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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.

large." Shakespeare. "Plows, to go true, depend much upand the second second "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. 

# Compensation= The Law of the Unive the Universe.

# A Thrilling Narrative of Experiences in the Spheres of Spirit Life.

ship Hawk's Erc, that lay at one of the piers at the rest of my life. city of New York, and asked if there was a chance for I was put in t a green hand on that ship. I was met by a tall, broad-shouldered, grizzly-

haired and full-bearded man, about sixty years of age, whom we will call Marks, that if any of his friends should chance to read these lines, they would not recognize him.

I am not afraid that anyone will recognize the writer of these memoirs, for I have been gone so long, that what few friends I had on that eventful morning, have long since gone to join the majority.

I was born and reared in a small village, far remote from the seaboard. My early life was spent, until my fifteenth birthday as most of the children in the country are, with little to do, except the few chores necessary about a plain country home, and attending the district school six months in the year. At that time I persuaded my parents to allow me to go to work in a mill in a neighboring village for a small compensa-

I frequently changed my occupation until my twenty-first birthday, then I had contracted a roving disposition and persuaded myself to believe, that to ever become anything in this life, I must get as far away from home as possible. So, after saving my little earnings very carefuly for a few months, and telling no one of my intentions, I started, one bright morning in September, about one month before this story opens and walked until I found myself about forty miles from home, in a large town, on the line of a canal that led to the seabord.

- There I immediately made up my mind what I would do, for a vivid picture seemed to grow up before me, showing all the world spread out before my mind's eye with such glittering brightness, that every drop of my blood was so thrilled that I could hardly contain myself.

The reader must remember, that in those remote days, there were no railroads or steamboats, or any of those quick modern conveyances of to-day, so I could not jump on an express train and fly to my'destination; but I boarded the first canal boat I saw and asked for a job. To my delight I received an answer to my request, and was sent to ride the horse that pulled the boat.

Did I like my new situation ? No; but I found while

On the 13th of October, 17-, I went on board the shipped at that time, if he had told me it was for the

I was put in the lower hold of the vessel the first day, to help store the cargo; being a good-sized man, I was also quick and agile; the captain saw my strength and ability, he soon found he could rely on me, and as he was a pretty good kind of a man for the position he occupied in those days, we soon became very good friends, as friends go between officers and men on board of ship, when poor Jack was considered little better than the fishes that swam around the ship. Our cargo, which consisted of a great variety of

new world products, was finally all hoisted in, and after what seemed to me a long and tedious delay, the lines were loosed and the proud old ship swung her nose out in the stream, and with a favorable wind and tide, the sails were set, and one of the handsomest sights ever seen by mortal men in this fair world, was presented to those who stood on the pier and waved adieu to those on deck. I seemed to be the only one at that time that no one waved a good-bye to.

'Young man, I think you are the only one on this ship that has not left one friend on yonder dock to you good-bye. Have you no friends?"

"Oh, yes," I said, "but they are so far from here that it would be hard for them to bid me good-bye, if they would. But I am satisfied to be without friends.'

The captain looked me square in the face and said You may wish some day, that you had a friend." He never spoke to me after that, and oh, how many times since then, have I thought of what he said.

# CHAPTER IL.

### You may some time wish you had a friend.

We were bound first, for some port in the East Indies; as I knew very little about geography, I knew nothing of where we were going, and cared less at the

We had an uneventful voyage to our first port; no ship in those days ever made better time, and there was nothing to mar the serenity of a single man on board, but those three green sailors who had never "crossed the line." was one of them, and although it was a long time ago, it is vivid in my mind at the present time. There is no use telling of the initiation of the green sailor by old Neptune; there are so many who have seen him clamber over the side of the ship the salt water dripping from him; well covered with sea-weed; three-tined fork; long gray beard and hair; or, if they have not shivered at the sight of him, they have laughed until their sides have ached, while they have listened to the story of "crossin' the line" as told by some old weather-beaten tar, who had himself been initiated, and afterwards helped in the initiation of some luckless raw recruit. We exchanged part of our cargo at the first port we touched, and after a short delay in replenishing our ship's stores, we again made sail, and soon being in the China sea, typhoons were to be expected at any moment. A sharp watch was kept at all times, that the ship might be made ready to receive it when it might come. The anxiety of that ship's crew during those days and nights was something to make an im pression that would never be forgotten. I do not know as all had the same feelings as those three green hands on that ship did, but I do know, that after the sixth or seventh day we had seen no sign of a storm, and all the time listening to the stories of the old sailors about ships rolling completely over, and then righting themselves, as well as being lifted bodily out of the water, or sailing for hours on their beam ends, I began to wish I was back in my old-mountain home, chasing bears, woodchucks, squirrels or other wild animals, instead of being on the broad expanse of old occan, chasing, or being chased by cyclones, typhoons or any other kind of coons. . . After what seemed to me a very long time, one night, my watch had been entertained by "Old Nick," a peculiar person, whose queer language comresolved to make a start on the following morning to pared well with his looks; he seemed to be a very old man, he was cramped and grizzled, of under size, not more than four feet tall, with immense hands and feet, and extremely long arms; a very large head, with as ngly a face as I ever looked upon; and to cap the whole; he had such a hump on his back, that he looked like a soldier with a knapsack. He had been spinning yarns on the for'd deck, and one after another the watch had turned in. I had filled my pipe and settled down among the chains to smoke and listen to his-yarns. The wind had entirely died out and all was still; there was not wind enough to cause the canvas to move over so little. "Old Nick" had just finished his pipe, yawned, stood as straight as was possible for him, and started ified to take the ship into any waters of the ocean in to go towards the fo'castle; he had taken perhaps the known world; the most of the sailors before the three steps, when he stopped short, and with one of the waters of this earth. Now, all was as quiet as the mast had visited the best known harbors of the world, his peculiar grunts, he dropped on one knee, put his church yard; there was no motion except the long roll and out of a crew of twenty-eight, there were but two hand to one of his monstrous ears, and seemed bent beside myself that could be called green hands; these on eatching whatever sound might come; he remained two had been on the water more or less, while I had in that position perhaps one minute, then with a never known, or even thought what it was to be out hound and a screech which seemed to pierce the air for a long distance, and was heard by every person on I soon made my bargain with the captain, and hav-ing money enough to purchase my outfit, I was intro-carnate. His long arms with those terrible hands. were swinging wildly above his hideous head; his in the city, where I was soon provided with all the long hair seemed to stand erect on his head, and his necessary articles a sailor might need for a long eyes seemed to roll on his cheeks and looked like two balls of fire. I say I heard his shricks and saw his actions. I the captain told me, "it might be for three years, and did, and was paralyzed; I was rooted to the spot, again and sank to the deck in a heap, and all was a us; all heavis are conciliated by politeness and affaat might be more; probably more." As I was infatu- How long I might have remained there, I cannot fell, blank,

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.

Let us love our cause

for it was not more than two minutes before all hands were on deck. The captain flew to the side of "Old Nick," and before he had time to inquire what was the matter, "Old Nick" shrieked between his demonacal howls, that "the typhoon was upon us, and if the sails were not quickly furled, the ship would be blown over in spite of all that could be done."

There was no sign of a storm, not a cloud could be seen. The moon was at its full, lit up everything on board so bright that lights were unnecessary.

All was confusion; each man as he flew from below, asked what had parted to cause that unearthly noise.

There were a few among that brave crew that had heard that unearthly shrick before; among that few was the captain. He had had this same hideous-looking being with him from the first time he had trod the deck of a ship as captain; he knew well that he had warned him many times of approaching danger; and because of his ugly looks, he considered him as a mascot. He well knew now, it was best to heed his warning, even though there was no sign of a storm. did not hesitate; he ordered all hands aloft to furl the sails; his orders were not in a calm and gentle tone either.

Never did men elimb quicker; the howl of "Old Nick" seemed to inspire each sailor with a dread that something was about to happen that was beyond the expectations of a sailor.

Never were sails made short and snug so quick before; every man seemed to have a ringing in his cars of that how that broke the stillness of that beautiful night in the southern part of the Indian Ocean. And when the work aloft was done, every man seemed as anxious to reach the deck again as he was to go aloft at the command of the captain. Nor was the last man again on deck too quick, for hardly had the last foot struck the deck, when a howl which seemed to be a concentration of ten thousand such shricks as came from "Old Nick," and seemed to come from the star-board quarter, and each instant came nearer with redoubled force and noise.

The hatches were closed just as the first force of that terrible howling blast struck the ship. She seemed to stand still one second, then with a groan like a being of life, she rolled over to larboard and the foaming waters tumbled over her.

How long she lay on her side, no one can ever tell. The captain shouted. "Hold on, all." Those were the last words I ever heard on that ship.

The order was junnecessary. I never knew what the others did; I only know that I had just time to reach the deck, and helped to secure the fo'castle hatch, when the ship seemed to be covered by a great black monster with flaming eyes, and outstretched waving arms.

I instinctively rushed to the upper side of the deck, for by this time, the ship had rolled on her side and I do not know, but I clung to it with a superhuman effort; I had hardly grasped it, when the waves broke over me. How long I remained there I cannot tell; was straightened to my full length by the force of the water, and it seemed as if I must be wrenched from my hold, when the force seemed to relax and I that place which had never before been descerated by stand the strain upon my muscles much longer. The only thought was to find something to allay my great terrible wind. And where was I? Still clinging for life to the rail of that fill-fated ship. I could not think of my shipmates. I'lived a thousand lives in that brief space of time. The wave passed, and with it, the noise of the wind also passed. The terrible monster which I had first seen hanging over my head, which proved to be an inky black cloud that had been blown into such fantastic shapes by the howling blast had also passed, so had every living soul, except myself, gone. Every other thing on the deck of that once proud ship had disappeared. I, with perhaps ten feet of her waist was all that remained on her decks. Masts, spars, every movable thing, even her anchors and chains had disappeared.

CHAPTER III.

Alone, alone! Think, O man, of the awful situation.

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

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

How long I lay there upon the deck of that wreek I do not know; it might have been one day or more. When I regained consciousness, I was lying on my back with the hot rays of the sun seorching my face and hands. I was bewildered. I called for my shipmates; the sound of my voice startled me, and roused me to a full realization of my terrible situation. I eried aloud, "Alone, alone, on a helpless wreck." As the horrible scenes of the typhoon slowly came back to my mind, it was with an effort that I was able to control myself; my first thought was to leap overboard, and thus end my misery.

I lay thinking for a long time, and the awful still-ness almost drove me mad. I laboriously arose to my feet; then I began to feel the pangs of thirst and hunger; as I thought of this, my mind was diverted from my loneliness for the time. I went as quickly as my emaciated condition would permit to the cabin hatchway, and endeavored to open it, but found that my strength was not equal to the task; there was nothing on the deck with which I could open it, and to go for-ward to the forecastle again, seemed to me like traveling a long and weary journey. F started, and several times I fell on my way, be-

cause of my weakness; but after several attempts I succeeded in reaching it, and with an extra effort I succeeded in removing the hatch enough to allow my body to pass through, and I staggered down the narrow stairs, only to find the place so dark that I could not see. Again I began to laboriously work to find the tinder and steel, that I might strike a light. (In those days, there were no matches.) In my vain search for the tinder, I stumbled on a piece of hard bread that had been left by one of the unfortunate sailors.

Oh, how quickly I put that piece of bread to my mouth and began to chew a piece of it, but when I attempted to swallow it, my throat refused to let it pass; I had lain so long in the sun that my throat had become so dry and parched there was not moisture enough left in it to moisten that bread which the sailors always had to soak in either coffee or water before they could eat. even in health.

I tried my best to swallow, but it was of no use to try. I reeled because of my weakness, and in trying to save myself from falling, my hand came in contact with a belaying pin; I eagerly grasped it, and as I did so, my thoughts went in the direction of the cabin. where I had hopes I might find something with which I might quench my terrible thirst which seemed to increase with every breath.

As I ascended the stairs to the deck again I perceived that it was growing dark. I at first thought I was fainting, but I soon realized that the day was most done and night, was coming on; again the I had to struggle to get up to the rail which now thoughts of my lonely condition came upon me with about one hour after he first complained be hanging over my head; how I reached it, redoubled force; I thought of the weakness of my tors, but could do nothing. Wednesday body and brain, my thirst, my hunger; I must have something to help me soon, or I should be beyond help; this caused me to work with redoubled energy. Again I tottered to the cabin hatch, and with the belaying-pin to force the fastenings of it, I crept into from my hold, when the force seemed to relax and I that place which had to de and the value of the first seemed as the first place which had not the presence of a common sailor; I was as much a the stat as a much a the noise which seemed so terrific before, was repeated in the presence of a common sailor; I was as much a the stat as a much a the noise which seemed so terrific before, was repeated in the presence of a common sailor; I was as much a the stat as a much a the noise which seemed so terrific before, was repeated in the presence of a common sailor; I was as much a the stat as a much a the noise which seemed so terrific before, was repeated in the presence of a common sailor; I was as much a the stat as the had just been running very fast. At last he had been running very fast. At last he shoke, saying, "Pretty noar they would have had me." I asked. "Who, would have had me." I asked. "Who, bd?" He said. "The people where I was." I asked: "Where were you, Ed?" he smiled and said. "You know." I be shoked as the shoke a mod said. "You know." I be shoke a mod said. "You know." I be wore there?" noise of the water had drowned the noise of the more and burning thirst which now scened to be burning | He said, "Oh, a blue million." 1 askedy my very soul; I cared not what it was, anything in the shape of liquid. Perhaps some of my readers will ask why I did not drink of the sea water. I would answer such an iuquiry, that if they had had such an experience as I had in my "crossing the line," they would readily had gone one year before, and I (hought see why I now let the sea water alone. Then I was perhaps he had met them. I asked him thrown into it, and dragged by a line about my body; I was compelled to drink what seemed to me as gallons, until I was made so thirsty that I did not recover from the effects of it for many days. My recollection | then said, "Good-bye, ma." of that event now came to me in the shape of a lesson that was of much value. I soon found myself against the solid partition of Dora, then his brother Frank: his other the cabin; I frantically felt my way along that partition, and in my mad wanderings I stumbled over stools and such other obstructions as came in my way; I fell, and picked myself up to fall again, and again. I finally found a passageway; I entered it and found shelves; I frantically felt for that which was uppermost in my mind; something to quench my thirst. How the time seemed to fly; I had no means of telling what time it was. I did not think of time; my only thought was of something to drink. I placed my hands on everything within my reach. I went around the enclosure, whatever it might be and found nothing that I wanted; at last I found myself at the place where I started; I felt my way still on and found a door; I tried and to my joy I could open it. entered and my hopes were again raised; I soon found what was new to me, a bed; but I thought it was useless to continue my search there, for I thought no one would keep anything to drink in a bedroom. So much for early education. I turned to retrace my steps, when I came in contact with something over which I fell, and in my fall my hand came in contact. with some hard substance; I felt it, all over and I thought it was a chest: I felt it all over again and found the lid and with my feeble strength I finally succeeded in raising it. I put my hand in it, and the first thing my hand came in contact with seemed to impart new life to me. It was a flask. I raised it and shook it; I pulled the stopper and putting it to my lips and not stopping to taste, I swallowed the contents and sat on the floor to rest and enjoy the benefits derived from it. Never did man enjoy greater pleasure than I did those few moments that I remained conscious after draining the contents of that flask .-

INTERESTING EXPERIENCE.

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that however true it may be, if it is not

A Narrative of Spiritual Manifestations.

I am very much interested in -Mr. Petersilea's writings, and hope they will be continued. Theory is good to fill up the paper, and furnishes food for thought, but I think facts or experi-ences from this side of life or the other are more convincing, and give us a bet-ter understanding how to live.

I was interested in the experience of Priscilla E. McArthur, as I have had a good many similar experiences. I will tell you about the transition of my son. In 1902 I belonged to a home circle. For convenience I will give the first name of each member, Jennie, Mart, Lill, myself. Homer, one of my sons was not well at all, torpid liver and seemed all kinds of allments. One evening in October Jennie saw a large bunch of roots. She described them, Mart got the word "Kalamazoo," but I said "calamus root." Now what must we do? The spirits said, "Get the roots, scrape off the rough bark, cut in thin slices, put in china or porcelain vessel, pour boiling water on, cover, let stand till cool, drink wineglass full three or four times a day." It proved to be the best medicine for torpid liver or indi-gestion I have ever found. My son used t and got much better.

Soon after that, one evening Homer saw a hand with a white glove on, the index finger pointing up, a white butter-fly on end of finger, a bouquet of red, white and blue flowers in band. 1 was impressed to say "In May or June, when the butterflies come, and the larkspurs bloom," but could tell no more.

In January, 1903, I was lying on bed reading, Sunday afternoon. I heard a very loud rap. I looked up and saw standing at the foot of the bed a very big man, with a peculiar turban on his head. He said, "Egyptian." In the evening 1 told it in the circle, then he showed himself behind me. From that on he was near me a great deal. He placed a very peculiar boat over me, saying, "Protection." About the 20th of March, in circle, I saw an open grave at my feet, was given a spade and told to fill in. About that time the boat was removed and a bamboo tree planted at my back. Then I was given a bag with \$110 marked on it; was told "Insurance.'

About that time my boy came home from work (he was cutter boy at the naper mill). He said he could see nothing but old coins all day, the clean whits sheets of paper were all covered. I knew then the Egyptian was with him. On Saturday evening, May 16, Ed said, "Molber go to Perry's to-morrow (Sun-day) morning." We went, a distance of about nine miles; we had to walk three miles to get there. Frank's fam-ily (my oldest son) was there, and Ed enjoyed himself until evening. On the way home he said his back ached. In about one house there bett are being at 10 a. m., his spirit left the body. I was holding his hand and fanning him with my other hand; the house was nearly full of neighbors and friends. When the spirit left the body, they told me to lay down the fan, but I wouldn't let go of him. In about twenty minasked, "How many people were there?" "Did you know any one there?" He said, "No." I said, "You must have known some one if there were so He said, "No." many." He had a brother 22 years old that had gone on one and a half years before, and one sister 18 years old that great many more questions. To all he answered clear and distinct. At last he pulled my apron. I bent over to hear what he had to say; he kissed me, then sald, "Good bye, ma." He kissed me over and over again, saying, "Goodbye, ma": then he called his father, kissed him good-bye, then his siste, and four brothers didn t get here in time to give him good bye. He passed to the higher realms May 20. If he had lived till August 24 he would have been 15 years old. After his spirit returned and while he talked, the Egyptian was in the room. Ed was taken by him, but they often return in the same boat. SALLIE E. STIVER. Miamisburg, Ohio.

in conversation with one of the boat's crew, that boat connected with another that would land me in New Nork City, where I eventually landed, and from which, as I have stated, I sailed in the fateful Hawk's Eye, so I had to content myself, for I did not have a very large purse filled with treasure; and as I had made up my mind before leaving home, that I would not return until I could return with a sum of money sufficient to put me in a position to ever after live comfortably, I concluded to do the best I could under the circumstances.

I was defrauded of my wages for leading the old blind horse of the first boat, for the canaler's captain was vexed because I would not make the return trip with him, and he refused to pay me; and had it not been for the captain of the second boat on which I shipped, I should probably have found myself a prisoner, or else floating in the canal; as it proved, the captains of the two boats were at variance with each other, and as the second one wanted my services as much as the first one, I was able to make my escape.

At last I found myself in the city, and hastened to take my first look at old ocean's billows. To say that I was fascinated at first sight does not half express my feelings. I was bewildered. Everything was new to me; I had never before seen more water in a body at one time than the mill pond at my old home, and now, as my gaze ranged over the broad expanse of ocean, I fancied that I could go and soon return as a captain of some large ship, and go to my friends back there in my old mountain home and regale them with wonderful stories such as Munchausen tales or that of Robinson Crusoe.

All these thoughts passed through my brain as I lay in my bunk on that old canal-boat the first night after we arrived in that, to me, wonderful town. place myself in a position where I could become a sailor.

This brings me to that point, where I told you that I went on board the old ship Hawk's Eye, which was to take me out upon what was destined to be a voyage which none other has ever had the opportunity of seeing, and wonderful to relate, none ever had opportunity to return and tell about, until this time.

The ship Hewk's Eye, that proved to be my prison Bo long, was square rigged, of about two hundred tons burden, and one of the largest afloat in those days; her officers were men who had followed the sea all their days, and were men of known ability; each one from the captain down to the third mate was qualof sight of land.

duced to one of the sailors who piloted me to a place Toyage.

I had shipped for the voyage, be it what it might;

And where were the erew? It did not seem to me as if they could have gone; but so it was. I was all that was left on the deck of that wrecked ship.

It took me some time to collect my scattered senses then as I slowly returned to my normal state, and my strength revived, and I was able to stand and look around, what a sight met my gaze. Simply the bare decks were to be seen, where, before the gale had struck, had so proudly stood those three masts now. splintered stumps; the shrouds, which so many men had so quickly sped up to the yard arms, were, with the yard arms swept away. All, all had gone, and were now with my brave companions, the whole crew of that ship, rolling together in a shapeless mass, as sport to the mad waves of old ocean .- All, all had so quickly found a watery grave, that only a few short minutes before were realing secure with the thought that they had so successfully passed the most danger ous place in that ever-to be-dreaded China sea.

The sea had again become calm, the terrible roar ing, dashing, founding waves had passed on and over me, and I was left the sole occupant and survivor of that useless hulk of a one proudvessel as ever plowed of the wide expanse of water, that now seemed like a child that has been severely punished; the paroxysm of tears has passed, yet its bosom heaves and throbs with its pent-up sorrow, or wrath at its persecutor.

As I came to a full realization of the situation, that I was alone in mid ofean, on a dismantled ship, thousands of miles from any living thing, in inky darkness except at intervals, then the light of the moon shone through the rifts of the clouds, now broken into heavy rolling masses which iolowed the hideous black monster that had caused such havoe but a few moments before. I staggered and lost control of my reason

### (To be continued.)

We should avoid whatever may display bad feeling, and attend with civility to what may be addressed to hility.-Socrates.

GROW OLD BEAUTIFUELY.

Why need age è'er make one sour, Crotchety, crabbed and sad? Why shouldn't each heart spend life's last hour

In making other hearts glad?

Experience makes us older grow; But the soul should always keep cheery;

Because the old garment is thread-bare and worn,

Need its wearer be less merry?

Pray tell me, why the old may not, Be cheorful, happy and gay? Since the sun only sets in this green dot.

To rise for a longer day.

f while in the mortal form we live, We spend life well and dutifully; We scarcely know the pleasure we'd give

In growing old so beautifully.

Time comes to us all when quiet we'll keep,

Eyes closed; hands folded: His will: Peace: Rest-for a moment-how dramless the sleep-Till the sun climbs over the hill!

Los Angeles, Cal. E. P. FERN.

You fear that with the downfall of belief will fall also the basis of conscience, maintain that the true conscience will now for the first time arise. What do you understand by conscience? Your conscience is imagination and fear; my conscience is reason and honor .- Karl Heinzen.

## THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

### THE CAUSE IN THE EAST.

Notes From the Madison Center, (Me.) Camp-meeting.

After a week's session filled with joy and harmony, the camp-meeting at Madson Center (Maine), on Hayden Lake, closed on Sunday last, and with It one of the most successful gatherings which have been on the grounds sinc their opening some twenty-five years ago. The meetings this year were un-der the direction of President Fred. A. Wiggin of Boston, and they were very successful.

All over the grounds the spirit of harmony prevailed, and the band of workers together with a larger spirit band all blended in unison for the best interests of the grounds. This was the 25th annual gathering of the Madison Spiritualist Association, the meetings opening on Saturday morning and continu-ing until the evening of Sunday, September 11.

Lakewood Grove is certainly easy of access, and the meetings were well attended while the excellent array of talent made the meeting one of pleasure for all. The grove is easily reached from Madison or Skowhegan by electric cars, and reduced rates were allowed over all roads. On Sundays excursion trains were run over the various roads and during the session the little steam-er, Margaret B., ran back and forth over the lake. The service was good and hotel accommodations were ample. The speakers and singer this year were all quartered in the Shepherd cottage where they were ably looked after.

Rev. F. A. Wiggin of Boston appeared again this season as the presiding officer and a speaker. His readings were among the best ever heard on the grounds and all were delighted with him and were pleased to learn that he will be on the grounds next year.

Rev. May S. Pepper, of Providence, R. L, appeared several times during the meeting on the platform and her lectures were interesting and beneficial. Her readings were convincing and she gave them with such inspiration that all were recognized.

Dr. George A. Fuller of Onset, needs no introduction, and his words in the several lectures which he gave were those of wisdom and he delighted his audiences. He is a popular speaker here.

Harrison D. Barrett, who is wellknown in this section, is a man who has won his way into the hearts of all his listeners and they have been pleased again this year to hear his words on at least one occasion. Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing of Westfield,

New York, appeared several times before large audiences and gave one of her ichabod readings. She is a lovable soul and one who has many friends in Maine.

The music this year was furnished by Miss Mary E. Williams of the New Eng land Conservatory of Boston, and she is one of the best singers which have ever appeared on the grounds. She has easy control of a sweet voice and all were pleased with Miss Williams.

A great work is done here annually by the Ladies' Aid Society, and this year it was none the less. The ladies bandled a fair and candy booth during the session and secured considerable money from this department. Much credit is due them for their able assist ance. Their officers elected this year were president, Miss Olive Hayden, Madison; vice-president, Mrs. A. A. Bur gess, Norridgewock; secretary, Mrs. Silas Grapham, Skowhegan; treasurer, Mrs. A. A. Cass, Skowhegan. The annual election of officers for the

ensuing year of the association resulted as follows, the meeting taking place on Wednesday, at the close of the afternoon nession: President, Rev. F. A. Wiggin, Boston; vice-president, Robert Hayden, Athens; secretary, Mrs. A. A. Russell, Solon: treasurer, N. B. Brown Carrytunk. Directors, B. M. Bradbury, Fairfield; Mrs. Charles Wheeler, Phil-lips; S. S. Woodman, Cornville; Mrs. A.

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# Evolution and Dissolution.

Evolution Must Cease Somewhere and When It A seeming malefactor dieth, -it is Jesus, the Savior of men!" Does Cease Dissolution Has Begun."

born.

The proverbs, fables and legends of a nation are as true and faithful to history and life as are its Bibles and sacred literature-in fact they in time become embodied and form a part and parcel thereof, and together represent the ideal thought, feelings and aspirations of a people. The highest civilization does not produce the greatest purity or the most exalted patriotism. Luxury and license go hand in hand. For every new joy there is a new want. For every virtue there is a corresponding vice. The more eivil ized, the more educated a people become, the more numerous and stringent the laws.

Life and death, sin and righteousness, disease and health, darkness and light, truth and falsehood, are each struggling for the mastery. Neither will ever be entirely victorious, or entirely vanquished. Does not were in existence hundreds of years before Moses was every animal, tree, plant and vegetable growth carry in its very essence and life the seeds of death and decay? Is not the same true of all human institutions, governments, and social and political institutions? These great-questions disturb every heart, haunt every mind and follow us in hours of gayety as well as in hours of sadness. We live in hope, in mighty expectation, and not in realization. All the terrible life problems press upon us unanswered, the same to-day as they have through all the past. Who is able to study the meaning of God in the creation of a single soul?

Canst thou measure Omnipotence, canst thou conceive Ubiquity,

Which guideth the meanest reptile, and quickeneth

the brightest scraph, Which steereth the particle of dust and commandeth the path of the comet?"

Nature is wonderful in all her manifestations, whether in the animal, mineral or vegetable kingdom. Tell me by what alchemy, chemistry, or magic, earth, air water and sunlight are transmuted into the beauty of the lily, the fragrance of the rose or the rich flavor of the fruit. The tendency of matter and life is to move upward. Everything has its goal, and when it is reached disintegration takes place. There is no tribe, or clan so low in the scale of intelligence but what is governed or controlled by some law or order however crude and barbaric; and, without any interference from without and with no teacher but nature or instinct and experience would continue to improve and add to their stock of knowledge and method of iving.

In no other way could man originally have elevated himself from his primal conditions. Language is constantly being reinforced from slang words-"the dregs of spoken language." The higher walks of life are continually being supplied from the lower. Progress, advancement are the watch-words of nature. The goal of matter is spirit. While we are all the while adding new words to our vocabulary, at the same time, we are throwing off old ones. At length every custom, habit, thought, implement and institution goes into disuse. Fable passes into history and history into fable. "It is the fate," says one writer, 'of every doctrine to begin in heresy and end in superstition." Progress ends in decay, civilizations go out in darkness, and the final crown of man's labor, toil and accomplishment is oblivion. The mountains are shadows, the rocks dissolve and all matter finally resolves itself into spirit. There is no writing, no monument, no human invention that can stand the corroding tooth of time. Tyre, Sidon, Damascus, Nineveh, Carthage, Babylon, Athens, Rome-the great nerve centers of the ancient world-where are they? Their glory gone, vanished, blotted out. Time will do the same for London, Paris and New York.

## "How many ages hence

Shall this, their lofty scene, be acted o'er, Cass, Skowhegan. The directors In states unborn, and accents yet unknown.

Only the shell, the husks of things die-all that is vital remains. Men, monuments, institutions, disappear-but thought lives. There is no new wit, no new wisdom. Every proverb, saying, and pithy remark is older than any known language and goes back farther than recorded knowledge. Individuals pass away but the great tide of life moves on undiminished. Forms and outward i manifestations change but the living element that nourished them into existence survives. We are all copyists. The essential clements of the Christian creed are only re-statements of some ancient philosophy, or belief. The rites and ceremonies of the church are founded on heathen customs and practice. The principles involved in the Hebrew code were not originated by Moses; they

"Were the Ten Tables made or compiled? Were they anything but the reduced and simplified expression of immemorial usage? Is there any such thing as making a law in any age or country?"

There is nothing novel in the theory of evolution; -it was embodied in the Greek philosophy. Darwin simply elaborated and popularized it. Education is more universal to-day than in any former time, there is more general intelligence among the people, but in individual instances we cannot compare with the Greeks, Romans and other ancient nations. There is a rhythm, smoothness, and harmony in prose as well as in poetry. Under the coarsest garb, sometimes, is found the warmest and most generous hearts:

The farther you get away from nature-the farther you are from God, truth, and righteousness. Simplicity of life is favorable to worship and true living. Learning breeds doubt, not faith. Few men believe their creed-only in theory;-their lives belie its essential parts. Doctors proverbially refuse to take their own medicine, lawyers dare not try their own case and ministers and musicians have been known, where personally interested, to go back on a life-long habit, practice and profession. Theodore Parker, the celebrated Unitarian divine, who had performed the last sacred rites for many people, left orders that at his obsequies, "he was to be carried to the grave and interred in silence, without service, prayer, exhortation or enlogy,-a Unitarian minister merely reading over his grave the first eleven verses of the fifth chapter of St. Matthew's gospel." The great musical composer, Verdi, made particular request that there should be no music rendered at his funeral. Everything in this world seems paradoxical. You can disprove a myth or a fable a thousand times and still it sty: will be repeated.

Some men's intellect has been likened to "the pupil of the eye, the more light you pore upon it the more it contracts." There is more moral cowardice and ignorance in the world than Thtentional evil. Not one person in a thousand dare stand up and say what is right or what is wrong; vice holds the balance of power in a community. But the Stream of time, at length, purifies all questions, principles and charac-ters. Error is weakness, sin, a dispase. What has been called human depravity is nothing but human ignorance. The best remedy for evil doing is a knowledge of its results. A person must be familiar with grief to appreciate it; he must have experienced the chill of this world to realize it not until one feels the death damp upon his brow can he know its deadly meaning. Joy and sorrow are the natural heritage of man. Neither could be felt or recognized without the other.

I have known sorrow-therefore I May laugh with you, O friend, more merrily Than those who never sorrowed upon earth, And know not what laughter's worth. I have known laughter-therefore I May sorrow with you more tenderly The farther we recede from the past the fewer men Than those who never knew how sad a thing

TRUTH TRIUMPHANT. Spiritualism Overcoming All Opposing

Forces,

It is really refreshing for thoughtful people to peruse the columns of The Progressive Thinker in these progress ive days, and I cannot do otherwise than congratulate the editor upon the

high standard it has achieved, not only as a newspaper, but as a magazine of scientific and religious thought.

I say religiously advisedly, because believe that true religion can only be attained through the process of scientific research into the domains which lie beyond the fields of orthodoxy. In other words, religion, to be of service to mankind must have a foundation of scientific truth.

I wish that The Progressive Thinker could have a circulation of several millions in order that the truths relating to the spiritual philosophy could be disseminated among the masses. I am expecting to hear of some millionaire devoting a sufficient sum for this very purpose, and that he will be actuated to do this by spiritual influence when the

time is ripe.

Every thoughtful person who has watched the intellectual progress of mankind during the past ten years cannot fail to realize that a great change in thought has come over the masses, not only in this country, but all over the civilized world. I think that the common scance-the old-fashioned scance -has had much to do with the awakening of the popular mind to the realiza-

tion of spiritual truths. People may sneer at table-tipping and raps, with their incoherent, or unsatisfying communications, nevertheless they form the alphabet of the spiritual philosophy.

This early stage of the investigator into Spiritualism may be likened to the first school days of childhood with its A B C lessons. It will be acceded by all that the first thing to be done with a pupil is to secure his attention. It is the same in training men and women as it is with animals. You cannot make a monkey perform tricks until you first get its attention. You may start in all right and the monkey do what you re quire of him, but if a fly comes buzzing around his head, the attention goes to the fiy. The fly becomes the paramount object of the monkey's thought, all else becomes of no importance for the time being.

Imagine a group of barbarians or semi-civilized human beings sitting together conversing in their rude way on the subject of life and death, wondering what they mean and speculating as to the reason life was given to them, and supposing a missionary from the spiritual realms, desirous of communicating with this group of uncultivated beings, attempted to gain their attention, could anything be more natural or appropriaate than the sounding of raps?

There is nothing more startling and impressive than the sound of knocking. It has been from time immemorial the means of securing attention. Households are aroused by the door knocker, assemblages are called to order by raps with the gavel, and rapping is the universal signal by which mortals gain the attention of their fellows.

From a spiritual point of view, the vast majority of people in our day are as completely in the dark regarding uni-versal law as the savages of old; in fact their condition may be considered worse by reason of the false teaching they have imbibed during the intellectual dovelopment of the race. It is therefore more necessary than ever that raps and kindred manifestations be resorted to by spirits in order to acquire the attention of ignorant ones they ish to control.

I have touched upon the matter of raps, etc. because the prevalence of them as the A B C of spiritual philosophy is in accordance with the great truth, that it is from simple things mighty events accrue; and that we should "never despise the day of small things."

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torward, the lions in the path will take to their heels. A. W. MOORE, The Wisdom of Passion

To have in the home a so-called silent room is curlously enough one of the

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ads which have come most flamboyantly into notice. The room is used only for the purpose of promoting "concentration," a word which nowadays is much heard in the especial haunts of society folk. Indeed, it would seem as though many women were feeling very strongly the need of some private spot

of retirement, free from the movings of every day life, absolutely silent, and wherein the nerves may be altogether relaxed, It is, however, not for the purpose of relaxation that the silent room has become an institution. alhough this may be regarded as a primary state of its true purpose-concen-

tration. "Forgive me, it is my hour for concentrating," is an excuse which has passed freely at Newport this summer, and one against which a protest is unavailable. The individual who thus speaks then leaves whatever amusement is in progress, no matter how entertaining it may be, and goes to the silent room. Once behind its door, no messages are allowed to be given to her; no interruptions are permitted. When later she appears the casual observer might notice in her no change, yet in reality her energies are refreshed and her hour of silent meditation has

equipped her to meet calmly the day's emergencies. It is said, by one who knows, that no two neople should make use of the same silent room. This is said to be because the air of the room becomes infused with the personality of its regular occupant, and acts, therefore, as an irritant to one visiting it but seldom. Also, if used exclusively for concentrating, this action of the mind becomes easy with-in its walls, while outside, amid the world's distractions, it is often most difficult of accomplishment. A certain hour each day also should be set aside

for concentrating, when the mind, aided by the atmosphere of the silent room, falls gradually into the habit. The ideal silent room should be on the top floor of the house, and if possible have a window, or skylight, from which only the miracles of nature can be seen-the sea, abundant foliage, or the blue sky alone. It should be absolutely simple in arrangement, having no furnishings that might attract the eye either pleasantly or to form a discordant note. An ashen, dull shade of green for its background appears to be most conducive to repose. Above all else rocking chairs are excluded from the silent room. Its guietude, moreover, should be perfect. So sensitive, indeed, to outside noises does the occupant of a silent room become that various plans for deadening their walls are now under

discussion. One New York man of abundant wealth has in his home a silent room, which has proved to him so helpful that he has found it worth while to hedge it in by unoccupied rooms on either side. These rooms are securely fastened, and outside of the purpose of procuring silence for its sanctum are thus rendered useless. A young woman at Newport has fitted up the formerly unused cupola of her home as an admirable silent room. It is reached by so many flights of stairs, she says, that she is secure from interruption and is' nearer the sky than she often gets. Another interesting silent room known to the initiated is in a dormer window, boarded off from the rest of the roof. Its furnishings consist of a large, old desk, rug and a straight-back chair. On the desk the young woman who uses

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I am somewhat familiar with the tendency in modern thought to give pri-"Will to Believe." with Ward's social philosophy, with Shelley's and Brown-ing's philosophy. "The Wisdom of Pas-sion" fits in with their contributions. The main thesis of the book-that the soul forms its own forms by its choice -I can ascribe to -- Prof. Oscar Lovell Triggs, University of Chicago. Address all orders to H. G. Walters.

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The program was a very interesting one from beginning to end. On Tuesday evening a seance was given in the auditorium by Rev. F. A. Wiggin of Boston and on Thursday and Saturday evenings there were concerts there with oright programs.

On Saturday, the opening day of the convention meetings, Rev. F. A. Wig-gin of Boston, spoke at the morning session, following the lecture with readn the afternoon he was followed ings. by Dr. George A. Fuller of Onset, Mass On Sunday there was a lecture in the morning by Dr. George A. Fuller and in the alternoon Rev. Wiggin spoke again, with a special seance in the evening at the auditorium. Good weather prevailed during the

week, although it was very cold for so carly in the season. On Monday morn-ing occurred the annual conference meeting ,with a lecture by Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing in the afternoon. Tuesday morning Dr. George A. Fuller lectured, and in the afternoon there was spirit communications and a lecture by Mrs. May S. Pepper.

Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing and Rev. F. A. Wiggins spoke morning and afternoon respectfully on Wednesday and in the evening there was an "Ichabod" circle oy Mrs. Twing with a good attendance. Mrs. Pepper addressed the congregation on Thursday morning with communications following and the afternoon was devoted to the cause of the state association with speaking by a number of visitors and the officers of the state.

Thursday evening occurred the grand concert with a pleasing programme un-der the direction of Miss Mary E: Williams of Boston. The addresses of Friday consisted of lectures morning and afternoon by Mrs. Carrie Twing and Rev. May S. Pepper, and on Saturday morning, Dr. George A. Fuller spoke to a good audience, while in the afternoon the program was that of the National Association at which Harrison-D. Barrett was the chief speaker, as president of the organization.

The service on Sunday was very largely attended and it was a very inspiring one. The large auditorium was completely filled and even standing room was filled, many being unable to get inside the doors. Dr. George Fuller lectured in the morning, Rev. F. A Wiggin giving spirit communications following, and in the afternoon there was a short address by Rev. May S. Pepper who followed her address by spirit communications.

At the concerts given on the grounds there was excellent talent and these en-

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and occasions will be remembered. The great mount- Seems merriment to one heart's suffering." ain peaks of history, alone, will be noted. Only two

great events in our own country will be long spoken of,-the struggle for Independence, and the War of the Rebellion. Only three names will be heard of-Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln.

""Remorseless Time!

Fierce spirit of the glass and scythe! What power Can stay him in his silent course, or melt His iron heart to pity?"

All.men, nations, sects, parties perform their allotted work and are forgotten; the form vanishes, but the spirit lives. We don't know whether such a man as Job ever lived, -whether he was an individual or simply a symbol, a sign, or the very essence of the times in which he lived. It matters not whether it was a man or a voice-the words spoken represented the feelings, the emotions, the sentiments of the world in which they were uttered. The spirit of a race speaks through the medium of its great men. Their words last long after they have passed into the realm of mist and fable. "Homer yet is, veritably present face to face with every open soul of us and Greece, where is it? Desolate for thousands of years; away, vanished; a bewildering heap of stones and rubbish, the life and existence of it all gone. Like a dream; like. the dust of King Agamemnon! Greece was; Greece except in the words she spoke, is not." No one knows the effect of any act of his life-which shall endure, or which shall perish. That which seems most prominent at the time vanishes, while the trifle, the insignificant and unnoted bears fruit forever.

'Consider every beginning how small and feeble;

among the mountains;

seed;

And Nero's marble Rome, shepherd's mud-built hovel;

A speck is on the tropic sky, and it groweth to the terrible tornado;

souls:

A tender babe is born,-it is Attila, scourge of the ferns and gigantic reptiles." v be nations!

Science of Mind.

reveal a truth, as good as five thousand

there was excellent talent and these en-words. tertainments are always pleasant from Drake in his History of Boston, 1855, by an invisible force, a great way to-Latin herself. A word of praise should be those times never fathomed by the her own hands or arms; and that, when Jamestown had several phases of medi-

The laws of nature, as far as we know them, seem simple and easy, and if rightly understood would bring greater happiness to the individual and longer duration to a nation; but death is the finality of all life, institutions and conditions. All things move in cycles. What has been will be again. The same conditions bring about the same results. As forms, organizations, and force are in constant change, with no new substance, no new power or law being added to the universe, there must be continued recurrence of the same phenomena. That which is constantly observed by mankind makes but little impression :- it is only the unusual, novel or spectacular that creates attention.

"The gravest errors have been handed down and believed in from generation to generation. Men seldom examine the motive that directs their action or the foundation upon which their opinions and beliefs rest. It is difficult to lift a man out of a time-worn rut. Most men are bound down by superstition, narrowed by creed or party, and dwarfed by prejudice; but when an individual once breathes the pure air of liberty he never again returns to bondage. It is as impossible for a progressive thinking man, while he may be constantly changing his views in many respects, to go back to a discarded doctrine, as it would be for those animals that throw off their skin or those that shed their hair or fur to again have recourse to their former coat or covering. But as the tides continue to ebb and flow so does civilization, and what will the end be?

"The wisest thinkers tell us that there are already on the globe traces of a demonstration that the human Ganges, and the rolling Mississippi sprung of brooks race is drawing to its close. Each of the great human families has had its day-its infancy-its manhood-That yew-tree of a thousand years was once a little its decline. The two last races that have not been tried are on the stage of earth doing their work now. There is no other to succeed in them. Man is but of yesterday, and yet his race is wellinigh done. Man is wearing out, as everything before him has been worn out. In a few more centilries the crust of earth An apple, all too fair to see, destroyed a world of will be the sepulchre of the race of man, as it has been the sepulchre of extinct races of palm-trees and

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During my investigations in spiritual manifestations, covering a period of twenty years I have noticed that most

f not all of my friends who have joined the Spiritualistic ranks, first became convinced of something beyond mere matter. from hearing raps and observing the table tippings within the select circles of their own homes. It was by that means their attention to spiritual things was first attained. And from that small beginning I know many who have advanced to high states of spirituality by earnest application, investigation and leading honorable and virtuous lives in accordance with the teachings of our beautiful philosophy.

I have read with interest what has been published in The Progressive Thinker in regard to the "Psychological Crime,' and fraudulent practices in mediumship, etc. I have no fears as to the ultimate triumphs of the spiritual time to concentrate. Still it was very philosophy, because it is in accordance difficult. Gradually, however, with per severance it came to her. At first she with universal law, is coeval with the advent man on this planet and under could keep her mind fastened on some the guidance of the spiritual world. one subject no longer than five minutes, Nothing can stop its progress. The fact that its phenomena is counterfeitand regarded even that as an achieve ment. To-day she concentrates abso ed should encourage rather than depress us, for no sane person would, or could counterfeit anything that has no able.

existence. Forgers do not imitate imaginary dollar bills. I have waded up of mental poise that concentrating is in vogue. It is declared by 'those to my nose, figuratively speaking, in the have practiced it that others may be presence of fraudulent manifestations during my long period of investigations. strong thought forces-even that the friction of a household may be held in abeyance by the efforts of one individ-But I Lever had any difficulty in recognizing true manifestations and I am happy to say it has been my good fortune to witness some of the marvelous ual given to concentration .- New York phenomena such as described by Sir Herald. William Crookes, ex-president of the

Royal Society of England, and his confreres, Alfred Russel Wallace, Lodge, Varley and many others of the world's gestion, that although the "silent room" most distinguished scientists. absolute necessity for the accomplish-

-I am convinced, however, that the ment of the designed purpose. By practice and with the same end in great publicity given in The Progressive Thinker to the "Psychological view, one can take some time during Crime" and the fraudulent practices of the day and devote it to inner silent certain so-called mediums, has been and meditation, relaxation and rest comwill be of far-reaching benefit to Spiritbined. In the parlor, the library, the ualiam by showing to the world at large bed-room-one can fulfill the spirit of that Spiritualists are taking the lead in the injunction, "enter into thy closet," bringing into contempt those who prosin mind, and receive the spiritual, mentitute their gifts for dishonest gain or tal and physical benefits derived from who counterfeit the sacred gifts of me-"concentration" in "the silent room." diumship. It is gratifying to realize that the last half century's spiritual de velopment has resulted in opening the eyes of countless millions to realities in human life never dreamed of by them before. . It has given such an impeius to free thought, fearless investiga-tion and psychical research as to shake the very foundations of orthodox thought.

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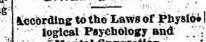
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# Christs-Messiahs.

# The Persistence of Erroneous Opinions. up of the pools by the rays of the sun. But how real they came to be in after

/ It is strange what a hold our old teachings and mode of thought have No matter how often we may upon us. show up the errors of the past, and how much we may profess to ignore old obsolete ideas, they continually appear in wish to speak commendatory of some cur conversation. Somehow the ideas have been so suggested into our mental make-up, that they are a part and parcel of our very being. The other night I attended a church,

and heard the minister talk about "Christ" as if it was a real person. He told how "he came into the world, what "he came into the world for," etc., never once mentioning Jesus, of whom he was speaking, and as if there never had been but one Christ, and the material out of which he was made had been all exhausted in creating him, so there never could be another. This might be expected of him, because he was church-blind, but when we hear our Spiritualist lecturers repeating the same errors in their public lectures, as I have heard them ad nauseam during the past two camps that I attended, I can but wonder what Spiritualism has been doing the past fifty-five years, that our lecturers are not better taught. "Blind leaders of the blind," they should know whercof they speak, or not speak or mention the things upon which they display so much ignorance.

word "christ" is an untranslated word, left untranslated for the purpose of supporting the idea of the trinity. In the original it signifies one who has been anointed, and no one is anointed before he is born. Hence Christ was not born, notwithstanding the passage occurring in the Protovangelon, and copied into Matthew at the close of the third century, which reads, "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise." (Matt. 1:18). The word Christ was seldom used with reference to Jesus during the time of his ministry, and when afterwards the word came into use it had equal reference to the spirit world, me-diumship, and the class of people who following out the spirit of his teachings, lived in communion with the spirit world. "The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch," (Acts 11:26) some think as a reproach, but more likely it was a general term referring to those who were anointed by the spirit world.

There were numerous Christs before and siter the time of Jesus. The first mentioned is Moses. The Hebrew of Moses is Messha, or Messhakh, and "Messhakh" is the Hebrew for "anointed." Afterward we read of Cyrus as a "Thus saith the Lord to his anchrist: ointed, (this Christ) to Cyrus." (Isaiah 45:1.) In the 105th Psalm Jacob and his descendants in Egypt were called "Christs," or Messiahs, (Comp. vs. 6, 12 and 15) "He suffered no man to do them any wrong; yea, he reproved kings for their sakes, saying, Touch not mine anointed (my "Christs"), and do my prophets no harm."

Not only was the meaning of the word as I have stated through Bible times, but it was so used in all profane history. .- It was uniformly applied to social leaders or labor leaders. Anciently most of the labor was performed by slaves captured in the wars, and sometimes a man would rise up among them as a leader to lead them out of bondage as Moses led the Egyptians, and usually he was required to give some evidence that he was called from heaven or the spirit world to do the work assigned to him. Moses had to go to the children of Israel with proofs of his Messiahship. They required a Was a messiah, (Matt. 12:38; 16: 1; clear that any wrong relation of gases Mark 8: 11; Luke 11: 16), and Peter within the system creates all the inhar-claims that he had these signs (Acts dury of the destress diseases. And the 2:22). These signs that he had the destress diseases. And the These signs were also manifest with other social leaders.

Drimakos of Chios, an island seven miles off from Greece, some three or four hundred years before the Christian four hundred years before the Ohlistan era, confirmed his Messiahship by vis-ions and prophecies. Eunis of Sicily, is and how little—not how much—to

times, and are yet, with too many. In a late number of The Progressive Thinker, I see something of that idea with one of its writers. Mr. Herbert A Harrell. Before referring, to this 1 things he says.

He says: "The operator must be a man or woman of exceptionally clean habits of life (preferably a vegetarian) morally and physically clean, [and let me add, dressed in tidy, clean clothes]. He or she should not be a user of liquor, tobacco, morphine or any other drug.

But it is a statement preceding this to which I take exceptions: "There is one method of cure, 'by the laying on of hands,' as a means of eradicating-drawing out and throwing away-dis ease that I hold as helpful." Here disease is considered as a positive entitya sort of personality, which has entered the organism, and may be drawn out or forced out and thrown away. Nearly all our medical fraternity are beclouded with a similar vagueness, concerning disease, hence their tremendous doses of drugs which are given as a "spell" obnoxious to the disease, as if the disease would become disgusted with the presence of such nasty stuff contiguous to it and take its departure where it should never again e annoyed by the presence of such disgusting nostrum. The idea of naming a disease and then throwing medicines against the name is only another relig

brought up from fetichism. He then proceeds to direct the magnetiser to use milk to wash his hands in while treating the patient that he may impart the disease to the milk, [] would think a piece of beersteak would be as good, if disease is what he thinks it is, but it all convinces me that doc tors like poets, are born, not made]. The directions he gives may be good for machine doctors, but the natural doctor will prefer to follow his intuitions. Our doctors usually experience little inconvenience in the treatment of cases. never have any disease adhere to my person, and I should have no hesitation but for the prejudices of the people, in treating cholera, smallpox or even lep-

rosy. Disease is not an entity—a thing that gets into a person and renders him ill. am unable to understand, after reading his description of diseases in his second paragraph, how he came to make the other statement. Perhaps it was a slip of the pen. When he states that they are "inharmony," he hits it exactly in my way of thinking. Disease, the last class he mentions-not acci-dental lesions from without-are disturbed relations, and therefore inharmonious relations. Our bodies are made from the gases about us-mostly oxygen, carbon and hydrogen, with a small per centage of nitrogen (a deadly poison) phosphorus and other gases. A differ ent relation of the three principal gases will make sugar, and yet another goes into woody fibre, and still another into glycerine, etc. Now it is plain that if making him or her believe that he or hose gases within the system become she is nothing as to let them know wrongly related diseases will result. A that they are everything, but it sucsingle whiff of sewer gas will rush to the ceeds partially. The Mental Science or brain, decomposing the other gases, New Thought people teach them that and bring on sickness and often death. they may be whatever they wish to be The sewer gas is composed of the same that health hangs from the branches ingredients only differently related closest to them and all that is neces Much of our water at the springs and sary is to seize on it and it is theirs. health resorts is composed in part of With their thought they to a certain exsulphureted hydrogen, similar to sewer tent direct the forces within which progas, but is differently proportioned. ceed to eliminate whatever is offensive Yet one eight-hundredth part of this and thus change the relation of the deadly drug will kill a dog. The liberagases of the system tion of this and other gases depends largely on oxygen and Ozone. It is duty of the doctor then is to change the relation of the gases, removing the sur-Why Should Not Animals Have Souls? plus of carbon if there is too much carbonic acid in the system or bringing other gases to unite with and change it. er some one has continually asked, Have animals souls? Of course it is

## THE PROORESSIVE THINKER.

BPIRIT RETURN. THE MEDIUMS' HOME SCHOOL, Tenter and the second s Visions induced by spirits are common to all hu- your readers a report of our work. This was not due illustrates a case in point, a vision of a death, as re- of telepathic at-one-ment between the members.

### lated by the Inter-Ocean:

left his home at 3042 Union avenue for the last time? spirit friends.

vinced that it was. The distinctness with which the dream impressed itself upon her mind, the fateful precision with which one event, following on the of the prophecy and the foreboding mystery that sur- realized. round Forbes' movements from the moment he left the door of his home have combined to sweep away the wife's natural hopefulness and satisfy her that her husband's disappearance and death were preordained.

### Grim Vision Before Her Eyes.

Forbes left his residence the morning of August 24. He intended going to Ludington, Mich., to spend ten then we have been busily engaged in the development days at Bass Lake. The night before his departure of its features, and have held the regular sessions his wife dreamed that she saw her husband dead at with our members faithfully and promptly, as the her feet. In her vision she saw him preparing for light from above directed. It is with pleasure that his excursion to Michigan. She remembered assist- we are able to state that this circle now has members ing him in the details of leaving; then came a period in nearly every state in the Union, also in Canada, of darkness and silence, and in a moment she beheld and nearly all report-satisfactory progress in their dehis body cold in death.

children to Milwaukee, left the house. His relatives sittings with us. have never seen him alive since that time.

worthy workmen in the establishment. His domestic pancy, while others can be fitted up as needed. relations were of a most amiable character.

### Leaves With Money.

When Forbes left his home he had with him about . each. \$200. He intended taking a noon train which would bring him into Ludington at about 9 o'clock at night. reply. From there he was to go six miles into the country to the farm at Bass Lake. Advices from Ludington are to the effect that Forbes never arrived there.

The owner of the farm says he never saw him. His mother at Rapid City, Manitoba, declares her son is deavor never does .- Richter. not there. Taking these facts into consideration, Man is not born to solve the problem of the uni-

DANIEL W. HULL.

body hidden away.

bility.

expected that I will answer, or it would of the reign of Diocletian, and upon his

ent generation."

nahity. They come to the Methodist, the Universal to a decline of interest in the cause, but because the ist, the Unitarian and the Catholic the same as they do to the Spiritualist. Thus it is that the world be re-deemed by the prevalence of epirit raturn and out in the cause, but because the inspirational Word of Light from the angel side of life commissioned us some years ago with a special feature of the great work of Spiritualism, viz., to ordeemed by the prevalence of spirit return, not only in ganize and conduct a circle-at-large for the develop-Spiritualism but in all the churches. The following ment and cultivation of mediumship upon the basis

Was the mysterious disappearance-the possible and distances that may intervene, enter into the Spir-The members of this circle, regardless of geographdeath by foul means-of Alexander W. Forbes, chief itual Silence with us and with each other at the reguengineer of the Universal Gas Company, forshadowed lar session hours, and gradually learn to commune by a vision seen by his wife on the night before he and communicate with each other and with their

Mrs. Forbes, wife of the missing man, is firmly con- To be successful the sitter must be patient and fol-inced that it was. The distinctness with which the low the instructions carefully, but with repeated sittings the essential spiritual and mediumistic unfoldment can be reached, and the great blessing of interheels of the other, carried out the preliminary details communication between the two worlds, so-called, be

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When she awoke Mrs. Forbes begged her husband . In time, however, we found a growing demand for to remain home. He insisted, however, that he need- a home and school, where those, desiring a more sysed the rest, laughed at her fantastic fears, and, prom- tematic and speedy unfoldment of their gifts and ising to return after ten days and take her and their spiritual powers, might receive it in special personal

To meet this demand we proceeded, under instruc-Forbes used no intoxicants, kept no bad company, tion of our guides, to provide suitable accommodaand was economical and industrious in his habits. He tions, with the happy result that a commodious and was in the employ of the Universal Gas Company for attractive two-story building has been erected, ten seven years, and was considered one of the most trust- rooms of which are furnished and ready for occu-

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Forbes' relatives have been forced to accept the the- yerse, but to find out what he has to do; and to reory that the man was murdered for his money and his strain himself within the limits of his comprehension. -Goethe. .

> ----leged resurrection upon that day had added to its popularity with Christian

subjects of the empire. Critical, Comprehensive Reflection It is significant, however, that Justin Martyr, as in the edict of the emperor, speaks of it as "the day of the Sun." It is yet a question not well settled Of the political wisdom of the policy of whether Constantine had any real relig-Constantine in adopting it, there can be ous convictions. Christian /or Pagan. no question. His successful overthrow The fiction of the miraculous cross in of all the rival factions which stood in bis way to supremacy, vindicate his judgment. That he had the remotest the heavens to account for his conversion was invented by Eusebius of Ces-The story of Zosimus, that Chrisidea that he was establishing a holy tianity offered greater solace to his deep remorse for the murders of his day to be adopted in the enactments of unborn civilizations for many centuries kinsmen, is entitled to as little creditato come, is improbable.

Yet another event in the reign of Gibbon has well said of Constantine Constantine is of even greater signifithat "the ecclesiastical institutions of cance, and has been marked with still his reign are still connected, by an ingreater results in its influence upon dissoluble chain, with the opinions, the the life and thought of the people of later times. 'The weight of suffrage of passions, and the interests, of the presemperors and princes, says Gibbon, Edicts of great severity towards the "sometimes inclined the ecclesiastical balance and the prerogatives of the Christians had marked the later years

sition of Athanasius to the scheme, ing to the coast in the spring, starting was brought back from banish-Arrangements were made for I shall do. But will say this, if ther Arius was brought back from banishment. are places along the line of the South ern Pacific or the southern route that his ceremonial restoration and a day fixed for the event, but before it was accomplished, Arius was dead, by rupture would like me to stop off and hold of the bowels, a miracle, the orthodox meetings for a while, and will corre-spond with me, we will try and make arsaid, by poison, perchance, some be-lleved. Whatever may have been the rangements. If the friends desire me motive which led Constantine to the there, I will try and serve them. I feel later assistance of Arius, the work of the Northern Pacific would be too cold, Nice remained. have January, 1905, open, as well as Athanasius, to whose aggressiveness March and April; also, will make ar-

and persistency we are indebted for the most vital point of Christian orthodoxy, was sent into banishment by the Christian emperor whose civil authority had established throughout the empire the dogma of his exile. The deity of the Son was fixed in the faith, and finally the emperor received the rite of baptism from the hands of the heretical bishop of Nicomedia who had led the fight against it and gone into exile

rather than accept it. The year of the council was polluted by the emperor's murder of his eldest son. He had murdered his nephew and father-in-law. He threw the princes of the conquered Alemanni to the wild beasts at Treves for the sport of the multitude, yet surely it cannot be said that he was the worst of the Roman emperors, though he by no means measured up to the greatness of the best of them. Nevertheless, he did what none of the rest of them were able to do; he fixed a creed which has survived him more than fifteen centuries, and which stands to-day as the accepted foundation stone in the Christian church of

the twentieth century. LEWIS D. BURDICK. Oxford, N. Y.

NOTES FROM G. H. BROOKS.

An Account of Field Work, Home Work and Travel. 17

It has been a long time since I have sent any communication to the spiritual press, also a long period since I have een out in the field at work, and no doubt more than one has wondered where I was, and why this silence. can very easily explain, and assuro the friends that I have been more than

busy along other lines. On my return home in the spring from my season's work, I found that my presence at home was of great importance, that wife was in no condition for me to be away; so I made up my mind to remain with wife and baby and do what I could to help in the care of the home. Wife's general health is very good, but she lacks in strength; so I began my labors at home, working with a will to bear my share of the burdon. I was obliged to remain at home all sum mer; I realized that it was far from wisdom on my part to leave home at all. I was in hope that during the cummer wife would gain in strength so could feel all would be well with her when I began my labors in the fall. I did all in my power to bring about that condition, but all to no avail. We, at last made up our minds that the best

thing for her to do would be to go to Los Angeles and spend the winter season there, that she was in great need of an entire change; so on July 28 we

started, bag and baggage, baby and all. for California, expecting to arrive there on the first of August; but, owing to wash-outs, we felt it was best to stop off for a couple of days, which we did at Winslow, Arizona, arriving at last in Los Angeles on Friday, August 5. We were glad to reach the journey's end: while we were worn out, yet we were thankful to reach there in safety. Wife has a sister living there, and will re-

main until spring. I got out some among the friends. but was unable to go much. I spoke the third Sunday in August for the Truth Seekers' Society (I think I am right in the name). I met some of the

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ing season. There is much more that I would like

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say, the hope of the world lies in the teachings of Spiritualism, for as the

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many signs and wonders. He was thought to be insane, and was frequentrequired to come in the presence of the nobles and ladies for the purpose of furnishing them amusement by his apparently extravagant claims and the strange things he did, among which was spitting fire around him and toward

But with the natural healer there is more or less affinity with those elethose who were disposed to laugh at his apparent antics. How few there are ments necessary to a change of the diswho know that the term "spit fire" origease. There is an attraction between him or her and the patient, the patient inated in him. Sparticus, whose wife was also a sibyl, was another. ( A full history of these messiahs is given in being rendered negative for want of the elements which will change the gases my work, the second edition of which of the system, and he being the reser will be printed soon, "Christianity As 'It voir through which they are drawn Was Before the Apostasy.")

There was a time when Jesus was and co-ordinated, or perhaps chemical ized. When he magnetizes paper and not Christ, notwithstanding the statesends it to a patient, it operates the ment in Matt. 1:18, and Luke 2: 11, the first of which was copied with the two same for a limited time till it becomes first chapters of Matthew from the Pronegative to the patient. Then it does no good. The operation of paper i toyangelon, and the other of which was slow and uncertain. copled with the two first chapters of

Luke from "The Gospel of the Infan-cy!" What a pity they had not both ' Now am I taking too much space in showing how that suggestion, and other been copied from the same book! mental medicants operate. I believe We should then have been relieved of the should. Then people can operate with contradictions between them. In Acts more faith. Let me bring forward the 2:36, we are told that "God hath made emotions as an illustrations. We all know how the emotions may be that same Jesus....both Lord and wrought upon to affect not only our Christ." Then there was a time when lives but even our health. In this city he was not Christ. But I will not pursue this point farther. It is to be reas I write is a mother to the young man gretted they do not know something Clark who was hung at Walla Walla for murder last week. It is thought she about terms they are constantly using, and talk less to mortification and more will not recover, all caused by the hang ing of her boy for a crime that she did to edification.

Another matter of discouragement is not believe him guilty of, and possibly the proneness of our public teachers to he may have been innocent. Her emo tions have prostrated hef, but suppose speak of sin and wrong as if it was antagonistic to righteousness. The an-it should turn out that she was mis cients were in the habit of personifying taken—that her boy was not hanged which of course is impossible, and he who was at war with God, and whose business it was to bring darkboy should come home to her, again ness, sin, misery and everything of a alive and well, and innocent of malific nature to the world. And thus crime charged against him, in short it was beheved and is still believed at that there had been a mistake as to his the present that evil is as much-a posiidentity, and that they had hung antive influence in the world as good is. other man supposed to be him, how quickly she would rally. Melancholy They do not realize that the light and warmth of day is caused by the sun-shine and to them it would seem as necbrings disease, and why? because it disorganizes the gases, and the liver beessary to have a sun of cold and darkcomes torpid, and refusing to perform ness as it it is to have one of light and its functions the system is filled with heat, thought it is never mentioned in carbonic acid. On the other hand that way. They do not realize that it cheerful news fills the spirit with buoy is cold for want of more and better sunancy, more oxygen and ozone is inhale shine, and that it is always dark in Again: A mother becomes angry and the absence of the sun. Thus all nurses her babe and it goes into con wrongs are the absence of right, and in- vulsions immediately, and possibly dies She had poisoned her system by expell as much as no person is perfect, every ing certain gases and perhaps inhaling person aberates more or less from per fection. If the two were antagonistic other gases. A steer is driven through as has been supposed, then we should the street; becomes very angry and have perfect men and women and absonearly kills several people; he is finally lute goodness in everything, as well as slaughtered and sold out to the public and what he tried to the day before his bsolute badness. The adulteration of a thing is only the bringing of wrong poisoned flesh accomplishes the day he things together. Dirt is matter mis is eaten, and nobody knows what was together. Dirt is matter misplaced, and every weed is a plant when the cause of the terrible sickness. The its botanical name is known. doctor looks wise and says nothing, but In line with this idea, sickness is supno vegetarian suffered from the poisposed to be a positive entity-a sort of loned meat. This being the case we thing which gets into a person and easily learn how the gases of the sys

must be expelled in some way. An tim may, be changed by a proper direc-ciently it was something caused by a tion of the mental condition. The serpent that lurked in stygian pools and Christian Science people have a little was slain by the spear of Horus or the success in curing people, by making arrows of Apollo. This was merely a then think they are not sick-that personification of the mephitic gases there is nothing of them to get sick, or which arose from stygian pools, and that could get sick. It is not so were afterward destroyed by the drying healthy a manner to cure a person by

give. If you give too little, it will do Sept. 10 I imagine it is asked a little no harm and may do some good. If you imperiously. give too much it may so change the gases as to result in another disease. This is a matter that physicians know but little about as yet; hence their numerous-I might say, their inevitableblunders.

Well, now, I'll try to answer just to keep from seeming rude, you know. Now, let me see-have we souls? It occurs to me that if we have no souls, all our spiritual literature is in vain.

HAVE THEY?

In my copy of The Progressive Think-

Olympia, Wash.

Yes, it must be so. Now, I can see that some one will say, "Well, if animals have souls, would you limit it to what is called the lower animals, or would you include the genus homo?" But some one else says, "When we get over into 'kingdum kum' may be the snakes will bite us, and bees may sting usyou know they don't here." This has always been a matter of serious consideration with me. I never was bitten by a snake, so, so far as those reptiles are concerned. I can't see much force in the argument. Bees? Well, I've not been tung by a bee for over fifty years; why, then, should so triffing a matter

nake me think I have no soul? Well, there! Mr. Editor, a thought so profound just now struck me, I must re-

cord it right here. After the inferior race of animals have taken their respective fields in spirit life, am I to be debarred from a home there just because they are there? Have they taken homesteads on every tract? Have they filed pre-emption papers all over? Now, why can't I occupy some portion of the country adjacent to them? In short, since the argument that I possess a soul is just as good as that which proves that my dear dog has one, why can't I exist (if necessary) in a senarate sphere from him? My argument then is: First, that the mere absence of congeniality between us here is no proof that we may not all enjoy the privileges of eternal progression. As we see that nature has made a

feeble attempt to separate us herewhy may it not be still stronger-better and more complete as we advance to the second sphere?

Secondly. We as Spiritualists believe that theoretically the same laws which govern us here will govern us But do not all mosquitoes, there. snakes and toads, etc., share this earth with us? Then-even then-why not with slight advance the same there? Whoever has studied the Darwinian theory understands that most of the mimal kingdom (to which we all be long) has eliminated in course of development many useless appendages. All piritual teaching proves that the spirit the mosquito -will still seek physical body. In time it will eliminate unnec essary features and characteristics Need we suppose that when the snake escapes his physical form he will retain the characteristics of biting? That the mosquita will still seek physical

ings are extremely silly. B. R. ANDERSON. Concordia, Kansas.

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not always be in my paper. The one of abdication in 305, a wild scramble followed for the sovereignty of the empire. No less than six persons at one time.

THE POLICY OF CONSTANTINE.

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each of them, with some appearance of suthority, was asserting his claims to the regal power. Not till 324, in fact, did Constantine become the sole ruler. Above all else, he aspired to be an emperor, and to make secure the per-manence of his power. Indifferent as Elizabeth to the rival claims of Cathoics and Protestants, Constantine was satisfied with paganism if through it the nathway to greater glory lay. If Christianity was the footstool to more exalted throne, that was acceptable. If a neutral position had been possible, it is probable that would ave been more to his liking. He was not unmindful of the power of religious institutions over his subjects, nor of

heir assistance in the mastery of them. Not inconsistent with this view of the character of Constantine are his edicts granting to the Christian clergy privieges equal to those enjoyed by pagan priests. Existing circumstances made

a policy of acquiescence and indiffer-ence impossible. The Christians must be reckoned with as allies or foes. Disaffection among the Christian subjects of his rivals opened the way for Constantine to strengthen himself by esdousing their cause. He seized the oportunity and set up Christianity as the religion of the empire. He loaded the church with privileges, and exempted the churches from municipal taxation. The founding of the royal palace upon the Bosphorus made Constantinople the successful rival politically, of Rome, and at the same time magnified the power of the Roman bishop, leading the way eventually to the permanent establishment of the Holy City as the center

of the Christian church. For nearly forty years of his life Constantine had observed" the established religion. His medals and coins carried the impress of Jupiter and Apollo. The altars of Apollo had been crowned with his offerings. The deity of the sun was the guide and protector of the empire. The day of the sun was the most popular festival with the mass of his people. Could he secure the in-finence and loyal support of the Chris-tian faction by adopting their bellef, and conciliate the pagans by the ab sorption of the sacred day of Apollo into the Christian observances, it would not fail to be a master stroke for the security and permanence of his reign. It became the Sunday of the Christian church. The edict of Constantine en joins that judges, Scity "people and tradesmen shall observe" the day. Dwellers in the country are especially exempt from its requirements. Full liberty is granted to till the fields. It is called the "venerable day of the Sun." There is no allusion to the Jewish Sab blood? It seems to me all such vapor-

bath law, no reference to the resurred tion.

In this way was established the first Sunday law, in which all modern enactments have their origin.' It is true, as we know from the writings of Justin Martyr; that before this, meetings had sometimes been held on the day of the Sun, at which there were readings from the prophets and writings of the apos ties. It is even possible that the al-

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an earthly monarch." Alice Gardner, the biographer of Ju-

lian, says there is no doubt the influare more than busy. The Truth Seekers' Society is well atence of the empire was strongly felt at the Council of Nicaea. It is most untended; they hold conference meeting likely that the emperor Constantine, whose whole life had been spent largely in the morning and a lecture in the in the turmoil of camp and battle, had evening by some speaker. Mrs. Sheehan-Horman is in Los Angeles for the any conception of the metaphysical questions involved in the fierce conten- present and is serving them now. She has changed but little. Mrs. Horman is to come East soon. There are numertions of the stubborn an agonists at the celebrated council. ous other meetings in that city, but I

Whether the Son was of one substance with the Father, whether the Lowas unable to visit them, and hence can say nothing of their work. gos was a person or an attribute, of Consubstantialism or Homoousion. I should have enjoyed a longer visit what cared the conqueror, if he could in Los Angeles, but it was simply out of make their contentions serviceable to the question: other duties were calling him in solidifying his own power or reme, and I had to hasten away. So, on the 16th of August I hade wife, haby, moving obstructions from his pathway? sister and her daughter good-bye, feel-But when the struggle between the facing as I left them that I was leaving tions assumed dangerous proportions and threatened the peace of the empire just that much of my life behind, yet the policy of Canstantine was to effect realizing or trusting it was all for, the an agreement or compromise. Failing best, and while great distance (as far in this, the great council was sumas matcrial distance is concerned) moned. The strength developed by the would separate us, yet souls that are in followers of Athanasius at the council attune can commune, that space is anwas greater than the emperor had annihilated. ticipated. Constantine's own associa-Feeling all was for good, trusting in he powers that be, I bade them good-

tions had given some reason to think that he was favorably inclined to the opposite party.

Eusebius of Nicomedia, the leader of the Arians, Euseblus of Cesarea, Congives good service and does all that is stantine's eulogist and biographer, and possible for its patrons, and showed us Arian himself, all leaders of the opposimany courtesies. The Northern Pation, were friends of the emperor. It cific is a fine route; the scenery soon became apparent that a peaceful grand beyond description, though the settlement was impossible, that it was Inest we rassed in the night; but there a fight to the finish. The radical Ath-anaslans outnumbered extremists of s plenty on the way to compensate one. The service is fine, and they do the Arians and those of moderate views all they can for the comfort of the together. The supremacy of Constantravelers. It is much farther around tine must be maintained at all hazards. that way, yet it pays one for the time The Athanasians were aggressive and spent, and I shall always remember my triumphant. The weaker party fell trip with pleasure, and if you are going with the connivance and support of the to California, and can, I would advise a emperor. The equality of substance of trip one way over the Northern Pacific. Ere you reach Portland, Oregon., you Father and Son was established. proclaimed, and the foundation laid for the doctrine of the trinity, which, perfected later under Theodosius, became the corner stone of the orthodox Christian creed in the Greek, Roman and Protestant divisions.

The writings of Arian were condemned to the flames. Capital punish ment was decreed for those with whom any of them were found. The exigencles of the situation made it impossible for Constantine to shield openly his friends. Arius went into exile. Euse bius of Cesarea meekly subscribed to the creed. Eusebius of Nicomedia hesitated and wavered and so postponed for a few months his own exile and disgrace. Whether on the part of Constantine, the proscription of the Arian leaders was any thing but a farce is questionable.

Apparently he acquiesced with the lecision of the stronger faction whose antagonism most threatened ' the im

perial power. It is certain, however, that intriguing for the return of Arlus and other exiled leaders was soon be gun with the connivance, and assistance of Constantine. 'Effort' was made to reinstate them in their fligh positions. in the church.

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unanswered. But I assure one and all that this has been a busy summer for me. I have had no time for letter-writing, only in a limited degree, and I have etters received in April that yet remain unanswered: But lassure one and all that it is not because that I so desired, but because my duties lay in other di-

rections. I arrived home on the 26th day of August, having been gone a little les than a month, and most of that time in constant travel. I should like to speak of my experience in San Francisco where I stopped for one day, as well as at Portland, where I was for a few hours; but I feel it would tire the reader, so spare you. I now think of return-

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### Not Athelsts.

No person with greater ability, more faithful to duty, or creditable to his profession, occupies the Christian pul-pit, than does Boy. Minot J. Savage; and there is no one whose utterances are read with greater satisfaction, or leave a more profound and lasting impression on his auditors. We find in a ears and started off on such a lively late published discourse the following trot that I got to the next settlement views of his wherein he told who were not Atheists. He said:

"What is the essence of the idea of God, the denial of which constitutes real Atheism? In other words, what must a man deny to be an Atheist in the bad sense of that word? Is it possible he may deny the Buddhist god, or the Chinese god, or the Catholic god, or even your God and my God, and all the time be doing it in the interest of what he regards a higher and better ideal. But the ultimate reality to which the name of 'God' really belongs is simply -a power outside of us, and above us, by whose laws we are bound, in whose laws is life, in disobedience to whose laws is death. That is, any man who recognizes a law in him, and without him, which binds him under penalty to certain courses of action called right, such a man believes in the essential idea that underlies the word 'God.' Whatever else he doubts-whether personality, or consciousness, or love-so long as he believes in law, in obligation, in penalty, he believes in God. His God may not be so good, so loving, so nope-inspiring as mine; but still such a man is no Atheist."

More than once in these columns we have declared: "There are no Atheists in fact, for all believe the world, and

Church of the First Sorn. It is astonishing what a penchant cor tain emotional, impressible religionists have for miracles and prayer-as the orplauation of cures and various escapes from impending dangers.

According to an Inter-Ocean special, there is a new church in New Jersey, "The Church of the First Born." What the name implies, we don't pretend to know. The account reads:

Jersey City, N. J., Sept. 16.-Lively incidents as well as the most astound penditure of time, health, and money ing testimony marked to-day's session of the faith curists ("The Church of the First Born") here. Men told how they had been saved from death in a raising.

hundred forms by prayer; women re-lated that their ills had vanished, and a child said she had been cured of toothache on the way to that very meeting The most sensational incident occurred when Editor Anna Smith of the Dawn of Day, who is a woman of 80, ended her testimony of the efficacy of prayer

by dancing a jig. "Through praying to God," said Miss Smith, "I never had a sick day in my life, and to prove how well I am I will show you what I can do."

Here the old lady leaped off the high platform like a schoolboy, ran around the church with the agility of a race horse, made a flying jump back to the platform, and then executed a jig that would bring her \$30 a week in the vauhen. deville. Great applause followed her.

performance. A little girl arose and said that while on the way to the church she had such an "awful" toothache that she changed her course and started for the dentist's. "On the way I prayed, and prayer beat the dentist by two minutes," she said.

A doctor, aged 60, from Philadelphia, said he had practiced medicine for thirty years until he found that it was a humbug and fraud and stopped it. Now

he prescribes prayer. Another man said he had been drown ing in the surf at Atlantic City when he came to the surface for the last time and shouled to God to save him.

"A huge wave caught me," he concluded, "and threw me safely on the beach."

A man from the west told how he had been out on the prairie with a crippled horse and with a storm approaching.

"The old nag wouldn't move," he explained, "and I thought it was all off with me. The storm was getting nearer and I could see that it had water spouts sticking down out of it, and a few funnels like cyclones. It was within a few hundred yards of me when I suddenly said: "Oh, God, save me!" And that storm instantly vecred off to hen. He now believes that he was humthe south, and the horse pricked up his bugged.

in good time." "Not a drop of medicine has entered

my home in thirteen years," said Charles Smith, of Hoboken. "And during all that time God has been my physician. I had four ailments, "among which were dyspepsia and bronchial trouble. I was cured by prayer. My wife had heart disease, my daughter had a fractured arm, and my boy here had scarlet fever. All were cured by

One woman with tears streaming down her cheeks, told how prayer had cured her of a tumor. During her recital some of those present fairly danced with joy and the intensity of the excitement under which they labored.

A young woman declared that for five years she had desired to play by ear cn the piano, and that in answer, to prayer God gave the power desired. Toward the close of the service a man testified that he was in a circus one time before he had learned that such things were for Satan's imps. During the show a lion broke loose and the crowd ran out of the tent. He tripped

faith.'

over something that was in the road and fell in the nath of the heast. "I thought of Daniel," he said, "and I prayed. I was delivered and am here to-night to praise God for it." Spiritualism and suggestion will account for thousands of cures and other happenings, without resorting to "God" and miracle for an explanation. Prayer for cure of human ailments is ples in itself the nature of "auto-suggestion" -self-suggestion when offered by oneself, and when offered by another it possesses the properties of "suggestion" to the mind of the alling one. The cyclonic storm would probably have veered just the same if no prayer to God had been uttered, and just so of Egypt. And all the first-born in the the lively trot of the old nag. Balky horses are very notional, and take very sudden fits and starts-when they will they will, and when they won't they won't, and there is nothing miraculous about their going, or not going. Neither is it anything miraculous that

An Exceedingly Quilible Mortal. The Blade of Chicago, relates a pecul iar case, illustrating the guilibility of certain persons. Parallel cases can be From N. S. A. Headquarters-Important found where fake clairvoyants have led

astray those who were "itching" to get rich. It appears that, unsuccessful 4n his attempts to raise a wonderful black hen which would lay magic silver dollars, Frank Gidumsky, 48 West Randolph street, Chicago, now seeks reimburgement for more than a year's ex-

from the three men who attempted to instruct him in supernatural poultry Until very recently Gidumsky had dreams of possessing a fowl more wonderful than the goose which laid the

> precious Aladdin's lamp. His rise to only would he receive one or more dolproclivities, but the dollars were to

> have the magic charm that no matter where or how often he spent them they would mysteriously return to him. The only reason Gidumsky is not not

a millionaire, with a black feathered United States mint in his back yard chicken coop, is because he has never been able to raise the necessary black The directions which Gidumsky save

he followed in the hopes of securing a supply of magic dollars are elaborate.

First he was to secure an egg laid by any ordinary barnyard black hen. This egg Gidumsky was to put under his arm and keep it there for nine days and nights. During that period he must under no circumstances wash or eat. If

he became very hungry, it was permissible to drink water. At the expiration of nine days and

night a black hen would come out of the egg. It was scheduled to hatch while he was asicep. Then, standing on the foot of the bed, it would say to him, "What'is your wish, Gidumsky?"

At this critical moment Gidumsky was supposed to tender the newly hatched black hen a dollar, which was conveniently under his pillow in anticipation of the happy event. The hen would take his dollar and immediately lay a magic silver dollar. Having thus

been started on a diet of dollars the black hen would furnish unending streams of magic coins. The direction for raising the new

poultry are set forth in the complaint filed in Justice Wolff's court. Gidumsky went without washing, eating, and even sleeping for nine days on repeated occasions, but never raised a magic

Romanism and Free Thought. The animus of Romanism toward

freedom of thought is well illustrated by the news from Rome, in which city, on Sept. 20, with more than 5,000 delegates present, the congress of free thinkers assembled in the Roman college founded by Pope Gregory XIII. Ten of the delegates were from America, among them being Dr. Moncure D. Conway of New York, Dr. J. B. Wilson

of Cincinnati and M. M. Mangasarian of Chicago. Dr. Henry Maudsley was appointed ionorary president for England, Professor Hacckel for Germany, Professor Bertheloi for France, Professor Salmeron for Spain and Professor Ardigo

Lombroso for Italy. Profecsor Haeckel of Jena University, proposed a message to Premier Combes of France, congratulating him upon his struggle for the right of human thought against theocratic oppression, and also for what he has accomplished for the

separation of church and state. Professor Sergi presided and delivered an address, which was warmly ap-plauded, glorifying the triumphs of science over superstition. He hailed the temporal now Catholicism as prehistoric and protested against war, ending with advocating an indissoluble alliance of nations and the universal brotherhood of the peo-The animus of the adherents of the Romish church is shown by the further report that bitter protests were heard on every side against the assembling there, on the anniversary of the fall o the temporal power of the popes, of the congress of freethinkers. In the Osservatore Romano, the organ of the vati can, the following notice appeared: "Innumerable telegrams have reached the pope from all classes of people in Italy protesting against the satanic congress of freethinkers which, under the auspices of FreeMasonry, was inaugurated to-day in Rome, the center of the

# THE N. S. CONVENTION.

# Convention Netice.

To the Editor:-Kindly give space in your valued journal for the following important announcement concerning the place of meeting of the N. S. A. Massachusetts State Association. convention to be held in St. Louis, Oct. 18, 19, 20 and 21. The committee of the World's Fair

Congresses assigned to this association -as to others-the music hall of the great Collseum, for convention pur

poses, and we had every reason to sup-pose all was in readiness for our occu-pancy. At this late day comes the information that Music Hall has been rented for the season to a musical comgolden eggs and more valuable than the pany, and that another hall has been allotted to the convention societies, In vestigation shows that the second hall wealth would be easy and rapid. Not is not adequate for our purpose-its acoustic properties are not good, and lars daily, according to the hen's laying as the musical company aforesaid gives

a musical extravaganza day and evening its counds are sufficient to completely drown the voices of our speak ers and delegates. Hence the N. S. A. official board has decided that the con-

vention bc held at the Spiritual Tem-ple in St. Louis, 3015 Pine street, where son. The results of an intelligent acceptthe reception of Monday, Oct. 17, at 8 p. m., will also be held. We regret exance of Spiritualism are pobility, purity and magnanimity of life; all embracing eedingly the necessity of changing locharity and philanthropy; constant and earnest endeavor to actualize an ideal, cation of meetings at this late day, but are so obliged to do in justice to our perfect life in this world as the best Pine Street Temple is reached people. preparation for the next; living to live, from Union Station as follows: Take not living to die; and for the Religion 18th street car to Olive, transfer west of Pain, which has held mankind in and ride to 30th street, walk one block thrall, the substitution of the Religion south; or, take Laclede car, and ride to of Joy. Such is the doctrine of Spirit-30th or Garrison, and walk two blocks ualism. The terrestrial cannot inherit-Eternal north.

SEEN AND HEARD.

Brief Notes on Topics of Interest,

by Hudson Tuttle.

The Incentive of Spiritualism.

It has been said that while the vari-

ous religions, especially Christianity,

have incentives spurring man to higher

moral achievements. Spiritualism has

nothing to offer. There could be no

tives, it encourages the loftlest aspira-

tions; prompts to highest endeavor, and

inculcates self-reliance. It frees man

from the bondage of authority of creeds, and demands that he rely on the

authority of truth, interpreted by rea-

By presenting the most exalted mo-

statement more erroneous.

All delegates and other friends who life, which is the inheritance of the ceintend to be in St. Louis during the time of convention, are requested to arlestial. Death is the severance of the silver cord which unites the celestial range their plans for visiting the Fair with the terrestial, or physical body. or sight seeing, so as to enable them to attend all sessions of the convention— The latter returns to mother earth, the former receives the shining robes of an day and evening. Important business angel Hence, death works no change is sure to come up at all day sessions, except in condition. The individuality is no more affected than by stepping while the evening meetings will be more attractive to Spiritualists and in, from one room to another, or by vestigators, by the able and brilliant ing off worn garments. Immortality is our birthright. A matorialist said that we are travel talent we shall present. All are cor-dially invited. Come one and all and ing between two, bleak and barren promontories, the past and the future. help to make this the grandest convoca-

tion of Spiritualists the world has ever in the light of Spiritualism the headknown. Information concerning rooms can ands of the past are crowned with be had by addressing Thomas Grimblessed memories, and the future. stead of a bleak and barren headland,

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onclusions is the following from a tract by George A. Bacon, of Washing-ton, D. C., entitled "Attitude of Scienon all lines to and from St. Louis (excursion tickets) without attention from tific Men Toward the Spiritual Phenomthe N.S. A. ena." "The spiritual hypothesis must be

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A Detailed Account of Spirit Music came through the closed door, instru-Heard at New Canton, ill., and Which, ment and all and played around the It is Expected, Will be Produced in stove a few times, went back through Bublic Sometimes in the Section and died away in the other It is Expected, Will be Fround of the noon, and promitive form. The music we heard could not be plane it is entirely differ.

To the Editor:-Since you have print- made on a plano; it is entirely differed my letter, in answer to your inquiry, ent; it increases in power and beauty must ask you to make a correction re- each time we hear it.

Oct. 1, 1908.

garding the spirit music. One evening, Since so many have given their expe five years ago this coming October, we rience with fraud mediums and their were told that on Thursday evening we ways, and means of deceiving investiga would be surprised at what would oc- tors, through the Open Court, would it cur. We asked what it would be, and not be interesting to hear from those was told that we would hear music, who know what genuine spirit manifes-

On that evening we two, with my fations are, how they occur and the dif-mother, sat down by a small table, and ference between the two? If the mediwas not only surprised, but almost ums are unable to explain the manifesspeechless to hear music such as we tations, and how they are produced, never heard before, that was played for then why not give the spirits an oppormore than an hour. After we came from tunity to explain? If they are manithe room in which we heard it, we could festing, it does seem that they ought hardly believe that we did, and went to, at least, tell us the difference beback the second time and heard it as tween their work and that of those who long as the first.

It was not like a plano, and there was Money has never induced us to sit for a plano in the house then and is still, spirit manifestations, though we have but this music was in another room been advised to sit for 25 cents a head, from where the plano stands. at which price we would soon get rich

We have sat in the room where the If Brother Hale is willing to give piano is to see if it could be used, and \$1,000 for a sight of an actual spirit, de-have never heard a sound. The spirits void of 'materialization" in its general meaning, we might be induced say, the music is made to reach us to conthrough vibrations, the same way in sider his offer when we get to the Pa-which all sounds are conveyed through cific coast. That would be a small rec space, and that to play on our instru- ompense for the time we have already ments here would be more difficult than given to the work.

we chn conceive. For three years we have studied whenever a spirit comes to you mate these manifestations under spirit guid- rialized in a flesh and blood form, when ance, and no one but my mother has they take you by the hand in a mortal ever been able to get near a meeting in way, to reach over and slap the medium this time. At first we were besieged by in the mouth as they will be close by curiosity seekers, and for our benefit it When a spirit touches you you will in seems, we were allowed to sit a time or stantly recognize the difference be two with them, and now at this time tween it and a mortal touch as you will nothing but spirit power could induce feel the force before there is any coms to sit with them. We heard the music two months be- this be if spirits do not return?" We fore we heard voices. We can hear are taught to say, through vibratory

them at any time they say we will, not force, that can convey any of our senses through space when operated by Mr. Ward hears clairaudiently, and true spirit power. It would, no doubt, be interesting to

has many years. At times when we It would, no doubt, be interesting to hear music my mother goes into the dif. you to know why atmospheric condiferent rooms in the house, and she says tions have anything to do with spirit that it is as distinct in one room as an- manifestation. I shall write further other, and just as loud as in the room about this some other time.

We have had no desire to present out One very cold night a couple of years views to the public as we know how ago we were sitting in the twilight with widely we differ from many others, and my brother as company, when I sug- we are nearing the time when facts will gested that we should be quiet and see speak louder than words and opinions if we could hear the music. Not many can not stand in the face of true spirit minutes went by until we heard a noise manifestation.

EMMA M. WARD. New Canton, Ill.

Chicago League Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Chicago Spiritualists' League, for the transaction of important business, will be held at 697 West Madison street, Monday, evening, October 3, at 8 o'clock sharp. On the next evening, Tuesday, Octo-ber 4, at Kimball Hall, 243 Wabash avenue, the League will give a programme consisting of music, an address, critical discussions and messages, to which the general public is invited to attend. All members are urged to note care There's lots o' difference 'tween the fully the time, places and purposes of the two meetings and asked to be press. ent on both occasions. GEO. B. WARNE, Pres-

OTTO E. KROPP, Sec'y.

Programme for Tuesday Evening, Octo ber 4, 1904, at Kimball Hall.

passed a century ago with the horrible Song-"America," audience; invocation, Rev. Nora E. Hill; Vocal solo, Dr. beliefs of the dark ages, appears to be yet held by those high in the Catholic Monsignor Lavelle, rector of L. H. Friedman; Address, Dr. Geo. B. St. Patrick's Cathedral, commenting on Warne; Hymn-"When the Mists Have a statement of Prof. Stetson of Kalama- Rolled Away," audience.

zoo College, that witchcraft and demon Spirit messages will be given by the zoo College, that witcherait and denote the second second

The great and ever-enduring lesson in, and the music began and seemingly taught by this view of life here and hereafter, is that the present is the shadow of future realities. We are Tennis is her hardest workspirits to-day, and shall be the same to-morrow after this body has fallen from Ought to see her play! We have already begun the infinite Ma she washes dishes. journey and we are not to wait until An' she sweeps the floor, death to begin the formation of charac-An' she scrubs the marble steps Clear up to the door; in' then she chops the kindlin'

in

who

we can conceive.

us to sit with them.

at any time we say.

in the room adjoining the one we were

When her work is through-

Has to do it. 'cause Pa, he's

Both take physical culture,

But 1 will tell you this:

My Ma takes, and Sis.

Falschood Hard to Kill.

Or shall we say ignorance difficult to

ducate; garkness slow to dispel? Be-

lief in witchcraft, supposed to have

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ter. When death comes, the dross of this life will fall from us; its objects, its vain ambitions; estates, bonds and title deeds, fall as ashes, and the spirit stands alone, holding fast the treasures of such actions as had relation to its immortal life. Never was wiser -command given than to lay up your treasures above.

toward which we drift in tears, rises

the purple slores we behold our fath-

ers, our mothers, our wives, our hus-

left us in the night of years, all there with garments of light, extending their

Spiritualism presses to the quivering

lips of grief this cup of precious nectar

bands, our children, our friends

distilled by the angels of heaven.

arms to welcome us!

**US**,

above the shadows of this life and on

### A Remarkable Summary. A rare gem of logical statements and

beings and the outcome o

Because these experiences have been

Because they are verified by human

Because they are supported by uni-

co-existent with humanity on earth;

He says:

our common nature:

tradition and history;

versal aualogy;

within it are governed by fixed and changeless law. That law implies a law giver. Even if inherent in matter it is nevertheless existent, and no power or combination of forces can thwart its rule. It matters not by what name it is known, it is self-existent and eternal.

Contrast the workings of this God of Nature with the Jewish Jahwah, incorrectly rendered Jehovah by our English translators of the Bible:

"Thus saith the Lord: About midnight will I go out into the midst of land of Egypt shall die, from the first born of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the first-born of the maid-servant that is behind the mill; and all the first-born of beast."-Expdus 11: 4 5.

That was only a theist, cruel and devilish. Passing to Ex. 12: 29 and that more than brutal threat was executed:

"And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sat on his throne, unto the first-born of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the first-born of cattle.'

Those who repudiate such a savage and sanguinary god, acting the part of a midnight assassin, prompting his wor-shipers to imitate his slaughtering propensities, have been denounced as Athe ists, without just cause. We worship no fiend, falsely called Lord, or God, but have a very exalted conception of that

"Spirit of Nature! all-sufficing Power! Necessity, the Mother of the world! Who, unlike the God of creedal error, Requir'st no prayers or praises. caprice

Of man's weak will belongs no more to

him Than do the changeful passions of his breast To his unvarying harmony. \* •

\* All that the wide world con-

TRIUS Are but his passive instruments, and he Regard'st them all with an impartial

eye, Whose joy or pain his nature cannot

feel, Because he has not human sense, Because he has not human mind."

Pull Him Off His Perch.

The Humanitarian Review, replying to a correspondent who was apologizing for the questionable practice of some clergymen who traffic in stocks, and other semi-gambling pursuits to enlarge their purses, expressed our view to the letter when it sald:

"When a clergiman becomes a man of pull him off his perch!"

Ah, knock him off, any way to prevent his continuing to pose as an exemplar for others to copy after.

"Spiritual Songs for the Use of Circles, Campmeetings and Other Spirit-ualistis Gatherings." By Mattie E, Hull. Price 10 cents.

a woman of 80 should dance a jig, a Virginia reel a Kentucky hoe-down, or even a "juba dis and juba dat, juba all de 'possum fat," etc., turn a handspring

or a somersault, or even do as David did when he "danced before the Lord," on a certain occasion. (Readers who are curious can consult IL Samuel, chapter 6.)

When people are in a state of mind induced by certain forms of emotion stirring belief, they are ready to credit any prayed-for happening as the result of prayer, wrought by the direct hand of God. Anything they pray for-if it comes, it is God's answer to their prayer. This seems to be the state of mind of "The Church of the First Born.'

The spectacle of an old lady dancing a jig was no doubt highly edifying and very inspiring and there is no wonder that it evoked "great applause" from the "First Born" beholders.

When next "Editor Anna" dances a religious jig, may we be there to see, and applaud. But-no more, lest we make sport of

sacred things.

The Christian Educator.

That awfully wicked paper, The Christian Educator and God's Defender, of Great Bend, Kansas, asserts that "God's creators make a great mistake in not creating a Mrs. God."

The C. E. and G. D. is the organ and exponent of The Church of Humanity. Its title is supposed to indicate its work -to educate Christians into a knowledge of the "truths" accepted by the Church of Humanity, which does not be-

lieve there is a God, or any truth in Christian dogmas. As the C. E. and G. D. is apparently

incorrigibly "infidel," we shall turn it over to brother J. S. Loveland and A. H. Nicholas.

H. Nicholas. But really, is it not within the bounds of probability that a "Mrs. God," if She mammon, an ideal for birds of prey, had the running of things, would be a vast improvement upon the Jewish Je-hovah as He is set forth in the Old Testament account? However "jealous" she might become, she would not be likely to manifest such a penchant for crueity, blood and slaughter. Henco thinking about.

Catholic faith.' Romanism is the same everywhere and if the church could have its will and way, neither at Rome nor anywhere else would freedom of thought be per mitted.

Pandering to Vice in the Name of Re ligion.

There seems no end to the efforts of bigots to devise some method to induce the government to acknowledge Sunday. as a holy day. Ever since the Republic was founded they have brought the influence of the church to their aid, and have made the postoffice system the target for attack. Postoffices must be closed. Unless this is done the souls of the employes must answer in hell for the violation of God's command. Then the transportation of the mails on Sunday must be abandoned. They concentrated all their energies in 1832 on this project, but failed. Nearly every year since some new expedient has been resorted to. hoping to win success. The latest device in this direction comes from a Rev. O. W. High, of Upland, Indiana. He inscribes on the corner of his envelopes a request that his mail shall not be handled on Sunday.

The pcor simpleton was so ignorant of the duties of the mail service as to suppose the thousands of tons of mail would be overhauled each Saturday evening, to find his letter and abstract it from the mass, so it should not be defiled by being carried on Sunday.

Will the churchmen and clergy never learn that instead of improving public morals by closing great fairs, and sus-pending business of all kinds, save preaching and attending church, on Sunday, they absolutely pander to vice! Who in all the world but saloonists and

proprietors of nouses of ill-repute in St. Louis are benefited by closing the gates of the national exposition in that city on Sunday? It was and is an outrage on public decency to close the ave-nues of education to the people there, and throw wide open the flood-gates of vice. Congress was pandering for the church vote when it engrafted such a provision as the condition of its appropriation. No one objects to rest days in any department of government service, but who better than the laborer

knows when that rest is needed and. shall be taken?

sirable rooming houses, also the spirit-ual papers, will be kept on file there. The annual reception of the N. S. A. delegates and visitors will be held in the Spiritual Temple in St. Louis, October 17, at 8 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend. MARY T. LONGLEY, Sec'y. HARRISON D. BARRETT, Pres. AMENDMENTS TO BE PRESENTED At the National Spiritualists' Association Convention, October, 1904.

To amend Article VI, Section 1, by inserting after the word "convention," in the thirteenth line, the following: "and one additional delegate for each fifty members, or major fraction thereof, of said subordinate society.'

Amendment proposed by the First Spiritualists' Association of Washington, D. C.:

Resolved. That the officers of the National Spiritualists' Association shall consist of a president, vice-president,

secretary and treasurer, who shall be trustees, and with five others constitute a board of nine trustees, who shall have charge of the business affairs of the Association, and shall be chosen by writ ten ballot by the duly accredited delegates present at the regular annual convention.

Beginning with the convention of 1904, the officers of the convention shall be chosen for the following terms: Two trustees for four years, two trustees for three years, secretary and one trustee for two years; the president, vice-president and treasurer for one year. president shall be elected annually for one year. but at the termination of the respective periods of offices of the other members of the board the terms of ofice shall be for four years. F. A. Wood, president; a Mary J. Stephens, lice-president; Ro E. Potts, secretary; W. H. Crowell, treasurer: J. F. Simonds Henry Steinberg, F. C. Just, Isabel L. Keeler, Harriet D. Morgan, trustees.

The First Church of Spiritualists of Pittspurg. Pa., submits the following to the delegates of our next convention, viz . Amend Article IX of Constitution Strike out the words "or at such other time or other place as this association may determine at any annual conven-William Fetzer, Secretary. tion.

graph of Section 1: "State association composed of both delegates and lay members shall be entitled to one dele gate for their charter and one additional delegate for each fifty, or major fraction thereof, delegates in attend ance at their annual conventions; also an additional delegate for each fifty lay members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing upon the books of such state associations October 1 of each year.

Amend Article VII of Constitution by inserting at the close of the third para-graph, Section 1, the following: "By col-

Because they are in harmony with man's highest reason; . Because they are responsive to the universal aspiration of the human heart; Because they are affirmed by our inand the witch doctor and medicine man tuitions: Because they are in accordance with with charms and invocations are of universal law; Because God Almighty, Omnipotent more value in curing the disease that all the knowledge in the world! And sad it is that many Spiritualists, in-Mind, or Universal Law, whichever you will, never conditioned the occurrence of these fundamental, personal facts, as stead of Spiritualists, are rather demonists. Let us look to the light, not back into expressions of man's mental, moral and spiritual nature, without completely the darkness. Let us go on, and not return to the dogmas of ancient times. supplying their corresponding require-If Spiritualism should follow the lead menta? of these obsessionists and demonists, it Every one of these propositions might would end in the fog of the most blight readily he expanded into a chapter, of which they are the condensed concluing superstition, and witchcraft would he revived. Already there are adver sion. tisements of those wonderfully endowed to drive away evil influences and un-Physical Culture. Several books have been published on mannerly spirits! And this in the dawn of the 20th century! And it is thought strange the world casts a sneer at physical culture, which give in minute detail just the kind of motions and genuflexions which must be gone through Spiritualism! If its supporters make it a system of with in order to perfect the physical demonology, who is to blame? HUDSON TUTTLE. form. The arms must be swung just so, and the legs kicked just so, and the

breath taken in prescribed form. . This may be very well for those who have nothing else to do, but it seems a pity as long as there is so much to do in this world, honest, productive work, to have so much good-strength wasted in use less exercise. Baseball, football, row ing, and swinging dumb-bells, are strenuous exercise and yet why they are superior to manual work, is mainly told by their not being labeled with that plebeian name. The girls who are able to run miles

on miles at tennis, or golf, swing on a trapeze, or vault over a bar, are usually too weak to sweep a floor or wash dishes. The big boy home from college at the foot of his class and head of athletics, finds the business of his

father fatiguing. For subile irony of this state of things, the following bit of rhyme is in-

The Progressive Thinker during its imitable:. Fall and Winter Campaign will be a Sis takes calisthenics. continual feast of good things in all oc-Indian clubs an' such, cult and spiritual lines of thought. You Reaches for her toes ten times. can only keep up with the procession An' each time makes 'em touch: by reading it each week. Send in your

Raises up her arms an' Sweeps 'em all around. Kicks her heels three times without Ever touchin' the ground.

Ma takes physical culture In the' washing tub-Gets the clo's and soaks 'em down, And then begins to rub; Makes ten thousand motions Up and down that way-She gets lots o' exercise On a washin' day.

Sis goes to the gym, an' Travels on the rings, An' she takes a big, deep breath, An' theu she yells an' sings-Says it's good for weakness In the lungs, an' say!

Klein, Mr. R. S. Ray, Mrs. Isa Cleveobsession, said: "There is no doubt about the fact of land, Mrs. C. Kirchner, Mrs. Nora E. diabolical obsession in olden times. Hill, Mrs. Ada Za Zelle and Mrs. N. The Bible is authority for their occur- Trafton. Special singing arranged for this tence. Whether there are any stances at present I do not know. None meeting. Every Spiritualist and investigator is has ever come to my personal notice. But that the church recognizes the pos-sibility is evidenced by the rules pre-scribed for exorcisms." cordially invited to attend our meetings and learn more of the grand truths of Spiritualism. If this is true a thousand years of DREAM CHILDREN. research and study have been wasted,

They flock to my desk in the rush of the

day, The dear little children that dance to and fro.

catch a faint sound of their rollicking play, Like the lift of a song of the long ago,

And I turn from my work with a soft little sigh.

To greet little Mabel and Eddie and

Joe, But I reach out my arms and the visions pass by, They are only dream children I used

to know.

hear them sometimes in the roistering street

see their bright locks as they flash in the sun, hear the soft tap of their pattering

feet, I hear the gay laughter as lightly, they run,

hasten my footsteps to catch the bright group That riots along in the noise and the

fray, Then suddenly all the high hopes I had If you can not spare \$1 for The Pro-

droop, And the little dream children have gressive Thinker one year, send in 25 melted away.

cents at once, and take it for three months. You should be brought in know they have fied to a far distant touch with its valuable contents during

shore, A land where the sun of all righteous

ness beams, Yet they come to me often as fond as of yore

From out of the mist-shrouded valley of dreams. And sometimes it seems I can hear

what they say, And I start as I hear all the chatten

and noise. Then tears fills my eyes as the dream

fades away And all that remains is a few broken

toys.

They have gone with their laughten and love and delight, Their little warm arms have now

crumbled to dust, They have vanished like dew when the

morning is bright, And their poor little toys are all cov-

ered with rust. memory brings them again from Rut

the past And they flock to my desk in the

rush of the day, And here in my heart I am holding

them fast And in dreams I can hear them again -Anon. at their play.

"Why I Am a Vegetarian." By 2. Howard Moore. An address before the Chicago Vegetarian Society. Price, conta.

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Amendment:-Amend Article VI of Constitution by adding the following sentence at the close of present para-

## ROBA BEEN PATRICES

# The Soul Radiates as Many Colors as the Rainbow.

KNOWLEDGE OF SPIRIT RETURM. SOUL DE. able characteristic is her eyes, deep dark gray and set hs. Shen a periody heating altra will show no homena are common enough, but h is as a regulator velopment CAN BEST BE ATTAINED wide apart, as so often seen in those women in whom touch of gray of black, and the general effect upon and adjuster of auras that she is holding the atten-the intuitive faculties and psychic qualities are highly the beholder will be that of a harmonious ensemble, tion of smart Newporters. THOSE LAWS THAT UNDERLIE THE FUNDA. "My religion is based on theories as old as civiliza- chromatic radiation of such a person, that person will MENTAL PRINCIPLES OF SPIRIT RETURN. IT tion itself," said Mrs. Stuart in answer to a question present what is known as peize. All well poised char-hard gift of second sight and second hearing. "The TICLE WILL BE READ WITH DEEP INTEREST, term you use the substance is the same. LYZING THE CONDITION OF THE INNERMOST men about the hands of other men. BEING.

Newport's latest fad. To the unregenerate city by content to see the phenomenon, while we of the curianathema has come a distinguished Scotch woman; about it. It is to this end that I have come to New- inant color, and he will be kept there until he has ab- Previous to the concert the couple had dined in the Margaret Gladstone Stuart, with the altruistic pur- port to form classes in the study of the aura. pose, frankly proclaimed, of teaching the smart set not only how to find its soul but when once found how to determine its color and general material characteristics.

Color of the soul? Material characteristics? Yes, it does sound paradoxical, but according to the and tell what color it is, just as we can see his propaganda of this new high priestess it is literally hair and tell what color it is. true that one's soul does have color and form as well milion red.

The promulgator of this startling cult, it is inter- auras are bound to tell the truth about us. esting to know, is no less a personage than a grandin the famous castle of Galloway, one of the show diation. places of the Scottish highlands, and last, but not least, to approach her more immediate ancestry, known works on metaphysical subjects.

### Instant Popularity.

avenue, next door to the Casino, and it is here, of of glowing red. mornings, that the really interesting things take "Here in Newport I find that about nine people out place. Here is where Mrs. Stuart instructs her of ten radiate red auras, and the object of my teach- matriage and the dimensional formation of marriage. These, too, are highly psycholog- Mrs. Stuart first discovered her power to read the ical conditions, caused by the action and reaction of histories connected with inanimate objects when as a cles in the way of reading of secret histories connect- ation. ed with gloves, jewels, hair, etc.

In these pretty apartments, whose rear windows matic radiation might be. overlook the Casino grounds, a Herald reporter found "Ah, yes, I shall explain," continued. Mrs Gladthe lady one day last week. She had just dismissed stone Stuart. "By a chromatic radiation I mean an they trooped down stairs-a bevy of well known ma- blended in their proper harmony and proportion. It court. trons and maids, whose names must, for obvious rea- is no more natural for a human being to radiate one sons, remain unmentioned.

The class met thus early on this particular morning, should eat only one article of tool. Access in color result of tool. Anong the interested students who crowd Mrs. "When at last I received my sight, the kcenness of on Death and Spirit Life than can be time to get to the tennis game, for which the fashion- fect spiritual, moral and physical health a man's aura Stuart's classes are clergymen and physicians, as well my second sight did not in the least diminish. It was dug up in all the libraries of the world. able crowd was even now gathering on the green will be composed of all the primary colors in the same as society men and women. The features of the new then that I set about to cultivate it, and with that obturf almost under Mrs. Stuart's drawing room win- order and proportion in which one sees them in the cult as outlined by its high priestess, while they con- ject in view I went back to India and put myself under rainbow or refracted by a prism. There will be a lit- stitute what make it unique, are by no means its only the tuition of the same old master who had become indows Mrs. Stuart looks very much like a sibyl. She is the blue for spirituality, a little yellow for wholesome startling features. As a mind reader and clairvoyant terested in me on the occasion of my first visit there tall and slender of figure and her face is that of a ambition, a little violet for mother love, a little green Mrs. Stuart has aroused an unusual amount of mys- as a child."

IS PLEASING TO NOTE THAT THERE IS AN regarding the chief features of her theological sys- acters, whether they know it or not, radiate chromatic land gift of second sight and second hearing. The AWAKENING IN THIS RESPECT AMONG WHAT tem. "The theory of auras is originally an Oriental auras. IS WRONGLY REGARDED AS THE "UPPER" one, and had its manifestation in later ages in the au-CLASSES, THOSE WHO ARE EXTREMELY soul radiates a certain material substance. You may WEALTHY, BUT WHO AS A GENERAL RULE define this substance as electricity, light, anra or what-SPURN SPIRITUALISM. THE FOLLOWING AR. ever you will, but the fact remains that whatever

"A few choice spirits in all ages of the world have ING EVERYTHING THAT PERTAINS TO ANA. fact that this halo or illumination has been seen by so on.

"Paul saw it, and St. John saw it, and Mahomet

# The Higher Bense.

enough developed spiritually and physically we should each of us be able to see our neighbor's aura and of the angels.

Edwards. One's soul may be green, gold, gray I asked him if he didn't think that much of our ca- when all the world can read the truth of our hearts by carbuncle ring had suggested a frightfal tragedy, and brown, yellow, violet, blue or red, declares Mrs. Stu- pacity for helping our fellow men both spiritually and a glance at our aura? art, and in a series of lectures and drawing-room talks morally could be greatly augmented if we were only "To be sure, not all my pupils are studying the sub- with whom the young man was well acquainted, she is now conducting in Newport the fashionable able to see them as they really are. We may be hyp- ject for the highest good it can bring them. Many of though he had never heard anything remarkable

"The aura cannot deceive anybody. By their color

Although Mrs. Stuart has been in Newport but a whom the material instinct is abnormally developed, lovers. few weeks she has already enrolled a large number of just as green is the radiation of those who are intensethe smart set in her classes, and almost every day ly sympathetic. Around people who are about to die finds her lecturing or talking in some exclusive house one versed in the study of auras may easily see a to an equally exclusive circle of interested listeners. black, murky substance lowering like a cloud, and

Here the reporter interrupted to ask what a chro-

The class met thus early on this particular morning, should eat only one article of food. Excess in color perceptive change in each other's radiations." while holding one's eyes tight shut.

### Some Technical Explanations.

radiate one color, should desire to acquire a proper which enables them to see that which to ordinary visproportion of other colors and get rid of the conse- ion is invisible and to hear what to ordinary cars is quent superfluity of green, red or violet, as the case inaudible. One may or may not believe that the "psymay be. Especially is this desirable where the pre- chic eye" and the "psychic ear" are only figments of ILLUSTRATING WHAT IS GOING ON IN REFER. always been able to see this aura or reflection of soul vailing color is red. To this end I divide my pupils the imagination, but the most skeptical cannot ignore ENCE TO PEERING INTO THE CONDITION AND with the visual eye, though it has remained obscure into classes according to the prevailing color. All the phenomena themselves which some of these people STATUS OF THE IMMORTAL SOUL. THE PRO- to the grosser and more ordinary vision. The litera- who emit red radiations are grouped by themselves, thus allegedly gifted are often able to produce. GRESSIVE THINKER WILL LEAD IN PUBLISH- ture of all ages, both sacred and profane, attests the all the green radiators are grouped by themselves, and In the reading of jewels and articles of wearing ap-

"The red class, which might be termed the primary and her services as an entertainer are being eagerly class, is then put through a course of instruction in besought by Newporters. Her ability in this respect saw it, and so has almost every other highly spirit- mental and spiritual gymnastics, which will in time came to the notice of society in a rather unusual fash-Soul development [says the New York Herald] is unlized man seen it. But they of the older time were graduate its members into other classes whose colors ion. A few evenings after her arrival in Newport she it is desirable to partake of. Out of the red class a went to one of the famous Casino concerts escorted by the sea that called forth Colonel Watterson's famous ous present want to know something more definite pupil will pass into a class where green is the predom- a well-known young man.

> passes into the violet, and from the violet into the Mrs. Stuart's first introduction to the Casino, and durblue class. The latter color is the very highest which ing the course of the dinner her companion noticed "Everybody radiates an aura, and were we highly a human soul can attain when in the carnal body.

each other's aura would be the greatest incentive to self as greatly agitated, and it was only with the ex-"'But what is the use of such ability once it should right living and right thinking that the mind of man ercise of great self-control that she was able to finish as numerous other peculiarities undreamed of in the be acquired ?' a bishop asked me the other day. I can conceive of. It would do away with all excuse the remaining courses of the menu. When they had theology of that sturdy old New Englander Jonathan looked at him in amazement for a moment, and then for lies and deception, for what is the use of a lie returned to open air she told her companion that the

summer colony are learning the discouraging and ocrites in our personal relations with each other, we the women and girls in my classes are attracted to about the history of the ring. awful fact that their souls are for the most part a ver- may even be hypocrites in our relations with God, as them for the benefit they hope to derive in the way of far as ontward appearances are concerned, but our helping them to adjust their love affairs, and even and the result was a revelation to the owner of the of divorce.

"People ask me how such knowledge could be of niece of the great Eladstone. She is also a grand- ye shall know them. That is the watchword of the benefit to people in love or to divorcees or those con-dark secret discovered by Mrs. Stuart is not definitely daughter of the Countess of Galloway and was born new faith, based upon a scientific study of human ra- templating divorce. The answer is very simple. Love known, though enough has leaked out to connect the is the most psychological of all human conditions, "The soul radiates as many colors as does the rain- and of all human conditions love and the ailments of bow. When I see a preponderance of blue light ra- love admit most freely of psychological treatment. the wearer, who was his best friend, and with it a letleast, to approach her more immediate ancestry, bow then a person I know instantly that that per- "All the sorrows and pains of love arise from psycho-the wearer, who was his best friend, and with it a let-she is a daughter of the late Balfour Alexander Stu-diating from a person I know instantly that that per- "All the sorrows and pains of love arise from psycho-ter in which he told his friend the real reason of his art, a prominent member of the British Society for son is large in spirituality, for blue is the color of logical causes. When somebody who once loved us action. The dead man's secret, confided only to the British Society for son is high methods, A preponderance of gold ceases to do so a psychological fact is responsible for solitary man's friend, had been kept inviolate even in en radiation betokens high-mindedness and ambition the change. This psychological fact is none other than all the hubbub and inquiry that followed the tragedy, -for instance, a man like Napoleon would radiate no that there has been a change, perhaps a very slight and none ever dreamed or suspected the truth until other color. Lavender is the emanation of those in one, in the color of the aura of one or the other of the advent of the new psychic demonstrator.

### The Matrimonial Problem.

burning with a steady glow, always emitting the same upon the theory that every article, however dead and The main business of the new cult is transacted at about those who are addicted only to the world and color or combination of colors that those auras were inanimate it may be, has the power not only of think-Mrs. Stuart's pleasant little apartment in Bellevue the pleasures of the flesh there is to be seen a nimbus when they first mgt and loved, there would be no such ing, but of reflecting its thoughts in its surrounding thing as 'falling out of love.'

place. Here is where Mrs. Stuart instructs her of ten radiate red auras, and the object of my teach- marriage and the difficulties which lead to the disso- the aura radiated by the object.

human emotions." Like the pitfalls of love, they are girl of seventeen she was stricken with total blindcaused by changes and irregularities in the auras of ness, the result of illness. "For a period of three those concerned, and the business of those who cannot years I was stone blind," she says, and during that live happily together is to set about and try to adjust time the atmosphere or aura of persons and things bean early morning class, which the reporter met as aura in which all the colors of the raindow shall be their auras before having recourse to the divorce came visible to me. It sounds paradoxical to say that

is no more natural for a numan being to radiate one that he themselves so as to be constantly on the alert for any think how often one has striven to visualize objects

PSYCHIC LAWS GENERALLY LEAD TO A highly intellectual Scotch woman. Her most remark- for sympathy and will be added to be and an interest, even in these days when such phe-KNOWLEDGE OF SPIRIT BETURN. SOUL DE. able characteristic is her eyes, deep dark gray and set its. Such a perfectly healthy aura will show no nomena are common enough, but it is as a regulator

claim in this case deserves something more than a mere statement. One may or may not place any faith in the Scotch tradition that certain people of the "Such being the case it is natural that those who Highland clans are born into the world with a sense

parel Mrs. Stuart's gift approaches the extraordinary,

sorbed sufficient of the green radiations. Then he club dining room, as is the popular fashion. It was human soul can attain when in the carnal body. that she was staring very hard at something at the "It is superseded only by white, the color of God table opposite. Inquiry proved that a large carbuncle ring on the hand of one of the men of the party was "An ability to see and understand the meaning of the object of her interest. Mrs. Stuart expressed her-

> An interview was arranged for the next morning, carbuncle ring. Just what are the details of this revelation and exactly what are the circumstances of the ring with a not yet forgotten and mysterious suicide. The dead man, it is rumored, bequeathed the ring to

The use of the word "clairvoyant" is, however, repudiated by Mrs. Stuart. What she claims to do is to "If men's and women's auras could always be kept read the aura or radiation of the article submitted, aura. All the experiences through which such an ob-"The same thing applies, only in greater degree, to ject has passed will be ineradicably impressed upon

anything can be visible to one who is stone blind, but "Married people, above all others, should train my meaning will be apparent if one will only stop and

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ANCIENT TIMES. the Phenomena of Biblical Times is for his support, was so "swelled up" Christ always called himself the "son The Erroneous Construction put Upon Responsible for More Erroneous Beliefs Than Anything Else. Since Er above the "common herd"-and put a things that psychics are made to say roneous Beliefs Are a Hindrance to crown on his head and demanded that Joseph was not the only man who has Progression, Whatever Can Dispet the people recognize his importance and tried to hide the results of his mischief them and Substitute Facts Will Ald signify their willingness to serve him by putting away the girl, or in some the Solution of the Mysteries of Today and the Motive for Phenomena. Thomas Paine, Robert Ingersoll, and

many others had to bear all the vituperthat the intolerance of ignorance could heap upon them because they had walk to him as he sat on his throne, but much older than Mary, had passed to not discovered that which is better to must crawl to him and crawl out again! "spirit" life where he would possess a take the place of the idols they demolished.

The idea of an avenging God and executive Devil may have been necessary to keep the people in subjection in times when the animal nature in man manifested itself more in brute force than it does now. Let us consider, a little, the origin of God and devil. How many people ever give this a thought neer life in the wilds of a new country time had so called him. or know that we only have to read the to get rid of king rule, and still singfifth verse of the third chapter of Gene-sis to find the word gods. "For God child of a king," etc. doth know that in the day ye eat there. But since we find ceived notions, we might discover that the mother country, as witnessed in the Nature's evolution the attributes of the center has all execution of so-called witness. of, then your eyes shall be opened and of mankind has produced such men the more vindictive, cruel and them treat us, not because of a promselfish they are.

But the phenomena manifested which ence but because it was right-would came from an invisible source was man- not sooner have brought about better ifested to all grades of humanity, espe- conditions. cially if they sought for it, just as it is and the rulers made whatever use nature produced possessing the finer elof it their inclinations suggested. Be- ements which make the humanitarian. cause these manifestations came from There were several before him who an unseen source and there was so taught such, but because the people much power and knowledge accompany- had not set them up for gods their hising them, the recipients supposed they | tory has paled before that of Christ's. were to he ruled in a future state of existence much as they were in the physi- have resulted from Christ's teachings. cal; and as their earthly rulers styled A time comes in the evolution of ma themselves king, lord, god, etc., so these names were bestowed upon the intelli- worthless because some brain has disgences producing phenomena; hence covered principles in nature that had the God of the Old Testament possesses not been utilized in the old machine, all the attributes of earthly rulers.

Each individual's intelligence produc- perior to the old that the old is made ing the phenomena was his god, hence worthless for anything but the scrapthere were many gods in those times. nile. The same can be said of philo-As the manifestations were good or evil sophical scientific discoveries; but beaccording as the recipient wanted to cause the discoverer could not demonuse them, so there were gods and devils strate his discoveries to the physical synonymous with good and evil. This eye of the masses, only those who posall culminated in one God and one cessed the mental capacity to compre-Devil with powers pretty equally divid- hend them accept them.

Were to and the s

ed, the Devil having the most, it would Christ said: "Verily I say unto you, soem. Anyone who possessed brute there be some standing here which Frice 10 cents.

force and other characteristics neces | shall not taste of death till they see the sary to set himself up as a ruler and son of man coming in his digdom." Did compel his less fortunate fellows to toll anyone ever comment on the fact that over his importance that he set himself of man?" There is a reason for that up on a throne-his way of getting just as there is a reason for many other by bowing down to him, hissing his big other way. I find no place in the toe or some such fool performance. A few months ago I read of an eastern ruler, whose son was to pay his re- Other members of the family are men-

spects to him on his, the son's, thir-teenth birth-day, and did not dare to seph, since history tells us that he was What chumps we are to believe that knowledge and power over nature's we must kneel to an imaginary god who sits on a throne with a crown on his duce all the wonderful phenomena

pate, demanding that we do any foolish through his son that astonished the peothing he may dictate!

Think of a people leaving the mother beloved son in whom I am well ountry and braving risks of crossing pleased." This is wny Christ called Now as to Christ's second coming "I'm the child of a king; I'm the which people claim he refers to in the

verse quoted, either he has come the But since we find that they did not second lime referred to, or else there leave their animal attributes behind are yet people in the physical body who ye shall be as gods knowing good and them, but brought along some of the were standing there at the time the pre-

Nature's evolutionary processes teach the God of the Old Testament has all execution of so-called witches and in us that it is impossible for any mortal the attributes of the cruel, vindictive of the rays, perhaps, if it had not been who was standing there then to still be railers of the times. Every generation for the fear of an averging God they. those who would have been worse. But one is left other meaning. Whether he underlike to domineer over their fellows-an- wondering whether the inculcation of stood it at the time it was uttered imal propensities-and the lower the humanitarianism-the practice of treat. through him is doubtful, but it was fulgrade of brain matter possessed by ing our fellow beings as we would have filled in materialization when he appeared to people after the crucifixion Then he possessed great power, the ised reward in a future state of exist. power that made him master of nature's forces, nature being his kingdom. But

why he did not use such power to do Christ was not the first man who more for people can only be answered

when we answer why any psychic before or since him, since there have Leen so many, have not done more for us in the physical. One of the greatest mistakes people

make is supposing that psychics possess the power at all times, when the I am not belittling any good that may fact is they possess no more power than any ordinary mortal except when it is being manifested through or for them. chinery when the old machine becomes For this reason they are blamed for many things for which they are not responsible. When we go to a "medium" not been utilized in the old machine, we can only get what our "spirit" friends intend for us to get through that and constructs one that is so much su

particular one, because not every one has the same phase of mediumship. If is not because our immortal friends cannot give us what we want for lack of conditions, etc., as many teach, but because they will not. MRS. A. B. COOPER.

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A NOTE OF WARNING. Rushing Into Unknown Dangers of Fields.

Bible where Joseph is mentioned after two phases, to need a little attention. his son, Christ, was 12 years of age. There is a great difference between

fear and the warning of dangers ahead. Warning that will teach us to "step follow them to a logical conclusionsoftly," to observe diligently and not be and ask yourself, shall we do this? And carried away by lilusions, but to look yet in this still subtler phase of life too beneath and see the real, the perma- many of us throw all discretion to the nent; to use all steps as a means to an end and not the end itself: to realize that on the psychic plane there is danger of being held by the beauties (ever ple. One of the proofs is: "This is my

impermanent) that at first seem so alcountry and braving risks of crossing pleased." This is way Christ called laring that one thinks he has reached the treacherous ocean and enduring all God his father, we may be sure, since heaven and is thus prevented, so long the hardships and privations of a plo- he was the only psychic who, up to that as he is in this condition, from making further progress.

Has not our study of Spiritualism taught us that while we find many blossoms that teach us of life, under many of these a serpent is colled?"

How many of our mediums really progress as the years pass? Is there not the same round of small messages, the same ideas, with but little variation,

expressed? Judging by late developments the same fraudulent manifestations going

on year after year also. And shall no note: of ! warning ., be sounded?

Shall the testimony of all those down the ages, who have delved into the mysterious world that lies all about us-yea, verily, within us-be thrust aside by the childish hands of those just entering Spiritualism or medium-

ship, while they push on into the unknown fields, refusing the guidance of those who have preceded) them, and trusting their happiness, their progress

to some one but little more advanced than they? Would we trust a child of five years

with a double-edged knife/and tell him "knowledge is power" in the use of this knife, and it is through your wrong-dofering on others that you learn; you growth as in a hot-house? must go through all these phases that you may know, so have no fear, but go | that there is a gradual growth and each ahead?

Not one of us would be so fool-hardy. | fered with. Not all are experts and i The knife would be placed out of reach is useless to expect of the child in the

and when permitted to hendle it. it | college graduate. Between the two would be with a carefulness that would there are many steps gained only by teach him that it was a powerful earnest study and gained the more weapon to be used for the best good of readily in the majority of cases by tak-

laboratory and tell him: There is knowl- advice of these who have passed over 10 cents. trainit and the T

edge for you here. You need only the | the road. The occultist knows the difinborn, as yet undeveloped, power withficulties through which he has passed. and we would save many a mistake if in you, and the guidance of an invisible teacher to find that knowledge. You we would but heed his words and be willing to follow the steps he points may wreck the lives of many people by your experiments but that is the way out.. To the Editor:-In Mrs. M. A. Cong to learn. Have no fear and listen not don's excellent article, "A View-Point of Theosophy," there is an undertone-an chemistry a study and tell you there is with less danger to self and others. inference, rather, that seems to one danger lurking in these beautiful or who is a lover of the One Cause of harmless-looking articles—it is only the which Spiritualism and Theosophy are cry of the fearist who would prevent your gaining knowledge. Crude illustrations, these, but carry

them into any phase of physical life and winds and each goes his "ain gait" trusting implicitly in his guides, if he is not after the money, and soon ready to give advice to old-time Spiritualists

bow to develop their mediumship. That there is thought to be danger in the careless or unscrupulous working along so-called spiritual lines is clearly shown in the Open Court in The Pro gressive Thinker and in all my study of Theosophy, in all the warnings sound ed, danger signals shown. I have never seen or heard such an arraignment as there given; such an urgent appeal for more earnest, truthful training of the

neophyte as has been presented in the Spiritualist ranks in the last few months. From nowhere but within its fold could this come with the expectation of good as the result.

"Theosophy neither praises nor blames." Individual members of the society may do either according "to their light" but truly in regard to danger signals to Spiritualists they should. now consider their occupation gone if indeed, they ever have so considered it

There is no more exclusiveness in the study of the invisible elements than in any other scientific line, but surely there should be the same need of thor ough preparation.

The knowledge of the psychic, or astral, plane, is one that is in line with human evolution. The question is shall we prepare for it by careful earnest study willing to bide our time, knowing that all we learn but brings us knife, and it is through your wrong-do nearer the time when the blossom will ing, your mistakes, your inflicting suf- unfold naturally or shall we force the

Those who study Theosophy learn comes in its natural order if not inter

while he was taught its use and abuse, seventh grade what we would from the

all and never for purely selfish pur-poses. Ing one step at a time and in natural poses.

Would we put a child in a chemical the last first, and also by heeding the

That one sect, philosophy or individual has no "corner" on the higher elements we all know. If one calling himself a Theosophist chooses to rush into the, to him, unknown, without due preparation, he stands the same chance of falling as does the one calling himselt a opiritualist if he pursues the same course. Let us prepare ourselves in all possible ways to be ready for the step that comes next in our evolution, and learn to make haste slowly. We have all the time there is for the unfolding of the

We should then make progress

soul's treasures, and we are convinced of the continuity of life, no need to attempt to compress it all into this small span. Let us not "abandon seeking" but surround ourselves with a purity of purpose, a nobility of aim, an

desire for the truth, and an infinite patience that can wait while it works for its own, that will lead us into the light of the perfect day where we will see all as parts of the Ond.

MRS. EMMA GREENE. Topeka, Kans.

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Bloom and blossom o'er us. Just a little word of cheer Lightens every duty; ust a smile will often show Faces wreathed in beauty Sprinkle sunshine as you go; Comfort the distressing

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oom in a coal mine that had caved in.

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I sat back on the rock pile to rest a few

moments, and to view my work. I had

not sat there more than a few moments

when I was startled by a very loud voice, saying, 'Get out of here.' I made

desperate jump and just barely es

caped being crushed to death by an-

other cave in of rock and slate. I was

working alone in the pit, and not an-

very much surprised, not being used to

E. V. Morse writes: "The lines in the

General Survey of last week by Rev

West while well meant and evidently

intended to be logical, are slightly

marred in the premises, by the use of

the general term, natural (quoted).

where the more particular term, physi-

cal should be used. With the term

physical or material substituted for

been blindly endorsed for a half life-

oversight of a misuse of proper adject-

ive terms in such cases as the above.

effectually eliminated from all phases

of modern philosophy. By making sug-

gested correction I think Mr. West will

recognize a simpler and easier line of thought throughout the proposition."

Doukhobors, the Russian religious fa-

natics, have created excitement among

the Canada settlers by once more leav-

ing their agricultural pursults and

starting on a pligrimage in search of

the Messiah. On hearing of the great

overland ride being made by Lord

Minto from Battleford to Saskatoon, ac-

companied by a mounted guard of po-

cided that this man who was inspiring

such respect from the Canadians must

be the Meesiah for whom they had been

waiting, and immediately they started

on one of their pilgrimages. Several

of them were promptly arrested by the

police here and housed in a vacant

building. Verily, the fools are not all

dead.

lice and much military pomp, they

other soul within one-half mile. I

such a phenomenon.

Schwan will follow with tests.

into the waste basket.

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Through Mrs. Rouse as medium, Horace Greeley predicts that a great change will take place in this century in which much human blood will be shed, if not prevented by better laws.

A. G. Keck, secretary, writes: "Lake Brady closed the best camp season we have had, Sept. 4. The association is in good shape financially, and has nearly enough money subscribed for a new auditorlum, which we expect to build soon. The new officers just elected are as follows: President C. F. Hunger, Cleveland; vice-president, Geo. W. Rouse, Kent; secretary, A. G. Keck, Akroa; treasurer, Adah Merrill, Lake Brady.'

Emil T. Vaas writes: "Our meetings are proving quite successful, and we are raising quite an interest among the Ger mans in the neighborhood of our hall. Mr. Joseph, as medium, gives eminent satisfaction, and your scribe explains our philosophy as best he can to good acceptance. We look forward to a successful winter campaign."

Thomas Burpee writes: "The season just past of the Sunapee Lake Spiritualist camp-meeting has been most successful and satisfactory. The associa-tion stands to-day on a firm financial basis with a substantial surplus in its

treasury. Back dues have been paid: Memorial service will be held for Mr. old members, long absent, have reation, leaves for San Antonio, Texas, on J. W. LeSleur, our arisen brother, Sunturned to renew their associations, and day, October 2, Church of the Soul, Ma-Sept. 26, to attend the convention held non-members, realizing , the practical sonic Temple, Hall 309, Mrs. Richmond on Sept. 30, and Oct. 1 and 2. After-value of the camp-meetings to the lake officiating as a summer resort, have contributed liberally to their support. The many the remainder of the month. Mrs. F. C. Johnson, living four miles Isa A. Cross writes: "On Sunday northwest of this place, was saved from drowning through a dream. Sevevening, Oct. 2, at 319 E. 55th street, the Hyde Park Occult Society will have favors of the Woodsum Steamboat Company and the Boston & Maine Railroad eral nights ago she dreamed she had are thoroughly appreciated, and are not Dr. Burgess with them. He will give slipped into the well on the place while rated among the least of the causes of his lecture on Indians, and what he attempting to draw water. So imthe happy results experiesced. Already knows of them. We are very anxious pressed was she with the dream that with the purpose of making this camp to hear him on that subject, as we know the next morning she fastened a long rope to a heavy iron stake, driven deep meeting second to none the country he is posted on it, as he has been among them so much. Come and learn about over, the officers of the association are in the ground, and threw the loose end our red brothers and sisters. busy with plans for next year. The ""Our of the rope into the well. She instructbest talent possible to procure will be package social. Sept. 22, was a success ed her little boy, at the same time, to placed upon the rostrum, and come who both socially and financially. One o grasp the rope should be fall into the may to attend, believer or non-believer. the features which gave us all a good well. During the afternoon she went to no one can fail to find something edifylaugh was two colored waiters, one of the well to draw water and, slipping on ing, satisfying and morally helpful. whom had blue eyes. They acted out their character as though they had the wet platform, slid into the open If astronomy made men devout in the shaft. The well is 24 feet deep and been there before. Plenty of watermelpast it ought to have that effect more half full of water. The plunge took her away under, but upon coming to the on, lots of packages, music, etc., made an evening long to be remembered. We cmy have been revealed more in the surface she seized the rope and climbed intend having a week-night seance out hand over hand, using the alde of the well as a brace. In relating her exlittle later. Come again, friends." W. J. Howes writes: "My wife and perience, Mrs. Johnson says that all she could think of while falling in the have returned from our vacation, and well was that the rope was there.-Kanthe universe as previously known. are ready to take up our work again, which we shell commence to do in our A. H. Hillis writes from Santa Barsas City Journal. new hall, 31st and Lock streets, Sun-Gilbert E. Smith writes from Brookhara. Cal.: "Please find enclosed one lyn, N. Y., that he has been kighly shall be pleased to have all' our old best Spiritualist paper published—The leased with the ministrations of Rev Progressive Thinker. It is a welcome friends with us. Lecture and spirit Ira Moore Courliss. He also speaks highly of the medlum, Miss Emma C. messages at each service." Mrs. M Henry writes; "On Thurs-Resch. The manifestations through her loved ones living in that celestial day evening, Sept. 29, there will be a have been grand. He alluges to the social given under the auspices of the world. physical manifestations given through Nina D. Challen writes from Toledo. Light of Truth church in the parlors of Mrs. L. Roach. He was amazed at the ringing of bells, tipping of tables and the pastor, Mrs. Burland, 3019 Vernon Ohto, in reference to the good work car moving folding doors, moving people across the room sitting on a chair, playavenue. We anticipate a very pleasant ried on at Findlay: "I have been visit vening, as there will be good music ing there for the last year, serving the ing a mandolin, lifting up a six pound and a number of good psychics present. society. I find a fine class of people Prof. Verne and wife, palmists, as well weight, crushing of newspaper and as your correspondent and others will more things that he could mention, and give clairvoyant visions. The enterwhose work is good and true, will find what is the best of these manifestaalnment will not be complete without tions are they were done in the bright many friends. I wish to say these gas light. He says: "I have been to moetings where the spirits came and people do not seek marvelous works; Violet, Mrs. (Burland's little control, to give spirit messages. Refreshments truth is good enough, if not so start served.' alked through a trumpet. I myself ling.' nave seid a conversation with my brother who passed to the higher life." Scribe writes from Detroit, Mich: The International Society of Spiritual-The practical astronomer is a cold blooded man, not a whit more religious ists held their second meeting last Sun-Chás Ji. Greene writes: "The Rising than his neighbor, so far as his excur Sun Spiritualist Mission held its regu-lar services at Star Lodg-Hall, 378 So. sions into the star depths are con day, with another large and interested audience of representative Spiritualists. cerned. He photographs a small star Western avenue, Sunday, ...ept. 18. Mr. John M. Clarke delivered the afternoon The opening meeting on the 18th filled Prismatic Hall to the doors. Mrs. In a distant constellation, puts the plate under a magnifying glass and finds that the supposed star is a star cluster, comenkins, the pastor, instructed and inlecture. That evening Dr. C. Burgess entertained and instructed a very large erested everybody. Miss Moor, nreposing a new universe, and, while he ided at the piano, and Mr. Jackson led may tremble with intellectual excitecongregation with a history of Indian life. He described their customs, then in the singing. Mr. and Mrs. P. W. White will speak and give tests for the ment, his religious or poetical nature is no more quickened than if he had ceremonies, their modes of living and their religion; also described the rela-Earnest Workers, Mrs, Penna has picked up a paper of pips on the sideopened meetings at 65 Grand River avetion of the Indian to mediums in mate walk. rial life as guides, ending his discourse Mrs. Dr. Wise has returned from A. St. Louis (Mo.) paper says: "At with a fow stories of supposed super Put in Bay and will give readings at 33 the Spiritualist Temple, 3015 Pine street, Mme J. H. Dállas, beauty doctor, Miami avenue." natural happenings, that were really spiritual phenomena, which he had wit-T. W. Sherk writes: "Rev. Moses poetess and writer of many short ar accord. Mrs. Weaver kindly consented Hull lectures for the Church of Spirit ticles on love and the management of Communion, 4308 Cottage Grove aveto give some tests. Sunday, October 2, husbands, was married to J. C. Dine-Mrs. N. Traiton will address us in the afternoon and that evening Rev. Those nue, on Sunday, October 2, both afterhart, of Tower City, N. D., who has sold noon and evening. Services begin at 3 out his business there and come to St. and 8 y. m. sharp. Come early and se-cure a good seat. Besides a good lec-ture you will hear the finest of music, S. Warner, our assistant pastor, will de Louis in the fulfillment of an ante-nupiver a lecture on 'Decision.' He is a tial promise. The wedding was ould fluent speaker, able to handle his subattended by but a few friends, and the impressive Spiritualistic ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Grimshaw. The ects and capable of impressing his auand Mr. Coates and other mediums will dience with the truth of his remarks. give messages." We invite all Spiritualists and offer a G. H. Brooks writes from Beltibride, who really confessed to 45 years, special invitation to those who are not: more, Md.: "I have changed my address was gowned in becoming gray. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Dinebart to attend our meetings." from 811 North Fremont avenue, to 836 North Carrolton avenue, Baltimore, Md. J. B. Monn writes from Winnipeg, left for the East, where they will visit, Mr. Dinchart's relatives. When they return a few weeks, hence they, will Manitoba: "My brother and I take this opportunity of congratulating you upon the success of your publication and Some of my mail matter has been lost of uccess of your publication and make their home at 614 Leonard avetrust that still greater success will atmue."

When writing for this paper

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

tend your noble efforts in the cause for truth and justice. We think you are greatly helping the propagation of Spiritualism by your fearless exposures of

those who practice fraud under its ban ner. Keep on with the good work." Dr. W. O. Knowles writes from Tole-

do, Oblo: "I wish to thank my friends and mediums of Grand Rapids. Mich., who kindly assisted me in the trying sickness of my wife, since March 3. 1904. She is slowly recovering, which makes it possible for me to take engagements again; therefore I would be leased to hear from societies or camp associations who wish my services for lectures and messages for whiter months and season of 1905. I am at this time serving the Independent Society of Toledo for the month of September. One more Sunday here. Address all mail to 247 Coade avenue,

Grand Repids, Mich." A correspondent writing from Payne Ohio, under date of September 20, says: "It is not perhaps very widely known that there is a spiritual society in this

place, and in fact, it can hardly called an organized society. Seven years ago Mr. John Ball, aided by his William and a few other brother wenty years ago I was working in a friends of Spiritualism advertised a meeting in a grove near this place which was largely attended, not only by the people of Payne, but of the sur rounding country for fifteen or twenty miles. Every year since that time a similar niceting has been held with an diences numbering from three to six

thousand. This year, however, Sept, 18, on account of the storm, which raged from early in the morning until mid-day, it was impracticable to hold a meeting in the grove until afternoon when the sun came out and the people who came in the night before from a distance, and quite a number from

Payne and the immediate vicinity, repaired to the grove where they were addressed by Dr. T. A. Bland of Chicago, who was followed by Mrs. Nora E. Hill, nestor of the Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission, Chicago, who gave a number of tests. Mrs. Lyon of Chicago. for merly and widely known as Virginia Bryan, lecturer and test medium, and who from the first has been the chief at-

he term natural, both in the premises traction at these meetings, while under and in the arguments, the conclusion, as presented, would seem logical. In the control of her chief guide, announced that next year, they would such a literary production, where grave hold a camp meeting at that place. and vital errors, historical, ethical and This announcement was received with philosophical predominating as the rule, enthusiasm, and the programme will rather than the exception are, or have undoubtedly be successfully carried out. Mrs. Lyon is the daughter of Mr. time, there need be no surprise at the John Ball, and has co-operated earn estly with her father, mother and uncle in the good work at Payne. This quar-The inspired (?) Hebrew might have supposed, or even felt that he knew, tette of carnest and intelligent Spiritthat things spiritual were supranatural ualists deserves much credit for their unselfish devotion to the cause." or unnatural; but that primitive idea is

M. C. Goossen and wife write: "It making an unexpected visit in Toledo. Ohlo, to spend Sunday, myself and wife were walking about the city, and to our surprise we saw at the G. A. R. Hall a call for a Spiritualist meeting for 2:30

and 7:30 p. m., and lecture to be given by Dr. W. O. Knowles of Grand Rapids, Mich. The writers had not seen the Doctor for some time, and we went to listen to him Joth times and we enjoyed more than ever the manner the Doctor answered questions, several in number to the utmost satisfaction of the listeners. Besides the lectures given, the doctor gave spirit messages by description and full names that were astounding to those present. The Doc tor is fine in his work, and is surely do ing great good, and proving to the world what others preach, that there is life after death, or departure from the

Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner, missionary for the Texas State Spiritualist Associ

body."

CREED OR KNOWLEDGE. society again. 1 have January and March open and would like to make on sagements soon for these two months.

I give readings at the close of my even-ing lectures. My wife is stopping at No. 1023 ingrafiant street, Los Angeles, Cal., where she will be pleased to see any of my old friends as well as the new ones. The work is progressing nicely hero in Baltimore.

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Elizabeth Kemp Roberts writes: "1 have just returned from a little visit in Fortland, Oregon, and while there I at-tended the First Spiritual Society, both morning and evening, and I venture to send you a few lines in regard to it. The eleven o'clock conference was well The subject under discusattended. Creed is based only on faith, on bellef, sion was, Obsession, and it was ably and its purpose was to separate Chris handled by several speakers. After the tians from unbellovers. Faith acknowlconference, never having attended a lyedges a truth, but let it not be forgotten ceum meeting, I remained, and that error is often mistaken for truth. some very pleasant ladies and Mr. G. C. Love, the president of the society. The It is impossible for millions and multitudes of people, each cast in different lyceum was very interesting-five mold to live up to a creed, as each classes-or groups, I believe they are man's faith is for self only. called-of children, and a large circle sess the faith building qualities to of grown people. The evening session great extent, others to a less. Falth implies doubt, and doubt is a negative was excellent. Mr. Love lectured to a fall house on 'Spiritual gifts, and how condition. Knowledge is to know and is positive, we were to often ignorant concerning them.' At the close of the lecture Mr. A negative condition is one more or and Mrs. Davie, a blind couple gave us less imperfect. As to the age and oriome beautiful music, Mr. Davis, the

violin and Mrs. Davis the piano. After that Mr. Love gave some time to giving tests. I enjoyed my visit with them very much."

Fannie Spalding has open dates, and would like to correspond with societies wishing her services as speaker and test medium. Address 353 East Main street, Norwich, Ct.

### Maine State Spiritualists Convention.

omissions as for its assertions. Espe The Spiritualists of Maine will ascially does he mention the silence ro gemble in their annual convention in garding the baptism of Christ, his City Hall, Lewiston, Oct. 7, 8 and 9. Delegates will please come with proper ment of messiac prophecy so greatly credentials from societies they repre sent. Rates on railroads and at the Atwood

Hotel have been secured. the various denominations of one ac The pest of talent in speakers, and for test medium Edgar W. Emerson of Manchester, N. H., will interest all who attend.

Everyone is cordially invited to present, and we anticipate a grand meeting. ROBERT HAYDEN, Pres. MRS. VIOLA A. B. RAND, Secy.

TRUTH WILL TRIUMPH.

### Notes of Work in Michigan and Ohio.

I am pleased to note in the well-filled columns of The Progressive Thinker the evidence of increasing interest in our cause all over this broad land of ours. After spending twelve weeks at camp work I feel justified in being very optimistic as regards the future of Spiritualism, and that despite the croaklugs of 50 many who seem to fear the self analysis to which Spiritualism is being subjected at this time. I am conin its piace: fident that right will come uppermost and out of the fire of its trial our glorious cause will come with a temper of truth more finmly established than over before. I can butifeel that the "Open Court" is a heaven-appointed function of The Progressive Thinker, and that it will redownd to good I have no doubt. On August 28 I concluded my en gagement as chairman of Grand Lodge camp, Mich., and on Sunday, Sept. 4, I bad the pleasure of speaking to an audience of 1,200 people at Wentworth' Grove. Ohio. ... I found the promoters of that meeting a noble band of workers of our cause having sfilled engagements there cometimes during the period named. I understand that during all these years the meetings have been for tered and cared for by the Wentworth family, from whom the grove takes its name, although many others have always been ready to give their aid and counsel, prominent among the number being Mr. Fred D. Dunakin, of Cecíl, O., and Mr. Chapman, of Antwerp, O.

During the remaining Sundays of Sepember 1 am filling a very pleasant engagement with the Society here at Owosso, Mich. We are having large audiences and the people seem to be well pleased both with the lectures of

## PROPHECIES FULFILLED.

the Basis of Orthodoxy, and of Spirit-- Allem.

Noticing the discussion as Answering the article of H. V. Swerwhether our spirit friends can see into ngen in The Progressive Thinker of the future and foretell events, and the July 9, come interesting arguments are question being debated at a meeting to be met with. We agree substantially with the statements of the writer but attended. I related a few of the proph cies given by the guides of Georgia would call attention to the last sentence of the article "In this day of revision Gladys Cooley of creeds, the Apostles' Creed should receive some attention!" Compare this The night before the burning of the Iroquois theatre, the same was fully de-scribed in a vision given to Mrs. Cooley. one statement with the tenor of the en-She was then in Denver, Colo., and de tire article and we behold a fair field scribed the burning building and said. for argument. The whole Apostles

a great number would lose their lives. She also had a vision of a Jananes seance, in which sho was told by a Jap ancse spirit, that their people would g to war with Russia and that they (th Japanese) would be victorious. There were between thirty-five and forty peo ple present at this time, as she wa having an "at home." I have kept note Some posof the prophecies given by the guides of Mrs. Cooley for over ten years and they have all been fulfilled.

Among others was the Spanish-American war, also the English and Boer war, and that it would be a long and bloody one. She predicted the elec gin of the Apostles' Creed, the article tion, re-election and assassination of William McKinley, and that Roosevelt mentioned above justly refers readers would succeed himself: also that there to the encyclopedias for information is to be another assassination of a pres and it is not necessary to set out either ident, and the forming in time of an enage or origin. Suffice it, that at several tirely new nolitical party. times the original creed sustained I could state other prophecies of not

omissions and received additions all out such a public nature given by her guides, all of which prove to me beyond of consideration for various sects and denominations. Arthur Cushman' Mcdoubt that those in the spirit world Giffert in his treatise on the Anostles can see into the future. breed calls attention to the fact that F. N. BURK. Chicago, 1ll. the creed is eignificant as well for its

The Cause in Buffalo, N. Y.

1 opened my engagement with the words of love and mercy and the fulfill-First Spiritual Society of Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 4. The morning session opened aid stress upon by all early preachers. with a fair audience, but the evening Not even does the creed make menone was, so the chairman remarked, tion of Jesus as a Redeemer. Were all the largest Scotember opening the asoclation has enjoyed for many years, cord in their belief, all the omissions and a marked increase has favored would doubtless have been made part each succeeding meeting, last Wednesof the creed. Having built up their inday night being the "record-breaker" stitutions on faith only, and not upon for mid-week meetings since the society truth, it was better for the Christian has been in existence.

church to set up a cread the various The officers of the association all parts of which were not, in dispute and seem to work in harmony and great to omit any and all matter upon which credit is due them. The president, Mr. Leo Manger, has returned from Lily Since this creed is only a creed and Dale, and is the right man in the right overy statement thereof is made only place. Being in sympathy with both upon bellef, we can hardly agree with the philosophy and phenomena, he is the writer of the article hereinbefore one a censitive feels at home with on referred to regarding a revision. We the platform, consequently good work would say, abandon the creed altogeth is accomplished. Friday evening, Sept. er and set up a construction of facts. 30. the society gives an entertainment This would be the right course, for in and hop at their temple, corner Prosrevising the creed, the same would still pect and Jersey streets, and an excel-ient time is anticipated. Come one, remain a creed; and where truth should stand, a belief only would be perpetucome all and join the merry throng. ated. Spiritualists having the truth do I cannot close this note without mensot need a creed, but can well estabtioning the excellent work done here by lish a platform. Instead of revising the Mrs. J. H. R. Matteson, the renowned creed we would suggest the following clairvoyant doctor, of 248 N. Division street. She diagnoses and prescribes

for from fifty to sixty persons daily-come of her cures are most marvelous. I believe in God the Father Almighty, No more charitable person lives than this dear woman—many poor are treated gratuitously as well as being alded in other ways, and in all her good work she is so unassuming I feel impressed to christen her "Buffalo's Ministering"

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PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

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Wm. Scars passed to spirit life, at Maquoketa, Iowa, siged 72. He was pro-paring to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage, on October 11. He will be remembered by many campers at Mt. Pleasant Park.

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maker of heaven and earth. And in: Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dcad and burled; he descended into hali. The third day he arose again from the dead and ascended into heaven

and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic church;

Creed.

The communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins: The resurrection of the body and the

they did not universally agree.

life everlasting. Amen.

A Suggested Platform.

I know there is a Universal Father, Spirit of Love sustaining and permeat-ing the universe, and that I possess in diminutive degree that love spirit.

Taking Jesus Christ as a precedent. I know that He, the Nazarene, was conceived in perfect love and born in puriby reason of which He became in close touch with the divine father spirit of love; he unjustly suffered for the sake of truth, the crucifixion, that being the mode of punishment in his day; after his death he descended into the lower stages of spirit life to administer to the spirits therein. After administering to these he as cended to the higher stage to which he, reason of his purity, belonged, namey, next to the great universal father Spirit of Love, where he is enabled to determine all the good and evil in the worlds beneath him I know that, I, part spirit of the great love spirit receive aid from the divine force. I know that all embodied spirits constitute the holy universal church earth, the foundation of which is Spiritualism. And I know that all spirits embodied

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I shall be pleased to hear from So cietles desirous of employing a trance speaker and message medium for December and January. Home address, 42 Smith street. Lynn, OSCAR A. EDGERLY.

lass.

### The Cause in Elvria, Ohio,

The Progressive Spiritualists Society of Elyria held its annual meeting on eptember 20, and elected the following officers for the coming year, beginning October 1: F. W. Martin, president; J M. Woolridge, first vice-president; Miss Laura Winslow, second vice-president and lyceum conductress; Miss Bertha Weir, secretary and treasurer; the above with Mrs. Hepson, Mr. Arnold and Mr. Reinke forming the new board day evening. October 2. at 8 o'clock, and 1 of trustees. We propose with the com ing year to inaugurate a progressive and aggressive campaign in the spirit

ual field, and would be pleased to hear from any able workers in the cause that may come our way, as well as good physical mediums, only such as аге known or can give the best of references need apply. During nearly seven ears of the existence of our society we only charged admission for a shot ime and then only when we had noted speakers and message mediums, ĥu for the past four or five years all of our neetings have been free, and this policy will be strictly adhered to in the fu ture. The writer believes this essential to the growth and welfare of our cause and has noticed with regret that societies that adopted this plan in many instances have gone back to the old way of charging admission. I be lieve that a more thorough trial should e made, and I feel satisfied that in the long run it will prove the more sat isfactory way, to welcome all, without sking them fon a door fee. If properly managed the collections or free offer ings will more than offset a ten-cent door fee. This is only a kindly sugges tion and not offereddin the way of crit cism. But having lithoroughly tried both ways I hope that some society may profit by this suggestion and our experience. Our meeting place, while not all we could desire, is used for no other purpose; and has been occupied by us for several pyears. A new hope seems to have spring up in the hearts of our members and with the assistance of the angel world, coupled with unselfish devotion on our part, writer hopes to gradually strengthen the society and the cause in our beautiful. little city, and lives in the fond hope of seeing at no distant date a modest, but all suffi-

clent temple, which we may call; on own, and to this end would bespeak the kindest thoughts of all true Spiritual lets) that may read this. for the succes of our proposed undertaking, the wel Some of my mail matter has been lost of fare of our little society and the growth late, and among the same was one from Philadelphia, Pa, stating I was en-gaged for April to save. Mr. Locke's Elyria, Ohio.

and disembodied, can and do communicate with one another.

That by prevalence of good the suppression of sins be-accomplished and finally total extirpation of all wrong. I know that the spirit shall rise after material death to higher stages, progressing gradually until perfect when

the spirit shall then dwell in joy, peace, harmony and love forever. All this I truly know.

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sick two days, and his passing away cost price. was a great surprise to his friends OUR ELEVEN REMARKABLE BOOKS Mr. Payae had been a resident of To

peka, Kansas, for the past sixteen years, and was a successful real estate dealer. He was secretary of the Kansas State Spiritualist Association, and one of our best workers. We will miss him much in the labor of love, but know that he is not dead, only crossed over a little way to join the friends in the real nome. Many beautiful floral offerings were sent to the home of his sis ter-in-law, Mrs. Anna Payne, 522 To peka avenue, among them a beautiful "Gates Ajar," from the Occult Science

Club of which he was a member, and whose work he loved much. We are thankful to know there is no death and that he has gone only a little way. Services were conducted by the writer Saturday afternoon, September 17.

A. SCOTT BLEDSOE. Topeka, Kansas.

Dr. Georjean Miller passed to spirit life, September 13, 1904, from his home near Diamond, Arkansas. He was 64 years old. Dr. Miller had been a me dium and Spiritualist all his life. He is the first medium to teach the Twelve Divine Virtues. Dr. Miller is the au-thor of several books, among them The

Guide to Immortality. J. E. M'MAHAL.

At the home of her parents, 412 West 4 years and at days. This little girl, like aundreds of others, seemed to have had a premonition of her going, for on the very day of her passing away, she was inspired to change her little prayer as follows: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the angels my soul to keep. If I should pass away before this day, pray that the angels will take me their way." 'The funeral services were con-

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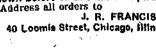
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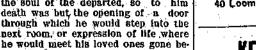
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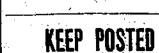
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lowed. This in a superstitious age would be regarded as miraculous. Julian placed the rebuilding of the NOTE-The Questions and Answers have called forth such a host of retemple in the hands of his favorite minspondents, that to give all equal hearister Alypius. The work was scarcely begun when Julian was slain in battle ing compels the answers to be made in the most condensed form, and often by a Persian arrow and Christianity triclearness is perhaps sacrificed to this imphed in the election of Jovian. He forced brevity. Proofs have to be omit-ted, and the style becomes thereby as-sertive, which of all things is to be depat once restored Christianity, and destroyed all that Julian had accomplished as to the old faith. recated. Correspondents often weary The restoration of the temple was abandoned, and in that age of rampant with waiting for the appearance of their questions and write letters of inquiry. The supply of matter is 11ways several weeks ahead of the space given, fraud, the cause of its abandonment was assigned to miraculous events. and hence there is unavoidable delay. Every one has to wait his time and Ambrose and Gregory Nazianzen narrate the miracle, and Gibbon relies on Ammianus Marcellinus, a Roman solplace, and all are treated with equal dier and author. The date of these "cliurch fathers" is by no means as Tavor.

NOTICE .- No attention will be given well known, as Gibbon appears to think NOTICE.—No attention will be given, anonymous letters. Full name and ad-dress must be given, or the letters will it is. When the temple remained un-built, the inquiry was why? and the an-built, the inquiry was why? and the an-built, the inquiry was why? and the an-swer was certain to be the interference of miracle. The miraculous story was concected, as countless others, by intercorrespondence of this department has become excessively large, especially let ters of inquiry requesting private an ewers, and while I freely give what ever information I am able, the ordi-nary courtesy of correspondents is ex-pected. HUDSON TUTTLE.

Spiritualist: Q. What has the Questions and Answers department to say of the best method to deal with fraudulent mediums?

A. The spiritual press has had a providence, and to contemplate him as sarge share in bringing these deceivers descending from the throne of the unibefore the public. Reports of seances have been freely published, written by verse, to scare the laborers away from the foundation of the temple, is a libel on his supreme character. Whatever abettors of the "medium," or credulous friends, highly colored, and untruthful. may occur, of this we may be certain, These have been nothing more nor less cause and effect run in unchanging and than advertisements. The more imposunchangeable channels called laws, and sible the manifestations said to occur, there is no outside arbitrary power that the more wonder was excited. The me can divert or suspend the least. diums were said to be surrounded by absolute test conditions, when every condition was such as fraud would demand. Little or no discrimination has been how is its action accounted for? used, and these "facts" have been published, and accomplished the object for men of ore locate mines? which they were written-advertised the "medium '

The remedy lies in the managers of the spiritual press refusing to publish any account of phenomena, unless these take place under conditions which make their genuineness assured. It is not enough to say there were such condiare also made of steel. There should be a specific statetions. ment of what they were, for what one may consider "tests," another may not, and the value of the manifestations as demonstrative. evidence, depends on these

If the frauds were excluded from the impressed by the stream of vibrations spiritual press, and no florid descripsent off by bodies of minerals, or water. tions of their seances published to ad-vertise them, they would be outside of Those only who are thus endowed are Spiritualism, whereas they have had a partial recognition by being thus adver. Things," proves that minerals have a tised for patronage; the credulous have been led astray and the world has laughed at the folly not of these but all Spiritualists.

A medium has rights, and so has an investigator. A medium makes claim to what many persons regard as an impossibility-to have in his presace a manifestation from a spirit of the dead. This claim being so beyond

the ordinary, throws on him the burden of evidence. The least thing he can do is to vindicate his own honesty, by

Several statements made at last granting such conditions as will prove evening's session of the State Spiritualthat he is not the cause, whatever other cause may be assigned. If he, like a professor of magic, will submit to nothing that will prevent the "trick," ist Association by Moses Hull, while discussing the topic, "The World's of fine physical and intellectual endow-mothing that will prevent the "trick," Bibles, and How to Use Them," were of ments, he, by dint of constant reading that is sufficient. If you went on you

their silken mantes. The workmen had reached the foundations and broke into the immense vaults and passage ways underneath, when the flory waves drove them away. Gibbon in his Decline and Fall of the

vaults were closed, and

orches and flames and explosion fol-

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Roman Empire, strangely enough ap-pears to admit this occurrence, skeptical as ne usually is, and attempts to explain it, by supposing that fire-damp had accumulated in the ages since the

Address at the Grave, by Hon. James M. Dill, of Belleville, III. when these were opened, the inflammable gas came in contact with the flames of the

My friends:---It seems proper that I, "And he said unto' them, go ye into absurd if we suppose will-power to be duery "After death-what?" But I as stranger to you, and in the ordinary all the world and preach this gospel to working without tools. We were told find myself baffed at every attempt. meaning of the word, almost a stranger every creature. He that believe h and of a span of ponies, with silver bits, and to the deceased, should explain my is baptized shall be shved; but he that russet leather barness, before an ele-presence here to perform a delicate and 'beleveth not shall be dathined." mportant function in the ceremonies

their final resting place.

bim. To meet a stranger in our city is by no means an uncommon occurrence. long and extremely painful. But when I met him I felt an intuitive

journ.

earth-stone. Afterwards we met on several occasions and each time had more or less rolled into the eternity of the past.

extended conversations. Finally I invited him to dine with me on Sunday at my residence. He came. reason.

It would be impossible for me to acon the testimony of contemporary, or urately define the limits of our consupposed contemporaries,-when an apversation. In a general way it encompeal is made to miracle, their evicence is worthless. In the light of the knowlassed the subjects of history, politics, edge of the present, a miracle is imposreligion, morals, sociology and busi sible. God does not act by special ness.

When he was ready to take his leave he said to me, "Mr. Dill, when I die I want you to speak at my grave." To which I replied, "Mr. Cox, I will do so, provided I survive you, on condition that you speak at my grave in case you survive me." He replied: "I know you will survive me." Afterwards I met him on several occasions, but we never

had another extended conversation. Time passed on. I had often thought of the promise, but would sometimes Adin Bugbee: Q. Can any reliance be placed on the "divining rod?" And say to myself, perhaps this request was made on the spur of the moment, and Çan Brother Cox has long since forgotten it. a psychometrist by means of a speci-But it was not so. Yesterday morning the telephone bell A. This correspondent refers to the

branch of a tree, usually the witch-hazel, though any other kind will do as in my office rang. I at once answered it—"Hello, who is this? Where are you?" well, held in the hands, and when there The reply came: "My hame is Cox. I is water or minerals beneath, it will bend in a peculiar manner. These rods am the son of W. H. Cox, of Virden, Illinois. My father died in St. Louis at six o'clock this morning. He will be It is no consequence of what mateburied at Virden to-morrow afternoon. rial they are made, for they are not acted on, the influence being received It is his desire that you speak at his

grave." by the persons who hold them. It thus I replied: "Oh, yes; I remember it all. becomes evident that those who are will be there." successful with these rods must be sen-To properly portray the character of sitive to a degree-enabling them to be

deceased person is a work of extreme lelicacy. But speaking to an audience. few if any of whom are older than he was, and all of whom have known him able to use the rods. Prof. Wm. Denton, in his "Soul of all your lives, it makes my task comparatively easy.

He is the product of the pioneer days special influence and the possibility of locating mines by its aid. But its exwhite child born in what is now Otter acting conditions at present have not been sufficiently studied to make it a Township, Macoupin county, Illinois. He came into this world, November 22, 1829. His father was among the earliest of those brave and hardy spirits who wrested the soil of 'Illinois from THE BIBLE NOT INFALLIBLE! the savage Indians, and was possessed of the virtues which characterized plo-

Moses Hull Finds Many Passages neer life. Our brother's opportunities for ac-Which Do Not Meet His Approval. uiring an education were indeed limited, but he said that he did not remember the time when he could not read.

question the foundation of the faith inst had been to dear Valum. "And Jesus space much them, saying all power is given uits me in heaven and earth." "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whose ver believeth in him shall not perish but inste everinsting life." 11 1-10

"He that believeth on the son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth Reading the other day a description wanted with my whole soul to discover some great truth about the next life the details being given became almost that would help me to answer the not on the son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth9on him.'

gant carriage waiting for the driver and body cannot be like that of our mortal Pondering the above, and many other his friends. Of course this description form. Every independent thinker will

by which we are to deposit the mortal similar texts, he was forced to the con- really emanated from the mind and now acknowledge that. Next there is remains of our deceased brother in clusion that the teaching is, that only earth experience of the medium, but the further fact that only an abnormal those who believe in Christ can be that is not the point we are making. My home is in the city of Belleville, saved; and that all who do not so be- lits truth or error, with respect to the Several years ago our brother was in lieve, "shall be damned." It is hard for next life, is our present inquiry. Let a man to break away from the moorings us begin with those silver bits and see ness. During his stay I casually met of his ancestral faith? to a conscienwhat they have to tell us. We all know silver is metal, usually embedded or mingled with other ores,

Our brother reasoned: There are now such as galena, copper, etc. If you desire to know him. I introduced my nearly fifteen hundred million human drop even a silver dime upon the floor self to him, and in return he told me his creatures living on this earth; not to no will power yet evolved will pick it are totally different. It is on the name and stated the occasion of his so exceed four hundred million of these up and put it in your pocket. That is We at once engaged in conver- live in Christian countries, or have ever to say, unless you give will-power a tool sation, and by the time we conversed a heard the name of Christ; and it is certion do it with. The tool in that case few minutes I felt that I knew him as tainly true that a wast number—perhaps will probably be your finger and thumb. well as if we had been born of the same one-third-of those living in Christian If the coin has gone into a hole, or has parents and reared around the same lands do not believe in Christ. fallen into water, a very different kind of a tool may be needed before will-Since this doctrine was announced to

the world eighteen centuries have power can capture and restore it. But when you come to the raw silver, mixed

During these long centuries, more up with other kinds of raw planet, the than forty crops. of humanity have grown upon the earth, have matured more difficult. Rock may have to be We spent the whole day in conversa, and have been harvested by the sickle blasted, and then crushed. Will power tion. It was to me indeed a feast of of Death. Can it be possible that of may be in the dynamite and the stamp

this innumerable host, only the few in mill, but it is no use alone. And when each of these generations who have be you come to smelting it, and then pourleved in Christ have been saved, and ing the liquid into the moulds, will-pow that all the rest have been loster cannot even burn its fingers, for it damned?

He further reasoned: God is good, allise, beneficent-the giver of all life. Can it be possible that during these long centuries He has used the earth for the production of souls for the maignant purpose of damnation. Can it be possible that eight-tenths of all who hammered into "bits" for those two are now living are doomed to a like fate? No. It is not possible. His reason said no. His judgment said His conscience said no. It is not true. cannot preach it. Therefore, I sever

my connection with the church. This was the supreme moment of his life. The storm which tossed his soul as a

ship is tessed by the angry wave, had subsided-the calm prevailed. Was it retrogression or was it progression? Sei.e.

tions may be. . One thing is certain, he interpreted it the pony carriage in all its equipments,

To him it was gaining of a broader clearer, and more beautiful view of life and duty. It enabled himito become a

the Brotherhood of Mani at The ominous clouds thatiformerly ob-scured his vision had cleared away-the little will-power, aided by good place. · 2.

He had discoverednwhat to his mind and his conscience was truth. He was happy. Was he right?.utWho knows? God knows-let us judge not. To him of our great state. He was the first it was a victory-the triumph of his conscience. To himsit was right. Viewed in the new light, the problems of life and dutyibecame simple and easy to him. He saw that in the fixed from the gradle to the grave is fixed, un-

whole man to peep out. So it may be the most pitiable specimen of a man but one of two things: Either annihila- other tool used to do the skinning. For the candle; or the opening of the door and the entry into another and grander state of life and existence. Who have an a grander or injuring the animal, is a scientific absurdity. So if the spirits have comes possible. -Whichever it is, it was fixed by the leather harness, or leather anything laws of God before the first man ap-else, we may be sure there is both sufcomes possible.

But all the same, let us acknowledge

LAKE HELEN, FLORIDA.

### Camp News-New Pavillon-Ocean Ex cursions.

The approach of cool weather The approach of cool weather re-minds thousands that Florida is the

genial home for northern people during he will find himself in fog-land. I have the rigors of winter. Already people are making inquiries about the "Land of flowers and oranges."

The crop of oranges now promises to be the largest since 1894. At Lake Helen the groves are loaded with this delicious fruit, which the coming three months will tint with that golden hus which makes an orange tree the most beautiful sight in the sunny south.

At the camp the carpenters are preparing to erect the new pavilion, which is to be 60x75 feet. It will contain a dance hall 60x60 feet and three rooms (each 15x20 feet) on one end for the Ladies' Auxiliary Society. The old pavilion will be taken down and its lumber used in the construction of the new pavilion-the rapid growth of this winter home making the building of the new pavilion a necessity.

The summer dwellers at camp and vicinity are planting their fall gardens, and intend to have the vegetables ready for the camp tables.

Mrs. Spencer is fitting her rooms for. letting in suites or singly. Mr. Johnson and son are to build the

new pavilion. Mr. and Mrs. Giddings still remain in the Apartment House.

Mrs. Fisher-Cordott will open a boarding house at Daytona this season. Mrs. Emma Huff and Mrs. Hardenburg will conduct the lodging departnent at the hotel, which will be opened for guests Nov. 1.

Mrs. Bartholomew has built six boats for people who will place them on Lake Colby.

Mrs. McGarvey is expected about October 1.

Judge Underhill and son with family will come to camp in October. Mr. Myers has crected a fine new

nouse on his fruit farm at Macey Dell. H. M. Clark intends to sail October 26 and will conduct my party for that

date. He will build a cottage for rent. Mr. and Mrs. Carrigue are both in-tending to sail in November. Mrs. Carrigue is recovering from her late ill-

George Colby is holding meetings in DeLand fortnightly. Mrs. Witters and Mrs. Vogt have

spent the summer in camp, and report avorably of the climate. They are now us lack something essential to round enjoying a feast of persimmons, and have had plenty of peaches and melons. The pumping engine is in working orfor one, rejoice in the thought that the der and the camp is well supplied with water.

The regular session begins February 5, and closes March 26, 1905. There will be Sunday meetings from Decem-

ber till the sessions opens. W. J. Colville, W. F. Peck and Mrs. Carrie Twing are engaged as speakers. F. Corden White will be the platform fects of form, whether produced by he-

test medium; Grace Hawtin the soloist, and Miss Duncan the organist. For special information about rooms,

beard, etc., write the secretary, Mrs. J. D. Palmer, Willoughby, Ohio.

### Excursions.

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has no fingers to burn. Just cripple the intelligence of the operator by an accident, and will-power, whether of cod or will be accident and will power, whether of well accident will be accident and will be accident and be well as form. That fact should surely God or man, disappears. All these occasion most of us a feeling of deep processes, or their equivalent, and many satisfaction. Whilst we differ from one more of the same kind, must follow one another in our faculties in earth life, another before that silver has been vet there is to most of us something spirit ponies. And when spirits, or anybody else, talk about doing it by lacking to round out our manhood. For instance, some can almost revel in expressions of art. Painting, sculpture. will-power, they are talking nonsense, and every intellectual expression if they leave out the tools. Of course, to the lazy man who dependent upon form. Shape the brain differently and art vanishes. Yet these doesn't like hard work, the idea of doing it by will-power has seemed just gifted mortals, crowned with genlus, lovely. And he is ready to sing all are often woefully unbalanced mentally. They lack in one direction as much as

CHAPTER FIFTH.

After Death--What?

BY CHARLES DAWBARN.

There is first of all, right in the road.

the great fact that the shape of a spirit

the further fact that only an abnormal immortal spirit can reach "fog-land"

where communication between the two

worlds becomes possible. And there

only can he meet the mortal, who him-

self must be abnormal. Therefore ev-

ery spirit teaching about his home life

is necessarily abnormal and uncertain. Yet further, the next life cannot be a

glorified copy of this, for the conditions

are totally different. It is on the

everything changes, even if the raw ma-

terial be the same. So I find myself

at the close of this article remaining convinced that man is immortal, and

all the same I am unable to answer my

cwn question "After death-what?" I

simply do not know, and cannot find

anything reasonably certain, save that

the accounts given us by spirits through

mediums, will not bear scientific exam-

ination, and are for the most part ab-

But, all the same, there are very im-

portant truths we have gained from our

research. We have made up our minds

that there are very important changes

they overflow in another. And all of

out our manhood. Most of us .. crave

some special gift or talent, denied us in

other side of death there is the possi-

bility of change of form that may bring the longed for talent.

There is another side to this picture.

There are many in earth life who make

most unlovely and unlovable expres

sions of manhood which are really ef-

redity, or other prenatal cause. Many

a poor fellow struggles against himself

shape of his orain through which his in-

telligence must act. He fights and falls,

and fights again as long as he lives. To him the certainty of change should be

glorious. And those who never strug-

gle or fight, but live in a hell of their

manhood that carries with it eternal

possibilities of progress that could not

be gained without this coming change.

most certainly that only part of a man

There is much that points to an al-

earth life by the shape of our brain.

surd and non-sensical.

but

can get back as far as "fog-land,"

day, and most of the night, about Beulah Land, and "The good time coming." We stop here, just a moment, to ask our "fog-land" visitors to tell us how they use will-power to manufacture Men will give different answers to those sliver bits without tools, and this inquiry, according as their predilec- some hard work? Of course, this same line of thought and questions applies to

as being a forward advance, bringing him nearer to the summit of Wisdom. other line of thought when we turn to the "russet leather" harness. We all know that leather is the skin

preacher of the Fatherhood of God and of an animal, specially tanned and prepared. At first that may seem to suggest, like our former question, just a tools all his life. That is to say, against the

clear sunlight of reason had taken their and plenty of hard work. But we have really a far more important question now before us, for we have been taught by "spirit return" that across Jordan there is no death. It naturally occurs to us at this point that if the animals to us at this point that if the animals for own passions, may find beyond the whose skins have been used for that bo was passions, may find beyond the barrows are still alive they must ba "critical point" a new expression of

harness are still alive, they must be very liable to catch cold in their bones. If spirits have discovered some way of taking off a hide without the animal and certain course of nathree we are minding the operation, why don't we born, live, and die, That the bourney hear from "fog-land" how it's done? We have reason to believe from earth

alterable, unchangeable—all must experience, that the animal's will-pow-travel it! That the grave can mean er will kick when it feels the knife or shape of his brain will not permit the er will kick when it feels the knife or.

such nature as to surprise, if not shock, and study acquired a vast amount of peared on this globe and has always re- fering and death on the other side of our present limitations, as well the

### question the foundation of the faith WILLIAM H. COX. HE BEGAN LIFE AS A MINISTER OF

THE GOSPEL, AND BY EVO-LUTION BECAME A PHILOSOPHER.

would have the trick played on you. orthodox h

There are physical conditions accom-He charged the Protestant scholars | informed man. with dishonesty in translating certain panying mediumship which are more passages of the Bible, also stating that reliable than rope-tying, flour held in the hands, wire or mosquito netting. The pulse-beats, the breathing, the temsome of the books left out of the Protestant Bible were much better than. perature of the hands and feet, these those that were left in. As an example cannot be simulated, and should be ob- he referred to Solomon's "Ecclesiastes served and recorded, for they are the as the most pessimistic book, "The Wisdom of Solomon." was the most optivaluable tests.

trust worthy guide, or authority.

I have not mentioned this fraud quesmistic, but in spite of this fact, the first tion, because I have not time to go book was included in the Protestant fraud-hunting. At least half of phenom Bible and the latter rejected. Cannot Inspire Books.

ena are genuine, and as that half dem onstrates life beyond the grave it is worth the universe to a doubting soul 'A thousand counterfeits do not debase breathe or think, hence cannot be inthe value of a genuine dollar. If I know spired.' these counterfeits are abroad my duty. is to warn those liable to receive them. but that dollar is not depreciated in with profit replaced by some of value thereby.

I have no interest in the counterfeiers rules of Mohammed. Speaking of the influence of Moses, he said: of this country or their bogus coins and bills. When we learn that possibly a the old gentleman from whom I was bill may be spurlous, we are more carenamed, any more than I can live on the ful in the examination of those we remanna he ate." ceive.

The genuine is our best protection against fraud.

Charles L. Waffle: Q. McCabe in much of a God; he was never the God his History of the World says that of the world, but the God of one man at Julian, c. nephew of Constantine the a time." Great, who was a pagan in belief, when he became emporor of Rome, made an effort to falsify the prophecies of Christ piled the books of the Bible. "Isaiah, for example, is known to have three concerning the destruction of Jerusalem the books of Moses two, Epistles of by inviting and encouraging the Jews to the books of Moses two, Epistles of rebuild their temple. But he says this Paul seven, and there are two different work was frustrated and caused to be accounts written by different authors abandoned by fierce mysterious fires of creation. that suddenly broke out throughout the ruins, consuming the tools of the laborers, and compelling them to abandon the work.

Will you please state whether this ac. only then by the aid of science." count of such an event is in harmony with all reliable ancient history?

A. Of all the great characters that stand alone in the Roman world as the clouds of the dark ages began to threaten on its horizon, the emperor Julian stands alone. Educated a Christian. series of Biblical incidents from the Old when he arrived to manhood he re-Testament, that the Bible approves of turned to the ancient faith, and the worship of the old gods. He was a phi-Spiritualism. losopher, and when he became emperor today, one this afternoon at 2:80, and and gave equal freedom to all. Of course he was hated by the Christians who called him an apostate, and this

hatred has descended to this day.

been to propitiate the Jews, that he re- Price by mail, 15 cents. solved to rebuild their temple. They were enthusiastic in supporting the By Prof. W. M. Lockwood. The work of scheme, and it is said matrons carried a strong, logical thinker, cn a deeply away the rubbish in clearing the site, in important subject. Price, cloth, \$1.

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life was ideal. The memory of his wife, who preceded him to the grave, was held sacred by him above all things "God has not power enough to inspire book," said Mr. Hull. "Books cannot Above all, he was an optimist and a

umanitarian in the broadest sense of He also expressed the opinion that a these great words. He was a man of know that whatever it is, it is best. leaf could be cut out of the Bible, and rare good temper. Advancing years; inthe stead of souring, his mind, really broadened and sweetened it. He remained intellectually young to the end of his "I cannot live on the inspiration of

Inspired by the strong, deep and aggressive religious sentiments which waved the minds of the early settlers. Another extreme sentence was, "No he in his carly manhood became a membody believes in the gods of the Old Testamont," and "Jehovah was never per of the Methodist church, and was icensed as an exhorter by Peter Cart-

much of a God; he was never the God wright, the greatest of the pioneer reachers. The younger portion of the present He maintained that no Bible scholar generation have but a faint conception could tell how many writers had comf the ardor, the piety and the deep-

seated religious convictions of the pioeer people. They were in deed and in truth, a God-fearing people possessed of the real spirit of the Crusader. The preachers of that period were strong, eloquent, powerful men-thoroughly "The Bible," he stated, "is a collecand courageously imbued with the spir tion of tracts, the literature of the it of their calling-preaching the gospe Jews, and the book has never been unwith rigid intensity and great severity. derstood until the last fifty years and Under the spell of their lurid and pow erful eloquence, and especially at the camp-meetings, men and women would go into an ecstasy of happiness, would In spite of these opinions, Mr. Hull

clap their hands and sing and shout declared that the Bible is the Spiritualpraises to God until they were overists' own book and nobody else has any come by sheer exhaustion business to use, it. As a concluding Surrounded by these influences it was entirely natural that our brother should feature of his lecture, he proved by a

have felt that he was called to preach the gospel. In 1861 the flag of the nation floating over Fort Sumter was fired upon by the

hostile guns of the South. A wave of patriotic indignation swept. over the North with the fury of a hurricane. Obeying the impulse of patriotism, our brother entered the army as a private, but was soon promoted to the lieuten-

as a soldier, he, on proper occasions, preached the gospel to his comrades. In his funeral sermon at the church, Mr. Want, your learned and talented young minister, told you he had never conversed with the deceased, on the subject, and that he did not know the

I feel that I am commissioned by our

nained unchanged and immutable: that fog-land." Yet further, the tools with the Creator in his infinite wisdom has not made manifest to man the full leather into harness do not grow readymeaning of death, but has left it-prob- made, even in heaven.

lematical in the minds of men. Now does the reader wonder that But to our deceased brother this view such talk about ponies and carriages. was clear: that whatever is the status and silver mounted harnesses on the of death, it is a fixed and invariable other side of death fatigues my imaginstatus; if it means extinction-so it is, ation? Yet it is all included in our inand our hopes and our desires and our quiry, "After death-what?" I know possible on earth. But this develop prayers to the contrary will not change some enthusiastic believers will declare they have seen spirits manufacment will demand a change of form, as t; and if it means immortality-life ev rlasting, so it is, regardless of our be- ture actual woven cloth, when outside

liefs to the contrary. Our brother a cabinet. Even admitting this to be rested his views-let us-say faith-on genuine phenomena, it only prove no uncertain grounds. He said, God is that the tools with which spirit will

good, and whatever He has in store for power was doing the work were invis us is best for us. I trouble not myself lible to the mortal. For I would repeat about the manner of the blessing. I again and again that will-power without a tool is useless to man or

We read now and then of banquets He knew that the better we live and the more uprightly we'order our lives, prepared as welcome to some escaped the better it is for us right here and mortal. Exactly the same difficulties right now. That God is good and will are in the way of our acceptance of that ive us what we deserve.

He had no more fear of death, in its ing prepared or cooked without tools of after consequences, than he had of some kind, requiring hard work. There nightly resting upon his couch for remay be pleasant and unpleasant ways freshing sleep. He lived and died a of doing such work, but we wait in vain bhilosopher and an optimist. He had for our "fog-land" visitors to tell us the protoundest respect for the honest how it is done. Our experience with opinions of every human being, al- "critical points" has not so far shown though some of these opinions may us hard work and pain on one side, and have been of no value to him; yet be just fun and a good time on the other.

cause they were the honest opinions of Many of us have read of a very musithe holder, they were entitled to his ut | cal mortal and his experiences after he most respect. escaped from his earthly body. He tells He likewise had the highest respect us of a grand orchestra, with its confor all churches and religious institu- ductor beating out time and rhythm ions of every name, nation and creed with his baton. That means no telepain the world, and believed they were all thy over there-no soul communion rying to do right, as they understood it. with soul, but you have to watch the He had no patience with the criticism | conductor wave his wand, as in earth which denounces the religions of the life. Of course if you come from Gerorld as being false and hypocritical many you will have to wear spirit spectacles, so as to be sure to see how the He witnessed with much pleasure the progress of the spirits of liberality in the conductor wants you to accent the music, and express the thought of its comorld, during the last forts years. He was an interested observer of the poser. The organ must have its pipes sembling of the Congress of Relig- and keys stirred by will-power, while

and the second second

ions at the World's Eair at Chicago in another will power blows the bellows. 1893. In this august assembly, all of In fact the whole building, whether the principal religions of the world temple or cathedral, is but a duplicate were represented by their respective of those the mortal knows, and requires ministers. There was at friendly ex- will-power and tools for its construc-

change of opinions and the evolution of tion just as in earth life. the grand ideas that leadboof these re I don't want to weary the reader, but ligions in its own way is seeking the merely to stimulate him to think for same objects; and these are to do rev. himself. In other words, to apply his erence to the Creator offithe Universe own will-power to the will-power over and to teach that all of the peoples of there, and see the result. I venture to the earth are children of the same feel sure that just like the sensitive,

A little more thansa year ago, at the dedication of the Grant World's Fair at St. Louis in the presence of a great assembly of people, among iwhom were erohood of Man is no longer a theory. the president, an expresident of the It is an established tenet in the theolo by a Jewish Rabbatho invoked the blessings of the God of Abraham. Isanc captain in the Grand Army of Thought, and Jacob, the God of the Christians, and in his humble way did good and

the God of the Mehammedans, the God faithful service in its cause. of all nations of the earth Forty years work on earth is finished. He has won ago, such a prayer would not have been the respect of right ininded mean tolerated. During the dast forty years, His spirit returns to the Creator after men have made wondesful progress on a solourn of seventy five years in the He had read much and had thought and every line of thought and achievement, body, grown, matured and enriched by reasoned much more than he had read, and the progress in religious thought its earthly experiences. Being of a benevolent and optimistic has not lagged behind, jout? has kept we depeal this mortal remains in the temperament, he became a firm believer pace with all other progress. We depeal this mortal remains in the puttying became of the mortal remains in the fatherhood of God and the prother from. The insanest fiction that ever at with conscience as his guide and truth as his only standard he began to ous atonement, is rapidly evaporating.

which will-power sows and cuts that turning spirit. By using our common sense, based on scientific investigation and classification of facts, we can at

east determine what is not truth, even though told most solemnly in the name of God or spirit. And for the 'rest, the certainty of the coming "critical point" may fill us with joyous anticipation of development of our own manhood im-

> we have seen in this brief study of "After death-what?" (The End.) San Leandro, Cal.

SEEING SPIRIT FORMS.

The Physical Body and the Spiritual.

To the Editor :- Have just been reading The Progressive Thinker of September 3, and find it a remarkably interesting one.

Mrs. Eva A. Cassell's letter is indeed 'a warm number" but full of facts, and Prof. Loveland knows just how to "hit he nail on the head." Mrs. Aiken's experience as related by Mrs. Carlyle Petersilca is worthy of note and stands as proof of the saying of Paul "There is a spiritual body and there is a physical body."

Have had similar experiences, in which I have left the physical form and while standing clothed in the spiritual body and its clothing could see and horoughly examine the physical one. Not only have I looked upon the physical form as leaving it temporarily, but have withdrawn from it sufficiently to visit other scenes on earth as well as view the beauties of the other world. When we learn how to know the real self and unfold our soul power we can withdraw from the physical at will and experience many elevating sensations and educational journeys.

In many of my visits away from earthly haunts I find I am accompanied by loving spirit attendance, while at other times I go alone,

The vision of Mrs. Pecersilea, when a child, no doubt portrayed to her the spirit form of some departed dog. A picture form of a dog is sometimes pre

sented through the psychological influence of a guide, particularly the Indians, to indicate protection, etc., but time forbids my going into details. Many papers have discussed the possibility of Rider Haggard's vision in

which he claims to have seen the spirit The Fatherhood of God and the Brothform of his departed canine friend. have contended for years that such exists, having on various occasions .. been United States and the diplomatic rep. gies of the world. God is the father of visited by the spirit forms of the house resentatives of many of the nations of all. Religion is now not so much a hold pets that have left the physical the earth, the opening prayor was made matter of bellef, as of conduct. Many animals are almost hu form. Many animals are almost hu-Our brother was a lleutenant, yea, man as far as intelligence is concerned and I have great doubts as to this pow-er of intelligence becoming applihilated at the change called death. His GEORGIA GLADYS COOLEY.

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ancy of his company, and in addition to the conscientious discharge of his duty reasons which caused him to leave the church.

brother to give his reasons as he gave them to me. By the close of the war he had reached the 36th year of his life.

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### REMARKABLE EVIDENCE OF SPIRIT RETURN.

Bill Robison, a Spirit Playmate, Comes to a Boy in Englewood-A Bookcase Opened by a Spirit-

--- Rider Haggard's Remarkable Prophetic Dream---Other Wonderful Visions Induced by Spirits, Illustrating the Fact That Spirit Return Is Common to all Humanity.

There lives in an Englewood (Ill.) flat building, says the Chicago Tribunc, a family made up of a young man, his wife, and three children. The head of the family is a hard-headed, sober, intelligent salesman, devoted to his children and particularly to the youngest, a boy of 4.

About a year ago this child began to prattle about "Bill Robison," apparently a purely imaginary character, since, none other of the family had heard of him or seen him. Each time that little Pete got into mischief his mother would ask, "What made you 'do that, Pete ?" and each time the answer was, "O, Bill told me to do it."

Bull fold me to do it." Sometimes the little fellow would indulge in furi-ous bouts at fisticuffs with nothing before him as an antagonist but the empty air. "What are you doing now, Pete?" always elicited the answer, "O, I is fight-ing Bill Robison." This vagary of the boy annued his parents, and they did not discourage what they presented as a bombary illusion of childhood. By regarded as a harmless illusion of childhood. By dint of amused questioning they finally got a pretty good description of little Pete's imaginary comrade, and had many a laugh when the boy, pointing at passing wagons or a vacant lot would cry out gleefully, "There goes Bill Robison ! Hello, Bill!"

### Boy Plays With Ghost.

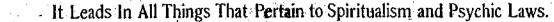
Coming home about dusk a few weeks ago the father was a bit startled to see a strange child sitting on the front steps of his flat building. He was startled because the little one fitted exactly Pete's description of the visionary "Bill Robison." As the man approached the small figure arose and started away, and when called in friendly tones refused to answer or turn back, but walked away into the darkness. Regaining his calmness the man then made haste to follow the boy he had seen, but he was unable to find any trace of him. Entering his flat the father, with a simulation of playfulness, asked Pete if Bill had been around. "O, yes. He's just gone away." As a matter of fact nobody had called, and Pete had been playing alone in the flat all that day.

Three days later, it being Saturday, in the middle of the afternoon, Pete's father came home, letting himself in with a latchkey. Sitting alone, evidently playing with Pete's blocks, a strange boy, the same he had noticed a few evenings before, was in the well lighted hall. The main was glad of a chance to banish a fancy that had disturbed him and called out, "Pete, O, Pete!" But there was no answer. He stepped into the parlor hoping to find some of the family, but nobody was there. Then he remembered that they had planned a little picnic for that afternoon in Jackson park, and that he was to find them in the wooded island. He stepped back into the hallway to question the small visitor, but the boy had gone. Search of every closet, room and corner of the flat revealed nothing, nobody. The blocks were where he had first seen them. The doors were all locked on the inside, and no windows were unlatched except three in the front, which are on the third floor.

That is about the substance of this unusual hallucination or visitation as the man told it to his physician. Eyesight, nerves, stomach, mind, and blood are all right with the father. He doesn't pretend to explain the affair, and he hasn't told his wife what he saw or thought he saw, but he has come to believe in ghosts for the first time in his life.

### Bookcase Opens Itself.

Almost an equally peculiar happening is vouched for by a woman of excellent poise and intelligence who boards in one of the suburbs of Chicago. One of her fellow-boarders, a person of about 30 years of age, was lost in the Iroquois disaster, and the room thus



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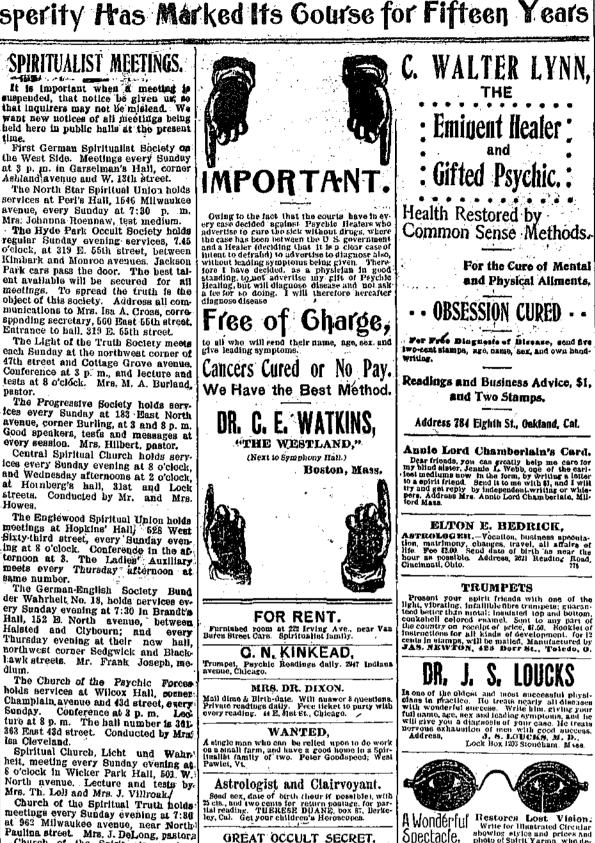
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agination, or, at least will not encourage it if she has one, thinks that it was the rearrangement of the books that mended matters, but the woman who should know best is convinced that no natural agency could have turned back the lock without the use of a key or the application of some material tool.

The root of all superstition," says Bacon, "is that the affirmative or active strikes us more than the prive-tive or negative; and that, there, a few times hitting or presence countervails ofttimes failing or absence." The number of fulfilled dreams are-c. g., to the numberless dreams which are meaningless as shadows of April clouds-as a handful of sand to the sands of the seashore. On the other hand, there is this to be said for the superstition of those who believe in the` forewarning of dreams, that there are eases where the affirmative or active outweighs naturally and incommensurably the privative or negative. "Two men distinctly saw you take the spade," said the magistrate to the Irishman in the dock for the theft, "Two men! Sure, yer honor, I can call twenty men who didn't see me take it.'

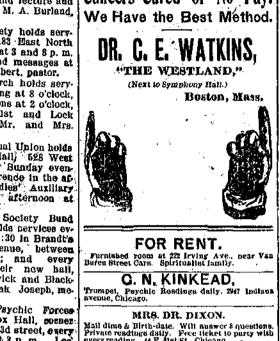
But the few times hitting, or presence, naturally, outweighed with the magistrate the offtimes failing, or absence. A single circumstantial dream which is fulfilled in all its details reasonably outweighs a million that mean nothing. Take Mr. Rider Haggard's dream about the death of his dog, or the dream the young woman told to four of her fellow passengers on board the Norge when that ill-fated steamer was passing Rockall in a fog on its home trip from New. York to Copenhagen: "It was late one afternoon, and we were in mid-Atlantic. I had noticed that the young woman had been looking sad for some days, and at last I asked her why? At the time I spoke to her the vessel was supposed to be close on Rockall<sup>1</sup> and was expected to pass it that night. A dense fog set in, and this seemed to make the young woman more sad than ever.

"After some hesitation she told me that she had on three successive nights a terrible dream, and it had oppressed her spirits greatly. She dreamed that the Norge had run ashore on Rockall and that many lives had been lost. I tried to cheer her up by pretending that we had by that time passed Rockall. But it was no use; she only shook her head and insisted that, some terrible disaster was coming. I then spoke to the captain about it, and asked him how many corpses he thought would be lying on Rochall that night. He said he could not tell, and I then asked him if Rockall was a dangerous place. He replied that it could not be expected that Rockall would be as safe as a place in a smooth river, and he added that he thought the young woman would soon get over her fears, and when they reached Christiania they would all have punch together; but, as all the world knows, the Norge was piled up on Rockall on its next voyage exactly as in the young woman's dream."

Blackwood's guarantees the truth of the following story, told to Lady Clerk of Penicuick by her father, Dacre of Kirklington: Young Dacre, in order to attend classes in Edinburg, lived with his uncle, Major Griffiths. One night he got his uncle's and aunt's consent to join a fishing party which was to set sail the next morning from Leith. But that night Mrs. Griffiths screamed out in her sleep, "The boat is sinking! Save them!" The major awakened her and asked: "Were you uneasy about the fishing party?" "O, no," she replied, "I had not once thought of them." She then fell asleep again.

In another hour she cried out in a dreadful fright, 'I see the boat going down !'' Again the major woke her, when she said: "It has been owing to the other dream I had, for I feel no uneasiness about it." After some conversation they both fell sound asleep, but no rest could be obtained for her. In extreme 🎍 anguish she exclaimed : "They are gone! The boat is sunk!" When the major once more awakened her she said: "Now I cannot rest; Mr. Daere must not go,

for I feel that, did he go, I would be miserable till his return: the thoughts of it would almost kill me." Indeed, upon the strength of this dream Mrs. Griffiths induced her nephew to send a note of apology to his friends, who went without him, were caught in a sudden storm and drowned. Price. 50c. Address, HYRON D. STILLMAN, 578 Rast 001b st., Chicago, Ili, Of course, the best known and attested of all these historical dream visions is that of the assassination of Byron Stillman is a devoted Spiritthe prime minister, Spencer Percival, by John Bellalist, and possesses a brilliant mind in ingham in the lobby of the house, as seen in sleep by a body that unfortunately has many infirmilies. He has been deprived of John Williams of Redruth. In his dream Williams, hearing, is totally deaf, and is now scarcely able to walk. Those who buy being in the lobby of the house of commons, saw a man enter dressed in a blue coat and white waistcoat. his book will not be disappointed in its Then he saw a man dressed in a brown coat with yelmerits, and at the same time will be low basket buttons draw a pistol from under his coat and discharge it at the former, who instantly fell, the blood issuing from a wound a little below the left: breast. Hereupon he awoke and told his wife of his dream, of which she made light. Even when he dreamed it a second time she observed that he had been so much agitated by his former dream that she supposed it had i dwelt on his mind, and begged him to try to compose himself and go to sleep, which he did. A third time the vision was repeated, on which, notwithstanding her entreaties that he would be quiet and endeavor to forget it, he arose, it being then between 1 and 2 o'clock, and dressed himself. At breakfast the dreams were the sole subject of conversation, and in the forenoon Mr. Williams went to Falmouth where he related the particulars of them to all his acquaintances whom he met. Six weeks later Williams-who had never, except in these dreams, seen either Spencer Percival or his assassinwent to London and to the house of commons and pointed out the exact spot where Bellingham stood when he fired, and that which the prime minister had reached when he was struck by the ball, and how he fell. The dress both of Mr. Percival and Bellingham agreed even to the most minute particulars with the description given by Williams.



made vacant by death, being a bright, cheerful apartment facing cast and south, passed into the possession of the narrator of the following incident:

The belongings of the former tenant had been removed, but the pictures, furniture, books, and carpets, all of which were the property of the house, were suffered to remain untouched. Nothing disturbed the new occupant for the first two weeks except that she always found the bookcase open when she returned from the city in the evening and when she woke up in the morning. Being a woman of extremely neat habits and possessed of a good memory, she was anxious to keep the books safe from dust and from the hands the aerial elements by electrical proof the only young child in the house, and so she was careful to lock the case and to remember that she had done so, always leaving the key in the lock, since other members of the household might wish to use the volumes.

### Efforts to Solve Mystery Futile.

After a fortnight, during which the opening and locking of the bookcase occurred twice a day, the annoved boarder determined to keep the key under her pillow at night, and to take it downtown with her when she went away in the morning. The first morning after this resolution, being certain that she had turned and tried the lock and placed the key beneath her head, she awoke to find the bookcase open as usual. The door, keyless and motionless, was wide ajar, and the bolt of the lock was drawn as if it had not been shot. The young woman, mystified now. explained her experiences to the landlady at breakfast, but was assured that nobody else had a key and that no one was known to have any need or desire to open the bookcase.

During that day, the case having been locked and tried and the key carried off by the tenant, the landlady made several stealthy visits to make sure that no intruder had tampered with the bookcase. At each of five such visits she found everything undisturbed, but when her tenant came home she could not forbear accompanying her to the room.

The bookcase was wide open.

### Search Discloses Unmailed Letter.

Both were women of sound nerves and great common-sense, yet were dismayed, but anxious to solve the mystery upon rational grounds. The woodwork of the door must be warped so as to force back the lock and throw open the door; perhaps the closely wedged books caused the pressure. So reasoned the women, and proceded to withdraw all of the volumes from the shelves. They had taken them all out and were replacing them without coming upon any satisfactory explanation of the phenomena when the older woman, who owned the house and its contents, said : "Here's a book that must have belonged to poor

,"mentioning the name of the former occupant. "I overlooked it when I packed up for the relatives."

It was an old, well thumbed school arithmetic, and as the woman held it out there fell from the pages an unsealed envelope, containing papers and addressed. Inclosed was a new \$100 bill, and the letter explained the purpose with which the writer was sending it to the dear one addressed. There is no need, for obvimy new tenant of that room has no trouble keeping har bookcase locked. The landlady, who has no im-bar bookcase locked. The landlady, who has no im-the state in provide the source in the state in the source in

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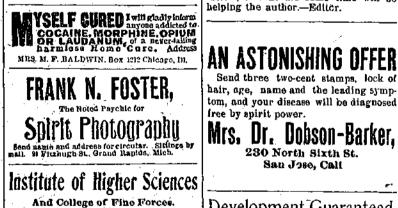
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