, the congregation of cardinals, reincarnation of Jesus Christ. My authority for the dates in the fol-lowing review will be "A General Hisheaded by Gregory, met to hear the testimony and decide if Felix was in heav tory of the Catholic Church, by M, en, as a saint, or in hell, as an Arian. Baronius presented his facts, proving L'Abbe J. E. Darras, with introduction and notes by the Most Reverend M. J. Felix to have been an Arian, that he Spalding, D. D., Archbishop of Baltihad died a natural death and that his burial place was unknown. The weep-ing Cantoris had nothing to say, but more," containing letters of recommendation from Pius IX; John McClosky, D. D., Archbishop of New York; J. B. Purcell, D. D., Archbishop of Cincinsimply knelt and poured out his prayers for a miracle.

The assembly decided against Felix nati. Published by P. O'Shea, 1866 Abbe Darras spent the greater part of and Gregory had just risen to prohis life in Rome working on this his-tory, and we are assured that every faounce the verdict-when-the door suddenly opened; a messenger rushed in and throwing himself at the pope's cility was accorded him to make his hisfeet cried out: "Holy Felix, pray for tory both comprehensive and accurate. I will quote exclusively from papal us!" Between his sobs of joy the mes. sources—whonever I do otherwise I will senger announced that the body of Fe us!" Between his sobs of joy the mes name my authority, who will be an aclix had just been discovered. Holy credited_historian Gregory tucked up his skirts and all

hands rushed to the Church of Sts Cos-

Anacletus.

mas and Damianus, and lo! in a most The first pope dropped from the list elaborate coffin was a pile of bones with is Anacletus, who was supposed to have this inscription: "The body of St. Felix succeeded Cletus (78-91). Darras says who condemned Constantius." the church was divided on the question Deum was sung; Baronius burned his whether Cletus and Anacletus were the book of facts; Fellx was remanded to

same or different popes. In all the earlier lists, including that ancholy, sliently chewing the bitter cud of Cardinal Baronius, and in fact until of disappointment Thus virtue 'even the 18th century, they were considered triumphs and prayers and miracles disdifferent persons; were reverenced as prove facts. martyrs, one with a festival on April The faithful were duly informed that 26, and the other on July 23; and both Felix had been martyred by Constan-bodies were exhibited in St. Peter's, tius. Unfortunately that emperor had

with the usual miracles performed by died four years before Felix; but we each. must not be too captious when dealing

each. But investigation disclosed the fraud and ingenious excuses were manufac-tured, each one more puerile than the other. It was claimed that both reigned, one representing the Jewish and the bones; the old ones had performed too other the Gentile portion of the flock. many miracles, So a guard of holy On the death of Cletus that Anacletus priests was formed to protect them. resigned in favor of his successor Clem- One night during a violent storm, a sat I. But this was such a palpable heavy crash was heard. The holy

bseribe for The Progressive Thinker, and therein died, or rather, went to the spirit realms, and as the they will find their questions fully answered.

that of detailing life in the spirit realms; and then now become-at the head of the musical department; my wife detailed it out to the world; and now I pro- consequently I again left them, as they and I desired. pose to go on detailing life here in the spirit realms as Whilst admitting that I was supremely qualified, my I find it, using my wife as the medium, and she will go Spiritualism was objected to, and the position was on detailing it to the world as she has for the last given to one far less competent, as they soon discovtwenty years. And really I do hope, after so many ered, and he was ousted not long afterward. And years of united toil, we may, together with the invalu- now, after a few more years, I too am here in the able aid of Brother Francis, be able to at least make a spirit realms, and my strong desire to found a spiritslight impression upon the world.

rience, or a portion of it, for all of it would not inter- Very few, as yet, on earth, realize to what extent their est the general reader, it will show the life here in a thought waves influence the whole world; not only general way-how we live, what we do, and so forth- the lower world, but the spirit world as well. As preand from this you can all draw your own conclusions viously stated, these waves reached and struck my old of how it is with your own friends.

these messages have been published, asking her to ask realms, somewhat like the one I had left on earth, perme if I would not make it in my way to get acquainted haps a little better and more refined, for I wanted to with their particular friends and find out what they be as near my wife as possible, and live a good deal as were doing. Mrs. Petersilea has become confused I had lived when in the material. and amazed, and could not answer half of these let- I was sitting, thinking deeply about the conserv-

ters. Yet she would like to, she feels such sympathy atory that I desired to found, when my door opened for those who have lost some near and dear relative. and in walked Dr. Eben Tourgee. No dear readers of The Progressive Thinker, it (To be continued

conservatory was run mostly by Methodist ministers, As I said before, my own phase of mediumship was they did not care to have a Spiritualist-which I had

ual conservatory went forth in great vibratory waves, Now by giving a detailed account of my own expe- of which I really was not at the time fully conscious. friend and coadjutator, Dr. Eben Tourgee.

My wife has received a great many letters since I had formed for myself a small studio in the spirit

(To be continued.)

Yes! Italy is a land of miracles.

Christophorus, 903.

priety. The next on the list is Christophorus, but in order to understand this case, it will be necessary to go back to Pope Formosus, 891 At the election, Sergius was selected, after "a fierce and violent struggle" While he was at the altar preparing for the ceremony of consecration, the opposite faction entered the church, murdered nearly all their opponents and then elected their leader Formosus. Sergius escaped to Tuscany. Formosus was bishop of Porto and had

canons, as no one but a Roman was ellgible to the papal chair. During his reign of about five years Formosus kept

There were three armies in the field about 100,000 people perished. and Then Boniface VI.: (896) was elected. (884), and had been deposed from the conduct of Stephen in no wise touches priesthood for his "wicked and scandalregular election was out of the question, manus was elected, September 17, 897.

face VI., (April 11, 896). The lawful- 898. The faction of Formesus then sucness of the election, carried by force of ceeded in electing Theodore II, 898. He Theodora, who with her daughters, Maarnis, is doubtful enough. But the in- pretended to have discovered the corpse rozia and Theodora, controlled the pa-

guardians fell on their knees and cumbent only left his name in the pon- of Formosus, which he said had been resguardians feit on their knees and cumbent only left his name in the pon- of Formosus, which he said had been res-prayed. The next morning another tifical annals, as he died fifteen days cued by some fishermen. He had it miracle was discovered. The old bones after his promotion." He was eaten up re-interred with imposing ceremonies, had disappeared; the new ones had with ulcers and died of venereal dis-anathematized his holy predecessor ease. The mob then elected Stephen Stephen, declared all his decrees and VII., (896), as Darras says: "Somewhat appointments to be null and void, exmore in accordance with canonical pro- communicated all his appointees, and

recalled all the bishops who had been But, says Archbishop Spaulding: ordained by Formosus. Theodore last But, says Archdishop Spaulding: ordained by Formosus. Incourse inst-"Some admit Stephen VII., among the ed just twenty days, as the opposing genuine popes; while others with Grave-son, regard him as an intruder, which - Says Darras: "The chair of St. Peter he certainly was at the beginning of his seemed at this said period, to have be-(Query: How did he become come a mere thoroughfare." true pope?) His first action was to ex- were now two strong factions, that of hume the body of Formesus and array. Stephen and that of Formesus. The ing it in pontifical robes, seated it in the former elected Sergius, the same gen-Apostolic chair. Stephen then ad theman who had been elected before and dressed it: "Wherefore, bishop of Porto, driven from Rome by Formosus. But Formosus was bishop of Porto and had been excommunicated three times for conspiring to murder John VIII. (872) and deliver Rome to the Turks. Darras says his election was uncanonical be cause it was "the first example of a bishop transferred from another See to that of Rome." hast thou urged thy ampition go far, as the opposition rallied, drove him from hat of Rome." appointees of Formosus were declared council, declare Formosus a "true pope" This was expressly forbidden by the usurpers and excommunicated many and burn the decrees of the council that were imprisoned; several, were, mur. had excommunicated him. John lasted two years and fifteen days. The oppo-There can be no doubt of this, and sition poisoned him.

The new conclave elected Benedict IV., 900. Little is known of him extoo, that the odious scene we have just cept that the Bishop Luitprand of Credescribed bore no relation to any ques. mona says he was "immensely wealthy He was the son of Pope Adrian III., tion of dogma, and that the unheard of and bought the election" He reigned about three years and was murdered by the Duke of Friuli. Then the stronge ous life," as appears in the decrees of Gods The friends of Formosus seized faction elected Leo. V., 903. He lasted the council held by John VIII., (872). Stephen, loaded him with chains, threw just forty days, when his chaplain, Car-Says Darras, speaking of this elec- him into a dungeon where he was dinal Christophorus of St. Lawrence, tion: "In the midst of this confusion, a strangled in August, 897. Then Ro, put him in prison, where he was murdered. Christophorus was then duly At that time there lived in Rome a

celebrated ecclesiastical "courtezan"

you are not, which ever way it may strike you! Dr. Peebles presents eleven clearly defined propositions in opposition to this Oriental dogma and he concludes a very capital pamphlet with a valedfctory from which we have only space to quote the following stirring lines:

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· Finally, beloved opponents, farewell! It is questionable if we meet again in this present physical incarnation (though I trust to the contrary) and, it is very doubtful if we ever meet in the distant hereafter; for inasmuch as aspiration and purpose are the measures of destiny, I purpose when throwing off this encumbering vehicle of flesh and blood to press onward and upward to the spirit-illumined homes of Hare, Edmonds, Denton, Brittan, Kiddle and kindred reformers whose fraternal palms often press mine-upward to the celestial homes of those sages and seers that have long walked the companions of white-robed angels; while you, oh, reincarnationists! in consonance with your time-dragging, birth-repeating dogma of reincarnation expect to halt along the way-halt for further experienceshalt for more worldly conceptionshalt for repeated reincarnations-halt for more bodily embodiments-halt for more fleshly re-births into the purgato ries of a dreary and all too often painful mortality of mental and moral criples-into that letter of passional mate riality which the inspired prophet said with emphasis, 'killeth.'

"And so, beloved, farewell! A fond. tender farewell with my best wishes for your prosperity while wandering and meandering through your future fleshclogged embodiments. Again fare vell

Andrew Jackson Davis in the course f-his brief letter says when writing to Dr. Peebles, "Often have I exclaimed Dr. Peebles, "Often have I exclaimed aloud—'Good!'—He has given reincar-nation another death-blow. It is wreathing—dying." And the Doctor truly says, "Approval from such a source is comparable to a cooling, re-freshing fountain tringed with palms in reshing fountain fringed with palms in desolate desert.'

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.dered. Italy in a state of incessant war, here is Rome's excuse for the brutal act. Says Darras:. "We must bear in mind, the infallibility of the Holy See." Ye

The faction of Berengarius, in a tumult. He reigned about four months and was elected. He reigned about a year. uous assembly bore to the throne Boni- murdered by the opposition, Feb. 8, At that time there lived in Rom

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HUDSON TUTTLE.

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Tuttle has been engaged to answer all attacks in the secular or religious press on Spirituansm. Send him clippings when at attack is made, giving date and name of paper. Address him at Berlin, Heights, Ohio.

Evil and Suffering.

Probably to counteract the extreme heat of the weather and the effects of the sleepless nights caused thereby, some of our orthodox Chicago ministers have taken up, for pulpit exercise, the occult subject of the origin and philosophy of human suffering and evil in genoral. The orthodox treatment of the subject from the ordinary pulpit must inevitably induce deep somnolence, which, under the circumstances must be regarded as a much-needed good-to the sleeper.

A Methodist and a Congregational pastor both took the view that it was a law of the universe that everything good should be gained at the cost of suffering, and that the object of suffering was the purification and perfection of human character

The Progressive Thinker does not intend, during the hot season, to plunge into the depth of the bottomless plt of this orthodox discussion-though it is probably as well-informed as they are on the subject of the origin of evil and the philosophy of human suffering, but we would ask these reverend philosophers to kindly elucidate the relationship between the sufferings endured by innocent animals undergoing the tortures of vivisection, and the purification and perfection of human character. To us uporthodox it seems the tendency is toward perfection in heartless, unfeeling devilization of human character. And what of the sufferings of bables.

and irresponsible children, too young to philosophize on the purport of their sufferings?

Great men are not always

denied; then why waste strength in an effort to establish something beyond the grasp of human mind? He who insists there is such a being need not be disputed; and he who denies it is antagonizing a claim of which he has no knowledge. The machinery of the univorse will move right on just the same, which ever postulate is true. Science is too limited in knowledge to wrestle with such an august subject, and revo-lation, priest made, is quite as ignorant, whatever its pretensions.

Godless Schools in the Philippines.

According to W. E. Curtis' letter in the Chicago Record-Herald, "religion" is not taught in any of the public schools of the Philippines. He says: The most sensitive nerve of the edu cational situation here has never been shocked. No attempt has ever been made by any American teacher, so fai as is known, to introduce religion into he schools. Everyone was thoroughly instructed on this point at the outset, and it is believed that the instructions have been faithfully observed. The government does not pretend to control the thoughts or consciences of its leachers, or interfere with their scruples in any way, and no restraint is ex-ercised upon their conduct after school, but during stated hours religious exer-cises are forbidden. Religious topics nay not be discussed and no religious nstruction is permitted. I happened to be in Rome when the first army of American teachers was ent to the Philippines three years ago, and Cardinal Rampolla and other eminent prelates there were very much The concerned about the movement. Roman Catholic papers in Rome had published grossly exaggerated state ments regarding the educational policy and the intentions of the United States, and conveyed the impression that 600 Protestant missionaries had heen

chipped over into our new possessions to proselyte. Cardinal Rampolla and even Cardinal Satolli, although he had lived in the United States four years, had that impression, and it was impossible to convince them that it- was a When I explained to them mistako. that the teachers were volunteers who had answered a public notice by ap-pearing before the examiners of the Civil Service Commission, and had not een selected by anyone; that their reigious beliefs or church connections ad never been inquired into and were inknown to the officials, and that President McKinley could not possibly have taken any direct personal interest in the matter, they were very incredulous and in a satirical way Cardinal Rampolla intimated that our President was not doing his duty toward the Protestant faith and the Methodist church of which he was reputed to be an active His eminence frankly sugmember. rested that if my statements were true President Mckinley had neglected his opportunities. But I am sure that the officials of the holy see, at Rome, in the United States and in the Philippines,

are now convinced that there was no sectarian purpose in the organization of the school system here, and several priests of whom I have inquired tell me that there has been no cause to complain of the conduct of the American teachers in meddling with religious af fairs. The only man who has criticised the educational system here in my hear ing is an American monk.

There is no record, and nobody knows the representation of the several denominations in the corps of teachers. They have all been selected by strangers after civil service examinations from lists of eligibles, according to their standing, but, if the native teach-ers are counted, the Roman Catholics are very largely in the majority, for ev ery Filipino is nominally a Roman Catholic, or at least has been baptized and will be buried in that faith. Commissioner Smith, who in the division of duties has been given charge of the edu cational system, is a Roman Catholic from California. Dr. Barrows, his suborduate, the superintendent of educa tion, is a Protestant from the same At least two of the division su-

perintendents are Roman Catholics, and ere may be others, but nobody here hody, but did not fasten it, leaving a seems to know. It is the general imsmall crevice so the air could enter the prossion among officials of the bureau of education that Protestants or noncashet. He then withdrew from the church to Roman Catholics are in a considerable majority among the American teachers. but their denominational connections tired. are unknown. At first the conservative element in no one. some of the provinces objected to Protestant teachers, and asked for Roman Catholics. It took some time to become accustomed to the new regime. The schools had always given religious instruction, so that it was more a matter of habit than principle for them to ask why their children were not taught the catechism as usual; but now, after a year or so, everybody has fallen in with the new plan, and has been convinced Democratic party nominated our good that it is better to confine religious inbrother, H. D. Barrett, for its candidate struction to the church and the home, There are parochial schools in several of the parishes, but 90 per cent of the children of the Philippines are now entirely without religious instruction. This is largely due, however, to the division in and demoralization of the Roman Catholic church, the lack of priests try," but in this instance there lies an and funds. If the Protestants had men and money they might make serious inroads upon the Roman Catholic field. but they lack both. Altogether there are less than a hundred foreign missionaries of all the Protestant denominations in these islands,

"For God's Sake An Incident Hiustrating the Power of Hurry to the Church!" There is instruction as well as amuse ment in the following excerpt from the New York Sun. It illustratesethe prin

HE DIDN'T KNOW BEANS.

Suggestion.

ciple and power of "suggestion" and "auto-suggestion" fully as well as could be done in a long and colemn disquisi-

tion by some learned professor in the

Washington, D. C.-This is a story of

a War Department chief of division who didn't know beans until very re

A singuarly robust and fine looking

man, this War Department chief of di vision has been a most entertaining hy

pochondriac for many years. He has

at various times, imagined himself to be afflicted with all known and many

diagnosed maladies, from housemaid

By one of the transports from Manfla

objects that somewhat resembled lim

beans in shape, but very much reduced in size. An old fellow clerk of the War Dtpartment, now stationed in the Phil-

ippines, had shipped them to him. This letter accompanied the box:

"I'm sending you, by the up transpor old man, a remarkable remedy for dye

pepsia that I've hit upon down here They're pills that have been known to the friars for centuries, and the formula

according to which they are made is one of the friars' great secrets. "They're maryelous. You remember

what a wreck I was in Washington? Well, when I got down here and was

put next to these pills I was cured so

fast fligt it almost made me lonesome. "One a day is all you need. Just swallow it whole. I'll be hugely mis-

taken if these pills don"t make a new

man of you." The chief of division was so pleased

over the receipt of the box that he

showed it all around the office. On the

very day the box arrived he swallowed

one of the things, and before knocking

The division chief nailed the young

"Greatest thing I ever saw or heard

"A remedy of the friars, you say?"

never heard of it-and I had several

bad doses of dyspepsia myself down

Mindanao way. Let's have a look at

The division chief pulled off the lid

"Man alive," he explained, "these

said the young lieutenant.

the things.

Read, laugh and digest.

knee to bubonic plague.

eclence

cently.

The above were the words of a spirit who came to a Catholic Priest at hight, imploring him to hasten to the church and take the body of his daughter lying in a coffin. to his own room and save her life. This is what The Progressive Thinker has always taught, that no one has a patent right on spirit return; no one can circumscribe the law that renders spirit return poscult or sect. Just think for a moment about the large round box containing about a pair of the transports from Manfield about a forthight ago, he received large round box containing about a pair of the large round spirit knocking at the door; then observe the radiance of the room, and the full-form materialzation, all affording splendid evidence of the truth of Spiritualism, and that, too, right in the Catholic Church. The Catholic Priest was mediumistic, illustrating an other fact; that psychic laws are no respecter of persons, and are not confined exclusively to Spiritualism.

ady of this city sat upon her veranda of her home perusing the columns of The Progressive Thinker. She is a Spiritualist and a medium, held in high esteem by not only those of her relig-

ion, but by many others. A gentleman passing by inquired for a Spanish family supposed to reside in the neighborhood of the lady's home. incidentally, he asked for a drink of water, and as the lady was procuring it, he took up the paper, and when she returned he was deeply concerned in reading—so deeply in fact that he was unconscious of her presence with the iraught of water. She quietly suggested that perhaps

The visitor then asked if she was a

medium, and upon receiving an affirmative answer, hungrily inquired if she saw any spirit forms about him. She said that she did not, and that her phase of mediumship is peculiar, being confined to the impressional.

He remarked that he was glad that e had finally met a medium. She said that if he had been desirous of meeting one, it could certainly have een casily effected, as mediums are numerous in the city. He said that while knowing this to be true, the time

had not fully arrived. He then recount ed several personal instances of spirit return. One of these under the peculiar circumstances attending it, is intensely nteresting, and I here give it as an incident evincing wonderful psychic power possessed by the gentleman. It then developed that the visitor was

Roman Catholic priest, pastor of a church of this city.

At the time of this incident he was nastor of a congregation in an eastern Sometime previous to this he had ity. officiated at the obsequies of a man. a member of his congregation. A young lady, the daughter of the man spoken of above, had, as they supposed, passed out of the body which, encoffined, reposed in the church during the night preceding interment. Before leaving the church the minister said that he placed the lid of the casket over the

WONDERFUL MANIFESTATION, when she was placed in the casket and To the Editor:--A few weeks ago a borne to the church, but could not so outward sign indicate that her spirit still inhabited the earthly tenement. This lady was afterward married and actually passed to spirit life one and a

half years ago, leaving two beautiful children. The minister has frequently called upon the lady to whom he recited the

off work that afternoon he declared that he was already beginning to feel a heap foregoing facts, since his first visit. better. She asked permission to give a detailed Every day he took ane of the things just before the luncheon hour, and on account of his numerous experiences from the rostrum, and to which he as sented without the least hesitancy the fourth day he began to talk to his offico associates of challenging the win-"and," said he, "tell them that I shall ner of the Jeffries-Monroe fight if he kept on getting so much better and soon resign the pastorate of my church, for with its teachings I have never been he should not read the paper, and the visitor naturally asked why. She restronger in health. The other day a bronzed young offi-cer, just back from the Philippines the should use the cause for which it so for me. Tell them, that upon leaving swung into the robust hypochondriac' office. He was a lieutenant and had known the division chief very wel along been represented in the church by while on Washington duty himself. ministers or higher officers. Tell them officer as soon as he entered the room also, that the time is not far distant and told him about the wonderful dys when I hope to occupy the little rospepsia remedy of the friars. trum of your society, and address them upon the greatest question that can possibly affect mankind-the return of of, these pills," he said to the lieuten

ant, producing the box with pride "They've absolutely fixed me up fit to disombodied Intelligences.' The lady recited the above facts or Wednesday evening last in Caledonia whip my weight in mountain lions al-ready." And then he went ahead and told the young officer about how they Hall at the meeting of the Christian Spiritualist society. She said that the had been sent on to him by the civil emincidents, gleaned from his conversation ploye down in the Philippines. are numerous, and that she will give

them from time to time. Dr. McEntire, the pulpit orator of this ity, pastor of the First M. E. Church In a sermon, very inconsistently to the teachings of the Bible, which he en-dorses without qualification, denominated returning spirits as "spooks." Of course, the doctor was, as usual, making a grand-stand play to catch the

of the box. The young officer gazed at the darkish-looking things for only about half a second before breaking laudits of the popular ear. In this connection I hand the doctor over to the tender morcles of Sister into a roar. pills of yours are nothing but frijoles!" The division chief looked sulky when White, a preacher of the Burning Bush persuasion. Said she: "There's old all the clerks in the room gathered Bob McEntire, a high-salarled preacher "Quit that nonsense," he said to the catering to the soft palates of the rich name of Jesus, and in the guise n the young officer. "Frijoles, my eye! They're medicine, and they've made a of Christianity dragging his deluded membership after him down to heil." I new man of me." "Well," said the young officer, holding do not espouse the good sister's bitter indictment.

The article in a late Progressive

Self-Examination:

AUE. V. Doord

From every part of the United States come approving words of the course pursued by The Progressive Thinker in having a session of the Open Court, wherein a process of self-examina? tion of Spiritualism will be comprehensively conducted. "Look within, and cast out, if possible, all evil tendencies," is advice that can be applied to a religious sect, to a cult or a club, as well as to the individual. This self-examination is now going on in Spiritualism, and as usual, it will come out of the scorching ordeal with flying colors. Those who don't believe in this process of self-examination, this cleansing method, are invited to express their views in the Open Court. Especially do we wish to hear from those who believe that the materializing mediums are justified in dressing themselves in artificial toggery and personating your spirit-friends. There have lately been a dozen exposures of exceptionally prominent materializing mediums, one after the other, and each one has been found dressed in artificial toggery, especially prepared for the occasion. Now is the time to express your opin-ion. This Open Court is for Spiritualists only, for the purpose of self-examination.



This Special Department is creating widespread interest. The article by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond. a medium of world wide fame, will attract great attention. Prof. B. F. Underwood, a profound thinker, a firm believer in spirit communion, and his wife an excellent medium and author, has something to say of special interest. Others follow, giving their views in an interesting manner. The paper from first to last page will be found to be especially valuable and suggestive.

Two infidel Papers United. clothing in her hand, slipped over headlong and fell about eight feet, landing The Boston Investigator, founded by on a lounge.

Abner Kneeland in 1831, has been con-In her almost helpless condition, my solidated with the New York Truth daughter and I who rushed to her aid. Seeker, founded by D. M. Bennett in felt absolutely certain her neck was 1874. The investigator was the oldest broken and her death inevitable; but after extending her limbs on the lounge. Freethought or Liberal newspaper in and the lapse of a few seconds, the most gladsome surprise of our lives the world. Abner Kneeland, the founder, was once imprisoned for blasphemy came by her saying, "I ain't hurt much And in a few minutes she was on her for saying he did not believe in the God of the Unitarians. In the time eet, laughing over it. So far from leaving a debilitating or when Wm. Lloyd Garrison (the, elder) depressing effort on her, the event sig-

was dragged through the streets of nally marks the beginning of better Boston by the mob, with a halter health generally than for months past. around his neck, and all public balls She insists that so far from the fall were closed to him, Abner Kneeland hurting or bruising her in any way, she was scarcely conscious when she struck gave him the use of his hall in which the lounge and seemed to arouse as from a sleep. V. FELL, M. D. to declare his abolition sentiments. Abner Kneeland was succeeded as ed-Washington, D. C.

even orthodox preachers flounder into waters whose depths are beyond the sounding of their plummets. If these preachers could be induced to study Hudson Tuttle's works, "The Religion of Man" (one of The Progressive Think-er's premium books), and "The Arcana of Spiritualism," it would undoubtedly result in a significant enlargement of their view of the mysteries of life and being

Harrison D. Barrett Nominated for State Senator.

We learn from an authoritative source that, during his absence from home in Somerset County, Maine, the for State Senator, by acclamation. This is certainly a mark of appreciation of the worth and standing of Mr. Barrett in his old home county.

It is an old adage that "man is not without honor save in his own coupindication that man can be honored in his own country, and with no small honor either.

The Progressive Thinker is not a political paper in any sense, but here is a worthy young man who has been at the head of the N. S. A. ever since its incep tion, and as its executive officer has shown Spiritualists his metal, his energy and ability, and his name should suffice, without laudation, to inspire every Spiritualist to earnestly and quietly do their utmost to elect him. He mer its their support regardless of party af filintions, by his carnestness for good government and his personal integrity. This is a grand opportunity to do a good turn for a competent and deserving man. We hope to hear of Mr. Barrett's election, and wish him all the success we know he merits, and that is no small amount.

Not Worth Controverting.

The God Idea in nature is a specula tive thought to account for all the wonderful phenomena which an ignorant or an educated person sees or comprehends in a boundless universe. He duration, or without a beginning, it seems impossible to comprehend its existence without a designer, a creator.

As a matter of fact, it little matters what view is taken of this subject; ft is one impossible of elucidation, and in truth, of comprehension by a mortal mind. A being of such gigantic proportions that he was able to call the universe into being, with its millions of suns and solar systems, and endow all matter with life, is certainly too magnificent to be comprehended by mortal mind.

The name of such a being is immaterial. We neither assert nor deny his Howard Moore. An address before the existence, for the facts will be the Chicago Vegetarian Society. Price, 25 existence, for the facts will be the Chicago Vegetarian Society. Price, 25 mame, however positively asserted or conta

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Words for H. D. Barrett,

To the Editor:--I have learned through a friend and brother that H. D. Barrett has been nominated by the Democrats of Somerset county, Me., as candidate for State Senator.

Spiritualists are thinkers, independ. ent thinkers, and few of them are tied so firmly to party lines that they do not pick their men to vote for, and to say they dare not vote as they please is to challenge their independence, question their manhood, and doubt their ability to decide upon such matters, and knowing Brother Barrett as well as we all do should make us wish we were residents of Somerset county, Maine, at least un-

tll after the coming election. I, for one, hope the Spiritualists and all lovers of honesty, independence and energy will act upon their inalienable rights as men, and as citizens of the county of Mr. Barrett's birth, and do him the kindness he merits by giving sees life everywhere, living, moving, him their unanimous support, that he thinking beings, and whether of eternal | may be elected to the State Senate of Maine.

Hurrah for Harrison D. Barrett! DR. T. WILKINS. Chicago, Ill.

"Origin of Life, or Where Man Comes From." "The Evolution of the Spirit from Matter Through Organic Processes, or How the Spirit Body Grows." By Michael Faraday, Prince 10 cents, "The Priest, the Woman and the Con-fessional." This book, by the well known Father Chiniquy, reveals the degrading, impure influences and results of the Romish confessional, as proved

by the sad experience of many wrecked lives. Price, by mall, \$1. "Why I Am a Vegotarian." By J.

his residence, and soon afterward re-Shortly he heard a distinct knocking at an outer door of his residence, and on opening it he discovered Thinking it strange, he returned to his couch and the knocking was repeated. However, this time he

contented himself by asking who was there, and upon receiving no reply, he dismissed the occurrence from his mind About midnight he was startlingly

wakened from a sound sleep, The room took on a mild radiance of light of about the blending of twilight, and his first thought was of fire. But he was soon dissuaded from this, when at the foot of his couch appeared, tinctly outlined in form, the spirit fath-er of the young lady whose remains as he thought reposed in the chancel of the church. The spirit speaking excitedly, though distinctly, said, "Father, if would save the life of my daughter for God's sake hurry to the church. bring her to this room and place her upon your couch."

The minister was much perturbed by this strange, weird visitation, and the uncanny message so strangely enunci ated, and sleep forsook him for the remainder of the night, but he could not pick up courage to enter the church in answer to the message delivered by the

apirit. . The next morning at daybreak he arose, and going to the church, deter-mined to investigate the affair to test the truth of the message delivered him. Nervously he approached the casket.

conscious that he was hereft of courage. for the hair of his head persisted in standing erect, and up and down the the casket, the brother of the silent one tions of the race. entered and upon beholding him, stood transfixed, exclaiming: "Father, what

are you doing?" For reply the minister said, "Come

here, I have need of you." Now that another person possessing the chcerful habit of dwelling in the body was near him, his courage reasserted itself, and he bravely informed the brother of his purpose of examining the body for any trace of life existing. This so excited the young man that lie? the only assistance rendered was his presence to inspire bimself with courage for the task. He quickly made an dence of a slight respiration. They carried the casket to his room, and placed

strange message. The brother hurried for medical aid, and upon returning that consciousness was restored.

She said that she was fully conscious they would probably welcome it. of every movement around her; knew

Loveland, has the true ring. Divest Spiritualism of commercial mediumship, which will effectually kill off fakeism, or drag slowly along with that incubus to finally sink the cause.

J. L. MERRITT. Los Angeles, Cal.

Do You Wish to Become an Ally of Crime?

One who is in daily touch with the spirit world, seeing spirits and talking with them, and an author of world-wide reputation, yet who is not recognized as a Spiritualist, writes:

"I want to congratulate you on th "I want to congratulate you on the 'Open Court' feature. It is all right, and will do a lot of good. Your own position on the subject of 'Fraud' is in exact accord with my own views, and I believe will win out in the end. To suppress the cry of fraud where fraud act. ually exists, is simply to become the ally of crime. There is no half-way place. Fraud is crime, and the party who conceals it becomes a party to it. That is the law of the land, and whoever runs counter to it is an enemy of he state and society at large.'

Feminizing Education.

Why shouldn't American education be "feminized?" It is the women who seem to be interested in education. It is the women who organize state

and national associations for the discus sion of the training of boys and girls. Where is the congress of fathers? It is dispersed through golf clubs, and billiard clubs. It has gone out to sit on the bleachers at base ball games. 11 has sneaked through back alleys to prize fights. It has taken the afternoon train for the races. It is calling for posterior portion of his anatomy a drinks in large-club-houses. It is de-goose-pimply sensation asserted itself voting most of the time it can spare in spite of all his philosophy. But from business to the development of the while engaged in removing the lid of social, sportive and bibulous aspira-

It is the women who are willing to do the teaching while the men seek more remunerative occupations. Are they to be jeered at for it? It is the women who organize clubs

for co-operating with the teachers and for bringing the home and the school together in the preparation of future cltizens. If the men won't give their leisure time to this, they leave an opening, and, if the women avail themselves of the opening, where does the blame

It is the women who go to the legislature to present petitions for child la-bor bills. It is the women who take up examination and found undenlable evi- the kindergarten movement and who push it. If the men allow the kindergarten movement, to go by default who her upon his couch as directed in the is responsible for its feminized sentimentality?

The women seem to be doing the best with two physicians, was rejoiced to they can. It's not entirely their fault learn that his sister had revived and that they are feminine. If they could get a little masculine corroboration

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And as for the flubdub and flapdoodle when they pronounced her dead; knew and rot in mother's conventions, have when they measured her for what she you ever read the political platforms then feared would become for a time promulgated by partles which are run her living tomb, and was fully aware by men?-Chicago Tribune.

himself in with difficulty, "they are the best looking things in the way of some-thing to eat that I've seen since I left the islands, and I wouldn't mind having a well boiled mess of them right now. "Look a-here, you cub youngster." said the division chief, rolled, "stop this fooling. If you'd swallow three of those medicinal things at the same time we'd be having a lleutenant's military

"Queer

funeral on our hands." The young officer sent out for a saucepan which he half filled with water. He placed the saucepan on a gas stove used by a woman clerk for the making of noonday tea, and dumped the whole boxful of friars' dyspepsia remedy into the saucepan, to the visible pain of the old-time division chief.

The frijoles were boiled to a nice pulp in about an hour or so, and then the young officer borrowed some salt and pepper and sat down and made a luncheon for himself, licking up the whole saucepanful of the beans of the low latitudes and swearing that he had not enjoyed anything so much since last he'd clapped an eye on Iloilo.

The old-time division chief knows beans now, but the clerks in his room are not taking any chances on mention ing beans to him.

"VOICES OF THE MORNING."

A Volume of Poems by Belle Bush

A second edition just out, 270 pages neatly bound. Retail price, \$1. To agents on commission, 621/2 cents.

The following are a few of the many recommendations sent to the author from well-known writers and lecturers: From Harrison D. Barrett, president of the N. S. A.: "To the Public:-It gives me great pleasure to recommend to all lovers of good literature, Miss Belle Bush's beautiful poetical offering, Voices of the Morning.' Miss Bush is soul poet, and writes upon the loftlest themes under the highest inspiring influences. No one should be without this excellent work." From Mrs. M. T. Longley, secretary of

he N. S. A .: "I will take pleasure in recommending my literary friend who loves poetry to purchase your book."

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itor by Horace Seaver, a very popula writer and speaker on Freethought. He was succeeded by Lemuel K. Washbura, also a brilliant writer and speaker.

Psychic Light. D. M. Bennett, who founded The Truth Seeker, was once imprisoned for thirteen months at the instance of Anthony Comstock for defending the right of free mails. On his release Mr. Ben-BY MRS. DRAKE, nett was received at Chickering Hall by his friends, and it was the largest audience that ever tried to get into that

Important Addition to Our Literature. building. He was then sent on a year's Mrs. Maud Lord Drake has a national tour around the world. He died in reputation as a medium. The manifes-1882, since which time the paper has tations given through her mediumshin been edited by Mr. E. M. McDonald, have been most marvelous. She has who is also president of the American written a book with this title: "PSY-CHIC LIGHT-THE CONTINUITY OF Secular Union and Freethought Federation, the national organization of the Freethinkers of the country, which

LAW AND LIFE." It is a ponderous volume of 600 pages. It will hold your meets this fell at St. Louis, in October. attention from the beginning to the The Truth Seeker is the largest and and it is chockful of stirring incibest of the "Infidel" journals and has at der.(s. Price of this large volume, only different times absorbed three other \$1.50 postpald. Liberal publications. It has a brilliant

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fifteen years a Baptist minister, now a successful practicing lawyer and inde pendent speaker in New York; Gen. The readers of The Progressive

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Whoever you are, and wherever you are, it is well for you to study yourself carefully and find what you are.

Never in the history of mankind has it been so necessary as to-day for human beings to be real and gen- for the insane upon Long Island. And the woman to uine in character. Never was insincerity so far below par.

The sixth sense is rapidly developing in mankind, and the world is beginning to understand what of old was known only to seers and adepts.

There is a great spiritual wave sweeping over usin spite of the cry of the pessimist that this is the age of materialism. And in spite of the fact that America is money mad (or perhaps, as the natural counter effect of it) there was never so deep and intense a spiritual hunger in the land as there is to-day.

In the time of the Pilgrim fathers ministers and clergymen were regarded as little below God in their power to bring salvation to sinful mortals.

In this age we know that clergymen are merely men who have studied and thought along certain lines of religious beliefs, and each one of us feels his or her own power to think and study toward the truth with certainty and with as satisfying results.

Never did individuals think so intently and independently as to-day. Two interesting and important articles appeared recently in the San Francisco Examiner.

One was from the pen of Prof. Edgar Larkin of Lowe's Observatory, Cal. He said: "The standing marvel of these latter days is the vast, world-wide movement now under way-the exploration of that wonderful mystery-the human mind.

"Dormant faculties are being discovered.

"Vast results beyond anything that has yet appeared on earth are in sight."

The other article was by the Belgian philosopher, Maurice Materlinck Let me quote a few phrases :

"Though you assume the face of a saint, a hero, the eye of the passing child will not greet you 'with the same smile if there lurk within you an evil thought; an injustice, or a brother's tears. It is thoroughly borne home to you that if there be evil in your heart, your mere presence will proclaim it to-day a hundred times more clearly than would have been the case two or three centuries ago. It is felt on all sides that the conditions of the work-a-day world are changing. Let us wait in silence-perhaps ere long we shall be conscious of the murmur of the gods.

When we read words like these from two of the world's acknowledged thinkers, men of great learning and sane minds, and wide research, it is impossible to ignore the tendency of the times toward a higher religious thought than we have yet heard preached from pulpits.

It is not a death bed religion, not a religion of fear, age, but a religion of facts-the facts of the illimit-In your own soul lies salvation. In your mind lies unlimited power. You are helping to make the world tributed largely to this. better or worse by the thoughts you carry in your mind, as you sit alone, or as you converse with friends, or as you walk the streets. No matter how from the blues. They are light hearted, and there is secretive you are, and how uncommunicative, yet this that peculiar buoyancy which makes geniuses. They indefinable power is at work, and you are not only assert that if you want your children to be brilliant making karma for yourself, but you are influencing you should keep them in a musical atmosphere. the welfare of people you may never see-of people help you cast it forth. -

For so surely as you entertain it, so surely shall it

Her Views in the Chicago Tribune.

"Sing! For heaven's sake, sing! Sing, I beg of vou !'

The speaker was the head physician in an asylum whom he spoke was a pupil of Mme. Marie Cross Newhaus, director of the Vocal and Operatic School of New York.

She was visiting the retreat to see a former friend. And one of the patients, recognizing by the subtle instinct of the insane the musical genius of the visitor, asked her to sing.

Mademoiselle demurred. She was not accustomed to singing under such strange circumstances, to such a strange audience, and amid such strange surround-

Then the physician in charge leaned over her chair and whispered, "Sing!"

And mademoiselle sang.

"I would have had to struggle with the patient wildly for hours if you had refused, '' said he. Speaking of it afterward she said : ''I was never so impressed in my life with the power of music. A fa-

mous actor who had been confined in a strait jacket suddenly became calm and they took his bonds off him. A woman who had had hysteria for days quieted down and came into the parlor.

"But strangest of all was the case of a young woman from Pittsburg who had not left her room since her arrival nor spoken to a single person. This young woman opened the door of her room-so the attendant said-and gradually crept downstairs and into the parlor. Once there she came across to the piano, put her hand on my shoulder, patted me, and smiled while

I was singing. When I had finished she talked cleverly and rationally on the subject of music." When eminent authorities declare that music will

cure bodily ills, and when there are sanitariums and retreats that are built specially for the treatment of nervous invalids through the nerves of sound, is it any wonder that the woman who is nervous begins to inquire into the musical treatment and how it works? Here are the things that are claimed by those who elieve in the music cures and who are working them : They claim first-and this may seem extravagantthat the abundant hair of musicians is caused by the musical sounds which they continually hear. They claim that people who live in musical countries have thicker hair than those who live in countries where

musicians are scarce. They claim that musicians are always good natured and that it is the direct relation of cause and effect. The music cure works constantly upon their minds and makes them good tempered. Such a freak as a

ross grained musician was never known. The musical curists believe that music improves the or of mere faith which is coming to the world in this health. Musicians and their families are usually strong and firm, both in health and spirits. It is not able power and eternal duration of the immortal soul. to a musician's family that one looks for illness. All are well. The health of the musical Germans is at-

Again, they claim that musicians usually are cheerful and that the families of musicians usually are free

the welfare of people you may never see-of people But the musical curists claim much more than this. yet unborn. If at this moment you wish any human They claim that rheumatism, sciatica, headaches, and being aught but good, if you hold one thought of re- neuralgia of all kinds can be cured by musical sounds. venge, or hatred, or anger, or ill will-down on your The kind of music that is good for one person is not knees and cry to the invisible Forces about you to necessarily good for another. Music is like any other kind of medicine.

Can Soul of a Dog After Death Impress Human Consciousness?-Queer's Queries Started by Haggard-Author's Weind Dream Raises a Number of Puzzling Questions-Positive Answers Eagerly Awaited-Chicago Esychologists Discuss Case iWith the

AN EXCEPTIONALLY CREAMY ARTICLE.

Keenest Interest. II Dr. Julia Holmes Smith, the well known Chicago psychologist and physician, asserts the belief that dogs have souls, but will not say that souls of animals can by telepathy hold converse with human beings after death.

Questions Raised by Rider Haggard's Dream. Do dogs have souls?

If they do, is it possible for a dog's soul to speak to human beings' consciousness through telepathy?

May the human consciousness be transposed, either asleep or awake, to the body of the lower animals, if the bond of love and sympathy be strong?

Does the soul, animal or human, ever linger near the earth and communicate with other souls after leaving the physical body?

Can there be telepathic communication between the subconsciousness of person or animal rendered unconscious from injury or otherwise?

Psychological delvers are marveling over Rider Haggard's nightmare-the dream in which his pet dog's soul spoke to his own, and in which his own per-

animal's body.

Chicago students of the occult have some interesting theories over the weird experience announced by World. the famous novelist at London. Almost unanimously they characterize it as a remarkable demonstration, tending to prove many of the more advanced theories. Questions which local psychists do not attempt to solve or explain are raised by the story. Some of

them are: Do dogs have souls? Generally claimed that they

If they do, is it possible for a dog's soul to speak to human beings' consciousness through telepathy? Doubted.

May the human consciousness be transposed, either asleep or awake, to the body of the lower animals, if the bond of love and sympathy be strong? More doubt.

Does the soul, animal or human, ever linger near the earth and communicate with other souls after leaving the physical body? Haggard says his dog "Bob" must have been dead when he received his telepathic vision.

Can there be telepathic communication between the subconsciousness of person or animal rendered unconscious from injury or otherwise? Haggard's dog was probably unconscious.

These are some of the questions aroused by the actual experience detailed by H. Rider Haggard yesterday.

Haggard, in writing of his experience, said that, following a terrible nightmare, he had a vivid vision. There was an awful oppression on his mind as of a terrific struggle for life. He saw his black retriever, Bob," to whom he was intensely attached?dying by

a stream. Then his own personality seemed rising from the dog. His head was against the raised head of the animal, which was trying to speak to him. Failing to speak, the dog transmitted to his mind in an undefined fashion the knowledge that it was dying.

The dog, Haggard learned, was killed three hours before that dream.

"I confess that I am forced to explain it by telepathy," said Haggard, in an interview at London. "The dog, or its soul, succeeded in calling my atten-

While Mrs. Anna Valentine, in the Bergen county jail, at Hackensack, is awaiting the outcome of the efforts being made to save her from the death penalty for the murder of Mrs. Rosa Salzi, her former neighbors in the little borough of Lodi are in a state of excitement over the nightly visitation of what they believe to be the ghost of the slain woman.

WEIRD CRIES IN FLAT TERRORIZE TENANTS

the Secular press.

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Soon after the murder was committed, last February the husband of the victim left his twin babies with a neighbor and went away from Lodi. The flat in which the woman had been killed was vacant for a time and then another family moved in.

The first night the new tenants spent in the house they were aroused at midnight by a sound as of a woman in agony and calling for help. The families oc-cupying other flats in the house had not been disturbed, although in the Salzi apartment the screams seemed loud enough to be heard a block away.

After remaining in the house another night and hearing the same sounds repeated at midnight, it is said, the family moved out, declaring that they would not sleep there another night.

A second family and a third tried the flat, each time with the same result-the weird screams at midnight, accompanied at times, it was claimed, by a noise as of a struggle. But none of the tenants claimed to have seen any ghostly figure until a few nights ago, when a skeptical man declared that he would spend the night in the flat and find out the cause of the strange sounds.

He stayed until a few minutes after midnight, when sonality and consciousness were transformed to the he left hurriedly. He declared that he had not only heard, but seen enough to convince him that there was more than imagination in the stories.-New York

CAMP GROUNDS VISITED BY OIL OPERATORS SEEKING POINTERS.

Oil operators, prone to follow the advice of "wizards" or to make locations for prospective wells by the bending of a peach-tree twig, now get the oppor tunity to consult the Spiritualist mediums at the Spiritualist camp-grounds in Chesterfield before making a location.

Oil on the waters of White river which flows through the heart of the oil district is so plentiful that fishermen say it is driving the fish away, and the boys from the old swimming holes .- Indianapolis (Ind.) News.

DON'T WANT TO SEE COMMON MERCHANDISE MADE OF THEIR BELIEF.

Making merchandise of Spiritualism does not meet he approbation of many members of that sect.

Many people are Spiritualists from a conscientious belief in its teachings. They believe the religion is entitled to a position above the plans of common merchandise and consequently are considerably put out over the action of some mediums on the grounds. It is such statements as made in a Muncie paper that nakes them tired. That paper says:

"Oil men were much in evidence and a number of gentlemen from Muncie were on the grounds. They consulted Mrs. Waite and claim to have received the most encouraging advice concerning the oil field. A number of men who consulted the clairvoyant last year tendered her thanks and praises yesterday for her opinion regarding investments. During the test services Mrs. Waite received and answered hundreds of questions concerning oil investments. She went so far as to name the companies and the location of the leases and telling the success already acquired. Many an investor was elated over her advice and others left with dejected feelings."-Anderson (Ind.) Bulletin.

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Wish earth's wrongdoers nothing but light upon the way to see themselves as they are and to live better lives.

They must reap what they sow, and it is not necessary for you to swing the scythe.

That is held in the hand of Eternal Justice.

Go your way and mind your business-the business of growth and development. For that is the business of every living soul. If you find it hard to believe in any Power greater than your own mind, in any life beyond this earth, keep silent and wait, do not put yourself on record as an aggressive unbeliever; for sooner than the wisest of us dreams "the murmur of the gods" may become audible to human ears.

The vast spaces about us are quivering with unuttered secrets, and there is a hush of expectancy in the

"Science is organized knowledge," and what the seers have long known, science is upon the eve of proving.

Be ready to receive the knowledge when it is given to you.

To-day, as never before, skepticism brands a human being with ignorance. Be silent and wait .- Chicago American.

MEDIUMS WANT TO SEE MORE OF DANIEL BOONE.

Anderson, Ind., July 15.-At the Chesterfield camp of the Indiana Association of Spiritualists to-day mediums and their friends were much interested in a dispatch from Hartford City to The Indianapolis News last evening, in which it was stated that it was the advice of a medium of Chesterfield that led to the great success of the Daniel Boone Oil Company, in the Muncie oil district. An effort was made to locate the medium credited with having told, through her spirit and gave further information to the oil prospectors. It is thought that the oil well seance, if it really did is an established fact. occur in the Chesterfield camp, was held during the winter or carly in the spring. Only one medium lives a thy between man and the lower animals is a possibil in the camp throughout the year. She is the wife of ity, though in many of the reports to the Psychic Re-Dr. Pierce, of Chesterfield.

No seances were held in camp last night. It was reported that some of the mediums were trying to call up the spirit of the late Hiram Staley of Chesterfield. to inquire if he thought that Clay Dusang, who is under arrest, was guilty of throwing the stone that caused Staley to lose his earth life. All the mediums in camp last night disclaimed any intent to investigate murders, and said that their spirit controls would also to the souls of animals. not undertake to tell who did murder Hiram Staley at Chesterfield, or Mrs. William Starbuck, at Greensboro, and Miss Schafer, at Bedford.

W. F. Peck, of St. Louis, arrived last night and opened his engagement for lectures this afternoon,

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Where one has an ache and is torn with various ills work harm to your own life, to your own home and your own business affairs. Not to-day, perhaps, not kind. But for blues and nervous affections generally the music should be loud and fervent. Discords will

There are women who are clever enough to soothe away their own headaches with music. They can "rest" their nerves with the piano, the violin, or the mandolin: and they know which airs to bring to the rescue of their tired nerves.

There are women who can be put to sleep with music, and there are others whose toothache can be healed.

It is claimed by those who are enthusiastic that music is good for the complexion. They argue that certain musical sounds work upon the nerves and soothe

them and that this is good for the digestion, since quiet nerves aid the digestive organs. The stomach ligests its food more perfectly when the nerves are in good condition. And good digestion soon shows in an improved complexion. They actually cite cases to prove that the complexion is affected directly by music. In a large school of students, singers and musicians, there is not one bad complexion.

Money invested for a musical instrument is, accord ing to this, money well spent, and the woman who buys a piano, an organ, a violin, a banjo, or a mandoin contributes in greater or less degrees not only to

the family comfort but to its beauty as well. Men fight better to music; and they stand fatigue petter and are better on the march. Horses will bear up longer when they hear martial music. They will

endure the longest and most tiresome stretch of country if they can have music. This is a well known fact to many men. But it is upon the nerves of women that the music cure has wrought its greatest wonders, and it is the tired, the wornout, the sick, or the discouraged woman who ought to try it.

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT ANIMALS, TOO, HAVE SOULS?

H. Rider Haggard's remarkable story of what he thinks is a telepathic message he received from a pet dog at the instant of the dog's violent and painful death will awaken wide interest.

Since the late Mr. Myers and his associates established the Society for Psychical Research in London, with its branch in this county, everybody's attention control, where oil might be found in great quantities has been directed to the phenomena, and it is now accepted by many that telepathy between human beings

But is has never before been suggested that telep search Society it has been said that animals seem to

have cognizance of Spiritualistic manifestations. Mr. Haggard's experience, if it is to be believed, would appear to permit a startling hypothesis, namely, that animals possess souls or spirits identical in which he said: quality with that which man is assumed to possess. If this be granted, there is no escape from the deduction that, if man's soul be immortal, immortality attaches the most brilliant, is over dead and mangled bodies,

And why not? Science teaches that all forms of life had a common source, and who shall say just It is only those who have not heard a shot, nor heard

acquired the germ of eternal existence?-Chicago (friend or foe), that ery aloud for more blood, more Journal.

tion to its actual or recent plight by placing whatever portion of my being that was capable of receiving impulses when enchained by sleep into its own terrible position."

Local psychologists and scientists and students of awaiting an authoritative explanation. Some comments and theories on the phenomenon follow:

Dr. Julia Holmes Smith, a leading member of the American Society for Psychical Reseearch-I am not heroes. Emerson says : "Times of heroism are generprepared to say that Rider Haggard's dream, or ally times of terror, but the day never shines in which nightmare, or whatever it might have been, was a this element may not work. The circumstances of mere coincidence. I am sure I have seen and known man, we say, are historically somewhat better in this dogs that had souls. Where souls begin and ani- country and at this hour than perhaps ever before. mal existence ends is the question. There is always More freedom exists for culture. It will not now run the question and who shall answer it. When Rider- against an axe at the first step out of the beaten track Haggard tells a story of his own experience we must of opinion. But whose is hereic will always find heed it, because he is a famous writer and his ability crises to try his edge. Human virtue demands her as a thinker is recognized. We are all influenced by champions and martyrs, and the trial of persecution the trend of our own minds and Mr. Haggard in his always proceeds." dream might have been influenced by dais affection for the dog "Bob" and received the vivid impressions that later turned out to have had a real foundation in whatever, if he lives to a higher end than merely self, fact."-Chicago Examiner.

THE SOUL OF ALL OUR TEACHING.

The following beautifully spiritual poem, by Dr. Henry van Dyke, has in it the soul of all our teaching, and the loveliness of all our hope; and is a true summer poem, says Light.

> Only a little shriveled seed,-It might be flower or grass or weed; Only a box of earth on the edge Of a narrow, dusty window-ledge; Only a few scant summer showers: Only a few clear, shining hours,-That was all. Yet God could make Out of these, for a sick child's sake. A blossom-wonder as fair and sweet As ever broke at an angel's feet.

Only a life of barren pain, Wet with sorrowful tears of rain; Warmed sometimes by a wandering gleam Of joy that seemed but a happy dream; A life as common and brown and bare As the box of earth in the window there. Yet it bord at last the precious bloom Of a perfect soul in a narrow room-Pure as the snawy leaves that fold Over the flower's heart of gold.

THE STERN REALITY OF "WAR IS HELL."

An American minister, reminding his countrymen of General Sherman's fierce saying, "War is Hell," quotes from a lefter sent by the great general to the They drift into cheap saloons, and if they are not president of the Western Sanitary Commission, in

I confess without shame that I am tired and sick of the war. Its glory is all moonshine. Even success, the anguish and lamentation of distant families appealing to me for missing sons, husbands, and fathers. where in the scale of evolution the former protoplasm the shricks and groups of the wounded and lacerated vengeance, more desolation.

If we are not careful, the noble word "heroes" will suffer fatal degradation, and will be lost for all the higher uses. It must not be allowed to apply only to soldiers. In very truth, we need to be chary of apthe supernatural are pondering them and anxiously plying it to soldiers at all. A countryman of that fine prophet, Emerson, lately said well-and it was fittingly said in Emerson's country :

Truly, there is a large place for our non-military

Here, then, is the test of the true hero. Business man, soldier, statesman, reformer, educator, poet, and is true to the best that is in him, whatever the cost, we may have him for a hero, and try to find for ourselves the source and inspiration of his greatness. And it may be we shall find him in none of these open and public walks of life. It may be he will prove to be none other than Ernest, the simple husbandman, who has been with us all the while. It may be that the nearest likenesses to that face in the mountain, which was at once grand and sweet, will be found among those we have never understood sufficiently to know them for the heroes they are, and who, as a part of their heroism, would reject the name.

A TERRIBLE INDICTMENT.

An issue of the Freethinker contains the following statement concerning the last words of a young criminal doomed to execution for murder, in Chicago:

"Father Cox, who had been trying to convert Neidermeyer, last night gave him a book entitled 'Notes on Ingersoll.' The bandit read a few pages, and re-turned the volume with the comment: 'I get my opinions from my own thoughts, not from Ingersoll or any one else. I wish I could believe in your religion. If I could hypnotize myself into the belief I was going somewhere to be happy forever, don't you think I would be glad to die ? The world is all wrong. There are no attractions here for men like me. We grow up in the slums, half starved and always miserable. We see our parents work day after day like slaves, year after year, and at the end they die miserably. If I had had plenty of money or an education there might have been some enjoyment for me. Chicago is full of boys like me, growing up without advice or help. good-natured, they don't care if they do kill other people. I read your prayer book all right. I can't believe in them. Why should I go to a place of ever-lasting torture? I've been pretty bad, I'll admit, but I'm going to pay all the penalty I shall ever pay this morning. If the churches did something more for those who need aid in the struggle to earn a living, they would do more good than they can by converting men who are about to be hanged."" What a terrible indictment of "civilization" and religion."

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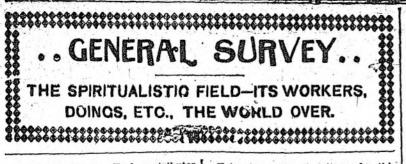
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KEEP COPIES of your poems sent to this office, for they will not be returned if we have not space to use them.

Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmound addressed a large and intelligent audience at Corry in the New Opera House, Sunday, July 24. The subject, "The Soul, the Spirit and Their Relations," was select-ed by the audience and handled in a profound and masterly manner, and yet so clearly that all could comprehend it. Many questions of a spiritual nature were handed in and answered in her usual clear and concise way.-Corry (Pa.) Daily Leader.

Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley writes from Rockford, Ill.: "I returned here to serve the Psychic Science Society for Sunday, July 17, and find the same enthusiasm existing among its members as during my former work among them. Despite the terribly hot weather we had a grand meeting and the large audience was most attentive from first to last. I will lecture in Genoa, 111., the last Saturday and Sunday of July. From there I go to Wonewoc camp until August 15, thence to Clinton, Iowa, until the close of camp. Address all letters to me, un-

til other wise requested, to 3148 Prairie avenue, Chicago, Ill." Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie passed through

the city last week on her way to Clinton, Iowa. She goes from there to Chesterfield camp this week.

Dr. J. M. Peebles passed through Chicago last week on his way home from St. Louis. He delivered several lec-tures there and attended the Exposition.

Detective P. S. O'Connell of the detective bureau, left last night for Denver to bring to Chicago Martha E. Sa-

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ATTENTION LYCEUMS. - During lune, July and August the Progressive Lyceum will be sent to Lyceums for one cent per copy. This will enable you to increase your subscription one-half its present number, with no extra expense. Address J. W. Ring, care of the Spiritualist Temple, Galveston, Texas.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Dorman was celebrated by the First Spiritualist Society of Spokane Wash., at the rooms in the Dean Block on Front avenue. Mrs. Corcelius, the pastor of the Spiritualist society, per formed the ceremony, following in a hu-morous vein the real Spiritualist ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Dorman reside at 1908 Gardner avenue. They were marhom ried 50 years ago at Evansville, Ill. . He was formerly a Methodist preacher. An interesting feature of the occasion were the greetings from the spirit world from the parents of both aged people and from other relatives. These greetings came by way of Los Angeles in the form of a scroll painted by Mrs. Dorman's sister, Mrs. M. E. Kratz, a medium of that southern California town. It was explained that the scroll was painted, or rather drawn, in less than two hours by the medium while she was blindfold ed. The spirits told the medium where to place her hand to find the particular crayon wanted and guided her hand in the drawing. The drawing was well done. One message to Mr. Dorman worked into the scroll read, "Mother and father are aiding you, and join in sending greets." 'The parents of Mrs. Dorman had their message inscribed in German characters. Another message signed "William," read, "Papa and Mamma, I greet you; be patient." This was from a departed son. "We are ever near you," read the token from the spirit world sent by sister Katherine. In large characters across the face of the scroll was written in glowing letters, "Blow the trumpet of truth. There is no death." Fifty or more persons attended the meeting. The aged couple

stood under a wedding bell made in three colors-pink, representing love, the foundation of marriage; green, the life everlasting, and white, for purity. Mrs. C. H. Mullins writes: "The Band of Harmony Social held at Mrs. Trescess' was a success in every sense of the word. A number of strangers were present. With music, comic songs and recitations the afternoon and evening were very enjoyable. It shows what our people can do if they try. It would be well for seekers of a general good time to remember our socials and not miss them."

Grand picnic given by the German Spiritualist society, Light and Truth, on Sunday, August 21, 1904, at Mayfair Park, 1481 Montrose avenue. End of Montrose and Elston avenue car line. One block from C. & N. W. Depot; two blocks from C., M. & St. P. Depot. Races and games. Tickets, 25 cents. Children under 14 years, free. The First Spiritualist Church is lo-

cated at 232 N. Alabama street, and has scores of -attendants in Indianapolis. Spiritualism is the term used to denote the opposite of materialism. The first Spiritualists, so far as known, were Mr. and Mrs. Fox and their two daughters. who, while living at Hydesville, N. Y., in 1848, were much disturbed by continual unexplained knockings. They discovered that the preserved of certain "mediums" was required to form the link between the worlds of the living and the dead before they could understand the meaning of the knockings which they finally concluded were intel ligent communications from the spirit of a murdered peddler whom the "rapper" claimed to be. Since that tim Spiritualism has grown rapidly. It has enlisted followers from all sections of not only the United States, but of the entire world, until to-day every village and hamlet has its advocates of Spiritualism who claims to establish communication with the dead. The larger cities, like Indianapolis, have hundreds of Spiritualists within their confines. What is Spiritualism-imagination, fraud or fact? The Sunday Sentinel is at the present time holding open its pages to a fair and intelligent discussion of the question. Communications and answers are being received from all sections of the state. Mrs. Virginie Barrett of 832 Broadway is one of the leading Spiritualists in the city, and in her belief she has a host of followers. -Indianapolis (Ind.) Sentinel. H. R. LaGrange writes: "Farmer Riley, the materializing medium, has arrived at Island Lake Camp. He will be there for two weeks. He will be pleased to meet all friends and acquaintances while there. The camp is in a very prosperous condition. We have a few more rooms left at the new modern 50-room fire-proof hotel; prices 5 and \$5.50 per week. Come and spend an enjoyable week with us." Lottie Leavitt, sercretary, writes fme." from Clinton, Iowa: "The Philosophical Society of Spiritualists have had Mrs. Alice C. Barry of Philadelphia, as their speaker and medium for the past six months. Mrs. Barry is an inspirational speaker of the highest order, progressive and liberal upon all subjects. We see many strange faces in our meetings, and there seems to be an earnest endeavor to in all ways advance the cause Spiritualism by harmonious work and effort. The society will hold no Sunday evening meetings while the Mt. Pleasant Park camp-meeting is in session. The Band of Harmony which is auxiliary to this society, will give their pleasant socials every second and last Thursday in each month as usual." The ninth annual camp-meeting of the Central New York Spiritualist Association is in session in Freeville, beginning Saturday, July 23, and Closing August 21, lasting four weeks and five Sundays The officers of the association are W. W. Kelsey, president, Cortland; R. Rhodes, first vice-president, Elmira: Mrs. Jennie McNeil, second vice-president, Tully; Mrs. B. C. Myers, treasurer, Harford Mills; Miss Victoria C. Moore, secretary, Dryden. Talent of a high order in Spiritualism has been engaged, and there will be present several leading mediums, who will hold trumpet and materializing seances and give readings and magnetic treatment. The test mediums will be Oscar A. Edgerly, D. A. Herrick, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing and others of note. Phenomenal: D. A. Herrick, trumpet medlum: C. B. Nichols, materializing medium; Mrs. Addle Cooper, reading and magnetic treat-ment; Victoria C. Moore, reader.-Elmira (N. Y.) Gazette.

When writing for this paper use a pen or typewriter. We go to press early Monday morn

office not later than the provious Satur day morning. Bear this in mind. The following first-class talent is engaged for the Grand Ledge (Mich.) Camp, a very popular place of resort: Oscar A. Edgerly, Mrs. Zaida Brown Kates, Geo. W. Kates, Rev. B. F. Aus-

tin, Mrs. Marian Carpenter, Mrs. Piper, Dell Herrick, Mrs. Helen Chapman, Mrs. N. M. Russell, James Riley, Miss Mattie Woodbury, Mrs. Evarts, Mrs. Virginia Rowe, Geo. A. Letford. Jennie C. Paine writes from Potsdam,

N. Y .: "We have been very fortunate in securing at West Potsdam and Potsdam the services of Mrs. Tillie U. Reyrolds, of Troy, N. Y., who has been with us nearly the whole month. She comes as state missionary, which office she fills with much honor. Her meetings have been very successful and she has succeeded in working up a mass-

meeting in the town of Potsdam, a town of 5,000 inhabitants, that the Spiritualists of this section hope will prove a success in every way. It will take place some time in October." Mrs. LeSieur writes :"The next bene-

fit Band of Harmony will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rockweil, 814 Emmit street, Thursday, August 4. fine programme is promised. Their reached by taking the Metropolitan (Logan Square branch), riding to the end of line. The last meeting at the home of Mrs. Tressness, July 21. was a very large meeting and greatly enjoyed by all who were present."

Elizabeth E. McCarthy writes of the good work she did in Houston and other places in Texas, awaking many people from their lethargy. She writes: "I am now at home again in Denver, Colo.,. among kind friends. Though my stay in Texas was of short duration, the eds of a higher spiritual unfoldment have been well sown and deeply rooted, and when I return I will find a golden harvest of progressive thinkers waiting to receive me.'

Dr. P. S. George writes from Lincoln. "I feel it my duty to call the at-Neb.: tention of the readers of The Progressive Thinker as to the action taken by the Postmaster General in the case of one so-called, self-styled Prof. R. A. Dutton, of this city, who has extensively advertised his great psychic powers and his wonderful ability to instruct, and who caught suckers by the thousands. His mail is held at the Lincoln postoffice by order of the Postmaster General until further orders. In my opinion he is one of the greatest pretenders and deceivers in the field. He promised to cure every known disease-the deaf, the dumb, the blind, the lame and halt; teach hypnotism, power of dreaming when wide awake with eyes open, and to pass to any part of the eartn at will, and talk to people, hear their voices and be heard, but when the order came from the Postmaster General for him to appear in Washington, D. C., or his attorney, he sent a Lincoln lawyer to

represent him. Just what the outcome will be I am unable to say, but will try and keep the readers of this paper informed as to the result of the investiga tion of this case by the postal authorities." Rozetta Gott writes from Wellington,

Ohio: "Our little Spiritual Progressive Thought Society of only a few members has been attacked by the Methodist minister and some of the members of that church. One thing the minister said from his pulpit was that Spiritual-ists took up Spiritualism as a last resort, and when that left them, as it always does, that they'sunk to lower than the brute and were not fit associates for other people. Every Friday after-noon the ladies of our society meet at my home to sit for development. At last gitting a Mathodist elator

AND ADDRESS WHEN SENDING NO-TICES AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR PUBLICATION, OTHERWISE THEY

WILL FIND THEIR WAY TO THE WASTE BASKET.

> true to themcause, passed on this spring." Mrs. Celia Hughes, trumpet medium,

will go to New York for a much-needed rest the first of August. On her return, September 1.4she will resume work at her home, No. 69 Thirty-first street, Chicago. · di 11

Dr. Beverly writes: "Remember, next Saturday, August 6, you are all invited to an outing at Calumet Grove. The grounds will be free till 9 p. m. Lunch will be served from 2 to 3 p. m. All bring your basket. This is a lovely shady grove on the Calumet river. Fine boating, fishing, swimming, etc. Bring your music, games, hammocks, etc. Everybody welcome to come and enjoy the pleasures of the day."

Mrs. Olive A. Atwood writes from Hartford, Conn.; "Mrs. I. W. Storrs will close the season with a meeting Sunday evening, July 31, at her home, 122 Clark street, Hartford, Conn., where she has held two meetings a week- ev ory Thursday afternoon and Sunday evening; also four special meetings, having a conference in the afternoon supper and lecture in the evening. Mrs Storrs is a lady of rare worth and abil ity as a medium, and gives all a hearty welcome. Chinnewama, her little Indian guide, gives true and loving mes sages from spirit friends. Mr. and Mrs. Storrs are delegates to the National Convention, and all hope they will re-turn with their zeal renewed and souls strengthened for the coming winter's work.

Mrs. S. W. Bradley writes from Butte, Mont.: "I notice our subscription has nearly expired, and send in to renew. We have taken The Progressive Thinker from its first issue and feel we cannot afford to do without it, as it takes its readers onward and upward. Sometimes when a 'hot blast' strikes it. almost wish more tolerance could be manifested, but on the whole I know there are good results and I feel like extending words of good cheer."

A Noble Woman Passed to the Realm of Souls.

Mrs. Sue A. McGuffin, wife of Mr. J. B. McGuffin, of Milton, Ind., passed to spirit life on Monday morning, July 25, after an illness of six months' duration. The disease was cancer of the stomach, and although her suffering was continuous and intense the beauty of her character shone through it all with a calm patience and fortitude that was marvelous.

Mrs. McGuffin was the daughter of Silas and Hannah Small, old residents of Henry county, Ind., and was born September 26, 1849. Her grandfather, Seth Henshaw, was perhaps the oldest champion of Spiritualism in the state, and was also the leader in that region of the early abolitionists.

Mrs. McGuffin inherited this pro-gressive spirit, but the innate sweet ness of her nature made her so kindly tolerant to all that she never had an enemy in her life. She never was heard to speak an unkind word of any human being and all who knew her loved her.

She was married to Mr. McGuffin, June 6, 1868, and during all of those thirty-six years their lives together blended in perfect peace and perpetual

Her knowledge of Spiritualism sustained her in every trial, and its, the consolation of her husband and their adopted son Roy, in their bereavement. The funeral took place at their home near Milton, on Wednesday, July 27. And I thought, what a loathsome place-C. W. Stewart, of St. Louis, who is an old friend of the family, conducted the funeral.

The sweet lovely life of Mrs. McGuffin has left its influence upon the souls of all her loving friends, even as her music, her art and her poetry is left for their contemplation, and they realize that she has only passed within the vell and they will sooner or later greet her again in a sweeter, purer realm of life. Peace to her memory. S.

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OBSESSING SPIRITS.

A Few Words in Reply to an "Idahoan."

In The Progressive Thinker of July 30, is an article commencing thus: "Brother J. M. Peebles announces that he will soon issue a book of 400 pages on obsession and demoniac influen etc., and then Brother C. J. Johnson, o Idaho, proceeds to criticise it. Now, by just what principle of justice or ethics a man can criticise a book before he sees it, is to me something entirely new. Brother Johnson says, "Such a book will, according to promise, show the reign of undeveloped spirits in this and foreign lands * * * But he leaves it there without prescribing a remedy to cure so fearful a state."

Pray, how do you know, friend Johnson? Upon what ground do you make this statement? It may be policy to misrepresent-policy to cover up facts, but principle and moral honesty exclaim, "State the facts-tell the truth and that though the heavens fall.' This is in harmony with Editor Francis' "Open Court," a court of fact, philoso phy and equity, where all sides may have a fair and candid hearing.

Fortunately, I have the advantage of Brother Johnson, for by luck, or prov-idence, or spirit impression, I was in Battle Creek and in Dr. Peebles' room the very afternoon that this-first thou-sand copies of the book, "The Demonism of the Ages, and Spirit Obsessions," was brought to Dr. Peebles' office. It is needless to say that I purchased a copy, and I have read the volume of thirty three chapters with a most intense in terest. In this book the Doctor makes no attempt to prove the fact of spirit intercourse. He takes this for granted, but dwells upon the nature of spirits, their conditions, their occupations, their good and evil influences. He has twenty or thirty pages from persons obsessed Some of them exhibit the most painful and pitiful struggles with demons, earthbound spirits dwelling in the lower zones about the earth. He allows some of these evil spirits to speak for themselves. He explains their methods of control, and the dangers resulting therefrom. He also very carefully and philosophically points out the methods of preventing obsession, and also the how, and the best way to cure the obsessed. 'The book is, in my estimation, considering the status of Spiritualism to-day, the most important book that the Doctor has ever written. Those who believe that there is no evil here nor "evil spirits" in the next world will not fancy the book, for the Doctor as we all know, is an independent and fearless writer, and has the faculty of striking with his pen stranght from the shoulder. I hope that Brother Johnson before further criticising the book, will carefully peruse it. This book, in treating of the hypnotic

control of spirits by entrancement, runs near to the border line of that much discussed volume, "The Great Psycho-logical Crime." These "storm centers" (to use your felicitous phrase, Mr. Francis) that gather in the heavens of Spiritualism, not only make us think but investigate deeper, and weigh all subjects, and all sides of this great novement called Spiritualism, which so hreatens the complete annihilation of orthodox Christianity. E. C. L. Memphis, Tenn.

A LESSON FROM NATURE.

Deep down in a shady valley, By the sunlight seldom sought chanced one day, on a stagnant pool, With slimy green poison fraught.

Passing with averted eyes, Nothing but weeds could ever grow here,

Such poisonous vapors rise

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bin, the clairvoyant, who is accused of victimizing Chicago women through "charms." The woman lived at Michigan avenue and Twenty-first street and posed as a palmist and clairvoyant. A number of women were induced to visit her and it is charged she obtained money and over \$1,000 in jewels from them on the pretense of making them immune from sickness.-Chicago Chronicle, July 28.

Mrs. N. Speight writes: "The Ladies" Auxiliary of the Englewood Spiritual Union will give a dime circle, Thursday evening, August 11, at the residence of Mrs. Koehler, 838 West Sixtieth street. A number of mediums will assist in making this a most interesting and enjoyable occasion. All are cordially invited to come.

Mrs. Anna Richter of 656 East One Hundred and Forty-first Street was complainant in the Morrisonia court yesterday against Frank Horowitz of 2635 Third avenue, who, as a Spiritualist she said, obtained \$1,100 from her under various pretexts between November and March last. Mrs. Richter said her hushand died one year ago and that last Fall she went to the wife of Horowitz who is a fortune teller, in quest of advice as to the best means of obtaining work for her son. The fortune-telling woman, said the complainant, told her Horowitz combined the practice of Spiritualism with his trade of tailor. and that he could be of assistance in obtaining work for the young man. The complainant said she called on Horowitz who asserted that he was in custody of the spirit of her deceased husband. He told her, she said, that he could accept no money, but that if she would put \$50 in a machine drawer and turn around three times the spirits would get it. They did, she said, or the money was gone, at any rate, after she had followed instructions. Mrs. Richter said that Horowitz threatened that if she took the matter into court he would cause the judge to drop from his chair. Magistrate Crane held the prisoner in \$500 bail for examination Monday .- New York Times, July 23. C. I. Kehligua wries from Canton, O .: "The Canton Church of Grand Unity 'Liberal and Spiritualist) is preparing for immediate active work. It has re cently come into possession of a meeting hall very centrally located, in the Blanchard Building, and some financial support. A speaker and organizer is wanted as well as correspondence with speakers for the winter. A clairvoyant or other worker will be given a room in the location above referred to as well as support, personal and organized, and the city will extend a welcome. A donation and movement to establish a spiritual community is 'on foot. Will hose interested write?"

To-day W. F. Peck delivered an excellent discourse on "Involution, or the Divinity in Evolution." Yesterday was a rest day in the camp and there were no meetings except lyceum in the morning. To-morrow there will be a lecture at 2:30 p. m., by T. W. Smith, followed with tests by one of the medi-Anderson (Ind.) Daily Bulletin. M. N. Pease writes from Richville

Mo., that he would not take \$10 for the premium books he has. He would like to have some good test medium and lec-Surer visit his locality. Reading The Progressive Thinker and the premium Books, he has information that he can stillize for the benefit of Spiritualism.

just as we were through. She is a great missionary worker and I suppose she thought she must save us. However that may be she found four Methodists who had wandered away from the fold. The consequence was that we had about a half-hour's hot discussion. . She told me that it was the work of Satan. tc. My object in explaining is to ask a favor. Will every Spiritualist who

feels interested in our little society or in Spiritualism, concentrate thoughts for ten minutes at the time of our next meeting, Friday, August 5, at 2:30 promptly? This will be our thought: 'Will the angels help us to ucceed in overcoming all opposing forces, and add to our number and

strength?' Mrs. Isa A. Cross writes: "The Hyde Park Occult Society was highly favored on Sunday, July 24, by the two good ectures, or rather, one lecture and one after-talk. The lecture by Mrs. Nora E. Hill was full of good teachings and one that set people to thinking. She is a grand good worker. The after-talk was by Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, of Callfornia. She did not talk long, but long enough to reach the hearts of the audience, which was large. All went home pleased. Many were made happy by messages from some loved one, through Mrs. Kline. On Sunday evening next, August 6, we will have Walter DeVoe with us, who needs no recommendation to any who have heard him. Those who have not will do well to come. Services at 319 East 55th stree

every Sunday evening. Don't forget the picnic at Beverly Hills on same date. Everybody welcome; and bring your own lunch. Come and have a good

Mrs. J. M. Brown writes: "We are very pleased to write your good paper of the great success of Miss Mas Hunt's meetings in San Francisco, Cal. Every Sunday night the hall is packed to the doors with an audience that is an honor to any speaker: they are bright, thinking minds, interested in the deep occult truths which flow from the lips of the speaker under the deep inspiration of her guides. Different ones speak from time to time, such as John Pierpont and Theodore Parker, the great orator and abolitionist, and we have been promised that soon we shall hear from Robert G. Ingersoll, giving his experience when he passed into spirit life. Miss Hunt speaks under deep trance, with a clear, strong, magnetic voice, and she loves her work, never tiring of doing all she can for the cause of Spiritualism. These meetings will present different phases, so as to meet the needs of the people as they infold new growths and aspirations."

F. H. Parker writes as follows, bu does not give name of town or city: 'Chas. J. Anderson, (boy orator) is lecturing to large audiences at N. S. G. W. Hall, each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., on new thought lines. He gives perfect satisfaction to his increasing audiences. Mrs. Katle Heussmann Harveston lectures at the Unity Spiritualists Hall, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Her tests or circle following the morning meeting is proving an interesting feature as well as her convincing tests from the platform at each Sunday evening lecture. The Thursday night social every two weeks at the hall, proves interesting as well as remunerative. Mrs. R. Y. Tut-

LITERARY NOTE FROM JOHN LANE.

Personal Note on C. H. Hinton, M. A Author of "The Fourth Dimension."

C. H. Hinton, the author of a comprehensive, popular exposition of the na ture, qualities and possibilities of what is commonly regarded as rather an ab struse subject of science and mathemat ics, which John Lane has recently pub lished under the title of "The Fourth Dimension." contributes to the July number of Harper's Magazine an article upon the subject, in which he makes some novel suggestions for the aid of those who are not clear as to the defi nite purpose of his scientine inquiry. As one case in which an attempt has been made to find evidence for the reality of a fourth dimension he cites the following, which depends on the properties of configuration. In a plane three points, he says, can be found equally distant from one another, such as the vertices of an equilateral triangle. In space four such points can be found. such as the vertices of a tetrahedron. Five points equally distant from one an other can be found by assuming a fourdimensional space. Now, to account for the properties of organic compounds it has been necessary to assume that the carbon atoms in the molecules of certain substances are related to one an-

other, as are the four vertices of a tetrahedron. If in the problematical struct ure of the molecule of other sub stances it becomes necessary to assume the existence of five atoms at equal distances from one another there would be evidence of a fourth dimension. A similar condition is assumable in a case which depends on the properties of ro-We are familiarly acquainted tation. with left and right hand shapes; the image of an object in a mirror, exactly like its original, but transposed on the other side of the plane, is an easily comprehensible example. One of these objects cannot be rotated into another in our space. Rotation in a plane takes place round a point; in our space round an axis; and by analogy we should conclude that in four-dimensional space ro-tation took place applied a plane. As a matter of fact if we have two triangles set near one another in a plane, but not touching, they cannot be rotated completely into one another by any motion in that plane! There are two substances, however, two varieties of tartaric acid, which are alike in all physical and chemical properties, except in their behavior with regard to polarized light. One turns the plane of polariza tion in one direction, the other in the opposite direction, a condition which is due to the molecules of the one being

exactly the same configuration as the molecules of the other, save that those of one are right-handed and the other These two varieties, left-handed. however, change one into the other an parently without so far as is at pres ent known any chemical resolution of reconstruction. If such proves to tle, an old lady and pioneer Spiritualist, certainly the case it will be a proof of

Another day, my wandering feet Had led to the self-same place, And lo! a white lily, pure and fair Smiled sweet from the water's face.

And while I gazed in glad surprise. I listed, a still small voice That whispered to my wakening soul:

Lo, child! look thou and rejoice. The lily from that filthy slime Thus has forced its upward way,

And so, from the depths, earth's children, too, May climb to the endless day.

ANNIE H. PIERCE-Rockford, Ill.

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.]

Mr. J. W. LeSuer passed peacefully to spirit life early Tuesday morning, July 19, from his home, 43 Ashland avenue, Chicago, Mr. LeSuer was born in Chautauqua, New York, and although in his 65th year, was full of spirit and en ergy even when ill, and in all his life was never too busy to do a kindness. He was one of the trustees of the Church of the Soul many years, and was always actively interested in the welfare of that society and Spiritualism, and will be greatly missed by all old-time friends in the church and by undreds who know nothing of Spirit ualism. He leaves a wife and four children, several grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mrs. S. J. Ash ton officiated at the funeral.

DR. T. WILKINS.

Passed to the higher life, July 21 1904, from Detroit, Mich., Dorothy Cor-nyn, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornyn, aged four months and three days. The bird-like voice whose joyous tones made glad this scene of in and strife, sings now in everlasting song, amid the tree of life. Services conducted by Rev. Nellie S. Baade.

It is with regrets that I have to an nounce the death on Sunday last, of Mr. Harry Clinton Morehouse of Boulder, Colo .. formerly of Morro county, Ohio. The family have long been readers of The Progressive Thinker, and this takes the last remaining member of a large family excepting his widowed nother. He was thirty-five years old last April. was a prominent and honored citizen of this county, being the largest dealer in bees and honey in northern Colorado. His death was ocasioned by appendicitis, after an illness of eight days.

LEO VINCENT.

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SEEN AND HEARD.

Brief Notes on Topics of Interest, popular as a corrective, with the pub-lig, as it ever has been with the chil-dren. It is thought a relie of barbar-

ism. The new method of government of children is well expressed in the fol-From Paris' comes an amusing story of a medium, who was arrested for ob lowing extract from an English ex-

taining money under lalso pretenses. She gained the confidence of a rich widow, and gave her messages from her departed husband. He was 76 when he died, but he told his fond old gain obedience it is necessary to make wife that he had regained his youth, and when she came to him she would powerful man that might do something find the beautiful ideal she married in awful' if it does not obey, is a relic of early life. He wanted her to come to barbarism and has no place in a well him, for his boarding-house fare, al-though superior to anything on earth, of children, just because the parent is was not agreeable to him. He wanted physically able to enforce his authority her to superintend the cooking! He is not only tyranny of the most inhu-advised her to give her effects to the man sort, but is contrary to all laws of medium, which message she obeyed, and then he told her when she would die, and this also she did to the hour. That medium. no doubt, was a fraud, cute and clever cheat, and merited

the punishment she received. But Spiritualism is not the only cloak in which fraud may clothe itself. As a parallel take the press report from Hebrohville, a town in the state claiming to be the focus of American culture. Religious frenzy characterized the

closing sessions of a holiness campmeeting at Hebronville to-day. The afternoon and evening meetings were ad- children can be reasoned with, and othdressed by Edward A. Ferguson, an ers cannot be. The great majority of evangelist, and he painted such a weird children are born savages, and their dressed by Edward A. Ferguson, an picture of the sins of his auditors, of the terrible future which will be theirs if they do not give up their worldly ways, their gold and diamond baubles, that his words were taken literally by many present. Women removed their watches and their Aings, sobbing as they did so; crying that they were poor, miserable sinners, they placed at the appointed place for receiving offerings. A hostler for an Attleboro manufacturer gave \$50. Women jumped and shouted, and so did men."

In what does this evangelist differ from the fake? She pretended to give messages from the husband; he from Jesus Christ and God Almighty! The result was the same. She gathered in the widow's possessions, he the valuables of a crowd he had excited to frenyy by his fake piety.

The Entombed Past.

The wide extent of Greek colonization is shown by recent excavations made near the estuary of the Dnieper, site of the ancient Greek city Olbia. It was a colony of Miletus 655 years B. C. and the center of a great trade with the interior as far north, it is claimed as the borders of the Northern Sea. A report of the progress of the excavations has the following interesting paragraph:

'Olbia was destroyed by the Getae about 70 to 60 B. C., but it revived, and when it was visited by Dion Chrysostom about 100 A. D., it was again a flourishing city. The excavations that are now in progress upon the site of this city are being carried out by M Formakovski under the auspices of the Russian Archaeological Society, Mr. Formakovski has succeeded in unearth ing extensive portions of the walls and foundations of the original city, which date back from the seventh century B The masonry is identical with that of the ruins of ancient cities excavated in various parts of Greece. Before this depth was reached, two different strata of walls and basements bearing descriptions of the fourth and the first centuries B. C. were encountered. The stone temples, etc., in these upper strata are of remarkably exact area, square pro-portions, and excellently dressed. The more solid constructive work is, however, found in the remains of the original city. At this depth there was unearthed a perfectly preserved wine cel-

change: "The parent should never be domineering nor egotistical in his relation to the child. The idea that in order to the child feel that its papa is a 'big development and good government. boss, a scold, a harsh critic, or a faultfinder: but a protector, a counsellor, a wise, sympathetic critic, and a loving

friend. He never makes uncompliment ary comparisons between self and the child, nor belittles its efforts, no matter how crude and ineffectual. His look is sympathy, his word is encouragement his smile is inspiration, and his touch is tenderness and love.'

But this advice, however applicable to some children is not to all. Some education, especially their moral training is to civilize them, and train them to be gentle, sympathetic and just.

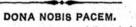
This education should have begun many centuries ago, and the grandparents well advanced in its acquirement. lighted in seeing suffering, and tor-tured animals and playfellows for pleasure, could not be reasoned with Restraint was the only means.

This is a matter not of position in the social scale as much as of organization. Children of delightful character are found in the lowest walks as well as the highest, and not always the angelic little Fauntleroy is the most lovable. A lovely lady with a lovely little boy with curls, was riding in a street car. Opposite her sat two ministers, return-ing from conference. "Ah, brother,"

said one. "what would we not give for the sweet purity of such an angelic child. Truly did the Savior say, 'Of such is the kingdom of heaven.'" Just then they overheard the boy say to his mother, "When 1 get to Grandma's, I'm going to have my hair cut off, and stop playing d-n angel!" The fact is that children are not

alike, and rules applicable to one will not be to another

Whatever may be the training, the example of parents will be followed. As you desire your children to be, be yourself. If the mother is loud and hasty of speech, and rude in manners. she cannot expect her children to not imitate her ways.



Only the dead are ours. Oh, friends, I hold my hands, such

weary hands. With infinite longing toward celestial bowers

mer Lands

Heartsick of fruitless quests, and wounded sore his world's bitt Some fifty huge fars or vases had ъу no more Can dreams of future brightness bring relief. gold, marble and ancient pottery has All whom my heart held dear Lean to me from the silence. Let me With the old sense of comfort strong and near, But for a moment sheltered on your breast. For here there is no shelter. Bleak and wild The path leads onward where my bleeding feet Must with the thorns or burning plow-shares meet Mother, the night is deep about your child. Spirit to spirit lean. I feel you through this blind material clay. Only the veil of silence slips between To bar you from my longing eyes away. open the door to that unshadowed life.

WAS IT IRON? Wm. Denton is Called Upon to Explain Matters.

Somewhat more than a year ago, Spirit William Denton, through the col-umns of The Progressive Thinker informed us of certain of his proceedings in the spirit world in which he told us of the use of locks and keys. Recently

an article purporting to come from the same source and published in the same paper, informs us that he Williom Denton has found no iron in that world Now in behalf of myself and many other readers of The Progressive Thinker, I should like to ask Mr. Denton of what material were those locks and com-

posed? The writer of "A Wanderer in the Snirit Lands" informed us that he met with the spiritual counterpart of iron. In The Progressive Thinker of June is a communication signed William

enton in which he tells us that airships are to be used to slaughter whole armies and thus bring war to an end. Hundreds of years ago the church persecuted and destroyed millions of per sons in order to put an end to what the church chose to call heresy. Was it destroyed? Are there not more heretics in the world to-day than ever before? The statement is made that Benjamin Franklin is at the head of the movement. Are the affairs of this world in the hands of one so young as Benjamin Franklin? Where are the countless hosts who have inhabited this planet in all the ages that are past, and why do

they allow those who have but lately risen from earth to return and educate its inhabitants through fear, the old orthodox way, and moreover I would like to ask what is to follow this wholest le slaughter of armies? Who will use those air ships when the armies have cen exterminated? Will anyone be safe? What will prevent any' person who can secure the use of an air ship

from following the example of the "pro gressive spirits" who would murder to prevent murder, from using them to wreak vengeance on private individuals or whole families or communities, should they give offense?

And would they not be used by any two or more parties, as strikers and their employers, against one another, and make life a more fearful thing than it is to-day?

Whence come wars? In every counry the people are obliged to support the aristocracy of the state and in most of them in addition to that the aristocracy of the church; while back of and sup ported by both is still another and more powerful aristocracy of lords who compel wars that they may wring from the toilers of the nations the wealth with which they hope to enable their de-scendants to own the earth, literally to

own every foot of land which the earth contains. Is there a nation to-day that is not paying interest on its war debts? How long shall peace reign in any nation? Only so long as shall be required to re-cover. its financial standing sufficiently to sustain another shock of war, when

are they titled? and who study the game of war as play,

shall be moved next. Look about you and answer for yourselves. Do you ever hear members of the so-called Christian clergy advocate war? and quoting in support of their claims passages from the teachings of one whom they say is the prince of peace? And how of the state? "In our public schools to-day little children are taught military. drill and little boys of seven and eight years

have offered certain persons of influ-ence a share in the jillinder, is called a patriot and a hero and his occupation is looked upon as sacred. Will Mr. Denton please tell us more

angry or in reality because the lords

on these subjects and remove, if he can, the doubts of the same? VALENTINE ROXBURY.

Minneapolis, Ming, j. w

NATURALNESS OF SPIRIT LIFE. It is difficult for those who have not naid attention to the subject to understand the naturalness of spirit life. Our conception of the realitygof things is based upon physical, sonsations, and anything (save sound and/odors and the recognized imponderables) that does not respond to our sense of sight or touch is deemed to be formless

and unreal. This conception is a materialistic one founded upon the erroneous idea of the sufficiency of our physical organs to cover the whole range of natural phenomena: there are none other, super-natural is a misnomer.

Science has demonstrated that there are sounds both above and below the perception of the most sensitive physical cars, and colors beyond the percep-tion of the most acute physical eye, and clairvoyance-both induced and natural, has proved that there are forms real (and substantial in a sense) .outside the range of physical vision or ouch. Form implies substance, but not necessarily the same kind of substance we are familiar with: we cannot onceive of form without substance, and, if the forms akin to 'human 'constantly seen by seers and clairvoyants, have substance, so also must the worlds or spheres in which they live. Deleuze. Billot, Cahagnet, and other early magnetists, having no belief in a spirit world, were annoyed in their experiments by the frequent descriptions of dead (?) people whom they professed to illusory, see, and deeming them checked them whenever they began to describe the forms. The persistence with which they recurred to the sublect, eventually induced them to allow their sensitives to interrogate these forms, the result being the recognition of spiritual entities who had left their

mortal bodies, and were living under new and nigher conditions. The late Dr. J. B. Motherwell, who was one of the earliest and most successful experimenters in mesmerism in Australia, had the same experience, and up to the time we made his acquaintance (1866)

ad persistently ignored his sensitive's allusions to what hercalled "dead peo-ple." Our conversations with him, owever, quite altered his views, and opened up a new and interesting field of research to him. "These, and other sensitives who followed quite independent of each otner, described not only the forms, but the world or sphere in which they lived, with its hills and vales, its streams, lakes, trees and flow ers, as real, and apparently as substan-tial to their interior Wisibit as the mate-

rial world. It only requires the cultiva-tion of that interior diston to enable a large percentage of humidflity to see whilst yet in the morial body the beau-ties of that higher "world" which they are destined to inhabit when they shuffle off this mortal coll5

But all are not sufficiently sensitive, and but few who are so, are favorably positioned to apply themselves to the cultivation of their "interior powers. Harmonious surroundings and the absence of business worries are essential to the individual cultivation of clean vision. The development, of clairvoy-ance and lucidity, however, may be ac-calerated by nesmerism," bdt, finis should not be attempted empirically, it is too serious a matter; both operator and subject should thoroughly understand what they are entering upon and have perfect confidence in each other, fully adopted there has been a remarkthe magnetizer should have singleness go home from school to boast and bluster of the soldier's life and to teach the

of purpose and a high object in view, ity, vivacity, cheerfulness and contentif selfishness intrudes little good will re-sult. As in all scientific experiments of temper is very great. They have be-young people, and on Thursday evening older members of the family what a glo-

THE MATTER OF DIET. TEMPLE HEIGHTS.

Its Relation to the Genesis of Crime.

The Temple Heights Spiritual Corpo Of all the delusions that have afflictration will hold its annual session, this ed the human mind the most cruel and being the twenty-second, at their beau diabolical in its results upon the individual and human institutions, is that tiful grounds on the banks of the Pe nobscot Bay in the good old state of which looks upon every child as "born in sin," and with a natural and inevi- Maine, on the dates of August 13 to 21 table tendency to sin; that is, to inclp-inclusive. Arrangements-ient crime. It predicates the criminal made for a very interesti ient crime. It predicates the criminal made for a very interesting session of camp-meeting and it is expected that a large attendance will be the outcome thus refers the genesis of crime to a malevolent Nature, or the demoniacal The officers of the corporation are President, J. G. Harding, Waldo; vice mandate of a malevolent God.

It is strange how an old lie, especially president, A. T. Stevens, Belfast; secretary, Orrin J. Dickey, when it dons an academic hat or an ecurer, R. A. Packard, Northport. DI rectors: Benj. Colson, Bangor; M. R clesiastical gown, will hold in unquestioning assent some of the sanest souls Webber, Fairfield; Geo. W. Morse, Belof every generation, until, as Emerson mont; Mrs. M. W. Williams, Central Falls, R. I.; Mrs. N. H. Rhoades, Rocksays, "a thinker is let loose upon this planet," and men wonder why some land; A. J. Skidmore, Liberty; Mrs. O. self evident truth had not appealed to S. Rich, Bangor. them before. The human race in every

TempleHeights is charmingly located century of its history has not been wanting in philosophers and scientists on the banks of the Penobscot river. who told their contemporaries that the with wooded hills in the rear and making of a good man as well as a springs of cool, refreshing waters, healthy one is largely a matter of diet, healthful and attractive. Temple healthy one is largely a matter of diet. It seems strange, too, how long men have been breeding splendid horses and beauty with a little of the artificial. To the lover of a spiritual campground intelligent dogs, without recognizing the fact that food and environment are Temple Heights affords all that can be the essential factors in breeding kind desired, having good drainage, sloping land, a large park with plenty of seats, and intelligent animals, and that man and spacious auditorium where the is no exception to the animal kingdom. meetings are annually held. In the Palo Alto stables where not The good beaches, and mountains ris-ing a thousand feet in the rear, easy of only were the horses scientifically fed, but an oath or an unkind word or tone, access and affording delightful even, were forbidden in their presence makes this place one of the most desirunder penalty of instant dismissal of the offender, the horses became famous the able as summer home. Only six miles world over for their gentleness, speed, from a railroad station and having daily steamboat lines and a good pier, with

fine mettle and endurance, At the fathe quiet surroundings, or amusements mous dog kennels of the world where if one desires, combined with the sweet dogs are bred to be as intelligent and more moral and devotedly kind than spiritual influences as is in the gathering of ancient Indian tribes in this spot most men, food is the main factor dein years gone by. The sunsets are fine, pended upon to attain this end. A fathe Penobscot being likened to the Bay mous dog trainer, writing to Dr. Kelof Naples. Cottages are plenty and rates low. All are welcome and made logg, who had sent his magnificent St. Bernard to him for training, said he so by the management of the grounds. The scenery has no equal and the could not teach his dogs anything if he fed them meat. They were too stupid drives are beautiful, glimpses here and

and irritable when ied upon a meat there of the bay, showing the thousands of little islands, with sail and steam-The Albany (New York) Orphan Asyboats plying over the water surface. The sailing is safe, boating and bathing lum a few years ago had some especi ally irritable and intractable children good, combined with mountain climb who seemed to be perfect types of the orthodox doctrine of original sin. The ing, fine beaches and fishing. spring waters here possess medicinal officers of the institution happened to value, having been the center of an be thinkers as well as officials, and it early Indian camping ground. occurred to them that the orthodox The grounds are laid out in streets meat diet might have the same effect upon children as upon dogs and might and avenues and the lots and cottages are all pleasantly located. The meetbe accountable for a good deal of ortho-dox original sin. The results as given ings are always of interest and this season there will be presented an excelin a yearly report of the asylum are not

lent programme. An invitation is exonly a striking commentary on the orthodox doctrine of original sin but also tended to all to visit the grounds and partake of the beautiful philosophy, or upon what our criminologists term "the absorb from nature the benefits they ncreasing tendencies to crime among can. During the week of camp-meeting children." a small admission is charged daily or

"Flesh and soups," says the Report, were wholly banished * * and there season ticket being sold. Daily an-nouncements will be made of the vere reformed habits in regard to sleeping, air, clothing and exercise. During the first three years in which the old graced with the presence of some of the system was followed from tour to six children, and often more, were continu-

ally on the sick list. A physician was regularly in demand, once, twice, or three times a week, and deaths were frequent, During this whole period N. H. here were between thirty and forty deaths. After the new system . was fairly tested, the infirmary was entirely vacated, and the services of the nurse and physician no longer needed. For more than two years there was neither sickness nor death. In the establishment. In the twelve months succeed.

ing this there were three deaths, but these were deaths of new inmates.

On Tuesday evening, Mrs. Carrie E "Since the new regimen has been S. Twing will give an entertainment in the auditorium and a seance on Friday vening for the benefit of the associa able increase of health, strength, activtion. On Wednesday evening there will

shoved into the pockets of the few, The foregoing we believe to be the seniments of our society and we would be A Grand Camp in the Good Old State glad to hear from all who are interested

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upon this subject. Especially would we like to hear from the local organizations in this state. JAMES L. DOW. Manhattan, Kansas.

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the lords will contrive to make an excuse for war. Who are tness lords and Who are their agents ever on the alert to secure for them the plunder,

ers at chess study as to which king

The most potent influence is example.

A restraint put on children is always resisted, and if it is made so heavy

that the will ceases to rebel, the child becomes a weakling and a nobody.

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Come to me from the fadeless Sum-

For I am weary and grown tired of

lar evidently contained red wine, now turned to a light powdery substance. A large collection of valuable antiques in also been found in these newly uncovered ruins." In those days when war was the occu-

pation of nations, the capture of cities too often meant their destruction. This terrible fact is recorded in the ruins of cities, superimposed on the ruins of other cities. In this instance above the splendid architecture of Olbia two other cities have been built, destroyed, and buried under the accumulation of the dust of ages.

The Way to Purity of Life. Foreigners are constantly expressing their opinion, adversely, to the freedom which is given to American women. They have been taught that opportunity is the one essential for the manifestation of immorality. They seem to have no conception of that strength of character that resists temptation.

The freedom of the American woman the trust placed in her ability to care for herself, has developed all the noble traits, independence, self-reliance, and keen wit, that make her superior to the women of all other nations of the present and the past, intellectually and morally. Those who believe that women are weak and require constant esbionage, should study the object lesson furnished by France. The Cornhill Magazine has the following regarding the relations of the sexes in that nation:

"The word 'courtship' has no equivalent in the French tongue, because the thing does not exist. Stolen tete-a-tetes even furtive kisses, may, of course, be indulged in, but only under a modified chaperonage, the half-shut eye of parents or guardians. No young French lady would be permitted, for instance, to undertake a cycling expedition with her future husband. Still less could she lake train with him for the purpose of visiting relations in the country, were the journey of half an hour's duration only. Lovemaking begins with the oneymoon.'

With all these safeguards, the moraliy of the French people is not proverb-tal. The distruist of women expressed in laws and customs leads to the production of character consonant thereto.

The strength and glory of a pople lies In the chivalrous estimation and trust in the good sense and moral integrity entertained of its women.

Parental Training.

Children are brought up differently from what they used to be, so much that the more conservative think they are not brought up at all. The goodygoody, Sunday-school child has disan peared, and even the numerous books he used to read on his way to heaven are supplanted with stories of "strenuous" lives. The rod has become as un-

Lay your cool hand of healing on my And bid this fever-dream of life de-

part. For I am grown so weary of the strife.

Earth's bubbles break and fly

Give me the cup immortal. Dead Sea fruit ong have 1 eaten and my lins are dry.

That acrid poison sears their singing mute

How shall I voice for others faith and trust

While all my soul within the shadow lies? How shall I point the way to Paradise

With blinded sight, and forehead in the dust?

For them if not for me Lift up a light that I bear witness

here In certain knowledge of a dawn to be. Unveil the radiant splendor lying

near;

am too tired to pray to any God. need the human hand, the human touch

The mortal love which bears and suffers much,

And no stern master with a chastening-

rod.

Only the dead are ours. Flesh of our flesh and mortal once as

Now safely sheltered where no tempest

lowers. Lean then, my dead, and comfort bear

to me That seeing, hearing, clasping hand in

hand may rise up made strong to witness

here,

How true, eternal, living, loving, near, Abide the happy souls of Summer

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venerated, while in anticipation of the life of the soldier he soon learns to think and talk of killing whomever he

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may meet, practicing in the meantime on small animals and in mockery, on

his own small companions. Is it any wonder that such children grow up with murder in the heart? and if as a man the sudden impulse to kill shall seize a one and he does not resist, who will he blamed? Probably his mother: and fearned (?) men will talk of pro natal conditions Of what avail the mother's effort to cultivate the sentiment of mercy in the heart of her son

when the public schools with its way agents comes between; forgetting that 'as the twig is hent the tree is in-Upon whom will fall the clincd.' weapon when the pent-up war spirit shall force him to act? Perhaps upon herself, or perhaps upon, his father. Who will try and sentence him for murder? The state which taught it to him. And now we are told that "progressive spirits" (?) are to control mortals to invent air ships, from which, armies and later, no doubt, anyone who may

offend shall be destroyed. I for one hope that the air ship will prove a failure and do not feel grateful to those spirits who are assisting mor tals to invent them. There are some things the invention of which should be

ieferred until we have emerged from savagery. What, then, is the remedy? Let the children be taught the truth, that war is murder and that all wars are a disgrace to humanity; and let parents be taught that a government that will esablish schools in which little children

are taught to look forward to the time when they shall be called to go forth to murder their fellow men, and which at the same time, supports other schools in which the same children are taught, "Thou shalt not kill." and "God is love," is a government which needs to be im-

proved upon. Let the mothers be the only teachers on this question and they will teach their children that war is murder, and in time they will understand and teach them, too, that there is no excuse for war, that may not be removed by the inited voices of people, and when all children shell have learned these les-

sons war will be no more. If the lords want war, let them fight but let the people refuse to fight, and suffer and die that lords may continue to draw their revenue from the toil of

the world's millions, who yearly impov erish themselves that they may be the slaves of lords.

Mothers of America, it is time for you to look to the future of your country, remembering that peace and the spirit of murder though it be called war, cannot dwell together, and that you demand the right to teach your little sons what night really is. Their moral training will be safest with yourselves.

There should be a new meaning for the word patriotism. The support and protection of the homes of the people in peace, and the effort to abolish should be understood to be a part of the true office of government, and the patriotic citizen should be he who demands of government such protection. The man who raises his hand against his fellow-man for reason of his own. is tried, sentenced and executed as a

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astonish me.

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our State and National associations. there is going to be a material reduc-tion in the number of local societies Every mother believes her baby to be an angel. Her instinct is correct, all that will attiliate with the state organthe orthodox dogmas to the contrary notwithstanding. "Of such is the king-dom of heaven," said the world's greatizations, at least there will be quite a number. of local societies in this state that will sever their connection with est ethical teacher. A generation of the state organization unless some such children, fed upon Nature's pure and simple foods, and given as kind and change is made, and there are at least humane and Christian environment as a few societies that have never taken out a charter under the state organizathe horses in the Palo Alto stables. tion who would do so provided a proper would do more to bring in the reign of righteousness taught by the same great change could be made, in the by-laws and constitution. Under the present teacher than all the evangelists and rule the state organization is not necesmissionaries can bring about in a meatfed, nicotinized; alcoholized humanity in

sarily run by the delegates from the local societies, but may be run by per-"The eating of beefsteak makes me a sons who pay in their dollar, regardless prute," said Byron, which is only a perof whether they are delegates from subordinate societies, members of any or-

ganization or even Spiritualists. the great spiritual teachers of every. Under such conditions any city where To keep the brute out of a man the state organization is located can and the poet, i. e., the creator, in means run the whole business regardless of the spiritual as well as the physical and the wishes of the local societies, if they moral regeneration of man. Saint can rustle dollars enough, which of Beuve declared every man was born course they can do if they have any local two-thirds poet The normal child, happily born, instinctively feels its kinship with bud and bird and all sentient life. interests to push to the front, for some times one dollar will do it, and it sel-"Please don't step on it, mamma; it hurts," exclaimed a little boy friend of dom takes more than ten dollars to set at naught the majority vote of the legal

delegates present. ours, whose mother's foot was in danger Local societies where such conditions of crushing a woodland violet. It was exist, who wish to deal fairly with he poet speaking with the child's lins. A diet which transforms this child, twotheir associates and promote the best interest of the cause, will withdraw thirds poet, into a- man- two-thirds their support from organizations which not in harmony can be run in that way. I understand with that law of ethical evolution; which that any person can become a member has made the higher mammalia, and esof the National Spiritualists" Associa tion for life by paying twenty-five dollars, and have all the rights and privileges of a regularly elected delegate and thus it may be seen that by payment of this small sum by an antagonist, the wishes of a majority of the state associations might be defeated. This condition of things has no prece by Nature's immutable law, transforms dence among properly organized socie-

ties. These things will have to be changed if organized Spiritualism ever makes much advancement. State associations should be composed exclusively of delegates duly elected from the local societies of the state, who should elect their president and other officers, and they should all hold their position until their successors are duly elected. The National Association should ad nit no one as a member unless he had first-been duly elected as such by some

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In the long ago, certain angels who kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he cast down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness,

Because the people did not obey his orders, he sent a flood upon the surface of the whole earth and drowned the entire human family and every living thing except one family and a few animals to replenish the earth again.

Because the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, two ancient cities, did not please him, he rained upon them brimstone and fire out of heaven and burned them, and because Madame Lot turned her head and looked back to see the fire, he turned her into a pillar of salt. Because the king of Egypt would not obey his edicts, he sent ten terrible plagues upon that country.

He turned into blood the Nile river and all the other waters of Egypt.

He filled the land with frogs so that they were in the houses, in the bedchambers, upon the beds, in the ovens, and in the kneading troughs.

He turned all of the dust of the land into lice so that they covered man and beast throughout all Egypt.

He sent a grievous swarm of flies into all parts of the land so that the whole earth was corrupted by them.

He sent an epidemic of murrain and killed all the cattle, horses, asses, camels and sheep in Egypt.

He sent a plague of boils upon man and beast throughout all the land; however, the boils could not hurt the beasts since they had all died of the murrain. He sent a very furious hailstorm which killed all that were in the fields, both man and beasts, though the beasts had all been killed before by the murrain.

He sent a plague of locusts which darkened the whole land and ate every green thing which the hail had left.

He sent darkness, thick darkness, which could be felt, over the whole land of Egypt for three days.

He killed the first-born in every Egyptian family, and also the first-born of all the beasts, though they had all been killed twice before.

And finally he drowned Pharaoh's entire army in the sca, men and horses, his horses having all been killed before.

And because Korah, Dathan and Abiram, three of evil for little Michael. his servants, took exceptions to the rule of Moses, he caused an earthquake to swallow them and all that appertained unto them.

And his anger being kindlel against .Israel, he caused King David to number the people, and then, because he numbered them, sent a pestilence upon Israel and killed seventy thousand men.

That Joshua might have more time to avenge himself of his enemies and complete their slaughter, he caused the sun and moon to stand still for one whole day.

These with many other cruel and vindictive stories people might ever know the wrath and fury of their god.

This fabulous anthropomorphic god, through his priests, issued edicts for the control of the people.

One of these specified that the man who would not harken unto the priests that minister before him, should be put to death (Deut. 17:12).

his brother, his son, his daughter, his wife or his dear- trine is true or false. Consequences will take care of est friend who should secrefly suggest the worship of themselves,-Huxley.

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THE ETHICS OF PARENTAGE.

In an article reviewing at some length various works on the population question, the Review of Reviews says: "The substitution of reason for instinct as the guide of human beings in the propagation of life has gone on steadily since 1877 unblessed and unguided by the spiritual teachers of mankind. The result is that the duty of child-bearing is increasingly ignored. But the practice of limiting families can only be defended from an ethical point of view if it is strictly conditioned by a recognition of the imperative obligation of all those who can afford to provide the necessary conditions for healthful support and development of a large family to breed up to the maximum of their capacity. Otherwise the whole of the future is handed over to the classes who exercise no restraint, who are animated solely by the gratification of physical instinct, and who litter the world with children whom they can neither feed, clothe, nor educate properly. In other words, the right to restrict families within the limits of health conditions can only be recognized with safety when it is indissolubly

linked together with the recognition of the duty of the healthy well-to-do pair to produce as many citizens for the future state as their health and wealth render possible."

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'It came over me so sudden," said Mrs. O'Dea, 'that I was nearly prostrated. Try as I would, I could not dispel the horrible feeling that something had happened to my boy. It seemed a vision of death to mc. I went to several neighbors and tried to keep

my mind off all thoughts of danger. Finally, in shcer desperation, I appealed to my friends to help me find were written in the priests' "Holy Books" that the my son. If I could have been brought to him at once full programs address Mrs. Ruth East all would have been well. I went from house to house, but could get no trace of him. Just as I was giving up all hope and almost fainting. I met my son

Johnny carrying Michael's clothes."

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