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A BATTLE ROYAL 8-In Which the Intellectual Giants of Our Grand Cause Will Participate. J. S. LOVELAND, A Master Mind on the Pacific Goast, Will Lead Off with a Lucid, Comprehensive Attack on

the Great Book, "Spirit Obsession, the Demonism of the Ages," by Dr. J. M. Peebles. The learned Doctor and others will write on the subject, pro and con, making A BATTLE ROYAL, which every Spiritualist should read. Send in your Subscription, or remain in the rear of the procession. A Battle Royal will begin some time in November. This subject and its discussion must attract the attention of all who are interested in the discovery of truth and in human enlightenment.

A PUZZLING THEORY.

Illusion-Illusion-All is Illusion.

MISSIONARIES' MONTHLY REPORT,

September 11 .--- I attended Christian Science meeting to-day, and I did some hard thinking while there. I wonder they do not all become insane. I know I had "a swelled head" while there and since-not from an overplus of brains, but for the limited capacity for action within my-there it is--I was going to say cranium; but I bethought me, I have no cranium--it's an "illusion!" I am some like the fellow named Ami, who had been somewhere with his oxen and wagon. Coming home, having imbibed too much of the "illusion" liquor he became illusively intoxicated, and fell into illusive dreams, during which ceriod the oxen became detached from

the wagon in which he was, went on and left him. On waking and finding bilmself alone in the wagon, he com-menced to soliloquize: "Am I (hic) Ami, or am I not Ami? if (hic) I am Ami, I have lost (hic) a yoke of oxen; if (hic) I am not Ami I (hic) have found a wagon. If I am (hic) Ami, where (hic) am I? If I am not (hic) Ami, who the (hic) hell am I anyhow?"

The subject was a sermon or lecture compiled from Mary Baker Eddy's writ-ings and was called "Spirit and Mat-I was sorry I had not taken my note book along so as to have taken ver batim extracts. It commenced by stat-ing that "Matter was not life. Matter is inert. Spirit is life!" from which an argument was made that matter is illusion, and therefore it cannot be dis eased, etc.,-you've heard the state-ment before. 'And here is where I got up a brain action, or one was got up within me, provided I have a brain, or that which I think is brain is not "illu-

gion," which it would seem it is. If matter is not life, how comes that particles cohere? Unless there is an affinity, there can be no coherence. In the first place the particles must be drawn together by some process, and whatever that process is is a manifestation of life. What draws two drops of water together? How comes it that destone has such an affinity for iron, if there is no such thing is inherent life in matter? But stop! Matter is illusion-there is no such thing as matter! It is not a thing without a name, but a name without a thing-that is, some-thing that is nothing (confound it, here it comes again) a mere name without a relation-a combination of letters if you please; but there it is, again; letters are elementals of sound-and sound is a concussion on the tympanum; and there is no tympanum, neither can there be any concussion (Good Lord! somebody help me out before 1 forget what I wanted to speak about!), for there can be no such thing as "air-waves" since matter is "illusion!" But this integration of matter: I wanted to say more of it—only the matter—the il-lusion—(now I have got it! Illusion is

Work Done by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague.

During the month of September w held twenty-seven meetings and organ-ized one society. We served the Battle Creek (Mich.) Society the Sundays and Tuesdays of the month and on other week days we visited four other towns, viz., Chesaning, Centreville, Rockford and Girard, Mich.

We opened this season's meetings for the Battle Creek society. Our meetings here were not as well attended as usual, because the Sundays were warm and many people spent them at the beautiful resort at Coguac Lake, near town. Nevertheless our congregations increased in size and interest while we remained there. We added six new members to this society, and the officers and members were pleased with

our labors. Dr. J. M. Peebles took an active interest in our work there, attending ev ry meeting excepting one. In this felt especially honored.

At Chesaning we found the society that we organized one year ago last February, doing a splendid work. They have held meetings regularly ever since. They have employed leading speakers and mediums to help them to present the teachings of Spiritualism to the cople of that vicinity.

They make it a rule not to allow member to be buried without a Spiritualist fumeral, if so desired. The good work of this society is primarily due to the work of the missionaries in organizing it, as there was nothing being done previous to its organization.

At Centerville we were antagonized by two ministers of the Dutch Reformed church, who made the attempt to destroy the influence that our meetings might produce upon the community. They seemed to think their task would be easy and that they could readily break down our arguments and proofs They acted very ungentlemanly, asking some trivial and unimportant questions, quoting certain passages of scripture that they thought would baffle us etc. In replying to some of these scripture passages we quoted other passage from the "Holy Book" that were direct contradictions to the ones they had pre-sented. Every one of their questions proved a boomerang and this, together with their conduct, helped to win for us

the yictory We had the full sympathy of the audiences that packed the house to over-flowing, as their repeated applause plainly showed.

We held three meetings in this place and organized a society of twenty-two members, composed of some of the best people of this town. These ministers were of the "Reformed church," and we made a supreme effort to start them of the road to reform. We undoubtedly made a total failure in their case, as not denied; so I will call it by that they appeared to be beyond redemption in this particular. These two ministers will not be likely to attack a Spiritual ist in the same way again, for they cer tainly learned a lesson that will be last ing. We were treated lovely by the other members of the congregation. The lec tures and Mrs. Sprague's messages reached the minds and hearts of listeners and touched the tender side of a goodly number of the church mem bers, as was proved by their conversa tion with us. One of their leading members said to us in private, "I endorse every word you uttered to We feel night." But enough! our work was a great success in Centreville, since there had never been a pub lic Spiritualist meeting held in that town previous to our going there. At Rockford, we served one of the oldest societies in the country. Meetings have been held there for many years. A large number of our leading speakers and mediums have served thi organization. This society has a lovely little church of its own, and has a stand ing in that community equal to the other church societies of the place. Where our people own their church or temple, it is certainly a great help to the society and to the work. The society at Girard, we found in a flourishing condition. It is fortunate in naving an excellent speaker in the person of the president, Mrs. Emily n The officers and members-of King. this society are composed largely of farmers, living some distance apart They have held regular meetings ever since we organized them one year ago. They have a nice lyceum and are planning to build a new church of their own. There was no public work being done here before, we organized this society. Who can say that missionary work is not profitable. We must have it, and the more the better. Address until October 25th, 725 W: Jackson street, Bloomington, Ill. E. W. SPRAGUE AND WIFE.

REV. H. W. THOMAS. Do the Dead Return to the Living?

liberal divines of Chicago. Until recently he has been mally been appealed to. Not in the light, but in the pastor of the People's Church, but on account of his ill health he was compelled to relinquish his arduous duties in connection with the work in hand. His influence on the mental and moral atmosphere of Chicago has-made a deep impression for good. His article will be read with great interest, emanating from such a master mind.

Through the countless years [as set forth in Unity] since man came, the ships of time have been sailing away from the shores of time. Freighted with human lives are these ships of time, and followed by the love of the living for the dead.

Do these ships of time all sail one way? Do the lives that go away from our world ever, or never, come back again? Is there a world, a life beyond; or does all end with the few years of this earthly existence?

From the sense-side of the material, death seems to be, is, the end; the organs of sight, hearing, feeling are gone, and with them goes the sense world of existence:

But somehow a man is more than sensation ; he thinks as well as feels. The things perceived through the senses are taken up by, the power that we call mind and placed under the laws of thought; and in this way is revealed a mind world of the true, the beautiful and the good; and from the relations of one life to another, arise, are felt the emotions and principles of the moral order; and from these comes the consciousness of relationship with the Infinite.

It is from these higher and larger visions that Reason postulates the continuity of life beyond the change called death, and love asks for the longer years of the forever.

With such a scene of the coming and the going, the disappearance of the physical and the loss of sense relations, it is not strange that the generations of the past have stood before the opening and closing doors

of life and death with mingled emotions of wonder, hope and fear; nor strange, that these thoughts and feelings have found so large a place in the literature, the philosophy and the religion of all peoples.

Over against the fact that to the senses death ends all, is the fact that somehow the millions have believed in a life beyond death. But it has been a belief, a hope rather than an assured fact; a faith; not a positive knowledge-and it does seem strange that after all these thousands of years and the going away of countless millions, the question of a continued ex-

Dr. Thomas for many years was one of the leading [cations have ceased, that the extraordinary have natudark; not in the sounds of voices, but in the silence; the anxious souls watch and wait and listen for some word or sound or appearance; anything to assure them that loved ones have returned. And naturally, the more sensitive or impressionable minds among the living become "mediums" through which the disembodied can make their presence known.

This line of separation between the living and the

dead has always been present; it is being drawn anew every day and hour in the homes of earth; this strange border land between the two worlds. Not strange that it is the land of mystery, of superstitions, frauds and impositions, many; but it is also to many souls sacred; the land of vision, of love and hope. When the darkness of death is lost in the light of life.

Things come to our world. Judaism came; Christianity came; Mohammedanism came; the Magna Charta, Cromwell, Luther and the Reformation came. Science, the new astronomy and our own great age of nvention came. Modern Spiritualism came; Christian science and new thought have come.

The practical question is, what are we to do with all these forces and powers that have come into our vorld? Much is lost to the minds that shut themselves up in their own party, sect or ism and refuse to look at the teachings of all others; denounce them as false and wrong. Rather, should we think there is some truth, something good in all; that the great things that come, that are born out of some new time | life and well-being, the fulfillment of or condition have a meaning and a mission in the growing life of the ages.

By not a few, the strange phenomenon of Modern piritualism has been denounced as a fraud, as wholly alse, an imposition upon the ignorant and the superstitious. And such accusations have not been made without good grounds in many cases; but they are too weeping. That which is wholly fraudulent cannot long hold its place; and Mödern Spiritualism has continued to grow in numbers, intelligence and social standing.

As never before, our great age is fearlessly facing all questions, facts, mysteries with the one purpose of finding that which is true. In this spirit the Society for Psychical Research has for a number of years been making a careful study of psychical phenomena in the whole wide range of mediumship, clairvoyance, telepathy, clairaudience, apparitions, secondary personality, obsessions, spirit photography and spirit identity. In these studies many of the ablest scientists, philosophers and clergymen of Europe and America have taken most earnest parts, and every fact and

the lates Peace

PRAYER TO THE GOD OF BATTLES.

The Utter Absurdity and Foolishness of Prayer Directed to the God of Battles' -The Writer Laughs to Scorn the Russians Holy Synod's Ready-Made Orison-Civil War Prayers.

Some time ago the 'Holy Synod" of the Russian established church formulated a prayer which the czar, by an imperial edict, directed to be recited by all Christian Russians in all churches, religious assemblies, etc., on Sundays and holy days, for the purpose of securing God's blessing upon the Russian army, the emperor and his country, for vie tory, for long life to the victorious troops, and for the repose of the souls of those who fall in pattles. The fol-

owing are some of the strong points in this hand-made prayer: "Although unworthy, we implore

Thee, who art strong in battle, for aid and humbly beseech Thee to accept our weapons in Thy cause, to give Thy Christ-loving army victory and to per-mit it to subdue the enemy.

"Send from on high Thy hand and touch the hearts of the enemy, so that they shall make supplication to Thee, God of peace, who loves his creatures. "Stengthen us with Thy might. Defender of the orthodox faith, send Iny arrows to confound the enemy. Strike them as with lightning and give them into the hands of Thy faithful troops. "Thou who harkened to Moses, bless

the emperor's doings, multiply his glory and confirm his empire. By Thy Alighty hand preserve this army. Send Thy angel to fortify his troops and give hem salvation.

"Send peace upon us. May Thy in-visible finger defend Thy servants, show them the right path, forgive their sins and bestow upon them the crown of glory. Grant the emperor peacefu his desires and a conquest of his ene mies This effort to induce "the God of

Peace" to get behind the guns and help one portion of his children slaughten another portion, may seem to an earnest advocate for peace as a rather queer proceeding; and yet that is just what the Christian world has been doing fo centuries and is yet; acting upon the supposition that there are no agencies by which God can establish His king dom of "peace on earth and good will to men," except sword, musket and can

non. From the days of Constantine . and the crusaders on down, the evangeliza-tion of the world has been pushed forward by armies and navies. The gos pel of peace and good will which Jesus introduced has been carried to heathen lands on the point of the bayonet; and today salvation by faith is being pumped into the inhabitants of the isle of the Pacific by Mauser rifles, rapifire guns and-the water cure.

Throughout all these centuries of war, bloodshed and misery, this same

ment enlisted on either side had its chaplain drawn from some of these churches, and the Christ-loving soldiers on both sides had prayer meetings in their tents, all beseeching one and the same God to give each side the victory, and crush the other out of existence. We are told that "with our God noth-

ing is impossible." But for my part do not see how it was possible for any God yet discovered to have answered all those prayers without depopulating the United States for let it be remembered, that the enemies on either side were not merely the armed soldiers, but the men, women, and children who synk pathized, aided and abetted on both

On the evening of September 19, 1863, at the close of a hard day's fighting, the issue of the great battle of Chickamau-ga hung in the doubtful poise and we of the orthodox, Christ-loving faith felt that unless we secured the aid of the God of Battles on our side the scale would turn against us. Prayer meetings were held in different localities all over the field and most earnestly did we pray that victory might perch upon our banners and the enemy be crushed on the morrow, but before sunset of that morrow our whole army was executing a masterly movement to the rear in the direction of Chattanooga, leaving over 20,000 of us dead or wounded on the

fleld. When we wipe the dust and cobwebs of creed theology from our eyes and look facts honestly in the face, we find that no God which creed theology has yet discovered is able to answer one tenth of the prayers with which the "empty air" is being constantly burdened. And when we scratch through the thin veneering of creed theology we also find that the Jove of the Greeks, the Jehovah of the Hebrews and tha Jupiter of the Romans are all one and the same mythological personage; one and the same mighty thunderer out Olympus, Sinai and the Seven Hills of the Tiber, one and the same God of gods and Lord of lords; jealous, easily, provoked; great, and mighty and terrible in battle; riding forth gloriously, sword on thigh, conquering and to con quer all his own and the enemies of his lear chosen people; and who, in each of his threefold characters is being rap-idly relegated to the limbo of the Thors, the Odins, the Jotuns, the Frost Kings and other dignitaries of Oriental mythogy.

It is time for the Christian world to realize that the God of peace does not march side by side with the God of war; that the angry vindictive god of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob; Moses, Joshua and David, is not the God of the dispen-sation of love, peace, justice, liberty and equality that is now being ushered in, not for the special benefit of an elect not for the special deviation of all humanity. few, but of all humanity. J. L. DRYDEN.

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WHEN TOO CONCEITED

illusion-why do the planets not disintegrate to atoms, and become a mist? How comes it that the rays of the sun interpenetrating the atmosphere, create an electrical friction and consequent heat?

If matter is not, if there is nothing of us but spirit, why do we wear clothing? Without matter there can be no such thing as heat and cold, and if we have no bodies-if all is "illusion"-heat or cold could not hurt us. Neither do we need clothes to hide our nakedness, for we have no bodies to screen-there nothing of us but spirit-no bodies to hide from the gaze of others.

Out in the barn a man has hanged himself, and if we do not haste to cut him down, it will be impossible to save his life! Hanged himself! Impossible: there was nothing to hang! He was all spirit, and that oody that you saw hang-ing there was "illusion." Go and tell the man he is not hanging; that he just thinks he is hanging; that he is a spirit and can't hang! Cut the rope! why you can't cut the rope; the rope is mat ter and matter is an "illusion!" and cannot exist! Beside you cannot have a knife to cut it with without having matter, and matter is non-existent, an "illusion ." therefore, you cannot get a knife to cut the rope. , There is no matter: therefore, no rope, no place to tie a rope, no neck to put a rope around; no knife to cut the rope-all is "illu sion!" All there is is spirit, and that wholly disconnected with matter.

We talk about beautiful scenery "illusion." That, too, is all Withou matter there can be no scenery; and as there is nothing but spirit, and spirit is entirely divested from matter, what we call beautiful is "illusion;" for if there can be no pain, there can be no pleasure: there is nothing either beautiful or All is one eternal monotony Spirit is independent of all but itselfcompanionless and alone. It is mind with nothing to think upon, for since there is no matter, and since all is spin it, divested of all but itself, there can he no relation of things, for there are no things to be related, and where there is no relation of things there can be no thinking. Therefore, there can be no mind, because mind is a conception of relations, and there can be no conception where there is nothing to conceive. Olympia, Wash. D. W. HULL.

It is only necessary to grow old to become more indulgent. I see no fault committed that I have not committed myself.-Goethe.

Friendship must be something else that a society for mutual improvément-indeed, it must only be that by the way, and to some extent uncon ciously .--- Stevenson.

We should avoid whatever may dis play bad feeling, and attend with civiiity to what may be addressed to us; all hearts are concillated by politeness and affability .- Socrates.

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

Better a thousand fold abuse of Free Speech than denial of Free Speech; the abuse dies in a day, but the denial slays the life of the people and entombs the hope of the race.-Bradlaugh. Stand -

N. S. A. Missionaries

PAYING THE FIDDLER.

Every time the traitor Folly chase Reason from ther throne. Someone has to be the victim-some poor sinner must atone;-It's an old and truthful-saying-printed on each page of fameit's the ethics of the game. In this world when Folly's minions are so largely in excess, Many a "fiddler" gets his money, quietly, as you may guess; and the world is none the wiser-not a chance is left for shame___ To the man whose purse is equal to the limit of the game. But, alas! for those who falter, those who hesitate to pay For the music and the dancing through King Folly's night and day; Such a one disgrace, dishonor, ever - penury, shall claim-They who dance must pay the fiddler-'tis the order of the game,

-New York Times. -d . * *

Nor cell nor chain, nor dungeon speaks to the murderer like the voice of

T A MARINE

istence should still have to wait for a positive answer; and yet, may be not so strange; for in the nature of the case, it is not possible to prove the negative, or that souls do not live after the death of the body. If man is not immortal, this fact can never be known; those who have ceased to be, cannot themselves know it; nor can those still living know it; nor they that are soon not to be.

We have to die to know as an experience, as a fact of consciousness what it is to die. We may, and very many do feel an assurance of the continuity of a personal existence that leaves no place for doubt; but we must die, to know that we live beyond death.

There is one and only one way by which the living can know that the dead live; and that is for those who have died to in some way make themselves known to those who are still living. Can this be done? Has it been done? Do the ships of time sail only one way? Or do they come-back to the shores of earth?

If we turn over the pages of the legends, traditions and mythology, of the literature and history of the past, and the Bibles of the great religions, they all directly or indirectly bear evidence to the fact that the souls who once lived on earth have come back and made themselves known to those still living. In our own Bible there are explicit instances and statements

to this effect. Upon other subjects, as the ages of geology or the great events of history, we accept and rest in the statements of what has been; but when it comes to the return of the dead to the scenes of the living we are not satisfied with statements or facts of the past however well verified. We do not look for a return of the ages of geologic formations; nor that great events of history are to be repeated; but in the mind or soulworld we expect the profound experiences of mankind to be continuous. If souls returned to earth in the old Bible times, why not now ? If there was a Divine inspiration in the past, why should it not be con-bilities of man in the realm of the material. The tinuous? The present should not be asked to ; live wholly upon the past. Souls are going away from earth : the living love those who have gone; hence the fact of the possible return of dear ones in spirit form must ever be a present question in the great hours of life.

Some such reflections as these may help us to larger looking, seeing and- understanding of the strange facts and questions of life and death that all the ages have had to face, and that rise up before each mind and heart of the millions now on earth.

That the physical body dies is not questioned; and with this the senses through which the living hold communication are cut off; and hence should not be thought strange that between the hiving and the dead there is a feeling and the fact of separation. To our tenderest words there is no answer; to our tears and caresses, no response. And yet, in spirit form, the dear one just gone may be present, may know and understand it all, but has no power to reach those who sorrow. Or, if materialism be true, there is no soul, that there is no single exception, and that never since no spiritual being; death ends all.

death is the end, there has always been the feeling, of the faintest tinge of a shade .- Walt Whitman the faith that the real being does not die; hence, the looking and longing to in some way see again or hear from those who have passed beyond the visions and "fiberty of speech," and yet denounces those who ask voices of the living; and hence it is at this point or di- for evidence, who appeal to reason, and who honestly

uestion is placed in the ele and largest thought and knowledge.

The purpose of this paper is to call the special attention of the readers of Unity to the very interesting work just published by Funk & Wagnalls Co., The Widow's Mite, and Other Psychological Phenomena, by I. K. Funk. Dr. Funk is widely known, not only as the head this large publishing house, but as a scholar, author and clergyman of large ability and unquestioned integrity. To the many who are interested in this field of thought this work is a saving in both time and money. The most important facts and results of the Society for Psychical Research are given in sufficient detail; that of the Widow's Mite, or the coming back of Henry Ward Beecher and the finding and return of a lost coin, is given in full.

What we shall make of all these things must be a matter for each one to decide. Trained scientists who look only for the facts in any and every field must be. most exacting in their methods; and the fact that there has been so much fraud and so many impositions upon trusting and sorrowing souls has called for ptiblic exposures; and may explain the seeming unwillingness of some to accept facts so thoroughly attested that upon any other subject they could hardly be mestioned.

It may not be-I think it is not-wise to try to force open the gates of the unseen world; nor is it wise to try to keep these gates closed. That the dear ones gone continue to love and care for those left on earth is surely h most beautiful and comforting faith : and it seems so natural and reasonable that it should be gladly cherished. And more than we know or think, it is. Very many who are neither clairvoyant nor clairaudient-who see no forms, hear no voicesare often conscious of the spirit presence of those who once walked with them on earth.

Our world seems to be in the morning of a great new day. We stand amazed at the powers and possitelegraph, telephone, phonograph, the cable and wireless telegraphy are facts. In the realm of mind, clairvoyance and telepathy are accepted as facts, and our latest psychology teaches that there is a subconscious or subliminal mind. The vision of what man is as a child of God, of what Great Nature is; and what man should be and do, is just dawning upon these wonderful years. The day may not be distant when the unseen world will be as near and real to the spiritual consciousness as is now the world of matter and H. W. THOMAS. sense.

Religion counteracts morality and universal philanthropy in so far as it sets men against each other by diversity of doctrines and theories of belief, thus fostering and nourishing the worst impulses of human

that openness wins the inner and central world, and t earth gathered itself in a mass, has deceit or sub-But somehow, in spite of the sense appearance that the fuge or prevarication attracted its smallest particle The church still talks about "evidence," about "eason," about "freedom of conscience" and the

dressed as the "defender of the orthodox faith;" informed that "his holy cause was in jeopardy!" and the modes request made, that "the enemy might be struck as with lightning" or squelched in some other equally effectve manner. So long as the "Christ-loving armies"

were hurled against professedly heathen nations, it was easy to claim that prayers like the one referred to above were really answered because as Na poleon Bonaparte said, "God is usually on the side with the most men and best cannon:" but since the Christian ban ner has been planted in every land such prayers are not so easily answered for the reason that "Christ-loving armies" are on both sides in every wan nowadays.

To illustrate: The seeds of Christianity have been planted in Japan, and there are more protestant Christians there than in Russia. These, as a matter of course, have been offering up to the same God petitions directly on posed to this ink and paper prayer of the "holy synod" and up to the present writing the answer is somewhat doubtful. God's "invisible finger" has apparently been pointing in the wrong direction. Manifestly the "angels have not yet been sent to fortify the czar's

troops and give them salvation." but they seem to have been left to seek safety in flight. How forcibly are we reminded of the

following incident in the siege of Troy as narrated by Homer: -Thus the king prefers his solemn

prayer; Oh; thou whose thunder rends the

clouded air; Who in the heaven of heavens has fixed thy throne.

Supreme of Gods, unbounded and alone. Hear. And before the burning sun descends.

Before the night her gloomy veil ex-- tends.

Low in the dust be laid yon hostile spires: Be Priam's palace sunk in Grecian

fires: In Hector's breast be plunged this shin-

Jing sword, And slaughtered heroes groan around their lord.

Thus prayed the chief. His unavailing prayer

Great Jove refused, and tossed in empty air. The Gods averse, while the prayer

arose. Prepared new toll, and doubled woes on

woes." This case seems to stand on all fours with the effects thus far produced by the shop-made prayer of the "holy synod," and the value and efficacy of the stereotyped prayers ordinarily offered to the God of peace in time of war is yet an open question, or rather, the

spiritual value of all such supplications is simply-Nil. The secession ordinances passed by the southern states in 1861, split wide open every religious body in the United States and each denomination then had its church north and its church south each worshiping the same God, each be lieving that He was fighting exclusively on its side and each hating the other be-

When a man gets so conceited That he thinks himself completed. And the world must move along ex-actly to his mind, It is time for retrospection

Just to find his true connection With the universe he thinks so far behind.

It is time to hold the mirror Of his soul a little nearer, And then swing it round the world a little bit: t is time to take the measure of this world's long-hidden treasure

When a man gets swelled up with the thought that he is "it."

t is time to change his notion Of the size of this great ocean By presenting to his view the world in full.

t is time to change the plaster of this freak before disaster Falls upon the world and grants U him a pull.

When a man gets so elated D'er the thought that he's created

Just to rule and govern others as he please. t is time old Gabe was blowing.

Just to make him think of going Ere he takes the hand of Justice in his squeeze.

DR. T. WILKINS.

THE QUALITY OF RADIUM.

To the Editor:-Having received the collowing explanation of Radium and its elements, which appears to be based upon scientific principles, I deem it of sufficient interest to require publica-

Radium is nature's electro-magnetic hattery holding in perpetual harmony of combination the elements of electricity and magnetism.

This perfect union of fundamental forces can alone supply undiminished radio-activity.

As the simple vapor from radium differs from the mother mineral, because certain elements will not be vaporized, it proves that natural chemistry defies competition.

Nature's compounds are alone complete. Individuality of mineral life will demonstrate the scientific fact, that proportional unity of forces is everywhere supreme.

The elements composing Radium combine in perfect form the highest degree of concentration; and nothing can more fully illustrate that nature has provided aniple storage bateries for all human needs.

Mankind must discover and appropriate to use this opulent provision, which cannot fail to suggest that nature's methods invariably express "Multum in parvo" (much in little).

EMMA F. JAY BULLENE. Chicago, Ill.

Thought is the blossom; language the opening bud; action the fruit behind it. -Beecher.

I would have a man great in great things, and elegant in little things .-Johnson.

Men should not talk to please themselves, but those that hear them .--Sterne.

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A heap of ill-chosen erudition is but the luggage of antiquity .- Balzas.

nature .- Buchner.

Henceforth let no man of us lie, for we have seen

THE FROGRESSIVE THINKER

Peebles.

To the Editor:-With your permis-

sion, I would like to ask a few questions

and, perhaps, offer some suggestions to

week's issue of The Progressive Thinker, under the heading, "Important

Subjects Considered," have led me to

desire a talk with you on this subject.

I may not be classed a mental scientist,

for I feel that I have not yet mastered

the cult; but I have been thinking along

Your questions suggest to me this hy-

pothesis: The action of the mind is

thought. Being an action, it expresses

motion-it thinks, it reasons with the

subconscious, thoughts creating new

ideas. Also, being an action it is a

'event or action; any substance," etc.

Motion creates vibration, be it vacillat-

ing or otherwise. Then, if thought is

action, it is motion, and is creative. As it creates vibration, why is it not trans-

erable? Being a thing, is it not a vi-

brative thought, going out in waves, like the waves of the ocean—vibrating

less and less, as the force which sent it

out diminishes? If it be thus, would it

not be fair to maintain that the intense

thinking of a thought directed to a cer-

tain object, would send the vibrative

thought to the object on which it were

Whether this bo so or not, this I do

know: I have sent thoughts out to dif-

ferent persons, at different times, and

they have been received. Their thoughts have returned to me in answer

to my thought; and showing their sub-conscious thought as well. Again, I

composition of thought? Neither are they subjects of avoirdupois. But they

are implied things; and they are crea-

To me, mental science is the science

of the mind; and it, is the scientific

proof of a spirit control. It is the sci-

ence of Spiritualism. The two are in-

Now, Brother Peebles, as you are in-

clined to treat this subject to a dose of sarcasm, allow me to ask: Can there be

any deception or hypocrisy in an honest

thought? Along the line of my study of mental science, I have met with

some granti, soul-inspiring thoughts.

And I must confess that I have never

found one which is not a factor in the

upbuilding of mankind; or which does

ral'law? We might suggest the inter- humanity.

yention of spirit power. But is it fair to suppose that a spirit can be with us fashionable, last year's bonnet, because

Webster defines "thing" as

Brother Peebles, .-

those lines,

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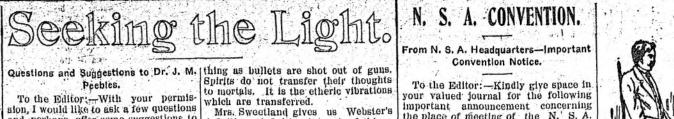
separable.

Questions and Suggestions to Dr. J. M. [thing as bullets are shot out of guns.

perfect.

Spirits do not transfer their thoughts

which are transferred.



to mortals. It is the etheric vibrations your valued journal for the following important announcement concerning Mrs. Sweetland gives us Webster's the place of meeting of the N.'S. A. definition-definition in part, of thing; convention to be held in St. Louis, Oct. but did she not know that Webster and 18, 19; 20 and 21.

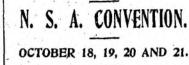
Brother Peebles, I do not aspire to placing myself on an equal footing with that veteran Spir itualist, whom I very much admire as an outspoken soldier in the cause of truth. My vista of, years stops far best of his and his opportunities have transfer to bis and his opportunities ha The committee of the World's Fair Congresses assigned to this association -as to others-the music hall of the great Coliseum, for convention purposes, and we had every reason to supmental activity; the exercise of the mind in the widest sense; more strictpose all was in readiness for our occu pancy. At this late day comes the inly, that of the intellectual faculties formation that Music Hall has been only; psychol, in the strictest sense, rented for the season to a musical comthe exercise of the comparative fac-ulty." How audacious then, in any one, pany, and that another hall has been allotted to the convention societies. In o inject into the Standard Dictionary's vestigation shows that the second hall definition such avoirdupois-meaning words as "thing," "substance," matter! is not adequate for our purpose-its acoustic properties are not good, and Sister Sweetland accuses me of as the musical company aforesaid gives treating this subject to a dose of para musical extravaganza day and even asm." No-no! You do me injustice. ig its counds are sufficient to com The sarcasm is in the phrase pletely drown the voices of our speakers and delegates. Hence the N. S. A 'thoughts are things.", By stirring it up, I expose the sarcasm, and the silli-ness of the theory-that's all. Personofficial board has decided that the conrention be held at the Spiritual Temally I am as calm and tactful and de in St. Louis, 3015 Pine street, where the reception of Monday, Oct. 17, at 8 p. m., will also be held. We regret ex-ceedingly the necessity of changing lo-cation of meetings at this late day, but smooth and suave and serene as are June's loveliest evenings, If my pen slips in controversies, I quickly give it a disciplinary lecture on courtesy. Square pegs sometimes get into round are so obliged to do in justice to our people. Pine Street Temple is reached holes causing disputations. None are from Union Station as follows: ' Take Here comes a square question from 18th street car to Olive, transfer, west our sister: "Can there be any deception

and ride to 30th street, walk one block in an honest thought?" What there south: or, take Laclede car and ride to can be or cannot be in this measureless 30th or Garrison, and walk two blocks universe, is hard to say. But the woman north. with the drunken husband, who put the All delegates and other friends who ink-bottle in place of the eye-water for intend to be in St. Louis during the him to use on his liquor-inflamed eyes time of convention, are requested to arwhen reaching home in the darkness of range their plans for visiting the Fair midnight, no doubt cherished the "honor sight-seeing, so as to enable them to attend all sessions of the conventionest thought" that this "decention' might help to reform her husband. This day and evening. Important business makes of "honest thought" and "decepis sure to come up at all day sessions, tion" very close bedfellows-does it while the evening meetings will be

not? "Mental science-the science of the more attractive to Spiritualists and investigators, by the able and brilliant mind, is the science of Spiritualism," talent we shall present. All are cor-dially invited. Come one and all and we are told by this writer. Not so! If it be true that Spiritualism is based help to make this the grandest convocaupon the fluctuating science of the tion of Spiritualists the world has even mind, upon mental science or Christian

known. Science-heaven pity it. No-no, Spir-Information concerning rooms can itualism is based upon pure, immutable be had by addressing Thomas Grim-shaw, 5835 Theodosia avenue, St. Louis. spirit-upon well-established factsupon a combined phenomenon and phi-Forward postage to prepay his replies. MARY T. LONGLEY, losophy, and upon immutable princiconscious thought as well. Again, I have done the same by accident, with-out previous arrangement. Then, can it be other than acting through a natu-rel other with suggest the inter-

N. S. A. Secretary. Washington, D. C.



to suppose that a spirit can be with and in a place a thousand miles distant at the same time? To me, it seems a morally dishonest. True, Mrs. Sweet-land thinks it "would pass quite re-land thinks it "would pass quite reat the same timere it is not it in the same timere in the same timere in the same timere is a spirite transfer in the special state is the special state in the special state is their thoughts to mortals, so we trained spectably. Yes and this very pass-fer our thoughts to one another. For, are not we, all spirits? And, is not the body merely the expression of the spirit in earth-substance? If this be a fact, is in earth-substance? If this be a fact, is Headquarters of the N. S. A. official board will be at the Lindell Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., from October 12 till Oct 22. All convention meetings will be held in the Spiritual Temple, 3015 Pine street, St. Louis, also the reception on it not easy to discern what thoughts Mental Scientists, or New Thoughtists have created?: True, there is "purpose, a single thought that was both new and skill and persistent energy." But, do true. Their wares are old, renamed, Monday, October 17, at 8 p.m.

All day meetings will be free: 25 not these ingredients enter into the revestured, retrimmed and so, the more ents admission to evening services. Evening talent of the best, will

I, too, like Mrs. Sweetland, am an oppresented. Among those who are to timist, an earnest, hopeful optimist, but not such a consummate idiot as to bearticipate as speakers are Will J. Erwood, Dr. J. M. Peebles, W. J. Colville, lieve that broken limbs, cancers, fibroid Mrs. R. S. Lillie, Mrs. Laura G. Fixen and others of note. Mediums: Rev. E. tumors, syphilis, rape, and lynchings and black-hearted murders, are either W. Sprague, Mrs. Maud Lord-Drake, as she states in substance "negatively Mrs. G. G. Cooley, Mrs. E. A. Sauer and other well-known test workers. A or positively good." If they are goodgood in any way, why, the people should continue in the practice of their grand time is expected for our cause. Business sessions will present many features of the utmost importance to good, and further, they should encourour cause. The usual routine will be followed, but it is expected that many

age and cultivate this negative demonism though black as the perishing Gequestions and issues of great value will be presented which will call for wise Optimism, evolution and Spiritualism deliberation and much discussion on are a trinity in unity. Under the lowest inherited debris there glitters the the part of the brainy delegates who divine spark—the divine impress—the will be with us. No person should miss



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know so little about.

which she has entered.

are verities.

mortal life. -

At the Shrine of

tember 25, 1904.

Dear friends, at the shrine of the "Digher birth, which is miscalled death,

we have come unto the mortal house of

our friend, Mrs. Nancy J. Marshall, to

celebrate with suitable memory and lov-ing thoughts her transition to a higher

life after seventy-four years of earthly

is a blessed, though solemn, privilege to stand here at this hour and give our

tribute of love to her, and praise and

And there shall be no more death."

"And there shall be no more sighing

and no more sorrowing." A modern writer has said: "That is

not death which cometh into the house

of human birth, but it is the Great

In the twofold state of human exist-

ence, dear friends, the family, the household, the life-long friends of our

sister stand to-day. Under the shadow

of physical separation, whatever the

time, or place, or hour, or under what-ever circumstances this messenger

comes, it seems to come suddenly; it

seems as though the people are unpre-

of supposing that in this house, or in

this time, or in regard to this personal-

ity, who is a living spiritual presence,

there has been any removal. In the thought of what the world

calls death, the shadow of the natural

change is here upon the earth. But the

shadow is not only brightened, but made more beautiful by her life, by its

ripeness and readiness, and by the knowledge that was hers and is that of

her friends, that it was the next great

quently to be born into sorrow and pain, and always into struggle, but to have this added step in the promotion of life,

in saded step in the promotion of the, --it is a great, wonderful, all-potent, glorious change. When it comes in in-tancy you say, "Oh, the babe is too young to die." When it comes to those

not go." But what can you say, how-ever beloved, however tender, however

beneficent, however useful the life,

when more than three score years and

ten have crowned that life with the rich

harvest of earthly experience? By nature our friend was endowed

with the gentlest disposition, with the

sweetest temper, with the service. in giving and loving; her whole life was a

life of loving service. Receiving at the

hands of others loving kindness, which

was her due, and giving loving kindness

Personally, the one standing before

you and many of those present have known her for nearly thirty years, and

in that length of time no word was ever

heard from her of unkindness or criti-

cism of another. Never was she sur-

prised at human weakness; she had a

word of excuse for all. If people in-

jured her they were received with gen-

tle remonstrance, frequently tears.

She would suffer a wrong rather than

retaliate or be angry. Early in life she was called upon, as

as was her nature to do.

To be born into human life is fre-

step in existence.

pared: but let no one make the mistake

thanksgiving for her release. Hymn: "Nearer, My God to Thee."

We, who were her friends, feel that it

pligrimage.

Awakoner."

that the time would come when the cur lis entering. tain of material existence would be fully drawn aside and she would see face o face and soul to soul. Such gleams as were given to her at imes were to her a priceless heritage. She knew of the "beyond" as it is called; that bourne to which many of the people she knew had passed. It removed by impossible barriers of belief, it was just the next step into the upper house of life that was then invisble, the upper portion of the habitation that belongs to every human being; but

which few really occupy. Most people are contented to live in the basement, pursuing the daily cares of material life, as if there were no other part of life. Most rarely do people get beyond the intellect, which is the next upper story. But her life was also subtle "telepathy" of the spirit, by that in that larger upper room, in the great,

wonderful, beautiful, yet partly veiled lwelling which impinges so closely upon human life, and which people

As universal as is this change, the ignorance upon the subject of man's spiritual nature is almost appalling. This is because materialism on one side and arisen ones, and she is in the midst ar-a material theology on the other have rayed in the form of the spirit in raieiled that existence to human understanding, and made people believe that they could not know to a certainty about that next step of life. It is just as criminal as if you should say to your children: now you are always going to be children, you can never know any thing about growing up, when day af

ter day, and hour after hour they are hungering and thirsting for knowledge that may lie beyond. They grow to that estate by what you say to them, by the schooling that you endeavor to impart to them. It is a criminal offense if this spiritual nature shall be forever starved of its needs and requirements; that the human life pass with the chaff and the longings and questions shail be stulti- straw away to help make the earth more beautiful.

Dear friends of the congregation; you will find her in your midst more than heretofore because the body will not young to die." When it comes to those, just starting out in material life you say, "Oh, their pigrimage has just begun; it is too early in the morning of life for them to go." When it comes to the middle aged, you say, "Oh, their useful ness is just in its height, they should is the there are no is in the interval is negative. The the there are no is in the more are no is in the there are keep her by its physical weakness. Dear neighbors, who have been kind in all your thoughts and deeds, re member she is one with you and would aware of it. And to day it is because thank you for all you have done, of this that there are no drapings of Dear members of the househ Dear members of the household, do

her child. There is no heaven so far

dust. But if that interligence that is mothers love from seeking her child, beloved, that life that you know and ap-preclate, and that appreciates you, is not awake and conscious, then there is no hope for humanity anywhere. It is sickness and health, and growth into because of this revealment which has womanhood will ever be a gentle and come into the great light of this cen- tender remembrance of uplifting and tury of discovery of science, and of art, strength. You will know this none the that the world has not lapsed into the less because her form must needs go materialism of doubt and discourage-ment concerning the thought of im-Now in the knowledge of this, let

Even the churches have been imbued with it. We have stood side by side with ministers of every denomination on similar occasions to this, and they spoke the words to those that were present in perfect accord with what we

Early in life she was called upon, as most women of her generation were, to experience trial and work; and later, an early bereavement which left her given to the wife of this bushend and the blossome of contract way.

o talk for an age there could be nothing added to this beautiful life, to that which has come to the present realization of it, to know the wonderful guardianship that will make it possible for her to abide with the household and was not a far off, it was not a kingdom still be one with each one of you in your various homes, whether you are sick or well, whether you are in the midst of the congregation or in your own homes, there will be the knowledge

that she is one of those ministering ones, that she can be near to you when ever a thought of love is uplifted to her. Now it is a condition that is known even in human life, that those you love will reach you from afar; especially is this true of those that are released from the mortal form, by the

> wonderful "wireless telegraphy" that gives to you instantaneously the knowledge of their presence and makes them aware that they are near when you

need them, that your thoughts are with them in love. Bo around this home to-day is the encircling presence of the ment that is woven of peace and gentleness; that have been woven in that fineness of spiritual drapery which was the aura of her goodly life, in that in-spiration that led her ever on and on to seek inwardly the higher truths that she never could find language to express, but which were expressed with

deeds and words of loving kindness. How beautiful it is in the autumn time thus to know that the garnered sheaves of the human life have been gathered, and what is grain will be borne unto the eternal life while the imperfections that are incident to every

.Happily, through the open window of this twentieth century-coming in the latter half of the ninetcenth centurythere has come that knowledge. Hap-

woe, but these lovely blossoms that at not feel that she is gone. To the test the love of friends, and are the sym- brother, whose noble love has been her bols of that spiritual blossoming into strength, she gives still the sisterly care, and to his wife she is a sister also It is not a time for a doctrinal ser To the dear daughter of her heart there can be nothing more nor nothing mon, but these are not doctrines, they less than the tie that binds a mother to

The buman casket must be laid aside, the human drapery must pass unto the away, no wall so high that could keep a dust. But if that intelligence that is mother's love from seeking her child.

> us all feel that while we sympathize with those who in this hour feel the mortal loss, we also must understand that the praise and loving kindness given unto others make preparation for that life into which she has entered.

short of his; and his opportunities have outnumbered infue far more than in the Thus, dear ones, we have given our imit of time. And, though I am a lifehought of her, knowing that if we were ong Spiritualist, I am still open to new deas (new to me) and new thoughts I admit no creed, for I claim all of the freedom to which, I am entitled by the right of natural inheritance. I am my own thinker, and I enjoy the privilege of polishing my ideas; hence this re quest. Brother Peebles-Esteemed Brother: -Your questions in your article, in last

an early bereavement which left her given to the wife of this husband and with a mother's charge. Still she had friend, whose form is laid away in the no word of complaint, but kept on with great patience and great endurance. You all know what a loving friend she was. Anything entrusted to her in confidence was as safe as if it were held gave consolation and encouragement, but never seemed to give blame. As a said it. But coming from him people friend she was strong and true. As a did not seem to wonder. member of our congregation she wasfaithful; as a worker always willing when able in body. Only the lack of with that which came upon Olivet, with health of herself or friends ever kept that which came by the sea of Galilee, her from us. In all those years the line of loyalty, of fidelity, of faithfulness was carefully and distinctly preserved. You knew where to find her; there was no changing as with summer friends, no endeavor to appear more than she was, in fact, you always found her, in

her dwelling, or wherever she might be, the same true, loyal heart. This being know of that which shall follow this life true of her fidelity to friends; she was the same in her love for her family. When bereft of the one upon whom she would naturally lean in married

life, her brother, with strong, loving be considered neglectful. The children heart, gave her refuge. She was the home-maker, home-keeper for him for those who were limited in knowledge many years. In later years in this or for whose interest it was to keep the home, the home of her daughter, she doors of that immortal world closed. has also taken her place, also been the care-taker, and always felt, as one of her nature should, to do her part, and sciousness of many hundreds of thoualways most willingly and lovingly.

These lives that are given to human existence illustrate the best of human ing still, we can and do minister to life; not those known to fame, or who vou." some sudden burst of fortune or cir- lowly, that has not its guardian spirits; cumstance are brought before the world. there is no palace however exalted, that It is the mothers, the sisters, the wives has not need of ministering presences, and daughters of the world who do Whenever and wherever the beautiful their part, thus living their lives they angel miscalled Death appears, these make up the great sum of the fruitage ministering ones are ready. When the of life that is 'of the garden of the spirit. spiritual vision is opening and the Though there are many weeds and tares in the outward world, these sa-cred places are kept alive by just such She made no question but what this

an existence as hers. was her last illness; she did not_even It is because of that, that we come care to know the technical name of the here today, in this beautiful Sunday thing that was bearing her away into stillness, as a part of our Sunday worthe other world. They might do what ship, to give thanksgiving unto the they would with the body, she had busi-Great Giver of all life, that she has had ness in the other world. Her vision her wish; that her prayer is at last turned to that other and greater light granted. For although willing to stay of the immortal realm. But she remem-bered everything well even while the as long as needed in human life, your speaker has heard her say many, many body was losing its hold of the spirit, times: "I wish the time would come for after the suffering was over and she me to go. I long to go." And what was waiting for her release. So when was the reason? that morning light arose, when its full

Because underlying this great sweetsplendor was upon her, when this habiness of nature, and added to this her tation was not less, but that greater true womanly strength, she had an habitation more near, she knew the abiding knowledge of the future life loved ones around her here, and also and an abiding knowledge of the ex- knew the beckoning ones who gathered istence of the spirit state as the next step in life. So she set to prepare cur congregation who had passed on, herself. . Not by any great effort, not and loved ones from everywhere, who by studying into the occult. mysteriwere all pressing around. Thus she ous and strange, not by straining a sank peacefully asleep, her work finpoint of attempted goodness, but by ished, her spirit released for that being as true to her convictions as pos-larger work. No one can doubt that she is as much sible. She knew she was preparing the way for the next step, as pupils do for here as she was before. Nay, she is the next step in the schools, so is this more here now, because she has no fee great school of life the preparation for ble body, she is not conscious of the the next step. limitations of time and sense, but in

Happy would the human family be if this loving presence. in the presence of they realized that the spirit nature is neighbors and friends, whom she knows that which survives the change called have tenderly cared for her household -That the mind must co-operate in the presence of this larger Band of with the spirit, and that the body is Harmony, she is one with us as before.

Sown in patience, in toil, in pain, To be restored in bloom again. casket here beside you, to know that her husband is as much here to-day as The lilies of life-as she understoodbefore this change came; that he is in Grow in the gardens of your God; attendance upon these services: he is Not by miracle, but by good aware of these. loving thoughts and Deeds on the pathway you have trod. in the secret archives of eternity. She tributes; he is not dead." That would Lave been called Spiritualism if we had

The great whiteness of that love, Which is Infinitude, is evermore Perceived most from above, The only wonder is, that with all the But reaches those within the mortal sphere. revealment and teaching of the past, with that which came upon Olivet, with

Her light of inspiration came: Her star of love its guidance gave, and that which has pervaded the church And, all-blessed, the hallowed flame all these years, that the people do not Of that inspiration had power to save, know more about it, that their spiritual

Let us abide in its perfect light; nature has been left to grow fallow and neglected; that weeds have been al-Let us understand this from to-day: lowed to grow where flowers should The passing out of the human sight blossom and the beautiful fruitage of Symbols the love of heaven alway. But there no doubt is ever given the spirit appear: It is as necessary to This change is lifé, is the Love from as it is to know of youth and manhood heaven.

when the child is young. If the father Unto thy ministering spirits, unto the and mother did not allow this knowllove, that is the heritage of all earth's edge to increase and expand they would children, thy triumphant daughter has entered Our Heavenly Parent. May of human life have been neglected by thy blessings be with those who are here, who still awhile must walk the paths of earth; strengthen their hands to do their work, their minds and spir But from the angel side of life to-day its to do their part in human life. May there is floated into the outward conthey realize, that when the doorway thus is epened all ministering ones ap sands this sweet. all-pervading mespear, and the light is not far nor dim but close at hand. May the benediction of this hour, the sacredness of this di There is no habitation, however vine human sympathy that welloth up in the loving heart make a true and more perfect bond unto that kingdom of Life and Light within the spirit. Amen Hymn: "There's a Land That Is

Fairer Than Day." Now may the baptism of her minis ering presence abide with this house hold: may other spirits of the loved and arisen ones be near; and may the light

of thy perfect love, our heavenly Parent, abide forever. Amen.

IS IT MEMORY OR HOPE?

Each flower that blooms and fills the land with bliss. Each bird that sings its happy note

the

to-day. somehow reminds me of a joy I miss, As if 'twere mine in some dear far

away! cannot tell if it were ages gone, Or if it is of time that's yet to be. For to the heart the years so swift pass

on. But this I know, the joy belongs to me! : -William Brunton.

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not tend toward elevating man to the uplift of divinity—the infinite possibil-boasted, but unattained, estate of being ity for all intelligences. And so, as the your plans for sight-seeing so as not to the noblest work of, so-called, creation. poet sings, "Upward all things tend." In answer to the inquiry concerning J. M. PEEBLES, M. D.

henna.

deceptive.

the housewife's bonnet: Would it not be Battle Creek, Mich. fair to conclude that the transformation of an old bonnet-newly cleaned, ASTROLOGY TO THE FRONT. newly polished and newly trimmedwould pass, quite respectably and mor

ally, for a new bonnet? The parable of Trying to Tell Who Will Be Elected the wine does not fit this age. If the President. bottles which Christ referred to had been made of glass, the old, tried bot-Theodore Roosevelt. tles would have been better than the

From the present time until Oct. 10 new. All the newness required would Mars will be in evil aspect to his sun have been new corks. You may call me an optimist, if you from the fourth house, and as Mars will will. For I fully believe that every-thing is good, negatively or positively, also be in evil aspect to Mercury and Uranus he will be in danger of accident and is for the best; as is eventually proven. But I am determined to keep during his time. Jupiter is in aspect to his sun, this giving him almost a charmed life. After Oct. 10 the evil indications will out of the ruts; so, I am ever ready to

submit my ideas, to the process of rebe passed, and on Oct. 27 Mars will polishing. SARAH E. SWEETLAND. leave the fourth house and Mercury will come in good aspect to his sun and

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dr. Peebles' Reply.

The perusal of Sister Sweetland's article gave me great pleasure, breathing as it did, the spirit of inquiry, sugges of the house of nativity, will be passing tion, charity and good will.' I believe in through the house which rules his suggestion and suggestive therapeutics. friends, and this, with his strong circle, yet am brainy enough, I trust, not to will leave no doubt as to his success. use suggestion, hypnotism and mesmerism synonymously. But to these questions and sugges

tions. "The action of the mind is thought," says Mrs. Sweetland. Possibly I can accept this when she defines the simple reason that there are omimind, its origin and force. "It thinks," nous days ahead of him. But as I approached the day of election the situation she states: What thinks, the thought, or the action or the motion? To say tion brightened and the indications for that the thought thinks would be equiv the eighth day of November could not alent to saying that the Spirit spirits, the mind minds. If it be action which be more satisfactory for him."

thinks, then a boulder in action rolling down a mountain must be a mighty Perhaps she really, candidly means

til Nov. 7. that the thought "thinks" and "reasons," (as she states,) "with the subconscious, creating new, ideas." There that's the first "new thought" that I life is very evil. ever heard advanced by the New Thoughtist Cult. It must be considred, as I am not clear about the "sub.

chance for success. The prefix "sub" means under; and if subconscious thoughts "reason" with the upperconscious thoughts, to create ideas, they must be a set of horhealth will be good. rible mental hybrids, because there are

planet, Mercury, will be within orb of so many wicked thoughts swarming in the beneficent Jupiter in the radical figow, undeveloped souls. The word "create" used by our questioner, died when the devil of theology died. Evoure, which will be an excellent indication for his health, But Jupiter, in turn, is transiting the great malefic ution has taken the place of creation. Saturn and afflicts the sun at birth, and "Motion," we are told by this lady, this will be the one great obstacle in the 'causes vibration." It does nothing of way of his success.the kind. Motion is a result and not a

conscious cause. In fact, motion is not "Judge Parker's evil days appear to be upon him, from the position of his in any sense the equivalent of thought. ruling planet. The worst period for his and, neither of them creates vibration. Hoping to instruct this new sect. of success in public life will begin Oct 2 mental confusionists, permit me to iland will continue until Nov. 7. and it Justrate. A stalwart, strong-willed seems that while President Roosevelt man, stone in hand, stands upon the is about to do some one thing that will is about to do some one thing that will hilltop and, with the vim of conscious insure his election, Judge Parker apwill-power, he hurls the stone into a pears doomed to do something between calm, placid lake. Now then, the force Sept. 27 and October 5 that will virtuof the will-hurled stone striking the ally mean his defeat in his life's greatwater, caused the vibratory waves, est ambitions.

which, widening may reach the farthest.

shore. But mark the cause was the "Death Defeated; or the Psychic Se view of Rev. T. DeWitt and Rev. Frank mortal-vestured spirit; and the stone cret of How to Keep Young," By J. M. DeWitt Talmage's off-repeated attacks was not transferred; neither, are problem M. D., M. A., Ph. D. Price \$1. shore. mortal-vestured spirit," and the stone thoughts as "things" transferred some- 10 cents.

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Mercury's own place, indicating some move on his part, which will assure his N. S. A. treasurer, but with the remark that money is not everything, it is my duty to herewith say, that in addition to Nov. 8 Jupiter will be in good aspect his generous monetary help, Mr. Mayer to his sun, in good aspect to the cusp being a man of keenest business acumen and sagacity, is of invaluable aid, not only at conventions, and board meetings, but also during the entire year as adviser, helper and one of far-seeing judgment at headquarters in the "There appears to be no doubt of Mr. Roosevelt's election," said Mme Seera. management of official affairs. Your secretary feels deeply indebted to him When I read his horoscope-that is he beginning of it-it seemed doubtful for his generous aid, as should every member and society of this association. MARY T. LONGLEY, to me that he would be successful for

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CHAPTER V.

Resurrection, Music, soft and gentle. Oh, how sweet. Is there anything known amon men that will soothe the stricken soul like sweet music? That sweet harmo nious sound, coming from, it may be many voices of well trained musicians who with one accord all touch upon a single note at the same time, and conhings of the past beneath our fect. tinuing in a regular rise and fall o' Doors and windows, which were numertone, they tell of a story of their lives us, were wide open; and although all of peace, harmony and love. Or it may be a band of music, giving forth a volume of sound; or perhaps a union of both, and all giving forth that most intense harmonious symphony, that to the ear is like the lullaby of the fond mother to her babe which becomes the only balm to soothe it to its gentle and penceful sleep.

The siren lures the thoughtless youth to his destruction by her sweet low harmony in unison with the eaves. The angels have been spoken of as giving the sweetest music that mortals have ever heard; their harps were attuned to the finest strains of music that could be imagined; many loved ones, after lying in a drowsy state for hours, have brightened up, and lifting their eyes and hands upward have expressed their gratitude for the harmonious sounds that have been waited from the unseen shore to them, as the pearly gates opened for them to go and join the great majority in God's land.

I opened my eyes, after how long a time I may never know; but long before I had any desire to move or see, my ears were filled with that most delightful musical Larmony that it is impossible to describe; it seemed that to move was to drive it away; I hardly dared to breathe lest I should lose on note, one sound that filled my soul with untold joy. My every fibre, my very spirit, was burning with emotion that was caused by the exquisite sounds that soothed and held me in ecstatic bondage; had there been one disturbing cound or thought to mar my perfect bliss, I should have been turned into a howling fiend.

Now the sounds would die away until I found myself shedding tears for fear they would not return; again they would swell into a full round storm of music that seemed to fill the whole universe; then, when coming with tull volume, every note by each voice or inof God to man; of His goodness for all There were no sorrowful notes, words or tones; nothing to start a pang 'of and joy, and peace, and sunshine, perteet rest and extreme happiness; and again amid the terrible scenes of that aboliahed altogether. seemed for my benefit, as if to bring me back to life, and compensate me for the and again the ravising music with such a manner that it almost becomes anguish of those few minutes on the which I had been soothed back to life slavery; and they are controlled mostly shore of that river where I suffered that came to my ears and I slept. second death.

for so doing, for that feast of harmony I had just arrived home; my good moth-immediately ceased; I closed them to er had embraced me and led me into they possessed, and styling themselves hear more, for, like the glutton, I was that old log house; and there beside the emissaries from an imaginary

not satisfied. I was already filled, but great firsplace where the huge back-l cried for more. It had gone; the ser log was ficrcely burning, sat my dear has been deprived of his life by some I cried for more. It had gone; the seraphic sounds had died away. Again my father complacently smoking his cob borrible torture, the teachings of this eyes opened, that I might discover from pipe, while opposite were seated my self-styled reformer have been gathered whence the music came. To say that two brothers and sister, who eagerly by a few, and after the lapse of a few

lecting all the hues of the rainbow so one I wore told a story that showed I cautifully and harmoniously were they that a task to perform that would relended. The pictures, or painting: ulre diligent study and a great ere of a great variety, representing ai mount of patience. It was all plain hat would be ennobling and elevating :ow, and I could easily see what was o anyone who gazed upon them. There expected of me; and I resolved in the as no repetition of scenes or subjects ime she hold her hand on my head, the floor was tessellated, and repre-cented scenes of what I afterwards hat I would be a diligent scholar, and ever be faithful to the trust that had a teacher, consequently there are no earned was ancient history: as if it seen placed upon me. how the significance of putting the

CHAPTER VI.

No restaint. Buthings seemed substantial and solid /et I could look through the walls and "Brother," she said, in accents low ciliug, and even through the beauli and musical, "be assured that you are among friends; your past is all known by me. Realizing how your gross body ful nictures as well as I could Be brough the open doors and winddws; and while I looked at the beauties near as suffered as it came in contact with and could see them so plainly, when the still more gross material and necesooked through them at things remote sary conditions of that gross and undecould see everything coually plain veloped sphere from whence you have The atmosphere seemed to act like a just issued, and that you necessarily powerful telescope to aid the sight partake of that undeveloped sphere, the There was nothing to mar the scene, or law of this more highly developed jar the intense rapture of all my senses. sphere compels me to come to your ald, Yet I was alone, and no one seemed and commence the work of assimilation to take the least notice of me. I could of your being to the more fully unfolded state which is but a step up the great ladder of progression of all things by see hundreds of people in all directions; I could see their every move f could hear the hum of their voices he great plan or cosmic force, which will ultimately lead to the apex of the and all the various noises that would naturally accompany so many people vast whole, where such sorrows as your

in such a diversity of occupations. Ma-chinery of all kinds; the puffing and tlred nature has suffered, will no longer be known. "Listen while I unfold to you, and exclatter of powerful engines; joyous shouts of happy children; the peaceful pursuits of suburban life; in fact there plain to your wondering senses, the cenes of this, to you, wonderland. was nothing wanted that could be found Coming as you do from the sphere to-day that humanity sees or thinks where everything is just from the molds. as it were, the rough corners protruding about that was not brought within my vision; yet everything was distinct to from all things, the paths are strewn both the eye and car. with sharp stones and thorns, every-

To me, coming from a world where everything was in its almost primitive thing is dark except at intervals, and when the light does break. It causes state, it seemed as if I had been transheavy shadows; where all things are of such yielding nature, that when brought ported to eivelen fields, where every thing was in such an advanced state, in contact with each other, they each that there was no jar between any of partake of the other, and the partially the people, or anything that was there. developed become contaminated with I know that I should not have been hu the more gross, and all conspire to reman had I been able to continue in that tard the progress of the whole.

sublime state for an extended time "No doubt you wonder at the seeming after I had once taken in all that grand harmony of your present surroundings. paporama; and yet I was almost afraid The comparison between this sphere. to move or think, lest that beautiful

and the one you came from is vasily too acene should vanish; but because I was human, my thoughts began to work. great for any mind in your sphere to comprehend, however great it might be Again, I began to wonder where thought there. There, there are but was. I thought of my terrible experifew with education, yet that few show ence on that terrible wreck in the their little learning by ostentatious display and arrogance, and keep the many ocean; I thought of my home, away, strument was an distinct as when they somewhere among the green hills of my in a state of ignorance, all for one reato tell a story of perfect peace and was in a land anything like the one 1 joy their own self-gratification on ali love; it seemed that the music without had left. I thought of the crew of that occasions. Each works for self alone, the words were pictures of perfect fated vessel; if they were dead, why regardless of their fellows; whereas, if beauty, describing the unseen treasures did I not see them, when I could see they were to work in unison for one every other thing so plainly? I again common cause, the whole world would of man's progress towards perfection. fated "Hawks-Eye" swung from her and the development of the people dock, and so many waved adleu to their there and all things in nature would defriends on her decks. I thought of velop faster; the laws of nature which source or tear of remorse; but every what her captain said to me at that are the same there as they are here, sound gleamed with gladnoss, and love, time. The shricks of "Old Nick" again would be better understood, and the so rung in my ears. I lived my life over called laws of man would be modified or wrecked vessel, and I closed my eyes, "The masses there are controlled in

by a so-called religion, which has been dreamed I was in my old home; it established by a few ambitious persons, I did open my eyes, but I was grieved seemed as if I had been far away and who having a strong psychological they possessed, and styling themselves Deity

natural law has been retarded.

which they do not understand.

that law, and enlightenment is the pen-

cause is readily found and removed; the effect, which is the opposite, good,

immediately asserts liself and harmony

is the consequence. We have no re

treats with us where those who might

"With us, wrong is a disease, and un-

continue in their particular sphere in you; you will be privileged to which they chance to be born, while here, the lesser are invited, I may say they are compelled to seek the society of the minds of those who are higher developed, so as to receive the full benefit of the evolution of thought, as is made manifest from the bighest teach

ers in their sudy of the great and beautiful laws of the grand, whole, so as to get all the information they are capable of retaining as quickly as pos

"Again, unlike the inhabitants of Act the lesser developed here never presume to mingle with those so far above themselves that they can not compre hepd, but each one advances just as fast as they are able to understand, and no faster; but there is in each and all an ambition to climb; the highest want to go higher, and the least have a desire to reach the round of the lailer of understanding where their leacher stands: there are none without drones. "You will then, readily see that all

those numerous depositories of mechan ics with their supplies, as well as the art studies, and humense laboratories where the mysterles of chemical law are studied; those huge telescones and microscopes which show up the mys teries of minute and distant nature: and the school-houses where the people go from time to time to learn their les

sons, provide the sole occupation. "Unlike Aer, the objective point of all here is not to hoard a decaying wealth. but to store the understanding with a knowledge of all things that nature has so lavishly spread out before us, to better understand why we have a being what makes that being, how to perfect it, and if possible to pierce the seeming unfathomable mystery into which each may go as they unfold to an understand-

ing of their destiny. ."Brother, do you wish to remain? Do

ou aspire to the same grand heights of knowledge which all may here attain? Can you comprehend what I, your teacher, have so crudely in your crude language tried to impart to you of the possibilities of this sphere? If so, 1 will ablde with you, and will conduct yea to apartments suitable to your rank and unfoldment, and there commence my task in earnest, of teaching you in the rudiments of the knowledge which awaits you, and which I see your men-tal capacity fits you to receive; as I have told you already, each one has a task, and as soon as that task is finished another commences; and so on, as soon as one overtakes his teacher in inderstanding, then he becomes a leacher and continues to teach, and be taught, until he graduates to a higher

sphere; to continue on in the grand evoluting process, bow far, no one has yet been able to tell."

She stopped, and gazing into my face, with a most scraphic smile, I could not prevent the tears that came to my eyes; they were tears of joy. Her words were so plaintive, her look was so kind, and being the first that I had heard from any lips but my own for such a long time, I could hardly comprehend my situation. With a sigh 1 said:

"Can I ever return to earth? Can I ever see those dear friends I have left? Must my life here ever be a continuous task or growth? Can there be no rest? Are all here compelled to work and study with no cessation? No rest? No relaxation? Is there no recreation?"

She answered: "My brother, I will anewer all your questions in the affirma-What you ask is but natural. tive. When we consider that you came from a sphere where everything is done by force; where pleasure is but a second consideration; where the recreation you speak of is so feebly understood; where everything has to be done for the direct support of the gross body; where the intellectual part of man is a second consideration; where nothing to use our authority to promote what comes of its own volition, where the ever tends to foster this devotion. laws of the universe are little known; Wherefore we indeed have reloiced to where the ignorance that prevalis perrerts what little knowledge the few pos-EESS; where the masses know little and care less about actual knowledge, we must be most considerate with all your emands, therefore I mu that you may have all, and everything this important event. Most willingly that your poor tired aching soul may and most gladly do we approve of this that your poor tired aching soul may cast over a small portion of the earth, exact. "On Aer, the capabilities of a child my terrible experience with its happy cept them as the only truths, have been or an adult are not studied to ascertain subjected to a state of ostracism that its fitness for any occupation; one who is fitted for a tiller of the soil, is often in abundance. singled out to be a so-called teacher in the some church where the most sensitive natures congregate: such a one cannot true principles of their originators; and instead of making humanity there betenter into the less gross condition of those who assemble to listen to his teachings; there is no affinity between ter, it has been the means of retarding the progress of all things. So, dissen-sions, bickerings, bloody and cruei wars eacher and listeners; consequently his work becomes a failure, and your peohave ensued; science, art, literature ple are often shocked, because another and music, and the understanding of thought-to-be good man has gone as tray. One whose occupation should be "So your sphere is at the present the servant of some ruler of your peotime in a state of comparative chaos; ule, is intrusted with the wealth of the community, he continues to hold the po sition for a lengthy time and all place implicit confidence in his honesty; he uddenly departs with the wealth of those who have trusted him, and the would be teacher discourses upon the depravity of the race. The mechanic essays to be a lawyer, a lawyer tries to be a merchant, the merchant tries to assume the role of the philosopher. the you have been taught to call it, there philosopher would be a mechanic; the are numerous sects there: in fact, there nautical man attempts to be an agriculare many hundred sects there, and did turist, and all things become mixed. In this sphere, all things are arranged according to the law of eternal fitness; all beings assume the task they are qualified for; and as all things are connected in some way, so all beings have a position in some of the colleges and schools of music. art. sciences or mechanics as teachers or pupils; no one is equired to fill a position he is not qualtions are irksome, because the law tells lfied for, and no one aspires to such a position; consequently each and every occupation assumed becomes a plcasure, is a recreation; and there is no desire for relaxation, as it is enough for one to enjoy the pleasure of having done that which his ambition has led "With your people there is a great him to; each chooses his own vocation; and if one should discover a mistake in amount spoken and written on the sub-ject of charity; with us, charity is a gatory his calling, then he can readily change; law; and if one goes contrary to law, very few mistakes are made as it is as charity becomes the prosecuting attorcasy to understand one's qualifications, ney, and also the officer that executes

where, when, how you may desire; every desire you may express, or that may arise within you will be gratified to the fullest extent.

"Now, can you see an affirmative answer to your questions? Here the law provides food, raiment and habitation And while I can see that you would ask whence comes the compensation, I and swer: By the contentment of all; the steady unfoldment, and the better un derstanding of the infinite law, by all.

"You have now been a resident of this sphere long enough to begin to rewith what I have said, that you allze, have been transported to a place supe rlor to that where you were conceived and while it is contrary to the teach ings of Acr, yet it is a fact you will learn later, that you have come by a law that is immutable, and you are now outside those crude conditions that ac cruelly controlled you while you were en inhabitant of that planet. Condi tions there, my brother, are but a crude understanding of the same laws that are in force here; but because of the crude flesh with which all are sur rounded there, the conditions are like the dross that covers the fine gold as it is taken from its bed in the more dense

matter called earth, "I will now try to answer more. of your questions I see you would ask in regard to the wonders you have so re-cently beheld. Of that wonderful power, the easiness of sight, whereby your vision is not impeded, and all the wonders that have been exhibited to you. Let us go forth, and I can more readily answer your questions as they атіве.'

(To be continued.) CATHOLIC INDULGENCES.

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Part III.

The Poor Pope Objected to the Pres-

ence of the Freethinkers in Rome, To the Editor:-You will notice that his holiness the pope, is very much shocked at the idea of the Freethinkers daring to "disgrace" Rome with their convention. The fact is, Rome is one of the most appropriate places in the world for Galileo to appear. He and Garibald have a right to appear in that holy vicinage.

The pope invites "Catholics to attend a service of atonement," This is fanat leism unadulterated.

I suppose he will fumigate the whole city with holy incense and anoint the faithful with holy water, and sacred olntment, ointment pure as the sacred oil of Moses. Exodus, chap. 30, verses 28, 25, 25; the penalty for counterfelting this was death (verse33).

If Freethinkers are to be ostracised by the edict of any one person, though he claim infallibility, it is time for americans who believe in a republic to awaken from their lethargy and inquite where we are at. is the inquisition of Torquemada with his rack and thumb screw only waiting for a favorable mo Three ment to exterminate heretics like Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, McKin ley and nearly all men of science who are not Catholics? Nearly all who are not Catholics are Freethinkers. Nearly

all inventors are Freethinkers. Thousands who do not belong to Freethinker convention are just a much opposed to the "infallible" pope as those who are styled Freethinkers. Message of Pope Plus to Eucharistic

Conference. During the mass at St. Patrick's Ca-

hedral in connection with the Eucliar istic Conference, Monsignor Lavelle read the pope's message. Translated it was as follows:

"Since nothing can be dearer to our heart than the desire to see the honor and adoration due to the sacrament of divine love extended and increased more and more every day, we are ready learn of the proposed Eucharist Congress, to be held the coming month in the city of New York, under the aus pices of its illustrious archbishop, our venerable prother, John M. Farley, who invoked our patern excellent means of eliciting a public manifestation of the living faith and profound plety which must needs be drawn down from our Lora's blessings "Furthermore, to all who are interested in this congress, as a pledge of divine favor we impart the apostolic benediction, and at the same time lay open to them the treasures of the church. Confiding, therefore, in the mercy of Almighty God and in the authority of His blessed apostles, Peter and Paul, we graclously in the Lord grant a pienary indulgence to all the faithful who take part in the congress, provided they go to confession and receive holy communion worthlly, and on any day during the congress devoutly visit a church, praying before the biessed sacrament for the liberty and exaltation of the Catholic church and of the Apostolic Bee, the extirpation of heresies, the conversion of sinners and the concord of all Christian powers, to the faithful of the city, as well as the ecclesiastical province of New York, who may be prevented from attending the congress, but who will units themselves with it in spirit and be interested in its proceed ings, we concede a partial indulgence of seven years and seven quarantines, provided they visit a church on any day during the congress, praying before the blessed sacrament according to the in tentions mentioned above; finally, a partial indulgence of 300 days may be ing. Price 60 cents. gained by all who assist at the congress as well as by all the faithful of the city and ecclesiastical province of Ne York who at least are contrite of heart visit a church on any day of the congress, praying before the blessed sac-rament according to the intentions aleady indicated. These indulgences, plenary and par tial, are applicable to the souls in pur "Anything to the contrary notwith-Laura G. Fixen. standing these presents ; having force for this year only." In the above it would seem that after all the falseboods spoken and pub-lished denying that the Catholic church deals in indulgences, now the pope an superior inspiration. nounces a plenary indulgence to those who attend the congress at New York held there by 1,000 priests and others The Pope also grants a partial indulgence to others for attending church, etc. "These indulgences, plenary and partial are applicable to the souls in purgatory." I hope some one will read up on "indulgences" a little and give us some history in your paper about Tetzel and Pope Leo X. These present indulgences are for the "extirpation of heresies," etc. What a crime to teach poor deluded Christians hat any man, though he claim to be infallible, can give any one permission to disobey God's laws with impunity. Just think-grant an indulgence to commit sins contrary to nature's laws! Are we back in the Dark Ages again, and reason dethroned?



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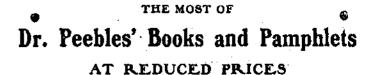
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the music was a picture, detailing the listened to the wonderful story their centuries have been scattered broadunimaginable beauties of God's wonderful kingdom; to say it was perfect har-mony of sound; to tell of the exquisite my terrible experience with its happy cept them as the only truths, have been gratification to the sense of hearing, 15 ending. Then I told them of the wonmet my gaze. defuil country I found myself in; and amounted to a kind of slavery; and in thought I told them that I must re- the zeal of the projectors of any one

I had trod the soft yielding ground. I turn, for I was now only on a visit to kind of those so-called religions, had been taken aboard the strange ves let them know I was not in trouble, leaders have lost sight of the good and sel in mid stream and had been priv. neither was I dead. Then I thought my ileged to roam at will and feast upon fond mother hung on my neck, and everything that the mind could wish; I begged me not to go; and in my efforts had by the same unseen power been to soothe her, I awoke to find myself in wafted to the yet stranger aerial ves- that same floating bed, in that same sel and there allowed to view the won- wonderful room amid all the beauty and ders of a new world from a dizzy harmony with which I had been sur-height, while traveling with the speed rounded when I first regained conwith which the light of the sun comes sciousness, and standing by my side to the earth. I had been left where I was one of the most beautiful creatures. started, and my last look was of sor started, and my last look was of sor language at my command, with which I had bewilderment came in another form. could fully describe her. Were it pos-brance, they are immediately set upon started, and my last look was of sorsible to depict the way those strange by the others, who in their blindness people conveyed their thoughts to each hold on to the teachings; and made to Where was 1, now? Not a sound broke the stillness of death: I was surrounded people conveyed their thoughts to each by an indescribably beautiful picture other, or better, were it possible to con-that I will try to tell something about, vey a faint idea how they read each oth-although words fail me to describe it. ers' thoughts, then I might be able to to any one particular religious sect, for I was now in a swinging bed of some give a slight description of the beaute throughout the whole of the planet, light and airy material that seemed to ous creature that raised a shapely called Aer in this sphere, or Earth, as be a part of myself; the rough coarse hand and placed it on my head. I gazed at her in raptured wondergarment with which I had left the shin. and which so far I had worn in this ment; I dared not speak, and had I strange land had now disappeared, and wished to, I could not have uttered a anyone have the power it would destroy in their place I was now clothed in a sound. You, who have stood before all others, if they dared to say aught of

loose flowing robe like which all the some mighty cataract, or listened to the that particular sect; here, where you people I had seen were clothed in eloquence of some mighty unator, or now find yourself, all work for the com-The robe was not white, nor was it been a spectator of some mighty up-mon good; there are no restraints hack, but of quite dark gray color. I had no desire to stir. I felt su thing of the awe with which I gazed at be in a less developed state; and to black, but of quite dark gray color. premely happy. There was no one de her who had been designated, as I at those there is no harsh treatment. If there is my soul. I felt contented to it terwards learned, to be my teacher and there be those here to whom the condithere and drink in the beauties of my companion, by the power that .conburroundings. To say that my ears trolled that strange land and people, them that all must be governed allice, had been filled with all the perfect and was the first one to speak to me in or in their ignorance they fail to under

beauty that my eyes now behold. Nor me. Through all eternity, I will never are immediately instructed in the law was that all, for the air I breathed was forget it; it thrilled every fibre of my filled with the aroma of the sweetest being with new life. It seemed as if flowers of all the earth; and with all my weight had suddenly disappeared. I this bewildering beauty and fragrance was a new being; the sensation was in my immediate presence, I could look like a mild electric shock. Where bethrough the walls of the house I was in, fore, everything was so vivid to my and see all I had first beheld when I sight and hearing, now, it was all redoubled. What before had been like a first roamed at will through this wondream, was now a living reality; I was alty inflicted. derland.

Again, I asked: Was I dreaming? a part of the beautiful surroundings, all was a harmonious whole, and my com, like disease on Aer. it is not removed Was I delirious? Was I dead? Surely, this must be heaven. As I wondered and panion was the connecting link that had by ingrafting other disease, but the cogitated, and tried to realize what my united me with the rest. I was com ratisfied condition was, and wondering pletely in her power, and I fully realat the beauties of my surroundings; yet ized it from the moment she laid her with the fear that my thoughts would hand on my brow. disturb the harmonious conditions of She spoke not, neither did she move;

aream, everything seemed to blend oream, everything seemed to blend yet I was aware of an indescribable power which she had exercised over others would be compelled to care for. We have no false teachings; for each we which plainly told me that I was to We have no false teachings; for each submit to her in everything; even my my gaze

I was in a large high room, the ceil- thoughts were from that moment to be ing was studded with sparkling gems, in unison with her, and I had lost my shedding a light, that but for the won- Identity to that extent that I was to be derful atmosphere, would have blinded gin to become one of the people whom I tiring my eyes, and they blended into I was assured that I was not dead,

a beautiful picture of exquisite work; neither was I a prisoner, for I was to universe. The same law that causes the walls, which were very lofty, were have my liberty to go and come at my the grass to lengthen, the trees to ex-covered with the same kind of gems pleasure; yet I fully realized that to do pand, the light to come from yonder. forming other beautiful pictures, in aught but what was right was to retard sun, governs us in all our lives. which suns, moons and stars were rep iny progress to that state which I

"Of course there are grades of develresented with burnished gold. Sus plainly saw was the condition of those opment here the same as on Aer, and as pended on the walls were pictures made whose robes were of the purest white. ot the same materials, and of immense My companion's robe was nearly white, the highest leaves of there, the lowest proportions, in trames that were inluid it contained a faint tinge of pale olive, begins here; there is no great differwith some kind of beautiful pearls re- and the contrast between hers and the once as on Aer; for there each. must that there will be no restraint put upon i cents. For sale at this office.

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and choose one's position here, as it is for the carpenter on Aer to choose the lece of timber requisite to complete his building. "So my brother, you can readily see that there is no force here, as you understand force; everything comes natu-rally, and all things work in harmony. aw, that which is the great governing force, is the fundamental principle by which the whole grand combination of all that is is kept in motion; and the

become helpiess might be taken that understanding of law is the objective point to which all knowledge tends. and all are taught by the law which is "Again, my brother, I would have you written so bright that all may and can not help but learn; and as we have no understand that all people choose their occupations, and are not bound to folman-made law, we have no need of the low them, only so far as it is a pleasure. judiciary; consequently, there are no and what might seem of little use to uprecessary encumbrances; all live here by the law that governs the whole you in the unfoldment of the law, might

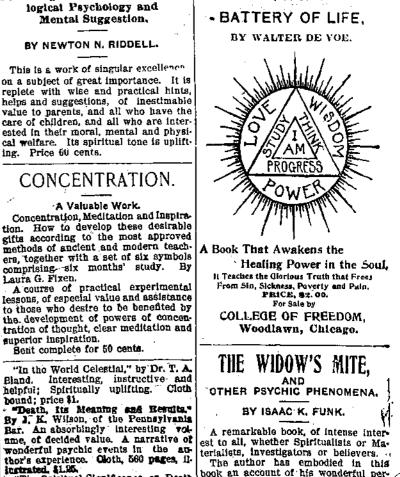
he a pleasure to the one -so doing; therefore, none question the acts of an other; and should one be restless and make irequent changes, that one is the only one to suffer, and even then, the only suffering there may be, will be the retarding of that one in the advance

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It would be interesting to know whether Alderman Carey had, previous to his dream, had any misgivings that

the work of construction was not being properly done. Also, whether other persons concerned in the work of construction were aware of faultiness therein, and feared cvil results therefrom. If so, telepathic influence might have caused the dream.

Are Animals Immortal?

Among those who believe in the immortality of the soul of man, it has still been a mooted question whether and mals below man are also immortal. Reputed spirit teachings are at variance on the subject, some denying and some affirming.

It would seem that an observant study of animals themselves, their mental attributes and manifestations would have an important evidential bearing toward elucidating and deciding the matter, by inference from observed facts pertaining to animal life and its mental capacities.

It is an admitted fact that some anlmals manifest a degree of mentality that bears at least a strong cognate relation to the mental manifestations of the human being. The difference seems to be of degree, rather than of nature or quality; and even in this it may be said that some animals stand in a high-

er degree than some humans. Viewing the subject from the ethical side, what humane person can doubt that many a poor abused horse is more worthy of immortality than the brutal human that cruelly maltreats and

abúses it? In this connection, the Chicago Daily Journal has this to say, on "The Interesting Problem of the Educated Horse": "Herr von Osten, owner of Hans, the 'educated horse,' which has created such a sensation in Germany, says man is just beginning to learn how to train animals, and that 'in another generation they will be intelligent helps to him and no longer merely drudges.'

"One thing is certain, and that is that nobody has been able to find any trickery in Hans' astonishing performances. He appears to understand the German language as well as the average German child of 10. He can spell words of some length and can do simple sums in arithmetic. For example, when he was asked by a savant who was investigating his case-Herr von Osten not being present-how many twelfths must be added to seven twelfths to make the number 1, Hans stamped his hoof five

tímes. "It is possible, of course, that it is all a humbug, and that is the presumption. But thus far no cheating has been discovered, though the most rigid watch

has been made and kept for it. "Supposing that Hans" manifestations are genuine and that the lower an imals generally can be educated, what imagination can picture the changes that will be made, not merely in our ev ery-day life, but in the thought of mankind? "The discovery that the intelligence

of which man prides himself as being the sole possessor among the animals differs only in degree and not in kind from that of the horse and the dog would drive him to the conclusion that perhaps he is not so important in the scheme of the universe as he has always supposed. He would no longer be set apart among created things, but would have to content himself with being a little more highly developed in

the plan of evolution than they. "And if the animals are our inferiors only in degree, must they not then be granted souls and immortality, if we are?

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and animal, that is suggestive of an ex- eral character-the preacher ought at attached to its meaning. Here, also, as stated by the Journal: The idea opens up a vast field of spec-

ulation." The Preachers' Dilemma.

Preachers, it must be admitted, have a hard time in these modern days of progress and free thought, to minister acceptably to their congregations. If their sermons adhere closely to the straight and narrow creeds of orthodoxy, they are sure to give offence to the progressive minds of their audi-

ence, those who, while retaining a lingering love for the old church associations, and for that reason, maintain an which they do not in their hearts beturn.

On the other hand, if the preacher gives voice to modern, up-to-date thought, he will be adjudged a heretic by the non-progressive mossback or thodox who cling to their creed as written and expounded by the church fa-

thers. What the Chicago Chronicle says on the subject is very interesting, not only for what it says, but as an index of the trend of thought and freedom of expression of the modern daily press.

Says the Chronicle: Preaching, like everything else, takes fresh start in October. Many pastors will make their first appearance in their own pulpits today since they vent away for their vacations, and all of them will feel on the first Sunday

The difficult problems which confront a thoughtful preacher at the present day are innumerable, but there is one that overshadows all the rest, and that is, what shall be his attitude toward or shall he compromise with it or shall added: he antagonize it? How great the revolution in religious

tension far beyond what is ordinarily all events to be honest with himself and his people. He can outride every storm until he becomes a hypocrite, but hypocrisy will before many moons make him an outcast. There would be immense congrega-

tions in all the churches to-day if it were known beyond all peradventure that every preacher would say in his sermon exactly what in his heart of hearts he believed.

Credit to Whom Credit Is Due.

We would like to ask if Dr. Greer, our veteran Chicago Spiritualist, did pot misplace his gratitude to the Chicago American for its publication of matter about Meyers' paraphernalia depot? That paper, always keen on the scent for a sensation, made use of, Rev. Dr. outward attitude of faith in the creeds, Funk's article in the Homiletic Review and amplified the same. But Dr. Funk lieve, because they have mentally himself was in no wise an astonistiment grown away therefrom and cannot re- to the readers of The Progressive

Thinker, for six months before appearance of his loudly trumpeted discovery. the last named paper had called attention to the very same house. In its isaue of April 2, was published the following mention over the signature of President Warne, of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association:

"Chicago Spiritualists are just now having their attention called to a new or else a re-located 'supply house' whose quite tasty card reads: 'Radium, Mediums' Paraphernalia-Crowns, Belts, Hands, Heads, Veils and Full-size Figures all filuminated with the new Ra dium light. Will appear, gradually float about room and disappear. All

work confidential.' Here is an opportunity to realize the melancholy aspirations of childhood; everyone can now become an angel and with the angels in October that they are face to face stand, a crown upon his forehead and a with the labors and responsibilities of harp within his hand. At the same time another year's preaching. What shall he may become an angel to somebody else. No wings, but only a pocket-book

required." Again, under date of June 25, the editor of The Progressive Thinker prefaced an article by Prof. Wm. Lockwood is, what shall be his attitude toward the changed and changing religious with the exact wording of the above thought of the age? Shall he ignore it card in black-faced type, to which he

"The above is the card of a business How great the revolution in religious man in Chicago engaged in selling para-thought has been will be realized if we phernalia to tricksters, whereby they consider the change that a single cardi-nal doctrine has undergone. Let us glance at the old fashioned doctrine of the punishment of the wicked. The fol-pressiveness to Prof. Lockwood's arto Prof.

The Night She Died.

In submitting this experience of her own life, the the clear, unobscuring darkness, toward the lights author, a valued contributor to these columns, and that lay at the black horizon line; on and on over the well known to the readers of The Times, wrote as fol- broken ice, through the unpeopled spaces of the Land lows: "I am dubious about offering this, even as my Between. At last, first faintly borne and then more own enlightening and comforting experience, and yet, clear, came a voice on the wind-u voice unvoiced; because we know so little, each real and attested bit and the message was terribly, bitterly human, and of knowledge so hardly won may do something for smote the hearing with a pang of forgotten pain ?. other people. Give it no signature if you use it, and "Two, motherless, two motherless." if you return it, at least remember that it came from And for human love and longing, love stronger than one who feels like Lazarus-freed forever from the death, longing keen as life, the soul, once so content,

matter had passed beyond their control and they were some inner fashion it knew to be the light of earthly, waiting. She, too, was waiting, consciously, indiffer- love and home.

ently, in some shadowy region between the land of struggle, of acute sensibility, of the torture called pitiful, aloof, at the foot of the bed, and watched the Life, and that other region which she named to herself body as it lay still as the bodies, of the veritable dead, as Death, and concerning which she felt little inter- To this separate vision the most trivial details were est.

there was no such dread as had lain always beneath less remedy, saw the bowed back of one who sat with the gladness of life, she waited; and then, because she his head buried in his hands, saw from the foot of the was weary, she slipped away, and in the darkness a bed, as the body, even with senses keen and eyes wide grateful wind blew in the face turned without fear to and conscious, could not have seen.

that it was quiet, and that it had been left. Great struggle, and after endless striving, like the fighting fields of black broken ice lay beneath, as the soul, the upward of those who drown, once more the eyes of what you will-moved slowly on in utter content, in its strength anew to the burden of living.

itself and no other, rejoiced in its emancipation.

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fear of death."--Editor of The Sunday School Times. took up anew the burden, consciously, reluctantly, and turned with a sense of failure and of defeat back The doctors and nurses stood about the bed. The over the dark way it had come, to the light which in

Everything was as it had been. The soul stood clear. The eyes of the body were closed, but the soul Vaguely aware that before the mighty Presence saw all that went forward-saw futile effort and use-

the night. The tormented body lay quiet on the bed. The soul moved forward, and was enshrouded in She was not conscious of leaving it; she knew only red mists of pain, caught in the agony of renewed spirit, the subliminal self, this freed being-call it the body unclosed, the soul looked forth, and adjusted

absolute loneliness, unhurried, unlighted, unafraid, And out of it all-what? An unshakeable belief in across the wind swept land of the Outer Dark. "There the immortality of the soul; a joyous realization of was no body, no desire for one, no need of one, but the naturalness of death-death now known to be life there was a recognition that this was not a loss, but from its outer side; a conviction of the permanence a gain, in that the freed soul, knowing itself with of personality,-"I shall know, even as also I am swift, sure knowledge to be ever and unchangeably known"; a freedom forever from an inner haunting dread, the dread of those "who through fear of death

Spiritualism and Spirit Return.

There should be some other word be- pressive as that which occurred at codes of bellef diametrically opposite, sides "Spiritualism," to embrace the Hydesville, N. Y., in 1848. wonderful spirit phonomena that are rom the realms immortal. The above to receive it. s an example. The wonderful manifesism, and in no wise connected with it, increase its dimensions. furnish irrefutable evidence that the

soul lives after the death of the body. the EXACT TRUTH. What the spirits hence that which is designated Spirit-Truth belongs to the world, and no say may be true or it may be talse, wise ualism is kale doscopic in its character cult, sect, creed, club or society is its or foolish; their advice may lead to the —harmonizing, conflicting, widely diexclusive owner. Spirit return in the highest advancement or to ruin; their vergent, wise or foolish; but the one Wesley family, in the Catholic church, opinions may be harmonizing or may glorious truth, SPIRIT RETURN, reamong the Mormons, the Indians, etc., lead to endless disputations, and the mains intact, without a single blemish, has been equally as suggestive and im- foundation of different societies with and is the common heritage of all.



Faith and doubt are both necessary states of mind, rational than to attach blame or censure to a man's and both are essential to progress. Both may be opinions, be they right or wrong.

abused. Neither separate from the other would in- Many Spiritualists are in the habit of condemning never learns anything beyond mere traditional belief. there is no good reason for this. There is no good A man who has no faith has no positiveness, no force, reason why Spiritualists should be especially anxious no character and no success in life; but faith in excess for sudden conversions to their faith. Every great becomes credulity and superstition and leads to all truth will make its way gradually as minds become kinds of extravagances in conduct as well as in creed. prepared to receive it. If it is difficult to understand, Doubt, which has its proper place, in excess becomes it will be accepted, first by the few, and then it will unreasoning and unreasonable incredulity, and as percolate down through the various intellectual strata such it is fatal to the acceptance of new thought and until it reaches the masses in such form and in connec-

sure progress. Doubt leads to inquiry, inquiry to investigators of Spiritualism or those who have not inconviction and knowledge. A man who never doubts vestigated it at all, because of their disbelief, but .

But the ONE TRUTH, that spirits can Spirit return is a world-wide truth, and do return, is the common property filct. The conflict commences when

to the world, and on which a society is

constantly coming in one steady stream and will come to all who are prepared of all, and about which there is no con-

You cannot contract or enlarge the the conflicting spirit teachings, etc., retations that occur outside of Spiritual- truth. Words can not destroy it, nor sulting from spirit return, are presented

Simple spirit return is in all respects founded, and designated Spiritualism:

On and on through the wide, wind-filled silence and were all their lifetime subject to bondage." *******

Has anyone done as well? He had found the wealth of life to be

in the motive, in the doing, not in dollars or worldly possessions, when he found the light of Spiritualism, and up out of his noble soul came that proposition which has proven of so much value to Spiritualism.

Would that we had more such philan thropists, such generous souls as Theodore J. Mayer, the present treasurer of the N. S. A.

There are men of greater wealth in our rank who are doing naught. Their Spiritualism has not reached the soul and loosened the bonds of selfishness

Spiritualism should have the means to work more strongly along charitable lines. There is much to do for the homeless, broken-down mediums, and if we had a few more such substantial. able men, willing to do their duty, even according to their means. Spiritualism would soon be where it should be, where its teachings merit, in the front rank of beneficent institutions of this world.

Religion and Peace.

In his address of welcome to the international Peace Congress recently. Secretary Hay said he agreed with Tolstoi that religion was the remedy for war. In view of the world's history, it seems a strange assertion to make. Religion has been the cause of more wars than all other causes combined.

Of course the Secretary meant the Christian religion, and yet to-day the most aggressively warlike nations of the world are so-called Christian nations. These are the nations that burden themselves with armies of soldiery. and expend millions upon millions of money to create naval monsters of destruction, largely as a matter of defense against each other.

Certainly, looking to the past and the present condition of affairs, and the variike attitude of Christian nations, it does not seem same and reasonable to claim that the Christian religion is the remedy for war.

With far greater reason could the claim be made for Buddhism as the religion of peace.

In view of the church's bloody history, it would almost, if not quite, seem that the proper and direct way to abolish war would be to abolish the Christian religion.

Alderman Carey's Dream.

Several persons were injured in the collapse of part of an apartment building in course of construction. The building is owned by Alderman Thomas Carey, and was about half-completed.

According to the reports in the daily press, Alderman Carey said that when he received word that the building collapsed, he was not'surprised.

"No, I wan't a blt surprised," said the alderman. "Last Tuesday night I could not sleep because I dreamed that my building had fallen. I could plainly se the walls crumbling away and I could hear the cries of the injured. The dream was vivid and, when I was told

"The idea opens up a vast field of speculation."

Here is another charming bit of fact concerning animal nature as manifested by the bird family, and showing a mental link connecting birds and humans: "Even in his boyhood days, William D. Scott, curator of the ornithological museum at Princeton colloge, exercised peculiar power over birds. The most timid of songsters would come at his call and light on his shoulder. The evidences of this power increased as Scoti

grew older, and for over thirty years he as studied the members of the feathered tribe at close range, making the acquirement of knowledge of birds his life occupation. It was because he knew more about birds than any other man in America that he was called to Princeton some years ago to devote himself to the department of ornithol-

ogy. Now he is to have the dream of his life realized. C. C. Worthington, a mill ionaire, has furnished funds to build what might be called a laboratory for the study of live birds, and Mr. Scott is to have charge of it. It will be the only one of its kind in the world. Fifteen years ago he began to collect the live pecimens that were attracted to him and he now has over 500 of them to stock the laboratory with. Each one of the 500 is the personal friend of Mr. Scott. When liberated they return to fire is but a painted fire." him and light on his shoulder in the vard. He does not hold them cantive by force. They do not care to leave hīm.

One of the peculiarities of his method is that in no case will be confine a bird against its will. His aim is to have the man, the atonement and the second advent. Moreover, the greater part of feathered creatures act in a perfectly this revolution of Christian doctrine has taken place in the last ton of fifnatural way.

"The new laboratory will be fitted een years. with big cages, giving the birds ample room to fly in, and there will be soundproof rooms for the study and classifi cation of bird songs and bird language. The daily study of given specimens will include a record of growth, habits, health and temper of individuals, as well as variations of different species and heredity. One specially interesting section will be the department of talk-ing birds and the facilities for scientific study here will surpass anything ever

attempted. Several acres of field and woodlands have been secured in Monroe county, Pennsylvania, and temporary buildings have been erected for laboratory use. Changes and additions will be made to suit the requirements. The millionaire friend of the new enterprise has prom-ised to pay all the bills, and no expense will be spared in securing live birds from all parts of the world as Mr. Scott may desire. He will assisted in his re-searches by students from Princeton, and naturalists of international repute have signified their intention to devote part of their time to the researches of the laboratory.

It is an established fact that man possesses the power to hypnotize animals; also that animals can hypnotize man. This has been proved by many well attested instances.

lowing almost incredible extract İs ticle. The name and number of the from a sermon of Jonathan Edwards: card are omitted."

"The world will probably be convert Let us give credit to whom credit is ed into a great lake or liquid globe of due. The Progressive Thinker was the fire in which the wicked shall be overforerunner of Dr. Funk and the daily whelmed, which shall always be in press in bringing this very injouity to tempest, in which they shall be tossed to and fro, having no rest day nor light. Spiritualists are not all fools. night, vast waves or billows of fire concowards or laggards. Let the work of tinually rolling over their heads, of the able New York Clergyman open our which they shall ever be full of a quick eyes to the fact that trickery will inevsense within and without: their heads. itably be unmasked-murder will outtheir eyes, their tongues, their hands, lime avenges every deception. Be hontheir feet, their loins and their vitals est from policy if you cannot from prinshall forever be full of a glowing fire. ciple. A chain is only as strong as its enough to melt the very rocks and ele veakest link. Why is not Dr. Funk an monts. Also they shall be full of the ideal Spiritualist, proving all things, but most quick and lively sense to feel the holding fast only to the genuine? torments, not for ten millions of ages, but forever and ever without any end

A BATTLE ROYAL.

In like manner Jeremy Taylor, The Open Court, which attracted preaching on the same subject, says: world-wide attention and did a vast "God's heavy hand shall press the amount of good, will be followed by smart and the sorrow, the guilt and punishment, out from all our sins, and A BATTLE ROYAL, commencing some our them into one chalice and mingle ime in November. J. S. Loveland, a hem with an infinite wrath, and make master mind on the Pacific coast, at the wicked drink off all the vengeance tacks Dr. J. M. Peebles'-late book, "Oband force it down their unwilling session, Demonism of the Ages." and throats with the violence of devils attempts to annihilate this work by the learned Doctor. Others will write pro and accursed spirits. The torment comprises as many torments as the body of man bath joints, sinews and arand con on the subject, making A BATteries, being caused by that real and TLE ROYAL, that every Sniritualist penetrating fire of which this temporal should witness. . Price of the book \$1; postage, 19 cents. These frightful teachings, it is need

Every Spiritualist in the land should less to say, have now been gradually modified, and the same may be said of read A BATTLE ROYAL. Call your nost of the fundamental doctrines of neighbor's attention to the paper, and the Christian religion, such as the ininduce him to subscribe. spiration of the scriptures, the fall of

To Those Attending the Convention, or the World's Fair.

To the Editor .- Permit me through the columns of your valuable paper to

Every modern minded preacher must offer to the delegates and visitors who experience great anxiety and unhappiexpect to attend the forthcoming conver ess in view of the present unsettled tion in St. Louis, a little advice regardcondition of the public mind in refering accommodations.

During the World's Fair all the hotels ence to these topics. He can not shut his eves to the fact that there has been are overcrowded and we found it impos a great change and he is conscious that sible to arrange for general headquarhe himself has undergone a change, ters at terms that would come within He honestly believes that, in spite of the reach of most of our friends. There tere at terms that would come within these changes of form in these is, however, abundance of accommoda tions in rooming and private houses for all who may desire to come at reason tripes, the essence remains and the foundations of faith are unmoved and able rates. Many of our own people mmovable-and still he is in trouble.

One reason is that religious specula- who do not make a business of renting tion is fatal to devotion. Doubt and rooms have thrown, open their spare plety are the poles asunder. The effect rooms for visitors. The rates are from f unsettled views on the prosperity of 75 cents to \$1 per day per person, the church is almost as great as that of where two persons share a room. A sin ownright infidelity. Another reason is gie room can be had from \$1 to \$2 per that if the preacher shows in his serday. Meals can be had at the many mons that his mind is running in the restaurants at prices from 25 cents up people infer that he is thinking more clety are arranging to furnish meals at t that sort of thing than he is saying, the Temple for those who desire to and the effect is not only to chill the ar-dor but to undermine the faith of his able to attend convention this year as fock. On the other hand-and this is cheaply as heretofore, and will be quite a third reason for trouble-if he ignores as comfortable. Friends, make up your the change or combats it many of the mind to come to the convention, and as people of his congregation get weary a side attraction we offer you the

of him and drop out, even if they do not greatest exposition the world has ever leo doubt his sincerity. It would be a wise man, in deed, who tions can write me. Please state if you also doubt his sincerity. would be able to give wholesome and want a single room or will share. En helpful advice in such a case. There is close stamp for reply

is there not in this fact an indication only one thing that can be said with of mental relationship between man perfect confidence, and that is of a gen. 5535 Theodosia Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

the assimilation of new views and methods.

unwise. These conditions of mind depend very large- friends toward skeptics, often those who are honestly ly upon temperament, education and environment. A investigating the phenomena and are as yet unconmultitude of circumstances combine to form opinions. vinced and indisposed to make any statement of their Beliefs are not formed by mere volition. One can- position, is very much like the attitude of the theolo-not believe or disbelieve as he chooses. There are gians towards honest skeptics who are not prepared thousands of things which one would like to believe to believe in the dogmas taught from the pulpits or to but in the absence of proof cannot. There are a thou- accept the Bible as a divinely inspired production. Insand things which one would be glad to disbelieve, vite people to investigate the claims of Spiritualism but which by the force of events have to be recog- but do not condemn them because they are unable to nized as true. Belief being a product of inherited accept its truths. If, while accepting some, they are mental conditions and of circumstances which cannot not able to adopt all the ideas that are current among be controlled or determined by the individual, is the mass of Spiritualists, they may be no less worthy, therefore involuntary and cannot be a matter of morally, and indeed, they may be very much nearcr moral merit or demerit. It is, of course, agreeable to the truth, for much that is taught now under the come in contact with those whose views are broad, name of Spiritualism has but a tentative value and is whose spirit is generous, and whose attitude is court- useful only as a stepping stone to higher and broader cous, but such persons are so by reason of their na- views. In other words, current ideas respecting Spirtures, and of the individual and social environment in which they live and move. The narrow man is so, not by his own choice, but by reason of circumstances be- tions respecting other subjects of investigation and yond his control. Therefore nothing can be more ir- belief. ..

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DREAMS AND PROPHECIES. BY GEO. B. FERRIS By No Means Until "ACTINA"

then God openeth the ears of men and sealeth their instruction."-Job xxxiii:15.

"If there be guardian spirits, they may not be in actively about us in sleep; and many strange hints, instigations, and discourses, which are so amazing unto us, may arise from such foundations."-Sir Thomas Browne.

To the thoughtful Spiritualist and critical investiresearch. It is, moreover, a subject that has not rereived its proper share of attention; and in view of meet the fate which befell her." its unusual importance from a practical standpoint it seems strange that there are so many Spiritualists most, but slight attention.

If you have been almost persuaded to believe that "fog-land," I know of nothing better calculated to bring you to a knowledge that

"Where'er we go, in weal or woe, whatever fate befall

In sunny glade or forest shade, a heaven is over all,

than an earnest study of this question. If the "hue and cry of fraud" has caused you to doubt the reality of spiritual phenomena, a careful consideration of this subject is certain to materially strengthen your would be well-nigh impossible for a mortal observer wavering faith. And if the manifold difficulties in to determine this, and the problem becomes more comthe way of perfect communication with the spheres of plex when we consider that a difference of ten or fifhelp but induce a feeling of respect, amounting alables man discarnate to predict with accuracy the occurrence of events, days, months and even years beto gauge with any degree of certainly or even to she knew what hour she intended to start. But when of the matter will prove that premonitions very often roughly outline the trend of events.

Now, ere I proceed, just a word in regard to an other matter that had perhaps best be explained. I ance can be attached. Mince pie and kindred delicaare builded many terrifying and fantastic dreams, and I wish to give them due credit for all the deslumber.

And then in regard to premonitions, I have no doubt that a goodly percentage can also be traced to this same cause. Not every morbid fear is a premoniis an evidence of spirit action. There are dreams that are merely dreams and nothing more, and there are also premonitions that have no significance except as The world has great need for them. proof that the condition of a person's health is not as good as it should be.

But we will now pass on to the consideration of dreams and warnings that have an important meaning, after admonishing you to be more careful what dreams and more visions of a kind that have a purose and a value; to live right to think right, and to have fewer morbid and meaningless fears, the result of a disordered imagination, and more real premonitions and helpful advice from your spirit friends.

It will no doubt be noticed that I seem to take it for granted that our spirit friends are responsible for those dreams and previsions which cannot be logdo, except in certain instances where telepathy plays must be as plain as an open book to these spirits. an important part, and I think I have valid reasons

become known to the world at large:

sume that another twenty-four hours, at least, elapsed are as certain of the result. between the time of the dream and the receipt of the to perceive the danger forty-eight hours or more be- an ordinary mind the problem becomes too intricate reasoning that was necessary to presage an accident these, the prophecy may be as easy as that of the of this description so far in advance of its occurrence. lighting of a lamp above alluded to.' First there was the train to be taken into consideration. What time was it due to arrive at the crossing? That could easily be determined. But would it be on events, but in the following paragraph I think Mr. time to the second? This is more difficult; in fact, it as was this difficulty, it sinks into insignificance com-For instance, what time would Mrs. Chase arrive at danger avails." the crossing? Doubtless at the time of her dream she

than one minute of starting would have eliminated all the order of events is more apparent than real. For danger, the problem becomes still more complex. instance, if a premonition succeeds in averting disasam fully aware that there are many dreams-perhaps Then again the train runs on schedule, but when a ter it is seldom that we hear anything in regard to it, when for some reason or other they are more sensitive the greater number-to which alsolutely no import- person starts out on foot or travels in an ordinary for the reason that when the danger has been avoided vehicle there are many things that make it difficult to there seldom remains any proof that the warning was cies are unquestionably the foundation upon which determine the precise moment they will arrive at any valid, while if it fails, and the recipient has told, or no phase of mediumship whatever, not because they given point. And even if it could be determined that lives to tell of it afterward, it is often made public. cannot develop any phase, but simply because they do they would arrive at the crossing the same instant the Take as an example, the railroad accident above cit- not try. And so there are many who could receive served punishment they visit upon those who do not train was due there would ordinarily be no cause for ed, if Mrs. Chase had postponed her trip or exercised visions and presentiments and are not aware of the heed the admonotion that "we cat to live; not live to alarm. It is something that happens thousands of more caution the accident would have been avoided, fact. You may have dreams, but if you make no efeat." To be candid, I must say that if this cause times every day. And then when we reflect that the and there would have been no evidence to show that fort to remember them they may pass from your memwere removed, a great many people who are known as danger was foreseen and the warning given two days there was any danger of its occurrence, with the reinveterate dreamers would enjoy peaceful, dreamless previously the wisdom of the unseen guides becomes sult that her fears would have been considered in his widely read volume, "Footfalls on the Bound-

rally arises as to how long the guides were aware of the danger before they were able to give the warning. Death a change that leaves the liberated spirit an tion of impending danger, any more than every dream inane wanderer in Charles Dawbarn's "fog-land"? Indeed! Would that there were a few mortals as 'befogged" as the spirits who gave this warning.

The more we study this question the more the conviction is forced upon our mind that the spirits who in the case of Mrs. Chase above quoted. She could after ten, or perhaps five, seconds it had faded away, give these warnings must be aware of our every thought. They must also be aware of what our conduct will be in any given emergency; and further, you eat, and as a result have fewer unimportant they must be able to foresee what difficulties and what experiences of every description we will encounter, long before we are due to meet them. I do not hold to a belief in predestination, but from a consideration of this subject we are forced to the conclusion that our usual course of action must be very clearly mapped out long, long before we ourselves are aware of what we shall encounter and what we will do; oth- ble to influence any of the passengers or trainmen. erwise it would be impossible for these predictions to ically attributed to a disordered imagination. Yes, I be made. Our conduct, past, present and future, to prevent the accident, and that only through this either awake or asleep, and if we do not care to be

following prophecy, since it differs somewhat from that we should place the b

"In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep ago. It is but one of thousands that have been re- as if creation was ruled by an arbitrary being, events. Thus one believes that if he dreams of fire, sleep falleth upon men; in slumberings upon the bed; corded, many of which are more wonderful than this, changeable in purpose and swayed by human interpo- he is sure to have a quarrel, or if dark or turbulent and for everyone that finds its way into print there sition, even his own declarations would not be of cer- waters, there is sickness in store. If, it is said, a spirit are hundreds of others just as important that never tain fulfillment. He might change, repent, recede, or can impress these signs, why not impress the plain do the very reverse he promised. But when the truth? We say, because the sign is more easily im-"Laporte, Sept. 9.-Mrs. B. S. Bywater of this city, causes are known, and the laws, which are the chan- pressed. If the spirits attempted to impress the dehas in her possession a letter written by her sister, nels along which such causes run to their effects, then tails of sickness or disputation, they would be obliged Mrs. George Chase of Galien, Mich., in which the lat- these effects may be predicted. Thus we may say to call into activity the organs of fear, combativeness, ter confided her belief and fear as the result of a confidently that if we touch a lighted match to the etc., which might at once destroy the passiveness of dream which forecast a tragedy. The day following wick of a lamp there will be a flame. It is a prophecy the person, and abruptly terminate the communicagator into the subject of psychic phenomena, the the receipt of the letter by Mrs. Bywater, a tragedy always fulfilled. We know the law of gravitation, tion. By using a sign that the sleeper, during sleep, study of dreams and premonitions offers a profound, was enacted at Galien, Mrs. Chase and another sister and by it that if a person is suspended he will fall. does not recognize as significant this is avoided. But as well as intensely interesting and instructive field of being struck by a Michigan Central train and in- We prophesy this with certainty. These illustrations they do not employ signs except in those cases where stantly killed. The dream revealed that she was to are so simple it will probably be said: 'Why this is from experience they have found them necessary. not prophecy; it is knowledge.' If we take more com- The passivity of individuals varies; and often the un-It will be noticed that the above mentioned dream plicated affairs where a great number of causes con- varnished facts can be presented even when revolting, was not fulfilled until the day following the receipt of verge to one effect, we find a wider and more compre- without destroying the essential conditions, or not unwho, if not entirely ignoring the matter, give it, at the letter by Mrs. Bywater. We may also safely as- hensive knowledge necessary, but if we possess it we til presented, when the sleeper generally passes at

"On predicting events in the future of the nation or

The above offers a most satisfactory explanation of how spirits acquire their' knowledge of future Tuttle has come to a conclusion which is, to a certain extent, at least, erroncous and unwarranted. He says: "It is noticeable that premonitions of events,

whether received waking or by dreams, have little to life invisible cause you to become discouraged at teen seconds and probably less in the passing of the do with changing the order of events, which seem untimes, a thorough investigation of this matter cannot train would have prevented the accident. But great alterably fixed. A person, for instance, dreams of being drowned, or seeing another, at a certain time most to reverence, for the perfection of mind that en-

At first glance this no doubt appears to be the case, we come to consider that a difference of not more do prevent disaster, and that this inability to change manner would be difficult to determine, but it is likely sonal-experience in confirmation of this statement: the greater share of such warnings are more or less "*** My attention having been attracted to the nition is credited to a morbid imagination.

to control events so as to avoid it. This was apparent order to allow them to pass unharmed. A few seconds delay on the part of some passenger in boarding tention of making the observation." the train would very likely have prevented the tragedy, and shall we say that the spirits who presaged the accident did not try to prevent it in this manner? Or, perhaps they also knew that it would be impossi-From "The Arcana of Spiritualism" I quote the cases of failure like this it is not upon the spirit world under disadvantage in giving them to us.

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once into wakefulness."

There is an imperceptible gradation between clairdeath is a calamity that leaves the spirit wandering in letter by Mrs. Bywater. It is thus evident that the the race, not to say the individual, such an infinite voyance and other generally accepted means of comspirit, or spirits, who impressed this dream were able number of causes and effects must be known, that to munication with the spirit world, and premonitions and a certain class of dreams. Premonitions are fore it was due. Consider for a moment the depth of to be comprehensible." Yet to the mind able to grasp merely spirit impressions of unusual activity, and a condition of complete control lies just one step be-

yond. Dreams bear an intimate relation to clairvoyance; and during the interval in which the vision is being transmitted the recipient must be in a state bordering very closely on the trance. . It will also be observed that communications which are sometimes given through mediums are at other times given through dreams and presentiments.

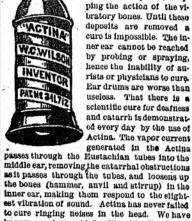
And the ability to receive premonitions and prophetic dreams is, like all other methods of spirit communication, capable of cultivation. To some the faculty is probably a natural gift, gained without effort; to others it may only come after patient and persistent effort; while others again may be so constituted that they seldom, if ever, have warnings either awake fore, by our own reasoning powers, we would be able had this fatal trip in mind. It is also possible that but I am confident that a more careful consideration or asleep, and are unable to cultivate this gift. Some people are so constituted that ordinarily they are not susceptible to spirit impression or control. It is unusually difficult for a spirit to transmit impressions to their minds, and except in times of great danger, or than usual, they do not attempt it.

And then there is another class of people who have apparent. And in addition to this, the question natu- groundless. The number of accidents avoided in this ary of Another World," relates the following per-

successful, in which case, except in rare instances subject, so that I acquired the habit of taking special where the danger is afterwards apparent, the premo- note of my sensations at the moment of awakening, I became aware, after repeated observations, that in Yet we must admit that at times the guiding spirit every instance I was conscious of having dreamed. can impress with a sense of danger and yet be unable Yet, with very few exceptions, the memory of my sleeping thought was so vague and fugitive, that even be warned, but she could not be influenced to post- and that so completely that I found it quite impossible pone her trip. And the difficulty that a spirit finds to recall or repeat my dream. After that period I rein altering the plans of mortals is further illustrated membered nothing, except that I had been conscious by the fact that the train was not delayed slightly in of having dreamed; and, to obtain in every instance the certainty even of this, I had to awake with the in-

From the above it will be seen that the more attention you pay to your dreams, the more interest you manifest in them, the more you will receive and the more clearly they will be impressed upon your mind. Our spirit friends have no time to waste in unappreci-At any rate, it is probable that the utmost was done ated and ineffectual efforts to impress and instruct us dream was there any chance to succeed. And in guided by dreams and premonitions they are laboring

But now, having barely commenced our into a subject too vast to be given more than a superficial consideration in one article of this kind, we must bring this effusion to a close. I have merely offered a few facts and theories to show the practically limitless field of research before the investigator into this branch of psychic study; and to bring the reader to a realization of the fact that, although not generally considered as such, dreams and premonitions are often only another method of spirit communication: and that, since other forms of mediumship are subject to cultivation, a painstaking effort to aid your invisible helpers by endeavoring to cultivate and underdently known as far back as Plato's time, for this phi- stand these warnings must result in making them yourself, a satisfaction to your spirit friends.



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for such a belief.

No hypothesis yet advanced, except the Spiritualistic explanation, can in a rational manner account for the various phenomena of this nature that have been observed and recorded. Other hypotheses to explain away some of the facts observed, but there of incarnate man-attributes the powers and limitations of which have never been determined, have one tithe the influence that is credited to them by a certain class of theorists and pseudo-scientists.

We have proof-absolute proof-that discarnate danger, but there is not on iota of proof that we are possessed of any mysterious faculties that can, without conscious effort on our part, probe into the distant future and take cognizance of what is to befall us, when no matter how acute our minds may be, we and possibilities that are beyond our comprehension, that it lies quite a distance this side of some of the ing after the vision came to him. " phenomena of this description that have been recorded.

its cause, that explanation which best fits all the facts It must also be remembered that Mr. McNeal ap- from an old and trustworthy volume, entitled "Auis the one that is most likely to be the correct one. peared to be in perfect health at the time he received brey's Miscellanies," would seem to show, may some-There are some visions and premonitions that telepathy can account for, there are others that other theo- that was prophesied, but his friend Provenmire's as ries can account for, but after eliminating all doubt- well. The spirits that made this prediction must other, but the influence of disembodied spirits actions, we are bound in reason and in candor, to adopt the hypothesis which labors under the least.

Telepathy can only account for those cases where the facts portrayed are already known to some other individual Thus premonitions of death at or near the time of transition can be explained by this hypothesis, and a great many such instances have been recorded. It is thus possible for a person to be made ted by the usual means of communication. But, strictly speaking, these are not prophecies, and alof discarnate spirits.

thort article published in the daily papers some time the power to predict or foreknow the effects. Where- own minds, by which they recognize the coming of they do.-Rochefoucauld.

the instance above mentioned, and offers some problems of a slightly different nature for solution :

"A. F. McNeal, a well-known citizen of Rawson, Ohio, died on the 26th of November last, after a short way be made to account for some of the phenomena illness, and now comes a strange story connected with observed, but they will all be found inadequate in his death which is fully authenticated. On the night other instances. Sub-conscious self and similar high- of January 28th last, he dreamed that he had died and flown and transcendental terms may be so juggled as gone to heaven. In the dream the date of his death, November 26, was firmly fixed upon his mind. In the impressions beside the mistakes of the invisible operis not one vestige of proof, nor any logical reason for golden city of his dreams, Mr. McNeal met Mahlen assuming that these mystical and undefined attributes Provennire, of Ada, an old friend, and asked him dreams, for a slight disturbance of the sleeper may when he had died and left the earth. Provenmire re- destroy the accuracy of the dream. This was eviplied that he died a week before. There were other striking circumstances in the dream equally as losopher seems to intimate that all dreams might be clearer, more accurate, and more efficient, a benefit to strange, which so impressed Mr. McNeal that the next trusted if people would only bring their bodies into

spirits can and do return to warn us of impending reduced the details to writing, and laid the manu- nothing that might occasion error or perturbation in script away in his desk. His wife found and read it their dreams. with fear and trembling, but said nothing, although

it made an impression upon her mind which she could not efface. On the 26th of November last, Mr. Mc-Neal died exactly as indicated in the dream, while An attendant tickled his lips with a feather and he would be unable to perceive these happenings by our Provenmire passed to the land of the unknown just a dreamed that a horrible mask of pitch was applied to usual mode of calculation. We doubtless have powers week before. Mrs. McNeal is in possession of the his face. "Eau de Cologne" applied to his nose sent manuscript containing the substance of her husband's him to dream of a perfumer's shop in the streets of but there is a limit to their field of action and I opine dream, as above recited, dated January 29, the morn-

nearly ten months before Mr. McNeal's death, and

When we observe a certain phenomenon and seek yet the exact date of his demise was correctly giventhe vision. And it was not alone Mr. McNeal's death times result in a fatal termination :

ful instances there remains a vast array of cases that necessarily have been informed regarding the exact ceived no benefit from her physicians. She dreamed none of these hypotheses can satisfactorily account physical condition of both individuals. The above for. It is entirely likely that some of the facts ob- report states that Mr. McNeal died after a sudden illserved may be the result of one cause and some of an- ness, but there were evidently symptoms which an observing spirit could discern ten months previous to counts most satisfactorily for the greatest number of their fatal termination. But is there one person on chambermaid, to compliment her, and mitigate her facts of this description, and therefore I think we are earth who would be able, unaided by superior beings, justified in attributing to spirit power the majority to determine the exact date of a person's death from of prophetic dreams and premonitions. It was Arch- natural causes nearly a year previous to its occurbishop Whateley who allowed, in his "Elements of rence? The more we consider this problem the more Logic," that "Where we cannot answer all -objec- profound becomes our admiration for the unseen intelligences with minds capable of solving problems so vast as this.

> Of the methods by which these predictions can be made and the laws governing them, I think Hudson Tuttle is well qualified to speak and the following is from his pen:

"There is a fixed belief that spiritual beings are able to predict the future; that the coming time is as aware of events that are transpiring in another part open to their gaze as the past. There yet lingers the of the world long before the facts could be transmit- superstitious feeling which once attached to the prophet, as the mouthpiece and leader of the gods. With the repudiation of the pretenses of these prophthough this particular phase of the subject offers an ets, prophecy itself, which once occupied an importinteresting and important field of study, this essay is ant place in the government of mankind, became igintended mainly to draw attention to the work of nored. The prediction of events was claimed to be spirit intelligences in this connection, and we have impossible, because law ruled, and the shaping of hisneither the space nor the inclination, in this article, at tory did not depend on the will of an arbitrary ruler

that for the very reason that law rules, fixed and un-And now, in this connection, as showing the marvel- swerving, prophecy is possible. Because of the chain because," as another writer upon this topic has said. foresight of our spirit guardians, let me quote a of causes and effects, the knowledge of causes gives "persons usually have signs, well determined in their

who either do not understand or do not heed the warnings when they receive them.

It is scarcely necessary to say that dreams and premonitions are not always to be depended on. Spirits are not always correct. It must be expected that they will sometimes make mistakes, for nothing short of a god would be infallible in predicting events so far in the future. But there are other causes for erroneous ator. This is especially true of those received in morning when he awoke in his usual good health, he such a condition before going to sleep as to leave

In illustration of the effect of outward sensations, Tuttle quotes the case of a French physiologist who had many experiments made on himself while asleep. Cairo. Any number of similar instances might be ad- | What is the great mystery that in them lies ? duced if necessary, and the lesson they convey is that In this instance we find that the vision was given we should not be too hasty in crediting our dreams to spirit impression. To ignore these facts may result in great harm, and as the following instance, quoted

> "Mrs C-, of S-, in the county of S-, had a beloved daughter, who had been a long time ill and rethat a friend of hers, deceased, told her that if she gave her daughter a drench of yew pounded she would recover. She gave her the drench, and it killed her. Whereupon she grew almost distracted; her grief, said, surely that could not kill her; she would adventure to take the same herself. She did so, and died also. This was about the year 1670 or 1671. I know the family."

This and similar cases could also be attributed to the influence of evil spirits, as a perusal of Dr. Peebles' book on "Spirit Obesssions" will readily

show. Owen also mentions the case of an Italian merchant traveling between Rome and Sienna, who dreamed that he was murdered on the road. His

host, to whom he told his dream, advised him to pray and confess. He did so, and was afterward assassi nated on the way by the very priest to whom, in confession, he had communicated the knowledge of his wealth and his apprehensions. This dream was probably caused by a malicious spirit having some grudge against the merchant. He saw that through this dream he could get his revenge. He made the attempt and was successful. The merchant walked directly into the trap laid for him.

Another peculiarity often noticed in connection with prophetic dreams is that very often they, are least, to elaborate upon anything except the influence or God. If we consider for a moment, we shall see given in the form of symbols, the event prophesied not being given literally as it is due to occur. "This is

"I give you the end of a golden string; Only wind it into a ball, It will lead you in at heaven's gate, That invitingly opes to all."

Grand Rapids, Mich. GEORGE B. FERRIS.

ELLA.

Dear little soul with the wondering eyes, Behind the darkness and behind the pain, What great lesson have they to gain?

That they shine so beautiful and clear, While earth life seems so sad and drear? Set in a casket of pain and decay, They shine with the radiance of golden day.

Looking from surroundings of darkness and gloom, So bright that we forget the pall of the tomb And think only of the soul upward and away, Spurning earth and its passing forms of clay.

Looking into thine eyes of deepest blue. I read only lessons which are true: Life and its earthly cares grow dim and small, And I see only eternal life, life over all.

I forget the petty cares of to-day And grow broader-all smallness fades away; For thine eyes do show this lesson sweet, That life, beautiful life, is not complete

In this one little narrow span Of the present expression of man. For I can read in thy soul-lit eyes. Greater life, greater work before thee lies.

For thou art standing with trembling feet Just at the foot of the mountain sweet; The pathway seems weary o'er which thou hast trod But the mountain top sweet has the smile of God.

And down, down, from its steep incline. Its radiance is mirrored in those eyes of thine; When thou hast looked up through mists of pain, Some shine has been caught, ne'er to leave again. MRS. ESTHER THOMAS BOSLEY.

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Some one writes from Rockford, Ill.

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meetings for the coming fall and winter

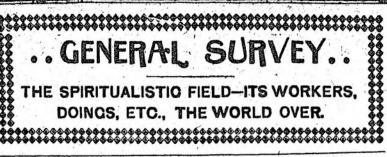
after a vacation of six weeks; opening

meeting conducted by Mrs, Clara Stew-

art on the second Sunday of September,

giving us a fresh heart impetus, and greater courage, and we feel we can

see the star in the East.' Last Sunday



into the waste basket.

um, has returned to San Francisco, Cal., and is located at 1112 Eddy street.

Mrs. Hull writes from Whitewater,

Wis.: "The Morris Pratt School is fair-

ly opened. Not all of the students have arrived. Some are expected this

week, and still others next, yet the

work is being taken up and pushed as vigorously as if all were in their places

in the class rooms. The studies this

year will be of the greatest interest

and importance; not only the regular branches will be taught but some spe-

cial work as well will enter into the

year's curriculum. Some primary work

is being taken up under special classes.

The oratory department is commanding

attention from the citizens, who are or

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interested in our cause would arrange

for meetings. I would prefer to work

in the states nearest Wisconsin until

after the holidays, and will make rea-

sonable terms to any who will write me.

hope for steady employment during

In the cities of Japan women are

seen going about the streets with long,

narrow pieces of cotton stuff, in which

they invite other women to put a few

stitches. On each piece of cloth are a

thousand black dots, and when each side has a thread passed through it by

different woman the stuff is believed

o have power to protect the wearer

from all danger in war. Very often a

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to do so. That must account for the non-appearance of YOUR article. WRITE PLAINLY.—We would like to impress upon the minds of our corre-spondents that The Pregressive Thinker is set up on a Linotype machine that must make speed equal to about four corrections. That more graphic work. compositors. That means rapid work, and it is essential that all copy, to in-sure insertion in the paper, all other requirements being favorable, should be written plainly with ink on white paper, or with a typewriter, and only on

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

TAKE DUE NOTICE, that all items for this page must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer. It will not do to say that Secretary or Correspondent writes so and so, with-out giving the full name and address of the writer. The items of those who do not comply with this request will be cast into the waste basket.

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

Dr. Millard F. Hammond, whose messages on "Compensation, the Law of the Universe," are now being published in The Progressive Thinker, and attracting much interest, will answer calls to lecture. He is a pleasing, interesting and instructive lecturer. He can be addressed in care of this office.

Oscar A. Edgerly's engagements so far as made for the lecture season of 1904 and 1905 are as follows: October, Battle Creek, Mich.; November, Findlay, Ohio; January and February, 1905, with the Spiritual Temple Society, Newport, Ky.; April with the First Spiritualist Society, Lynn, Mass. December, 1904 and March, 1905, are still open for engagement. Mr. Edgerly has been reengaged to act as chairman at Grand Ledge, camp-meeting, 1905. Address during October, No. 249 Kalamazoo street, Battle Creek, Mich.

Oak Hill Place, that beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Merrell, just east of Lake Brady, Ohio, was the scene of a joyous gathering lately. It was the occasion of the annual reunion of the descendants of the father of the host, Noah Merrell, Sr., who came to this township sixty-seven years ago. Oak Hill home never looked more lovely, more inviting, than on this occasion, and it has been the scene of many a pleasant gathering, too. Mr. and Mrs. Merrell's guests came from Pittsburg, Springfield, Cleveland, Wellsville, Kent, Ravenna, Windham, Streetsboro, Cuyahoga Falls and other points. All departed late in the afternoon, happy over a well spent day.

Mrs. Emily D. King will officiate at those wishing her services funerals, and

When writing for this paper use a pen or typewriter.

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

The Universal Occult Society holds meetings' at No. 77 East Thirty-first The Hon. R. Gilray, pastor; street. The Hon. R. Gilray, pastor; Rev. H. S. Fraser, assistant pastor, as-Take due notice that items for this sisted by Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs. R. A. Mcpage in order to insure insertion must. Menamin and Mrs. Upston, Conference at 3 p. m. Evening services at 8 contain the full name and address of the p. m. Rev. H. S. Fraser will lecture upon Spiritualism and Its Relationship writer. Otherwise they may be cast to Natural Laws. Special music. All welcome. Fred P. Evans, prominent as a medi-

Mrs. Allie Buhland writes: "Sept. 18 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Domhoff of Indianapolis, two dear little earth cherubs, nephew and neice of the above parties, received the floral spiritual baptism, their own dear loving and spiritually aspiring mother acting as sponsor She, we know, took the pledges that will cling to her being as long as activity is with her, and we are sure she will more gently and sweetly lead them along their paths here, for the memory of the spiritual presence of that day will be the means of bringing them closer and closer as day passeth day. That the ceremony performed by your writer was impressive, was proven by the tears of sympathy that coursed down the cheeks of those in attend-

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with us."

Marshalltown, Iowa.

er back with us again.

in the future."

Mrs. Kirchner, wife of the President

ganizing special classes to be taught by ance.' our teachers; an adult class in which are a number of the city teachers, and Isabelle Powderly writes: "The En glewood Spiritual Union has adjourned a boys' and girls' class; this means recfor a time. I will hold meetings every Sunday evening only. Dr. Gustafson ognition in a practical way. It is with the greatest pleasure I announce the lectured for us last Sunday on Materialfact that Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond of ization, followed by messages from the mediums, Mrs. Keisler, Mrs. Martin, Chicago, Ill., has consented to deliver a Mrs. McClere, and Powderly; good at-tendance. Sunday, the 9th, Dr. Taylor course of lectures each month at the school during the year. Probably arrangements will not be completed be-fore the holidays, but after that it is exwill lecture, controlled by King Charles, subject, the Dark Ages.' pected this valuable acquisition will be

Mrs. Emma Snow Hoyt writes from Battle Creek, Mich.: "We wish to have Thieves are generally superstitious. it known that our society is still alive and working. We had Mr. and Mrs. E. No thieves like buying absolutely new boots. In no circumstances can they W. Sprague of Jamestown, N. Y., with us for the month of September. They be persuaded to part with footgear during the period of wearing which did a fine work, made several new mem their depredations were successful. bers and stirred things up in general. They are fine workers, and any society When compelled to leave off wearing them from sheer necessity, a thief will able to employ them can get none bet have a wrist strap or some other arter. We have for the month of Octoticle he can wear made from the upber, Mr. Oscar A. Edgerly, who is too well known to need any eulogy. November, our grand old worker and resi-Correspondent writes from Galveston, dent speaker, Dr. P. T. Johnson, serves Tex.: "Mrs. Nellie S. Noyes has lately spent a season in Galveston, where her us.'

services were most heartily enjoyed. Wm. F. Ruffle writes: "Church of the In company with Mr. John W. Ring, Spirit, Schiller Building, 109 E. Ran-dolph street, third floor take elevator) the regular speaker in Galveston, Mrs. Noyes went to Houston, where her serv-Hall 301 adjoins. I am pleased to reices were so well received that arrangeport well attended meetings at both the services and circles. The ladies' class Tuesdays at 3 p. m., bids fair to be very popular, whilst the Wednesday and Fri-Houston a night as she went to San Antonio, where she attended the eighth annual meeting of the Texas day circles are well attended ... I desire State National Association of Spirit to announce that on Oct. 16, at the 11 a. m. service, Dr. J. H. Randall, will lec-Clara L. Stewart writes from White ture. We hope for a good attendance; water, Wis .: "As the school is well tests to all. There is no lecture at the the 2:30 or 7:30 p.m. service—only song service followed by messages to everyhouse assigned their respective duties. t is not necessary for me to be here one in attendance." constantly, and I would like engage

Madame Blavatsky teaches that there are seven worlds, six being invisible to the uninitiated. In regard to man, the-osophy holds that he has a sevenfold nature. He is denied individuality and the soul of man is held to be as eternal as God, never having been created.

Mary E. French writes from Clyde, Ohio: "Some few weeks ago E. W. Sprague, missionary for the N. S. A., organized a society here, chartered under the name of the First Spiritual Research Society of Clyde. Since then we have been forming a library and have between one hundred and twenty and one hundred and fifty books donated. We have works on fiction; biography, history, scientific and religious. If any of The Progressive Thinker readers, aulittle crowd of eager women gather in thors or publishing houses can send us he streets round someone who is anx- one book or more from their libraries. we will appreciate it very much. dishand

E. D. Babbitt, M. D., has removed his Referring to Henry M. Tefft, Esq., of Norwick, N. Y., who is at present visit-ing and lecturing in Ohio, a state pa-Academy of Higher Sciences from Geneva, to No. 62 East avenue, Rochester, per says: Mr. Tefft has won a great rep-N. Y. utation as a lecturer on various subjects

Mrs. LeSieur writes: "The first Band on which he speaks. Those who have of Harmony of the year met Thursday, listened to him say he is a word paint-er. Sublime thoughts, ideal images and October 6, in Hall 512 Masonic Temple, We had a large and enthusiastic gathpictures float before his mind and are ering. The afternoon meeting was de-voted to the giving of loving tribute to continually finding expression in words, He in turn astonishes, pleases, and the memory of one of our dear departed sometimes shocks his audience with the members. Mrs. N. J. Marshall. Mrs. boldness with which he puts forth some Richmond gave us a message from her, of his most radical thoughts. He does telling us how much she wished she could make us realize how happy she not argue, he asserts his positions with the apparent confidence that they are was to have made this change. The evening session, the guides of Mrs. axioms, self-evident truths, ready to be received by all mankind. He always Richmond answered questions on many leaves his audience with plenty of madifferent subjects, which were unusualterial to digest, even if they do not fully ly interesting. Many strangers were concede all that he claims. His lec résent. Mr. LeSieur gave a message tures, not only show a deep study of the past but the last word, the newest through Mrs. Mullins, and other spirit friends. Mrs. Turbett gaye several thought in science, literature, and the-ology, are all fresh in his mind. Each readings to persons in the audience.' E. J. Bowtell desires engagements sentence stands out distinct, like pearls with societies Sundays or week nights in a necklace, clear, perfect, and polfor season of 1904-5. Address 21 Wash-ington street, New London, Ct.

SEEN AND HEARD.

Brief Notes on Topics of Interest, by Hudson Tuttle.

A Startling Admission.

The Rev. Dr. Josiah Strong, president we had with us B. F. Boulen of the Morof the American Institute of Social Sci-ence, in an address before the Internaris Pratt Institute. He seems to be of determination and courage, tional Congress of Arts and Sciences at which bespeaks for him a bright future. Next Sunday, the 9th, we will have Clara Stewart, and through the month the World's Fair, made the following startling admission: of November, Will J. Erwood will be

"The ministry of to-day lacks enthusasm for the reason that it lacks a mes sage. Many a preacher speaks not be

Mrs. Carrie H. Mong, Secretary of the Indiana State Spiritualist Associacause he has something to say, but because he has to say something. tion, writes from Muncie, Ind: "The N. He illustrated this by saying that he recently talked with five New England S. A., together with the Indiana State Association will hold a three days pastors, each of whom said that if he Mass Meeting at the First Spiritualist Church, corner New York and Alabama could live over his life, he would not enter the ministry, nor would he let his streets, Indianapolis, Ind., on Friday, son enter it if he could prevent it. He Saturday and Sunday, October 14, 15

and 16, 1904. We have endeavored to continued: "It is not strange that under such cirsecure the very best talent for this occumstances there is much restlessness casion, both in speakers and platform on the part of both pastors and mediums, and can promise an interestchurches. ing and instructive time to all who at-

"It is probable that a majority of all the pastors and churches in the United States are at this moment desir-Harry J. Moore and Mrs Eva McCoy conducted meetings in the Opera House ng a change."

at Gladbrook, Iowa, last Sunday. Mr. Moore is arranging his speaking tour They may desire a change, but are chained by the bands of their inflexible in Iowa so as to get into St. Louis in They are thralls of the past, creeds. time to attend the N. S. A. reception, and fear the consequences of new ideas. which convenes next Monday evening. Address him at 104 North 1st Avenue,

is it Folly or Menace?

The following is from Newport, where the "400," supposed to be the of the Rising Sun Mission, arrived home on Thursday evening, October 6, flower of civilization hold forth in their summer homes:

after an extended tour through the East for seven weeks, during which Although Harry Lehr denies that he ever gave a monkey dinner, he cannot deny the fact that on Wednesday he time she visited a number of societies and spoke and gave spirit messages. Upon her arrival she was surprised to gave a genuine dinner to dogs to cele-brate the third anniversary of the birth meet a number of members of the Misof Mrs. Lehr's tiny Pomeranian dog which she calls Mighty Atom. sion, who welcomed her home. Quite

an enjoyable evening was spent, after Seven invitations were issued and all came. The pride of "Arleigh" sat at the bedecked table, the decorations bewhich luncheon was served, all seeming glad to have our sister and co-working the dog's favorite flowers, the cac-

tus and deep red dahlias. Silver candle-T. W. Sherk writes: "Services at the Church of Spirit Communion, 4308 Cot-tage Grove avenue, will be conducted bras were used at each end of the table with red shades. The poodles were seated in high chairs around the table, by Rev. Moses Hull, next Sunday, Octheir mistresses scated directly behind tober 16, both afternoon and evening. Messages will be given by Mr. Coates, them in order to assist the five butlers in serving the guests to the delicate and other mediums. Our afternoon meetings were opened for the season menu, which consisted of yeal cutlets. last Sunday with a conference, the en-thusiastic and exalted spirit of which, frankfurters, salads, ice cream, cigars and cigarettes and chocolates. For an "extra" more meat was served as the presaged good things for our society canines all howled for more.

this second course of meats, a birthday Mr. Ira Cross writes: "The Hyde Park Occult Society was very much cake was brought in delicately frosted with "the pride of Arleigh" fretted on favored by Dr. C. A. Burgess, Sunday evening, October 2. His talk on the top, which was made visible by three lighted candles in honor of Mighty Indian was something out of the ordi-Atom's third birthday. nary, very interesting and instructive,

The dinner over, the guests sauntered and we hope he will come and speak into the magnificent drawing room of for us again. On Sunday evening, Oc-Arleigh, but time began to draw very soul, and this society will never be able tober 16, we will dispense with the lecheavy. So the master of Arleigh called to repay her for the great good she has ture and give the mediums full swing.

shame of these ladies? They do not

ciety might attend "monkey dinners,

dogs. But there is more, vastly more.

The millions of working people read

these reports, and contrast the condi-

dogs. It is conservative to say in the

Waste and profligacy cannot forever

tution! If these wealth-mad idiots

must have monkey suppers and dog

parties, if they must surround them-

selves with obedient flunkles, in com-

mon decency let them draw the curtain

of concealment over their wantonness,

and not advertise their shame in the

Every Fifth Child a Bread-Winner.

yellow journals.

has granted us, but it becomes sacrilegious when subtracted from dependency upon the Almighty, or rejects the direcion and comfort of divine truth." Continuing, the pope says the insult was rendered the more grave by the Freethinkers meeting in Rome, depository of faith, thus taking from Rome its designation as the tranquil, respected See of Christ's Vicar.

"We, therefore," the pope adds, "will make ours the offense offered to God, gathering in our heart all its bitter ness.

He wishes Rome to unite in solemn atonement for this outrage to divine majesty, and further vindication of the honor and good name of the Holy City. Oh, for the days that are past! Oh for the temporal power once held by the pope! The diabolical spirit of intolerance is there, but the tiger's claws are cut, and his fangs broken. He can only howl his maledictions.

The pope talks bravely of "Intellience" being the "noblest gift of the Creator," yet his definition of intellience is not that of the dictionaries. To him it means thinking exactly as the church teaches, and abject obedience to his dictation!

It is galling to have the heretics set themselves down under the shadow of the vatican, and proclaim their infamous doctrines, and the pope gnashing his teeth in rage, powerless and helpless, bound hand and foot by the intelligence of the age! No Torquemada, with dungeon; rack, and thumb-screw; no auto da fe or fagot fiames possible! HUDSON TUTTLE.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.

Building a New Spiritual Temple.

As it has been some time since I have seen any mention of the work going on here in Springfield, Mo., I deem it my duty in justice to the cause and our soclety, to write you an account of the work being done here.

The Springfield Spiritual Association was organized in March, 1903, by a few faithful Spiritualists who held together and worked hard, and complained little. In January of this year we had made such large strides that we deemed it best to be incorporated, which was done inder the laws of the state. From the time of our organization to the day we incorporated, which was about nine months, we had accomplished a work that very few, if any, religious organizaions ever performed in the same length of time.

Here our society struggled against great odds, trying to build up what oth-ers had torn down. Only those who are acquainted with the situation of the Spiritual cause here can fully understand what a task we have had. But thanks to our unseen friends whom we know have guided us through aright, we have the grandest society ever or ganized in this city. In the short space of nine months spoken of we had col-

very excellent use, by our then incorporated society, by purchasing a lot on which to erect the first Spiritual Tem-

On last Monday, Sept. 26, we all reolced over the fact that the workmen had commenced the erection of this Temple, which we had worked so hard Before closing I wish to say a few words in praise of a sister who is also a member of our society. Mrs. Mary Sharron-Shaw, but the readers of The rogressive Thinker will, no doubt, recognize her by her one-time name of Mrs. Mary Garrett, of Cincinnati, O. Mrs. Shaw came to us some two months ago, from St. Louis, Mo. She has ac-After complished more good here, in the way of awakening an interest in the Spirit ual cause, and gathering new sheep into the fold, than any worker who has yet come under my observation. A worker who knows no evil, has a great big heart, and looks only on the bright side of everything. She has a grand, noble

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follows:

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should address her at Tekonsha, Mich. R. F. D. No. 3.

Georgia Gladys Cooley will serve the Spiritual Society of Geneva, Ill., Sunday, October 16. She served the society at Lima, Ohio, Monday, October 10.

"About 1875 Madame Blavatsky and Colonel Olcott, both having previously been Spiritualists, decided to go to India, ostensibly to study the ancient religions. They became wonderfully interested in Buddism, and Colonel Olcott published in English a Buddistic catechism. Madame Blavatsky began to operate in the realms of the miraculous. Among the so-called miracles she was said to have performed was when, with a party, she was dining out under the open sky, roses apparently dropped from the sky on the table. On another occasion, when on a picnic with a party of seven, it was found when they came to set the table there were only six cups and saucers. Madame Blavatsky said not to worry: that if they would go and dig in a certain spot they would find something. Some of the gentlemen dug and discovered a seventh cup and saucer of exactly the same pattern as the others.

John W. Jones writes: "Stand up. Spiritualists and voice this sentiment! All honor to the editor who, while advocating one of the grandest means for elevating humanity, dares to publish the whole truth. Let Brother Francis know his efforts are appreciated while he is yet in the mortal state."

Concord N. H., Oct. 5 .- The legality of the practice of Christian Science in New Hampshire has been upheld by the Supreme Court of the state in a decision handed down in the suit of Mrs. Jennie Speed, of this city, to recover damages for alleged injuries as the result of treatment by Irving W. Tomlihson, a Christian Science practitioner. Mrs. Spread claimed that Tomlinson had failed to cure her and that her cure was greatly delayed by the time spent in taking his treatment. The case was decided in favor of the defendant in the lower court and was appealed. The Supreme Court now affirms the decision and dismisses the bill .- Chicago American.

For ten years public morals have become so vitiated by the prevailing code of party ethics that he who exposes the public officers in their semi-legalized looting has been viewed as an enemy of his party, says William Allen White in McClure's. Only within the last four years has there been growing among the people any considerable sentiment favorable to the public servant exposed a fellow servant whom he caught stealing. But with the visible growth of moral perception in matters political among the people the lever of the party system may begin to act for the people. Spiritualists, too, are becoming awakened to the fact, that Spiritualism, pure, holest and elevating is the one thing demanded by the angel world.

All criminals are great believers in dreams. Some time ago, at Manches-ter, Eng., a daring thief awaiting trial, told a warder he had dreamed that he had seen a rainbow. From that he de-duced that he would be acquitted at his trial. 'To everyoue's surprise he was.

ious to obtain the necessary stitches for SOD OT & SWE sband, a heart. We, of Seymour, Ind., are more than pleased with the impression made by he Rev. Frank T. Ripley, of Tipton Ind. He opened the season here after two years of indifference on the part of the many Spiritualists in this vicinity. One noticeable feature was the large number of men in the audience. Twothirds of the congregation were men Our churches reverse this condition; but few men are attracted to the the Christian churches as the bosh they have to listen to drives them away. His inspirational lecture on the Philosophy of Spiritualism, was a master piece, and the eloquence of the speaker was grand. His tests were considered the most accurate ever given in this city. He is developing a new phase: he is getting independent slate-writing in the light. We had a sitting with bim, furnished my own slates. They never left our own hands, and got one of the most satisfactory tests we have ver received. He will only give these slate tests when his guides direct him to do so. He will be with us until Oct. 30. Any society needing a good speak-er and test medium will make no mistake in securing his services. Signed: John Condgon, William Durham, Geo. Frederick, J. A. Weaver, Ben McCann. Mary Speight writes: "Invitations have been issued by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Englewood Spiritual Union to a Harvest Home Festival and Ball, Saturday evening, October 15, 1904. Tickets twenty-five cents. Grand prize to be given for the best farmer costume. A good old-fashioned country supper

will be served in the dining hall. Wear your 'easy close' and 'caliker ties,' and help eat the 'punkin' pies." J. Viser of Florica, wants to know why some materializing medium does

not accept Mr. Hale's challenge, and infers that all materializing mediums are fakes. Such is not the case, my good brother. The power of spirits to materialize under certain conditions has

been thoroughly established. J. A. Toren writes: "The Church of the Psychic Forces, held at Wilcox Hall, 361 East 43rd street, is having good success at both the afternoon and evening meetings, there being great inerest shown at the conferences; every Sunday aftrnoon two good subjects given and nandled by able speakers. also draw your attention to our list of sneakers for the month of October. evening lectures: Oct. 9, Walter DeVoe; 16, Dr. J. H. Randall; 23, Dr. Louis H. Freedman; 30, Dr. C. Burgess. I wish say also that on the 23rd, Dr. L. H. Freedman will give free demonstrations in the hall in the evening. All who are sick and ailing, come up and let the Doctor cure you. He is well known on the South Side for he has cured many. Our pastor, Isa Cleveland, will be present at all meetings to give messages.

We invite everyone who wishes to investigate the grand truth." Mr. and Mrs. A. Norman, mediums for spirit photography and slate-writing have returned from the Lily Dale camp to their home at Minneapolis, Minn.,

2721 Elliot avenue. Frank T. Ripley writes: "I have been very ill. Three days ago I was very near the spirit world, but by the kindly help of the spirit world 1 am destined to remain on earth for some time."

be returned to the donors; or if unclaimed, sent to the National Library. Many homes have books that after once read are left year after year to be handled and dusted, doing no one any good, and the above is a good way to scatter not only our literature, but any good reading matter."

Mrs. Clara Wagner writes from Defiance, Ohio: "We have changed the name of our society. At first we called Jackson Park car on Cottage Grove it the First Spiritual Society of Defiance. By the request of the spirit of Anthony Wayne, we changed the name to the 'Church That Pleases God.' We have services every Sunday evening in our hall, and Lyceum on Thursday even ing. I am trying to start a Ladies' Aid Society which I think will help church. I will offer my services to lec ture and give messages, in either English or German, to any one of the adja cent towns. I hope every town will soon have a Spiritualist church so the Bible can be explained to those that are brethren. The scripture teaches us, 'Now concerning spiritual gifts, breth-ren, I would not have you ignorant. Address me at No. 407 Highland street,

Defiance, Ohio," Allard W. Weisman writes as follows in reference to Mrs. Lucile de Loux who resides at 2952 Cottage Grove ave nue: "My wife and I have traveled all over the country, and have visited mediums everywhere, and have sat in many circles and witnessed many manifestations that I regret to say, I am convinced were fraud; but I never sat in a circle where spirituality and goodness so pervaded everything and everyone as have the three circles I have attended at Mrs. deLoux's parlors. This is said without prejudice, as we only seek the truth. I would say that Mrs. de Loux's work is purely mental, and of a nature positively convincing."

Virginie Barrett writes: "I just re turned from Danville, Ill. I found very many there asking for our beautiful philosophy. The society which I served has interesting and good members, but needs more harmony for a perfect society. I was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan and her mother, who is an old-time Spiritualist. I lec tured to a number of old soldiers on their grounds, which is indeed a beautiful home for these weary ones. There are upon these grounds fountains in which pretty gold-fish pass their-time in graceful dance. Large forest trees and pretty gravel paths and flower beds can be seen everywhere. Electric lights are seen from the buildings, and the band stand with its illuminations God.' gives the appearance of a soldier tent will be pleased to hear from friends wishing my services. Address me at No. 29 Gladstone avenue, Indianapolis Ind."

Mr. A. B. French delivered a lecture for the society at Clyde, Ohio. "Hades, the Land of the So-called Dead," was his subject. The audience was delighted. The music was fine. "Only a Whisper," "Only a Thin Veil Between Us," and "Shadow Land" were beautifully sung. It is too bad that A. B. French cannot come prominently before the people again. He is a man of great eloquence and could do a world of good on the rostrum.

would glad to se ums present; they will have a chance to show whatever they can do in their line. We hope there will be enough mediums present so all will get a message. On Wednesday evening, October 12, we will have a social dance; a good time, and good music are guaranteed to all who attend; also refreshments. I think the charge is to be 25 cents. Hall at 319 E. 55th street. Take

avenue." Charles H. Green writes: "Sunday, October 2, 1904, Dr. J. H. Randall, Dr. Hammond and Mr. George Mostow of Onset. Mass., addressed the Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission, at its hall, 378 S. Western avenue. The remarks of all three gentlemen proved very interesting. Mr. Mostow is a pioneer in the cause of Spiritualism, having for more than twenty years been a staunch adherent to the cause. Mrs. N. Trafton also made a few remarks and gave some psychometric readings. evening Rev. Thomas S. Warner used as the subject for his lecture. 'Decis-It was delivered in a convincing ion.' and most interesting manner. Mr.

Hammond also favored us that evening with a few thoughts. Sunday, October 16, Mr. John N. Clarke will be the speaker, his subject will be 'Life, One and Invisible.' That evening Rev. Mrs. N. E. Hill will lecture, after which our mediums will give tests and spirit mes sages. We cordially invite all Spiritualists and skeptics to attend our meetings.

City of New York one hundred thou-sand people are in a chronic state of M. C. Matthews writes from Pittsstarvation. Their dwarfed growth and burg, Pa.: "We are glad to report that pinched faces reveal the revolting story the First Church of Spiritualists; on of deprivation. Boquet street. Pittsburg, has secured as speaker, Rev. B. F. Austin. We find flaunt their shame in the face of desti-

him an eloquent and fluent speaker, coming to us from the ranks of the clergy of the M. E. church of Toronto, Canada. He has identified himself with

Spiritualism and has become a worker in and for the advancement of the cause. He is a thorough Biblical scholar. On Sunday, Oct. 2, the subject was 'Make Yourself Over.' In the evening the subject was, 'What Does Spiritual-ism Stand For?' He said that if Spiritualism is true, it is the grandest truth ever discovered, and there is no such a thing as materialism. It brings the highest hopes to mankind. It is the very nectar of divine consolation. It stands for a religion of demonstration. We should accept nothing without an investigation based on the best of reason. It stands for the highest concept of true liberty, and the abolishment of

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a servant and told him to usher in a few cats, which he did. Many fights fol-say, "I am repaid a thousand times, by the pleasure it gave me in being able lowed, until the several ladies picked to do you all so much good." On October 9, we will have with us up their tiny treasures and called their carriages.

Rome in the height of her arrogance. for one day only, Mr. John W. Ring, of when the wealthy in wanton abandon, Galveston, Texas, National Superintendent of Lyceum Work. Mr. Ring needs strove with each other in extravagance, presented nothing comparable with no introduction to the Spiritualists, and this folly. The corrupt nobility we are looking forward with great pleasure to his coming. France before the revolution which they precipitated by their abandon, By Thanksgiving day, we expect to

gave no example of such idiocy. Think be able to throw open to the world the door of our Temple, and invite all to come in and participate in the good of it! Eight ladies-arrogating to be of the select, with flourish of footman and coachman, bring their poodles, arthings that are served from a Spiritual range them in chairs around a table set platform. As our Temple is to be of with costly viands and order the serv-ants to feed them! "Cigars and cigarstone, we expect it to stand for ages as a monument to the grand truths ettes" at the close! Have these moths and teachings of Spiritualism. of fashion taught their dogs to smoke? The officers of our society are, J. Ed.

The idiotic farce was too tame and the Black, Pres.; Mrs. Eugene Clements, servants broughts in some cats. The Vice Pres.; Mrs. Charlotte J. Dixon, ladies enjoyed the dog and cat fight ex-Sec'y., and Mr. N J. Shaw, Treas. ceedingly. Where were the humane of-ficers? Where the teeling and sense of J. ED BLACK, Pres.

PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

appear to have any. They attend the cruel polo games, and cheer the victors. [Obituaries to the extent of ten lines If the silliness was all, then there only will be inserted free. All in excess of ten lines will be charged at the rate of fifteen cents per line. About seven would be less meaning in this and similar occurrences-the "cream" of sowords constitute one line.1 and celebrate the hirthdays of their

Amelia J. Curtice passed to spirit life t North Adams, Mich., Sept. 23, in her 9th year. She had been a firm believer tion of their children with the surfeited n the truths of Spiritualism, and had een a Spiritualist all her life. Wilson Curtice, her husband, had been a medium for thirty years when he passed to the life beyond.

MRS. M. G. CRAW.

A Wife's Telepathic Message, About four years ago, while living in Baltimore, my husband was required to make a business trip to New York. did not hear from him for a week, which was rather out of the ordinary, as he is a careful correspondent. One evening I found myself sitting alone our after hour, with only a dull consciousness of being in an unusual frame

of mind. At 11 o'clock I arose to retire To make possible this extravagance, and stepped across the threshold into the children of less fortunate or en-dowed, have to be pressed into the treadmill of labor. There are almost two millions of children in the United the next room As I did.so I involuntarily ifted my foot, for it seemed to me as though I had stepped upon a vibrating wire, and at the same moment the States, pressed to toll. They begin at whole room became filled with the the tender age of ten years, in factory sound of my husband's voice. It was and mine, and this is not to count the narticulate and unusual in quality, but children of the farms whose service, ofttimes is made as severe. They work instantly recognizable, and I was re minded of the one only time I had conto eke out the scanty income of father versed with him over the telephone. and mother. They never know child I fied up stairs in terror, wringing my ands and sobbing, "Oh, something has

happened to him, something has happened to him!" In the morning a boy called with

note from my husband's employer stat. ng that he was about to leave for New York, as my husband was there ill in a nospital. Had I any word to send? By legrees I learned that he had been attacked with appendicitis at the St George Hotel and taken to St. Vincent's Hospital in an ambulance. Does this come under the head of coincidence? Cranford, N. J. ALOYSIA.

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mittee of one," is for ten copies to be sent where I think the most good will result. It is difficult to make a selection, for a thousand can be sent, where the chances are coual. I gave the matter to the consideration of Mrs. Tuttle, and as the only way I have to communi-cate with this unknown friend of the cause and express the thanks for the great help he has been, I subjoin a list garding auras and colors. of those to whom the books were sent: Rev. C. H. Parkhurst, New York; Rev. Francis Wayland Parker, President Chicago Institute; Rev. Morgan Dix, New York: Rev. Jenkyn Lloyd Jones, Chicago; M. Gaylord Wilshire, Editor Wilshire's Magazine; Dr. Chas. B. Parker, Professor Surgery Western Reserve Medical College, Cleveland, Uhio; Rev. Wilbur Fisk Tillett, Professor Sys. Theology, Vanderbilt Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Morgan Wood, Cleveland, Ohio; Rabbi Louis- Grossman, Cincinnati; Horace Howard Furness, chairman Seybert Commission,

Philadelphia, Pa. The remainder of the order to his direction was malled to Hon. Richard Bartholdt, President International Parliament: Dr. William T. Harris, Com. Education, Washington; Mercantile Liary, New York.

i James L. Dow: Q. Does the spirit world have a common surface upon are born: which spirit homes are built? If so, is that surface around the earth and at a uniform distance from 11? Does it reolve with the earth upon its axis and follow it in its orbit around the sun? is the surface of the spirit world or the 11 fame was the object, and self was foundation upon which spirit buildings are built any different from any other

"Her physical pain at that instant was more than even I, accustomed to such sights, could look upon. She beckoned to me and whispered: 'Are you going to give me some more morphine?" I nodded my head and soon was ready. She asked me for the hypodermic syringe, and whispered: 'Put in enough to put me to sleep so I can see how much it will take.' I did so. She again took the syringe, and thrusting the needle beneath her skin pushed the plunger down and I made no effort to stop lier. She went to sleep. She had

ured herself," "That is to say," I broke in, "she mmitted suicide.' "No, not that,"

"Then you committed murder."

"No, I cured her. In her case the only cure was death. It is my office to clieve suffering. There was but one way to relieve her. What 1 did **₩**₽6 done before by physicians and will be done again and again. And it is right that it should be done,"

In his investigations, the mayor consuited the leading physicians of the city and was surprised to find that they unanimously agreed not only that the "ductor had done right, but had per-formed his simple duty." Whatever may be the verdict in this

or similar cases, the leaning must be toward the position taken by the doctor. There is probably not a physician who has practiced for any time who has not had similar experience. Doctors may recl that a few of us have been growing not avowedly give an opiate with they teation of producing death, but they give doses that they know will produce it is to see soon a well organized they have a well officered, one

lation to determine how much to give to alleviate the pain and not cause death. They know in certain cases that the pain liself, by exhaustion will bring the coma of relief, which ends in death, and why allow such needless suffering? It is inculcated by the Humane Society, that when an animal is suffering hopelessly, to cut its life as painlessly as

Yot there is one supreme consideration. To grant this as right for physicians, places them above the law, and grants them a fearful power, which no human being can justly exercise over another. The conscientious physician, im-

pressed with the responsibility imposed, cannot be condemned for yielding to the voice of sympathy, and desire to alleviato suffering.

REGARDING AURAS AND COLORS. To the Editor:-I was interested in the article copied concerning Marguer-ite Gladstone Stuart, of Newport, re-

Science Monthly. A man wrote the edtor he could see the color of a person's thoughts. He said they were of various could distinguish them when the person was beyond a partition. At that time ! wrote the following

This year is to be an exemplification of the science of our views. A Philosophical Ethical Allegory.

The angel in waiting in heaven was told To take a fair circlet of gems and of

gold. And speeding to earth, give the diadem fair To him most deserving the treasure to

wear. But the angel looked not on the exter-

And not only sin's many phases passed

by, But many things seemingly worthy and high.

the goal, If love did not soften, and kindness control,

Warm Weather Spiritualists. I am very strongly impressed that down through all the ages of time there has existed a class of people who are like unto the Spiritualists. I am also inclined to think that some of the old-time Spiritualiste had a hand in making part of the book that is called the Word of God. And I think there is about as

much truth in that book as there is in Spiritualists (so-called) to day. I do lot by any means believe all that the pook contains, neither do I believe all that all Spiritualists claim and teach to day. But all that is good, all that is noble, all that is true, I want, and I accept the truth from all and any quarter be chosen, whence it may come, There was a Spiritualist once who ui-

tored the words (it is said), "Seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."" That language is as appropriate and as truthful now as race. when first uttered. Our little society though not now an

organized one, has been meeting every Sunday the whole summer, I see by your paper and also from other sources that many of the societies have disbanded till after the camps and as some express it till after the warm weather. have but very little confidence in one's religion that is so cold it can't stand a few hot nights without melting. I think they simply cease to seek and to knock. And whilst they have been tak-

ing their case and their slumber, we is no use talking against our cause, for it is the truth and will stand, whilst all

that is false and deceitful will be crushed to the earth. We have been well paid for all our labor. That old-time Spiritualist said at another time, "Happy are ye when men will say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake" (the truth's sake). Now I believe this statement as much as the first one. And if it is true, why

ere so many just the opposite to happy? It must be because their deeds are evil. Well, poor souls, I pity them, and pray sincerely that they may turn from ill their evil and false ways to seek the light. Knock at mercy's door and It

shall be opened to you. The last day of the camp we brought Mrs. F. V. Jackson of Michigan home with us, and she lectured and gave tests for us that Sunday evening, and on the following Monday evening, and on the ice cream and cake social. The hall was well filled and she gave many tests which were gladly received. It was a grand success for us socially and financially. It was so good that we will re-

A confirmation of this theory was pest it. Mrs. Jackson came back and printed some years ago in The Popular spoke for us last Sunday in the afternoon and evening. At night the hall was filled to overflowing, the best at-tendance we have ever had. She made colors, and some even were black. He many beautiful illustrations, and did not utter a word but what I could sanction. Everybody was more than pleased, and we hope to have her back with us again at some future time, and

we bespeak for the sister all the confidence and respect that a faithful and honest worker deserves. Do not be afraid to welcome her in your homes, for she carries sunshine wherever she goes. We will never forget some of the pleasant hours that she spent in our home. It put me in mind of Martha's last night with her aunt and Mrs. Aus-

tin I feel that there is a great impetus back of all our efforts. The spirit world is surely back of us. One of the greatest feasts my soul ever enjoyed was Sunday in the afternoon meeting. Mrs. Jackson had a severe sore throat and thought by turning the afternoon meetof how the various species of vegetable and animal life came on the earth.

ing into a kind of conference it would enable her to talk better in the evening. My wife made a little speech (excuse) and animal life came on the earth, me for saying it was good). She was Psychic lessons, which impart a knowl-overcome and sat down in tears, as edge of the laws and principles of medi-umshin, with Hudson Thitle's "Arcana were many others, but in a moment she

how I turned my eyes toward, her,

score or more of us. Now Mrs. Myers

knew nothing of my child's voice, as

she had never seen or heard her.

ADDRESS OF A. J. WEAVER KNOW THE TRUTH.

At the Opening of the Morris Pratt School, September 27, 1904.

these steps is the acquisition of knowl-edge which includes mental culture that

follows as a result. Knowledge is the

basis of all intellectual and the highest

moral growth. Without knowledge the

deepest sincerity will he wrecked on

life by this simple means."

every child from experience.

takes his place as head.

of knowledge.

Conditions.

Phenomena Under Conclusive Test

To day is the third opening of this At eight o'clock p. m., on Saturday school. I do not say "our school," be-cause it is not our school in any true scnse. It was founded by Morris Pratt, September 24, 1904, I met according to special agreement, W. C. Marsball of 1207 Pearl street, A. H. Waterbury of of his own free will, and given to the Spiritualisis of the world for educa-1830 Grant avenue, A. B. Montgomery and Mrs. S. E. Montgomery of 123 West tional purposes. We are only agents Bayand street, Miss Nellte C. Kline, Ho clocted each year by the trustees to carry on the work. At, any annual meeting new officers and teachers may tel Belvidere, Anna Black, 315 West 6th-avenue, E. L. Nollen, West Bayaud street, Anna B. Lainheart, 1618 Tre-mont street, A. B. Emery, 531 18th street, Oakland, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moorman, 601 Majestic Building, and The purpose of this school is to equip more thoroughly those who may altend for the work of propagating Mrs. Peterson, at the home of the me-dium, Mrs. Allce Gehring, 1618 Tremont truth, and especially the truths which are most helpful to the welfare of the street, in the city of Denver, for the purpose of testing the genuineness of Let me lay before you the general plan of the school, that you may see its the spiritual phenomena which is, and has been for some time past produced reasonableness and its use. The work

through her mediamship s divided into three departments or The house was literally turned over steps, each one of which is required to make the whole complete. The first of to us, Mrs. Gehring agreeing to all con ditions and restraint requested.

A committee of ladies was appointed who retired with her and made a thor ough search of her person for small trumpets or any other instrument by which any part of the phenomena might be produced. It is useless to say that

the rocks of error and superstition. they found nothing; so that fact is stated for the benefit of those who first means of acquiring knowledge that waste their time conjuring up excuses or other explanations of the phenomcomes to humanity is experience. It is marvelous how much knowledge one acana, rather than accepting the truth. quires during the first eight years of his All chairs and tables being removed a large piece of mosquito netting was placed over the floor. This was to head off the trap door theory, A large From one thousand to two thousand distinct words are learned and brought into use. A wider knowledge of the human body oak dining table was then placed in the center of the room. Around this table and its parts; of the visible world and lis, countless objects; of the operation came a four-cornered iron frame over which was placed another large plece of the netting. A guitar, two small bells of nature's forces and their 'results, and numberless other things are gained by and three trumpets were placed on the table. The mosquito netting which was As age advances experience widens and the increase of knowledge goes on. over the iron frame around the table, was then fastened to the floor by the A puppy and a babe born beneath the

ame roof at the same hour, and living use of carpet staples, not tacks. eight years within the same environ-The medium, having selected Mr. J. A. Patterson to sit with her, a commit ment, reveal a difference of knowledge which clearly marks an almost infinite tee of gentlemen escorted him into pri-vacy and searched him for instruments difference of nature between dog and man. With no other means but expewith the same results as in the case of Mrs. Genring, the medium. They were then seated facing each other and their rience, a human being rises by rapid strides above all other forms of life and ands bound together with waxed cord. Besides this there are other means A third piece of netting was then provided in the natural course of events placed over their heads and chairs, covby which knowledge comes. We get ering them completely. This netting was then fastened to the floor with knowledge unconsciously from other people. We get it through daily con-versation; through listening to lectures carpet staples. Then every door and window in the room was sealed and evand sermons, and through general readery occupant of the room was bound toing, Every student who comes here gether two and two, with waxed cord, and the lights extinguished.

The phenomena occurred. The bells rang. One trumpet and the guitar edge gained in these general ways. Some bring more, others less. What were thrown under the table. During the second song a voice was heard to During we attempt in this school to do is to provide additional means of acquiring join in the singing with one of the trumpets. Several of the so-called knowledge-means which, if you did not attend school, you would not be dend returned and conversed with relalikely to get-means which, if dilgently tives present. Viola, one of the medium's guides, entered into by you, will greatly widen and deepen and strengthen your amount

talked independently of the trumpet, in as clear and sweet a voice as ever fell on the ear of mortal. The phenomena lasted for about one-hour. Fraud, imposition or delusion was out of the question. The fastenings were found to be grasped and-held by the mind of the faithful student; the history of the as placed, when the phenomena were OVO

Of those fixed in their religious opin-Of those fixed in their religious opin-ion I can only <u>pays</u> "Let them alone." they are given over to their idols." And to the doubting investigator, "Come and see." W. H. HUNT. pelled to carry on with religious intol-erance and ignorance in the Christian knowledge of the Bible and the Spirit-728 E. & C. Building. . W. C. MARSHALL,

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location in space? Would a spirit build-ing or the surface upon which they are built have any resisting powers to the pare. passage of a human body or any other gross material?

Abby A. Judson in her communication published in The Progressive Thinker, No. 773, says that she has built her home upon a slight elevation overlooking a beautiful river; now 1 would like to know if that slight elevation and river was always there but was never maintain.

taken by any one until she went over

there and built on it? From whence does that river come, and where does it empty? Can a spirit pass through the material of which their house is built, and through the material which forms the surface of their country upon which

they build and walk, without its being any obstruction to them?

A. These questions arise in the mind of all who attempt to understand The state constitutions of Wyoming, the philosophy of spirit life as taught Spiritualism. The conditions of that life are different from those of earth, and we have no words to express the citizens and vote on equal terms with things we know not of. All descriptions of that world, hence, must be compara- make invidious distinctions. The mave, and the things of earth used to Il- jority classify women, idlots, criminals lustrate. So far as possible all these and unfaxed Indians, in the category of questions, which would here, to fully the distranchised. This official b consider, occupy too much space, are of inferiority reflects on the moral tone answered in the Arcana of Spiritualism of the nation. Politics-the religion of our national life-is a synonym for corand Life in Two Spheres.

Geo. Rice Jones: Q. Is a physician purity which women could infuse into fustified when a patient has an incur- public affairs is denied on the most il-able malady, and in great suffering, to logical of pretexts, while the naturalgive morphine and remove him from ized foreign felon is admitted to partie ipate in citizenship. B misery? A. This question is called out by the So lightly do we hold the claims of

case of a physician who had a patient, a men from the standpoint of fitness to lady in the highest social circles of the govern, that in fourteen states a forcity, suffering from a virulent cancer. eigner, knowing nothing of our institu-After her sudden death some of her tions or principles, can vote "on intenfriends brought her case privately be tion of being naturalized," even though fore the mayor, not wishing their suspicions for the time to be made public. American born woman, with a line of He called the physician to his office to American ancestors, is superseded by hear his version of the case, and de these alien hordes. cide if it was best to prosecute. This

is the physician's story: I know what I have done, and under half, upon no better credentials, than

like circumstances I would do the same those of sex is an injustice that mocks thing. Here was an utierly hopeless our republican motto of "equal rights case. She had at best but a few for all." months to live, and every minute would have been increased agony. Her sufferings would move a stone to tears. She often implored me to increase the dose of morphine, which I administered to ease the pain for a few minutes. 'Only a little more, doctor,' she would beg, 'just enough to put me to sleep so that I won't wake again.' The afternoon of her death she asked me for the hun-dredth time how much longer she would have to live." When I told her she prayed I might be wrong, that death would come sconer. of morphine, which I administered to

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day. Still bearing the crown be had carried away

Saying: "Rays of brightness shine forth from the brain

maintain.

thinking 1 would surely see my child face to face. . There were very few dry As the loving and tender, the humble eyes in the audience. This all hap-pened in the broad daylight and is

and true, Are decked with the hues correspond something that can be sworn to by a ingly due,

Their temples already a diadem wore More lovely than this which by order I bore.'

Juniata, Neb. C. H. DOTY.

Woman Constitutionally Classed.

Colorado, Idaho and Utah make no disknocking. Where would we have been had crimination against sex. Women are we let our meetings go by the board on account of a few warm nights. I will never give up till I can see as I am men. All other state, constitutions seen, or hear as I am heard.

The old question, H a man dle, shall he live again? My answer would be no. If a man die, he is dead; but man is not dead, because it is impossible for him

to die. Yet if we were compelled to believe that book that so many love, this ruption and vice. The morality and question woud be answered as I have answered it-No. "As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away, so he

consumed and vanisherin away, so no that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more."-Job vii: 9..."The dead know not anything, wither have they any more a reward."-Ecc, ix: 5. ""They are dead thay shall not like" "They are dead, they shall not live." They are deceased, they shall not rise."--Isaiah xxvi: 14. But by this same witness the testimony is as strong that we shall live and

shall not die. "The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised."-L. Cor., xv:52. "The hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his That one-balf of the people of the na-

tion should be dominated by the other voice and shall come forth."-John 28, 29, So I conclude that with such a con-

tradictory witness all such testimony becomes worthless. So the main ques-IDA PORTER BOYER. tion is not, is man living again? but is; does he die at all? "If a man die." "Social Upbuilding, Including Co-op-erative Systems and the Happiness and Innoblement of Humanity." By E. D. No, no, my friends, there is no such thing as death. This old body may pass back to mother earth, but the spirit, the

life, the ego, can never die. And the only sensible reason I can give is, because it always had an existence. think it very reasonable to believe that anything that never had a beginning will never have an ending. But the greatest evidence we have is,

hat we do not see them, and do hear them So let us not weary in well doing, but so let us not weary in wear things, let us search diligently, prove all things, and hold fast to that which is good. Elwood, Ind, J. L. FOSTER.

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said she did not want to - cry but she couldn't help it, and all at once a lady, Mrs. Myers, of Kokomo, with uplifted with all its powers and relations so far as taught by science; and logic, which teaches the laws by which to reason so took my wife by the hands and said: "Ob, mamma! mamma! you couldn't help it; you couldn't help it." It was

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tion to modern thought.

as to distinguish truth from error. It takes two years to cover all these. surely the grandest case of impersona-They do not by any means include all tion l ever witnessed. Now it was my the means of knowledge taught in schools; but they are the fundamental daughter speaking through Mrs. Myers, and it was as natural as life, and oh, ones. They are all that can be covered in the time specified. They prepare the student so that when he leaves the school he is ready ever after to be a seeker for knowledge—to enter the various fields of science to be a learner for life. What though the knowledge here galaed is but a trifle, it is one step in the broad road to truth, which reaches into eternity; it may be but little, yet if it is enough to kindle in the mind the love of knowledge—an abid-Oh, my dear people, such grand truths as are being fully demonstrated to us daily. All of these happy seasons ing and ever increasing love of intelare the consequence of seeking and lectual wealth-you will be well repaid for every day's time and every dollar's expense it has cost you, for leaving these halls with a fruth-seeking mind your whole future life will be like a iver whose waters broaden and deepen at every mile of its onward flow.

I have taken some time in explaining the first department in the work which is done here, because of its great im-portance. Without a continual dedesire for truth to inspire the soul, all education becomes but a mere orna-ment-a polish on the surface of life.

The second step in the school work is to acquire such a use of the English language as to be able to put all one knows and one may ever know in such form as to give it position and power among the scholars of the world. One may possess the wide knowledge of a Bacon; the mathematical genlus of a Newton, or the intellectual power of a Descarles, if be clothes his thought in barbarous English he crucifles his own

intellect on the cross of illiteracy. He defeats his own highest and best ends. He is false to himself; he commits intellectual suicide. He is attempting to dut down the

mighty trees of terror and superstition vith the blade of a jack-knife, instead

of using the keep eage of a steel axe. The worst feature of the case is that he does not know a jack-knife from an axe. In all his talk he murders the English language, and wonders why what he says or writes has so little effect, ignorant of the fact that his best ideas are distigured or obscured because leaves out the subject or the predicate, or in other ways makes othes sentence awkward and ungrammatical.

In this department we begin with spelling, followed by that of diacritical marking, grammar, rhetoric and conlinuous work in composition.

The third department, which completes the work we attempt to do, is a constant and thorough drill in oratory So many public speakers meet with ailure simply because of faults in their delivery that this work is made to reach through the whole two years' ourse. It is the herstone of the educational arch. It forlects our work?

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structive and enjoyable which the body has yet held, for it dealt with a live question and gave excellent demon-

strations of the of message giving. It was pleasant to hear one of the of-ficers say privately that this was not to

be the permanent place for holding the league meetings because the plano play-ing in other portions of the building was so plainly heard as to be an annoyance to both audience and speakers. Regular programmes are to be given on the first Monday evening of each month in some down town hall and the gatherings are to be made a harmoniz-ing center for workers from all parts of he city-a railying point for all who best can work and best agree. The North Side Spiritualists were not

out in so strong force as were those from the West and South Sides. Doubfess Prof. Ray, Mrs. Hilbert, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Fixen and others from that division will amend this record next month. The chair was filled during the even-

ing by President Warne and Vice-president Gilray. Dr. Warne prefaced his address with the explanation that the committee upon the program had draft-ed him for the occasion in his absence, and he did not wish it understood that he was in any sense a volunteer for the work. After a few words and an illustration pertinent to reformations needed in Spiritualism he took up the subject of telepathy and pointed out some very important points in which it failed to convince Spiritualists that mediumship was nothing but thought transfer-ence, at the same time cautioning ministers not to overwork this theory or they might get caught in the rebound, as in the incident of Jesus meeting the woman at Jacob's well."

The evening's address is always open to criticism by volunteers in the audience. Upon this occasion the critic seem to either coincide with or supplement the views of the speaker. Parker C. Marsh, Dr. Beverly, Brother Gilray and Dr. Freedman took part in this stage of the proceedings, and to the profit of all and the delight of old frienda,

Mrs. Maude Lord Drake, who was re called by a question from Dr. H. A. Cross after being seated and gave ser eral messages by way of illustration of psychic powers. Brother Drake spoke, all too briefly, but on the time-worn excuse for trickery that you only ge fraud from mediums when you go them with fraud in your heart, said very emphatically you never get fraud from a genuine medium and also called upon anyone to show that thought transference ever occurred without the assistance of disembodied spirits. Messages given impressionally by Dr.

. Burgess were very interesting and the audience wished for more. Mrs. Cleveland's messages were well received. Mrs. Hooper, a medium from Columbus, Ohio, was introduced and gave pleasant greetings to the audience. she may settle in Chicago for a time Materialization will be considered at the November meeting of the League REPORTER.

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SEEKING WORLD PEACE.

International Wars Are Meaningless Military Murders.

There may have been good causes tion, publishes in its June number a story which shows the depth of moral and excuses for wars between national civilizations and barbarisms of the obtuseness one must sink to in order to past; but that time has gone-by, and be an accomplished vivisectionist. the time for wars between nations to is not often an operator so simply tells cease has fully come. All future interthe truth, but we thank the physician national war contests are now merely for this particular view of nature, meaningless military murders and maiming, and crimes that are unlawful which reveals the ins and the outs of this dire art, in all its spiritual degrada in the citizen. While man lives and tion and physical agony. It is taken from "The Confessions of a Physician," a book written first in Russian, by V. continues the race in clay, the force of the parental palm may remain one of the punitive panaceas in child training; corporeal constraint and restraint, in German and English, of course attract-ing wide attention everywhere because some form, may continue to be one of the modes of maintaining the disciplinary mastery in the public schools. Peaceful men may in civil society have to repel the robbers' assault betimesby force. The city's police will have to continue to use the bludgeon on the bully, and the faultless female may at times have to resist the ravisher by force; the peaceful head of a family may sometimes have to shoot at the burglar in its defense, and the state constabulary may have to use club and revolver to stop of arrest the runaway criminal; and the sheriff may head with shotgan the posse commitatus of his bailiwick, once in a while, to preserve law and order; and the mob on the way to lynch an untried man may have to be met and matched by another one to prevent lawless murder. In such cases there seems to be reason and justica-

tion for the use of physical force. But suppose a case of the presidents of two republics, or of the royal heads of two or more kingdoms, that cannot agree on the amicable adjustment of a mere commercial transaction, and that then, instead of calling on some competent and disinterested parties to deside levy men and money in their respective nations, cast cannon and deal in dynamite, and put the battalions to the butchery of baitle, until one or the other, for the sheer lack of more men and means, and after each have wasted millions above the value of the original consideration-not to count the mur-dered and the maimed, and the pauperized families, and the myriad millions to be yet raised in pensions, and not beginning to count any heart agonies in BURVIVORB.

Suppose that after all this and much more of indescribable horrors have taken place, so that the amount and matter brighally involved as its cause, is a mere bauble and bagatelle; and suppose to adjust it, the same parties are willing, who refused to do so at the outset; the one ready to dictate most any terms, and the other helpless to refuse submission-now suppose a condition and proceeding between two nations of something like this: What hu-man soul does not wish to have the voice of an archangel and trump of God to sound out a protest against it? We are justly made to feel sad when by an unforeseen and unavoidable railroad or other accident a score, more or less, of human lives are lost, but what shall we say to the events when two or more nations deliberately plan with malice aforethought to engage each other, again and again, in battle for the express and no other purpose then to kill and maim, and so well succeed to butcher human beings by the thousands. No wonder God permits a few small accidents in innocence to man so long as man yet deliberately plans all along for wholesale slaughters that could be easily prevented by him.

War has become a too great, self-evi-dent barbarity to be continued. And it cannot help also to be in the way of future international commerce among the neutral nations. And while the peace people ought to continue to meet and talk and protest in the matter publicly, yet they ought also to pursue their ends more practically by petitioning their



Battle Royal, Between the Giant Minds of Spiritualism will begin in this A paper some time in November, upon the subject matter contained in the late book by Dr. J. M. Peebles, on "The Demonism of the Ages, Spirit Obsessions," Etc., which promises to eclipse all previous discussions.

of methods disclosed regarding medical education. The vivisector must be remorseless. DYSPEPSIA Dr. Veresaeff says: "It is necessary, to fully grasp the tremendous importance of vivisection to science, to be able to CURED understand there is but one way out of It you Suffer Irem Dysopensia, Stomach, Liver, or Bowel Trouble of any kind, read this liberal eliter, 'IT WILL BE WORTH MONEY TO YOU. Do you suffer from dysopensia, indigestion, or stomach, liver, or bowel trouble of any kind? If you they not is user area you? 'We do not mean lating Bode and Hubarb Compound, or pat-unst end sease temporarily, but in the end will only irritists and further weaken the al-ready diseased and weakened membranes the dilemma—that of stifling the re-proaches of conscience, of choking down pity, and closing one's eyes to the living agony of the animals sacrifieced. When a human being is so educated as to dehumanize him, is he worthy of trust in any position in this world? Read the following true picture, and

remember it long as an example of the degenerating effect of what Ingersoll called the cruelest cruelty. The Story of a Vivisected Monkey.

"Two monkeys of the Macacus species were purchased by our laboratory for inoculation with recurrent typhoid fever. During the three weeks they remained with us, before the commence ment of our experiments, I had time to become greatly attached to them, especially to the male speciment, whom we had namea 'Stepka.'

CONFESSION OF A VIVISECTOR.

A Practical Operator Relates a Little of

The Zoophilist, an English publica-

Veresaeff, and translated into French

His Experience.

"Whenever I entered the laboratory, he used to rush up to the front bars of his roomy cage, in expectation of a preshis roomy cage, in expectation of a pres-ent of sugar. After having fed my pets I used to let them out. The fe-male, 'Jilda,' was more timid; she would run about the floor clumsily, looking round at me in fear.

I made a slight movement she would turn and fly back to the cage. Stepka, however, treated me quite as familiar chum. As soon as I sat down ne would immediately clamber on my knees and begin to search my pockets, eyebrows lifted and his large close-set eyes peering forth with comical seriousness. Pulling my percussional mallet from my breast pocket, he would set up a suppressed cry, his eyes open wide, and then commence to examine the bright instrument with minute curi-

osity. "After having gazed his fill, Stepka would drop the hammer on the floor, and with the same melancholy seriousness, as if performing a necessary but very tiresome task, proceed with the

search of my person. "Carefully taking me by the beard, he would remove my glasses with his thin brown fingers. But all this soon palls on him. Stepka climbs up on my shoulder, sighs, looks about him, then, espying a corked phial, of a sudden-quick as 'a dart-springs on the table-his favorite amusement is the uncorking of bottles. Stepka quickly and neatly draws the stopper, stows it away in his check pouch, and tries to escape to the ceiling, via the blinds; he knows I will deprive him of his prize. I capture him half way. 'Tsi-tsi-tsi!' he chatters with displeasure, drawing in his head, screwing up his eyes, and trying to get away. I possess myself of his plaything. Stepka contemplates the scene sorrowfully. Suddenly his eyes brighten; he jamps on to the window sill and begins to chatter excitedly. Outside a cab is drawn up in the street; Stepka

cranes his neck and stares at the horse with insatiable inquisitiveness. I stroke



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An Earnest Plea for Purity in Our Ranks, and for More Efficient Humanitarian Work.

Of the many good ideas advanced by the able contributors of The Progress ive Thinker concerning the evils of fraudulent mediumship, its cause and cure, none I think strikes the keynote more clearly than B. F. French, of San Francisco, Cal., when he says:

"We are giving our central thought to the mere occult and neglecting the industrial and material, which practically are the foundation of all mental, moral

and spiritual activity." So long as the majority of Spiritual-ists place the phenomena above the philosophy and the practical application, or rather say THE LIVING OF OUR SUBLIME RELIGION, just so long will dishonest mediums monopolize the field of mediumship, and unless we wish to see Spiritualism with its infinite possi-bilities as a factor in man's development, disintegrated and weakened, fake mediumship must be banished and driven out from our ranks as a wolf

from the fold. After all that has been said and writ ten regarding this point, it would seem that further argument were unneces sary; every candid thinker must see the necessity, may the imperative duty of eliminating this monstrous evil. When we recognize the existence of

an evil, the next question is, what are we going to do about it? And some practical and concerted plan of action is petter than a useless waste of time in words.

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Byron Stillman is a devoted Spiritunlist and nessesses a a body that unfortunately has many inand we as Spiritualists hold in trust mighty possibilities and responsibili-ties, and the grave question confronts us, what shall we do with them? There can be no higher mission or." purpose for any religious body than humanitarian work; in fact it supersedes all else, and is it not clearly our duty s Spiritualists along with our quest of things spiritual, to exert and direct our best efforts and influence in the cause

of humanity and the righting of some of its grievous wrongs; the lifting and easing of some of its heavy burdens? If "the greatest study of mankind is

man" might it not be as truly said, the greatest duty of mankind is man? CORA MUNSON BLAKESLEE.

South Bend, Ind.

Synopsis of Lecture by Harry J. Moore, The following is a synopsis of the lecture delivered by Harry J. Moore be-fore the Englewood Spiritual Union, Sunday evening, Sept. 25:

Text: Proverbs22, 6th verse. We all have souls and we certainly, want them saved. In the first place, Spiritualism demonstrates that inasmuch as some spirits have returned and manifested their consciousness after. having passed through the experience called death, all human beings survive the eclipse called death.

In the second place, to my way of thinking at least, Spiritualism does not, nor can it, scientifically demonstrate immortality. It does not naturally folow that, if a soul even lives thousands of years in spirit life, it will live on un-til eternity ends. We should therefore put forth as much effort in preparing to be immortal as we do in preparing our bodies so that they may live to three ecore years and ten or four score, or in the cultivation of our minds to keep them from sinking into atrophy or death.

I am not so much concerned in having my soul saved in the hereafter as I am in helping souls in this life.

Some people tell us that if we do not beleve in certain doctrines our souls will be lost. These people, however, do not give us their authority for this warning. Now let us reason: If God made us, then we can not lose ourselves from our creator. Again: We can not No, clearly we cannot and ought not lose ourselves from ourselves providing to suppress our honest mediums. we live always in either heaven or hell. What, then, shall we do to be saved?" The plan proposed by Will C. Hodge, and all orthodox churches teach that we shall at last at some time in the fuis both practical and just, and needs only to be applied, viz., "that of forever debarring all mediums found guilty of ture either suffer or enjoy to all eternity. Now the only same explanation is, that we will drift from our relations and defrauding the public in any way whatriends in the next life, and if this be soever, from the platforms of all camp true, then that is nothing more than associations and local societies, also from holding scances on our camp what obtains in this life; so we as Spiritualists are justified in affirming that grounds." And not only that, but when life in the realm of the soul is so near. medium is caught deliberately praclike this life, that it will take some peoicing fraud, he or she should be proseple quite awhile before they can-discuted to the full extent of the law in tinguish the difference. In other words

I mean to say that there are spirits who neither believe, nor can they be con-It is not right to temporize in this matter any longer; this evil must be vinced, for some time at least, that they grappled with in an effectual manner, if have really passed through the experi-ence called death. it is ever to be suppressed; we have talked about it long enough; action is

My subject this evening being, "What must we do to be saved? or the best way to redeem the human race," I must proceed, giving my way of viewing it, to submit to you what I think is the only solution that if put into practice will eventually redeem the human race. Is it not reasonable to suppose that if we put around the mothers of the future generation the proper conditions, we will have a better generation of boys This plan if faithfully pursued cannot and girls? Is it not also reasonable to suppose that if we as men and women take as much interest in the instruction ve give our children, even before they, living by their nefarious practices, and are born into this world, there will be. fewer criminals in two or three genera-Now as to Spiritualism's golden options hence? In substance, my portunity, what is it? In the present friends, we have got to begin one hundisturbed conditions existing on this planet of ours, when everything seems lred years or more before our children are born, to instruct and mold them! When we learn that maternity is the very Christ, the only savior of mankind; when we open our eyes to this glorious truth, children will damned into this world as most of them are now, but properly born into it! O,



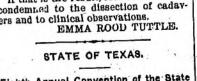
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disposed of, the chief points of interest eing the reports of the different societles of the state, which showed a marked increase in interest and growth The report of Mrs. Isa Wilson Kay ner, who has been acting as missionary

pacity the coming year. Mrs. Laura B. Payne also gave a re-

past year, which showed that she had not been idle in the great field of Texas. The societies sending in reports of their progress were Galveston, San An-tonio, Flatonia, Comanche, Houston, Marshall, Austin, Dallas, the German society of Galveston, and Smithville. The matter of ordination was discussed at length, as applications for ordination papers had been placed before

vention that the Texas State Association fall in line with the N. S.'A. and adopt such ordination usages as were adopted by that body at its last conven-



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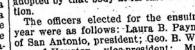
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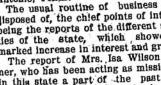
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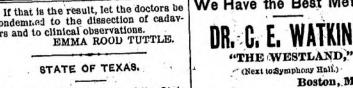
year were as follows: Laura B. Payne, of San Antonio, president; Geo. B. Wil-



in this state a part of the past year, showed successful work and she will

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the convention to be acted upon. It was unanimously agreed upon by the con-



respective governments to have to seek by friendly mediations, through their foreign ministers, and by special embassies, the preliminary adjustment of every controversy between other nations which involve the chances of war. This is one of the broad fields with great oppdrtunities; and here in 'our own beloved land, the United States of America, ought to be induced to act with its great friendly power, in the forefront of all others. Then the Church of God in Christ,

herein, ought to raise its potent voice in pulpit, pew and platform to help turn the state to favor the peaceful adjustment of all questions between them which may lead to war.

There is still another method that the peace organizations should enter to secure the abolition of international wars, and that is by using the war power of an international military alliance. If we have to have military arms in the governments why not use them for the purpose of compelling peace? And this point I cannot elaborate now, but only suggest.

And here again there is a great opportunity for "Columbia." The peace organizations ought to set their aims high enough to labor to have the United States of America to lead in the way for a peace league among a half dozen or more of the leading nations of Europe, which should seek to embrace England, France and Germany, if practicable and there should be added to the international law this foundation principle: That to The Hague or some other international court to be agreed on, there should be referred every controversy which any two or more nations cannot or do not settle peaceably between themselves. That any one of the nations that is a party to such controversy should have the right to state its case to such a tribunal and cite the others to make their appearance and come to a hearing. And that after a final decision it should stand as a settlement of the question in dispute; and then the international league of nations should back it by their combined war power-if necessary. For if we have to have war anyway, then we should use it in the interest of mercy and not for a mere meaningless slaughter: For there would be no single nation that would be so fool hardy as to attempt to resist such a force, and especially would not do so after having had its case tried and decided by an international court, which had been thus made a part of the international law of nations.

It can hardly be conceived, that this country and any of the leading nations of Europe, should ever have occasion to engage each other in the brutal conflict of a war with the modern weapons of destruction, and so they could the more easily be brought to combine and lead in the creation of this new principle of international law; and which would at the same time make a new world. And it also could be fully understood and agreed that this new ciple should solely relate to and have reference to the international, and not to the internecine strife or internal economy or conduct of the nation's affcirs, but which would remain subject to its control as before.

The peace societies have by argument and logic well enough settled the ideals of international peace; and hereafter their chief labor should be directed toward obtaining the practical results AMOS STECKEL,

Iowa Vice-President of Universal Peace Willon 1 + + +

tiently with his own little paw, settles down more comfortably, and continues to sorutinize the horse. A dominues and W M South Smithville, secretary, to scrutinize the horse. A dog runs across the street. Stepka is alert, the fur on his neck and back bristles up, his eyes become restless, and he again commences his chattering, greatly excited, and peers first through one pane, then through another. The dog runs away. Stepka scampers across the long table, upsetting glasses, and fol-lows the dog out of sight from window

to window. "One might have passed whole hours ion. in the rascal's company without being bored. I felt that a bond of common sympathy united us, and that we had arrived at mutual understanding.

"I did not like the idea of cutting out his spleen myself, and a comrade performed the task for me. When the wound healed, I inoculated Stepka with typhoid. When I entered the laboratory now, Stepka no more rushed to the bars as of yore; weak and ruffled, he sat motionless in his cage, staring at me with strange darkened eyes; every day he got worse; when he essayed to climb on to his perch, his hands failed

him, he lost his hold and fell to the bottom of his dwelling. Finally, he be-came too weak to rise at all; wasted, he lay still with grinning teeth, and moaned hoarsely. And it was before my eyes that Stepka died.

"An obscure martyr to science, he lay a corpse before me. I gazed upon that pitiful little body, upon that pretty stàte. naive little face, from which the death agony even had been powerless to efface its customary serio-comic expression, and experienced a most unpleasant feeling. To tell the truth, at heart I was a little ishamed of myself. When I recalled all his engaging little tricks and funny ways, I could not drive away certain vague misgivings as to whether my crime had been, after all, so very many times less grave than if it ha been perpetrated upon a child? Such sentimentality, in regard to the lower animals, strikes you as ridiculous! But are the criteria of sentimentality so very haid and fast and immutable? Two thousand years ago how loudly would a Roman Patrician have laughed at the sentimental person who expressed indignation at his casting a slave guilty of breaking a vase, to the murenae (i, e., the fish-ponds). In his eyes a slave was a 'lower animal,' too."

that :

Continuing, the Zoophilist tells us "Dr. Veresaeff had sensations which he says were very much like pricks of

conscience. On entering the labora tory of a colleague, one was struck by the din of groans, barking and yelping that filled the room; some of the dogs were in their death throes, others, lay still, whining feebly. The eloquent eyes of these dying dogs ennobled by their torments were 'almost human in

their expressiveness,' and filled 'him with shame. "He records the words of a great surgeon who had vivisected remorselessly; in his latter years he said, 'I would never be able to bring myself to per-

form the same cruel experiments upon animals which at one time I carried out so zealously and with such noncha-

lance." "'None of this can be denied,' says Veresneff. 'Mais que faire?' and de-clares that. 'To renounce vivisection' were to place the future of medicine in jeopardy, to condemn us doctors for-ever to the uncertain and harren naths of clinical observation."

The trustees are Alice Baker, of Dallas; John W. Ring, of Galveston; H. H. Hall, of Austin; Mr. Aikin, of Beau nont, and C. E. Godfrey, of El Paso.

Mr. John W. Ring was elected delegate to the National convention to be held in St. Louis in October. Laura B. Payne was elected alternate. Dallas was selected as the next place of holding the next convention of this associa-

The evening meetings consisting of interesting programs of songs, lectures and messages, were well attended and the greatest enthusiasm manifested. The mediums and speakers participating in these exercises were John W. Ring, Mrs. Nellie Noyes, Mrs. Alice

Baker, Mrs., Isa W. Kayner and Laura B. Payne. Mrs. Payne delivered the address of welcome, which was scholarly and elo-quent and had the office of making all

visitors, workers and delegates feel at nome. President John W. Ring responded in

a forcible and eloquent address, which was listened to with rapt attention.

All the speakers and mediums seemed to be at their best, and each one was highly appreciated by the audience, and taking it all in all this has been one of the best conventions ever held in the

Just as the convention was about to adjourn a telegram of kindly greeting from the National president, Harrison D. Barrett, was received and gladly COR read.

The Locality of a Will Pointed Out by a-Spirit.

To the Editor :- On the night of June 4, 1904, I attended Mr. Allen, W. Kiser's spiritual trumpet seance. After a while, when sitting in the circle, my uncle, Harmon Pember, came and told me his full name., He died January 10, 1848, when I was only five years old, and I did not remember him. He called me by name, and told me in the presence of all in the circle, that I must go out to his sister's house in Pemberville, Ohio, and I would find his will in a little box on the shelf in the pantry, and to take it to Judge Millard and he would probate it, and see justice done for him, and to the living kin, my sister, myself and niece. I did not have any faith in what he said, but to convince myself I went out to Pemberville June 18, and to my-surprise the will was there, and I received it from his sister. It had been concealed in the dark for 56 years. On my receiving it I complied with his mes-sage and took it to Judge-Millard and e filed it for probate in the court house in Bówling Green, Ohio, July 16, and was admitted, July 18, 1904.

There are lots of land involved in , in Pemberville, which has enhanced a value and no legal title to it; but since the dark mystery has come and cast its light on me by receiving the spirit message, it will not only make me a progressive thinker, but will lighten up the links of title of the present owners of the land whereby they may receive clean legal titles for same, and expect, since the will has come to life again I do not hesitate to say that the great power behind the throne will see hat justice will shine on us here on this middle circuit where life exists:

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passing through, the vital ine! I can see the dawning of the day arises, what is the mission of Spiritualwhen men and women will be willing to ism, and what our duty as her dissacrifice pleasures for the sake of the tuture generations! I know that when ciples?

We say that our religion has been a that day dawns we will take each other greater factor in breaking the shackles by the hand and we will say, brother or of superstition and freeing the minds sister, we are all united link into link to and souls of men from the tyranny of the endless chain of cause and effect. creeds and dogmas, than any and all other forces combined; also that it has Then Spiritualism will have indeed served one of its greatest missions on demonstrated the fact most universally earth. and the angels will again sing, longed for by the human race through all ages, the blessed truth of the soul's "Glory for the good wherever and whenever found, and on earth peace to men immortality; also the possibility of and women of good will!' communication between the

worlds, has literally erected or rather discovered the bridge between.

All true, but is this all the mission of I have seen the surface of flowing Spiritualism? Are we now to rest upon the heights attained, and congratulate rivers made smooth, solid ice by cold. I have seen this ice, congealed water, disintegrate by warmth. During the ourselves upon our superior knowledge process of disintegration, I have seen and intuition, and forever discuss and it go rushing down the great rivers like discuss it, or are we going to join our a cavalry charge of Cossacks and sweep forces and unitedly and effectively exert our influence toward redressing human away iron bridges that safely carried wrongs, and the evils which exist - evthe commerce of a nation on its mighty freight trains. I have seen erywhere?

"Are there no beggars at our gates?" these battalions of ice charge and beat No ignorant, homeless, starving chil-dren upon whom the sins of the fathers and thunder at the gates of the imperial cities of civilization.

I have seen the surface of human thought petrified by conversation, egotism and inaction. Under the warmth of wisdom's operations, I have seen this retrification break into countless projectiles and blindly at first, burl themselves against the walled cities of error until citadel and dome and tower reeled

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be grappled with and righted before the and fell. -Such is the condition on earth now. As the hugeblocks of ice that beat down human race can be truly civilized, have we not as Spiritualists great opportuni-The all obstacles to their movements, finally greatest, most inspired teachers who disintegrated and became one with have blessed the world, have taught their primal elements, so will individual opinions-diversity of thought-melt that our highest duty is to love one another, and that only by helping one anand blend into a harmonious whole. When all operations are cognized as

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