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SPIRITUALISM IS A TRUTH.

"One truth is clear--whatever is, is at by a legitimate deduction from all the facts which are truly material." Colerright." Pope. "I long to know the truth hereof at idge.

"Plows, to go true, depend much uplarge." Shakespeare. "Let us make truth catching instead on the truth of the iron." Mortimer. of falsehood and disease." Ingersoll. "Truth bears the torch in the search "Truth depends on, or is only arrived for truth." Lucretius.

Spirit Mother Talks to Her Daughter.

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demonstrating external manifestations of spirit presence, but of an impressional nature, therefore not requiring external conditions to be made for the spirit or soul to operate in. The conditions are furnished by your mind, for and sneaks to mind, and is considered the highest of all glfts of the spirit. That is the "comforter" which is al-Ways with you. Q. Why is th

Why is the world called the dark star?

A. The world is called the dark star because the mind of humanity has not evolved to where they add light to light, or universal light, therefore they are still in the evening state and adding confusion, which taken in a whole produces chaos. The minds that are in darkness give for their mite selfishness

and greed, to the law evolving human affairs, thereby acting on the wheels of progress as wet clay does on the wheels of earthly conveyances. The minds that give love and unselfishness as their mite are to humanity what the stars are to the earth and the motor power to the engine.

Q. What is your in the spirit world? What is your work and standing

My work is teaching others who are in need of what I have become conscious of.

My standard in spirit life would be the same as any teacher on earth who taught the bigher branches only. I (or we) do not work for a salary. Each thought and desire and act brings its own recompense. The mind is the standard of all in the spirit world and the thoughts and acts of each one make their history.

Q. How do you receive what you feel in need of?

A. We have a heartfelt desire and act in unison with our desire, for instance, if I should want a piece of furniture my desire goes forth and if I am worthy it will be answered by someone who understands the construction of that article I am in need or, and so ou. fulfilling the injunction. "He that is greatest among you shall be your ser-

Q. What can you tell me of your home

My home is white, with a light blue The structure is opaque, symbolfaing limitation in so far that 1 still have those I would rather do for than others. The homes of those who have reached that degree of unfoldment same as another, are transparent. The windows in my home reach from the caves to the foundation, symbolizing there is no darkness or selfishuess in want to flock alone; I want to be h

Question: Of what nature is my me | to witness the changing of the soul's Answer: Your mediumship is not from the top of the head just within the space that would be left if you put a crown on the head and as that emana tion grows denser, the breath in the body grows shorter. If you are so fortunate as to see a spirit materializing rom the floor or ground as it would to you, then you could have more of an idea what I mean when I say the ema nation from the head gets larger and more dense. I can not say whether this

> builds the form or whether it is the form that gives the already formed body power to offer to our sight and as a thing of use and perhaps beauty a receptacle prepared from the beginning for the use of the ascending soul, M own death experience [will relate to you at some other time; rest assured

that it was pleasant. PRISCILLA E. M'ARTHUR. Ludington, Mich.

Onset, Mass., Camp.

Saturday, August 20, was N. S. lay at the camp, and we were greeted with a tremendous gale; at one time it looked dubloos for the meeting, bu there were many who responded to the call of the bell. The meeting opened with singing by Miss Alice Holbrook after which Dr. Fuller spoke briefly, saying that he had received word from President H. D. Barrett that his train was delayed, but he would be present during the session or about 3 p. m., so Dr. Fuller would proceed as chairman

until Mr. Barrett arrived. Mrs. Annie Knowlton Hinman read an orginal poem, "The Ministry," which vas warmly received.

Mrs. Carrie P. Pratt. one of the di rectors of the Massachusetts State Asociation, was the next speaker. She said her voice was always raised in the interest of organization, that she knew we could not have success without method and united effort. She thought all should come together for one com mon good.

Dr. G. A. Fuller then told of some of the benefits of the N. S. A.; said that the state association endorsed the work ci the N. S. A. He spoke of the Medi-ums' Fund, and of the good work the organization was doing, pensioning our worthy mediums, and keeping them out of the alms house, and for this reason if for no other, we should support the N. S. A.

Mr. J. H. Foss said he had been bat tling against organized effort of waves where they would work for one the and wind, and he was alone in a boat trying to reach land. He questioned what the Army of the Potomac would want to flock alone: I want to be indemy mind. My furniture is the same pendent." Why we would have gone color as the walls, the draperics are whatever color 1 may desire. My A COLD FACT.

facts do not always agree, but a fact must remain a fact in spite of philosophy.

I have a very dear friend-Mrs. Elizabeth Aikenwife of one of Pinkerton's famous detectives, whose actual experience will offset any materialistic philoso-

Mrs. Aiken is a lady of truth and veracity, whose had, or still enjoy, the pleasure of her acquaintance; besides, there are many who can youch for a portion of that which I am about to relate ; but I will relate it, as nearly as possible, as Mrs. Aiken related it to me.

The lady had heard of my sorrowful affliction in the loss of my dearly beloved husband, Carlyle Petersilea, and called at my home to console me if possible. She sat gazing at me with her large, beautiful, sympathetic eyes, as I told her that I should be much happier if it were not for some miserable doubts that would arise in my mind, whether there really was a life after so-called death or not, as I had read Mr. T. be but reflex action of the mind, or the sub-conscious self.

"If," said Mrs. Aiken, "you had had my experience, such doubts would be entirely expelled from your mind, and you would be as happy as I am in the positive assurance of there being a material body and i soiritual body:

"If, I could know this," I replied, "beyond the shadow of a doubt, I believe I could be happy and bear my great sorrow with a lighter heart.

"Then, know it," said she; "for that which I am bout to tell you is as true as the light of heaven."

"Some few years ago, I was extremely ill with what the doctors pronounced carbuncles, or boils sores had made their appearance; yet my mind, through all this suffering, had remained clear and firm. The doctors held a consultation over me, and all declared that I could survive but a very short time. In fact, that I was already struck with death-was Saying this, two of them took their departure, while the third, a much younger and more sympathetic man, remained until all should be over. He was somewhat inclined toward the spiritual belief, and desired to body of flesh.

"I was too weak to move or speak, yet heard and of earthly life; but she tells me that she would gladly and go down like a dog, and that is the farist in all other cases. "I was too weak to move or speak, yet heard and of earthly life; but she tells me that she would gladly and go down like a dog, and that is the farist in all other cases. It is too late to refuse understood all that was said about my condition. I go through with all her former suffering for the one They really seem to think that the mohad now ceased to suffer and had no pain, but felt my- Joy she experienced of feeling and knowing that she ment a man is what they call an infide self gently sinking, and my eyes closed.

and dare to advocate its truth and decry fraud. Prov. viii.. 7. If we have the pure it cannot be destroyed in again," William Cullen Bryant. the crucible of reason and fair discussion. It having lungs and refusing to breathe." it will be held as a dead dogma, not a will only thrive, and expand more rapidly. 8

Let us love our cause #

Materialistic Philosophy.

Ffelt a little vain that this most beautiful form was To the Editor :-- I wish to present a cold fact mine; and to prove to you that I had eyes and ears, I against the materialistic philosophy. Philosophy and will say that I distinctly saw my friends around the bed, and heard their sobs, and wondered how it could be possible that they should mourn for me, when I was so perfectly happy, light and beautiful.

"I now looked, from myself, around the room. The walls of the room were now very indistinct, as though

they searcely existed, but in their stead there appeared a vast world of light and beauty. I could not word would never be doubted by any who may have yet see it very distinctly, because the shaft of light still held me near to the form upon the bed, but I saw the forms of a great many angels or spirits, and they were formed precisely like human beings, excepting that they were dazzlingly beautiful. I wanted to join them but was unable to break the broad shaft of light, and they seemed to be waiting for something, and did not approach me very closely. I could yet see the door of the room quite distinctly. The eyes of all the angels seemed to be fastened upon the door. It opened and there entered a man-a spirit man-and I

could see at a glunce that he was an eminent physician-a spirit doctor. He carried a physician's case J. Hudson's book, also much on reflex action of the in his hand, which he placed upon the table, and came mind, and greatly feared that that which I thought to toward the bed upon which that poor, worn body lay, be the controlling spirit of my dear husband, might apparently dead. I watched him curiously and closely, praying with all my might that he would pass between me and that form upon the bed; for I thought if he were to do so, it would disengage that shaft of

light from the body, and set me entirely free. But this he did not do. He carefully went to the other side of the couch, placed his hands beneath the head of that poor body, and lifted it up. As he did so, the shaft of light shortened itself together, drawing me with it back into the body upon he bed. The body gasped and breathed once more. I could still hear

what the spirit doctor said : "" 'My poor child, you must not go yet. Your time on carth has not yet expired. You must still experiepce much more of earthly life and its vicissitudes.'

within the stomach. I had been confined to my bed And now, his voice grew indistinct; the spirits disapfor many months, and for weeks had not been able to peared; the walls of the room once more confined me, turn myself. I was extremely enunciated and bed and I was lying upon the bed too weak to move hand or foot, but the spirit doctor had done something to my stomach-I know not what-and I could now take a little nourishment.

'My relatives, finding that I was yet alive, as they That hope of immortality has helped to galled it; joyfully hastened to do all for me possible, make religion. It has been the great actually dying-that nothing more could be done, and I at length recovered; that is, my earthly body oak around which have climbed the did, and I now weigh, as you see, two hundred poisonous vines of superstition. pounds. This, dear readers of The Progressive Thinker, is

the story as told to me by my dear friend, Mrs. Aiken. witness the departure of a soul and spirit from the She is now at the present time a beautiful woman, wretch and says, "Way, he doesn't crimess, but it must be met with the perhaps thirty years of age, and in the full enjoyment | want to live any more; he wants to die same argument that has silenced the

Mundane Religion-One That We All Can Get. Now, then, what is religion? I say, no longer afraid of their own parents

TRUTH IS IMPERISHABLE.

"My mouth shall speak the truth." | has a strong opinion may admit the pos-

"Truth crushed to earth shall rise ought to be moved by the consideration

"To have truth and not live it is like fully frequently, and fearlessly discussed

the ideal that he has here in his brain

cause he makes the world better, hap

pier; he puts the dimples of joy in the

the gods run beaven to sail themselves

And 1 am not saying that he is right

l do not know, [Why need he?] This is all the religion that I have-

o make somebody else happier if I can I divide this world into two classes

he cruel and the kind, and I think a

think more of real good human nature

do not care whether I am theologically

right or not. It is something that

from heaven. It was born of the hu

man heart. And when he who loved

kissed the lips of her who was dead.

there came into his heart the dream

And, let me tell you, that hope of im-

There is

what will happen then.

We may meet again.

I am not denying anything.

thousand times more of the kind mar

than I do of an intelligent man.

through the world with a face

"However unwillingly a person who living truth." John Stuart Mill.

religion is all here in this world right and until there is no back of a child here—and that all our duties are right bearing the scars of a father's lash. Let here to our fellow-men; that the man us preach it, I say, until we understand who builds a home, marries the girl and know that every man docs as be that he loves, takes good care of her, must, and that if we want better men likes the family, stays home nights, as and women, we must have better coudia general thing, pays his deuts, tries to tions.

sibility that his opinion may be false, he

that however true it may be, if it is not

and out what he can, gets all the ideas Let us preach this grand religion up and beautiful things that his mind will til everywhere the world over, men aro hold, turns a part of his brain into a just and kind to each other. And then, if there be another world, we shall be gallery of fine arts, has a host of paint prepared for it. And if I come into the ings and statues there, then has anoth er niche devoted to music, and a magpresence of an infinite, good and wise Being, he will say, "Well, you did the nificent dome filled with winged notes test you could. You did very well, in-deed. There is plenty of work for you that rise to glory-now the man who does that gets all he can from the great to do bere. Try to get a little higher dead ones, swaps all the thoughts he can from the ones that are alive, true to than you were before."

Let us preach that one drop of restilution is worth an ocean of repentance. -he is what I call a religious man, be-And if there be a life of eternal progress before as, I shall be as glad as any other angel to find that out. cheeks of the ones he loves, and he lets

But I will not sacrifice the world I have for one 1 know not of. I will not live in fear, when I do not know that that which I fear lives. R. G. INGERSOLL.

A VIEW POINT OF THEOSOPHISTS.

Concerning the Danger to Spiritualists.

in that way-of one who is willing to lend a helping hand and who goes All along the nathway of human progess an element of fear has manifested tha itself, and a people have been warned looks as if its owner were willing to anagainst meddling with combinations of swer a decent question-1 think a thou forces that were out of the ordinary or sand times more of that man than I do of being theologically right, because known

Who does not remember the fear surounding the telegraph, the telephone never, never, never shall understand; -any system in which electricity is used; and we read of the sensations and everyone of you will die and you won't understand it either-until after aroused by the first locomotives, the first steamboats. The old man who you die at any rate. I do not know stood watching the first steamer that

entered their harbor, get ready for a buffet with the seas of the Bay of buffet with the seas of the another ideal, and it is a beautiful ideal. Fundy exclaimed, with fear and indig-It is the greatest dream that ever cunation in heart and face, "Templing tered the heart and brain of man-the Providence: going out against wimi and fream of immortality. It was born of tide!" has many a representative in the human affection. It did not come to us domain of Advance.

The argument of fear is always the argument of ignorance. Knowledge alone enables man to assume new rein of power to attempt new achievements. to seize upon new discoveries, to handle mortality never came from any religion. and bring into use new arrangements of forces. The sense of fear must be climinated and instead a steadfast determination to learn how to control and utilize take its place.

The kindly solicitation of the Theos-And yet the moment a man expresses loubt about the truth of Joshua, or ophist regarding the danger in Spirit-Jonah, or the three fellows in a flery ualism, then, is no new phase of human furnace, up hops some poor little expression; it is projected in all broth-

dishes are while with gold trimmings. such position; they filled up the gap i may have them decorated to suit my They are about the same as your Haviland china. Those who have transparent houses have transparent dishes if they choose.

What is your food? Q.

A. Our food is the breath of fragtance of your more gross or condensed foods; for instance, you get the scent of an apple that is the apple to us. The perfume of the flower is the flower to

There is nothing but refinement. Ev erything we take in our stomache comes forth as an odor of fine flowers through every part of our bodies---some more refined than others. A crude il lustration taken from earthly conditions-the perspiration of one is so much more offensive than another, the emanation being in accordance with their physical output. So it is with our emanuations, only remember, all things | are refined to our acme of refinement.

Jesus?

A. My knowledge of Jesus by com ing in personal contact with him is no more than when on earth. We receive lessons on what he has done and is list; of several New England mediums still doing. In our gatherings he is who had been pensioned by the N. S. A., spoken of as the light of spheres or Teacher of teachers. When meditating upon his works and teachings, there is ing this kind of work." He spoke upon his works and teachings, there is an influence imparted to me that lifts briefly of the railroads and said that me into an exalted condition that I do the presidents of the roads in the not receive at any other lime.

We have no desire to deify him or to think of him as being God of all life and soul, but rather think of him as being give half rates to the clergy, as it was à revealer of the many graces and great power with which all are endowed. He reveals the love of our father to the press, by the efforts of the N. S. A., of hearts of those who look in the right di- the recognition our religion had gained rection. You know it has been said that the star was in a certain direction they did not wish to contribute toward that the star was in a certain direction and that the wise men traveled a long putting the N. S. A. upon a solid finan-So will all souls that reach the way. revealer of spiritual greatness. They must go in the right direction at the

right time and no one can lead them. That is a knowledge that is born within each mind. To some the way is filled with many obstacles and they nearly faint by the wayside. Only the few can go on the way rejolcing with only one thought in mind, like the wise men that they were, to see what would be to them a talisman of greatness, a savior of mankind a revealer of God. There had been teachers before him, there had been prophets before him, but he was the greatest of them all. He taught and demonstrated that the power of resurrection after death was within the

soul. What can you tell me of the hour of death?

A. Regarding the change called death I cannot say , very, much about. I can only say that when the body is dying the soul is being born into sprit life. That one-or I did, at least-passes into what is called a comatose state and the natural surroundings seem to go farther and farther away and things of a different nature be in heaven .- Stanford. are gradually being presented. The scenes and conditions are in accord with the inner life of the dying individual. All one has to do about the change at the time of death is to accept what comes and try to understand There never was any heart truly what is given you. The only evidence great and generous that was not also

leader, and that is just the way we should hold up the hands and position of President H. D. Barrett in his grand efforts for organization; we should or ganize to send out the message of light and to tell to all that they need

fear death, but prove to them that life is continuous President H. D. Barrett arrived a

this time and received an ovation as be entered the hall. He said it gave him reat pleasure to be present and greet his Onset friends once more, and to convey to them greetings from the City of Light to the Onset Bay Grove "I have wondered what Association. shall say of the work of the N. S. A. and of the work of the M. S. A. and the work accomplished during the past year. He told of an aged medium, 92 years old, whom he found an inmate o the alms-house, that he reported it to headquarters, how the lady was taken Q. What is your knowledge of out and that the N. S. A. would take care of her as long as she lived. Of an

other case of an old man 82 years old who was in a destitute condition, and this man has been put on the pension 'and I believe, my friends, that we are West had told him that our ministers were the only ones they have not had trouble with, that the roads wished to their offering to religion. He told of the recognition received through the

cial basis, so they could enlarge their s ork.

Mr. J. B. Hatch then assisted Mr. Bar rett in taking contributions and col ections, and the sum of \$100 was taken in the nall, including pledges.

Mr. S. Mann, of New York, spoke of he Jews and said there were many Spiritualists among them and he knew hey would help the cause.

President Barrett expressed thanks n the name of the N. S. A. to the Onsei Bay Grove Association for the kind use of the grounds, and to all who had assisted in any way to make the meet C. L. HATCH. ing a success.

Religion counteracts morality and niversal philanthropy in so far as it ets men against each other by diversity of doctrines and theories of belief. called hus fostering and nourlshing the worst impulses of human nature .--- Buchner. A little wit and a great deal of ill-nature will furnish a man for satire; but the greatest instance and value of wit is

to commend well .- Tillotson. Heaven must be in me before I can

Nothing destroys authority so much as the uncoust and untimely interhange of power, pressed too far and relaxed too much .-- Bacon,

There never was any heart truly of death I have ever seen when called | tender and compassionate .- South.

"I suppose I must have been unconscious for a short period of time, for, when I opened my eyes, I was standing upright, not far from the bed. I heard the doctor say, 'She has gone at last! She is dead !' connected with my own childhood. I personally have I heard my friends and relatives, who were gathered never seen with my own material eyes the spirit form

about my bed, sobbing and mourning. "I seemed to gather myself together as one might rial eyes the spirit form of a dog. after a severe jar or fall, and, as I did so, my sensa-

and as a feather, and could scarcely keep myself down just over my head; not directly over my head, but at was another gentleman by the name of perimentation. upon the floor; and, now, I noticed a broad shaft of an angle above me. There, apparently in the air, lay light-a kind of white light-which connected me a large Irish setter, watching me as dogs do when prowith the body upon the bed. I had a strong desire to teeting children. He was white and had the large break this shaft of light and free myself entirely from brown spots that dogs of his species usually have. press the slightest regret that they that poor, emaciated thing upon the bed, and thought. During my short five years I had never seen such a 'Could that poor, emaciated body, covered with bed dog, and there was no dog belonging to my home. I sores, ever have belonged to me?' I realized a mix- did not even know, at that age, that there was such a 11 did not make any difference to him. ture of disgustful, pitying contempt for it, and, oh, dog as a setter. I watched him curiously, and he how I did want that shaft of light to leave it entirely, looked at me lovingly and protectingly. His eyes that I might be wholly free from it. I now felt a were large and beautiful, and he was so othereal that strong desire to examine myself and understand how I could see directly through him, and that which atand what I was; and, to my extreme delight, I found tracted my childish fancy, more than anything else, that I was more beautiful than a dream. I had eyes, was the fact that he appeared to be composed of little and they could see. I had cars, and they could hear, moving atoms, which were circulating all through his I had hands and feet, and every organ of my body form, and where the dark spots were, these moving was perfect, intact and exquisitely lovely; my hands atoms were of the same color, and where he was and arms were so beautiful that I gazed upon them white, the atoms were also white. The atoms were rapturously. I lifted up my hand and arm, and as I also moving and scintillating in his bright and loving did so a beautiful white drapery fell lightly away eyes:

from the arm, disclosing it nearly to the elbow.

. I gazed at him a long time, smiling in childish de-"Could that lovely, lovely arm be mine! I now put light, for I realized that he was a spirit dog, although forth my foot and examined it. Like the arm it was I as yet, knew not the meaning of the word, and knew perfect and extremely beautiful. The foot was bare, nothing of Spiritualism whatever, as my parents were but surrounding my limbs, and nearly covering my Methodists and I was not old enough to know anyfeet, was this exquisite drapery, half-concealing, half- thing, about religion or that there was death or an revealing my most perfect and beautiful form. after life. MRS. CARLYLE PETERSILEA. "And," continued Mrs. Aiken, "I must admit that . Los Angeles, Cal.

beautiful form.

TRUMPET COMMUNICATION IN THE LIGHT. Scontrol and about the same length of the trumpet used This narrative may interest those who are investigin dark circles, but small at each end and large in the gating the truth of Spiritualism. I found a few fake venter. She asleed me to play a hymn on the organ, trumpet mediums during my experience, but in this after which she placed the trumpet in my hand and instance there was no chance for manufactured pheintold me to put it to my ear. This was about 2 p. m., Sun shining through the window, the lady and her nomena, because it was in the light. Some five or six years ago I had been to Bristol. Inisband present. I placed the trumpet to my ear and Tenn., on business, and was returning via the Norfolk some one called me by name-I asked who it was, and

& Western Ry., and Huntington, W. Va. I had previous the sold "George.

ously been informed that there was a trumpet medium. I tasked, "What George?" across the Ohio river opposite Huntington, and that . He replied, "Your brother George," I talked with him at length. He passed over three the manifestations were in the light.

On av arrival at Huntington I crossed the river on vears' previous. On hy arrival at Huntington I crossed the river on Years provides. a ferry, and the old ferryman told me that a great. The lady's control then falked with me. I asked many people crossed on his ferry from all parts of the "How long have you been able to produce this manitions they held with their friends who had passed "give it to the public?"

over. I have forgotten this lady's name. I found She stated that she had been a medium since she the cottage. The lady's husband met me at the door, was 13 years old. She was then about 50 years old. He stated that his wife had been very sick, but was She had never been away from home. People came better. She came in presently. I told her that I to her home from all over the United States. had heard she could produce the trumpet talking in " # was at that time investigating Spiritualism. This

the light. She said she got the manifestations out in was convincing as there was no chance to produce the yard, at any time, and produced the trumpet, and manufactured manifestations, stated they had it made under the direction of her.

A, VEREBOME.

elements that enter into the inter-relation of man incarnate and excarnate. was a spirit and immortal, possessing all the organs of he has no affections, no heart, no feel. The study and use of these forces have the earthly body in an etherealized and exquisitely ing, no hope-nothing-nothing. Just advanced too far, their demonstration awyous to be annihilated! But if the has taken too strong a hold upon the orthodox creed he true. I make my orthodox creed be true, 1 make my In addition to this I would like to relate an incident choice to night. I take hell. And if it cause of fear. Science has only anis between hell and annihilation, I take the problem to solve; the searchers annihilation. annihllation.

of a human being; but I have seen with my own mateing the first choice. We have heard When I was a little child of five years, I awoke one fames, and he called for water, and integration only grows by legitimate methods. any. No bridge! But they did not give him any. No bridge! But they did not excould not give him any water. Mr. Abraham was not decent enough to say he would it he could; no, sir, nothing. But this rich man in hell-in tormenthis heart was all right, for he remem bered his brothers, and he said to this it smoother? bered his brothers, and he saw to seed . So it is, indiced, with surprise the ac-Abraham, "If you cannot go, why, send her they bear those who delve so deep in the aca man to my five brethren, so that they hear those who delve so deep in the oc-will not come to this place!" Good fel. cult, who brave so many dangers and

> he was burning up. Good fellow, best fellow we ever heard from on the other side, in either world. So, I say, there is my place. And, incidentally, Abraham at the time gave

his judgment as to the value of miracles. He said, "Though one should "There are Moses | ture? your five brethren." and the prophets. No need of raising

people from the dead. That is my idea, in a general way, about religion; and I want the imagination to go to work upon it, taking the perfections of one church, of one school, of one system, and putting them to weapon in the warfare that is gether, just as the, sculptor makes, a one, the nose from another, the limbs from the old path of ignorance? from another, and so on; just as they | make a great painting from a landscape by putting a river in this place, instead tree and improving on what they call

with the best human brain. And what is more, let us have that religion for the world we live in. Right Let us have that religion until bere!

it cannot be said that they who do the enements of filth, where modesty is suggest, therefore, to the Theosophists that if the seance room is a dangerous mpossible.

I say, let us preach that religion place and mediums in such iconardy. iere until men will be ashamed to have they also abandon their seeking, be cause the same possibilities lie in wait orty or fifty millions, or any more than hey need, while their brethren lack for them, for they have to do with the bread, while their sisters die from same subtle elements of life and as want. Let us preach that religion here necessarily do invite their dangers as intil man will have more ambition to their blessings. become wise and good than wise and

powerful. Let us preach that religion here among ourselves until there are

Washington, D. C.

Philosophy, when superficially stud-10 abused and beaten wives. Let us led excites doubt; when thoroughly expressed that religion until children are plored, it dispels it.—Bacon,

I will tell you why I take hell in mak- and it must be done as all such work has been done, under difficulties, from both of those place-heaven and through patient perseverance, by the hell. According to the New Testament pathway of mistake; by failures and there was a rich man in hell and a poor renewal of effort; by falling and tising Abraham. The rich man in hell was in . No system of thought rises full-

fice of life; few rounds of the laader of progress are reached without slippings and fallings, but because of this shall no new steps be taken? Shall fear so dominate that we let go and travel along in the same old ruts lest some one get hurt in scraping the road to make

low, to think of his five brothers when who have discovered so much, warning people against having to do with Spiritualism because it is dangerous

Is their building so staunch, that it has no weak places?

Is it proof against all winds, all powers and forces?

Have they a safety insurance in scalarise from the dead he wouldn't help ing with the higher elements in Na-

Are they immune from all seizures from the invisible side of life? Are Spiritualists alone in danger

from obsessing discarnate ones Is not their argument itself one proof

of the action of excarnate minds, a carried on in the invisible against this great statue by taking the eyes from new form of progress, this departure

Have Theosophists any proof of greater danger to Spiritualists than to scientists of any other type that they of over there, changing the location of need cry "Beware?" Seems to me not, and it seems to me also Spiritualism, Nature-that is to say, simply by add. as in the cases of all other systems, ing to, taking from, that is all we can must come by the laborious pathway of do. But let us go on doing that until acquiring knowledge, not deterred by there shall be a church in sympathy misunderstandings or misappreheusions with the human heart and in harmony of how to handle elements concerned in the manifestations of the seance room, the relations of the two planes

of substance. How much nobler to undertake the

study of their inter-related parts of most work have the least to eat. Let being in order to better use them; they us have that religion here until hun- are part and parcel of us, so we are ireds and thousands of women are not in duty bound to learn how to coutrol compelled to make a living by the them, to handle until we are able ef-needle that has been called "the asp at ficiently to manipulate them to our the breast of the poor," and to live in advantage in the climb of life. 1 would

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THE IMPORTANT POINT TO CONSIDER

I have read the articles in the Open may be given quietly by some honest Court with much interest, and while I worker? Instead of being satisfied we regret the necessity of such a proceed- must needs demand more, and if it be ing as that which seems imperative, I not forthcoming we immediately probelieve we should face the issues of the nounce the medium as unworthy our atday as fearlessly as we would face an tention. I would rather have but one enemy to our country if need be. 1 have already stated my position, in refword, but one thought from my loved enes on the other side, spoken in their characteristic way, than to have their creace to the fraud question on numerwhole history given under the sensa-tional way which seems to appeal most ous occasions both on the platform and through the press, but feel that too much may not be said for the good of our cause, hence the thoughts that folto some people. For the love of truth let us cease parading mediumship be-fore the public as we would some more

I often hear folks argue that we should not speak of that which is objectionable, and that if there is fraud "simaterial commodity; let us show the world now we venerate and love the power which enable us 'to converse lence is golden" etc; also that we have with our arisen loved ones, and then the no more of this undesirable element in world will also learn to respect it. our ranks than have other denomina-I saw one man in trying to simulate materialization, swing a white rag in tions or creeds, but it appears to me that this is not the question. The imthe air, and hold it under his knee, etc., portant point to consider is not, has and to the edification of the people assemother philosophy as much fraud among its adherents as have we, but, rather, how much less fraud have we, how much better and purer is our philosohy than any other? very readily recognized the cheese I do not want to feel that Spiritualism cloth, and saw in it the faces and forms phy than any other?

has anywhere near as much fraud in of friends near and dear. I believe such its rauks as any other philosophy or re-occurrences should be reported to the ligion, but rather that Spiritualism is the synonym of truth and purity. For this reason I do not hesitate to say: are "n Spiritualist," we are endorsing

A Prominent Eastern Lady Steps to the Front The letters written by aged men to the newspapers, of the wonders they have seen at scances ought to be sup-pressed, for what is a fact to one per-She Is a Spiritualist and a Medium.

The following communication from Eva A. Cassell will excite unusual interest. She is a confirmed Spiritualist and 'a careful, critical and painstaking investigator of the philosophy and phenomena. She, like thousands of others, has had her lesson to learn from the degenerate fakes that have invaded our ranks, and superseded, to a certain extent, the genuine phenom-ena and genuine mediums, by their fact and skill. Spiritualists living in remote places, or in the quiet of their own homes, without mingling extensively with the public work, can have no adequate idea of the impostures practiced in a variety of ways, hence, to them the "cry of fraud" seems unwholesome, unnecessary and dangerous, when, in fact, it is the reaction occurring among those who have at last awakened to a realization of what is going on in our ranks. Spiritualists generally want the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and to them this discussion in The Progressive Thinker will prove valuable and of great interest. All should read the following article, by Eva A. Cassell, a prom-inent Spiritualist and medium, of Chelsea, Mass.:

To the Editor:-As an old contribu-, behind the prison bars through my eftor I feel moved to take up my pen and share in this discussion. Many of your old readers will remember me and my articles on the lynching of the negro in the South, and later my condemning letters of fraudulent medlums. At this time I feel moved upon to add nets. my voice to that of those who speak knowingly of these things. Yet it is a thankless task--that of trying to teach tents and stole away and now not one is Spiritualistic fanatics the pitfalls of left, and others of their ilk have given their religion.

I shudder even now, when I remem her how cruelly I was treated, simply because I dared to stand forth and declare that certain so-called mediums were frauds. It was at that hot-bed of Spiritualism, Onset Bay, that I first beame convinced of the stupendous villainies carried on in the name of Spirtualism. For years I had believed in

materialization; I had gone to the cabi-net for spiritual consolation; many limes I have wept in the arms of my supposed spirit mother, for I was full of earthly trouble and my domestic trials seemed more than I could endure. For years I was the dupe of those beartless nonsters who made stock of my sacred griefs and angulahed tears to induce me o come to their seances, coining money out of the emotions of my sorrowing soul, but laughing slyly behind my back, as I afterward learned and commenting because I was so easily gulled! If there is any monster of iniquity-

any devil in hades-any thug in India-any merciless, wild Indian of the plain who can equal the heartlessness, the devilishness, so to sneak, of the fraudulent materializer, I would like to know There is no greater crime in all the

ealms of earth than that which turns into dollars and cents for the charlason, is not a fact to another and much harm is done by printing them and thus sending patronage to a fraud.

I say again that I have found that many men of advanced age are not competent judges of forms that appear in a dark room.

I reverence old age, and sympathize deeply with the yearnings of those of whom I speak, yet my investigations at the scance prove to me that they are not competent judges, in many cases, and it is mostly this class of Spiritual-ists who raise a hue and cry over the efforts to unmask fraud.

It is as much as one's life is worth to even mention that there are fraudu-Icnt mediums. For a razor-back, hard-shell fanatic, the Spiritualistic one can not be beaten. He will neither listen to reason nor believe the medium a fraud even if she "made-up" before his rand even if she "made-up" before his very eyes and he caught her in the act of defrauding—he would disbelieve his own senses, rather! I was dreadfully scored by good, de-cent Spiritualists for unmasking fraud, but I am glad to say that to-day Onset Bay is the hence comp for now whole

Bay is the banner camp for pure, wholesome Spiritualism. A glance at its prospectus for this year shows the medi-ums and teachers to be of a high order and we are proud of our camp. I note what Mr. McFarland asks of

Mrs. Hyland. He wants to know how "it is done," but it is useless to waste breath telling the thousand and one tricks that are performed by these char-latans. If Mr. McFarland and those who wish to know how it is done, will con-tribute a sum of money for the purpose of bringing Mrs. Hyland in their vicinity, where she will give seances, then they will know the modus operandi, and in fact it is now Mrs. Hyland's duly to drop all else and show to the Spiritual-istic world just how the tricks are done. A committee ought to be formed who will take this lady in charge and travel with her to our great Spiritualistic centers and there give fraudulent scances so that we all may see how easy it is to deceive in materialization. An ad-mailtance fee should be charged, of course, for expenses. Mrs. Hyland, if che cannot afford to give her services gratis, should be hired and paid for her trouble. I should say that it is the duty of our leading Spiritualists to take this ady in charge for that purpose.

The materializing mediums have everything their own way and never give he sitter a chance to see fraud. "Spoil the conditions," is the cry raised by the medlum to cover fraud, while we are told it would kill the medlum, in all probability, to grab her, when the truth is, it would kill her reputation as a gen uine medium. Thus the honest sitter is scared off by the cry of "spoil the conditions."

doing all the time.

main of strictly spirit phenomena, and

fully solve the fraud question.

Great stress is laid on the fact that nedlums are searched before entering the cabinet, but I have learned that the manager of the seance often passes a bundle of white robes into the cabinet and often a confederate among the sitplatform fortune-tellers are largely hon ers does so. At an exposure where the medium was grabbed, whiskers and other paraphernalia have been found in the cabinet, and then the psychic (? asserts that they were thrown in there by some of the sitters, which is an easy way of getting out of the matter. At any rate no so-called medium has ever yet died of being grabbed, though no doubt they wanted to die when they a cre exposed

The more intelligent Spiritualists are isgusted over the combat and friction attending materialization, and it is time to call the spirit world to account. if the fleecing of hundreds of honest scople of our faith out of money is not enough-if the cruelty of their decen tion is not enough to cause a wave of horror in the heavenly spheres; if these barbarous conditions surrounding materialization are the best that can be given us, then I challenge the world of spirits, and say, "Stop right here! Rather than that one human being torn by grief and sorrow and anguish over

The Difficulties in the Way.

There seems to be a very general realism has no great, unific and altru agreement that "honesty is the best pol- lette program or purpose. There is chasm, deep and wide, between the ad y," and that dishonesty or fraud is undesirable. But how to eliminate the herents of the system. The first class fraudulent actors is still an unsolved problem with the great majority. I have stated what I think is the only are the managers of the organization. They are the ones who are pushing mediums real or seeming upon the public platform. They are upholding com-mercial mediumship. They are resortpossible method, and I am glad to see it endorsed by many careful thinkers. But I am aware that the difficulties in ing to all-forts of methods to aid this the way of accomplishment are many form to succeed. It is ordaining medi-and almost insurmountable. In this ar-ums as REVERENDS, so as to succeed and almost insurmountable. In this ar-ticle I beg leave to mention some of them from the necessity of paying a them and to suggest some helps to over- license, and also to secure half-fare on One of the most formidable obstacles up for the especial purpose of posting

s the determined opposition of 80 before the legal authorities as a religious organization in the same sense as "other denominations" are religious. many Spiritists to all efforts for exposing frauds, and the endorsement of the most notorious frauds, and employing them at all great public gatherings. And it cannot be said to have any special purpose beyond that of convincing people of the reality of a future exist-And this is done not only by the mana sers of those meetings but by a portion ence. Hence, the continual pushing of mediumship before the people and makif the Spiritist press. One of the most often, and most thoroughly exposed frauds on the Pacific coast is personally ing it the exclusive work of the organization. For in reference to the great socialistic problems of the day the orndorsed and eulogized in that paper, not by a correspondent, but by the ed-itor! Now, when known and proved ganization as such pays no attention. Its members belong to all the different frauds are endorsed and advertised by political parties of the day. There is overcome the deplorable influence of reconstructive work. It is all left to these shielded cheats, and not only the spirits to accomplish the work of shielded but recommended. I have reconstruction if any such work is been publicly insulted because I ab-stained from patronizing one of these hebeer.

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The other and much smaller class regard Spiritism as a reconstructive nost notorious cheats. One of the most unfortunate facts connected with some movement. That it is the science and philosophy of life, and that its purpose of these cheats is that many of those who know them to be frauds will patis the creation of the "Co-operative ronize them because they think them to Commonwealth," or the practical outbe mediums, notwithstanding their trickery. This is specially true of Elsie working of the principle of the Brotherhood of Humanity. They regard all the phenomenal features of the move-Reynolds, the often exposed. Can anyone see a way out of this taugle except ment as means to this , reat end. They by a positive division of the people into can't help seeing that the absorption of

and anti-fraud associations? effort to the one single effort to produce Another formidable obstacle is the phenomena appealing exclusively to pereneral demand for the platform shows conal emotionalism has developed and cultivated a narrow selfishness which is of real or simulated mediumship. And the less there is of real mediumship, detrimental to all true progress. Hence. and the more of common fortune-tellmost of the platform efforts are made of ing, the groater the demand and satis- fulsome laudations of Spiritualism as faction. Some owe their place on the destroying the fear of death and complatform entirely to their ability to do forting the bereaved, or else of labored just what the gypsy fortune tellers are expositions of the superiority of this Thousands of dolmovement to all of the old religious lars have been paid here in California systems. And yel, like the old church to assumed spirit mediums for aid in it continually sings of the "over there," ccating and working mines, and mill- and "Nearer, My God, to Thee. ions have been acquired through those overmastering enthusiasm is thus an fortune-tellers. But it doesn't require impossible and the narrow circle of personal excitement is traveled over and any help from spirits to locate mines or oil. If the spirit world will stoop to the over again.

business of aiding grasping plutocrats to gobble up the wealth of this world, The rationalistic, humanitarian wing cannot at present see any escape from don't want anything to do with it. hese difficulties for the present. There And, when one of our great camp-meet-ings will devote its platform to a dewill come an eclective sifting when selcace will supersede superstition : when scription of oil fields, and claiming it as social reconstruction will become the spirit medlumship, what are we going to do about it? There is no more need inspiring religion and the purpose of the higher intelligences will be appreof spirit influence to locate mines, oil, lated and carried out by the co-operawater or coal than there is to plant a tion of both worlds. hill of potatoes. I grant fully that these

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est, they are innocent frauds; but the confusing of psychometry, telepathy The Wisdom of Passion and clairvoyance with mediumship constitutes one of the formidable difficulties in dealing with the fraud question. Every year science is limiting the do-

BY SALVARONA.

enlarging the field of our normal and abnormal possibilities, so that it is be-"In modern philosophy there are coming more and more difficult to say liree great treatises on the Passions, that this or the other phenomenon is that of Spinoza, that of Hume, and that from the spirit or natural side of our of Salvarona."-Philosophical Journal life. The guiltible ignorance which

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One of the common methods in the show business is to have a table oiled The extraordinary merits of "The high up with rings, handkerchiefs, Wisdom of Passion" are the conjous. watches, jack-knives, etc., and then the process begins of giving spirit (?) tests the way of fact and reference with aud messages by handling those ar-which the book is crammed. Its main aud messages by handling those ar which the ticles!! Now under proper conditions thesis 1 agree with.-Prof. William it is perfectly legitimate to do this as James, Harvard University. an experimental manifestation of psy-I have found "The Wisdom of Paschometrical power, but to have it on the slon" to be a book of powerful erudition Spiritist platform as a manifestation of and fine intuition. I would be happy if spirit mediumship and manifestation is in a certain sense I had inspired it .detestable. What influence can an old Prof. Ceasare Lombroso. jack-knlfe, which your spirit friends Here is a man who sees and says never saw or beard of, have in bringing things for himself. He is not retailing them to you or the medium? What it conventionalities. The book fairly briscan do in impressing your entire chartles with wise sayings. I believe the acter, memory, etc., upon the psychomethesis is sustainable and that the antrist's consciousness we very well thor has gone a long way toward fortifyknow, and as a result the names and ing it. After I took up the book, I did characteristics of departed friends not quit, except for meals and sleep till given with great exactness. We never forget absolutely anything, and the I had read it carefully from cover to cover.-Albion W. Small Head of Dent forms and features of our friends are of Sociology and Director of Affiliated pictured upon our inmost conscious-Work for the University of Chicago. acss. The trained psychometrist can I am somewhat familiar with the tenread all this and it does not require ency in modern thought to give prispirit return to do. Longfellow well mary place to feeling—with James' "Will to Believe," with Ward's social philosophy, with Shelley's and Brownsays, "All houses where men have lived and died, are haunted houses." Because they have left their images and charac ing's philosophy. "The Wisdom of Pas-sion" fits in with their contributions. ter upon the walls of those houses, and the psychometric sensitive can read the The main thesis of the book- that the impressions as she reads a book. soul forms its own forms by its choice Here is a wide field for self-decep -I can ascribe to -- Prof. Oscar Lovell tion and ignorant, innocent fraud, and Triggs, University of Chicago. Address all orders to H. G. Walters, just so long as so many of the assumed leaders and teachers are so profoundly anghorne, Pa. ignorant of the science and philosophy of both mediumshin and asychometry

forts, and as he needed money to pay a awyer he wrote to all those medlums (?) and told them that if they did not give him money he would expose them. and he did in the newspapers, telling that he had played spirit in their cabi Their notarious deeds coming to light, business grew dull and finally the materializing mediums folded their

our camp a wide berth. I was present at the court trial in Boston, where the Concannons were involved, and listned to the whole pitiful evidence-the testimony of the land-lady where they boarded, and of the servant girl who had often washed the

spirit robe, etc. Mrs. Byron, at Onset Bay, fleeced of 'ten thousand dollars by a medium who had materialized her pirit husband.

I have attended over three hundred scances, from Boston to California, and I have never yet beheld a genuine mate-rialization. When one stops to think of what is required to furnish a living or-ganism, capable of standing in a cabi-net and uffering intelligent words, no wonder we are skeptical. A so-called spirit, such as comes from the cabinet, must have a heart with a perfect ac tion, with all bedily functions in ac tion-all the arteries of a buman or-ganism; all the muscles and nerves which support a human body on its feet, and give equilibritum to hold it upright, must be there; in a mortal, it took the mother long months to create these in her child, and do you believe that any

medium can make all these organsbeart, lungs, muscles, nerves-all that is required and necessary in fact to support a human organism on its feet in a tan's pocket, the sacred human emo- cabinet, IN TEN MINUTES' TIME, trons--the sacred love of the sorrowing when it takes a mother long months to mother for her child-the despairing create them? No solid, living body, love of thousands of grieving mortals with the power to talk proper sense for those loved ones who have passed such as the mediums produce in cabinets as spirits to-day, can be anything but mortals, and confederates, or else the medium herself dressed as a spirit. All the fine network of veins, arteries of these merciless imposters who have and muscles which make a mortal must of necessity be there, in order to wine and sacred loves and griefs of the support the so-called spirit on its feet sorrowing souls they have thus wilfully and all these cannot be manufactured u ten minutes' time by any rucdium. After years of investigation I feel convinced that genuine materialization for his own and prepare a special pit in consists in the production of an ethehades where the temperature may real figure only, instead of one that may shrivel and scorch and roast to a turn be handled-one that is dense--solidthese vile impostors who have trafficked such as is materialized to-day, and in the highest and holiest emotions of smelling of whisky and onions. In this, my home city, Chelsea, Mass., lived an aged man, Mr. Law (now was in the grip of these villains, and it dead), who was duped shamefully by so-called mediums. I have been to se ances many times and seen this old Vampires of Onset," was the result. It gentleman there; Phoebe and Louise nerformed its mission, then went out of Carey, the poetesses, often came from the cabinet and sat on his knees, and power. At this time my eyes were ate candy from his pockets. He spent opened and I began to write up the hundreds of dollars at seances. Poor natter for the papers, and then had to old fellow! After his transition he suffer for the truth's sake. The fraud-Imanifested through the Banner of Light circle, complaining how shamefully he bined to crush me. I received anony- had been deceived at seances. I used to tell him that he was being deceived, but he did not believe it. I want to say that the charlatans are not wholly to blame, for there is a me; foul slops were poured on me until class of aged male Spiritualists who aid learned to take the middle of the road and abet fraud in these so-called mediums. They are in their second child: hood, senile, and their evesight is noor. "D-n you! If you don't quit exposing This class has been my especial study, me, your beautiful little daughter will Their vision is not to be trusted, in the be outraged and murdered by men. matter of spirit forms in a dark apartment, yet they write glowing letters to All sorts of persecution were heaped the newspapers of the wonders they upon me, and while I faltered many have seen at seances, and thus help along fraud. ment, and I fought alone because those exclamations of delight of these aged I have been at seances and heard the

Whenever unquestionable evidence is mediumship in the eyes of the people; procurable that fraudulent practice has we stand for mediumship when we say been resorted to by so-called mediums, we believe the so-called "dead" can return. When we stand as sponsors for a that evidence belongs to the Spiritualists and should be given forth to them. thing, we are entitled to the knowledge

bove. That to which I have referred

Now, I do not wish to be understood

cheese cloth and luminous paint; to slate and letter writing that is done by

mortal hands instead of spirit power;

to messages that are formulated in the

note book or brain of the medium (?)

WE SHOULD SPEAK OUT FOR THE

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and believe when we have the evidence

I am sure I dislike the cry of fraud as much as any perhaps, but I cannot see Who, then, can blame us when we are how we better ourselves or our cause by goaded to the highest pitch by the remaining silent at all times. It is malpractices of people who are prototruth we want, and we certainly do not types of the man I have referred to want to see our cause besmirched by any cloud whatever, if we can prevent is a fact, and if the editor wishes, he it; and I believe everyone who will can have the name of the individual of stop to think of the matter, laying aside cheese cloth fame. all prejudices, will see that a man's Now, I do not wish to be understood worst enemy is the one who will permit as being malignantly opposed to any him to practice fraud, knowing that he phase of mediumship. Mediumship was is so doing, and not remonstrate with the thing that placed me where I am. him, or try to prevent him from contin. and I would be ungrateful, to say the least, if I forgot that fact, but I am opuing the practice. posed to materialization that consists of

If any man tries to pass counterfelt coin upon us, we are all very ready to say to the world "That man is a cheat." If a business man sells us what we discover to be thoroughly unworthy, we have no hesitancy in telling our friends they had better watch what they are getting at his store.

TRUTH. I like to see polish, erudition and cul-I venture to say that nearly every one who tells us that we should not say anyture, but I like still more to have touth, thing about fraud in our ranks, would and I have a ready welcome for the one be quite ready to put the officers on the who will voice the messages of the antrack of the man who had passed a bogel world without any additions of their gus ten dollar bill on them. Which is own: the one who will give me the the most despicable, the passing of the truth and that alone. These I will debogus bill, which affects only man's cu-pidity, or the simulation of spirit phefend and unbold. This world is too big, and the possi-

nomena-claiming to be a man's or a billitics of advancement are too many woman's nearest and dearest relative who had, died but was now alive and came back from the bourne beyond the grave to greet them? I submit. Mr. Editor, that the latter is by far the worse crime of the two.

to command respect. But my letter is too long already, and By all means let us speak out when evidence has been secured, but let us I do not wish to tax the patience be sure we have the evidence before we your readers. Permit me to add in closspeak. Inquendoes, suspicions and ing that Spiritualism will never sneering hints are by no means to be killed by exposing and expelling the construed as conclusive. But when we frauds, but unless we demand that our get the evidence, get them with the representatives be genuine in every re goods," it is right and just that we spect it will go down, and so it should. speak out, and thus enable some who When our spirit friends produce all the goods," it is right and just that we are liable to become victims, to elude phenomena, they become the works of God and will live in spite of all opposisuch workers.

I do not believe we should keep a tion; but when the phenomena man down because he has made a mis- made by mortals, they become the take once, because the past has no very works of man and will so important bearing upon the present. If what we are that counts, but let us convince all who have been caught simulating spirit phenomena that we will TO WOMEN WHO DREAD MOTHERHOOD not countenance the same, and if they have genuine mediumship they will Information How They May Give Birth to Happy, stop their malpractices and give what

they can honestly get from the arisen ones.

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study mediumship, and discover First. The Philosophy of Cure. (In-it it meant, I feel assured that we cluding Methods and Instruments." what it meant, I feel assured that we would strive to - more nearly comply with the necessary conditions in the very instructive and valuable work. It How often are we satisfied with the well fuldlis the promise of its title. production of spirit phenomena.

word, the sympathetic message that Price 75 cents.

heyond, and who go to the seance with anguished souls and a prayer on their lips, aspiring for only the truth. I often wonder what will be the fate

made money and waxed fat on the dideceived

Let us hope that the Prince of Darkness who is their patron, will care well

the human heart! Several years ago the Onset camp was necessary to do something to pro-tect the public-the book entitled "The print and again the vampires were in ulent mediums were a power and commons letters threatening me; at night

when I went to the postoffice and passed the cottages of these vampires, rocks and other missiles were hurled at for safety; one night I was intercepted

by a female materializer (?) who said: Take this warning."

times and grew spiritually weak, yet 1 who should have helped me wanted the men as they combraced a lovely female camp to move along smoothly and ap-1

the villainies covered up than have them exposed. At that time there were a dozen so-

called materializing mediums, and their nefarious practices were being comfrom her.

matter. There was a man by the name of H. Doulke who went around from seance to seance personating spirits for the mediums." I engaged him in conversation several times, wishing to get him to admit his share in the imposture. One day he said to me. "Look here. what's the use of pretending any longer You are cute and bright, and - could spirit."

and alone, to do it, but finally he landed in this statement.

"spirit." camp to move along smoothly and ap "spirit." near in the eyes of the world as a model Many of these men have no other op-camp-ground; they would rather keep portunity to embrace a feminine form than that afforded by the cabin

They seem childishith their cravings for the "divine feminine" and yearn to feel the arms of a woman-to receive a kiss from her. 36° ()

I fully symplethized with these feel mented on all over the country. Many aged Spiritualists, gentlemen of means, ings, for I suppose that no true man is were fieeced of their money in the without them, ret they are easy prey to most heartless manner. The name of the bogus medium, and some of them Onset became a stench in the nostrils are to blame for the unsound conditions of the public, but no one moved in the prevailing at the calinet.

From my inpestigations in materiali-zations. I know that the cabinet in some cases equals the brothel in unwholesomeness and the deepest insult ever received in my life came from a male "spirit" at the cabinet, who made known his desires pot in the choice language one would expect from a den-izen of the heavenly spheres—but in that there are genuine materializative most valgar terms common to the tions. It is all a fraud. Why don't lowest of men. With a prayer on my you go into the business. I' will de- lips and pure aspiration in my soul colon you for a medium for ten dollars. had gone to the seauce for solace !! I feel to say that the system of emmake up fine. You could make lots of bracing and kissing as commonly car money, and it is dead easy to fool these ried on at seances is unhygienic and in old gray Spiritualists-men who are some cases indecent, and it is time glad to pay a dollar to hug a female that intelligent Spiritualists acknowledged this fact,

I turned away shocked, and prayed The cabinet is growing to be a cover for help in my efforts to unmask this for a multitude of sins, in some cases man. It took me two years, unaided and many Spiritualists will bear me out

the loss of a loved one, should be deceived and his sacred emotions turned into dollars for the charlatan-rather than this. I say, let apirits out coming to earth!" I don't care whether it is one grieving mortal or a thousand-the whole system is upsound whether it is one or a thousand, and it is somebody's duty to challenge it.

But does it not betoken an unwhole some mind in one who can believe that our loved ones materialize to sitters at a dollar a head? And are not spirits to be condemned for maintaining such a system, on their side of life? I would like to ask them why it is that they never select as a medium one of our wealthy Spiritualists whom they know would materialize without money and without price. And when you talk about "tying the medium and putting him in a bag under test conditions," does it not strike you that the spirit world must feel mean and cheap be cause such debasing conditions surround materialization?

Is it elevating and ennobling to the spirit world that their avenues of cominunication must be so roughly used! And how often we excuse the immoral ity and vulgarity of a so-called medium on the plea that "never mind, spirits are obliged to use any channel they can, for communicating." It is a base libel on the spirit world,

and you may depend upon it that any so-called medium who would submit to be tied, is simply a trickster who depends on his knowledge as such to sneak out of his bonds, pretending that spirits released him.

The genuine medium is he or she who stands in the circle of sitters innocent of test conditions, saying, "Here I am in the light of my honest mediumship such as it is, you may accept of it or le it alone: I am simply the instrument. But, this same medium should be above suspicion, and court the light. The very act of tying mediums is degrading to spiritual intelligences, and I do not believe that they have 'any dealings with it nor in fact materialize at our seances to-day. In my opinion the only materializa-

tion there is, is that which has occurred for hundreds of years. All adown the ages there have been "ghosts" seen and these are simon-pure materializationsin cases where the spirit was able to draw elements from the persons who saw them and thus become visible.

As for spirits flocking to earth play vaudeville and line the pockets of itinerant "mediums"-it seems improbable-spirits of Indians-spirits who weave lace-ancient anirits-with now and then the spirit relative of a few of the sitters-to take the curse off-it can be nothing less, as carried on today, than a vaudexille show-degrad-ing and disgusting to the spirit world, and no spirit of intelligence would tolerate it. In fact, it is beilttling to my sense as a Spiritualist to believe that spirits come as mortals, solid in form, smelling of sweat and whisky. I have a right to believe that spirits should be different from mortals when they show themselves on earth.

Even at the seances mentioned in a recent Progressive Thinker, with the medium Bailey-no forms materialized, but lights were seen, said to be spirits. My readers will find that genuine materializing modiums are very scarce, if there are any.

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demn Mrs. Hyland; if she was a fraud-Absolute freedom of thought and eruleht medium once, then she is now a pression encouraged. For thoroughness genuine one and is used by the Higher and the growth of individual and inde-Powers to unmask the villainy now said pendent thinking, unequaled. to be materialization, for wise intelli-

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SPIRIT POWER WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF A | hood that there were no sights, nor sounds, however MEDIUM, HAVE BEEN OCCURRING IN MODERN mysterious, that could not be accounted for in per-TIMES. THE SECULAR PRESS TEEMS WITH STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS DIREC- hands, and passed over the head of my bed. Not a dark so as to avoid in bend,' if possible. I left them TION. THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER DREAMED thing was to be seen, although the room was not what on the landing above. I ran lightly down the stairs THEY POSSESSED ANY PSYCHIC POWERS, ARE | we call pitch dark. Still around the room went the BROUGHT SPONTANEOUSLY IN TOUCH WITH THE SPIRIT WORLD AND WONDERFUL PHE-NOMENA FOLLOW. IN FACT SPIRIT POWER COMING FORTH SPONTANEOUSLY IS OFTEN MORE REMARKABLE THAN WHEN COMING THROUGH A MEDIUM. THAT SPIRITS CAN AND DO RETURN TO EARTH AND COMMUNI-CATE WITH MORTALS IS PROVEN BY A VARI-ETY OF MANIFESTATIONS THAT ARE CON- sleep. STANTLY OCCURRING IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, AND WHICH ARE VERY START-LING IN THEIR NATURE, AND WHICH DO NOT SEEM TO REQUIRE A MEDIUM FOR THEIR PRO-DUCTION.

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Ghost stories at first hand are not so hard to obtain as some persons may think. Here are two personal sort?' experiences told by a lady living in Colorado Springs, to a reporter of the Gazette. She did not write them out, but they are substantially in her own language. She gave permission that they be published, without the use of her name in connection.

'I want to say first of all that I am not superstitious and I believe that there is a solution for all things in natural law after investigation. A great many people are given to imagination and think they see or hear things that they really do not. Then they want to tell someone and to impress their hearer as much as possible, exaggerate, For that reason I do not like to talk of these things because there are so many stories that seem to me very foolish. They are with each repetition. But I will tell you an experience I had a few weeks ago and I will tell it just as it happened.

A Recent Experience.

"I believe in continued life after what is known as death. I do not accept Spiritualism as generally understood, but the teachings of theosophy help to explain some of the things which otherwise I could not account for.

'One evening a few weeks ago I was obliged to be out very late at night and was returning to my home very tired and alone. Just as I entered the gate I was surprised to see some one sitting on the porch. The porch was not so dark but that I could see the outlines of a woman's figure, for she had on a white dress, but at that distance I could not recognize the features. The chair which she was seated in I recognized from its arms as one belonging in my own private room. I have roomers in the house and I thought that one of the ladies was troubled with sleeplessness and had come out on the porch to get the full benefit of the cool night air.

Clear and Unmistakable.

"As I came down the walk the figure turned its. head and smiled at me and I recognized the face and form of my sister who died a year ago. Her hands were clasped back of her head in a characteristic attiude. The dress had been a favorite one with her. and she had had a photograph taken in it with her hands in the position in which I saw them then. But the chair was not in the photograph. As I reached the steps, with the smile still on her face she gradually vanished. Not all at once but slowly, very slowage was the product of my own mind and yet the figure seemed so real to me that I half expected to find the door unlocked and that someone had slipped into the house. The door was locked securely, but my experience was not to end there.

sound of groping hands, finally reaching the door silence. I called for them to come on. whence I had first heard them. - Then they ceased. Suddenly came a sleepy, but half-frightened voice

rom the child. 'Did you call me ?' she said. " 'When ?' I asked. 'Right now.'

- 'No,' I answered.
- " 'Somebody did.'

" 'Oh, you've just been dreaming,' I answered. "' 'I'll call it mice,' I said to myself, and went to

The next morning my hosts looked at me rather curiously I thought, but I said nothing. A few days later my friends asked carelessly, 'Have you heard any noises in this house?'

'Noises?' I repeated questioingly, 'what kind of noises? What do you mean?'

"' 'Oh, strange noises at night, or anything of that

" Why, no,' I answered. 'I have not heard anything that I couldn't account for.' "'I believe you have,' was the somewhat impolite

reply, 'and just won't admit it, for I know you were rought up not to believe in these things.'

A Midnight Struggle.

"It was several nights after this that I was again coused, this time by the sound of an awful struggle in the dining room directly below my room. I could hear no voices but there was the crash of furniture, as if the chairs were being used as weapons, and-the frequent thud as of a falling body.

My first wild thought was that burglars had entered the house and that a conflict was in progress, handed along from one person to another, gaining but there was no shouting for help and no screaming; nothing to indicate that anyone in the house was awake except myself. There was suddenly a tremendous crash, the sound of a heavily falling body, then

all was still. I lay awake thinking until I again persuaded myself that I had been the victim of my own imagination. The next morning I inquired if the doors had all been locked the night previous.

" 'What'did you hear ?' was my friend's quick re joinder. But I would not risk being laughed at, and again denied having heard anything.

Others Heard It Too.

"Then other friends of the family came for an unexpected visit. One gentleman was obliged to occupy a couch in the parlor. 'How did you sleep? asked the hostess in the morning.

" 'Pretty well,' was the reply, 'but I heard you when you came into the room.

" 'I did not come into the room.'

"'Then it was you who came down after your book,' he said to me.

No, I took my book upstairs with me,' I said.

"'Well, somebody came into the room last night, groping their way around in the dark, searching for something.'

"I must not take your time in telling all of the in stances in which I knew other people had heard the same sort of sounds that had puzzled me. Steps on the Stairs.

"One night I heard stealthy footsteps coming up the back stairway near my room. There was the sound of groping hands on the wall, and I felt that I could not be mistaken in the belief that someone had gaged to be married and am as spooney as I was at broken into the house. I knew I could tell when they ly. The chair also disappeared. There was no chair passed the broad stair at the turn, and I made up my of any kind on that porch. I was not frightened, nor mind that I would call for help as soon as they came nervons. Indeed I was willing to believe that the imthe turn of the stairs and then stopped. 'Waiting to and that night when I returned from the office my hear if anyone is awake,' I thought. But there was no further sound, ascending or descending. Finally I rose and with lighted match in hand went to the head of the stairs. There was no one in sight, I went softly down to the turn and struck another match. I could all see the stairway and the little entry. There was no one there and not a sound.

EXTRAORDINARY MANIFESTATIONS OF [frightened, for it had been trained into me from child-] " Why don't you take a light and go down to see) that many grucsome or unhappy dreams have not the what it is,' I suggested.

"What, go down then, with a light in my hand feetly natural ways if we would only investigate them . If it were burglars, they'd have a bead on me sure.' earefully. Still nearer came that sound of groping "After some discussion, I agreed to go down in the in my slippers and thtered the dark room. All was

> "That man let me go, and followed behind his wife downstairs. Everything was just as it was when we had gone up stairs some time before. The doors and windows were all closed and locked and not a thing disturbed.

"I went over the house inside and out but I never found a sign of any kind to explain the mysterious sounds. I investigated thoroughly. That is all of my story. .I have never accounted for it."

The Detroit (Mich.) Free Press has the following ? Shakspeare wrote of the stuff that dreams are made off, but he forgot to throw any light on the quality of the material. This was careless of him, provided he knew, for it would have settled a much-disputed and curiously complicated subject. However, it would also have deprived us of the pleasure of speculating; and who is there that, at times, has not been interested in his dreams?

A Michigan man, holding one of the most dignified offices in the gift of the state, tells the following experience :

"When I was a young fellow working my way through Michigan university I was often short of funds, and one night, when I had reached a point from which I could not see my way without money, and knew not where to get it, I dreamed that I received a letter from my brother in which were inclosed several bank notes. I distinctly saw the various denominations and, a few days later received a letter from my brother inclosing the money exactly as I had dreamed of it. My brother was some distance from me and, as I afterward figured it out-the letter was written just about the time it appeared to me in my dream.

A Spirit Voice Saves His Life.

"Did I ever have a dream that came true?" said a Detroit man, in answer to the question. "Well, I should say I did! A dream once saved my life! When I was a boy we lived near the St. Lawrence river, and I was very fond of taking little trips in my this mist disappeared and with it consciousness of the boat. One night I went about five miles from home with a friend who went ashore to call on a young lady. While he was gone I went to sleep in the boat, and I dreamed that I heard my father call, 'George! George! if you don't get out of that boat you'll be drowned!' It woke me up and I found that a severe storm was rising. I had just time to drag the boat on the shore, and I knew that if it had not been for my father's warning, I should have been drowned. Yes. the storm came from the direction of my father's house, and I presume that when it came up, he thought of me, for he knew where I was."

The Soul in Dreamland.

Many interesting dreams are recorded in the annals

following: dreamed my bachelor friend approached me with a phenomena." smile and said, "Sparrow, congratulate me; I am enone and twenty.' I offered my congratulations, and asked who the lady was, to which he replied, 'She is

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faintest relation to the truth.

Before allowing oneself to worry over an unfortunate prediction of the dream state, it is best to consider carefully the possible consequences of a midnight Welsh rarebit.

A Strange Visitation.

The following is sent by a lady of Detroit, who, for obvious reasons, requests that her name be withheld. She states that she is noted among her friends for veracity and matter-of-factness, and could produce almost any number of persons willing to youch for her sincerity. The experience she relates is certainly peeuliar :

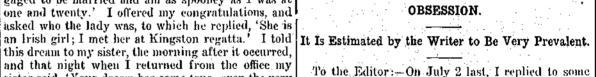
"I had been working hard during the morning, and feeling very tired laid down after lunch for a nap. had been asleep perhaps an hour, when I was awakened by a slight pricking sensation in my neck. I became conscious that someone was hovering over me and thought I must be ill and that it was my mother soothing my head with gentle caresses, and called out, Mother, is that you ?' No one was in the room, and after a few moments I suddenly knew positively that it was not my mother, but could not imagine who it could be that was so anxious over me.

"As I became broader awake the touches became bolder und more frequent on cheek and throat, and trying to turn my head to see, I caught a fleeting face drawing back hastily as if it did not wish to be discovered. 'Who is this bothering me?' I said drowsily, resenting being aroused. The touches ceased for a few moments, then began again with renewed vigor. This occurred several times, and at last, somewhat annoyed, I exclaimed, vehemently, 'Who is it?' and raised my head quickly. This time I was successful, and I recognized the face distinctly, and flung up my hands in amazement, exclaiming, 'Why, it is -1What can he want of me!' At this the face (which was very grave and sad), drew down closer until the eyes were level with my own and seemed to look down into my very soul. I understood then without words, and with a sudden impulse of tenderness and pity flung out my arms toward him with a long-drawn Dear, I understand.'

"A satisfied expression came over the face and it drew slowly back. I lay quietly for a few minutes, feeling a presence still in the room and noticing also a blue mist extending for several feet in each direction from the couch on which I rested. After a little presence. I sat up and thought the matter over and my intuition told me that the person in question had made, unconsciously perhaps, a superhuman effort to reach me and break the barrier of unfriendliness and coldness which had apparently existed between us for several years. We had been slightly acquainted in childhood, but had not met since, and there was apparently no cause for such an unusual occurrence, so that altogether much puzzled I tried to forget about it. In spite of my efforts, however, at times, it worried me, lest there might be something which I ought to do and was neglecting to do.

"Soon after I stumbled upon the reports of the Society of Psychical Research of England, and the accounts of similar occurrences confirmed my opinion of of the Society for Psychical Research, including the the affair. At the time of the occurrence I had read nothing whatever on occult phenomena and was very "My youngest sister was visiting my bachelor skeptical concerning hypnotism, Spiritualism, etc.,

quarters," says the parrator, "where I was residing and had no earthly interest in them. I have not been with a bachelor friend who was considered by his able to secure an explanation of the affair and would hest friends, most unlikely to marry. One night I be glad to hear the opinions of those versed in such



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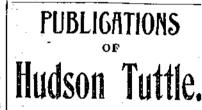
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Another Figure Also.

"I entered the house, passed through the room and started for a match safe in the dining room. As I threw open the door between the rooms I met my other sister who had been dead two years and a half standing directly in front of me. She was in a dark dress similar to one which she used to wear. reached out my hand for a match and as I struck it she disappeared.

'No, I was not afraid even then. Why should I be They loved me in life, why should they harm me in any way now? If I had been a stranger I might have been frightened. If they were images created solely by my own mind they were harmless; if they really were spirits of my sisters, their presence was only for good.

A Mysterious Old House.

"You ask me if I ever had any other unusual expe- them?" rience. I certainly have, although at the time the occurrence took place I perversely insisted that nothing of the kind happened. When I was a girl of 19 I was invited to spend some little time with friends at the Las Vegas Hot Springs. I found my friend and her husband, with their two little children of 3 and 4 years, and a small serving maid, occupying a rather large old house remote from other neighbors. One reason they insisted on my remaining for some time was because they felt lonely. Their own house had been burned down and they had taken this one because it was the only available one and had been standing vacant for a long time. The owner had once occupied it, but his life in it had never been happy. He quarreled with his wife, so rumor said. The wife suddenly became very sick and died within three days. The owner left the house and place and never returned to it to my knowledge. However this all took place before I went to visit there.

"Well, I was shown my large, old-fashioned room. The little serving maid had a small room next it and there was a connecting door between. 'Please, mayn't I leave the door open ?' she said to me, so timorously that I looked at her sharply. My parents had brought the dark and tried to find who made those footsteps ?' me up strictly, and taught me never to fear, so I had little patience with those who did.

'Why?' I asked.

"'Oh, it's so dark and lonesome in here,' replied the child.

' 'Leave it open, if you want,' I said.

Groping Hands in the Dark.

"I think I had just fallen asleep, although of course I do not know what time it was, when I suddenly roused wide awake. Someone was groping their way hands against the wall opposite the child's room, What she was doing there I didn't know, but nevertheless I spoke quictly and kently. "What do you and her husband standing near my bed. want, Gertie?' There was no answer but the groping hands continued their way around the room. I spoke door of the little room, toward my bed. I was not time it woke us both together."

What the Children Heard,

"One afternoon my friend asked me if I would be willing to look after her two little boys, while she went on an errand. The little serving maid had left several days before, frightened away by the mysterious noises, and still more, I thought, by what I be-

lieved was the foolish talk about them, in which I would never join. So I readily agreed to look after the boys. They played quietly together until just about dusk when I began to hear footsteps upstairs. paid no attention but suddenly the little fellow spoke: 'Lady,' he said, 'who's upstairs?' 'No one,' I said.

"'Yes, there is,' he insisted; 'don't you hear

"'No,' I said sharply, ' I don't hear anyone, and you don't either; you just be a good boy and keep

Searched Through the House.

still.

"But the sound of heavy footsteps continued, and the older boy said, 'Why, I hear them plain, too."

"' 'Look here, children,' I said, 'there is no one up there and just to convince you we will go up and see. So I took the little one in my arms and the other by the hand and we went upstairs in the twilight and all through the house, into every room and opened every closet. Of course there was no one to be seen. But the footsteps now sounded distinctly down stairs. 'Papa's come,' shouted the boys, but I doubted it. We went down stairs. No one was there,

"In about half an hour the father and mother both 'Somebody's been upstairs, papa,' said the came. older boy; 'we heard them walking around.

"'The boys thought they heard some one,' I corrected, 'and we went up there and looked all around, but they just imagined it.'

"The father's face grew pale at the thought. 'Do you mean to say that you took those boys upstairs in he demanded.

"'Of course, why not? Those footsteps were only imaginary.

"He turned on me almost angrily, 'Everybody who has ever slept in this house has heard these sounds except you, and has known that they were not imaginary or explainable, and it's strange that you have never heary anything, or won't admit it.

An Unsolvable Riddle.

"It was only a few nights after this when I was around my room; it seemed to me as if they had both roused from sleep by a light shining into my eyes and a voice saying, 'It can't be her, she's been sound asleep all right.' I opened my eyes to find my friend

" 'What is it ?' I asked.

" 'There's been the most awful row going on down again, more sharply, 'Gertie! What do you want?' stairs, the sound of crashing furniture, and falling Still no answer, but the sound came nearer, passed the | bodies. We have heard it separately before, but this

words.' She put a letter from my eldest sister into my hand, and I read : 'Tell Alick his friend D. L. is gngaged to one of the daughters of our rector. He met her at the Kingston regatta.

"The following occurred about May, 1859," said the writer. "I believed my son to be away in the Mediterranean, and I had no reason to believe he would come home for a year or two, when one night I dreamt that I had a letter and all that was written on it and inside was "Woolwich.' In the morning

the postman brought a letter marked 'Woolwich Dockyard,' and it was from my son, who was in the navy, and telling of the safe and unexpected arrival the night before of the ship he was on.

"When I was in England, some years ago," relates another, "I had a very bad cough, for which a blister was ordered by my medical man, but being improperly applied, it left a very ugly mark, like the print of a horse's shoe. I was then preparing to rejoin my

husband in India, and carefully avoided mentioning the circumstance to him. 'When I reached my destination, my husband's

mother said to him, 'Does L- look at all as you saw her in your dream?' Upon which my husband turned to me and said, 'I had such a horrid dream about you the other night. I saw you looking pale and ill and you had a dreadful mark like a horseshoe upon your chest.' An unlucky horseshoe, to be sure, though it had the virtue of disproving the old saying that dreams go by contraries.'

Experiences of this kind often take place when not in a condition of actual sleep-borderland cases, as they are called.

"I once went up from Oxford to stay a day or two with my brother," says one narrator, "but when I reached there, I found a note saying that he had gone to a dance. Instead of going to bed, I flozed in an arm chair, but started up wide awake exactly at I o'clock, ejaculating, 'By Jove! he's done!' and seeing him coming out of a drawing room into a brightly ilthe top stair and falling headlong, just saving himself by his elbows and hands:

'The house was one which I had never seen, nor did I know where it was.

"Thinking very little of the matter, I fell adoze again for half an hour and was awakened by my but coronation, irridiation and eternal triumph. Like brother suddenly coming in and saying: 'Oh, there you are! I have, just had as narrow an escape of the rapturous glories and cry, 'Beautiful! beautiful! breaking my neak as diever had in my life. Coming beautiful!' But was the death of Nero beautiful? out of the ball room, Peaught my foot, and tumbled fell length down the stairs.'

Most of these cases of course, can be explained on origin. The foretelling of death is not an uncommon occurrence in a dream, and speaking of that, a lad,

now visiting in Detroit, had this to say: "My mother foresaw in a dream, the death of my father, and just the manner in which it took place,

though at the time of the dream, my father was in the with pneumonia, and died in just the way my mother had pictured him in her dream." But such cases are depressing, and though many of of the Talmage stripe stop lying? them are on record, it is encouraging to know also,

critics on the above subject, one of whom stated in his letter published on a previous date: "The idea that a spirit can enter my body, take possession and hold court, dominate and control my life and actions, is too absurd to be debated in these modern times.

Since the date of my reply, Dr. J. M. Peebles, "the grand old man of Spiritualism," has published his new book on "The Demonism of the Ages and Spirit Obsessions.¹

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From the quantity of letters I have received since May 28 from persons so obsessed, and the reports I hear of others, I am amazed that spirit obsession is so prevalent in this our day and country.

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I wish I could afford to give away a thousand copies of the book. I would do so to-morrow to each and all persons who applied. W. YATES, M. D. Chicago, Ill.

STOP LYING!

The Rev. Dr. Frank DeWitt Talmage, whose chief notoriety lies in the fact that he is the son of his father, is now on the Pacific slope and cutting a wide swath in true Talmagean style. He spoke at La Jolla, a seaside resort near San Diego, Sunday, Aug. luminated landing, catching his foot in the edge of 14, and this is a choice extract from his sermon as published in the San Diego Sun, the following mornng:

"There is a 'time to die,' which is beautiful. Oh, yes; death is beautiful if it comes in God's way. Then a dying saint knows death is not annihilation, old Senator Foote, when dying, he can look ahead at Was the death of Cleopatra beautiful? Was the death of Tom Paine beautiful? One moment he was in prayer and the next moment blaspheming God. unthe theory of telepathy, but for those that predict til his relations in horror placed their fingers in their events one must look to some other source for their ears and ran from his howlings and fearful agonies." This is the kind of stuff that emanates from the lips of this great (1) divine, in order to bolster up the fast decaying dogmas of Christianity.

Once upon a time there was a jackal who, sur rounded by his animal friends, held forth upon the ignoble qualities of the lion. The lion being dead, it best of health. A few days later, he was attacked was perfectly safe for any of the lesser animals to traduce his character. The cases are parallel. The lion is dead. The jackal still lives. When will preachers . . X . + * X

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kill it.

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valley of shadows and cactus.

an eye to the dynamos.

cruelty in his attacks.

prejudiced person.

Start life afresh.

emy.

not true, but in some cases it certainly

During the last explorations with pick and spade, the ancient Adab, mentioned in the code of Hammurabi, an early king of Babylon, was unearthed. This expedition is under the direction of Prof. Robert F. Harper, of Midway University, an archeologist of rare ability. Prof. Harper received the good news a few days ago in the form of a cablegram from Prof. E. J. Banks, field director of the expedition, in which he related the uncovering of Adab, also known to the ancients as Udnunki. The site of the ruins is near Bismya, in the valley of the Tigris, not distant from Bagdad.

Prof. Banks announced in his dispatch that on the lowest level of the ruins he found Ud-nun-kl inscribed on the bricks. With 120 men in his service the excavations were pressed forward with great energy. The remains of four temples, one above the other. were found. Marble statues, onyx and sandstone lamps were found, with many bronze objects.

Wherever inscriptions were found, guished from all other kinds by several the characters used were syllables, not characteristics. One of these is that letters. This fact of itself tells of the its cause in any particular case is obgreat antiquity of this resurrected city. These wonderful ruins in the valleys

Honest Mediums Must Be Sustained.

Honest mediums should be well sustained. They are entitled to encouragement and protection, and a generous equivalent for their services. The Progressjve Thinker has been, and will still continue to be, their special organ. There are many mediums in this city and scattered through the country, whose lives are pure and whose homes are heaven itself. By suppressing the fakes you encourage these honest mediums and assist the angel world in its efforts to promote the truth. Every honest medium will find in The Progressive Thinker a true friend. Its friendship for mediums has taken definite form. The \$1,000 lately raised for the benefit of the medium's through the universal brotherhood-the fund-to render those mediums comfortable who are that Wasterline with a structure of us. It is true on account of sickness or old age, incapacitated for "original, derivative or factitious," as work—was procured mainly through the untiring efforts of The Progressive Thinker. The paper is not only the Organ of honest mediums, but it has been under the special charge of the Higher Powers who have made it extremely prosperous-prosperous beyond that of any other Spiritualis tor free thought paper published on this earth to-day.

Spiritualism and Prejudice. because her stepmother became ill and cculd care for her no longer, she was Ever since Modern Spiritualism be-

examined by a physician, and he could zan one of its most bitter foes has been find no reason why the patient should 'Frejudice." ('It has plowed its way up not walk. She now moves about, takes from the tiny raps received by those solid food and is gaining strength." three little children at Hydesville, to Held belpless during all these long an institution of life and activity among weary years by the unwise suggestion other institutions of this world. planted in ner mind by an unwise physi

At every step the church, and that clan. The case illustrates a great fact. means all dénominations, has slandered Suggestion, like hypnotism, is a prinand abused it-lied about it; the ciple in nature, and rightly used may be preachers have applied almost every <u>riade</u> vasily beneficial to humanity; poisonous dose of epithets to it and but perverted or unwisely used, it behave knifed it on every side in a fran- comes an instrument of evil. tic attempt to assassinate it, and still

it lives and grows. Prejudice could not The Logic of It.

Is it not rather queer that the apole Then the Agnostics and Infidels, biased by a supreme egotism, and, prejgists and shielders of fraud, trickery, deception, of persons claiming to be udiced by the same spirit of intolerance | mediums, but who are mere swindlers that influenced the church, have tackled | preying upon the public, preying upon the little infant, and between the two it the guillibility of dupes, and in some has grown up, like the stately sunflower cases catering to the lowest animal paswith its face to the light until it is al- sions of morally and mentally weakminded patrons-is it not queer that by most too tall to hear their pitcous walling, and too wise to pause in its this class The Progressive Thinker's growth to look out upon them in their warfare against fraud is denounced as a warfare against mediums and medium-There is nothing too mean for a beьbip?

ing or an institution governed by preju The logic if this charge against The Progressive Thinker amounts to this: That the persons who make the charge Upon the subject of prejucice, how egard all mediums and mediumship as ever we cannot do better than sanction fraudulent.

the same from the Chicago Chronicle: Certainly The Progressive Thinker Prejudice rules this world. The gov-erning power may appeal to reason, conscience, wealth, the courts, the arhas done nothing of the kind, has made no such charge, has only battled for honesty and truth and for the welfare mies, but behind all of them, like the and protection of genuine mediumship serpent behind Eve, crouches prejudice -never a line or word to the contrary. A person, therefore, who is ignorant or Genuine mediums should regard out perfectful of it is like a man strolling warfare against traud as a warfare in through a power-house without having their behalf, for such it really is. If all the frauds were weeded out, the true Prejudice is a kind of hatred, distinmediums would thrive.

A Nation of Athelets.

According to the report of a Chrisscure or unknown. It may be racial, it may be religious, it may be social, it tian missionary, as published in the of the Euphrates and the Tigris doubt | may be polltical, it may be superstitious | Sunday Magazine, London, in a paper

MYSTICAL TEACHING. What one writer [as set forth in the St. Louis Globe Democrat] calls the popularity Macterinck is bringing more things to light than the announce-ment of the fact commonly recognizes.

Among others that the mystic himself has been something of an egotist in inncying that he held a mount of vision where nonb but the rare initiate could follow him, "The Mystic," says a re-cent speaker. In university circles, "is he who looks at things from his notion of the unknown," To imagine, then, that in a great fulpitating world of the unknown he ends amall handful of his maknown he and a small handful of his disciples were the only ones given to incursions and speculations in the un-zeen, is almost the supreme egotism of man-the strange idea of a picked com-pany of the elect which seems to pursue the teachers into every spiritual field. That Maeterlinck is becoming a charmed and famillar name in nearly overy household of to day is not all due o the growing spiritual consciousness of mankind, but to the large and daring faith he has in it, when appealed to the university professor divides them, recognizes a "point of sensibility," a de-gree of psychical experience necessary to fully grasp the mystic speech and vision. But this is far from limiting

them to any class or order, and simply marks the individual soul's awakening to the nature of its own being and in-hertiance. "For the soul," he tells us, "is like a dreamer, enthralied by sleep, who struggles with all his might to move an arm or raise an eyelid." That this struggle of the soul to find

itself and assert its power, is universal, and old as the soul itself, is something which it is well for the mystic of any age to begin to recognize. Even the 'spiritual epoch" lies very much in the power of the mind to discern it; the courage of the mind to declare it, per-

Sitting in the luxurious drawing-room of one of the veriest butterflies of society, and sceming devotees of wealth, a caller recently chanced-yery imroperly, of course-upon some refer ence to the Uray and the psychic devel-opments of the hour, when, to her surprise, her hostess exclaimed in tense tones that bore no relation to fad-follow ng: "Oh, Mrs. —, I would impoverish myself and go barefoot through the streets for one ray of light in that direction

Out on a brairle ranch a gentle sister f mercy attempted to whisper spiritual hope and consolation to a poor farmer, whose beloved son lay in fail, under un just, but deadly accusations, with all the odds of the trial going darkly against him. With a smile, the bronzed plainsman replied: "I know all about it, sister, and alone with the stars and the prairie grasses I have had full assurance that my boy will be acquit

ed"-and he was Many a paragraph has crept into the daily papers touching a case—the strangest, shy the authorities, that they have ever known—where a young wo-man, under arrest for murder, showed

not one sign of fear or even concern over the deadly charge against her. "Right prevails, does it not?" was the simple explanation she offered for her strange and almost smiling disregard of all the dangers, horrors, constraints and hardships of the situation, and the very whisper of such a stronghold in such a etmosphere./might/set the cult-worship

per in psychie circles pondering. Faith cures, and prayer tests, and thought masteries and occult leading and every other form of spiritual of sychic influence or phenomena known to the schools, work constantly in al grades of life and society, and, from the superstitions savage to the subtlest ph osopher, the sense of the unseen is the deepest principle of being. Great or small, ignorant or learned, doubling or

believing, every mortal being knows full well that he is in the power of the nown, and from the heart of the up

RADIANT THOUGHT

How to Realize Spiritual Power-Thoughts that Scin- | pervade heaven. If one glimpse of the truth of endtillate Divine Truths and Breathe the Fresh Atmos. less immortality has given you a degree of joy, then Will Do the Soul Good to Contemplate.

ivate your spiritual powers while yet in the flesh, so souls. that when you enter the spiritual world you will have Do you not know that even the silent mental af-Let me give you the exercises and the words of wis- color of your mental aura or atmosphere and create have awakened in me a great consciousness of my im- and higher spiritual forces as your development conmortal nature here and now.

You have wonderful spiritual potencies slumbering ong experience in the freed spirit form.

to spend a little time daily thinking and feeling as making them free. think and feel the enlightened spirits who live in and express the love of the Eternal. It is joy to live to those who have become attuned to the mighty har- the universe. mony that pervades the spirit spheres. That same harmony will pervade the mental aura of this world and bring great joy to humanity and the alleviation of all physical pain and want when the majority of

humanity learn to live attuned to God and the harmo nious light and love proceeding from His presence The darkness, suffering and ignorance in the world are but a lack of that glory of eternal truth that il lumines all enlightened souls in the higher spheres.

How shall you begin to feel that light and that love? By expressing it! That light shines in your interior soul-nature, and if you will you can feel that ove for humanity and the expression through your and more radiant with soul light and power. As the

steam radiator becomes warm in giving forth heat, so your nature will become warm with divine love, which is the essence of power and dominion, by exer- all my ways, for the glory of the living, cternal truth, cising love toward your neighbor-there is no other vay to grow in spiritual power.

For at least one hour each day lay aside the petty through this exercise of the mental and soul powers cares and disturbances of this earth life, and if possiyou will become a true medium for the Spirit of ble go by yourself and create happy thoughts, fill Truth, and your influence for good will become your mental atmosphere with light and joy by affirm- mightier as you thus co-operate with the angels in ing over the eternal realities of truth that you have penetrating the ignorance of the world with your illearned, until the negative thoughts of this earth luminating thoughts of truth. plane are replaced by positive thoughts like those that ' Chicago, Ill.

Is the Problem Soluble?

phere of the Heavenly Spheres-Thoughts that you will realize more light and joy by affirming that truth over and over until it charges your whole brain

with positive uplifting thought, and through this Do you want to feel the joy that is felt by freed thought, so radiant and beautiful in your mind, posispirits in heaven? Do you long to realize a close com-, tively enunciated, will flow the heavenly Spirit of munion with Divine Wisdom? Do you desire to cul- Truth to illuminate hundreds of ignorance-darkened

mastered the first rudiments of spiritual dominion? firmation of divine truth will change the quality and dom that the angels of power have given me, which a light and peace about you that will attract higher tinues ?

Spirits are radiant and beautiful, because they have within your soul, but you imagine that you must lose learned to think and feel love, and as their characters your body before these divine forces will become op- are transformed their light and power increases, erative. Not so! Knowledge and exercise of what Meditate upon these thoughts while you are alone in you already have will unfold to you wonderful visions the silence each day, affirm them positively as though of spiritual power, and you may become conscious you were preaching to a multitude in ignorance and now of what the majority do not realize until after your thoughts will go forth as a blessing to many souls; your secret word silently spoken will become a You are a spirit now, and to realize it you have but | liberating force dissolving the darkness of error and

There is no death.

God is my immortal life and the life of every soul in

The light of eternal life is now dissolving all mortal beliefs of death and damnation.

The whole universe is pervaded by a glorious love and wisdom that seeks to heal, redeem and transform every one of its children.

My soul is vitalized by Love's eternal essence and ts light now dissolves all the gloom of mortal thought from my aura and makes me free.

The light and love that glorifies all beings in heaven is now becoming known to spirits incarnate. This glorious truth will pervade all minds, and as its influence spreads it will bring the health, peace and prosnature of those spiritual qualities will make you more perity to humanity that it has given to the inhabitants of heaven.

I will be true to this light. I will be strong in the spirit of love. I will live and act as an immortal in The oftener the above thoughts are affirmed the

more vibrant and joyful the mind becomes, and

WALTER DEVOE.

It may be said without detraction [San Francisco ness and consciousness. That awareness and sense Inroniele] from the just value, both scientific and of physiological fluty which governs the purely physpractical, of recent discoveries by Professor Loeb and lieal manifestations of life is one kind of conscious-Mr. Clark, that they bring us no whit nearer a real so- ness and that which recognizes the self and the men-

ution of the problem of life. And that much ought tal aspect of life is quite another kind. A tissue cell to be said because of the infectious spread of an irre- is necessarily aware of what it must take from the lective tendency to jump from the facts to a snap con-blood to sustain its existence, but/it does not know clusion that life is chemical activity-and nothing enough to know it does exist. But it has not the more. It should be borne in mind that to know the slightest need of such knowledge, while self-knowlphenomena of life and how to govern them is not to edge is essential to human personality. Evidently, know what life really is. Were it possible to carry the end of bodily life is the end of that kind of conaboratory experiments up to actual production of a sciousness which governs it. It is also evident that living human being, or even to something better, the while the body lives its consciousness never sleeps nor great problem of life would still remain unsolved. [could it be off duty for a moment without disastrous

Whether we term the activities of life vitalism, or | consequences. But the true consciousness, or, at least chemism, or what not, we have in them no clew to the objective part of it, goes sound asleep or becomes what actually constitutes life, aside from its known obliterated in syncope or disease, while the bodily phenomena. We are told that frictional and chemical functions go on as placifily as ever. Self-conscious action will generate electricity; but there is no one to ness, therefore, is not essential to bodily existence tell us more of what electricity is, aside from its ef- and, evidently, is not governed by the functions of feets, than Gilbert knew after rubbing his bits of am- that existence. Hence the inference that this, the ber, or Franklin after the lightning had streamed higher form of consciousness, is supported by the down his kite string. And as with electricity, so with higher functions of life-which implies the activities life. Just what that was which is said to have been of that life which is life itself-ultimate, universal breathed into Adam, and which, in one way and an- and without beginning or end. Extended study and other, has set all of us going since human life began, analysis of collated proofs of the survival of human we know no more than did Adam or the first anthro- personality, recently published, convert that inferchemical reaction. We also know that life in some form | Human life may be regarded as a wave produced of activity, is everywhere and in everything, while upon the surface of the sea of life, which pursues its death is merely cessation of that activity in any given career, subsides, and is gone forever. Yet nothing is form or direction. It follows that while life itself lost to that sea itself. On the contrary, its substance is absolutely without beginning or end, its lesser man- becomes enriched by the experience of one more huifestations begin and end in an infinite variety of man personality. For the wave carried with it an inways. So that death to mankind is but a decoloniz- herent potentiality which developed actual consciousation of certain physical activities whose concert of ness of its own existence, actual realization and memory of its own experience, actual yearning for and ac-From these considerations it becomes safe to quirement of expanding knowledge of that of which it predicate that a hand-made, artificial man or a spon- was a conscious part. All this and more it carried taneously generated man, if properly constructed with it in its subsidence into the placid depths of the and set going, would stand the same chance of the fu- | sea of life; for this, its personality, formed no feature that there are any chances against the future life. | Now, as a growing personality, an expanding recep-Human life develops consciousness of self, with real- tacle of progressively acquired knowledge, it must ization and memory of experience which go a long eventually reach a solution of the problem of lifeway to create the personality for which, alone, could provided the sea of life has boundary limits. It it immortality be reasonably expected. The essential has not, then omniscience is but a relative term and the problem of life remains forever insoluble.

less antedate those of Egypt. They probably connect the civilizations of the Indus and the Irrawaddy, and farther East, with those of the Nile. These ruins scattered all over these vast regions, remains of full ten thousand knowable. years ago, are the true and uncorrupted records of a long buried past. Let the gearch go on. Their revealments are scious of it. On the other hand, he indestined to give us a better concention dignantly denies it. He will not deny of the beginnings of our race, and of the grand strides it has made to reach its man, but when he attempts to tell what present proud eminence in the arts, lit-

crature and science. We thank the people can see that he is prejudiced, University of Chicago and its learned professors, for the noble work in which hey are engaged. Knowledge and bigcourse does not know the cause of it. otry are incompatible with each other. Teach the truth in regard to the past, and the myths of creation and the peoenvious, will do the most contemptibly pling of the earth with inhahitants in mean things that human nature is ever Fix days, will give place to real knowlguilty of, such as lying, slander, treachedge, showing there has been no FALL, but a gradual acquisition of wisdom and ascension through all the millions of

years our progenitors have inhabited this earth.

A Babe is Born-and a Boy.

The bells of all the churches in the Russian empire rang the glad tidings that an heir to the throne was born. It is-reported that the autocracy had decided that if this event disappointed, as the four preceding had done with a girl. then the czar would seek a divorce and marry again, for in the disturbed condition of the empire it was of vital importance than an heir be in waiting.

The poor babe, over whom there is shouting and prayers at the churches, and blessings of priests, should have the pity of the world. A man sleeping on the brink of a volcano, trembling and muttering with the intensity of the suppressed lava ready to burst forth, is cafe compared with the czar and his court. It is perfidious, inhuman, despicable to assassinate, but possibly there may be a government so inhuman, cruel and despicable in the estimation of those who suffer from its misrule, as to justify the bursting bomb.

The poor child will inherit the plaud its of the priesthood there, always on the side of tyranny, and the accumula tions of all the outrages suffered by the people of past generations.

On him will fall the reflection of the torture of the Siberian exiles, their festering shackles, their hunger and de spair, their terrible suffering unto death in mines, dungeons, and on the frozen storm-swept plains. On him will fall the misery and degradation, the want and poverty of a great people, robbed of their birthright and enslaved by autocrats in the name of God. Born to be cradled in fine linen, and fed on a service of gold; to have rulers for his servitors, he cannot escape the fate he inherits, and no one can remove the bomb from beneath his pillow. or pre vent the fuse burning when the time comes for its lighting. Justice may be flow, but it is sure, and the red hand of revolution will avenge the wrongs of the past and the present.

Poor little bit of humanity! Better been born in the shack of a peasant than in the royal palace.

and, worst of all, it may be caused by entitled "Religion in Japan": jealousy, but what causes any particu-"The Japanese come as near being a iar man's prejudice against another nation of atheists as any people upon while it admits of much argument and speculation, is utterly unknown and un. the planet. So far as Christianity is

concerned, progress in Japan is slow; Another characteristic is that the there is no sign of any real turning to man with a prejudice is never con- Christ.' That missionary had spent many

years with the people of the Rising at times that he is angry with the other Sun, and had expended his best servlees in a futile attempt to convert them It is about he is so irrational that he to bis faith. Instead, they insisted gives himself completely away. Other their Buddha was every way superior but he himself does not know it and of as a teacher to Jesus, inculcating better morals, without adding threats of A more forbidding characteristic is endless wee to frighten them into good that a prejudiced person, especially if behavior.

The Parent of Crime.

ery, bribery, poisoning and assassina-Rev. W. H. Harrington, late chaplain tion. A man with a genuine hatred wants a fight to the finish in the open, of the Minnesota State Prison, is rebut the prejudiced man skulks in the ported as saying: "The theological dogma of vicarious punishment is respondark and seeks to take a mean advantage. There is also a special brand of sible for a vast deal of crime." Well,

why not? If Jesus suffered for the The climax is that prejudice is incur- sins of the world, in place of the real able and eternal. Every complaint that offender, why should the culprit care prejudice has prought against a man how much guilt is charged to his acmay be refuted and shown to be ridicu count. The atoning blood of the dear lous and impossible, and the only effect Savior effaces every trace of wrong-doon the prejudiced man will be a moing, if trust is placed in his power of rementary embarrassment, while the prejdemption. udice remains and soon breaks out in

The statistics of every penitentiary ome other direction. Ingersoll said In Christian countries confirm the obthat religion was not founded on reason and that was the reason that reasoning had no effect on it. Probably that is

THE OPEN COURT. is true that prejudice is not founded on anything and that is the - reason It is controlled by Spiritualists-by

there is not anything that will remove devout, sincere Spiritualists who have If a man is the victim of a prejudice the good of the cause at heart. They what had he better do about it? The first thing is to find out, because many have a right to be heard on the importunsuspicious people suffer from preju- ant questions before the Court. Whatdice a long time before they suspect it. ever is said therein, each writer is rehaving once made up his mind that ansponsible therefor-give them the other man is prejudiced against him. PRAISE or the BLAME, and not the his course of action should be governed editor. After next week the Court will by his relations with his enemy, the

adjourn. The proceedings of the sessions that have been held should be laid If he is wholly independent of his enemy he will find it an excellent remedy aside for future reference, especially break up all friendly relations with this issue and the next. Soon there him and compel him to be an open en-That is a hundred times better will be another session of Court, on a than a hypocritical friendship with a question that will awaken an immense deadly prejudico at the back of it. If a interest in the Cause of Truth among man's prejudiced enemy is his superior all honest Spiritualists throughout the upon whom he depends for promotion world. The ball has commenced rolland success in life the best way is for ing, and Error will be crushed, and the victim to put the diameter of the

earth between him and his enemy and Truth prevail. A Prominent Cuban.

Through the mediumship

Power of Suggestion Illustrated. We have had the pleasure of a visit The power of suggestion is well flfrom Mr. E. Prieto, of Cuba. He is an iustrated in the following case reported earnest Spiritualist, and has been atto the Chicago Record-Herald, from tending the various camps. He is a Fort Wayne, Ind.; man highly cultured, and it is extremely interesting to talk with him.

"Held bedfast for twenty-five years, apparently by the power of suggestion, Miss Ella Conklin of this city, 30 years "The Romance of Jude. A Story of old, is learning to walk. At the age of 5 her back was injured by a fall, and the Life and Times of the Nazarena end His People. the physician in attendance said she of Mrs. M. T. Longley. An intensely innever could walk again. She went to been taken to a hospital **W. P. Phebon**, M. D. Price 50 cents. teresting book. Neatly bound in cloth

seen must draw his vital strength and resource.

Is he likely to sit down then and wait for some cloud-wrapped mystic to tell him how? Nay, more is the eternal life principle within him, the Divine Spirit by whose breath alone he knows one hour of being likely to leave him to some brother mortal to whisper to him the immorial story? "The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in the heart." runs the sacred teaching, and to feel after and find him is all the rap speaker from Mars hill asked of Greek or barbarian for the mystic union with

There is a sublime simplicity, as well as "eternal unquimity" in all higher mystical teachings, which bears scant relation to the cabalistic utterances of the minor prophets. Man, as the breath of God, one with the eternal, is about all, from Genesis to Revelation, that the record allows, and from that tremendous and all-glorious truth must the inlividual soul work out its own spirit life and philosophy.

To perceive its struggles and trust its nure and incontaminable life essence to bring it back to the bosom of purity, is the most and the best that the outside friend or seer can do for us. That Maeterlinck recognizes this indestruct ible soul force in all men, and makes it especially "the treasure of the humble," is the thing that brings him to our doors and firesides, where other mystics stand afar off, bewildering us with their unknown tongues.

"We are natural believers," said Em erson; "truth alone interests us. We are persuaded that a thread runs through all things, and men and events, and life itself, come to us only becaus of that thread." Thus do the larger

spirit teachers take us all into their confidence, and make us partners with them in the grasp of that eternal echeme of being and design, where nothing is by chance or accident, yet veiled in mysteries that the instinct of a bird or the swift intuition of a child may read more truly than all our phil-osophies. Always, too, must the mystic's teachings be bried at length at the

har of the social consciousness, and thus does the mysticism of a Philo or Plotinus fall away before the very intuitions of the common people it has de-Grant also, as a great sociologist has

recently declared, that the sole strength of this social constitueness is the be lief in immortality, and "the unity and existence of God thefone ground of our reciprocal action," 'and you have the

very field the Christ himself discerned for the work hoof the spirit teacher. Couched in parables, and wrapped in heavenly mysteries, as were all his ut-

terances, yet it was the common people who heard him sladly, and from the unlearned woman at the well of Samaria hat the first quick answer to the mystic lesson came in the eager cry, "Lord, give me of this living water, that 1 thirst no more, neither come hither to

iraw.

The fact is that there seems little one in the whole mystic business, till the days come, foregold by the Scripture, when they shall not teach ever man, or any man, his neighbor, saying, know the Lord, and the lordly powers within you, for all shall know the Lord, from the least to the greatest. The | suggestiveness. Oloth, \$1.50.

poid ape. But we know it was something more than ence into scientific fact.

action has kept his body alive.

ture life that the rest of us do-which is not saying of the wave's material form.

thing, therefore, is to set human life going.

The fact is that the future life is simply a question of consciousness. Does the conscious human person- noenous desuetude of nothing left to be learned? ality survive bodily death? Now there is conscious-

soul is preparing for a decisive struggle, says Macterlinck, and none can forctell the issue, be this struggle for victory or ciety, of which the notorious Hagaman, for flight. Alas, for the mystic who must leave us there.

IRENE CLARK SAFFORD.

Boil It Down.

The advice of experts is epitomized n Joe Lincoln's poem in the "Author's icar Book," entitled "Boil It Down." Contributors to The Progressive Thinkor are kindly requested to commit the stanzas to memory, and govern themseives accordingly.

lf you have a thought that's happy. Make it short and crisp and snappy When your brain its coin has minied, Down the page your pen has sprinted, If you want your effort printed, Boil it down.

Take out every surplus letter-Fewer syllables the better-Make your meaning plain-express it So we'll know, not merely guess it... Then, my friend, ere you address it, Boil it down.

fulfill his arrogant pledge. Boil out all the extra trimmings-Skim it well, then skim the skimmings-When you're sure 'twould be a sin to Cut another sentence into, Send it on, and we'll begin to Boll it down.

"Discovery of a Lost Trail." By Chas. B. Newcomb. Excellent in opiritual But, after all, who would care to sink into the in-0, 0, BURGESS.

Construction and Construction Construction Construction Another Daring Wager. There is an "anti-Spiritualiem" so WHENCE AND WHITHER?

who writes "Prof." before his name, is An Inquiry into the Nature of the Soul, secretary. He really is society, officers

BY DR. PAUL CARUS.

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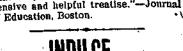
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due appreciation of the purity of truth.

Fact never is a full synonym of truth, for while "Truth is within ourselves; it takes no rise fact may be true, yet it is the mere perception of truth but shorn of the lustre which the latter adds to the former. In fact, fact may be error, to which truth never There is an inmost center in us all, descends. Truth is the pure, sparkling, scintillating gem; fact, if true, is but the gem in the rough. Truth stands out the beautiful statue perfect in delineation, in symmetry and in feature; fact is gross material.

Many facts are valuable; some are valueless; all facts are not true. A lie-which is but a short, crisp name for willful error is the antithesis of truth. The lie is the outcome of human selfishness, and for the And source within us, where broods a radiance vast, time is meant to, and does supplant truth, but in the To be elicited ray by ray as chance shall favor." end the lie perishes and truth triumphs. Unlike The solution of this problem and its assimilation to it becomes the paramount issue before the mind-and by others. the lying habit becomes permanent.

"We call them habits, all those little things That trouble life and work; truths: Our loves and hopes; and of our joys,

But we forget.'

HYPNOTISM.

AGENT.

A Retraction of Opposing Statements

in the Great Psychological Crime.

I am constrained, as a result of later

transmutation of disease, and which ap-

Psychological Crime some time ago.

Therein I gave the results of my per-

Made to One of the Question at Issue

Truth is that which is; error is that which is not. Truth when properly used never grows stale; for no No doubt it is by the mass of those now living, but would infinitely prefer that the cause, which I love,

benevolent; error is malevolent. Truth is loyalty; face of the curtains of the mind. Its effects remain. CLOGGED BY SELFISHNESS.

All truth is sacred and totally incapable of being ception of our true relationship to the Infinite, to the movement toward the goal of truth? discriminated against in its various applications ex- laws and conditions of our being here and hereafter. cept in individual results; error is not sacred and its and to our relationship to our fellow man. When we line of your duty to humanity and thereby to your only worth is, by contrast, to awaken the mind to a grasp the full significance of this problem of the ages cause by seeking to fully understand, to live and to then we shall know that

> Where truth abides in fullness, and to know, Rather consists in opening out a way Whence the imprisoned splendor may escape, Than in effecting entry for a light Supposed to be without.

Watch narrowly the demonstration of a truth, its birth.

And you trace back the influence to its spring

is drawn but exists only in the evil mind coneciving it. strange to relate, the organizations, excepting a few- has raised up the widows and orphans to dispense, the higher standpoint of those celestials. As truth by reflex action leaves its indelible impress taking name from his titular appendage-have lost through a system of vicious laws, blessings upon those upon the soul, so, too, does the lie, but the effect is dif- sight of His central idea and instead have substituted rich tribute-takers! ferent. We can use truth until it assumes its place in a mere incident and hold up the cross as a fetisch for our thoughts, and thus a habit for truth becomes mankind to look upon in order that they may be saved nothing but glittering generalities and weak, vapid the minds of the succeeding generation the three-fold fixed. Likewise, we can conceive and use the lie until from the effect of sins committed by themselves-and milk and water strictures upon sin-in speaking of problem taught by Jesus, then he will become really

denizens of earth near the middle of the nineteenth his congregation, that thus, in Infinite wisdom, are his rightful place as-Man. century with renewed vigor after a long vacation, if some men permitted to accumulate great wealth at Meantime, Spiritualism faces its golden opportu-And yet, we might make habits of our faiths and you please, to emphasize the truth of the compound the expense of others on the principle that the big fish nity. The cause will not stand still, but will either proposition before stated.

ity's betterment? While recognizing that the upward ror,

this brief span of eistence is too long to spend in its The greatest practical problem that can possibly af- trend of mankind is neturally slow, can it not be feet human existence is the attainment of the full per- strengthened and hastened by an all-along-the-line

Individually, Spiritualists, do you not perceive the perpetuate the grandest lesson ever brought for the contemplation of mankind?

Pray glance at what we please to term "our boasted eivilization," and note the departure from the inculcated lesson contained in the proposition which merits our full consideration.

Is not our civilization barbarous? For what do people strive? For position, pelf, power and riches, prompted by innate pride and vanity and reached by means of legalized murder, oppression and robbery!

A very eloquent pulpit orator of revolutionized up to dispense blessings upon the widows and or. one moment would I detract from the importance of phans! Shades of John and Charles Wesley!

"Upon what has this our Caesar fed that he

Another divine (1) —a fat parasite, for he produces

are made to eat up the little ones! Do I hear you say that the doctrine inculcated in Rather than hear Spiritualistic speakers give vent rise to the summit of human accomplishment or go this proposition is impossible of human attainment f to such damnable twaddle in the name of Truth, I backward by a lack of the spirit of progression.

Truth is clernal; error is a misconception of truth matter how often it may be applied, new aspects of certainly you recognize that the plane now occupied should go down to deserved and eternal death while Truth is clernal; error falls by the wayside. Truth truth are constantly presenting themselves for recog- by humanity has been reached after untold centuries hoping that its place might be supplied by a religion

tyrs. HE WHO GIVES MOST, RECEIVES MOST; But this civilization! Think of war, slavery, op-Ages; error is the shifting quicksand. Truth is God; The universe was built on truth. Error and lie had OR, THE CAPACELY FOR RECEIVING IS IN- pression, rapine, plunder. Human passion as it ex-error is evil. Truth in the end, sits triumphant; error no part, neither in its conception nor in its formation. CREASED IN PROPORTION TO THE DESIRE TO ists in many forms; the slum and its indispensable at last, lies prone in defeat. Truth is always worthy Error in all its details came in with human thought GIVE. THIS IS ALAW NATURAL AND INHER-comcomitants, the public dance-halls and brothels; of recognition; error should be shunned. Truth is and has no existence except upon the reflecting sur- ENT IN OUR VERY-BRING, BUT TOO OFTEN the bureaus existing ostensibly for supplying young girls with honorable positions, but really to sell them

error is treachery. Truth is comeliness, symmetry, and will remain to some extent, throughout all eter- Do we not owe to posterity the richest heritage it to keepers of dens of ill-fame; great corporate institubeauty, grace; error is the antithesis to each. Truth nity; for, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." is in our power to bequeath them? Or have we as a tions (bodies without souls) and smaller firms, emis love, faith, hope, charity; error is loveless, faith- Truth is eternal and cannot die; for if it should, race become so strongly attached, through the com- ploying women on scanty salaries, and when asked less, hopeless, uncharitable. Truth is of such inesti- God and the universe of Justice, Spirit and Matter mercial spirit of the age, to material aggrandizement for increase, cite them to a quiet life of shame! Do mable value that life on the earth plane is too brief to would alike perish and nothing remain but space and and accumulation that sacrifice of personal enjoyment not assert that many of these conditions exist because spend any portion of it in pursuit of any other acqui- eternity; the two latter not being existences but con- is too dear to surrender for our own, and for poster- of demand for them, for that only intensifies the hor-

> And then the passion of temper-or rather, distemper. So near to the skin of the human being is wrapped the growl of the heast of the jungle that in a moment, men and women seeningly peaceful, on slight provocation becomes raging, fighting and frequently murderous fiends to say nothing of the counting out of so many ounces of blood for so many ounces of treasure"-the cold, deliberate murder.

In view of all this-a mere epitome of human crime, both legal and illegal-should not Spiritualism make greater efforts to present the truth which Jesus sought to bring humanity, for which He suffered death and from which the great mass of His pretended followers have turned away because unpopular and because its practice involves personal sacrifice?

Inter-communion between the two life-planes is a Methodism, in this city not long ago referring to two truth, magnificent in its proportions, and of great immulti-millionaires, asserted that God had raised them portance, but is this the all of Spiritualism ? Not for

this phase, but bear in mind that spirit communion is only instrumental in bringing to our recognition tertruth, the lie has no great fountain head from which it the needs of humanity was the mission of Jesus; but should" so pervert truth ! when the truth is, that God restrial, the brighter aspect of truth as viewed from

In the language of another let me say, "Man has not yet arriven, he is only a promise." When the being we call man shall solve, practice and instill into the incessant warfare which obtains among carnivor- human; then will he become refined; then will he be-Spiritualism, though old as the race, came to the ous animals used it as a lesson for the poor portion of come spiritual; and then will he have arriven to take

advance by taking its position to teach humanity to

only the pure article for sale at his tion and therefore have had a legiti-"model." Decidedly funny is this wise mate place as necessary iconoclasts in talk about "pure liquors." It means that they are free from all forein ingredients, except alcohol, and hence harmless , when alcohol is the one poison which makes them objectionable. It is the alcohol and not other "impurities"

There is a return in the circle of the churches to the position they occupied a generation ago. The preacher then was greeted in his calls by a decanter of brandy or rum, and not until the tem--perance question had been agitated, and it was seen that it could be confused with the Sunday laws and thus secure desired legislation, was temper-ance made a church issue. Now it is found that the saloons are stronger than the church, and the church will painstaking exploitation. He also urges exploiter itself by means of saloons, as one of his aims the securement to where pure liquor will be sold. We pre-

that makes them had, and will have, of childish stories based upon superstithe natural order of intellectual evolution. This fact will be well established at the St. Louis congress. The iconoclastic work of advanced thinkers has been so well done that the victory over Christian superstition is complete; and which leads to the drink habit and it can be truthfully said that the Chris-makes the confirmed drunkard. tian church cannot furnish any valid

evidence that it ever received a special commission to preach the only gospiel which sets forth the only way of salvation for all mankind. Theological de ductions from the writings of men, who did not know the real nature of things, are merely human assumptions, not divine revelation. The time has now come to make the fact of the great Christian delusion known to all the world. Science and reason have forced the defenders of Christianity to modify tions. I feel the unfairness of nut meting out in words of unmistakable when in later days, with broader con-when in later days, with broader con-when in later ages, with broader con-broader con-when in later ages, with broader con-pouring pure thoughts and lofty aspira-prover thoughts and lofty

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The great agnostic, Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, whose mellifuous words still laying on of hands" as a means of eradi-ring in my ears, though he made no pre-tense to occult knowledge, tells us that "perfect peace makes perfect form." It is perhaps not new to you, nor is it and we who have given even the most original with me.

and more far-reaching evidence, to re-tract a certain verdict that I hastily that living in harmony with nature on Anton Mesmer, Dr. Elliottson and tract a certain verdet that, at the time, builds for us soul-vestures whose ema-rendered concerning what, at the time, builds for us soul-vestures whose ema-rendered concerning what, at the time, builds for us soul-vestures whose ema-rendered concerning what, at the time, builds for us soul-vestures whose ema-rendered concerning what, at the time, builds for us soul-vestures whose ema-rendered concerning what, at the time, builds for us soul-vestures whose ema-rendered concerning what, at the time, builds for us soul-vestures whose ema-rendered concerning what, at the time, builds for us soul-vestures whose ema-rendered concerning what, at the time, builds for us soul-vestures whose ema-rendered concerning what, at the time, builds for us soul-vestures whose ema-rendered concerning what, at the time, builds for us soul-vestures whose ema-rendered concerning what, at the time, builds for us soul-vestures whose ema-line as a sould be the time of time of time of the time of time

transmutation of disease, and which appeared in the columns of The Progress. Disease is often the precipitation of Faria and Charcot, were the avaunt ive Thinker in my review of The Great evil that existed on higher levels, and it couriers of these glad tidings of great is far better to allow it to work itself joy. The formula simple as it is, is as out, and to use such physical plane follows:

Therein I gave the results of my per-sonal research and consequent deduc-tions. I feel the unfairness of not methy out in words of unmistakable Mental bealing can be useful and de us

with forces the most superficial knowl. Brief Notes on Topics of Interest, edge of which is not now yours. There is one method of cure "by the by Hudson Tuttle.

SEEN AND HEARD.

The Western Christian Advocate does not hold a very high opinion of Dr. Funk's "Widow's Mite." it says: "He has written and compiled the

ook, but not for the purpose of advocating Spiritualistic phenomena, or with the aim of declaring his belief in their validity or importance, but rather with the aim of urging others to investigate, with the purpose of declaring his conviction that there is behind these various phenomena a valid somewhat, a residuum of actual fact, a positive substratum of actuality, which deserves

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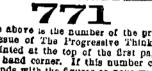
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ping the action of the vibratory bones. Until these

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the physical plane I expect naught but calumny and positive denials should he be interrogated upon the deductions of the great Patanjala. They will that follow.

To hand on to you in the manner and form that it has reached me a conception that is by no means new I will conform as closely as my clumsy words will permit to the subject matter in band.

I shall ask those who do me the honor to praise my literary screed to accept for the moment as a working hypothe-sis the doctrine of the pre-existence of cused in this one form of Verse the ego.

Diseases may, for simple analysis, be gestive hypnosis, mesmerism and neuregarded as having their origin in two rotic hypnotism. So, when I tell you part of the treatment for the third time sources, namely, external and internal. that the modern practitioner of sugges-Abrasions, bruises, cuts, fractures and tion is only brushing the surface of a without delay, both the operator's contagious maladies may be classed as knowledge of which our oriental brother hands should be placed in a bowl of

ities at birth, may, in a wide sense, be · Concentration upon different organs catalogued as inherent-as soul quali- of the human body, after repeated ef. ism. While the hands are in the milk ties working themselves from within fort, will usually put the organ in rapout. Such physical diseases and dis port with the consciousness of the man. tortions are the outward evidences of He can accentuate its action-can remoral, and therefore essentially mental, lard or stop it entirely at will, in in-

rarified in constitution than the gross these organs is known as the sympa-physical vehicle, and each body is re-

spectively correlated to the plane from lution these vital processes have derives its technical name. passed under its control. Again bringwhich it Again, each of these vestures of the ego ing the control of these organs under nterpenetrates the others below it in the dominance of the mind is a back-

the same manner that ether interpene ward step, not a progression. Deep-

monious vibrations. plysical body the channel that offers thus be induced, a cure for which may the least resistance. This channel is be unattainable.

the nervous system with its numerous ganglion, plexuses and perve fibres act-

body. This

from the sun, and is taken up and specialized by each individual, every man pression from behind to the retina and as it were having a keynote-a vibra- thus picture thereon the object that lies

This specialized magnetism is in rapport with the brain and with the corre-These more subtle vehicles are ter represent the retina. An excitation DESS. exact replicas of the physical body. If of the reverse side thereof will carry through the agency of "suggestive ther- the vibration in an inverse direction.

apeutics"-a term that is a flagrant at- and you will then have a rough compretempt to hide the word hypnotism-a hension of my meaning. Other methdisease disappears, it is altogether prob- ods of achieving the same results than able. If the malady is one of those we by auto or alto-bypnosis are known to have called inherent, that it is driven a few physicians, the modus operandi

back into a higher vehicle. The dy-being regarded as furthering the advent namic intensity of the will power that of optical disorders. Therefore, for the used in the effort to cure the disease time at least, it is not discussed pub

will determine the place of its lodg- licly. ment, in the higher vehicles. A dis-ease may be driven into the mind-body, in which event melancholia, di-times indulged in by persons who have

mentia, suicidal tendency, etc., are the succeeded in getting the whole sympanoticeable accompaniments. The exthetic system under their control. So ression of this vibratory inharmony complete is the delusion that experts (disease) will again reappear in the have diagnosed these cases as the "vis-group" by sical body at a future time in station of the king of terrors."

rrom the materialistic issculapios the physical. Pure thought shows it rather than female operators achieve a fect is confined within the domain of success Students of consulting the physical form. tures, which will act as transmitters to better. I unwillingly admit that male

thing of the different forms of Yoga as castile soap before beginning your taught in the "one-pointed" philosophy treatment. While the nands are yet soft apply them to the afflicted parts of member, too, one particular phase of it the patient's body, holding them in known as Hatha Yoga. All that the close contact therewith. This contact Charcot school of hypnotists which annshould be enforced for a period of five ports the neurosis theory-all that the minutes. Perfect quietude should be enjoined. No one save the operator Nancy school, with Liebault and others at its head, which supports the sugand a close friend or relative of the subgestive hypothesis, and all that the disject should be present at the time of ciples of Anton Mesmer have gleaned treatment. During the contact the op-

in their researches-in fact all that is ! erator should will to absorb. to draw unto himself, the spurious vital fluid of cused in this one form of Yoga. Truly the patient. After an interval of say Hatha Yoga is the triune unity of sug-two or three minutes repeat the process. A repetition of this particular

will be sufficient. At this juncture and external. Scrofula, cancer, consump- is a post-grauduate, I only reiterate a sweet milk or tepid water. The pro-tion, dyspepsia, and physical deform- truth. cess is one of inbreathing and outbreathing, as it were, of human magnet-

(two minutes' time will be sufficient) utbreathe the magnetic excrement that you have absorbed—will it out and way from you. Believe me, you are a depravity and inharmony. The gross stances of a high degree of proficiency. voritable storage battery. Infantile as physical body is the photo or likences of Singular as this may seem he can again the process may seem it will be effect-(superphysical) spiritual causes. The bring under the control of his will the live. In some instances the milk will ego is the thinking principle that functioning of the stomach, heart, immediately coagulate, although yet retions through at least two bodies more lungs, etc. The automatic activity of maining sweet. By the way I wish to here interpose the advice that the milk or water be thrown out upon the ground. Any living creature may be poisoned by its use. [I will tell you in these brackets, before it escapes my biπ. mind, that the bellef of Roman Catho-

lics in "holy water" is not without its the same manuel due cher interprise induction in the progression. Deep into in hor water is not without its trates air. The ego radiates through rooted injury (the reversal of the ac-root in occult fact. Pure human mag-his subtle bodies harmonicus or inhar- tion of intestinal processes, for in- netism precipitated into water is very root in occult fact. Pure human magofficacious in the cure of human These vibrations stance,) very often self-wrought by the ille use as their avenue of epression in the ignorant though earnest student can when properly used.] After expelling the unhealthy fluid, return to your patient, place your hands again upon the Through a slight knowledge of the point of disease-precipitation, and will

physiological arrangement of the eye in the vital fluid of your body to pass by ing as mediums of transmission, for relation to the brain it is possible for the route of your hands and fingers into what we will call, for want of a better the man with a trained will to reverse the body of the patient. Will you be term, animal magnetism, which con the visual power so as to be enabled to surprised when I tell you that, though stantly circulates in and through the see the base of his own brain. The you be a novice in the work, that there magnetism is same set of nerves that carries an imwill be an outrushing of energy from poured into the earth's atmosphere pression to the mind through the brain you that will at once be noticeable in can be so stimulated as to carry an imthe renewed vigor of your patient.

Practice will make perfect along these lines, and you need not be astonas it were having a hopping to himself. anterior thereto, to be again by reflex ished if within a year's time you will be tory rate—that is peculiar to himself. anterior thereto, to be again by reflex ished if within a year's time you will be action carried back to the brain, thus enabled, under proper conditions, to carrying the brain itself to the view of light the gas in your own home with the port with the bland higher vehicles of conscious the mind. Let the telephone transmit-static clectricity (magnetism) that you ness. These more subtle vehicles are ter represent the retina. An excitation can engender. I repeat that you are a veritable storage battery, and when you shall "know yourself" in the true sense of the word, you will not besitate to recognize, with Bulwer Lytton the wonderful force that that great occultist called will.

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"Spirit Echoes." My Mattie E. Hull.

at whose doors they have for years been knocking. He avows his belief that there is within reach of man in

these varied and inexplicable phenomena "a colossal new force, or rather a world of new forces." which need to be explored. The volume is a mixture of all sorts of data, some of which may be of worth, but many of which are absurd and trivial. We are, we confess, sur-prised at finding Dr. Funk attempting o classify certain Biblical incidents in the Old and New Testament as Spiritualistic phenomena, although he delares that he has found in years of investigation "much deception, trickery and fraud." But he avers his sincere pelief that there is much in the realm of psychic phenomena in addition to ese elements.

"And we opine that Dr. Funk takes entirely too much for granted in his book throughout, although he professes to occupy a purely judicial attitude. Nevertheless he has furnished a volume which will stimulate research and tio of drunkards. quicken curiosity on all lines of invesigation which he has indicated."

Dr. Funk, in his attempt to appear of judicial mind, and while a Spiritualist cose as one not convinced has not wakened the enthusiasm of his church

brethren as he anticipated. He is regarded by them with more suspicion than he would have been had he been out-spoken and fully convinced. If he e in doubt, alter all his experience, and fears another interpretation may be placed on his "facts," how can he expect others to place a higher value on them? One must feel secure in his position, if he would have others join

The Advocate's opinion of Frederick W. H. Myers' massive volume, a more appreciative, in ratio of Mr. Myers' strength of expression of his belief. Yet in conclusion it says pitcously:

"But we pity those who, by virtue of their environment, their mental constltution, or what not, are driven to ghost stories, telepathic theories, and mediumistic chatter and collusion in order to find satisfactory proof that the human soul lives after, deathin, and, that Jesus Christ rose from; the, tomb after the crucifixion." Now in face of the fact that for near

2,000 years the Christlan churches have been trying to prove this very hing of man's continuance after death and that Christ rose from the tomb. exercising their cupning and ingenuity to prove the same, and yet there is bt, and three-fourths; of mankind are althless skeptics, proves that there is need of something more. Had there not been, had the churches furnished the evidence, there would have been no resort to "ghost storles and mediumictic chatter."

A Church Salcon.

Bishop Potter of New York, has pu into practice a pet scheme. He thinks the saloon cannot be absorbed and hence reform lies in the direction of its improvement. With the assistance of his church the Bishop has established

a "model saloon," the "Sannyside Tav-"Spirit Echoes." My matter is the served, and a social center created of the author's latest and choicest are served, and a social center created are served. This patrons. The Bigliophere thinks it is poems. Neatly bound in cloth, and with for its patrons. The Biglip thinks it is portrait of the author. Price 75 conta. the "bad liquors" dispensed by salaons

whiskey will have a blessing "returned" tober will be a grand time of jubilee for science and reason: let every advanced over it before placed on tap!

This will open up a new line of husithinker wake up to do his duty, finanness for the preachers-blessing beer cially and otherwise, so that science kegs and whisky barrels, and holding and reason can be fully defended and prayer meetings and revivals in "Sun-nyside Taverns." The pure liquor will advanced thinkers be morally justified From the view of Christianity, unbelief intoxicate just the same as the bad. In in its theological dogmas is counted as fact the beer will be necessarily the a sin; from that of science, such unbesame, and the whisky of the same man. lief is a virtue, because Christian dogufacture. All the Bishop can promise, mas are not true. Qualified persons of is that it will not be doctored before any sect, who wish to speak at the condealt to his customers. With so much gress should write to Dr. Max Hempel, advertising the church saloons ought to 2357 N. Grand avenue., St. Louis, Mo., advertising the church saloons ought to do a large business, with profit suffi- giving names, and subjects which they wish to discuss. Publishers of periodi-cals, Christian, Jew, or Freethought, cient to pay the parson's salary and secure the best of choirs. The people are requested to send copies to Dr will be attracted, and thus while church Hempel to put on file at the congress members are made on one side, drunkards are made on the other. That will superstition's extremnity is Freethought's opportunity. Reason is alive be the cost of it. It has been estimated though Christian theology is dead. It that every heathen soul saved costs the will be shown at the congress what great strides science and reason have missionary fund \$6,000. In the saloon scheme the new for church members is so many moderate drinkers and a ranade and a new departure will be taken.

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similar Religious Departures, viewed in the light of exact cience. The "Non-religious" Education of the

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tion, Known as Christianity. The world's fair at Chicago was made notable by a great parliament of all the religions of the world; let the world's fair at St. Louis be made glorious by an international congress of all scientific and advanced thought leaders. At the Chicago parliament, science and free-thought were not allowed the privilege of being represented, because the relig

ious leaders thereof were not intellect ually advanced enough to allow a free and full expression of what other scholarly people think and know. While it and a hundred thousand preachers are is falsely claimed by Christians that exercising their cunning and ingenuity there is no conflict between science and

maid, yet the leaders of the Chicago parliament were not inclined to let sci ence help them out. At the interna tional congress to be held at St. Louis next October, the managers have de cided to be more magnanimous and they will provide a free platform for a

qualified representative of any religion, to express his views on the broad

between science and religious beliefs: but none between science and reason. Advanced thinkers have always been stigmatized by the Christian church,

which has falsely claimed to have a

ground that Truth has nothing to fear from Superstition. There is a conflict



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WRITE PLAINLY .- We would like to impress upon the minds of our corre-spondents that The Progressive Thinker is set up on a Linetype machine that must make speed equal to about four compositors. That means rapid work, and it is essential that all copy, to insure insertion in the paper, all other requirements being favorable, should be written plainly with ink on white paper, or with a typewriter, and only on

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

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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.

Oscar A. Edgerly has open dates for the coming lecture season. He would like to hear from societies desiring to employ a trance speaker. Address during August, Grand Ledge, Mich. Home address, 42 Smith street, Lynn, Mase.

Mrs. Stoddard Gray a New York medium who has been giving "spirit sennces for the past twenty years, died shortly after one of her entertainments the other evening, and a newspaper makes it conspicuous in a headline that 'mediumship" killed her. The death of a minister in his pulpit, or a devolec at his prevers, or on a Sunday-school ex-cursion is not attributed to the character of the act in which he is at the time engaged. If it were, religious worship could be regarded as involving great moral hazard.

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N. S. Stevens, astrologist of Gardena, Cal., prodicts the re-election of President Roosevelt. He wants all mediums to prophesy in reference to his defeat or success

The quarter of a dollar promised the Laughter of Chas. Theasman, 1148 Thirtcenth street, by the spirits, was depos-Ited by them in a glass shoe (an ornament.).

The "Spirit Fruit Cult," of which Jacob Beilbart of Lisbon, O., is the predominating spirit, has added another to its victims. Mrs. Dora B. Greenlee, once a bright, Intelligent woman, left the detention hospital last night for the Eigin. She is insane through teachings of the self-styled Messlah. Mrs. Greenlee was committed to the

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J. A. Conant writes: "In The Pro-gressive Thinker of Aug. 13, Prof. J. S. Loveland criticises L. P. Smith's statement, that Benjamin Franklin advised Thomas Paine not to publish his Age of Reason, and alleges that the state ment 'is a lie, made up out of whole cloth.' To prove said allegations, he says that Benjamin Franklin died in 1780, about four years before the Age of Reason was written. History informs us that Benjamin Franklin was embassador from the United States to the court of France from 1779 to 1783 1790 and that he died April 17. Whether Franklin did, or dld not advise Paine not to publish his Age of Reason does not concern the writer, but his tory shows that J. S. Loveland's at-templed proof that the statement of L. P. Smith 'is a lie' is not sustained.' Mr. Loveland makes the proper correction on the fourth page of last week's

paper. Chas. A. Zipp writes from Baltimore, Md.: "Mr. H. Fred Gauss was a frequent visitor at Dr. de Gournay's home The latter stated to him that before his impending death he desired to make a statement concerning his belief. On a told her she had been dreaming, but later visit of Mr. Gauss and close to approaching death, Mr. de Gournay said, quite unsolicited: 'Brother Gauss, 1 haven't given you the statement I spoke to you of. I shall now make it. Hand now pencil and paper so that the world may know that I die as a Spiritualist.' Herewith find appended the death-bed statement, as follows: 'Feeling my end approaching, but in the full enjoyment of my faculties, 1 wish to de-

clare, all statements to the contrary, that may be made, that I die as a Spiritualist; no, not die, but pass into a brighter and more glorlous life, to immortality where I shall meet my loved ones and all the great minds that have worked for the good of mankind. Paul F. de Gournay, Baltimore, July 23,

Spooks, ghosts and hobgoblins have secured possession of the home of Mrs. Kate Barbelle, 5633 Sawyer avenue, Chicago Lawn, and so active have their spirits become that, with her three children, she has left the place and taken rooms in a neighboring hotel. The strange noises and odd antics of unseen visitors from the spirit world have been heard and noticed by other women of the neighborhood, who, disbelieving the weird stories told them by

Mrs. Barbelle, had gone to remain with good societies down south." her to quiet her fears. With her three children Mrs. Barbelle occupies the house, a two-story frame, and until last Sunday was not disturbed in any manner, but since then some unearthly power seems to control the place. She told a Sun reporter this morning that pictures on the wall moved, the furniture rose several inches from the floor end unseen beings walked about the rooms. Two large perfume bottles asylum by Judge R. S. W. Wheatley. would fall over untouched. A toy pl- ished in Spain by tearing out the cul-

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

When writing for this paper Elliot Wyman writes from East West-moreland, Vt." Thope to see a continuuse a pen or typewriter.

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

arise and be quite as powerful again within ten or twenty years because of the present competitive system in commerce.---News, Indianapolis, Ind.

Felix writes from Minneapolis, Minn.: must say I most heartily endorse your course in relation to fraudulent mediums, and hope you will continue the discussion of the same until such a sentiment is aroused that no phenomenal medium will dare hold a public se-

ance unless under strict test conditions, a thing that is seldom or never done now. Mr. H. F. Underwood stated in a recent issue that, of the many materializing circles he had attended, 'In no cases were the conditions such as to oxclude the possibility of fraud.' That is my experience exactly. The conditions were never fraud-proof, though

they may have seemed so to children or half-wits, but certainly not to a man who was awake. I think if an audience insist on the mosquito net test, or other conditions that preclude the possibility of fraud, then most certainly their minds would be free from doubt and suspicion; 'best thoughts' and good conditions would prevail, and the results ought to be correspondingly good. If a medium tries to dodge the issue on such a flimsy pretence, as unkind con-

ditions, etc., most certainly they are crooked." Danville, a city of several thousand population over in Vermilion county, produces some wonderful things-and rom there occasionally comes some onderful stories. Danville is the home of Speaker Cannon. The Peoria Star vouches for the absolute truthfulness of the story following: "Mrs. Sarah Kim-

brough is the mother of Judge E. Kimbrough, of Danville, Ill. Her husband the father of the judge, has been dead for many years. Last Thursday Mrs. Kimbrough said to her son at the break fast table, addressing him by the pet name: 'Bud, do you know that your father was here last night?' The judge she insisted that she had seen her hus band and had conversation with him and this feeling was so strong that the judge did not attempt to controvert it A few hours later, as the old lady sat in her chair in the window, she was stricken with apoplexy and died within

a few hours." Geo. A. Letford writes from Ashe ville, N. C.: "I just finished my camp season at Vicksburg, Mich., and am again at my work as salesman in the South for H. E. Bucklen & Co., of Chicago. I followed each day giving mes sages after Oscar Edgerly's lecture, for one week at the Grand Ledge Camp and the messages were all recognized At Vickburg Camp I followed Thomas Grimshaw's lectures, and the audience seemed well pleased. I find the South very far behind in the knowledge of

Spiritualism. From now until June 15 1905, I will meet with very few who beleve in the great truth. I do not get discouraged, but do the best I can when ever an opportunity opens up to me. 1 give them either a talk or message from their loved ones, and in this way am opening up their eyes, and in time they will be calling to know more of our great truth, and soon a good missionary can begin to organize some

A cable dispatch to the dailies shows not new. The daily press editors know what it means. Here is the dispatch: "Budapest, Hungary, July 30.—History records criminal proceedings, reporting in Wheaton, Ill., on Wednesday of last

moreiand, Vt.: "I hope to see a continu-ance of Petersilea's communications; also a renewal of the several others of note—Washington, Lincoln, McKinley, Benton, Beecher and others, imparting much desirable knowledge for benefit to mortals still in earth life. While ad-withing with knowledge for benefit to mitting with sorrow the sadness caused by frauds and fakes, don't lose sight of he true and gennize mediums, is there

not a betteryterm to give to so-called materializations, since it is not material but a chemically produced form or apparition to represent the desired spirit friends, Why not call it by proper termi and not materialization? It seems evident¹that no material substanct can be produced as flesh, blood and bones except by natural and slow process, and it is not possible for spirits that have left the material substance can be produced as flesh, blood

the earth plane, to the spiritual to take on the material again; then let there be a proper and appropriate term given and no longer call it materialization." Mrs. L. LeSleur writes: "The Band

of Harmony benefit social held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich, Oak Park, Thursday, Aug. 18, was a very pleasant affair, Mrs. Mary Hill was the speaker for the afternoon meeting; Mrs. S. J. Ashton in the evening. had the pleasure of meeting several Oak Park people who seemed much interested. The next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mullins, 2167 W. Monroe street, between 42d and 43d avenues; reached by Lake street or Madison street cars."

The Banner of Light, Sept. 28, 1861, to March 22, 1862, will be sent gratis to anyone by express, C. O. D. (Regular files.) Address C. H. Mathews, New Philadelphia, Ohio.

F. H. Parker writes from Santa Cruz, Cal.: "Chas J. Anderson (boy orator) is having crowded houses at the Native Son's Hall each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p.m., on new thought and psychic subjects. His psychometric readings prove of universal satisfaction. Mrs Katle HeussmannHarveston is to build and make her home here, holding meet logs each Sunday at Unity Spiritualists' Hall

Rev. C. W. Burrows writes from Detroft, Mich.: "The Central Spiritual Union of this city (charter No. 43) begins its ninth year on the first of September. The large number of mediums identified with its work still continue. Our Sunday and Wednesday meetings fill our lovely little temple. A very pleasant surprise was the coming of the

Rev. Seeley Warner, assistant pastor of the Rising Sun Mission of your city. Brother Warner and I were old chums thirty years ago in the Episcopal (St. James) church of this city. You will hear from him, for he is a thinker.

W. J. Howes writes: "We have closed our hall after five months of very successful work, more especially so when we consider that my dear wife and opened our meetings in the heart of an orthodox neighborhood where the teachngs of true Spiritualism were almost unknown to them, and it has certainly done our hearts good, and made us know that our labors have not been in vain, by the many visits we have reeived at our home, to wish us a pleas ant journey and a safe return from our vacation, as they are very anxious for us to continue our meetings, which we shall do about the end of September." Mrs. C. H. Mullins writes: "The ninth

Band of Harmony social will be held at my home, 2157 W. Monroe street Thursday, September 1, afternoon and

evening. Coffee will be served as usual at six o'clock. The book entitled 'The that the papal method of putting pad-locks on those of whom it is afraid, is Afternoon session will convene at 3; evening, at 8 o'clock. All are welcome. A number of ladies from Chicago met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brookins

the fixing of padlocks to a human be- week. Friends were present from ing's mouth. In Hungary this was the Wheaton, Aurora, Gien Ellyn and Ausecclesiastical punishment for uttering tin. Old friends greeted each other blasphemy. The same crime was pun- and new friendsbips were formed. Junch is oles were spread

(301 Scailler Building, 109 Randolph street), We beg to call attention to our services every Sunday morning at 11, also afternoon and evening at 2:30 and 7:30. Subject of address on Sunday September 4. Origin of Modern Spirit ualism, followed by psychometric read ings, spirit messages, and mental tele-pathic demonstrations under blindfolded conditions, to everyone in at tendance through William Fitch Ruffle psychic, assisted by Mrs. Marle Jacob sen, Danish palmist and psychic. Me-diums are cordially invited to assist. We have one of the coolest halls in the city, with plenty of air, electric lights comfortablo theatre chairs Wednesday circle and Friday class at 8 p. m. at residence, 3201 Indiana ave nue."

Secretary writes: "Church of Spirit,

Dr. J. H. Randall will lecture at the Church of Spirit Communion, 4308 Cottage Grove avenue, Sunday evening, Sept. 4. His subect will be "Scientific Evidence of the Truth of Spirit Communion." Last Sunday, Mr. E. Dierkess gave a very helpful address.

Dr. Freedman, the Australian healer has returned to Chicago, after a visit to various camps and the St. Louis Fair, and is now located at Hotel Florence, corner of Ogden avenue and West Adams street. Chicago.

The First German Spiritualist Society of Chicago will hold its second picnic o the season on September 4, at Relaig's Grove. Good test mediums will be pres cnt. To reach the grove, take the 12th street car, and transfer to the 52nd street or LaGrange electric cars, which pass directly by the grove.

Daniel W. Hull is lecturing and healing at Olympia. Wash., from which elace he will answer calls to lecture anywhere desired, or attend funerals within 24 hours of that place. Address him as above.

After a premonition extending over a period of several years, which caused him to believe he would lose his life by falling from some high place. Orving McLain, a painter living at 210 North Seventeenth street, was seriously in-jured Saturday by falling from a church steeple at Madison, S. D. He sustained a fractured skull, thrée broken ribs, s fractured leg and other injuries which it is thought will prove fatal. Acting on the above premonition. McLain had refused for the past two years to work on any high ladder during the month of August. Last week he wrote a friend that he believed some accident was about to happen him. Omaha (Neb.) Daily News.

Emily E. Philp writes: "The Engle wood Spiritual Union begins its regular meetings noxt Sunday, Sept. Conterence 2:30 p. m. Lecture 7:30. Rev. Harry J. Moore will be with us for the month of September.'

Mrs. H. L. Bigelow writes from San ose, Cal.: "The First Spiritual Society of San Jose is holding meetings at Eagle Hall every Sunday at 11 a. Conference meeting-subject for last and present month, 'Mediumship.' In the evening, Mrs. M. R. Stone of Santa Barbara, occupies the first half of the evening in a very acceptable manner. She is alive to all the reform move-ments of the day, showing that all Spiritualists should learn how to live here and now. The latter part of the even ing is spent in listening to Sister ElizabethHolmes give spirit messages, which she does in an unobtrusive, lady-like way. On last Sunday six delegates were elected to attend the state convention at Oakland. We hope to have a successful meeting. It is pleasant to pleet friends and co-workers at leas once a year."

Mary A. Speight writes: "The Ladies Aid Society of the Englewood Spiritual Union will hold a ten cent test circle and Social Wednesday evening, Sept. 7 at the home of Mrs. Cochonour, 759 W 63rd Place. A good programme has been prepared and good mediums will give messages from the loved ones on the other side. A cordial welcome is extended to all. Come out and help the cause along."

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The andacity of the members of the sect was carried even into the courtroom, where several of them appeared. They wished to interfere with her removal to the asylum and demanded possession of her 10-year-old daughter, that they might send her to the farm of "Holy Jacob" at Lisbon. Indignant relatives of the woman blocked this action, however, and gained possession of the child. Then the mother was taken away to the asylum from which she may never return.

Mrs. J. A. Anderson writes from Montana: "It is truly a pleasure to renew my subscription to your valuable It is a most welcome messenpaper. ger, bringing to our far-off western home a feast of good things weekly. will also send an order for several books beside my premium book. It is remarkable how much reading matter you send out for so little money."

Frank Horowitz, tailor, of 2635 Third tvenue, and his wife, Charlotte, who are charged by Mrs. Hannah Richter with grand larceny in inducing her to give them \$1,100 for their influence with certain "spirits," were held for trial in \$1,500 bail each in the Harlem Police Court to-day. In previous hearings Mrs. Richter testified That she sent the money by her daughters, Clara and Sallie. The daughters were in court to-day, and corroborated their mother's statement .- New York Globe

The seventh annual convention of the State Spiritualists Association of Minnesola, will be held in First Unitarian Church, corner Eighth street and Mary Place, September 7, 8, 9 and 10, 1904 Minneapolis, Minn. The following tal ent from a distance will take part in making this, the seventh annual convention, a success: Rev. Moses Hull, president of the Morris Pratt Institute, Whitewater, Wis., one who in days gone by was always welcome in our city, and his hosts of friends will gladly welcome him to the convention; Miss Elizabeth Harlow, of Haydensville, Mass., makes her first visit to the west. She comes to the convention highly recommended and endorsed by the secular and Spiritualist press of the country where she has visited as one of the grandest inspirational speakers in our ranks. Miss Harlow will stay with us for the months of September and October; Mrs. J. A. Murtha comes to Minneapolis for the first time and is a message medium of rare power. Though a stranger to Minnesota audiences, her genial personal-ity and good mediumship will combine to win for her a place in the hearts of the people; Will J. Erwood is president of the Wisconsin State Spiritualists Association and is well and favorably known to the people of Minnesota and his many friends will welcome him to the convention. The music will be under the direction of Prof. Paul Zumbach and the following artists will take part: Mrs. Paul Zumbach, soprano; Mrs. W. Thurston, alto; Mr. Paul Zumbach, tenor; Mr. W. L. Winter, bass; Miss Carrie Zumbach, accompanist. See railroad agents at your home stations as to rates of one and one third fares on certificate plan. Admission, personal members, \$1; season tickets, 75 cents; evening meeting, 25 cents; Sunday afternoon, 15 cents. Lunch will be served in the dining-room at the close of the morning and afternoon ses-sions, by the Ladies' Aurillary.

bedroom up stairs would start to play of its own accord, and when no one was near it. These and a dozen others as mysterious she related. What should cause the mysterious disturbances she did not try to explain. Her husband, a waiter, is in New York. The family has occupied the building for two years .-- Chicago Sun.

Hans Mettke writes from Atlantic City, N. J.: "The two papers have been found, as the cierk had put them into the wrong box and I was so glad to see them again, because The Progressive

Thinker has become so valuable to me, that I miss it very much when it does not come to me regularly. I am so glad o see the letters from Brother Carlyle Fetersilea again in your paper, which are so very interesting and instructive o me, especially the last one, in which he speaks of the different sins (fouricen 1 counted) and gives the advice to forget all evil and overcome evil with good, by sending out vibrations for

goodness, kindness and purity. The Eclectic Magazine is also so fine and grand and I enjoyed to read about the fine medium, Mr. Bailey, from Austra-lia; also about the healing power of music. I am glad to have this opportunity to send you my appreciation of and test wishes for The Progressive 'Thinker."

The dallies are making much effort to encourage papal superstition by telling of the "mysterious appearance" of 'Christ on the Cross" on the back of a man who was struck by lightning while in Morrislown, N. J. He gave his name as Abbot Parker, of Monument square, Charlestown, Mass. He was taken to a Romanist hospital, and, says the Pittsburg Gazette: "As the picture became plainer the news was spread about the ospital and the sisters flocked to the bedside of Parker to see what they called a miracle, and signed themselves with the sign of the cross, and began to say their beads. About 6:30 p. m., he was able to sit up in bed and by the aid of mirrors and candles he saw the picture on his back. As soon as he recognized what it was, for no one had told him, he fell back on the pillow crying, and as soon as he could be made to talk, declared he could not understand. Parker said that he was an Episcopalian, but in his early life had been brought up by his mother as a Roman Catholic. His father is a Congre-gationalist. He said he had neglected ais church duties of late, but will not do so in the future. He is 27 years old." That the above is a cheap fraud, there is not the least doubt. He was unconsolous for a long time in charge of the nuns before the "mysterious appear-ance" was visible.—The Citizen, Bosnuns before the ton. Mass.

At the Chesterfield camp of the Indiana Association of Spiritualists, Eugene V. Debs did not attract as many people as expected. The attendance WAR about 3,500. The absence of a labor organization, was also disappointing to the association, but many members of labor unions attended as indiviouals. Mr. Debs spoke for nearly two hours and discussed economic, political and social conditions that relate to labor. He denounced the financial methods and the philanthropy of Andrew Carne gle and John D. Rockefeller. Of trusts Mr. Debs declared that if all the trusts evening. We get the Progressive Ly-should be crushed at once they would ceum, and think it is a great help." should be crushed at once they would

prit's tongue, in France by branding the tongue, in Holland by piercing the tongue with nails. In an ancient grave a padlocked human face was discovered recently. And a few days ago it was put on exhibition in the national museum of this city. The staples are driven through the bony parts of the face at both sides of the mouth. Antiquarians say the lock is dated from the end of the 16th century."

C. L. Eskelsen writes: "I have investigated Christian Science for some time, and find it cannot stand the sunlight of truth. You can read on page 7, Science and Health: 'Nothing is matter, or mat ter is nothing.' This is false, because spirit is forever dependent on matter for manifestation here. It would be just as true to say that spirit is nothing; matter is all. Both assertions are wrong; one is dependent on the other. An intelligent old lady like Mary Baker G. Eddy surely knows this to be true. and knowing this, and still holding up a falsehood, is what Jesus calls blas-phemy against the Holy Ghost, a sin that never forgiven in this world or in the next."

Mrs. Hooker McEvoy writes from Oakland, Cal.: "There is a People's Nonsectarian Mission started in this part of the vineyard. It was born the morning of the fourth day of July, and is fast becoming a healthy child of vigcrous force. A meeting of a different order is held every night. Ex-Senator Dague gave a very earnest and intellectual socialistic lecture here July 30. from the mission platform. Mr. Rumford gives Analogical Science life readings and lectures two nights in a week. We have a New Thought meeting every Wednesday night, a harmonious interblending of ideas and opinions. Dr. Sivortha is now favoring us with his storehouse of wisdom. He is well known in the east. The object of the mission is a cooperative effort to do something practical along the line of helping the people to know themselves, and have a free home-like reading and ecture room, and if possible to draw in those who are going the downward road, and who will be only too glad to meet with such an opportunity as the mission offers, but as yet I have had so little help I have not yet been able to do only for those in the upper grade of lfe, who are either sick, obsessed, selfhypnotized or bearing the burden of prenatal conditions.

Mrs. Clara Wagner, of Defiance, Ohlo, writes: "I am glad to let the readers of The Progressive Thinker hear from us. am always pleased to read about other associations that are getting along all right. We have services ev-ery Sunday evening at 7:30. Last Sunday the subject was 'Sunflowers,'

and the angel guides told us to decorate the hall with them. When I entered the hall in the evening my heart was filled with joy, for the members had brought flowers, and they made the hall look beautiful. At first we had singing, speaking and reciting of poetry by the little folks, which was very much enjoyed. After the lecture I gave a few tests. We held a piculc a few weeks ago for the little folks, which seemed to please them very much. We have lyceum teachings on Thursday

trees where the sunlight's flickering shadows played, and the breezes wafted perfume from the gorgeous beds of flow ers near by. A more perfect day could

not have been given for the occasion. Several mediums were present, and after the repast the spirit friends, ever is given them, came with words of in spiration and comfort, and many mesages were given. Geo. H. Brooks who has just returned from a trin to California, spoke most beautifully what life means to the true Spiritualist

Others followed with appropriate and eeling little talks on the beauty, com fort and truth of our philosophy. Mrs Brookins is secretary and her son is vice-president of the Wheaton Spirit ualist Society. Mrs. Josie K. Folsom has, on account

of ill healtn, been compelled to cancel all camp engagements. She is strug-gling along doing her best to keep the work going in St. Louis. Mr. C. W. Stewart is still assisting in the public work and the audiences are increasing. Many World's Fair visitors dropping in

of the country. Mrs. Folsom gave inde-pendent writing last Sunday in full electric light, obtaining some twenty messages in four or five different col crs. Her power in this phase is increasing all the time.

J. P. Pattison writes in reference to psychic or magnetic healing: "The Spir-ltualists as a very general rule, and the mediums as well as the laity, when the get sick send post haste for a medical doctor. Now I want to know why this is. Spiritualists, and mediums espe cially, are the easiest people in the world for a naychic healer to cure, and they certainly ought to be aware of that fact. I have cured people who have been given up to die by their doctor and family, and I have also cured people who have been told by several doctors that they were incurable. Now the truth is, I have never had one sin gle case but what the doctors have ut terly failed on before I got hold of it On two different opcasions I know m wife would have passed to the spiri world but for the work of Mr. Taylor, a friend of mine, who is a finely devel-oped psychic dealer. I think this is a question that should receive some attention for humanity's sake.

Psychologists are drifting away from the idea that there, is such a thing as masculine and feminine mind. Mind is mind, whether belonging to a man or a woman. Mind grows like what it is called upon to perform, and adapt itself to its surroundings. Ruskin had read all of woman's past, historical, political, and domestic. He had studied the periods of England's greatest advance-ment under the reigns of Elizabeth, Ann, and Victoria, and knew their intel-lect for "sweet ordering, arrangement, and decision." He thought that the advice and direction of a good mother and a true wife has placed more men in the front rank of the world's heroes than all the cunning of diplomats, the subtlety of politicians, and the warfare of generals. Woman is entering the world's contests now, and mind, as expressed through woman, is therefore having new channels for its expression. -Chicago Tribune.

Full of Good Things.

To the Editor :--- Your last issue of The Progressive Thinker, Aug. 27, is an extremely interesting number, and is full of good things; one of them is the letter from Wm. Rausmayer, of Columbus, O I have been a Spiritualist for nearly cager to make themselves known to thirty years, and have been an active walting mortals when the opportunity worker part of the time as an officer in different societies. I subscribe most heartfly to all Mr. Rausmayer has said. He has indicated the only way to secure satisfactory results. It has been my strong conviction for years that the practice of mediumship will never reach the high field of usefulness to which it belongs until it withdraws from publicity and is divested of com-mercialism. Will mediumship grow then? Yes, like the flower that is tivated and properly cared for, and our spirit friends will be only too glad to assist in developing and nourishing such flowers. We will then have a

Spiritualism worthy of our most exalted concention and conscientious work May we not hasten the day when we can receive advice, instruction and in spiration from our higher friends, with

THE DAY.

P. C. NORTON.

at all the meetings, from various parts out having its value measured by our standard of commercial value? Chicago, Ill. Nature with outspreading wings of

light, Has drawn its veil away. And left its glistening gems in sight To hallow the new born day. And the flowers with the breath of

heaven. As angels bless the morn For the glorious day that is given To us on earth is born.

The sun sheds its golden rays o'er the earth

As a halo over all. Spreading its light with a crown mirth

Defies the shadows to fall. But to life there is nothing eternal. For all must pass away;

is death has proclaimed the removal Night succeeds the day, As the moon in its cold, bright glitter

Looks calmly in the night, With its heavenly host of treasure. As a silent watch in sight.

The bright gentle stars in the heavens Come as a promise rare To show us that other worlds are given As onward they disappear.

But as the heavenly lorches of night

Sink silently away, Stretch forth thy helping hand of light To souls of another day. -Frances E. Woods.

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J. B. Scott: Q. A friend says she desires to believe in Spiritualism, but caunot because one who passed from of space. The penetration of the lower, this life, before departing, faithfully promised to return and communicate, and has not done so. Is she right in to extreme cold, and blizzard winds. her conclusions?

A. If you do not furnish the conditions for communication with a spirit of space, unless they meet obstruction, friend, how can you expect that friend such as the surface of the planets preto communicate? You go to a distant city, and before you leave you promise when you reach your destination to at thus gvolvea. once telegraph your home people. When you arrive you find the lines If an observer could be transported out into free space, his eyes would see down, or the operator absent and fall to the stars as points of light, and the sun keep your promise. Would it be reaas a brilliant globe, but there would be sonable for your friends to conclude no radiation and reflection, softening you had not reached the city, or per-ished by the way? It is not often that and diffusing the rays. would be seen projected against a black such promises of departing friends can wall of absolute darkness. The sun's The difficulties are too great, heat would strike the face but the suand the spirit in despair ceases to make the effort. felt.

Judge O. G. Richards: Q. What writers of the "energy of the sun," and will be the condition of persons in spirit in a loose and misleading manner. To life who have lost their minds by dis- say heat and light are caused by this mase, or age? energy, is simply verbiage without

The spirit for a time retains the meaning. Light and heat are forms of Influences of earth-life, but ultimately energy of themselvés. The sun apparthese are thrown oft and the spirit is tree from any and every fetter and system, evolving light, heat, electricity bond of its past physical life.

This question in another form, has and sending them out in ceaseless been recently answered more fully. It floods without change or diminution. appears to be recurrent in the minds of | What turns the dynamo, the force or thinkers, and none has been more free energy behind it all, terrific, sublime, The incomprehensible, no one has ever inquently presented for answer. failing of the mind by the weakening of the body by disease or age, has been taken among the strongest arguments ence is humbled into silence. ngainst its independent existence. Spiritualism, however, gives, a clear and satisfactory answer

Curtis Weekin: Q. Where can 1 Is No Death?" find the poem There

and who is the author? A. As I cannot refer this correspondto any collection containing this entendid noetical gem, which sparkles with the brilliant light of Spiritualism, I reproduce it. Its author is J. L. Mc-

Creery.

There is no death! The stars go down of the long and severe suffering of our good Sister Wright, from a cancerous To rise upon some fairer shore; And bright in heaven's jeweled crown ffection, the spiritual philosophy which had been her staff and her comfort so They shine forevermore. ong while in health, still cheered and There is no death! The dust we tread sustained her. It was her special re-Shall change beneath the summer quest that I should officiate at her showers tuperal service, as I had also done at the funeral of her husband. To golden grain or mellow fruit Or rainbow-tinted flowers. JAMES MADISON ALLEN. The granite rocks disorganize, Two in one month and two days. And feed the hungry moss they bear The forest leaves drink daily life, Brother Joe left us first on June 9, from the result of paralysis. He was only From out the viewless air. 37 years of age. How he suffered, God only knows. He left our hearts so deso-There is no death! The leaves may fall. And flowers may fade and pass away; Mother's grief over her darling boy They only wait throuh wintry hours, was too great for her weakened condi-The coming of the May. ion and age, 77 years. On July 11, she too, left us. She was only confined to Where'er he sees a smile too bright. her bed six days. She said she had Or heart too pure for taint and vice lived long enough and must go; she He bears it to that world of light. wanted to join those gone on before. To dwell in Paradise. The ladies of the G. A. R. conducted the services at the grave. The pall-There is no death! An angel form Walks o'er the earth with silent bearers were selected from her OWB femily-her two sons. James and Theotread; ife bears our best loved things away; And then we call them 'dead." dore Reeder, of Columbus, Ohio; her two sons in law, W. C. Mann and Dell Brown, of Louisville; her two grand-He leaves our hearts all desolate. daughters, Mrs. Grace McKee of Colum-bus, and Mrs. Mary Kircher, of Louis-He plucks our fairest, sweetest flow ers: ville, Ky. She is survived by three Transplanted into bliss, they now sons, James, Theodore and John Reeder Adorn immortal bowers. of Columbus, Obio, and two daughters, Born into that undying life, Mrs. Mary Mann, 829 Eighth street Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. Anna Brown. They leave us but to come again; With joy we welcome them the same We thank the many friends for their Except their sin and pain. tokens of sympathy, and the ladies of the church who sang. "Whatever starry path they took, their spirits will re-trace their way and visit those they left The bird-like voice, whose joyous tones Made glad these scenes of sin and Perhaps their thoughts, behind." like Sings now an everlasting song golden shafts of light, will penetrate the gloomy chambers of their hearts Around the tree of life. And ever near us, though unseen, and fill them with celestial hope. They are not dead; their souls were born in The dear immortal spirits tread: For all the boundless universe spirit land. MRS. MARY C. MANN. Is life-there are no dead. Louisville, Ky. Dr. Parker: Q. A young mother died here recently, leaving two young children. Everyone is saying, "What a John F. Rich passed to spirit life, at his home, at Summertown, Tenn., Aug. It is too bad!" Can it be too 21, 1904. He was born in Exeter, Me., May 8, 1839. He joined the L O. O. F. bad if it be God's will, as the preacher Lodge at the age of 21; moved to Wissaid it was? A. The expression of the sense of ronsin in 1854, and to this vicinity in the people shows how much more just 1876. Funeral services were held at and merciful they are than is the idea his home, conducted by the I. O. O. F. of God they entertain. The conflict is and Rebekah lodges of this places, with hetween the superior views of to-day, and the ideas inherited from a benight-ed past. Yes, it is "too bad," and s considerate student of Modern Spirit-"pity," that such bereavements come, ualism since its beginning. He was too and little consolation is gained by the appreciative of his fellow-man to concommon assurance that they are for the sider any punishment, here or best, and God's will. It is vain to at lafter, just that did more than to reform tempt to submit to the decrees of such and lead to a better life. He seldom

tion are the result of ignorance, and [A8 THE WISCONSIN PHILOSOPHER might be avoided, if our knowledge was increased. Spiritualism offers greatest onsolation by its assurance of a continuation of life on a higher plane, yet a instances, like this where a mother Were there a God that created the taken from her children, whose care universe, the latter would necessarily be his shadow, idea, reflection, or repreic her greatest happiness, not only are bey deprived of her ministrations, but he of the privilege, to which nothing sentation of himself. A picture

the hand of the artist, is his idea, in her new life can offer a substitute. If this life were all, such loss would be irretrievable and consolation a mock-

shadow. Insinuate to him that the picture is the real, and himself the shadow and how quickly he would resent it. ery. But if this life is only a brief moment to the future of the spirit, then are we assured that these afflictions and losses, the apparent injustice and cruelty, will pass like a dream, and be overshadowed by the transcendent per-

SEES IT.

evolves the sweet. By a similar law matter termed ether, which offers little.

could be no former: also without first if any resistance to the revolving orbs. Although vibrations of light and heat are transmitted through it constantly from every star in its immensity, it re-

> and here. No intelligent spirit denies this. There is physical and intellectual awake town. There is physical and intellectual awake town. There is physical and intellectual Awake town. The beautiful architecture, Mr. John T. Lillie of California, who get along very well without it!' beauty.

intellectual beauty there. It had its orin here, The first crude locomotive engine, not story of a sailor who, fanding in a igin here. the subsequent improvements, was the strange town found his way into the

real. The present ocean palace is the open door where a revival was in progshadow of the little steam vessel that Robert Fulton launched upon the Hud-The enveloping atmosphere by retainson. It might be argued that mundane sheep and the goats, shouting in ringing ing the heat received, protects the earth by preventing radiation from the cold inventors have spirit help, which inbe creases the success. This would true. It would also be true that the of the question, and seeing the unrewarmer atrata by the cold upper curspirit help was sprung into being in rents accounts for the sudden changes this so-called lower world. In astrono-The vibrations of heat thrown off by my there is no up nor down.

The mortal can thwart the spirit with the sun pass to the infinite coast-lines greater power than the spirit can the mortal. No spirit can control a medium when the medium knows himself, and sent. Against these they beat, and the blanketing atmosphere retains the heat says no. The situation but enhances the charm

The open door is modiumship. The door swings to the mortal side. The mortal, absolutely, holds the key. The fate of all past Spiritualist movements has been decided by the mortal world. will be so this time. We are now in an age when no unedu-guest and reach for liberty and free-The stars It will be so this time.

cated movement can win. The Universalists, Unitarians, and Methodists all preme cold would not allow of its being understood it. Even the Catholics are phia; Mrs. M. Ripley, of Toronto, Can. that sharp. Neither does any one insti-A great deal is said by scientific tution trust the others to educate it. are old time visitors at the camp. The Chicago University has got clear of Baptist control, but it still knows no C., and Mrs. Sadie Billings, of Boston, more about Spiritualism, mediumship. Intercommunication, obsession, spirit conditions generally, and their extra imently is the great dynamo of the solar

portant relations to this world's conditions than a last year's bird's nest. The Chicago University, liberal as it is, ing death. It would be landed so low hat ten thousand Spiritualist journals have an idea that badness is natural

terpreted, no one has approached, and the worn-out mediums first. I have nobefore the problem the egotism of sciiced that since the Spiritualist college started, money for the Mediums' Relief | crude misconception. Fund has been more generous. Noth-

PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

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magnetism, actinic and unknown forces

field, Mo., Aug. 12, 1904, Mrs. Tamar S. Wright, widow of Wm. A. Wright. She dium. LILY DALE

Notes of the City of Light Assembly. The Spirit World a Shadow of This.

On Thursday morning, August 18, a rumor spread quickly syeristic grounds that Chairman Barrethwas, about to say good-bye to his large army of friends from and seek the precinct eff. dis home in have the privilege of giving such Maine, where he has been nominated thought as I may to the purpose to Democratic candidate for state senator of the old Pine Tree State.a

The spirit world is a creation, idea, shadow, of the earth world. "First the period of his resignation, hMrs. R. S. ural and the spiritual. We are begin-natural, then the spiritual," is a dem-billie came forward and, expressed in onstrated truth. Everywhere about us, eloquent words the regret. that was felt above and beneath us, is observed the jover our loss. She called attention to actual realization. Looking back we Following the alternor, following the tatter of the nat-period of his resignation, hMrs. R. S. ural and the apiritual. We are begincoarse before the fine, the former pro-ducing the latter. In man the coarse doing for years along various lines for sady misled, the attainment of our disavage produces the fine civilized. In the cause of Spiritualism, and assured vine desire delayed. The ascettem of spirit land, man's spirit body is coarse him that best wishes for his success in the east has been carried into the orat first, and gets finer by age. Of the the new field of labor, would go with thodox faith and thy have thought earth earthy, it is the mineral before him. Cheers were frequent during her realize the spiritual by separating it the loam. In vegetation the bitter remarks, and Mr. Barrett responded in from the natural. We see the mistake carnest tone, saying he should carry was the spirit world created by the with him the memory of the strong life that has walked among us. Walt earth world. Witnout the latter there iriendships left behind, and that they Whitman said, 'All things that are natwould serve as a stimulus for the efforts a human physical body there could be he would make to secure better legisla-tion, if it should become his privilege As no life is born of the spirit, there being no births in Summerland, it is when he was a candidate at Needham, absolutely certain that there never was for the Massachusetts legislature two an inhabitant there until it first existed years ago, he received the votes of the Emerson, walking the streets of Con five orthodox ministers of that wide-

is a favorite of everybody, was ap glory of this world comes only when scenery, fruits, flowers, etc., of spirit is a favorite of everybody, was ap-land are all physical. There is great pointed to fill the vacant chair an honor he very modestly accepted, and illus-

be added unto us." The platform was occupied Sunday afternoon by Mr. Hull, who reviewed the ress, just in time to hear the leader great work that had been accomplished who was clucidating the parable of the and complimented the burden-bearers of the City of Light for the unalloyed tones, who would be the goat? The joy that inspires every clean-minded sailor, impressed with the importance orker that comes here.

sponsive attitude of the audience, pushed to the front and said, "Why, which was largely attended and fraught parson, rather than not have this thing go on, I'll be the goat!" And so Mr. Lillie was heartly applauded, and duly with deep interest and profit for one and all. On Tuesday afternoon Paul Tyner

inaugurated, and makes a magnificent discoursed on Living Forever. Mr. chairman. A large delegation attended ner arowed his full belief in the facts Mr. Barrett to the station in the early and phenomena of Spiritualism, as evievening for the last grasp of his dence of its truth had been received diand wisdom of the Intercommunication. friendly hand to wish him God speed. rect and personally. He said: "I do not Thursday afternoon Mr. Willard J emember the time when I did not see Hull discoursed on Economic Equality. what was happening beyond the seas He said, "The God idea in any race is and over the mountains.' commensurate with the moral and intellectual development of its people

dom." Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, of Philadel-

also H. H. H.unt. of Conneaut. Obio. Mrs. Flora Cabbell, of Washington, D

are spending the season at the Leolyn Mrs. Charlotte Gilman of New York life, spirit progress, and upper world made her second appearance on Friday; with Human Nature for ther theme. cstations. She said in part, "You cannot be unnatural because you are, living in nature. Cancers and tumors and microbes are would lead Spiritualism to its everyast. just as natural as pussy cats. Human nature is a part of God's world. We

and goodness an extra thing that costs It is argued that we need to care for a great deal. Our failures are traceable to a beginning, to where the savage built into the mind or, the race his Physical heredity, human and social heredity are what counts. Foreigners accept our institutions and become Americans. spirit life, told me he had arranged to Humanlty, includes every lower love, leave about ten thousand dollars to a and our first duty is to serve God in the Christian institution. He couldn't trust human race. The world isn't within a dapes from death. human race. The world isn't within a thousand miles of where it ought to be. We are not even a healthy set of ani-

> mals. After the lecture Mr. and Mrs. Woodmansee, of LaPorte, Ind., who are visiting here for the first time were invited to the platform to receive congratula-

died just as social reform clubs have Spirit Photography and Materialization. died, because they did not know what | When in the spring of 1863 I first saw

a spirit photograph I was disposed to On Sunday morning, Rev. Paul Ty-ner, pastor of the New Thought Church accept it as a new phase of spirit phe-The Herald of Progres nomena. at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., appeared for the nonneed it as such. But soon I defectfirst time at the City of Light, and after ed what convinced me at the time that congregational singing, was happly in-troduced by Chairman Lillie. Mr. Tyit was a fraud, and the editors, A. J. ner said: "I am profoundly grateful to

Davie and C. M. Plumb, kindly printed my exposure headed, "How the Pseudo-Spirit Photographs Are Produced. From that article I now quote a para which Lily Dale is dedicated, and I feel graph: Again, take the photograph of I can best employ the moments endeavlady with a spirit guitar on her lap. Here the fraud is palpable. A spirit guitar would be supposed to have a

hack-board as well as a helly-board. This picture represents only the latter. The sound-hole in the center being black is of course transparent on the plate and shows everything through it distinctly. Hence you see the fringe of the lady's shawl and the folds of drapery through the hole in the guitar, as if it had no back. Is it possible that in the wars and conflicts, the death in the spirit in this case has attempted to convince skentics of the existence of a spirit guitar with the back-board gone? ural are divine,' and the converse is equally true. The highest hopes of the Do the spirits play on broken instruments, which from the nature of the race depend on coming into a realiza-tion of the spiritual through the natucase, could make no music? If this guitar had had a back to it, we might ral, the soul manifesting through highly have believed in its spiritual origin; cultivated conditions of the natural as it is we must conclude that it is a sham.

cord and being told the end of the But despite this exposure Editor world was near, replied, 'Well I shall Plumb still credited the fact of spirit The photography through the medium Mumler, though little more was said ed we seek first the kingdom of heaven itorially about it. Nor was it long beand its righteousness, confident that all things else without stint or limit will fore Mr. Plumb received by mail a real photograph of an old lady and another photograph of a man with an exact re-production on the background of the picture of the old lady as a spirit. My

theory was proved. For many years thereafter I sconted spirit photography until at last I was compelled to believe in it. Dr. Theo-

dore Hansman of this city, was such a Monday afternoon a conference of the skeptic in regard to spirit manifestamoduurs was called by Chairman Lillie, tions twenty years ago that he pitted me and others for being deluded by them. But on investigation he became convinced and is now not only a most enthusiastic Spiritualist, but, he has Ty- been for several years a medium for spirit photography and has a great number of specimens, which he gladly exhibits and explains to visitors. But I am not aware that he ever takes pay for such work, though if he did it would be all right. No one who knows

him well doubts his integrity. On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Kate And now I have two remarkable Alexander of Columbus, Ohio, gave a speelmens of spirit photoraphy. One is delightful talk on birds, their habits and picture of George Christy, the minpculiarities. Scarce one among the strel, in costume. It was presented to icathered songsters escaped her unique me hy S. K. Hall, an aged Spiritualist, descriptions, such an immense flock and or the back of it is written by him passed under her vivid delineation, the following, dated, Washington, D. C., The exercises were prefaced by sweet July 8, 1898. Wind comes rendered by a quarter of ly-Sometime in the winter of 1895 the "Sometime in the winter of 1895 the

spirit centrol of Pierre Keeler, George The daily meetings at Forest Temple Christy, wrote a brief note to Mr. Chapaltract great numbers and are of inesman, late clerk in the U.S. Geodetic imable value to the student who is in-Survey, responding to a question, 'Would he go with him to William Keeterested in all phases of mental maniler and give him (Chapman) his photo-C. Fanny Allyn and Tillie Reynolds graph?' The note read in answer: 'Bring your slide here containing the are the new speakers who will be with us next week. September 2 will be ly-ceum day. S. M. KINGSLEY.

will give you my picture in costume as was wont to appear on the stage? Mr. How He Escaped. Chapman did as directed, bringing Mrs.

Capt. J. A. Humphreys, a veteran of Chapman with him. He placed the senthe civil war, Spiritualist and healer, slitzed plate in the slide and locked it hes in bed at his home, 1706 N. Ala- with a screw. Mrs. C. and Keeler held ama street, Indianapolis, Ind., sufferthe slide and in a moment or two the ing from a terrible shake-up and thing was pronounced 'done.' Mr. C. bruises received in a fearful wreck on took the slide home and developed the the Vandalia railroad at Plainfield, Ind., plate in his own developing bath. The August 8, a wreck remarkable in es- image came out so quick that he had to check it. Mrs. C. kindly loaned me

For years Capt. Humphreys has been this negative and I had copies printed, a mall clerk, and on Thursday evening and I can certify to the likeness, for before the wreck he attended a scance I knew George Christy well in Buffalo, at Mrs. Jennings' on South East street, N. Y., from 1841 to 1848." at Mrs. Jennings' on South East street.

this city where Mr. Stofer (1 did not Mr. Hall is still my near neighbor find out whether this is the correct and I knew Mr. Chapman well, also his spelling of the name but it is the pro- wife, now a widow residing in this city. nunclation) a medium, told him that he The other spirit photograph is that of would be in a wreck soon but would. Mary C. Levy, of this city, in bridal not lose his life. The medium de- costume. She passed over several

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Passed to spirit life, from Spring-Relief Fund and the college together, than for either separately. The life of was born March 3, 1837. In the midst the college means the life of the me tions, it being their golden wedding an-The enlightened are always more gencrous than the unenlightened. The reason present-day capitalists are more joy and peace that it has brought generous towards education is because they are more enlightened than the capitalists of the past. I wish there was a Spiritualist college in every state in the Union. If there were, no two would be alike, any more than there are two local meetings alike. Those who don't like the style of the present college, if they would be wise; if they won't encourage it, they would not hinder. Spiritualism has as many different views as a kaleidoscope. No single view can please all. No one president of any Spiritualist college can perfect Such a thing was never yet done. One thing is certain; if the college is never started it will never be. It is certain that Spiritualism can't he left to the guidance of the upper world. "Like attracts like." Unen-lightened mediums attract unenlightened controls. There are exceptions. It is where the mediumship is uncon-scious. This is about one time in fifty, and the unconscious is growing less and less. Thus, leaving it to the spirits, would be leaving it to the "blind leading the blind." There are millions of money with the Spiritualists. Those who oppose the Spiritualist college are driving all the money away from Spiritualism to Christianity. When mediums understand mediumship, which they can sufficiently understand only through a Spiritualist college, there will then be no more need for Mediums' Relief Funds than there is now for ministers and lawyers relief funds. Intelligent medlumship will be self-sustaining. In the meantime the gap should surely be filled. Modern Spiritualism is not yet out of tanger. I speak only for myself, as I Religious civilization, at least, destroys all that it builds. Now and then, as a rare exception, there is a Spiritualist so unfortunate as to do the same. Scientific civilization will be perma-nent. Pure, wise, exalted, honest, acceptable to all classes, delightfully ex-pressed Spiritualism, is scientific. The editor of The Progressive Thinker saw this fifteen years ago. The story that the spirit caused the earth and man to be; that the spirit made everything, which some wouldbe wise spirits flatter themselves to sing to us, is so false, judged by every known fact, that just the very opposite is the truth. E. W. BALDWIN. Madison, Wis. "Koradine. By Alice B. Stockham and Lida Holt Talbot." In the form of a God, and superstition only can hold failed to drop a progressive thought the revolting soul in thrall. Sometimes the loss comes by acci- He leaves a widow, two sons and one dent, unavoidable, yet a great propor- daughter. MRS. MARY RICH. an entertaining story, it contains lessons which every 'girl should know, Price, cloth, 41, "Poemz di Frogress," By Lizzie Doton. In this volume, this peerless poet of Spiritualism may be read in her varied moods, "from grave to gay, from lively to severe." It is a book to be treasured and richly enjoyed by all who love genuine poetry, and especially by treasured and right control and right control and right by Prove an under the specially by Spiritualisis. The volume is tastily which is good.' Progress has become rapid. The printing press has made the spirate and bound. Price \$1. Echoes," by S. W. Tucker, has found its world gallop and the "Bjeed has increased the last half century. The costs you nothing and you should surely world is full of passionate yearning for better things, and nothing lives but heard and sung. They should be heard what we do. A few years ago the count in every home in the land. Price 15 they were a success in a way, but they were a success in a way, but they are down. um," Fully Answered In 'Mediumship and Its Laws, Its Conditions and Cultivation," by Hudson Tuttle. Price 35 Cents. Send to Mr. Tuttle, Berlin Heights, O.

fection of the future life which knows High School Student, Alameda, Cal.: Q. What is the condition of space as to light and heat? What is the energy A. The interstellar space is filled with a form of exceedingly attenuated

"How Shall I Become a Medi-

truths of Spiritualism forty-eight years ago, and their happy faces reflected the of two places on the road. them. Kind thoughts and good wishes were freely expressed and the occasion was a memorable one.

Friday night witnessed the annual exhibition and entertainment of the children, and right royally they did their part. Fancy dances constituted most of the program, and flower costumes with the gorgeous stage decorations made a perfect fairyland. The house was packed and the performance elecited rounds of well merited ap-

plause. Saturday morning Mr. Wright talked en Human Evolution, and said the strongest brain had been the evolution of progress. In reason and in philosoby the master brain rules the concent Indianapolis, Ind.

of thought. Genius is personal and comes through the spiritual nature of the universe. There is no democracy in talent. It comes out of the materia universe of things. its power is back of all institutions, and rests in the domain of the cause world, and the cause world is expressing largely through the intuitions of the human race, and insti-

tutions grow slowly and by gradual sleps. Mr. Wright pointed to numer-ous characters in history dominated by benevolent purpose who had expende money in trying to make better conditions for the lower classes, and failed to lift them to higher planes of living be cause growth must be gradual and development comes from within. Eac must see and decide what the brain needs. Industry, care and good living will make you fit for the empire of the skies.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Gilman spoke in the place of Mr. Hull as he had filled her appointment on Tuesday. She did not take any special subject, but wished to make application of some

1 She did not take any filecial subject. Until Spirituanism into the subject to be used. Take.
1 In every and the things previously filted about. She said: "I have been itring to show something of the general government of the subject to be used." Take.
1 In every creed man is the slave of man and very something of the general government. There is always a subject to the subject of the subject to the subject of the subject of

scribed the locality so exactly that Mr. years ago. She was a medium and Humphreys recognized it as being one helped to develop Pierre Keeler more than twenty years ago. The photo-

Mail coaches took fire after the graph was produced through Dr. Will-The bride wreck and Mr. Humphreys found him- lam Keeler of this city. self wedged in so tight that he could stands alone enveloped in a very thin not move. An elevator on one side was gauze well. The face is distinct and, burning and a high oil tank on the though many years younger than when other side was in danger of exploding she passed over, the features are recogit any moment. Mr. H. realized his po- hizable as hers. She never lost her sition and utter helplessness and he ex. fair complexion or youthful look. She claimed: "Highhawk, (his guide) for holds a bunch of flowers, and the lower The part of her bridal dress is gone, leav-could ing an apparently torn skirt. Of course God's sake get me out of this." next he knew he was where he could make his escape but he was not given | I cannot vouch for this spirit picture to know how it was done except that it lany further than that in it I recognize was spirit power. Mr. Humphreys is the likeness of Mrs. Levy as she jolly and philosophical and The Pro-gressive Thinker and other Spiritual-gether unlikely that she should have istic literature is on his table near his bed. MRS. A. BOWEN-COOPER.

Such a picture taken then. Dr. William Keeler's honesty and integrity cannot be doubted, any more than that of his brother, Pierre Kesser.

until sixteen years ago when I first at-tended materializing circles. I have

seen hundreds of spirits, and have as

positive evidence of that phase of spirit

manifestation as of any other. In The

Progressive Thinker of January 9, May

21, and July 2, 1904 will be found all

I have from the beginning, and I hope

shall to the end, pursue to the utmost

steady line of conduct for the good of

We seldom realize it, but very fre

of my judgment and abilities one

WM. HENRY BURR.

desire to say on that subject.

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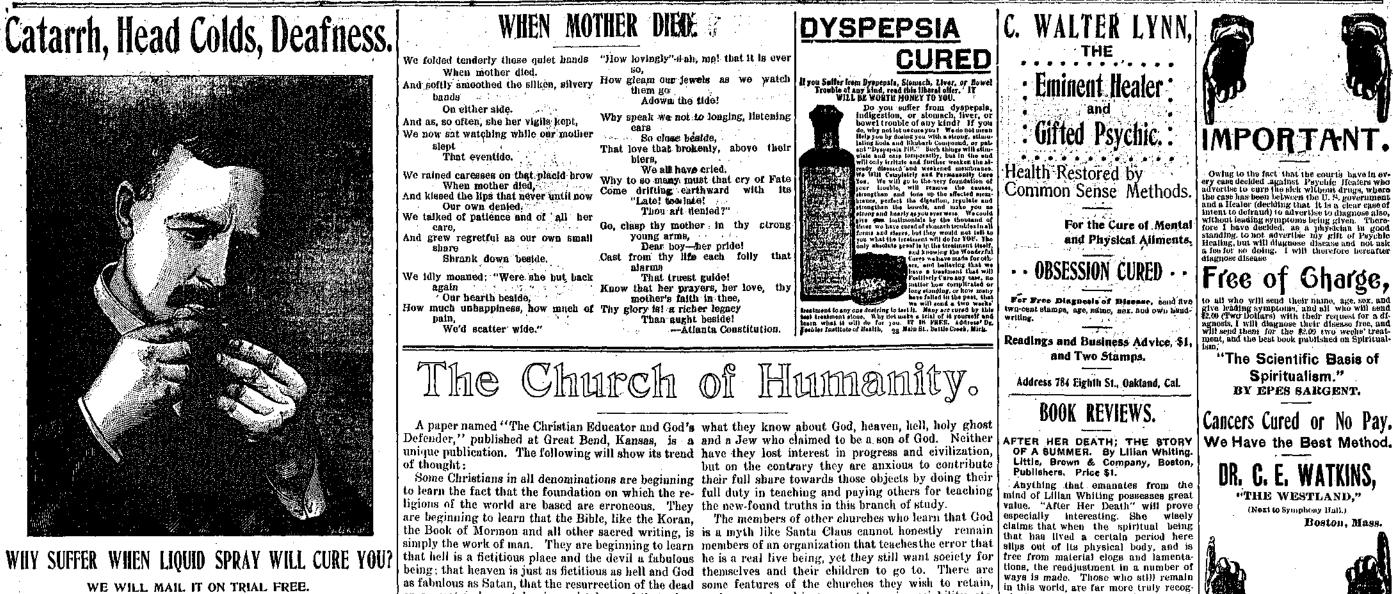
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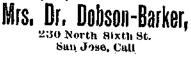
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that it desires. Some months ago the question was asked with regard to the continuity of life of the psychic body, but higher spheres of progression seems to have been recno one advanced a plausible theory.

To illustrate: A man's beard will grow one-eighth serve the idea by means of stone carvings in which of an inch a week. Assuming the average carth life winged heads have a prominent part. These cherubof a man is sevenly years, and that his beard, com- like winged heads perpetuate the belief of the phimences to grow when he reaches the age of twenty- losophers of that age that the body, both physical and five, at the end of his earthly career he will possess psychical, would in time become unnecessary and a beard twenty-four feet, four and one-half inches in only the intellect, the spirit, survive. The spirit was length if it were not subject to the action of the cle- supposed to inhabit the head, from which place in the ments or the razor.

The psychic body is supposed to remain intact re- form of filaments. To-day we call these filaments gardless of accident or injury to the physical body; "nerves." The head was furnished with wings in that is, if an arm is amputated, the psychic arm re- those ancient stone carvings, to show it was the opinmains attached to the psychic body, though invisible ion of the wise men of that time that the spirit, though to the non-clairvoyant eye.

This theory will also apply to hair, for each hair swiftly as a bird, and to speak, to hear, to see, to feel, has a psychic encasement. If it had not such a body, to smell, to be always vigorous with the joyousness of it would not, could not grow; for spirit is life, and youth and the wisdom of age.

without life hair could not emerge from the flesh.

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