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"Plows, to go true, depend much upthe crucible of reason "To have truth and not live it is like fully frequently, and fearlessly discussed "Let us make truth catching instead on the truth of the iron." Mortimer. and fair discussion, . It 3 having lungs and refusing to breathe." it will be held as a dead dogma, not a "Truth bears the torch in the search will only thrive, and of falsehood and disease." Ingersoll. "However unwillingly a person who living truth." John Stuart Mill. "Truth depends on, or is only arrived for truth." Lucretius. a expand more rapidly. EXTRAORDINARY SPIRIT SPIRITISM AND SPIRITUALISM. THE TREND OF THOUGHT UNSUSPECTING INNOCENCE THE FEAR OF DEATH. CHURCH TAXATION. APPRECIATION OF A WORKER. MANIFESTATIONS. Notes of the Cause in Boston, Mass Interesting Letter From Archdeacon Remarkable Evidence of Spirit Power, Bar'gis Defends His Use of Cognomen. A Ringing Communication From E. C. Lectures of Mrs. D. A. Morrill of Grand "That on Which a Wise Man Thinks Colley, on Spiritualism. at St. Joseph, Mo .- Through a Dell-Reichwald. Rapids, Mich. Least is Death." Spiritisny has advanced to the posicate Boy Medium Marvelous Results To the Editor :- Well, well-as the Dear Sir:-You rightly say, p. 167 of tion of a stin nce in Boston, Mass, Spiritisment the best form of word Are Obtained-A Pyrotechnic Display, pld plantation darkey would say, "You's Mr. L. A. Seeberger, City: If there is one thing more than an "that George Mcredith is reported to have December 24, Science Siftings, manifestations. Spirit jone gone and done it." Read' what to use for spit, manifestations. Spirit is the subject threed and written about /Dear Sir :-- Quite recently I read in -The Good Work Going On. other that Spiritualists have a aid in a recent interview that doctors Spiritualistic phenomena of an at prespur venerable P. O. [past octogenarian] the daily papers an address on "Reve-nue" delivered by you before the right in admiration, it is in the ability To the Editor :-- The communication' ent inexplicable kind takes place.' and parsons are doing harm by increaslays of "Sar'gis" in The Progressive delivered by you before the of our noble speakers and mediums U is formative; al and ism in Spiritstudy of it for over thirty years, in inof W. H. M., of St. Joseph, Mo., pubing the fear of death and making the English less manly. "No one," he ad-Thinker of January 21. But such is the And all, all are by natural adaptation ualism are used to show that which re-School Principals' Club at a session lia, Italy, South Africa, ard other parts ished in The Progressive Thinker of late unsuspecting innocence generally lates to spirit. I know no good reason held in the Northwestern University building, Lake and Dearborn Sts., fitted more especially to fill a certain niche or place as instructors in this of the world, has convinced me of the December 31, failed to speak of some of led, "should consider death or think of receives when it unthinkingly rushes why these suffixes should be used with the most remarkable cases of spiritual it as worse than going from one room to another." For his own part, he says, truth of your observations,-and from nto unwelcome places. one-word-spirit-as has been in Spir formerly the Tremont House. In that great reformation or educational prowhat I say, in my opening address, as Chairman at Mrs. Annie Besant's leclevelopments ever had in the city. As the amiable, good old Doctor itualism. gramme. We can impart to others he "hopes he shall die with a good address you are reported to have said In the Rodgers family, they are havoesn't touch any position of criticism, only that which we are able to assimi-Spiritism has advanced to be a sci-'If there is a desire for more Revenue ture enclosed, you will see that I am ng developments in trance, musical no answer can be given when nothing is ence without popes or bishops. This for the city, county and the Schools of not of the sort to rush to hasty concluand art mediumship, which are very There is no objection to joyousness, has caused regrets in the minds of at issue. Of course the Open Court is Chicago, let us get it from personal Many there are who are well qualified flattering; but the most remarkable case is that of Ralph Winchester, a deleven on the solemn occasion of passing sions not organized to afford an arena for some who wanted to be popes and bish-ops in Spiritualism. I am glad that property taxation. The placing of all as instructors in the very important Yet, as I remark, my experiences personal wrangling between practition-ers before it. So the rule will not be from this form of existence to one of personal property on the tax books ought to be forced. Make it a misdeprimary departments; others for the have been equaled by few, and sur-passed by none. If occasionally-say once a month-you could give me three cate boy 12 years of age, who has most which we know nothing except by faith. intermediate branches; while only the they know they are defeated to the All the same, a frivolous laugh seems wonderful physical manifestationsviolated by this "lawyer-politician." few are fitted, or by nature qualified as a successful instructor in the higher Spiritism has won meanor on the statute books of Illinois which make the whole house tremble year 1905. o be an affectation of courage rather But, may it please the court, refer-ence may be made to what seems to be place among the sciences by aid from for failure to schedule all personal profor three hours, or until the close of parts of a page of "S. S.," I would, unthan genuine herosim. Death is no branches of learning, and each and evcommon newspapers. der the title of Experiences in Spiritualoke for those who go or those who are he seance; musical instruments are The Progressive Thinker has been a he main offense of "Sar'gis." And that This is certainly severe on the small ery one by that law. of natural adaptaleft behind. One may say: with the trust of Emerson: "The God who has ism, by a dignitary of the Church played upon, loud talkings are heard, s that instead of an impersonal signa-ure the writer does not subscribe his tion, unknown to himself, seems householder. What would you recombeacon light in Spiritism publications England, readily relate what will be both through the trumpet and inde-Liberty to express ideas causes people gravitate to his special field of usefulmend for the large tax evader? Would pendently; hands are shaken and at the published in book form with my name ed me so graciously all through this ax-paying name, or that his postoffice Spiritism has advanced ness and labor. Yes, and when that to think. when I have gone forward to rest a lityou make it a crime and send him to close of the seances Master Ralph is ife I can trust wherever he leads me,' ddress is not attached. And then the labor is well performed, and the scep-ter to another surrendered, from hearts the penitentiary for life at hard labor?. more in Boston because of free debates found sitting in his chair on the top of tle in the Beyond preparatory to an but there are those who have not been on the subject-"Is Spiritualism True?" nild, brotherly terms with which the Are you aware that there is now in a folding bed. other incarnation here for the sam led gently through this world and who loctor's controversial effusions are Cook County nearly two hundred mill--outside of the halls where Spiritual of the appreciative in the world of soul On the night of July 4, the room was trenuous life that I have this last in cannot argue from anything they have mbellished would not be so wildly diism was being taught, than by selfish he will receive the highest effcomium: ions of dollars worth of railroad and lings now had for over sixty-four years filled with spiritual roman candles and experienced in this life that another Well done thou good and faithful ser and weak writers for publication for ected. church property that does not pay any Mrs. Besant, as friend of thirty years sky rockets. These seances are strictly stage of existence will be any better. 'Suppose that instead of "Sar'gis" it ago, and neighbour when I was morning Spiritualism. private or family seances, with occataxes ad been "John Smith, 1001 Ego treet," etc. What then? Would that Socrates discoursing nobly on the im-Sometimes a few strong ideas have Mrs. D. A. Morrill in a letter to Akron The building you were speaking in lecturer at St. Anne's Wandsworth ad been sionally an invited friend. mortality of the soul just before taking riends, from her field of labor, Alliance, crept in publications for Spiritualism outside The Progressive Thinker but (the old Tremont House) does not now Our society which was organized by the forced cup of hemlock is one of the London, used to argue against my psy signature make the slightest difference pay taxes, because now occupied and chic experiences, but now you see how Ohio, wrote: "I have one Sunday in E. W. Sprague, cn Sunday evenings is to my knowledge they have been few. used as an institution of learning. An facts have altered her views. My asso entertained by Mr. Lebniner, an inspiinstitution of learning, which charges Hudson Tuttle and other writers have rational speaker, and by a Mrs. Boyer,

in the force or weakness of a single position in the article? It might have helped to a freer use, if possible, of personal epithets. And if the remark will not be construed as offensive it might be urged that if much of the writing we have to read was impersonally signed, the popular estimate of the writers might be different. That reads like a rather sensible remark-don't you think? Doesn't plain "Sar'gis" look bet-ter than if it had "Prof." or "Rev." before it, or "M. D.," "Ph. D." or "D. D.' after it?

Nom de plume is a very common reof Illinois or any other State is not honsort of modesty. In fact it requires a est. It is the same as asking for an apdegree of egotism foreign to the general propriation from the State and when to write a book, and often these cabalthe State grants the request it is an unconstitutional grant. The State of istic prefixes and affixes are a convenient form for advertising wares that are on the market. And when no wares are behind, advertisement is not needed Hence the modest impersonal signature. And then, examples are numerous and Ilustrious. To say nothing of the yet great mystery of the Junius letters and the fact that the Federalist, that text book as to constitutional government, was all written under the signatures of "Publius," "Pacificus," and "Histori-These illustrious examples of no 'Men-afraid-of-their-horses, were doubt unfortunate in not living in this of notoriety-or notoriousness. And then, again, this amiable egotism becomes somewhat of a bore when it resents criticism of what a fellow has

January not engaged, and would leased to meet an Akron audience, and lecture afternoon and evening, Jan. 29; ple before the community and pay taxes and as you have no organization will ask no price, but accept what circum-There are many other institutions of stances will allow you to pay." In this connection will only say that the same character in Chicago that own

the meetings were a success, and with very valuable property which have a the best wishes of the Akron Spirituallarge rent income but pay no taxes. You may say, "They have a special ists, au revoir. Mrs. Morrill goes to charter from the State of Illinois which ber home in Grand Rapids, Mich., to enoy a much-needed rest. While both lectures were of a high We reply that any institution that

and instructive character, the evening lecture was worthy of a more special notice, on the conflict between science and religion; and the able manner in which the subject was handled would suggest the thought that it was an emanation from an intellect the equal of a Darwin or Huxley with many years of experience and research in the spirit realm.

annually in taxes about ten thousand Mrs. Morrill is what may be termed a dollars, while it now as an adjunct to the Northwestern University with a large income from rents and tuition full trance speaker, and as there are in all professions, unoccupied space at the top of the ladder, she will by the fees pays no taxes. Is not this the equivalent of an appropriation of that much of the public money to the Northlaws of her own being gravitate to her natural sphere of influence as an instrument for the teaching of the more vestern University? It is against public policy, for under these ex-parte charters such institutions can buy large advanced thought in the ethical, philosophical and scientific field of the spirquantities of property in Chicago and have it taken off the tax list, thus disitual philosophy. At least it does seem that in the spirit world the true scien honestly throwing an unreasonable burden on the other honest taxpayers tists have in Mrs. Morrill found an instrument through whom they are able to give a full expression. And yet which is now done by these institutions

most sublime pictures in history, but there are the Hamlets who have not Socrates' convictions; and they see with equal clearness the obverse side. They may well hesitate to take the fatal leap, knowing there is no return; be the re sult for better or worse.

Spinoza said, and with good reason: "That on which a wise man thinks leas is death." This does not signify indifference, much less frivolity. It means a calm submission to the inevitable. The fear of death is a wise provision of nature and is to be overcome only when there is an imperative call to duty in behalf of humanity. Fortunately as age advances this fear of death is gradually essened-not in a bravado way, but in

happy conformity to natural law. Mr. Meredith is old enough to real ize this, but he should not encourage in younger and healthier persons an indifference to death, as if it were a matter of no real consequence after all.-Chicago Chronicle.

THE WORK IN TOLEDO, OHIO.

The Independent Association of Spirits 10 m uallsts,

The Independent Association of Spirtualists wishes to let the Freaders of The Progressive Thinker know that it is still doing husiness at the same place in the Memorial Hall, and is having the

One of my mediums or sensitives was a lady of title at Naples. Another who used to live with me for three months at a time was a Baptist minister, from Spurgeon's College, and one of my very best-still living-a little girl of four teen and member of a family attendants of a church where I was the cler

ciates in the study of Spiritualism

from the scientific standpoint, were

among the most advanced scientists and thinkers of the day, Sir W.

crookes, Sir W. Preece, Lord Rayleigh,

Cromwell Varley, Alfred Russell Wal-

ace, Trail Taylor, Professor Barrett,

Cambridge, Hensleigh, Wedgwood the

Egyptologist, and very many others.

Cox, Myres, and Sedgwick, of

Serj.

gyman, and she developed her peculiar psychic powers entirely under my own nanagement at her own home sur rounded by all that were near and dear to her-father, mother, brother and sisters. To me Spiritualism is a philosophy and a science and not at all a matler of religious gush. I eschew all that sort of thing, and hate the flapdoodle. sometimes mixed up with it. Falth-fully yours, T. Colley, Stockton Recory, Rugby, in Science Siftings.

AUTO-SUGGESTION.

It is a Most Excellent Builder and Spiritualizer.

and Spirit Obsession, by Dr. Peebles, may be a corner stone in book wisdom to stop some horrible conditions that are caused by ignorance in our nation. This ignorance is in medical people in Massachusetts, and according to recent reports on insanity and crimes it is the same in all parts of our nation. The Open Court of The Progressive Thinker is to the press the same as Faneuil Hall in Boston and Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia, were to free speech in America.

done good service for Spiritism in Bos-

ton on Spiritism, I usually sent copies

to our best soldiers in the cause and

replies came from over the nation and

usually were published in the daily pa-

Sometimes The Progressive Thinker

set up the story and its readers set

their forces in activity to teach ignor-

ant ones in Boston, till the clergymen

and newspaper editors are Spiritists

but decline to be classed among Spirit

ualists who want to be popes and bish-ops. Spiritist and Spiritism are words

of the best grammar-why are the best

any too good for such an important sci-

ence? While I am as ever ready to

teach people by argument and debate,

Mediums-as American citizens-had

ton.

pers in Boston

When an attack was made in Bos-

he caused a halt in persecution. There is much good work to be done verse.

the same religious rights as Roman Catholic and Baptist clergymen; then

such a mode of education in Boston, principle through its two-fold capacity now, is not necessary. A few years ago evolves sensoriums through which it I led in a debate during six weeks and psychologically manifests its occult for the first time in Boston, defeated powers. Sensoriums are human, and Agnostics, Christians and Freethinkers who appeared against us. From that the lower forms and the forms of dwellers in invisible realms. The sentime Spiritists here have had it easy. orium coupled with its environment, In 1904 a new holice commissioneronditions every manifestation of spirit. Methodist in religion-started to perse-Much confusion of ideas results from cute and prosecute spirit mediums. It was called to his attention that spirit not taking these facts into account in

still further

principle.

season.

summing up the consequences. Hypnotism, or psychology-the latter I prefer-is only the name for chemical attractions or polarized substance. Every manifestation of spirit is in fact psychological and includes all motion,

naid a dollar for on dealer in stomach goods can be held for misdemeanor if he sands his sugar or sells flavored glucose for maple syrupbut criticism is the only recourse open for a suffering public against the dealer mental pabulum. Now, this is not the plea of a "lawyer-politician," but a faint cry from the otherwise defenceless book buyer. Is there anything like personal assault in this platitude?

But to the gravamen of his complaining: Sar'gis recognizes fully the unwritten law, in the conduct of newspapers, and the writing of correspondents: (1) If a writer makes offensive personal charges or attacks upon other parties, he must sign his name or authorize the editor to give it to the party aggrieved. (2) No editor will allow a writer to use his columns under any other conditions.

Now, in all that "Sar'gis" has even written in reference to the books of Dr. Peebles, not a sentence, or a word derogatory to him as a man has ever been used. On the contrary every reference personal has been not only respectful but eulogistic—as a man. Even in the article he refers to he is spoken of as our "venerable brother," the "pilgrimprophet" and as a "patriarchal and faithful worker in the pioneer ranks of Spiritualism," and "as a personality ge-nial and fraternal." And these quotations are simply expressions of the personal feelings of the writer-and due the complainer.

Another reason for an impersonal signature is this: The writer of "Sar'gis is not a medium, is not a platform speaker, is not a member of a Spiritualist society of any sort, local, state or national. Has never been a teacher in any respect-only a private citizen and averse to notoriety. Being an old-time acquaintance of the editor of The Progressive Thinker, he was asked for an occasional article to help fill up the varlety that makes a newspaper. It was so agreed on condition the writer was to be incog. His request was agreed to. Mr. Francis has kept his part of the bargain, and the writer has studiously kept within the canons that govern impersonal correspondence.

With these facts-given for the gen eral reader-the fuss over "Afraid-of-his horses," "skulking," "cowardice," "shooting from ambush," "personal assault," and all that sort of talk is begging the question, and were it not for the respect due the situation, might be called childish. But it is compensating to have the venerable and distinguished author of the book tell us, that he will never "descend" again to such writing. It only need be added that the con-

tents of a book for sale on the market are legitimate subject of criticism, and the attitudes of the author-tragic, comic, or otherwise-matter of comment as the buyer and reader may look at them. And the Demonism of the Ages is replete with enough variety to satisfy a rare vaudeville entertainment An effort to cover all its variety constitutes the only conscious offence of SAR'GIS.

The manner of a vulgar man has free dom without ease, and the manner of a gentleman has ease without freedom .-Chesterfield.

Music is a prophecy of what life is be, the rainbow of promise translated the tail best fain heating with it. M. Give so no access catirely, for act-

the present time. A word now as to the exempting of the millions of church property from taxation; which is a flagrant and disionest evasion of the well known priniple which underlies the Constitution of the United States and of all the States with reference to the question of eligion, there being express provisions against the donating of the public mon-

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as all honest citizens do.

an ex-parte request.

xempts them from taxation."

asks special privileges from the State

llinois has no authority to grant such

Formerly the Tremont House paid

eys for the support of religion. We have the high authority of the late Judge Story of the Supreme Court of he United States for saving that it is unconstitutional, "for any one to be compelled to support any place of worship or • to maintain any ministry against his consent." What is this exemption of church

property from taxation but evasion? What difference does it make whether egislatures openly donate so much of public money every year to the support of the churches or whether such institutions are exempted by unconstitutional legislative action from the operation of a general tax law?

None whatever, "Tax exemption is equivalent to direct appropriation.

An exemption is simply the presentation of a receipted bill for taxes.' It s opposed to every principle upon which a republican government is founded. The theory of our government is that all interests that are protected by the State should contribute equally to the support of the State. If these institutions do not contribute to the support of the State, they are cleary not entitled to the support of the State. They are protected by our police and fire departments and if they were damaged by mob violence the City pays for the damages done, and yet they contribute not a dollar for the

protection accorded them. There is only one church building on this continent that pays its taxes, and that is located in Toronto, Canada; the only honest church in regard to living up to the express command of Christ that it worships, who said "Render unto Caesar (or the State) the things that are Caesar's," all others treating this positive command with entire indiffer-

nce It is well known that millions of dollars worth of railroad property in Cook County pays no taxes. Then why go and force all personal property on the tax books, making failure to schedule the same a misdemeanor? The small and poor householders have trouble enough now to make ends meet and it would be the height of injustice to take from their scanty means, when mill ions of valuable real estate is paying practically nothing? Is it "too much politics" in the legislature?

Being Secretary of the United Socie ties for equal taxation, I hope to take one or two cases to the Supreme court and test these unjust special privileges granted to rich corporations that pay no taxes but ask the public for all pos sible protection. I hope the Real Es-tate Board will appoint two delegates to represent your body at our meetings. Respectfully yours.

E. C. REICHWALD, Sec'y.

It is an inevitable law that a man cannot be happy unless he lives for

here shall be greater wonders. D. C. MONTGOMERY. Akron, Ohio.

PSYCHIC PHENOMENA.

Some Pertinent Remarks in Reference to the Same. Just now scientists, scholars, sa vants, and others are investigating the phenomena and philosophy of Spiritual

ism. The existing fact of such phenom ena is now generally admitted, but how and by what means produced is a matter of much controversy. A few yet re-main who ascribe all these modern-day marvels of the seance room to the evil one, but a greater number endeavor to show themselves very wise in attribut. ing them to the operations of the subconscious self and to this source alone Of late many books have been issued endeavoring to demonstrate the duplex or dual nature of man, commencing with the objective self, which gathers all knowledge possible and transmits i

to the ego, the inner self, the subjective self. This self remains in that secre temple permanently unless the outer covering, the objective self, passes into a trance or magnetic sleep. This opens the door of egress for the impris-oned sub-conscious self, and it comes forth and sets out on a wild. erratic course of action, for unless this inner celf is controlled, balanced, and kept in check by the objective self it becomes a helpless force, like a runaway team without a driver or a ship without a

pilot. The experienced Spiritualist will not deny that many most startling things are done by the subliminal self, whether the medium does or does not know t; but to say that all are so is a begging of the question-a position sure of defeat, for we claim that it is no difficult matter to separate and determine what is produced by a spirit yet in the flesh and one decarnate. What this is that takes the place of

the objective self is beyond our knowing but the fact we believe, and every soul in spirit spheres is in perfect balance and possesses complete control of every faculty and power. C. F. SHORT.

New York.

NOR TIME, NOR SPACE.

The Old Year goes, the New Year comes; And we reckon the passage of Time

with regret,-With never a thought of the endless life That is ours with God's-why do we

forget? For the soul knows naught of time, nor

of space-The spirit is life, the soul is divineind the soul, from the Father's omnip-

otent hand Has endless life in eternal time.

For eons unreckoned, for ages past; For eons unending, beyond our ken-But man, in his petty, paltry thought Lives tied by a chain in earth's mire and fen.

New are the souls who can comprehend The spirit divino that lives in them Yet knowing, can live the earth-life well. And Dity the state of their fellowmen. WILLAM EDGAR JOHNSON.

deavors is at all times to employ the est talent and give the people what they want. We make in special feature at least once a year to give one month from our platform a physical demon-stration of light battery work from the cabinet, independent slate-writing and type-written messages, trumpet in the light and messages on tablet to people

n the audience. Notwithstanding we are garnished with a certain class of physical medium killers, that never have learned the A B C or the basic principles which all true Spiritualism stands on to-day and always will for the time to come, and by so doing we are giving proof to the investigators which they could not gain by any other way, because a person's knowledge of the philosophy without the basic truth of the physical phenomena amounts to just as much from a spiritual standpoint, as a person who has learned to play a waltz on a guitar from a mechanical standpoint, without ever knowing the name of a string or how to run a scale, knows about music, and are in possession of no more than what they have learned. For a person to refute true physical phenomena who has never investigated the basic principles, it seems to me that he had better go and learn them. - -

Our president and board of managers are people who have knowledge of the spiritual philosophy in physical phe-nomena, and this is the only society which has the courage to stand before the world and demonstrate this great truth from the bottom of the ladder to the top. This is what the people want,

is proof of just what we claim, and not infringe on the orthodox creed form of trying to give the people what they can not prove to be truth. This society is to day on a financial base with \$2,200 in he treasury and soon will have a spiritual temple for the people of Toledo. Our advice to spiritual societies that wish to make a success of everything

pertaining to the cause, is to search out the proper parties who are endowed with first-class true physical mediumship, who can demonstrate good clean manifestations, and place it before your people, and be careful to form the prop er conditions for the medium to work under, and be sure that the medium is

protected from disastrous conditions Which offtimes occur. Our society has for they month-

February employed the services of Mr. J. B. Jonson of Toledo, to demonstrate from the platform his manifestations,

consisting of light battery work, of whom we have known for years and who is the most valuable in our ranks. The proper batteries of protection will will affirm. be formed for his assistance. Mr. Jon-

son is a grand materializing medium and we expect if possible, which we have all reason to believe, to demon-strate at least one, time during the month of his engagement a materializing seance in full form before several hundred of an audience, and if Mr. Hale will drop in from the West we will give him a reserved seat gratis, and he will not be expected to pay his thousand dollars for a full form of materializaion. JANES NEWTON.

Nothing is so array believed as what we least know. Mostalgae, ace. and tha

There is one cald to the hoe, has is truth -Shelly.

Self-education and man-building must require a strong mental vitality, a quickened mind to set these dynamic powers working and keep them busy. This power you will call suggestion. It is the lever of the mind which turns on the electric current and enables the man to say: "I can be what I will be." We can then reach out to every virtue and clasp it as a precious jewel and

make it a part of our being, and by thinking ourselves into them constantly and resolutely until this steadfast thought realizes itself in the things we wish. This is called auto-suggestion, or the operation of self on self, which the greater scientists have verified. It is as natural as the unfolding of blossoms on a growing plant. It is the north star in our mental sky from which we take our latitude and longitude. The science which shows us how to start and steer the all-consuming force is suggestion.

.The semi-scientific world at first ignored it, while the ignorant had clothed it with fantastic shapes and forms But such a sugtle power has enabled many men to thrill their fellowmen with an enthusiasm which led them on o victory. Yet it is not confined to the statesman or scholar, to the general on the battlefield or the soldier behind the guns, but may be cultivated by the carpenter planing a knot or the shoe-

maker sewing a welt. Call it what you will, it is both the architect and sculptor in this business of man building. It plans and chisels and polishes these stones of purpose and tact and honesty. Truthfulness, Judgment, benevolence, patience, fortitude, and kindness all find their proper place in the temple of shining virtues in this great superstructure of man building. Let us remember that it is the crucible of life's activities, its needs and its duties, its sorrows and its joys, that every human being is drawn out and educated and built up for weal or woe.

Rightly employed auto-suggestion is not a builder but a Spiritualiizer. FELIX

A Courteous Challenge to Debate Spirit-· ualism.

> The Progressive Thinker proves the value of free discussion. I invite the Spiritualist societies of

Chicago to meet me in friendly debate in their own halls on these two propo-

sitions: 1. The phenomena and philosophy of Modern Spiritualism can be explained without admitting the agency of departed human spirits. W. F. Jamieson

2. That spirits of departed human beings actually do communicate, with mankind, Modern Spiritualism demonstrates to be a fact. Jamieson denies These are important questions, I ad-mit. To my mind, Materialist though I am, they are far more important than any of the theological questions of the day. If Spiritualism demonstrates our personal conscious existence after the great change, it is the most glorious revelation that ever came to the race. I propose that the Spiritualist socie les which accept my invitation charge

small admission of fifteen cents to each meeting, each disputant making haif-hour speeches, affirmative two two hairhour spectres, infinitive opening, negative closing, one-haif the admission to go to the Spiritualist so-cley, the other half to 20, Janicson. eolaef,

Success, good health, happiness and prosperity to The Progressive Thinker's great leader as an editor in the good cause to advance useful knowledge in Spiritism on earth. Boston, Mass. AURIN F. HILL.

DR LYMAN ABBOTT.

He No Longer Belleves in a Great First Cause.

To the Editor:-How great, how dis inguished, how learned must a man be become in order to be freed from the limitations of reason and common sense? Does a high position or a great name confer upon anyone the right to talk nonsense? Of what value are the utterances of a would-be reformer who, in order to cater to sensa-

tionalism, causes his own statements to entangle and trip over each other in the most ridiculous way? When the Sunday newspapers gave the first trumpet-blast report of Dr. Lyman Abbott's so-called heretical talk. before the Harvard students, with the customary accompaniment of photo-

graphs in seven different positions. the most kindly and liberal construction many of us could put upon his language was that probably part of the words were his, part added by the reporter. Weeks have passed. We find

the same lines reprinted over and over again, and no denials or modifications. So we must accept him as saying: "If you Harvard students will be lieve me when I say that I no longer believe in a great first cause? I believe in a great and ever-present force which manifests itself in all the activities of man and the working of nature. God is energy, intelligent energy, working for good,

ng for good," etc. Think of that! Great force manifesting itself everywhere, God as inteligent energy working for good, and all this unworthy of recognition as great first cause.

"I no longer believe in a great first To-morrow the papers will pubause. lish this and brand me as a heretic." Was the "wish father to the thought" most reverend sir?

Shade of Henry Ward Beecher, how proud you must have been during the time this man rattled so noisily around in your cast-off shoes. No wonder he grew lonesome and deserted them for an editorial chair, from whence he could glorify God and the Philippine war at one and the same time. Let us pray! WM. H. HUTCHINSON.

Alzada, Custer County, Mont.

We hold it for a fundamental and unleniable truth that religion, or the duty which we owe to our creator, and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction,

as well as apparently stationary manifestation of life, for what is stationary, is only in appearance, since there are no fixed immovable forms in the uni-

a trance speaker. Through her medi-

umship we are favored with highly en-

tertaining lectures, her control being a

famous citizen of St. Joseph who con-

ducted a private female seminary here

for many years. With two famous trumpet mediums,

W. C. Jessup and Mrs. Hattle Tiffany,

holding daily seances we may look for

A Few Thoughts on the Subject of Psy-

chology.

intelligence. The law of its manifesta-

tion is two-fold. Hence the terms

good and evil, matter and spirit. The

All that exists is composed of one

development during the

Spirit is combined life and

D. W. BROWN.

These manifestations are beneficial or injurious to their immediate adjuncts according to the existing conditions that call them forth. The purpose of a manifestation determines its results. I am now speaking more of human manifestations. This purpose is not always discernable in the first or even in a se ries of manifestations. Time is a great factor in each case and should be taken into account in our conclusions as to the usefulness of any phenomena.

What to us appears to be insane, malicious or degrading power manifested for the time being through a sensorium, we judge largely from appearances to be relatively pure and true, may in reality be no criterion by which to judge of the ultimate result which the spirit is endeavoring to reach. That human spirits do psychologically influence each other for good or ill is an undisputed fact. It is also a fact that for the time being extreme suffering and apparent degradation result to some people who we suppose from what we superficially judge of their persons and characters would be immune.

Yet, here we should pause and wait the outworking of time. This may even take the individual spirits concerned beyond this earthly stage of existence a long time before what is designed by the wisdom of omnipotent nature is clearly unfolded. Patient observation governed by calm judgment and helpful services kindly rendered as existing conditions seem to demand will gradually unfold to all concerned. While on the other hand interference by minds guided by appearances serves to delay the better results and causes all to be repeated indefinitely.

Our vision should extend as far as possible into the past, endeavoring to take in the succession of causes and effects preceding the manifestation, and forward as well through the present and into the great eternities in dealing with these occult forces. Call this mysterious working of invisible power obsession or possession or what you will it is the same. Recognize it as simply natural and study its purpose with a mind divested of fear or the thought of criminality, and the beautiful and useful also will be outwrought MRS. C. H. HINKLY. at last. Grand Rapids, Mich.

LIFE IS IN THE WORLD.

Tis a rest, a joyous transit This change that we call death: then why should we seek to flee it, Or fear its chilling breath? Tis rising like the eagle . When it soars toward the sun; Tis the spirit flitting homeward

When its earthly task is done. Henceforth I'll sing with gladness. "Death was, but is no more." While my heart takes up the music

Of childhood's happy lore, For life'is all about me,

And Love, the deep and strong, Holds me fast in her embraces And soothes me with her song, While with joy my heart is singing 'Neath the banner Love unfurled,

Lo! Death hath fled to darkness, act by force or violence .- James Madi- And Life is in the world. BELLE BUSH.

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

The Open Court.

A Session, Called to Decide on the Merits of Dr. J M. Peebles' Book, "Obsession, or Demonism of the Ages." The Battle of Words Raging.

If thoughts are things, as some declare, then there are many "things" afloat in the mental and spiritual atmosphere, which will thoroughly agitate the same, and be instrumental in doing good. No one can agitate the thought realm with greater force and impressiveness than Mrs. Clara Watson. Her thoughts, being things, come with sword attachments, cutting right and left, and they generally succeed in wounding - those who are opposed to her views.

I have read "Demonism," by Dr. J. M. (and endowed with spiritual gifts and Peebles, and pronounce it the most ter- with culture and refinement, who do rible book I ever read with one excep- not cling to Jesus and who do not know tion, and that is the bible. The former that they have any use for any God. is a half-tone less terrible than the lat-SURELY NO GOD THAT- THE ter, inasmuch as the bible declares that WORLD HAS EVER HEARD OF HAS God sent out direct the demons or evil BEEN OF ANY GOOD USE TO THE 'spirits to lie and deceive and do all WORLD, BUT ON THE CONTRARY manner of evil to the people of earth, THE CONCEPT OF GOD IN THE while "Demonism" only makes God in-directly responsible for their so-called WROUGHT INCALCULABLE INJURY. presence among us, and claims they / If Jesus exists and once walked the "Come of their own free will. But if earth and is now a decarnate spirit, or "Almighty God is over all," as the au-man, and, if there are "earth-bound" thor claims, then He must be a kind of spirits, then surely Jesus must be one head manager in his kingdom, and of them, for no man carrying the enorhence indirectly must be responsible, mous load that Jesus has for near twenwhich does not seem guite so had as to ty centuries could get away from earth. directly and deliberately send out de. Think of the millions of men, women moniac messengers to do evil.

"Demonism" is a terrible, horrible place it in the hands of the young or of the over-sensitive person, as I would the bible.

I believe the book in the hands of many people would work incalculable injury by inflaming the lower, passional, brutal nature, on the one hand, and on the other hand of driving over-sensitive, over-credulous people to insanity through reading the ghastly narration of diabolism set forth in all its hideous ness and deformity.

Of its kind the mental picture drawn would inflame the imagination to the turning point as surely as the old time picture of hell and the devil drawn by the priests and preachers.

Reading the book has intensified the horror produced from scanning the With all due deference to "Review. the advanced age of the author and compiler; with acknowledment of all the good the Doctor has accomplished in his long and useful life; with appreclation for all the good books he has written, yet with Prof. Loveland I prowritten, yet with Prof. Loveland 1, 1, 2 test against making of Spiritualism a system of "Demonism." After fifty second, lack of reverence for God and Jesus-lack of the worshipful mind of the fear of devils, that has blasted the lives of millions of people, now, in the dawn of the 20th century, with all the enlightenment and prog-

and children of all grades and conditions that have been clinging to him al production, and I would be as loth to these years, heaping upon him their sorrows, sins and burdens of worldly troubles, besieging him with prayers, petitions and tears; and then think of Il the "cussing" that has, been in bulged in by both saint and sinner, and how could the poor man rise? And it s to be deplored that Spiritualists can't leave him alone and not add to the weight that tethers him to the "underworld."

The author of "Demonism" tells us that twice he has had the honor of conersing with Jesus.

Wonder how ho knew it was Jesus? How did he know it was not some demon" spirit playing on his fancy, and assuming "great historic names, as he says the demons do?

The Doctor may be laboring under a weet delusion-the same as some of the common "ignorant" folks do.

The doctor assigns two causes for the prevalence of obsessions among Spiritualists, both of which I have hinted at. and they are mighty, weighty, ponder-ous causes (?). Hear, all ye intelligent Spiritualists: First, interest in the phespirit.

I quote from Demonism, page 332: "We must have a religious organization whose articles of faith shall be the ioral. precepts Jesus of "witchcraft" as taught in the ignor- "When the above fathers in Spiritualgate evil. ant and barbarous past is a retrograde ism, Judge Edmonds, Robert Dale step, and I regret that our venerable Owen, Dr. Crowell, Professor Brittan brother, just as his feet are touching William Fishbough, A. E. Newton, Joe the shore of the "thither land," felt Jiffany, Henry Kiddle and other brave, called upon to leave to the world the unselfish workers were influencing exlegacy of a system of demonism in the ponents of Spiritualism obsessions were name of Spiritualism. virtually unknown." The author of "Demonism of the And why? 'Ages" lays great stress upon "Spirit-Because these men had too much lsm" and classes the phenomena of good sense to advocate demonism and thus hypnotize people with the hideous Spiritualism as such, and also classes those people who are interested in the nightmare of devils. The doctrine that phenomena as "Spiritists" and then Spiritualism had a system of demonism makes a broad-gauge distinction bemore subtle and dangerous than that of "Sniritists" and Sniritualists. Christianity with its cloven-footed montween ster, had not then been conceived. and then further claims it is the Spiritists who open the door to obsessing But where are these good men What are they doing in the spirit state? spirits. Why can they not exert an influence for Holy Fathers! To be told that the magnificent spirit portrait of my arisen good on carth now, if bad men in spirit father (whose mortal life was good and can influence for evil? "Demonism" given through the phenomena of declares that bad people - have greater Spiritualism under strictly test condipower to do evil on earth after death tions through the Bangs Sisters, medithan when in the body, and that good ance of his spirit helpers. people have less power for good after ums, in which phenomena I was intensely interested, had opened the door death than before, thus clinging to the old Christian idea of the supremacy of to demons to obtrude their hideous presence into the domicile of my being! evil or wrong over right and good. But I do not believe it. Indeed I know And yet a human being all bad was better. never known, but on the contrary so Surely Dr. Peebles' latest effort at much of the race is good that I am told book making is open to criticism, but of by an old time lawyer that the text course the apparent object sought will books of law affirm that good instead of evil dominates the race, and "Green-leaf on Evidence" says: "The greatest be attained, that of financial returns and incidentally the advertising of himself as a divinely appointed "exorcist." liar that ever lived had told a hundred Speaking further upon the idea of truths to one lie." And now extending Spiritism," I may say that I suppose the thought, why not a hundred good

actions to one bad one? etc.

ing prevalance of obsession.

says:

etc.""

If bad people have greater power for

evil after death than before, and exer-

cise that power on earth, as Demonism

declares, and good people have less in-

fluence for good here, after death than

before, how long will it be before the

The author of Demonism tells

that, "devil and demon are not contro-

vertible terms, and should not be used

synonymously," and yet all through the

thus used. Here is one illustration

The author in speaking of Swedenborg

Swedenborg, wrote, and this is what Swedenborg wrote: 'The devil's most

deceitful machinations are unutterable

sessed) was clairvoyant and could see

she (it was the spirit of a woman) died

still again: Dr. Peebles claims at one

time to have carried on written corre-

spondence with a den of demons, and

page after page of Demonism is devot-

ed to this alleged correspondence

through a medium, and in this ingeni-

man, is recorded. One of the demons

writing to the Doctor is made to say:

We have no worship. We are natural-

ists; or materialists, of the Ingersoll

type of man. He is doing good work

"Treating of evil spirits he

Again. "The patient (or ob-

And again. "'The devil said

book in evidence submitted, they are

The logic of

And

An Antidote for Mrs. Clara Watson's Views.

Personal evidence that Obsession is a Fixed Fact, is presented by a thoughtful student of large and varied experience in Occult fields, J., Barton Stewart. The facts he brings to light will do much to blunt the sharp sword-thrusts of Mrs. Clara Watson, and to and were injuring them. "Why," I asked, "do you not go throw a halo of Light over Dr. Reebles' work on Obsession. Never before in the whole history of Spiritualism, has a discussion awakened greater interest than the one now going on in the Open Court.

When a great problem arises for fully for good? for disease and obsess-thinking, reading and investigating ions. This fact has made him compe-minds to solve, they naturally and ra-tent to judge the hypnotic, mesmeric tionally ask of those who have stud-ied and had experience regarding that problem, and not of those who are still spirits, and still further were all spirits, and still further were all spirit phenomena and philosophy swept into oblivion except the one book theorizing, who are without experience; so in this problem of Obsession we look to the student, the healer, the Ages," we would have the phenomena experienced, to the testimonies of advanced spiritualized beings, to the testimonies of those spirits obsessingrom these sources only can we expect ter,-"Spiritualism as It Is; and the to attain truth. Message It Has for the World;" Who are these students of obsession?

Are they superstitious ignoramuses, enough to forever save the world from and how did they attain to the knowl- a system of demonism. edge and experience that they possess? Dr. J. M. Peebles, minister, lecturer,

ex-consul to Asiatic Turkey under Grant's 'administration, Mason, Odd Fellow, Fellow of the Anthropological Society, London; the Psychological Association, London; the Academy of Arts and Sciences, Naples; member of the International Olimatic Association:

American Institute of Christian Philosonhy: the Victoria Institute and Philosophical Society of Great Britain, which eent him as their delegate to the instal-lation of Prof. James, President of the Northwestern. University, Evanston, spirit power is the greatest danger 111., he was sent to represent the United Spiritualism has to face. Denial is not Statess Arbitration League in Paris, is a member of the Universal Peace Union of Philadelphia,

Dr. Peebles has devoted over sixty years to spiritual truth, spiritually angel forces of both the baptized by Orient and Occident, grand guardians, and companions of this our world investigator of substance, space, time and

spirit. The thought, the power, the wisdom attained by spiritual research, persistent study, travel, spirit communion and communications, the gathering of relia-ble testimonies, these belong pre-eminently to Dr. J. M. Peebles as to other writer or speaker; none have passage and seating room left. Fordrank so deeply of the life of the leading races, in almost every land, studied their history from two sides of life The very atmosphere of that library viback into the dim distance of past civilizations and past races, ever asking ity from Oriental to that present hour. Spirit?" His To my inner sight it glowed with a Whence and what is long vears of interrogation have not been vainly recorded in the higher spirit realms, and in a thousand varied furnish. There was not a scintilla of ways and places have those interroga- witchcraft, superstition or fear there, tions been replied to, on the bosom of but mighty truths, scientific principles. tions been replied to, on the bosom of the mighty oceans: in the homes and palaces of native and foreign lands, on

the summit of great Cheops and Her-mon, or mid cooling shades and crystal waters, or under the soft light of the eternal stars, alone, or teaching and dom, upe up through the years guiding healing amid the throng, in the land of and guanding four stimes around the the English, French, German, Italian, Greek, Mohammedan, Egyptian, Brahmin, Confucian, Polynesian, Mexican, or native land, ever has the angel world been replying, and today in our libral

ries can and should be found those an-gel truths he has compiled and written for us. '+ Dr. Peebles has become universalized in his love for the welfare of the races, perceived the truth that obsessions are

the natural results of ignorance and sin When their critics shall have grown up through all ages, and will continue to to them. Seers of the ages, they have not

"01 session, or 'The Demonology of the the philosophy of Spiritualism from the criminal to those of the grandest spiritual conception. His thirty-third chap con tains spiritual truths grand and wise

WE MIGHT JUST AS WELL BAY THAT BECAUSE THERE FRAUDS AND CRIMINALS IN ARE THE MIDST OF CIVILIZATION TO-DAY, OUR CIVILIZATION WILL BECOME SYSTEM OF FRAUDS AND CRIMI-NALS, AS TO SAY THAT BECAUSE DESESSING SPIRITS RETURN, WE WILL HAVE A SYSTEM OF DEMON-ISM, OR THAT CRIMINALS DO NOT COMMIT CRIME, AND FRAUDS DO NOT DEFRAUD, AS THAT OBSESS.

ng spirits. ING SPIRIT COMMIT NO WRONG. The ignorance of the full range of spirit power is the greatest danger a remedy, can never change facts. Truth and the laws of self-protection must form the bulwark against the evil inclined; these Dr. Peebles has given to the world in his great book. Many a medium's soul has anguished after listening to a spirit give his or her message, to find it every word false.

really what their critics declare them, and be called by the sitter fraud spirit, ignoramuses, superstitious. Is it prejudice, or ignorance on the part of In the summer of 1003 I spent five the critics that they make such statecours in the library and presence of ments? Dr. W. Yates of Chicago, Books, magazines whose

appetite and sleep left him. He would deny using it. His splendid constitureviews, periodicals, spiritual and secvoice and pen, whose healing and reular papers. lined the walls, and loaded lieving from the obsessing, are too well tion became wrecked. He suffered dethe tables and floor. There was only known to admit of local or distant critlirium, was taken to a sanitarium se icism, is intellectually, morally and cretly where he could be treated, spiritually clean, clear and strong, a eign and domestic mail came. A stenchange and the great necessity for his future, the treatment given, all aided to were busy. noble advocate of truth.

break their power, but a struggle has existed ever since in the effort to over-Dr. Peebles' book refers to many brated with intelligence and spiritualhealers relieving and curing obsession, come. He was moral and unaware of whom I have not space to comment on. Spirit Faraday, who before transition the cause-the craving of a spirit or was electrician and chemist of the

spiritual brilliancy. I was in a realm this world with all its wealth could not spirits. A shoemaker of Englewood, Chicago, in 1899 became obsessed, was taken to Royal Institution, England, writes from spirit realms, and from one of his many pamphlets, "Obsession," I quote: "As the amanuensis of spirits gloria detention hospital. Then Spiritual-ists took him under their care and in a

The very walls seemed walls of protectfled in form, having made spirit and ive magnetismo In spiritual vision I mortal conditions their study for centuwas carried back to Dr. Peebles' earliries in an atmosphere of truth, I seek est moments, the beginning of an angel to embody their ideas in language to guardianship of spirituality and wismortals.

"Not one in ten thousand enters the spirit realms with a true idea of its reworld and never an accident. They alities, and drift in thought and feeling poured on him their sweetest thoughts, the blessings of grand spiritual truths, taken to an asylum. I saw this man. He sat in a hypnotic to the only state of life in which they have ever perceived sensation, find choices, health, broadest ... experiences themselves within the atmosphere of large opportunities, - successful labors, the earth, to which they dling with ers of obsessing spirits; his will as if spiritual authorship and world-wide recnearly as much tenacity as though liv-Oh! ye oritics, are the angel guard ng in the physical body. They seek no other pleasure than to still live there. "The motive impulse of all action be-longs to the spirit instead of the flesh, ians of Dr. J. M. Peebles ignoramuses? Oh! that the depths, the richness of such lives could be comprehended. which in the absence of stimulus is without evil, and the whole catalogue of mental crimes are often stimulated nfluence to a degr snirit.

tions glean from the Bible self suitinf texts, or interpret to suit their

some of Summerland's theorizing that

The Professor says, "Man can have

Is the motive of the bandit productive

of happiness to either himself, or the

person he injures? Are his motives, or deeds productive of other than evil?

Had Salem's witchcraft been under

Rome did not die with the dark ages

"Physical appetites and passions are

Now the spirit is a necessity for the

being of the physical body, its sum total of properties, therefore according

to the Professor's logic, when the body

A man came to our home to do some

work. He started at twelve o'clock to

come twenty blocks on a street car, and

liquors and impel him to drink that I

may be able to draw upon him for

their essence. Collins was not a Spir-

loved by his church, but unknown to all

he had secretly come into the habit, or

rather the influence of opium spirits;

In 1878 I lived in the house

hem of cruelty and bigotry.

physical body dies they die."

dies the spirit dies. Does it?

Jail him, when freed he is likely

ceased to persist in evil doing?

no motive which does not include the

we take up just here.

desire for happiness.

Let us fear, kat as fear ignorance fear mere theory, the clothing of truth with the wrong garments, fear the velling of it that we see it not, misinterpret it, call it by some other name, and go on stumbling, suffering, dying of beauty or interest to bestow the in insane asylums—you may call it by some other name—its name is OBSESname Summerland, as I looked out over it to the Pacific, lacking a convenient SION Ohi

man of earth, truth must come It is not exclusiveness that gives the must live, be seen, heard and felt, if re demption ever comes to both spirit varied experiences that go to prove the and mortals. phenomena of life, but it does furnish Strong of will, brave of heart, fearopportunity for theorizing, and it is

less of truth is our noble author of "Obsession.'

Angels of light and wisdom have not left their work half finisned. They have guided and guarded Dr, J. M. Peebles in their rounding out of truth for mankind.

Read, oh, reader, read. J. BARTON STEWART. Chicago, Ill.

steal or murder. Doesn't 116' persist in his evil conduct. Take his physical body from him, what proof that he has

Strange New Shrub That Cures Kidney and Bladder Diseases, Rheumatism, Etc.

Is there an infallible spirit police force to protect all sensitives? The re-We have previously described the new botanic discovery, Alkavis, which proves a specific cure for diseases caused by Uric acid in the blood, or disports are, they are neglecting their order of the Kidneys or urinary organs. stood there would have been found both good and evil spirits operating It is now stated that Alkavis is a prodact of the well-known Kava-Kava through both persecutor and persecut-ed. The spirit of the inquisitors of Shrub, and is a specific cure for these diseases just as quinine is for malaria. nor did a few hundred years putify

Hon mr the many testimonials received the four.R.C. Wood, of Lowell, ind, writes that in and weeks Alkavis cured him of Rheumatism sta Kidney and bladder disease of ten years' maling, and Prof. Edward S. Fogg, the noted Evangelist, of Covington, Ky. gives similar testimony. Many ladies also testify to its won? womanhood. a necessity for the being of the physical body, its properties and when the

The only importers of Alkavis so far are the Church Kidney Cure Company, of New York, and they are so anxious to prove its value that for the sake of introduction they will send a free sample of Alkavis prepaid by mail to every reader of The Progressive Thinker who the is a sufferer from any form of the is a sufferer from any form of Kidney, O. or Bladder disorder, Bright's Disease,

Rheumatism, Diabetes, Dropsy, Gravel, Pain in Back, difficult or too frequent passing water, or other affliction due to improper action of the Kidneys or Urinary Organs. We advise all sufferent to send their names and address to the-8. company, and receive the Alkavis encers, tirely free. Address Church Kidne Cure Company, No. 404 Fourth Avenuevo. New York.

PUBLIGATIONS Hudson Tuttle,

Library of Spiritual Literature.

STUDIES IN THE OUTLYING FIELDS few weeks he returned to his shop OF PSYCHIC SCIENCE.

This work essays to utilize and ex-plain the vast array of facts in its field Dark, fiendish spirits had been coming to him and heard to threaten him in of research by referring them to a comthese words: "We have got you! You shall be ours!" A customer complained mon cause, and from .hcm arise to the of the mefficiency of his work, and he laws and conditions of Man's spiritual drew a revolver and shot him. His being. Third edition. Price 75 cents. was LIFE IN TWO SPHERES.

In this story the scenes are taid of --- ? earth, and in the spirit world, present-ing the spiritual philosophy and the real life of spiritual beings. All questions which arise on that subject are answered. Price, 50 cents.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF SPIRIT AND THE SPIRIT WORLD. English edition. Price, \$1.

THE ORIGIN AND ANTIQUITY OF

MAN.

TO, AND DRAW UPON THE VITAL FORCES OF A MORTAL; OF SPIR-ITS DOGGING THE FOOTSTEPS, AND TERRORIZING BY WORD AND POWER A HELPLESS AND INTEL-LIGENT SENSITIVE; NOT ONE SPIRIT ALONE, BUT A STRONG BAND, SUBTLE, DEFIANT, DETER-MINED, PERSISTENT, MISLEADING, DESTRUCTIVE IN THER SUGGES. DESTRUCTIVE IN THEIR SUGGES TIONS AND HYPNOTIC POWER. Some of the spirits had sought the patients not knowing what else to do,

away?

beach

duty.

itualist.

Some did not wish to, while others claimed that they had become so com-mingled with the mortal magnetism, electricity and auric forces that they were as if imprisoned, held as the mag-net holds the steel, showing that the will or desires had naught to do with their presence; they had come and renained without recognition on the part of the patient. Such a state of being is

injurious to both mortal and spirits. Besides those magnetically held, there are those who come and go at will. I saw four of those around one patient. They said to him: "Heal thy self. You are greater than Christ. Let us have full control. We will take care of your tuture. Smell the brimstone! We are going to torment and burn you," and he described his sensations as if every nerve in his body was

a vein of fire. Prof. Loveland says that in scientific hypnotism thought and feeling are combined," hence wonderful results, Correct; the above a case of hypnotism by obsessing spirits, of thought, feelng. language, hence wonderful results. Five of the patients interviewed knew nothing of Spiritualism before coming to Dr. Lane. Several had spent hundreds of dollars with other physi cians. Four of their testimonies are to be found in Dr. Peebles' book, also the statements of Dr. Lane's spirit physiclans regarding obsession, and obsess

Dr. Lane and wife are both blest with fine psychic and healing powers. The spiritual atmosphere of their home was beautiful. On the walls was a diploma arrived at four o'clock. With him I and a bad one who said: "I don't want to injure Collins, but I still crave from a business college, a diploma from Dr. Babbitt's College of Fine Forces, and a diploma from the National School of Osteonathy. I state the above facts that the readers may judge for themselves if those who teach and heal in cases of obsession are Methodist minister, orator and musi-cian; tender and kind to his family, be-

Dr. Peebles has the moral right to class all those Spiritualists who differ from him in opinion, who do not accept his God and Jesus, and Christ and Savior, and bible and prayers, and all the other brthodox or Christian flummery, as "materialistic Spiritists,"-at least he does' so. He quotes from what he world will be all bad? terms materialistic Spiritists. "We've such reasoning must lead to the con-no use for any God." "Jesus Christ clusion that in time all humanity will tyas a Gnostic myth;" "religion is a su-be demon possessed for as stated be demon possessed, for as stated above the author admits the increasperstition," etc., and styles these expressions "vulgar," and says: "Such statements constitute that stimulating comport of the demonism which later flows out as the sickening vomit of the hells."

How exhilarating! And yet Eng land's great and foremost scientific thinker and Spiritualist, Alfred Russel Wallace, in a recent interview, as pub-lished in the Buffalo Courier of Dec. 18, is reported as saying: "I hold that the idea of a God is unknowable and unthinkable.

Probably Mr. Wallace had not read when he made that state-the devils (three in number) sitting by "Demonism" ment and did not know that in so doing her." he was throwing bait to the demons.

One of the writers in the Open Court full of desires not yet satisfied." said Demonism of the Ages was a great book, and I think it is, too. It is great in the painstaking effort displayed in the accumulating and compiling of such a mess of horrible and sickening diabolical narration. And then, too, it's a great book for a Spiritualist to write. ously gotten up narration the greatest insult ever offered a noble and brave for it is more a work of good sound orthodoxy than anything else, and the wonder is that the author ever left the Christian church, for he clings to God and Jesus and Christ and Savior with tenacity equal to the most zealous church member.

well, if the Doctor could not have devil among us when he comes over. been manly and good only by having a Much more of devil festimony intro-Jesus, then I am glad he has one. But duced could be cited, but this will suf-Bowever obnoxious it may be to pur fice. Consistency is a rare jewel not Filirim Brother, I assert that there are found in Dr. Peebles' latest affort at Ppiritualists, good, true and intelligent, book-making.

passed beyond;

not fraud medium.

Dr. J. M. Peebles.

ographer and hypewriter

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Obsessions came not with modern Read, oh, rgader, read. Dr. Peebles does not have to go back to antiquity, Spiritualism, but preceded if, not in does not have to go back to antiquity theory but in the enactment of natural Demonism of the bible, or Salem witch law, nor will it ask Spiritualism if it craft, to any other country or time to can continue to exist, but it liges create substantiate his claims: FROM EVERY a serious demand that it be recognized STATE OF THIS NATION COME IN substantiate his claims; FROM EVERY and understood, not for the sake of and understood, not for the sake of QUIRIES AND, TESTIMONIES ASK-Spiritualism alone, but for all isms and ING ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE OF peoples.

Dr. Peebles has a fine spiritual per-ception of both spirit and mortal con-ditions connected with the persons he meets; sitting in his presence he re-marked that "a spirit lady had just spirits who have spoken and written their experience as to the fact of entered the room and came to me." session, are they all mistaken, and it is which I positively knew to be true as only ideas, ideas, evil human charac-teristics, do these ideas and charactershe spoke through me to the Doctor; he was not in a trance but in a perfectistics' clothe themselves with human ly conscious state as well as myself, and it is thus that he can see spiritualform, move, talk, and hypnotize? y both the beautiful and the dark spir-Then a greater revelation than ob-

session has come to our consciousness, for their must ideas and attributes bets, sense their motives and character stics, and is thus in an intelligent atticome individualized breathing creaude to deal with them by the assist tures

Now, if spiritual sense perception is When in Boston I interviewed Dr. only superstition; ideas, then we must George Lester Lane, a specialist in ook to independent physical spirit cases of obsession, and ten of his patients; spiritually saw the scientific phenomena for proof of spirit return. Dr. Peebles comprehends the law of methods employed by his Oriental ypnotism, mesmerism, and suggestion healers and physicians, and became o the extent that he has operated along convinced as never before of THE each of these mental powers success- POSSIBILITY OF SPIRITS TO CLING

"Demonism" has a chapter on prayer, | possesses psychic power, opens the and the author tells us we should pray door to demoniac influences, as the ad for the dead; that prayers help the de vocates of demonism claim, then the N Why, my good sir, do you not S. A., in the interest of morality know that if prayers were of any avail should call in its missionaries at one there would not be an evil spirit in ex- and instruct them to cease their efforts stence? No demon on earth or in the spirit spheres? If there were any virbeen prayed to have redeemed every I have said that Demonism was a Christian publication and, indeed, the sinning soul.

One of the writers for the Open author claims it is, and yet he writes it in the name of Spiritualism. Yes, it is Court, E. W. Baldwin, says it is "ignorance" that is the cause of obsessions, Christians in the denunciatory spirit and thinks the Morris Pratt Institute manifested toyard those who differ will correct the great evil, and there-fore that institution should at once in-

fore that institution should at once in "holy," this God and Jesus and Christ stitute a "demon obsession class" in its and prayer, etc. psychic department so as to give prac- Now, 'M' the Bood Doctor needs all tical illustrations for the benefit of the these to pound out and perfect his life, psychic department so as to give pracit is his playlege to hug to his bosom as many of the Ancient myths as he pleases, but it is not manly (although students, else how will they know anything about it? But if it is because people are ignorant that obsessions occur, how comes it Christian? to condemn those who do that so many of the learned ones connot need these religious props to bal-

fess demon influences? Dr. Peebles himself says he was for language the Doctor uses in speaking years tormented with them, and in his of those the first the use of prayer: "They write uel Swedenborg who claims to have and spelle in the spirit of blasphemy.

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been besieged with evil spirits of which he says: "I can attest that they are so with pendidipped in the very gall of dedreadful and horrible as to be inde- monism exhibit the froth and foam of scribable," and claims to have been the hells." Yes the work is Christian urged to almost every conceivable in that it places "bellef" and religious crime by them. But one statement of devotion above that of character. The the Swedish Seer, had it been followed author does not seem to have assimiby Dr. J. M. Peebles, Demonism of the lated the fact that true manhood and Ages would never have been written. noble womanhood "towers infinitely He says: "These direful attempts of above belief in any body's god, or savior. evil spirits which I have often experi- The work is Christian in many ways enced, are rather to be consigned to ob- and above all in its superstitious devo ivion than published."

tion to demonism. Many others of the learned and wise are quoted as being, or having been weight of sound and rational argument demon possessed. demon possessed. Dr. Greer tells us that forty years as Mrs. Richmond and Sar'gis, in my opin

a spiritual physician he was the victim ion has not been greethrown by any or of evil spirits. And he is to be con-all of those speaking for the demonia gratulated that he has conquered the theory to account for human ills which trouble, whatever the cause. sets at naught human respon If it be true that a study and investi-

gatica of Spiritualian, especially if one Jainestown, B. E.

that the will and judgment of their victim are sufficiently controlled to enact grimes from which naturally they would shrink with horror." (And daily in our courts are persons declaring the tatements of Spirit Faraday.)

"Advanced spirits have for centuries striven to reach earth with truth concerning the nature of spirit, but have been thwarted in their efforts by those on both sides of life. "The law by which obsessing spirits

control is the same as that by which all spirits control."

Another authority is Spirit Samuel Bowles who has written through the beautiful mediumship of Mrs. C. E. S. fwing as to his researches in the realms of undeveloped evil spirits as stated in his book, "Out of the Depths, Into the Light." Samuel Bowles was a grand editor in earth life, and his word can be relied upon, for we do not believe Mrs. Twing to be obsessed by a falsifying spirit.

Another spirit author, Franchezzo, has written his experience as an unde veloped spirit, his evolution into a spiritual state, under the title, "A Wanderer in the Spirit Lands." This book elucidates many of the laws of spirit as a free spirit and as environed with the sensitive: "Too long, too complete control of an earthly medium by s spirit has been found to create a link between them which becomes at last chain." : Page 110-111.

The testimonies and experiences of obsessing spirits should be read as given in the twenty-seventh chapter of Dr. Peebles' book; they explain why they live as they do.

Read Swedenborg's experiences Was he an ignoramus? Are his books all superstition? Chapter twentysixth, Obsession.

I have interviewed many mediums and the majority know of obsessions and some, of the law of environment.

Our fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, if one has them in spirit realms, should need to employ themselves oth than continually remaining in erwis earth's atmosphere to protect us. They should progress in higher realms. They must learn the various methods of protecting from the subtile malicious influences, for their own selves as well as for their earth friends when they do come into earth's atmosphere, as evil forces band together and seldom does one operate alone. ance thefr lives. 'Hear the beautiful (?)

Only those advanced spirits particularly instructed for that special work can withstand the injurious, and no cne should strive for mediumship who is not well protected by wise and able spirits .:

Listening to a lecture of Prof. Love land's in his native village, I was most impressed with his idea that man pos sessed the all-power within, with very little, if any assistance from the spirit side of life. The messages given at the evening service he dubbed side shows along with physical phenomena. I purchased one of his books in which he stated that trance was a self-induced state. How can a mind will itself into And let me say in closing that the an unconscious state, or when unconecious will itself out of that state?

out consciousness. I have spiritually seen the spirit entrancing the mortal and know that real trance is not selfinduced. A few more like statements CLARA WATSON.

an obse orse The innocent-looking child comes into this life. He may go out an ine-briate criminal; which way has he evoluted? Not upward in this life certainly, but in the eternity of his spirit

conduct was so terrible that he

stupor, so evercome by the dark pow-

he had never been possessed of one

Faraday's claim, that all spirits re

turn by the same laws that evil spirits manifest, the motive and result

differing; then if re-embodiment be

true, the criminal can and does re

embody, which is equally as bad if not

He knew little of Spiritualism.

he may grow away from all appetite, become so spiritual as to live in the demands of spirit only, as the flower attracts to itself the elements of its sweetness, purity and beauty, so shall the universal essence of spirit supply all his requirements.

The Professor sums up, the entire category of earth-bound spirits, and would have us believe that Dr. Peebles calls their realm Spirit Realm, Heaven. Not at all does he; he places them in earth-bound spheres, just as Faraday's instructors did.

If the Professor will not misrepresent the teachings of the higher spiritual realms and the grand and wise pure spirits there, as described in the many beautiful books of Dr. Peebles, he will

save himself public criticism. I disagree as to passivity depressing the health and happiness of the medium, if his or her guardians are wise, true and spiritual. There is no such happiness as given by those who in-spire with truth and wisdom; they convey to us life energy, and health laws, but ever do the deceptive and miserble bring despondency and disease. When Bruno and Kepler declared

there were other planets, popery trembled with fear lest truth would be its ruin, destroy its popularity. Its fear, fear, fear established the inquisition, the dungeon, the stake and blazing fagots. It did more than obsession, it demanded ignorance.

The planets still exist, truth still exists, the unprejudiced investigator will attain to truth before his critics.

Like popes of old, there are those in fear of Spiritualism becoming a system of Demonism because Dr. Peebles has written of a fact as old as man. Fear. fear! Is the popularity of a writer or speaker of greater value than protect-

ive laws for sensitives? Is it possible that our speakers will voice the teachings of some spirit that the commonest biblical student knows o be erroneous?

If there is any one truth prominent in the bible, it is that the Jews knew of good and evil spirits. When they saw esus walking upon the waters, why cid they not call him an Idea, an Appe-tite, a Passion, a Characteristic, walking upon the waters?

No part can contain the whole or fulfill its offices. Absurd! When Christ cast out the unclean spirits, he did not call them ideas, or any part of spirit, but the whole, un-

lean spirit. When the disciples came to the Master saying they could not cast out the inclean spirit of a certain man, he did not lecture them on ideas, appetites,

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Dr. J. O. M. Hewitt, the Eminent Lecturer, Gives his Views---Death Does Not Change Man into an Angel of Light---What the Physicists Say---Gifts that Come Unsought---The Same Door Open to Good and Evil---The society of the Spirits---Obsession and Insanity---Character of the Guests we are to Admit.

If Spiritualism has taught the world suggestion, rather than control, was anything, it has taught that death does completely unconscious that any influnot change the character or personality ence, in the flesh or out of it, was doing its work of demoralization. In fact, in most cases of what is called obsession, of man; has said we retain all the charneteristics of the mortal expression of the individual, consequently we know the subject is unconscious of the ex-that death does not transform an traneous influence; thinks it is his EVIL MAN INTO AN ANGEL OF own mind, and refuses the judgment of others, in his supposed independence.

And hence we must expect that un-Not always does the obsessing one less we are "on guard," or otherwise protected, there will come to us those design evil, but haunts his or her subject, perhaps from excess of love, and who in this life were not suited for thus ignorantly destroys the usefulness companionship, but who, instead, we of a life. As I write this, an instance of such excess comes vividly to my would avoid.

is the true, philosophical conmind, where for years, a young and esclusion from the premises admitted, timable lady was so held by the constant presence and thought of her mother, that she was wholly unfitted viz., that death does not change the men

But stop! There are those who as for social life and its duties. I could sume that all evil desires and passions were space and time permissible, relate are purely mortal, pertaining solely to many an instance of such character, this present physical nature; that the but with the testimony already pre-real spiritual ego is of itself "clean and sented by different writers, it is unnec white;" is divine, with the divinity we essary, and I forbear.

The one thing that I would impress are accustomed to ascribe to "God," or, pantheists, to nature. Assuming upon the minds of the people is, that this, these argue, that having lost the physical, the spirit or person has none we as "a species," are, each and every one of us, at all times in the society of of these faults of the flesh; these "brutal desires and appetites," and what we call "the spirits"-in the so ciety of excarnate man, and there is as much need of our carefulness in the se consequently would never obsess, or tempt the mortal subject of its mental lection or rejection of the telepathic influence. They who teach this with messages that come to us daily and one accord seem to hold to the theohourly, as though spoken by mortal sonhical idea, that the soul of us is an lips.

imparted thing that does not come by I do not call all cases of insanity ob generation as the body comes, but by sessions, but as a physician I do say that many cases of so-called insanity some other, some occult way-"a spark of the divine essence," some ARE PURELY OF THIS ORDER, and term it, extraneous to man. Even the wisely handled, would quickly yield to Christian church in its funeral service the humane treatment of both the one obsessed, and the one obsessing, and l seems to favor this dogma, as it repeats, "ashes to ashes, dust to dust, and say this from personal experience and observation, both in individual subjects outside and inside our asylums. There the spirit to God who gave it"; but is this idea a true one, true to nature in its creative acts, or acts of generation? are cases of temporary insanity pro the I answer. No! duced by disease, by injuries to

Nature, in all its procreative being physical organism, but so, too, there are marked cases where the physical draws from every part of the individusystem is in health; only the mind is als who become the parents of the new Individual; from not only the physical, but the mental and spiritual forces; as held in control by those who are of "the other side," and this control is is evidenced in what we call heredity. nothing less than obsession, and should The "sub-conscious mind." of which we be treated accordingly.

I confess it seems strange to me that hear so much now-a-days, is the trans in this age of scientific enlightenment. mitted habitual thought of progenitors so many of our bright-millded speakers made almost automatic in its emotionthe emotion that precedes all motion or and writers continue to hold the old life: while what we call consciousness idea of divinity as the soul-imparting onergy of man, and yet in other things, is but added experiences to the child's store of emotional energy. Physicists tell us that the mind, auverbial "red rag" to the bovine. We tomatically or otherwise, supervises or come into individualism by natural genplaces every particle of food that is esis, as everything else comes, and yet used in building or maintaining the these all seem to think the very skies physical body; in other words the spirit would fail if there was not a supernatof man builds the body to suit its own ural spirit-fountain of personal divinity expression. It cultivates particular who "imparts" the human ego-think parts, and strengthens them, as the that the ego that is "man," is beyond bincksmith cultivates the strength of bis good right arm. We come into our kingdom by natu-have an ending!" It is this bugbear of

ral generation. We are the reincarna- a second death that frightens them, tions of our individual parentage; but, and drives their reason from the breast

too, "We build the ladder by which we works of Naturalism. But do we not rise from lowly earth to vaulted skies." know that every advance in species is Our involutions are our . inherited es- marked by what naturalists denominate tates of body, mind and spirit, and we "a thickened cell" in its primal proto-do not need any other extraneous en-ergy in order that we be "Man." I do What is true of the physical is also true of the physical not say in this, that we do not need, all true of the mental or "spiritual" body. through life, the help of other lives of We need not fear annihilation of indi-man; need the aid of the spiritual viduality when we have become selfforces of others, for I am conscious that , conscious that "we" are superior to the in our very nature of soul we are inter-hependent, as well as that we are inde-come strong enough to express itself pendent, and I daily invoke this aid di- without the physical body (else Spiritualism is a delusion), and let us not cal, and in the excarnate form of being longer fear to say that God within, not Man; but I do affirm that parenthood is God without, is the creator and preserver of individuality. But we will not argue this point; it is self-evident. The thing that concerns s now is the character of the guests This "man," we all say is a spiritual whom we admit in our soul-communion with those who prove "the continuity of conscious life by their presence and their words. Like the olden apostles of words, by the spirit that characterizes Christianity, I say: "Prove the spirits" -ascertain their personal character, else in the promiscuity of this com-The person who so built the body for munion, there may come obsession.

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THE OPEN COURT. | The National Spiritualists' Association

the body with news to peddle, old-wo

man-like, to every confine of the park, or to enable a majority to devise an in-

crease in its menagerie of wonder

mongers who would divide with the

management the money fleeced from an

innocent public by stimulating gate

tees, rentals and an increased domand

for doughnuts. Pelf, not principle seems to be most in evidence.

Complete reformation does not ye

seem to have come under Bro. Peck's

benignant reign, for when spending

day off the camp ground among friends

vited intimation that nearby citizens

would lend a hand in cleansing the

camp of tricksters if the management

failed much longer to do its duty. I

nondered and kept silent. I now know

that the community's zeal for truth, the

truggles to forsake wrong doing.

N. S. A. have never concealed their at-titude upon existing conditions in our

ranks. Can it be claimed for a moment

that desire for office, or thirst for an-

plause, has led them to stifle their real

Every man or woman who says that

either, or both of those officers is an en-

emy of genuine mediums, is wofully ig-

norant, or criminally careless. SPOT

EVERY SUCH AN ONE AS EITHER A

TRICKSTER OR A TOOL OF TRICK-STERS. MISREPRESENTATION, IN-

SPREAD IS ABROAD-ARE YOU IN-

N. S. A. Trustees' Expenses.

Progressive Thinker-Dear Friends:

In the well-meant criticism of our good

friend, Prof. W. F. Peck of St. Louis,

concerning the amount of expense in-

curred to this association by the trus-

tees attending our semi-annual board

meetings, a word to the public from the home office, may be somewhat ex-

planatory. Our friend mentions in his

\$865.83 was expended by the trustees,

and he concludes that this amount

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To the Editor and Readers of The

FECTED, KIND READER?

DELIBERATE AND WIDE

GEORGE B. WARNE.

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had blased my judgment.

SOMEWHAT CRITICAL.

His Opinion.

The N. S. A. has been the target of if I am wrong about this, I will cheer avast deal of criticism, wise and other fully make due amends, but I am from wise. It seems to me, however, that Missouri. W. I' PECK. the most unjust and baseless charge is that it is unfriendly to mediums. THIS ACCUSATION UNQUESTION-ABLY HAS ITS ORIGIN AMONG THE TRICKSTERS AND FRAUDULENT SO-CALLED MEDIUMS, AND IS MADE IN ORDER TO THROW DUST IN THE EYES OF THE HONEST IN-VESTIGATORS AND BLIND THEM THE SHADY TRANSACTIONS, PERPETRATED BY THE FRAUDS. That some good, sincere people have become imbued with that belief is true but it would puzzle them or anyone else to point to a single act on the part of the National Association or its officers that would lend the slightest color to such a contention.

The president and vice-president of the N. S. A. have been especially AND DR, GEO. B. WARNE. There is no man or woman in our ranks whose heart will throb more joyously, or whose eyes will moisten quicker at the manifestation of genuine phenomena through the heaven-chosen instrument than either of these worthy gentlemen.

I have thought it just possible that Dr. Warne's zeal for weeding out the tares might blas his judgment somewhat, but that he would intentionally cast the slightest shadow of doubt upon the true medium, no one who knows him will believe for a moment. SO FAR FROM CASTING DISCREDIT JPON THE N. S. A., THE EFFORTS OF ITS OFFICERS TO PLACE SPIR-ITUALISM AND ITS PHENOMENA UPON THE IMPREGNABLE BASIS OF TRUTH MERITS THE RESPECT SPIRITUALIST.

the N. S. A. fails to receive the support of many who have no fault to find with its attitude upon the fraud question. One by one societies have dropped out and individuals have withdrawn their support, until the problem of continued existence is becoming a serious matter. The Mississippit Valley Spiritualist Association was the only camp-meet ing association represented at the last National convention, and but for the strenuous efforts of Vice-president Willing, Secretary Anderson and mynave been appointed. There is a reason for this wholesale

lefection, one that is whispered about with various degrees of exaggeration, but, for some reason, rarely or never never mentioned on the floor of the convention, or in the papers. A mater which I had fully intended to bring before the convention at St. Louis, but was unable to find the proper opportu-nity. Only a sense of duty overcomes my dislike for fault-finding sufficiently FRAUGHT WITH INESTIMABLE EVIL, and my heart sinks when I conhing, yet I am profoundly convinced that nothing can secure the confidence and support of Spiritualists generally but a very marked, not to say radical change in spirit and methods in some respects. I reter now to the adminis-

tration of the finances of the associa-

able points which time will not permit Some years ago I served a not inactive me to mention, but which I chall feel it apprenticeship on that body. At that A True Friend of the N. 6. A., Expresses my duty to dwell upon at another time. Meanwhile I trust some one in authortime officers were there primarily for recreation, social reunions, enjoyment ity will give a public expression upon of the music, dances, lectures, the above points, and as 1 said before, tainments and "fernonimy," Brother

St. Louis, Mo.

A Trenchant and Comprehensive Reply of the Vice-President of the N. S. A. Missourians are waking up. The few ctill outside the penicentiaries have cast the state's electoral vote for a Republican President, elected an "antiboodle" governor, and Brother 'W F. Peck is after the business methods of the N. S. A. with a pointed hardwood skewer left over from St. Louis' summer menu of Texas steers. True he got as far from possible danger as he as able to do by higing himself to Lake Helen Fla., before launching his criticisms. Vengeance must have al-

ready overtaken him there for associate trustee, Mrs. Carrie Twing, with her innate love of helping the under supposed antagonism to mediums and mediumship. BUT I VENTURE THE ASSERTION THAT THE TRUE ME JUM HAS NO BETTER FRIEND ANYWHERE THAN H. D. BARRETT IN WICH HAS NO BETTER FRIEND in which his very own mother used to leave him after applying the maternal slipper on the part nature cushioned for that purpose. Whenever our valiant brother can really be roused from his conservative laziness and actually prodded into acting up to his own per sonal knowledge he is to be credited with stubborn adhesiveness and spe-

cific directness that is utterly opposed to his vacillation from mere policy. He confesses that he was unable to supervise and correct the attitude of the N. S. A. upon every question before the October convention. His fellow delegates will accept the apology and grant him absolution. Many of them. like himself, were so busied by special duties that they had neither time nor opportunity to exploit their personal hobbies. They found others there just AND ADMIRATION OF EVERY TRUE as honest and capable as themselves upon whose thoroughness and power to

It must be admitted, however, that reach right conclusions they were glad to rely in many matters. Our earnest critic seems to overlook the fact that the secretary's financial report with its lumped sum of "Traveling expenses of trustees, \$365," was referred, together with an itemized account of and vouchers therefor to a very competent com mittee consisting of John D. Vail, E. A Schram, W. J. Foss, Mary J. Stephens Clara L. Stewart, whose report was hat "we the committee to audit the books of the secretary and treasurer. have carefully examined and compared self, even its representatives would not all receipts and orders and find them to correspond with the statement is ued, and to be correct." The conven-

tion through this committee ii did 'not have to fall back upon any presumption about composition of the item under

consideration. I remember in touch and go meet ngs with Brother Peck that he felt Secretary Longley was 'overpaid, and vet we can better afford to give that little woman her present reasonable salary because of her acquaintance, pato force me to mention it now and in tience, experience, promptness, judg-this manner. I BELIEVE THAT THE ment and systematic methods than we BE A BLOW TO SPIRITUALISM many others into that office. Let us in attempts to hew out improved methods article that he notices in the business with a reform hatchet not adopt the report of the secretary that the sum of template even the possibility of such a economy that saves at the 'spigot to

waste at the bung-hole. Brother Peck can not claim original came due by the meeting of the board iscovery of correspondence as a meth- in Washington in May. Brother Peck od of transacting N. S. A. business, for is mistaken in his conclusions-the ratt has been in constant use since the ing for trustees' expense is for the year supreme body was created. The Chi- and not for the one semi-annual meetcago member of the present executive ing of the board. The sum of \$157.17 committee can testify that his official must be deducted from that of \$365.83,

The conviction is wide and growing, mail is so voluminous that he is in al- since this amount-\$157.17, was inby that the results attained by

SONG OF THE WAR GOD. Oh, the might and the glory of war!

Oh, children of men, how they heed, When I summon them forth from afar And drain their hot blood for my meed!

Ho! the clamor and clash of the sword, In a paean of triumph shall ring, And the strength of their striving afford

Full cups of delight for their king! enter Ye have crowned me with laurel and

bay; Ye have washed me in crimson and

tears; childish meetings of the board were And the pangs of your mothers that often held to fill up some member of

pray, Are the jewels that brighten .my

/ years. wring from their hands' feeble hold The pride of their hearts, and shall

keep, With a touch of my lips icy cold,

The gems for whose loss they must weep. Ye drink of my cup, and its wine

Shall plunge you in silence profound hough your wives cry aloud at my shrine

Yet ye shall not awake at the sound for mother, nor sister, nor wife last summer. I was startled by an unin-Shall loose ye when once ye bow

down. call. Ye shall come; and each life Be a ruby set rich in my crown.

in the hurtle of shells-I am there. The bullet's shrill shrick is my cry.

whole truth and nothing but the truth guide the hot death through the air; I slaughter the cowards that fly.

Let me express my thanks to Brother, am drunk with the torment of men! Peck for his very truthful description To the fields where their comrader

of my own position towards every lie stilled phase of genuine mediumship. Twelve call them and lure them again

years of intimate association with a me-For my hunger can never be filled. dium, whose very soul was laid bare, gave me a comprehensive insight of the

Ye are blind with the hot rage for blood.

rials, temptations and struggles by Forgetting the man in the beastwhich every such instrument is devel-Where my columns pour on in a flood Ye shall rush unto death as a feast. oped toward the heights. My sympaby is so constant and strong that I can rom the black pit of hell I arose. forgive and aid every sinner who

By the will of its evil one hurled. am that which ye know-which he Spiritualists should not forget that knowshe president and vice-president of the

Your king. And the Curse of the world! BEATRICE ST. GEORGE.

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Honest Mediumship Pleaded For.

convictions? Were they playing for Among the many undesirable prevailfinancial gain, or personal popularity, ing conditions among Spiritualists, there probably is none more revolting hey would stand with the careless mulitude shouting "hosannas" to the The deadly earnestness of the to the general observer, than that increasing hosts whose eyes are now being opened to the actual situation which is constantly parading before the eyes of the public under presumptuous titles attached to the names of so-called that Higher Spiritualism is in a representatives, in the form of healers life and death struggle for its very exspeakers and mediums.

In some cases, ignoramuses who have not even a good common-school educa ion and have not tried to improve themselves in that direction, style themselves Professors, Doctors, Honorables, Reverends, etc., with every de-

gree of presumption imaginable. We have at this time in mind certain people, among them a man and woman, who are advertising themselves as doc tors, and claiming to be wonderful healers, psychics, palmists, etc. It has been ascertained that in both cases the right to prefix to their names such a title is in no way justifiable. brazen impudence and unlimited gall of these persons is common comment For ten cents up to any amount above that sum they work the public for all they are worth. Money seems to only object in the minds of these indi-

viduals. With the most brazen effrontcry they pretend to perform precious things which are not forthcoming. "Professors" and "Reverends" are becoming common among Spiritualists.

whose vocabulary gives the lie to the colors under which they are marching. Gifted with phraseology not much advance of that of the distinguished "alley rat" of a great city, these pre-sumptuous mortals stamp themselves the ignoramuses they are, with not the least bit of humiliation in their make-

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AND OTHER PSYCHIC PHENOMENA.

vine that comes to us both in the physithe fountain whence we draw individ-uality. Oxygen and hydrogen procre-

ate water-drops! Man procreates man! Co let it be!

Leing; that is he has a spirit or char-acter that is manifest in act, in word, in chosen life. . We judge these acts, them-do we not? Moral motive is the first great question in our judgment. his or her use, at length lays it aside. The "remains" have no character, and we put them out of our sight. The nersen did and does possess character. What manner of person was he or she Can spirits come to us? (Remember, hese so-called spirits are persons.) Spiritualism says Yes, and tells of its sensitives, mediums; tells of clairvoyance and clairaudience; tells of its controls; of entrancement. We welcome those of the higher life as aids in our own development, but has not our experience taught us, that not all are high, not all are noble, not all are true? Again, are there not many of our best mediums who will tell you that their gift came to them all unsought. all unannounced? Came and took posession! What is the state of trance. but that? I do not say that all this extime possession.

BIT MAY AND DO COME, THEN THE placed our hands on it expecting to feel WAY IS OPENED BY THE SAME something we were disappointed for it NATURAL LAW FOR THAT WHICH could not be felt nor removed. After NATURAL LAW FOR THAT WHICH could not be felt nor removed. After IS EVIL; WHEN IT IS EVIL WE ARE sitting in these conditions for a while. IN THE HABIT OF CALLING IT OB-SESSION; YET THE WAY IS THE SAME THE THING ACCOMPLISHED. THE SAME; ONLY THE PURPOSE DIFFERS.

But maybe, by some, only the unconsclous haunting is deemed obsession. We who are clairvoyant and clairaudient well know that every human being is more or less under influence of mind. extraneous: nor is this influence confined to those who have passed the veil. In its open work, we tell of hyp-notism, of suggestion, in the unconit is the mental and spiritual attitude of the society in which we live. cr in the more personal attitude of some personal friend. The same power or force is plainly perceptible, cmanating from those who are excarnate This fact can be but known to the clairvoyant. Personally speaking, 1 have had many confirming experiences

the obsessing ones, and heard their and degradation. And like others who

which, accepted, would lead to wrong Liberals." Price 25 cents. "Spirit Echoes." My Mattle E. Hull. have written for this Open Court, 1 This pretty volume contains fifty-seven

DR. J. O. M. HEWITT. Chicago, Ill.

A HOME CIRCLE.

And Some of the Manifestations That Took Place.

I wish to say a few words in regard to a family circle which was held on Jan. 14, at the home of a friend in this place. There were five persons beside mysel?. We sat in the evening, from ight to nine, in a semi-darkened room After sitting for some twenty minutes the table began to move, then raps loud and distinct were heard on the stand. chairs, and in different parts of the room. Now while these manifesta-tions were taking place lights began to but that? I do not say that all this evil; traneous spirit or mental force is evil; FAR FROM IT! I only mention it as appear. Some were floating in the air proof that such force does come to and some would come on the table or our clothes. One large light in parmankind, and coming, it holds for the on our clothes. One large light in particular settled on the stand and we IF GOOD SPIRIT FORCES asked if we might touch it, and as we

> there appeared so all could see form of a bird which floated around and touched us on the head and hands, and a trumpet in another part of the house acted in a very strange manner. This circle is the last one of four which have been held this winter. We are sitting every Saturday night, as we have had

the promise of grander things if we would continue. JAY, THOMAS. Horton, Mich.

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funds are conserved: that the mere running ex- cause. enses absorb too large a proportion of the improvement and expenses of Helen to Los Angeles. The necessity rol the camp grounds.

I frankly admit that I am to some exthose concerned may be brought to see it as I do.

tary made at the St. Louis convention. Washington last spring. If there was any business transacted at that meeting which could not have been done cqually as well by correspondence, it was not made manifest at the convention. If my surmise is correct then there was an absolutely unnecessary expenditure of \$365 of the money for which the N. S. A. officers are so con-

stantly begging. Estimating the expenses of the trus-tees at the St. Louis convention at the sum, and we have \$730 in one same year for expenses of trustees alone.

Here let me ask, why should the expenses of the trustees at the regular meetings by paid by the association? In what way are their duties so much more arduous and important than those of the ordinary delegates who, for the most part, pay their own expenses and then are called upon to contribute to the expenses of the board of trustees besides? Should not the honor be a sufficient compensation for the little extra work which the position may en-I know of no other society or astail? sociation in our ranks where the trusees receive any compensation, or have their expenses paid out of the general fund, yet some of them are required to devote vastly more time to their duties than do the members of the N. S. A.

board. The M. V. S. A. board is composed of ten members. Of these only the president, secretary and treasurer have their expenses paid. The other seven put in the whole month at camp, payng all expenses and dues, even to gate fees, hoding almost daily business meetings, often of several hours duration, doing ten times the work which devolves upon the National board and all for love of the cause. Is it any won-

der that they object to contributing to the support of an association whose officials are so lacking in self-denial? The officers of the N. S. A. have awelt much upon the fact-a creditable one, too- that it is contributing \$12 per month each to the support of a dozen or so worn-out and needy medi-

ums and workers, and are making urgent pleas for the increase of that fund. yet here in this one item of what seems to me a needless expense is a sum suffi-cient to add nearly half as many more to the list, or to increase quite materially the meagre allowance of those

already on the list. There are a number of other yulner-

ne N. S. A. most daily exchange with the Wash are not commensurate with the amount ington office, one or more of his official board meetings and conventions in a sociates, or with widely scattered Washington the previous October, 1903. not wisely and economically Spiritualists, upon the interests of the As our fiscal year ends with Septem-

ber, the amount of trustees' expense for Bear in mind that the business office board meetings and convention work the income. This has been urged at of the board of trustees is established during October, must appear on the acseveral of the camps attended by my at Washington, D. C., by law and not count of the following year. My espeself, and many refused to contribute on under the hats of nine men and women cial point here is, that the expense of the plea that every dollar was needed roaming wild anywhere from Lake \$366.83 is not for one board meetingthat of May-but for the entire year.

for at least one meeting of the board Brother Peck wishes to know if it is between annual conventions is to regisabsolutely necessary for all the memtent impressed with the same views, ter legal approval of actions previously bers of the board to attend the semi-anand I want to express some of the rea-sons in order that, if I am wrong, I may careful consideration to and proper de-do not, that meeting of last year was an sons in order that, if I am wrong, I may careful consideration to and proper de-be set right, and if I am right that cision upon the weighty questions referred to every incoming board by the nected with the forthcoming convention

annual convention; to act with reason- in St. Louis, which nearly six months In the financial report of the secre- able dispatch upon the voluminous of correspondence had shown us could monthly accumulation of fresh busi- not be settled in that way, and other tary made at the St. Louis convention, I find this item: "Traveling expenses of trustees, \$365." The report does not specify when those expenses were in-curred, but the presumption is that it own common sense will tell him that a possible present at the May meeting, and the settled in that way, and other important affairs, including college and other educational interests, made it own common sense will tell him that as possible present at the May meeting, and the settled in that way, and other important affairs, including college and other educational interests, made it as possible present at the May meeting, and the settled in that the may meeting. was at the meeting of the board at there can not be a perfect understandbut even then. Trustee Thompson was ing of details, a comprehensive view of not there. Usually, at the May meeting, the every phase of a matter, an exhaustive

exchange of opinions, or an approximembers who are farthest from headquarters do not attend, and it has been mate wisdom of decision where everything is determined by letter writing. the policy of the board, and especially The only spring meeting of the board the treasurer and secretary, to keep our this writer ever attended was a very expenses within proper hounds.

busy and tiresome one, so time-consum-An important item which does not ing that he had to omit a first pilgrimfigure in detail on our annual financial age to the tomb of Washington, which circular report, but which is duly accredited on our books, is that some has since been made up to him by a trip to St. Louis. Let me suggest that our trustees invariably return to the N. S. A. some part-if not all-of their exthe secretary's minute book, and not a

financial report, is the proper source pense account, but this goes into the for information as to the business done list of contributions and does not beat a board meeting. Brother Peck wants the board of come apparent to the public eye. It must be conceded by all fair-minded

rustees to bear their own expenses people that it would be appropriate if in return for the honors of office. Annot absolutely necessary for the N. S. other way of cutting off that expense A. trustees to all be present at convenwould be to forbid the officers attendtions, and some of our friends on the ing annual or board meetings under board-out of nine members-could not any conditions. But why limit this travel very great distances and remain amendment to the trustees? . Why not ten days away from home, unless their compel speakers like Peck and Mrs. expenses were paid. It is absolutely Allie and mediums like May, Pepper, necessary for the board to convene for frs. Cooley and Mrs. Margaret Gaulethree days before convention-and for liedinger, when on the programme, to a day or two after that four days' aspay their own expenses to conventions? sembly, hence the expense is usually The latter by their appearance there considerable, but as Brother Mayer says, "It is all the trustees receive for frequently secure profitable after engagements, while no such good luck betheir valuable aid during the year, and fails the officers who peg away the i should not be grudged to them." year round and most of them get as former years the N. S. A. board In former years the N. S. A. board met

recompense kicks and misrepresentaquarterly, but during the past six, we tion, slander and abuse. have only held semi-annual meetings, and the last of the year, always held conventions has Brother; Peck attended wherever convention assembles. thus at which he bore his own expenses and greatly decreasing expense to the asso-from which he received no remuneration clation. from which he received no remuneration

for services? I refer to meetings out-side of his own city. Incertainly found We are deeply grateful to Bro. Peck for his defense of the N. S. A. and its officers, in the matter of our position on his absence from some accounted for by the matter of expense. 1What was the mediumship, none are more friendly to the value he thereby placed upon bonest mediums-however .humble honor of so prominent a connection and none are more unfriendly to what with the work? they know to be fraudulent or pretend-

No. my brother, let us work out a ed mediumship, than the, officers and plan that will provide a revenue for the constituents of the N. S. A.

N. S. A. that will enable it to pay rea-Most of our chartered camps are in sonable per diem and mileage to every the East and are usually represented at our conventions. That they were not delegate and officer, just as fraternities oo in their grand bodies: We will then in 1904 is due to the fact that the meethave a more general and better repreing was held in - the far West. The sentation of the Spiritualists of the camp of which Bro. Peck is president country. Give us on the national chip of which be, reck is president c, ap, and its president is a resident of St. Louis where our convention was held. MARY T. LONGLEY. oard our ablest and most consecrated business talent. Brother Peok's reference to the de ther's apperience. Oisth, 560 gages, il-

votion of the officers of the Clinton votion of the officers of the Clinton N.S. A. Secretary. (lowa) camp brought tears to my eyes. Washington, D.C.

some societies as if that were all that is needed to make of them fullfledged instruments in the hands of spirit messengers, and eligible to minister to the public. Occasionally some

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of these (pre-ordained) are enabled to give a message that may be recognized by the recipient, but in the majority of cases the tests (?) they give are a detriment to the cause. Is it any wonder that many people

who are searching for truth turn away in disgust and make no further efforts? Even the very best evidence has ofttimes failed to convince skeptics, but psychometric readings, palmistry, as-trology or the wonderful (?) "scientific tests" that are on some occasions palmed off as belonging to Spiritualism. cever convince anyone of the continu-

> ity of life. The one thing most needful among mediums is absolute honesty. There are times when silence is golden; and the medium who has learned to distinguish that which is true from that which comes from the imagination is worthy of the highest commendation One message of undoubted and undeniable character is worth more than innumerable ones which can not in any way be recognized as coming from a

disembodied spirit. Mediumship should be to the posses-sor an exalted and holy vocation, and should never be prostituted, but alone exercised for the highest ends.

The preachers and priests of the past, too frequently abused their office but the power of medlumship should never be converted into the crafts of life. That it is daily bought and sold,

that it has been made subservient to the most sordid interests, that every element of consecration has been successively stripped away from it, that it has been used for abetting imposture of almost every description, that it has become so debased in the hands of some of its possessors that the genuine gift can frequently be scarcely distinguished from the fraudulent impositions of the mountebanks, can scarcely

be disputed. The anxiety to give every person his money's worth lest he should depart dissatisfied and the position should cease to be lucrative, has prompted many mediums to supplement with the arts of the conjuror; moreover, the general interest in the phenomena has attracted impostors into the profession who have never been the possessors of genuine mediumshin

It is a duty incumbent on mediums to advance the cause of Spiritualism whenever and wherever they can.

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Undesirable Immigration.

English newspapers complain of the alarming flight of the Irish and Cornish to America. Never before has there been such an exodus to America as is now going on, induced by low fares. With this comes a later statement

from American authorities, saying: "In the whole history of the country never before has such a worthless pop-ulation come to these shores. Possibly whole ship loads will be sent back to the countries from whence they came, because they are paupers, or have come from the slums of European cities."

But there is another view to be taken of this immigration, of which our government can make no mention. That whole mass of worthless incomers represents the Roman Catholic hierarchy, In five years they can become citizens, entitled to a vote, and to a voice in all our elections.

In preceding years, if correctly reported, that vote has been very generally given to one of the great parties, conceded to have been directed by the representatives in America of "his holiness, the pope of Rome." In the late election it is said that vote was almost unanimously transferred to the opposite party; hence the astonishing re-

This writer, in long years agone, has seen contractors on canals and railroads lead their employes to the voting precincts, and, standing by or near the ballot box, pass to each voter as he advanced and left the head of a long line was passed to him; the voter's name the effect that the chemical changes

Important if True. From England comes the news that while mental scientists, Christian scientists, therapeutic suggestionists, et al, are using mental and spiritual means for curing physical and mental fills, Sir Lauder Brunton, an eminent English physician, has compounded what he calls "temper powders." These powders are made of bicarbonate of potash and bromide of potassium, and, if

against anything that would otherwise irritate them. This being accepted as true, it may not be inapt to suggest a proper dose

of this medicine be taken by some of the practitioners before our Open Court. A daily paper puts the case genially as follows:

If one wakes up out of sorts with everything and everybody he has but to take one of these powders and his mood at once becomes Emersonian. From a nessimist he becomes an optimist and the gloomy world is transfigured and becomes radiant.

Sir. Lauder gives us to understand that if a member of the family is fractious, unbearable, rasping the nerves and spoiling the appetites of the other members by his cross words and sour looks, a dose of these powders will translate him into an angel of light. It might be suggested that the subject might not be willing to undergo the transforming process, for most ugly persons take solid delight in being ugly and torturing others. They would not be cured if they could. Yet if the pow-der is once forced down the throat in spite of himself the man has to smile, be folly and say all sorts of nice things

to those who have literally got the best of him. It looks as if Sir Lauder had discovered something that would produce all the good effects of champagne without any of its ills-all the joyous exhilaration without the after-day of headache and ill temper. A package of these powders ought to be in every house hold and whenever any member shows the slightest symptoms of irritability he should be dosed at once. Heretofore "a soft answer" was thought to be a good thing to turn away wrath, but evidently Sir Lauder's prescription is easier, simpler, and, what is better, acts as a prevention as well as a cure.

Is Life Chemical Matter?

What men of science think as a result of their researches, is a matter of interest to all minds given to thought upon problems relating to life, its origin and development in forms. According to the daily press, Dr. A. P. Mathews, associate professor in physiology at the University of Chicago, quite recently declared, while addressing a university class at the institution, that, without altering his belief in the existence of a divinity, he was not of the belief that man was divinely created. but was organized through certain chemical action which would at no distant date be known to the scientific world. He said:

"It will not be long before scientists will generate life in the laboratory, and already examples of this are before us. It is my belief that life can be generated by chemical action, and it only remains for the discovery of the process. "I do not wish to be understood as saying that science will be able to construct a human heing, perfect and like man, for the divinity of the spirit would be an element lacking." said Dr. Math-

Talking before the class in physiolo gy, Dr. Mathews said the biblical story of God creating man from clay and that he took up the earth and molded it in the shape of man and then said "Live!" was a little too exaggerated.

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Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond's Work In the Cause of Spiritualism.

The Church of the Soul, Mrs. Richmond's Soplety, holds its regular services in Hall 809, Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill., every Sunday at 11 a. m., from September to June. Mrs. Richmond has ministered to the same society here for twenty-nine years-a few years she has been absent a portion of the timeabroad in California and in Washington taken in time, will brace the nerves up and other places but there has been no year within that time that she has not

> ministered to this society a portion of the year-known at the beginning of her ministrations to it as the First So clety of Spiritualists, then as the First Spiritualist Church, and then, on ac count of the specific line of teaching given through Mrs. Richmond, re-organ ized as the Church of the Soul. Financially, the society has never been so

prosperous as it has been the last two or three years. With the aid of The Progressive Thinker it is enabled to publish one of the regular discourses each month in pamphlet form.

The regular services of the church on Sunday are: A Sunday-school at 10 a. m., where there are classes for all ages including a class for adults conducted by Mrs. Richmond, who is always on hand to take charge of her class. Mrs. S: J. Ashton, the assistant pastor of the church, is the superintendent of the Sunday-school. At 11 a. m. the regular service is held. If for any cause Mrs Richmond is absent (which has been a very few times auring her ministry here) Mrs. Ashton conducts the serv

On the first and third Thursdays of every month during the church season the Band of Harmony-the auxiliary so cial society of the church, and of which Mrs. Richmond is president-holds its meetings in another hall in the Masonic Temple, No. 512. Mrs. Richmond presides at those meetings, unless absent, (which is very seldom) when Mrs. H. C. Goodrich, the vice-president, presides The meetings of this auxiliary society have been constant almost since the be ginning of Mrs. Richmond's work here When it was first formed by Mrs. Richmond, about twenty-seven years ago she named it the "Union." but some dis sensions having grown up among the members, in the spring of 1884, it was reorganized under the name of the Band of Harmony, and, being a band of

harmony, it has borne that name ever since. It is the most constant and flour ishing society of the kind probably in this country. People from all parts of the country have been the recipients of the ministrations poured out so bount fully at the meetings of "The Band of

Harmony. Besides Mrs. Richmond's work for her own society she often speaks for other societies in this city, and some times at other places between Sundays. Then a very large portion of her time is occupied in officiating at funerals, more than half of these being outside of the city, in this state, Wisconsin, Iowa, and New York. She often travels five hundred miles to attend a funeral. These funerals the last two or three years have averaged one a week during her season at home (Chicago).

While there is a great deal of wear and tear and fatigue attending this kind of ministration, Mrs. Richmond is ever ready to respond to any call if she possibly can. For in this field she feels she is doing more real missionary work for Spiritualism than she can in any other way, for the people who most need to know something of the comforting ministrations of Spiritualism, but who would never go to any Spiritualistic meetings, will go to these funerals, and there they hear something that they never conceived of before, and their remarks of appreciation are more than gratifying to the Spiritualists who hear them. One has only to attend a

Richmond to fully realize this. Then she is frequently called upon to per-

The Principle of Suggestion as a Cura when the gift of a beneficent Creator has been used in its true capacity, yet when it seemed to be about to fulfill its tive Means.

"It lives thro' all life, extends thro' all goodly mission, the waves of supersti-extent, Spreads undivided, and operates up. Aristides, 117 A. D. was, one of the Spreads (undivided, and operates un-

earliest practitioners who has left us spent. writings of any length concerning its

In the^streatment of disease, the first therapeutic qualities. and most impostant object should be to Nancy is the birthplace of a system ascertain the tuimal cause of the dis of healing, based upon this power, ease; if the cause lies in the material, that seems destined to be of immense then we should direct our energies and importance to humanity and which may best resources foward the material or considerably modify the present sysganization wherein the cause is situ- tem of practice among the medical fraated; but'if byithorough and scientific ternity. research we prove that the primal cause

Liebault, Bernheim, Beaunis and Lieof disease is in some error of mind, we glois are names that are inseparable should then turn our batteries upon the with the advancement of our knowlstronghold and dislodge the enemy at edge concerning this power; and are any cost. names to which I believe-posterity will

The most advanced and brighest look with reverence and gratitude. minds to-day are almost unanimous in Years ago Dr. Liebault conceived the the advancement of the fact that the idea of employing suggestion combined material or physical organism is subwith hypnotism, as he terms it, as a ject to, and controlled by the immatetherapeutic agent, not merely for the rial or metaphysical; if this is true, and relief of so-called nervous and fanciful from the teaching and researches of the complaints but for the cure of a major greatest scientific minds of the new and old world I have satisfied myself that ity of the symptoms of disease which afflict humanity. such is the truth, then the therapeutic Those were the declining days of agent that we are in duty to our fellowmesmerism, and it had been left to igmen and our own conscience compelled to use, in the cure of disease, is norant quacks and charlatans who took that

advantage of it to the disadvantage of which nature has given us for that purthe people, and with whom anyone who D08e. We may call it any name we please, dared to use this power was likely to be animal confounded. This is what befell Dr. magnetism, electro biology, Liebault, he had to contend many years mesmerism, clairvoyance, odic force, ypnotism, vital principle, vril. Divine against prejudice, superstition and op-Influx, nervous influence, whatever the position upon every side, but through good and evil report he persevered, lapeople may, the fact remains that there Loring chiefly among the poor, and de-voting his best time to their relief; is a power that can be utilized for the benefit of suffering humanity. Disease

of disease.

which is the effect of sin or perversion after a time his method and theory was of the law of nature can be cured by taken up by Dr. Bernheim, Professor in the Faculty of Medicine of Nancy, who his power. demonstrated its success in his hospital The name given by different persons clinic, and published in 180 his celeto this power may, and in many inthe theory advanced by each, but the Applications a la Therapeutique. the theory advanced by each, but the fact remains, that the terms are synony-Knowledge and appreciation of Dr. Liemous and the power represented by bault's method and discovery spread rapidly, and we now find it practiced by each name has its force in the same

fountain. This power has been used a considerable number of specialists by the most ancient people for the cure and other medical men all over the continent, and in our country the most suc cessful physician is the one who under-The Babylonians, Chaldeans, Egyptians, Hindoos, Persians, Greeks and stands this beneficent power and uses Romans have recognized its value, and it in his practice.

although at times it has been a mighty Many use it unconsciously and often weapon in the hands of the priesthood the cure which is effected by it is at-because of the ignorance of the people; tributed to other agents. It may be yet it benefited them physically if not years before it is universally accepted psychically. It has been like a silent, as the basis and fundamental principle mighty underground river, deep, broad, of all healing. Each of us exerts an inand powerful, flowing irresistibly along fluence upon those with whom we are peneath the ignorance, superstition, and associated, it may be, and in many bigotry which had closed over it, now cases is unconscious and involuntary, and again breaking through and permit. yet the suggestions they receive may, ting the brilliant rays of truth to pene- and often do affect them beneficially on trate its deep throbbing bosom, and detrimentally ever afterward; as the giving ease and comfort to the diseased evil thought, although it may never mortal who perceived its inviting pres- culminate in an act, mars the beauty ence, yet who little realized the vast and purity of the soul.

the city, in this state, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania which assisted and strengthened. When truth and intuition shall have risen to their proper place and shed risen to their proper place and shed It is awakening the people to-day; their life-giving rays of knowledge into when selfsiness and error have been every darkened chamber of the minds dispelled by the penetrating and power- of people, then will the power of soul ful mind of truth, the people will real- be accorded its proper position as a ize and apprediate this great gift to a therapeutic agent. wise people. There have been periods Boston, Mass. AURIN F. HILL.

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A Relic of, Barbarous Instinct. Letter From Los Angeles, Cal. Perhaps a more unsportmanlike and Upon the retirement of Mrs. Lettle Allen in July last from the pastorate of atterly contemptible sport was never inthe Christian Spiritualist society, there vented than the practice of live-bird was formed a new society, with Mrs. Bertha Hill, president; Dr. Wise, vice-president and G. H. Griffis, secretary. trap shooting indulged in by some who call themselves sportsmen. Blood sport is cruel, and tends to de-This organization took upon itself the name of The Immortalists and from velop cruelty and heartlessness in this fact, the topic immortality, including kindred subjects is most frequently This sport has not one redeeming discussed in the Sunday conference feature, it possesses not even so much meetings. With regard to the Sunday funeral conducted by the guides of Mrs. as the falsely claimed excuse urged in meetings there is an unwritten law justification of the cruel horrors of the vivisectionists' table that it is done in the interest of science and human wel-silver offerings, which too often mar

Valuable Therapeutic Agent. What Is Intuition?

All who have given any thought to the subject recognize a difference between intuition and reason. Intuition is commonly called immediate perception. This is inadequate. Intuition is rather a perception of relations than a perception of objects, because its decisions are not always demonstrable to sense.

That two objects placed beside two other objects form a group of four, can readily be seen by the eye. But, if five hundred objects are placed beside five hundred other objects, the eye does not see instantaneously that the total is one thousand, although intuition sees the equivalence of ratios with the same lightning swiftness in the latter case as n the former.

The truth respecting the square of the hypotenuse in the forty-seventh proposition of Euclid is learned by reflecting and reasoning. The truth expressed in the axiom; If equals be taken from equals, the remainders are equals, is perceived by intuition.

The axiom is self-evident, because no other relations are implied beyond those specified in the terms of the statement. The mind, therefore, in apprehending the terms, apprehends, the equation of the terms. To a mind possessed (through experience) of all the relations expressed and implied in the terms of its proposition, any truth is selfevident.

Intuition perceives necessary truths, because truths so distinguished express relations that are simple, constant, and familiar, and from which all contingencies are therefore excluded. Contingent truths are perceived, not intuitively, but by reasoning, because (1) the relations they express are complicated, (2) there is a possibility of variation in the terms, and (3) not all the co-operant factors can be discerned beforehand.

But truth is truth. One truth is no more necessary than another. It is our discovery of a certain class of truths, not truths itself, that is contingent.

Intuition enters into all our judgments. It sees relations beyond our powers of demonstration, because back of it is a fund of race experience, organized and consolidated in the form of adjustments, of aptitudes, and of predispositions, compared with which one's individual experience is inappreciably small.

Our intutitions of space and time, to which our relations have been constant throughout our existence as a race, are constructed of experiences which lie so far back in the forgotten past that their elements can scarcely be detected.

We have rational intuitions and moral intuitions, whose elements are so difficult to trace that many yet regard them as primordial endowments, rather than as products of development.

Viewed in the light of modern psychology, the quickness with which intuition sees relations that do not admit of sensible demonstration is not surprising. But it is so common to mistake inference, prejudice, and even passion for intaition, that all sorts of extravagant claims have been made-claims by no means confined to the ignorant.

Organic evolution makes investigation of intuition a part of the study of heredity. For metaphysical phrases like "a priori forms of thought," are substituted the terms "aptitudes," "tendencies," "predispositions," "inheritances"-words that indicate our dependence upon the past as the source of our physical, mental and moral nature.

In every stage of evolution, from lower to higher conditions, the human mind and body have been correlated. The capacity to perceive the truth of an axiom, as well as the ability to walk erect, has been acquired. Does any one who holds to the theory of evolution suppose that man slowly learned to walk creet, but from the first possessed intuitive powers by which he could perceive axiomatic and moral truths?

The difficulty with the old psychologies is that they deal only with the mind of the adult and of the highly-evolved individual, ignoring the fact that the natural equipment of the adult is slowly developed from the conditions of infancy, and that the higher faculties of civilized man have been evolved from savage and bestial conditions.

When Kant wrote, there was no science of psychology based upon evolution. In the light afforded by subsequent discoveries, he would probably see, were he now living, that his philosophy is inadequate to meet the requirements of to-day. With his great intellectual powers, he would doubtless clearly realize that our ideas of space and time, and our rational and moral intuitions, although irreconcilable with the experience-philosophy which he opposed, are in harmony with the larger philosophy of evolution.

This philosophy recognizes in the individual mind the a priori elenent for which Kant contended, but, instead of stopping there, finds that the element which is a priori to the individual has its origin and explanation in the experience of the race. This is as true of the intuitive powers of man as of the instincts of the lower forms of life. They are all spiritual in their nature.

If evolution be regarded as only a differentiation and development of organic structures, and the spiritual life which pervades the universe and embodies itself in these ascending forms be ignored, what is there to account for even the sensibility of the worm? The mind of man must have a spiritual basis, which in its essential. nature we may believe is cternal, partaking of noumenal being. Evolution is the process by which man, inheriting the accumulated life-experiences of the race, has, in this order of being, reached his present condition.

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was announced, and, without any inspection, the tickets were passed to the election board, deposited in the box, and counted at the close of the polls. The same process cannot be observed under our present system; but reports tell us, methods have been devised under the new, by which the will of the employer is expressed by the ballot, in place of the employed, and as effectually as under the former system; more, because the priest can prepare his whole flock in advance, to vote his will, and he need not be present to aid or watch them.

While we love honest accessions of the foreign population to America's growth, conscious the prestige of all originally came from abroad, yet we do not like the dumping of such vast multitudes on us all at once, with the full consciousness the colonists are but tools of a church, whose 'head is in Rome, and whose subjects when given the right of suffrage, will vote every time as that supreme head shall dictate.

Health and Happiness.

Much has been claimed in recent years for the curative power of suggestion in various forms of physical and mental ills incident to humanity, and such claims have been fully substantiated by experience. Without doubt the same claims may be made for the power of suggestion, especially when combined with and reinforced by proper mental activities, to induce longevity. It is an observed fact that many men (and women) are old before they have arrived at the age of thirty years. They manifest the physical and mental marks of the infirmities of old age. On the other hand there are men who have arrived at the age of seventy five years or more, who are in the full possession and enjoyment of physical and mental health, and are fully capable of exercising active interest in the affairs of the world.

In a recent address by Dr. George F. Butler of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, he advanced some suggestive thoughts that may be of practical use. substance it was an admonition to cultivate cheerfulness, to avoid hypochondriacs and hypochondriacal WOI ries, to work heartily and play heartily and to stop regarding old age as inevitably a period of inactivity and use lessness and slovenly habits.

Most men and women pay some heed to the laft that longevity is directly determined by physical condition. How far that is dependent upon mental condition and how much mental condition in turn, is influenced by environ ment and by innumerable details in habits of working, playing, eating and dressing is too generally ignored. Yet any psychologist knows that even such a detail as one's personal habits with egard to dress by an insensible reaction may aect both mind and body.

Let the person who crosses the bor-der line of 50 adopt a cheerful view of things and stop thinking that he is growing old. By so doing he will not only prolong his days on earth, but increase his happiness and envastly forment of life.

and action, perhaps directed by the hand of the Almighty, resulted in the formation of a lower life and that higher life evolved to its present status. "The fact that life is the result of chemical action," said Dr. Mathews, 'is scientific belief that must not be taken to mean that the scientists who have made the discoveries are infidels The fact that a violin string placed in water will become imbued with some life and move is proof that chemica action will produce a low order of life. When Dr. Jaques Loeb, now at the University of California, injected a salt so-

lution into a dead heart and made it beat he brought about a low order of life by chemical action.

"Those experiments are very simple, but the time is not far distant when higher orders of life will be produced in laboratories. How it will be done it is too early to say, but from all the researches of scientific minds it is the general belief that life is the result of chemical action rather than a divine conception."

Dr. Mathews said he did not believe that scientists would be able, at least for a very long time, to create life in the form of man, but at the start the lower order of life would be produced in laboratories, with the chances of a further and more wonderful development to follow.

IT IS ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT LEADING MINDS ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES ARE TAKING A GREAT INTEREST IN THE STUDY OF THE PHENOMENA OF SPIRIT-UALISM, PSYCHIC LAWS AND OC-CULT FORCES. AMONG THE NUM-BER IS A. W. WAGNALLS, A MEM-BER OF A LEADING PUBLISHING HOUSE IN NEW YORK, AND A SUB-SCRIBER TO THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. HE WRITES: "BY ALL had he read my name on his register, MEANS ENCOURAGE MRS. PETER. or known who I was. SILEA TO CONTINUE HER LET-TERS FROM SPIRIT REALMS. I THINK THEM BY FAR THE MOST SATISFACTORY AND INSTRUCTIVE of them by private letter, but will here THAT I HAVE AS YET COME make acknowledgment of their receipt

Good news comes from Mrs. Clara

ACROSS IN ALL MY YEARS OF CAREFUL READING."

THE MORRIS PRATT INSTITUTE.

Stewart, stating that the decision of the judge "was in our favor in everything." This news will make Spiritualists everywhere glad. The Morris Pratt Institute will henceforth belong to Spiritualism.

INTENSELY INTERESTING.

As you glance over The Progressive Thinker this week, from the first page to the eighth, you must recognize the

fact that it is in every sense of the word a GREAT PAPER, chockfull of matter that is highly interesting and instructive. Induce your Spiritualist friends to subscribe for it, and obtain our choice premium books.

form a marriage service. But this is not such a missionary field as the funerals.

From June to September, called her vacation, she is traveling, working elsewhere-at camp-meetings and at other Diaces. This summer she will visit Corry, Pa.; Mantua and Lake Brady, O.: Lily Dale, N. Y.; Onset and Lynn, Mass., and other places. Mrs. Rich-mond seems to be doing more work for the cause than ever before.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Spraque.

To Our Many Friends :- It gives me the greatest pleasure to be able to state that Mrs. Sprague is out of the contagion hospital; that she is well and at work again. She is not strong yet however, but is gaining strength daily

She received her diploma as a gradu-ate of the pest house, Jan. 26. It consists of a certificate duly signed by the health officer of Silver Bow county. Mont., and pronounces her "Properly protected from smallpox or varioloid, by reason of previous attack of vario-

No one, so far as we know, took the lisease from her. This has been one of the most trying experiences of our At some future time we will lives. publish these experiences; they will certainly be of interest to our readers, and especially so to those who are in-terested in the science (?) of orthodox medicine and the splendid (?) condilons that are made in some cities for unfortunates who are stricken with con-

tagious diseases when away from their Had it not been for our dear friends, the Spiritualists, who so kindly gave us their sympathy and assistance. I do not know what we would have done.

We shall never forget our true and loyal friends of Butte, Montana, and especially those who so kindly took me in and cared for me at the time when no hotel or boarding-house proprietor in the city would have given me a room Letters of love and sympathy from

all parts of the country are pouring in upon us; they are so numerous that we will not be able to respond to each one and express to each writer our heart-

felt thanks for his or her kindly sympathy and words of encouragement. love our friends and are happy in the knowledge that they are legion. We fully realize that the good thoughts and kind wishes sent out to us by our friends were of much benefit to us in this great trial.

We are thankful that this experience is now passed and that we are free to continue our work.

May heaven's blessings be the portion of all our friends.

Lovingly and fraternally, E. W. SPRAGUE, N. S. A. Missionary.

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the harmony and requisite conditions fare.

for the promulgation of the truths and To show that there is literally no exevidences of immortality. For this cuse for this cruel maiming and slaughstate of affairs the society is indebted tering of innocent birds, a far better mainly to Dr. Wise, the secretary and test of markmanship is afforded by the use of "clay pigeons" projected from the trap in imitation of the pigeon's a few other members. The president, Mrs. Hill, formerly of Rochester, N. Y., the cradle of Modern flight.

Spiritualism, though two years have not elapsed since to her occurred the This does not gratify the barbarous instinct for blood, but it affords a better test of skill, and for both reasons it demonstration of the existence of the greatest truth-immortality which can should be adopted. possibly affect humanity, yet now is a

those who practice it.

Live pigeon trap shooting is demoral izing, utterly needless, and we are glad to observe that a movement is now true and fearless exponent of the philosophy of immortality in its threefold bearing—our relation to the Infinite, to our fellow spirits on both sides of the making to secure state legislation to abolish the cruel practice. great divide and to ourselves.

Dr. Benton in a New Role.

as president, when the spirit forces at-To the Editor :-- I am open for tested her fitness for this larger scope gagements with any society who de-sires to know all about the tricks and of the work by gradually developing her along the line of the impressional methods resorted to by fraudulent me-This unfoldment of powers is becoming diums. I will lecture, demonstrate and stronger as evinced by the interest of explain all. her auditors. Dr. Hutchins, until late of Springfield,

DR. C. T. H. BENTON. Other papers please copy.

For Dr. Benton, we have always had kindly personal feeling. Psychologized by an infernal rotten set, who in from a book compiled by man for eccletheir materializations use artificial toggery, and in their tests a blue book. he went into the materializing business, in Nature. In these texts, Dr. Hutching Chicago, and in due time was fully ex-posed by The Progressive Thinker. cance as bearing the evidence of divine We believe that, the Doctor is honest at

course he did. As usual his bogus "ma-terializations?" were recognized by many as genuine. The societies in Chi-cago may possibly give the Doctor an evening. The underlying truths of were given from the rostrum.

Spiritualism, grand and beautiful, and soul-elevating, are fully established on a foundation that can not be shaken, of the roften gang now infesting Spiritualism, using artificial apparel to personate your spirit friends. The Doctor

can be addressed at 4160 Wentworth avenue, Chicago. 11

⁹⁰ Spring Festival.

The Chicago New Thought Federa-tion is giving further evidence of its energy and dife. IA Mid-Lenten carnival of good things is planned by them for

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be further fostered by this educational bazaar. An expression of the fancy arts and, the demonstration of the various psychic sciences will be the feature of this festical. The Chicago people apparently know how to do things, and this fact will be illustrated at that time Aside from the present application of New Thought, higher ideals for the future will be disseminated by new lit-

ensiture, books, magazines, etc., that will be on sale. For three days a good time may be had by all New Thoughters who can be in Chicago and want to go to the Northwestern University building and meet their kind. Detailed information concerning this event muy be secured by addressing Secretury." True at 'No. 70 Dearborn in every home in the land. Price, 15 street, Chicagos cents; \$1.50 per dozen

"All experience became Consolidate in mind and frame."

For philosophic discussion, the word "experience" requires a wider meaning that it ordinarily has. They who have studied supernormal phenomena know that there are means of acquiring knowledge in which the sensory channels are not employed; and such knowledge, gained by or through the subliminal consciousness, would seem to imply trata of consciousness beyond our ordinary conscious life, and experiences that transcend those of our present conscious plane of activity. The reincarnationists see in such facts indications of the doctrine of pre-existence. Metaphysical transcendentalists, as they come to recognize the facts, are likely to cite them as proofs of the weakness of the experiential theories of knowledge. Those who adhere to the terminology and associations of the experience-philosophy will see that, as it has been modified and enlarged to meet the demands of evolution, so it will need further enlargement to make it consistent with clairvoyance, telepathy, and other supernormal phenomena.

As the word "experience" was widened to include not merely the experiences of the individual, but those of the race, accumulated and transmitted as aptitudes, tendencies, and intuitions, so it must be further widened to include those psychical activities that are not regisered as memories in the conscious mind. B. F. UNDERWOOD.

JE-HO-VAH.

A Reminder of a Most Lovable Man.

Within the holy realm of deepest Thought, Where Wisdom's precepts are so fully taught, Reside a band of Oriental Seers, Whose lives are measured by unnumbered years. Here beauteous flowers of every form and hue Glisten in brightness with the morning dew, Emitting odors of such rare perfume That keep them ever constantly in bloom. This is the Land Celestial-this the Throne Which wafts its Wisdom unto every zone; This, too, doth guide every planet in its course. From which the spheres derive their mighty force: This is the Godhead-this the realm of law-From which all Nature doth its incense draw. Thus much I know and, knowing, know no more And that is why JE-HO-VAH I adore. LUTHER COLBY.

Boston, Mass., 1893.

To the Editor :- I enclose with this letter, the above poem written by

Luther Colby (late editor of the Banner of Light). It was written shortly before he passed away. He gave it to me the last time I visited him. He remarked to me then that it would not be long before he would be in the Summer land. I treasure the little poem as a sweet reminder of the grand, gentle, lovable man, who so long blessed our cause with brain and pen as edifor of the Banner of Light. O. A. E. Newport, Ky.

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gheny Lyceum. Services were conducted by Rev. L. M. Oles, assisted by

L. M. Oles, Jr., superintendent of the Lyceum.

Mass., supplements the lecture work of the society in both the Sunday and Wednesday night meetings, with lectures upon topics from texts taken, not siastical purposes, but from the infinite ly greater and more sacred volumeorigin and their direct lessons of truth

Public speaking was furthest from her thoughts until after her selection

heart, but was hypnotized by those dealing in the "false" to pursue the course he did. As usual his bogus "ma-city is setting spice upon the mediums. Their latest movement was the arrest

This city is overrun with palmists, clairvoyants and readers, fortune-tell ers, frauds, fakes and charlatans of ev and it will prove highly interesting to an audience to know some of the tricks ple pay the license fees, for this in creases the amount liable to grafts and

boodling schemes. Mrs. Lillie of San Francisco, is still employed by the Freethinkers. J. L. MERRITT.

Los Angeles, Cal.

PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE. [Obituaries to the extent of ten lines

ly will be inserted free. All in excess of ten lines will be charged at the rate

Passed to spirit life, Miss Sarah Meniman of Allegheny, Pa., on Jan. 19 aged 28 years. She was a devoted worker in the cause of Spiritualism. She was a trustee of the Psychic Re search Society, and also of the Alle

The new song-book, "The Golden Echoes," by S. W. Tucker, has found its way into many homes, and its behutiful

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tics, church members of the most or- Yes, the secular press is "stealing" thodox kind, and awakening all classes our thunder! Bless it a thousand times to a recognition of what is now going for so doing! With its aid the world will be redeemed from religious bondon in our ranks.

True, they are encroaching upon the age! domain formerly exclusively occupied Read what Mr. I. K. Funk says of the by Spiritualist papers, "stealing" their gradual displacement of the Spiritualist thunder-or, in other words appropriat- papers by the secular press. He stands ing it, and sending it out among a class high as a profound thinker, an author who never before heard of it, accom- and an earnest investigator of psyplishing thereby a great work for our chical subjects. He is followed by Mrs Longley, one of the best, brightest and Cause.

The Catholic priest, saturated with most thoughtful mediums of the presthe ignorance of bygone ages; the ent age, who also foresees the gradual Hard-shell Baptist with his odious be- change taking place in our ranks. But lief, and the old Calvinistic minister all this change will be gradual, and in the survey with awe this wonderful inroad mean time The Progressive Thinker that Spiritualism is making among all will go on with its Divine Plan, establishclasses of people, and that through the ing the nucleus of a Spiritualistic and instrumentality of the secular press. Occult library in thousands of homes May Pepper, a glorious woman, a at a mere nominal cost, and otherwise grand medium, an enemy of the frauds benefiting the Cause of Truth. Read and charlatans that have invaded our carefully the views of the New York ranks the same as rats do a ship-a Herald in reference to Mrs. Pepper, and staunch friend of the course of The Pro- then send in your subscription for The gressive Thinker-she is now the mo- Progressive Thinker.

TO THE EDITOR :-- I READ WITH INTEREST YOUR EDITO. RIAL ON THE FUTURE OF SPIRITUALISTIC PERIODICALS DOUBTLESS YOU ARE RIGHT IN YOUR PROGNOSTICATIONS. THIS IS ALMOST ALWAYS THE FATE OF FORERUNNERS OF REFORMS FROM JOHN THE BAPTIST DOWN TO THE PRESENT. YOU REMEMBER THE ABOLITION PARTY MADE POSSIBLE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY BY CREATING SO MUCH PUBLIC SENTIMENT THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AROS / AND ELECTED LINCOLN, BUT THE SUCCESS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WAS DEATH TO THE ABOLITION PARTY.

THE EXTENT TO WHICH OUTSIDE PAPERS ARE TAKING UP THIS ISSUE YOU WILL SEE ILLUSTRATED BY THE ENCLOSED CLIPPING FROM LAST SUNDAY'S NEW YORK HERALD. I. K. FUNK. BROOKLYN, N. Y.

.TO THE EDITOR :-- YOUR EDITORIAL CONCERNING THE WORK OF THE SECULAR PRESS ON PSYCHICAL AND OCCULT SUBJECTS, AND ITS GRADUAL DISPLACING OF THE SPIRIT. UALISTIC PAPERS, ACCORDS WITH MY IDEAS, EXACTLY. FATHER PIERPONT ENTERTAINED THAT THOUGHT AS FAR BACK AS WHEN I WAS WITH THE BANNER OF LIGHT. HE ALSO SAID MANY TIMES THAT WHILE MEDIUMS, OR THEIR GUIDES, PREDICTED THAT SPIRITUALISTS NEED NOT BUILD CHURCHES BECAUSE IN TIME THE DENOMINATIONAL STRUCTURES WOULD BE AT THEIR DISPOSAL, IT DID NOT MEAN, AS MANY SPIRITUALISTS CLAIMED, THAT THE CHURCHES WOULD BE ABANDONED AND THAT WE COULD BUY THEM CHEAP; BUT THAT THE PULPIT WOULD BE SO PERMEATED AND INDOCTRINATED WITH SPIRITUALISM AS TO PREACH OUTRIGHT, AND SO LESSEN THE NEED FOR SPIR. ITUALISTIC SOCIETIES. HEBER NEWTON AND SAVAGE ARE MARY T. LONGLEY. IN THE LEAD.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ened looking young woman in the rear of the audience Taised her hand. esis," "Ah! thank you," replied Mrs. Pepper. "Now, lady, this spirit had something to do with a pocketbook."

"Oh, no, madam; I'm sure you are mistaken," insisted theyyoung woman, shaking her head.

"Oh, no, I am not mistaken," returned the medium, with a knowing nile. "Now, tell me, wasn't this spirit's name Wallet?" smile.

"Y-e-s!" gasped the astonished young woman, dropping back in her chair as one completely overcome.

"Well, didn't I tell you she had something to do with a policibook,' argued the medium. "And," she continued, "I hear the name of Kath erine. That was her name, wasn't it-Katherine Wallet?"

"Yes! Yes!" faintly replied the young woman. ""That was her name."

Personal identity thus established, the spirit of Katherine Wallet proceeded to hold a five minute conversation with her sister upon various subjects of personal and family interest, at the conclusion of which

ter from the overflowing pulpit.

The Voice of a Suicide.

No sooner had the medium touched the envelope than she turned to one of the deacons sitting at the side of the pulpit and asked him if there was gas escaping. "I smell a strong odor of gas," she declared, drawing a deep breath through her nostrils, "and if it is not material support the Spiritistic theory must be the kind of facts which would gas escaping from one of the jets in the church it must be connected with this spirit. The initial on this envelope is 'P,' and I hear and see shall? Will the person please answer promptly ?"

her own age, both of whom had evidently accompanied her, at last raised a black gloved hand.

Mrs. Pepper raised herself upon tiptoe to get a glimpse of the woman to whom she was about to recall tragic memories, and, moving close to the edge of the rostrum, she spoke direct to her in a voice now perceptibly tender and sympathetic.

"Ah, this is the spirit of one who went out through inhaling gas and she says she took it herself."

"Yes, yes," whispered the woman, with a dry sob in her throat, while the men accompanying her, their faces deadly white, looked across her owed figure and exchanged glances that meant volumes.

"Well, Irene says," continued the medium, "that was her name-Irene Parshall, she tells me."

"Yes, yes, that was her name," sobbed the woman. "Irene says to tell Nellie-who's Nellie?"

"That's me!" came an agonized voice.

"Irene says to tell Nellie that she couldn't help doing what she did. She says to tell her that life was too hard and her sorrow was too great for her to bear. But she says she knows now that it was wrong for her to do what she did, and that were it possible to live the life of the flesh over again she would bear her trouble. She didn't think it would have caused so much suffering as it did. She didn't think any one would care so much. She didn't think Charlie-who's Charlie ?" "Her-her husband!" again sobbed the woman.

"Ah, yes; well, Irene says she didn't think Charlie would have cared

so much, and she says that Charlie knows more about it than any of you suspect.

This interesting bit of information had the effect of making the trembling woman look up and nod affirmatively first to the old gentleman and then to the other.

There were on the pulpit this particular night nearly four hundred etters addressed to those in the spirit land, only ten of which Mrs. Pepper had time to send thither. In each and every case she ngt only established personal identity between the living and the dead communi- order to communicate with the living at all. cators to the complete satisfaction of the former and evidently also to the latter, but she also spelled the first and last names of both.

Just what Mrs. Pepper's strange power essentially is and how to explain that power so as to exclude the common theories of telepathy, secondary personality and subliminal consciousness are questions which are puzzling several scientific men to-day, just as the celebrated case of that other wonderful medium, Mrs. Piper, puzzled the Society for Psychical Research a few years ago. 1. 1.4.2

BY ISAAC K. FUNK.

more painstaking or conscientious devotee either in this country or in Such a condition, in common with secondary personality and unconthan D saac K. Funk, head of the public hing house o hink & Wagnalls. In his book entitled "The Widow's Mite: and Other Psychic Phenomena," Dr. Funk has embodied succinctly the experiences conservative. "There is but one way in which we should approach this question," said Dr. Funk, "and that is in the spirit of a noble and disinterested agnosticism-the spirit which prompts a man to say 'I do not know.' Professor Huxley urged a similar attitude upon his students when he told them that in order to attain the truth in any scientific inquiry into any subject they must 'become as little children.' The phrase is a particularly happy one, and it is significant that it was used by another Great Teacher two thousand years before the discovery of evolution.

BY PROF. JAMES H. HYSLOP.

"The first problem of the psychologist in the investigation of this subject, after he has eliminated every possibility of fraud or collusion on the part of the medium, is to exclude the phenomena of what is called secondary personality," declared Professor James H. Hyslop, who, while occupying the chair of logic and ethics in Columbia University conducted the famous investigation of Mrs. Piper and who is now engaged in the organization of the American Institute of Scientific Research. "For many years," continued Dr. Hyslop, "every instance of unconscious simulation and dramatic representation of spirit communications was accepted as the genuine phenomenon.

"We now know better, and have reduced the facts that can even provisionally claim such an origin to a much smaller number than was once supposed. What is necessary after allowing for secondary personality, which is merely the subliminal or unconscious mental action of the Mrs. Pepper murmured a polite "thank you," presumably to the accom- ality, which is merely the subliminal or unconscious mental action of the modating spirit of Katherine Wallet, and picked up another scaled let- so-called medium, is undoubted evidence that the facts claiming Spirit-

istic source shall be the result of supernormal knowledge, that is, knowledge acquired by some process not producible by any normal action of the mind or body of the 'medium.' When that is secured it must be measured against every possible and conceivable source of information before the Spiritistic hypothesis can be accepted even tentatively. The kind of facts which will prove this supernormal knowledge which will prove a man's identity over a telegraph wire or by wireless telegraphy: "After we have elminated fraud it is easy to establish personal iden-

the name of Parshall. Who in the audience addressed a letter to Par- tity, whether in a telegraphic identification or in supernormal phenomena. But even then it is not so easy to establish the spiritistic theory, A handsome matron of thirty-eight or forty years, in deep mourning, since we must not only have excluded fraud, chance and suggestion, but after exchanging glances with an elderly gentleman and a man of about we must also exclude any explanation by telepathy or some similar supernormal process, if there be such.

Trivialities of Seances.

"The difficulties of the Spiritistic interpretation of the phenomena, as felt by the general public and the average scientific man, are not suggested, however, by the supposition of fraud, telepathy, guessing, chance coincidence or any other ordinary causes, but are rather aroused by the so-called 'triviality of the incidents,' the 'confusion' associated with the 'communications' and the absence of all that information about the alleged 'communicators,' their conditions of life and existence which the living are most curious to know. After personal identity is proved they cannot understand why the 'communications' should be so trivial and inane, why spirits can talk about nothing but jack-knives, old hats, toothpicks and the like.

"I appreciate fully the difficulties suggested by this type of objection on the part of the general public, simple though the explanation is. The

scientific man, however, cannot reasonably press them as objections to the Spiritistic theory after he has given up fraud. He has the facts to explain by some theory, and he cannot base skepticism of the existence of spirits on the inanity of what those spirits say. If he cannot remove the cogency of the facts by fraud and telepathy he has to accept at all costs the interpretation which the phenomena enforce, and he is not to squirm at the supposition that death may land us in a purgatorial mad-

"This objection is, to my mind, not an objection at all. I have shown by my experiments in the Piper case that living persons, imitating the situation in mediumistic phenomena, always select very trivial incidents to prove their identity. But this necessity of trivial facts is not the explanation of them in the Piper case. The real reason lies far deeper, and it represents one of the crucial factors in the determination of the Spiritistic theory. It is the mental state of the communicator while he is communicating. I do not mean his mental state in his normal life hereafter, but that mental condition which is apparently necessary in

Difficulties of Spirit Communication.

"That there would be great difficulties in communicating, admitting spirits do exist, would naturally be taken for granted by intelligent people. The silence of so many discarnate spirits through the ages would be sufficient proof of that fact, as well as what we know of the difficulty of communications between living people when they have no common language.

"But there are also other reasons, one of them being the abnormal mental and physical condition of the medium, as, for instance, in the case of Mrs. Piper. It is a trance condition in which she is unconscious The scientific investigation of Spiritualistic phenomena has had no and the physiological functions of the organisms more or less unusual.

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I've told my lie, And seen truth follow, marvels none of mine; All was not cheating, sir, I'm positive! I don't know if I move your hand sometimes When the spontaneous writing spreads so far, If my knee lifts the table all that height, Why the inkstand don't fall off the desk a-tilt, Why the accordeon plays a prettier waltz Than I can pick out on the pianoforte. Why I speak so much more than I intend, Describe so many things I never saw. I tell you, sir, in one sense I believe Nothing at all-that everybody can, Will and does cheat; but in another sense I'm. ready to believe my very self-That every cheat's inspired and every lie Quick with a germ of truth.

-"'Mr. Sludge the Medium."

It is more than forty years since the poet Browning put these pro phetic lines into the blasphemous mouth of the scoundrel who to this day stands in the mind of the disaffected as the very archtype of the alleged Spiritualistic medium. In the four decades intervening there have been many Sludges, nor has their sex been restricted to the masculine persuasion. The experience of the years would seem to argue that Mr. Sludge prophesied better than he knew in that, after pouring out his shameful confession when driven to bay by his victim, he, the precious rascal, still declared for the "germ of truth" which underlay even his most brazen trickery.

All the large cities of the country have to-day their Spiritualist All the large cities of the country have today their operations of the structure of the str their respective spiritualist "pastors" of varying degrees of trustworthiness and ability in mediumistic powers.

The most important of these churches in point of wealth, influence and social prestige is, strangely enough, located in the very heart of that stronghold of orthodox ecclesiasticism, Brooklyn. The First Spiritualist Church, dedicated a few years ago, is one of the handsomest edifices in that city of beautiful churches, and its more than five hundred members are recruited from the best Brooklyn families.

Sunday nights find the capacity of the auditorium of this church filled to overflowing with a congregation eager to see the wonders which the pastor, the celebrated Mrs. Pepper, works at the conclusion of her twenty minutes's sermon. And if these eight hundred odd laymen-eight hundred is the seating capacity of the church-if these eight hundred laymen depart marvelling at the things they have seen and heard it can scarcely be a matter of surprise to the incredulous scoffer when he recollects that such trained investigators as Dr. I. K. Funk, Professor Hyslop and Dr. Heber Newton are equally at a loss to account for Mrs. Pepper's wonderful powers.

Mrs. Pepper's experiments are as simple in their methods of conduct as their phenomena are startling in revelations. Having finished her sermon which is usually along ethical lines, she takes her chair behind the pulpit, while the soloist in the organ loft above sings a selection from one of the great composers. As the tones of the singer's voice and the trembling of the mighty organ die away in the recesses of the high arched roof Mrs. Pepper rises slowly and again stands behind the pulpit.

On a memorable night some weeks ago Mrs. Pepper began by "reading" by the startling announcement that the spirit to whom a letter in her hand was addressed appeared before her with a pocketbook in the hand.

A Ghost's Pocketbook.

its being a pocketbook. This letter is addressed with the initials 'K. W. mother did have a grandchild named Chester, who had died in infancy known to be ready to entertain such experiences dispassionately need W.' Now will the writer of it please tell me if this spirit had not something to do with a pocketbook ?"

There being no response to the inquiry, the medium then asked that the writer of the letter to signify his identity by rising or holding up his tion. I do not know whether it was the spirit of my mother or not. hand, such being the custom when the medium has established commu- What I do know is that such a phenomenon did take place and that,

"As to my own personal experiences with 'mediums,' they have been of various degrees of interest. Very often, I must confess, they have been sation cannot be carried on in them, and that dreams and deliria result unsatisfactory. In many, many cases the phenomena produced were palpably fraudulent. I have, however, had the good fortune to investigate the claims of a number of mediums whose possession of supernormal powers I was forced to acknowledge in the light of the remarkable phenomena I witnessed.

"Among such I might mention Miss Margaret Gaule, of this city, and Mrs. Pepper, of Brooklyn. I have made a number of tests of Mrs. Pep- Much of this curiosity is the reflection of a bad morality and a desire per's powers, eliminating every opportunity for fraud as well as for either to escape present duty or to ascertain the limits which nature aschance, for subliminal consciousness, and for secondary personality, yet signs to the habits of libertines. phenomena took place which seemed to indicate the presence of discarful study.

A Remarkable Instance.

"One of these tests gave what claimed to be the spirit of my mother, ong ago dead. The test was given in Mrs. Pepper's church, after the sermon, it being one of a dozen or more given that evening. I enclosed a letter to my mother in an envelope, addressed on the outside with an initial and on the inside with the word mother, and had it put on the desk after Mrs. Pepper was in the pulpit. My mother died forty years ago in the West, and it is very unlikely that outside of my family any one in Brooklyn knew her name or what caused her death. There was only one chance in some hundreds that she would happen to seize upon my letter. Picking it up, she immediately spoke my" mother's first name, described her by a number of triffing but none the less important details of appearance; she said that, curiously, she seemed to walk as if she was using but one foot. This she said was evidently for a test. Mrs. Pepper then inquired if I knew why she walked in this way, and I asked, 'Can't she tell me?' In a moment, Mrs. Pepper said that my mother asked if I did not remember 'that needle.' The fact was, when I was a young man my mother stepped off a chair and ran a needle into her foot. The needle had been sticking in the floor, point downward. so that the eye end of it had punctured her thin slipper and tun so far into the foot that in order to remove it I used a pair of pincers. | Paralysis of the foot and limb followed and in a week she was detid. The question in my sealed letter was, 'Will mother tell me What daused her death?' Mind reading might explain an incident of this kind, but evidence of the sure possession even of that power is exceedingly interesting. AL : D:

"The next interesting statement Mrs. Pepper made "lyas" that my mother was not alone, that she had by her side a boy child, whom she called Chester, and said it was her grandchild. I did not remember any grandchild by the name of Chester either dead or alive, and I went child Chester was merely one of the unaccountable vagaries which very frequently obtrude themselves into otherwise accurate phenomena. "This seems very odd," she mused, "but there is no mistake about Making inquiries among members of my family I learned that my about twenty years ago, in the West, which accounted for the fact that have no difficulty in getting on the track of first evidence." his identity was not recognized by me.

"Regarding this particular phenomenon I offer no certain explana-

gent action on the part of the person under their influence. We know that anything coming from them, whether spontaneous or from the sugof many years of patient inquiry into the claims of so-called "Spiritual- gestion of others, may undergo great modifications, and as often be exism"-claims in the consideration of which he displays an attitude of ceedingly trivial. Hence, if Spiritistic messages should have to come mind that must impress the skeptical as thoroughly sane, sound and through such mental and physical conditions, we ought to expect them to take the form which such a medium would naturally determine.

"The mental condition of the communicator himself is abnormal while he is communicating. Such a condition may be compared to a delirious dream, or to certain types of secondary personality in the living, or even to the trance of Mrs. Piper, in some of its aspects.

Life Beyond the Grave.

"In the very difficulties and obscurities that surround the subject there is, however, one consideration of great value. They show what the limitations are for any rational theory of the next life. We know from similar mental conditions among the living that rational converin just trivialities and confusion and the absence of rational statements about important questions. The fact that such condition exists, as more or less necessary to any communication, is one of great importance, considering the insane curiosity which many people have about another world when their duties lie in this one, and the 'other worldliness' which has characterized so many ages of superstition and persecution.

"For myself, I think it a fortunate thing for the race that it cannot nate spirits. And in these tests Mrs. Pepper has proved to me that she easily pry into the secrets of the next life. Its duty is investigation possesses very rare supernormal gifts, which are worthy of more care- and action in the present. I admit the value of proving a future life, but I do not think it at all necessary to know all about it in order to determine my duties in the life that now is. The nature of man is such that he must estimate consciousness more highly than dead matter, and if nature makes matter imperishable and conserves energy it is quite excusable that man should ask for evidence whether nature values personal consciousness as highly as dead matter. If it does not we can hardly expect men as we know them to respect virtues that place the bighest value on what nature does not conserve. But the importance of the belief that there is another life does not make it necessary that we should know what its special form is.

"We can well afford to leave that for the future to decide, while we can turn with light heart to the duties around us and feel that our moral ideals are in the hands of the Cosmos and ourselves.'

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"It is many years since I have been inquiring in these directions, and a large quantity of material has come to me-knowledge of the character to which I have referred above-nearly all personal experience. and on this account more interesting and valuable to me, as I know the per-sons from whom I have received the information; but limited by this away from the church that night firmly convinced that this alleged circumstance, as I have indicated above, so that I cannot give it to others-and if I could it would, to strangers, lack the very certification that makes it impressive to me from my knowledge of those who have given it to me. Any one who keeps his eyes and his ears open and is

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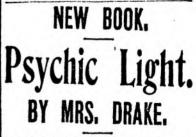
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with crowded houses. Her lectures and tests combined never fail to draw. Her address will be in care of General De-

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An evidence of rottenness on the part of certain parties now traveling from place to place, and who have allied themselves to Spiritualism for the money that is in it, is the fact that they are bitter against The Progressive Thinker and the N. S. A. Spiritualists should avoid them as they would a pestilence. Keep them away from

our homes. Dr. Geo. W. Carey has removed to No. 659 S. Hill street, Los Angeles, Cal., where he can be addressed.

MRS. ROSE L. BUSHNELL DONN ELLY WRITES: "YES, YOU ARE DO-ING A WORK THAT NO OTHER SPIRITUALIST PAPER EVER AT-TEMPTED, AND YOU ARE A SUC-CESS IN ALL YOUR UNDERTAK-INGS. WITH ALL THE CONTRO-VERSY NOW GOING ON, NO TWO HAVE IT ALL, AND NO TWO RE-CEIVE THE KNOWLEDGE ALIKE. THE SHAPE OF THE BRAIN DETER-MINES THE EXPRESSION THERE-OF. WHAT COULD WE DO WITH-OUT THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER? T FREELY GIVES ALL A CHANCE SO FAR AS SPACE WILL PERMIT TO EXPRESS THROUGH ITS COL-UMNS IDEAS AND THEORIES SO OFTEN AT VARIANCE WITH EACH

OTHER. THE DEBATE BETWEEN THE GIANTS HAS ARRIVED. IT IS VERY, VERY ABLE, AND INTEREST-N. H. Eddy writes: "Mrs. Amanda Coffman of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been speaker and message bearer for the First Spiritual Society of Buffalo,

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N. Y., at the Temple, Prospect and Jersey streets, during the month of January. She has done very efficient and satisfactory work for our society and the cause of Spiritualism during her sojourn. She came to us a stranger. She has labored very earnestly and faithfully. Her lectures have touched the hearts of the people.... The messages acknowledged very correct, and your correspondent has heard many kind words spoken in behalf of her and her guides. She has won many friends in Buffalo, both through her excellent medium-ship, also her genial and kindly manner in demonstrating the facts, and philosophy of Spiritualism to the seekers of the truths of same. The members and officers of our society appreciate the efficient services rendered. At the last meeting, Jan. 29, the Ladies' Aid and friends in audience gave ner flowers, and as a token of appreciation the society and friends, through the President, Mr. Leo Manger, presented her with a beautiful bouquet of roses and lilies. The surprise was so unexpected

that she was overcome and hardly able to find words to acknowledge the reeipt of flowers." Eva L. Stewart writes: "The Hyde Park Occult Society were highly entertained last Sunday night by Dr. Geo. S. Hail of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Har-

riet Loehman of Chattauooga, Tenn. Dr. Hail was given the subject from the audience, 'Immortality,' and handled it in a masterly manner. We are always sure of something good when he speaks for us. Mrs. Loehman's talk was upon general subjects. The audience was well pleased with both. Mrs. Clara Hooper and Mrs. E. Kline gave some very convincing tests. Our audience was exceedingly large and interest in Spiritualism is on the increase. Every

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

ing, hence communications intended for that current issue should reach this current issue should reach this office not later than the previous Satur-day morning. Bear this in mind.

MID-WINTER CONVENTION OF THE MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUAL ASSOCIATION, FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY AND 12, 1905, FREE CHURCH, STUR-GIS, MICH. The following person will participate in the programme: Dr. Julia M. Walton, Jackson; Mr. Thomas

Collar, president of the Sturgis Spiritual Society; Mrs. Amanda. Coffman Grand Rapids; Dr. B. O'Dell, Paw Paw Mrs. Jennie Duffus, Detroit; Dr. W. O. Knowles, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Matilda Wisker, Detroit; Mrs. Dorothy Dailey Detroit: Mrs. Nellie S. Baade., Detroit: Dr. Geo. B. Warne, Chicago; H. L. Chapman, Marcellus; Mrs. Cora Morrill, Grand Rapids; Dr. P. T. Johnson, Batle Creek.

MRS. ANNA E. BAIRD WRITES FROM ELYRIA, OHIO: "THERE IS NO PAPER PRINTED IN THE CAUSE OF SPIRITUALISM, DOING THE GOOD THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER S. LONG MAY YOU LIVE TO WAVE

THIS BANNER OF TRUTH." Mrs. Mary B. Brady writes from Bloomington, Ill.: "Frank T. Ripley has just closed a five weeks' engage ment with our society and has given the best of satisfaction. His lectures and messages were of the best. His guides' work is of great credit to any society, and he should be continually

employed. Some of our best people attended the services.' Columbus Wells writes: "I received our premium book, The Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World. Vol. 1, and am well pleased with the same. I heartily thank you for it. I do not see how you can afford to send M. F. Hammond writes: "I have just closed a very successful engagement for the month of January with the Progressive Spiritual Society of Fort Wayne, Ind., and now go to Indianapolis to fill an engagement for the Progressive Spiritual church of that city for the months of February and March. Friends wishing to correspond with me

will please direct to the General Delivery of that city." J. A. Toren writes: "Dr. J. O. M. Hewitt delivered an able lecture for the Society of the Psychic Forces, 361-363 East 43rd street, Sunday evening, January 22, on 'Mediumship.' On Sunday, January 29, he again appeared beus, his subject being 'Evolution of for the Spirit.' Both lectures were listened to with the greatest interest. The messages by Mrs. Isa Cleveland were concise and clear and demonstrated to the greatest satisfaction, the continuity of life. Mrs. Virginia Barrett of Indianapolis, was present at the conference at 3 o'clock and all were pleased with her remarks. We extend a hearty welcome to all and especially strangers, to attend our meetings. Dr. J. H. Randall will address our audience on Sunday evening, Feb. 5; Mrs. Nora E. Hill, Feb. 12, and Dr. J. O. M. Hewtt, Feb. 19: Our endeavors are directed constantly in an effort to obtain the

best speakers and to present the living truths of Spiritualism to all who attend the services at our hall. The messages are of such emphatic character that investigators are unable to stand the pressure and become fully convinced.'

Correspondent writes #."Mrs. Demorest has just passed through a most trying ordeal with the Blue Laws of Penneylvania, and after hundreds of dollars' spent for fees and costs, she was let go with the understanding that should she ever give readings again in Pittsburg or Allegheny, Pa., she would be dealt with most severely next time. Mrs. Demorest is one of the oldest mediums in Pittsburg or Allegheny, 'Pa., and well known throughout the state, yet

only two Spiritualists stood by

the time of her troubles and lent their

TAKE NOTICE, To the Spiritualists of New Jersey.

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

All Spiritualists in the state of New Jersey who Believe in local and state organization, and are desirous of having missionary work in their respective communities, are requested to correspond with Bev, H. C. Dorn, 72 Columbla, street, Newark, N. J., with regard to the matter. Mr. Dorn is duly author-ized by the N. S. A. to represent its in-

terests in New Jersey in this particula work HARRISON D. BARRETT, Canaan, Mg. . 12 Pres. N. S. A.

From Brighton, England, comes tory of a liaunted house," shost has been seen. A middle-age voman, who formerly occupied the house, says that one Sunday evening she was startled to see standing by the piano in the drawing-room the figure of a woman. There was an awful look on the face, but the apparition vanished before the terror-stricken occupier could gather any further detail.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCarroll, Ottumwa, Iowa, a girl. We congratuate the happy couple on this added blessing

As the translated spirit moves in all the elements of nature, so does God, Fechner opines, move there, too, "How

easy," he exclaims, "would it be for all faith, if man could habitually see a truth in that further word, lives and moves and has his being in all! Then it were not a dead, but, through God, a living world, out of which man is building his future body and is thereby creating a new abode within the dwelling place of God."

Identical dreams that have come everey night for six months to Mrs. Philip Jones, of Englewood, N. J., led her to insert an advertisement in the New York Herald for information of her brother, John Milsted; of whom nothing has been heard for seven years. A dream, in which the missing brother out The Progressive Thinker for one has appeared in a hospital of that city, year and the book for only \$1.25." has repeated itself in Mrs. Jones' sleep for one hundred and eighty successive nights. The details of the dreams have never varied, the picture of Milsted in some vaguely suggested hospital being ever precisely similar.

F. A. Conner writes: "The Progressive Thinker is the best paper I ever have taken and the only one that I read through every week; it is all instructive.'

.Professor Barrett avers: "The investigations we have published unde-niably establish the fact that human personality embraces a far larger scope than science has hitherto recognized That it partakes of a twofold life, on one side a self-consciousness which is wakened by and related to time and space, to sense and outward things; on the other side a deeper, slumbering, but potential consciousness, the record of every unheeded past impression, nossessing higher receptive and perceptive powers than our normal self-conscious ness-a self that. I believe, links our individual life to the ocean of life, and to the source of all life."

S. Burd writes from Ohio: "I cannot for the life of me see where you get all the news that is in the paper from week to week. Each week it seems to be better. I would rather miss one meal a day than to miss the paper. I do not see how a Spiritualist can live without The Progressive Thinker. I get more hungry for the paper than I do for eatables."

The northwestern Ethical Educational Society and others interested in chiliren gathered in Mrs Lucy Mallory's parlors (she is a prominent Spiritual ist) to form what is hoped to be the beginning of an international society for children. The motto, "Love is the Way, the Truth and the Light," will be rated with the Stars and Stripes." the ruling spirit of the organization, which will be called the "Whole World Jolden Chain of Love to All." The purpose of the new society, it was an-nounced, is to evolve that love, which s latent in every child instead of misdirecting it, and in order to become a member of this society it will be nec-essary for each child to write a letter got to be a serious question whether to nie Allyn, of Stonewall, Mass., the Odd

Highly Appreciative.

To the Editor:-I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing my gratification of the GRAND WORK The Progressive Thinker is doing, and I wish to make this suggestion to the readers of it: Let each subscriber SECURE ANOTHER and see what a grand result we can accomplish. I have been in Omro, healing the sick for three weeks, and while here two of the old workers (A. B. Hall and Mrs. Emily E. Mills) have passed to the spirit side of life. With best wishes I am as ever, yours fraternally.

Omro, Wis.

TOPIC FOR THE PROGRESSIVE | A Cleveland writes: "The meetings LYCEUM. Sunday, February 12, 1905, 8. E., 57; "The Lyceum's Valentine." Gem of Thought:-

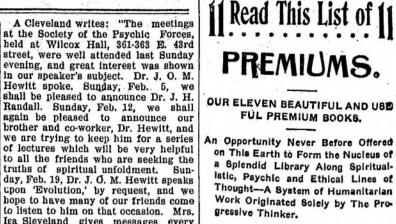
True to the custom of the time. Lycoum sends a Valentine:-Faith in the power of Right to rule, Hope for that Love to keep our school Charity given to all mankind, Courage for growth of falt'ring mind; Strength for the weak, cheer for the

Knowledge to build life that is glad; Truth abundant to make you free, Peace to abide forever with thee.

For information concerning The Progressive Lyceum, authorized lesson sheet of the National Spiritualists Asso-ciation, address John W. Ring, Spiritualist Temple, Galveston, Texas.

Mrs. L. T. Williams writes from San Francisco, Cal.; "There was a splendid audience at Covenant Hall, Sunday ovening at Miss Mae Hunt's meeting, to commemorate the 168th birthday of the noble patriot. Thomas Paine. And this was an occasion that made many hearts glad, for Thomas Paine gave the address himself through the speaker, selecting for his subject, 'Our Illustrious Dead.' He said he would like the audience to go with him in thought across seas and back into many centuries of time, and survey the illustrious lives of many heroes, such as Michael Servetus who was burned at the stake Calvin, for heresy, and Seneca, Bruno, Robert Emmet, Galileo and many others whose lives were shortened either by the dungeon or stake, for teaching the great principles of life and liberty. He elaborated upon his own persecution and imprisonment, portraying to the audience the blessed reedom and pleasures they enjoyed to-He spoke at length upon the Russian audience. Short experiences from the onward march of progressive civilization and be supplanted by a representative government; that the that it was prophetic of better condition with the French revolution. There large picture of Thomas Paine deco-

Edward Lichtig writes from Waterloo, Iowa: "After almost one year hold-ing maetings at their residence, 518 Washington street, every Sunday and thereby causing quite an interest in our philosophy, so that through an extended increased attendance the parlors



DR. J. C. PHILLIPS.

Sunday afternoon and evening, and all our friends and investigators are welcome at all times."

Elizabeth Delphin writes: "The Englewood Spiritual Union is now located at its new hall, 6603 South Halsted street, where it will be pleased to welcome all Spiritualists and investigators. Mr. H. F. Arnold was speaker for Sunday, Feb. 5. Mrs. Nora E. Hill of the Rising Sun Mission will be our speaker

Sunday, Feb. 12, and Mrs. Lyon will be cur speaker on Sunday, Feb 19. Spirit messages will be given by good mediums at the close of the lecture each evening. All are welcome.'

Mrs. Henry writes: "On Sunday Jan. 29, at the Universal Occult Society, we had a very enthusiastic meeting. Evangelist F. M. Stoller lectured. He held his audience spellbound, and at the close of the meeting many went forward and congratulated the young speaker. A few very satisfactory messages were given by Mrs. Lambert and a few psychometric readings by your correspondent and Mr. Clinton Thomas. On Tuesday evening the first spiritual revival meeting ever held was opened at 77 E. 31st street, by the pastor, F. M. Stoller, and we had quite a day, in consequence of the lives of large attendance, and all enjoyed the their honored dead who had given their meeting. The speaker was Dr. George lives for liberty and happiness for B. Warne and he was at his best, and other generations that were to follow. needs no recommendation to a Chicago were revolution, saying that kingdoms and given by the following: Dr. Cross, Rev. monarchies would all eventually fall Mr. Owens of Wisconsin, a Unitarian minister. Then Mr. Griffin explained where and how he obtained the little messages and pictures he has on exhipresent situation was all right from an bition. They are written in all colors ethical and evolutionary standpoint, Dr. Axel Gustafson and others followed with messages, and tests by Mrs. May tions and compared the present revolu- Elmo and Mrs. Lucille DeLoux. On Wednesday evening, Feb. 1, we were was special music and the rostrum was disappointed in our speaker, Dr. Randecorated with roses and violets and a dall: owing to the severe illness of his wife he did not appear, but Dr. Axel

aubscription to 'the Progressive Think-er, and who desires only ONE premium book can make his selection from the eleven books named, selecting any book he desires, for 25 cents. The Great Debate Between Rev. Gustafson, who is one of the best Spir-itualists and finest speakers in the Moses Hull and W. F. Jamieson is our leading Premium Book this year. We city, filled his place and he had a treat. On Wednesday evening, Feb. 8, we will publish one new premium book each have another social in Hall C, at 77 E 31st street, and all can have a good time for the small sum of 25 cents."

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Rev. Alice Wickstrom is open for encagements for the camp season this coming summer. Address her at No. 614 Twenty-third avenue N. E., Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Brehop writes from Austin, Tex-"The book, Religion of Man and Ethics of Science, by Hudson Tuttle, which you so kindly sent me, was duly received. I am delighted with it."

J. R. B. writes from Oakland, Cal.: "The People's Mission, 508 Telegraph avenue, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 18, was the scene of a surprise party on the eve of the birthday of Mrs. Hooker McEvoy, its founder and conductor. Twenty-five were present of all ages, from paby-in-arms, the latest grandchild, to sixty or less, and a jolly time was spent, the only drawback being the fact that Mrs. McEvoy had to rise from a sickbed to do the honors. There was no programme, but plenty to eat and lots of fun. Mr. and Mrs. Handle, Mrs. Knott and Miss Dewey contributed some music, after which Mr. Handle, in the name of a few of her friends, presented Mrs. McEoy with a small purse as a token of their regard."

Correspondent writes from Alliance, Ohite: "Mrs. D. A. Morrill of Grand Rapids, Mich., closed a two months' engagement with the independent Church of this city on last Sunday evening, and for her farewell address her guide "The Conflict Bechose the subject, tween Science and Religion.' I lack words to convey to you the beauty of this discourse. Never at a loss for a word to express a thought, every utter ance, decisive and to the point, she left the audience no other choice but to admit that every advance step made by science was and is bitterly opposed by the prevailing religions of the times, it was only by persistent, continuous fighting on the part of science that the people are to-day enabled to enjoy blessings of enlightenment. How the beautifully did this guide portray the fact that the mission of Spiritualism is to harmonize these strained relations between science and religion and set aside forever this bitter opposition on the part of religion to every advance step made by science. Mrs. Morrili is a trance lecturer and it is only necessary to hear her to know how comcletely she is in touch with the spirit Each evening meeting was folworld lowed by spirit messages which were all well received, and if Spiritualism only more of such workers our advance ment would not only be assured but permanent."

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There will be a prize masque bail

odge Hall, 378 S. Western avenue

C. F. Short sends "A Note of Joy," as follows: "We allude to this great tree trouble and its nature: We hope to of Spiritualism, the forest king, whose have the Doctor with us again in the trunk is mighty. Its roots strike deep in the earth; its spreading branches near future, and will give him the whole evening to treat the sick if a reach up into the clouds of heaven, unnumber require it. Sunday, Feb 5, we der which shade all humanity can will have Brother Geo. B. Warne, M. D. gather and repose. Its luscious fruit hangs so low that the strong and weak with us, and know we, will hear some good thoughts on that occasion. Come alike can freely partake, and people now afar off, in the barren fields of speculation and tradition, begin to turn early and get a good seat, as we expect another full hall." their longing eyes to this attractive given by the Soclety of Spiritual Unity, Saturday evening, Feb. 25, 1905, at Star scene! The day begins to dawn! Soon the feet of a mighty army will be heard making its way to this sweet place of rest! Fogs and darkness will float away, and an aurifiame of Truth's each. Prizes on exhibition in store window, \$78 S. Western avenue. power and glory fill earth and sky!"

meeting night since first of the year we have received new members. Our social dances still continue to draw larger crowds each night. Why? Because we are social and make it pleasant for all who come. Remember the dance is every Thursday night. Admission, gentlemen, 25 cents; ladies 15 cents. freshments and cloak room free." Re

Mrs. Demorest is now in Ohio and at Mrs. E. R. Fielding writes from Washington, D. C.: "The movements in work again for the cause she so much loves and has suffered much for. the cause of Spiritualism 'are various mail will reach her by sending to 1455 and progressive. Many meetings are held in different parts of the city. Sun-

Newport avenue, Chicago." A writer in the New York Globe day, Jan. 29, was the birthday of three says: "The following incident occurred to me: I visited a seance and the spirit prominent men. Mr. Kates took for his theme the lives of these three great present drew some pictures and threw men-Swendenborg, born in 1600; Thos. Paine, 1700, and Wm. McKinley, them over the screen. Among them was a picture of a friend of mine 1800. He said they were born the same day of the month, but under different had died six months previous. The picture is in my possession 'and has planetary conditions. He proceeded to been identified by others who also knew give us an astrological reading of these my friend during his life." men, born under the sign of Aquarius, and under different conditions. Mr. and Will C. Hodge writes: "Sunday, Jan-Mrs Geo Kates closed a very success-

uary 29, was another red-letter day among the Spiritualists of San Diego, ful engagement for the First Spiritualist society. They leave a great many Cal., in commemoration of the birth of warm friends in this city. They will return to us in the months of November Thomas Paine. An all-day service was held in the temple with regular lyceum and December of this year. The spiritservices at 9:30, followed by a conferual cause has gained renewed vigor ence at 11 a. m., which was partici-pated in by Mrs. Mary Morrill, J. L. with these workers. Mrs. h. T. Longley, the secretary of the N. S. A., will Dryden, Mr. Nulton, Mr. Wright, Dr. speak for this association for the Bailey and Will C. Hodge. A bountiful months of February and March, folrepast was served in lyceum hall at the lowed by messages by P. L. O. A. noon hour, and at 3 p. m. was held a special lyceum entertainment under the Ceeler, the slate-writing medium. Mrs. M. J. Stevens is holding her meetings direction of Mrs. O. W. Smith, which Thursday afternoons at 2 o'clock, folwas highly creditable to those particilowed by the Auxiliary in the evening, at the residence of the president, Mr. F. pating as well as to Mrs. Smith as leader and instructor. In the evening Wood. There is to be a meeting of there was a union service of the young the Temple league at Mrs. W. Farrow's. people's league and the first society. This body of people have banded towith an address by O. W. Smith on ether to build a Spiritualist Temple. the Life and Services of Thos. Paine. They say we must have a temple in this followed by J. L. Dryden who took for his topic, 'The Deeper Meaning of the The Sunflower Club, composed of young people, met at Mrs. Ella Royal Life and Services of the Author-Hero of Williams'. Mrs. Lease, Mrs. Julia Warnelie, Mrs. Milan Edson, Mrs. the Revolution.' Both addresses were especially fine and claimed the undi-Hinkle, and many others, administer to vided attention of a large and intelli the people with messages.' William Barr writes: "The Kenwood

gent audience. When people will con-tentedly sit for two full hours, it is evident there 'is something doing,' and Spiritual church, 4308 Cottage Grove avenue, had Kenwood Hall well filled something being said of more than or-Sunday evening January 29, to listen to dinary interest. It was a Thomas our brother and co-worker, Dr. Louis H. Paine day from start to finish; Freedman, who gave a short talk on the never have I witnessed a more harmonious nor more enthusiastic meeting wonderful spirit power he exerts in healing the sick. Our medium, Mrs. Grace E. Aitken, gave a number of exon a like ocasion. Could Theodore Roosevelt have been present he would cellent tests after the lecture, and the have cause to be ashamed that he ever Doctor wound up the very enjoyable referred to the man whom we delighted service by demonstrating his powerful to honor, as 'that filtny little atheist. forces. He treated about thirty people who needed his assistance, twenty-five and the Rev. Dr. Frank DeWitt Talmage would have found new inspiration whom were perfect strangers to us for a new pack of falsehoods concerning all, and in not one instance did he a man who will live in the hearts and memories of American citizens long make a mistake in locating the seat of

after his own is forgotten." Annie H. Pierce writes from Rockford Ill : "The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Spiritual Science Society of Rockford, Ill., is still alive and endeavoring to make itself useful to the cause of Spiritualism. At a late meeting we donated \$35 to the S. S. S., \$5 to the fund for disabled mediums, and a set of dining-room chairs costing \$6.90, to the Old Ladles' Home of this city, and are Dr. J. A. Bailey of 512 S 2nd street, Dancing from 8 till 2. Tickets 25 cents

message bearer, has occupied the ros- aress is 419 C trum at our hall, and gives, I think, uni- Rapids, Mich."

of love to another child.

aid financially and otherwise. Was it Rev. Dr. Minot J. Savage, one of the selfishness on the part of our Spiritualbest known clergymen in America and ists or was it cowardliness and fear of leader in the investigation of psychic arrest also, that there was no respons henomena, now declares that he be when an old and trusted worker and lieves in spiritual communication with medium was being so badly treated. the other world. He says that he has seen manifestations that cannot be accounted for in any other way than as All supernatural phenomena. He is would be willing to pay \$1,000 to any magician that would duplicate them.

Rev. G. C. Love, president of the First Religious Association of Clacka-mas County, Oregon, writes: "Once more in the hope of hearing from speak ers and mediums, who would like to come to labor for us in our camp-meetng in July, I would ask you to insert these few lines in your columns. The official board will meet in the near fu-

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ture to make nécessary arrangements for the camp-meeting, and unless the ecturers and mediums have their propositions before the board they cannot be acted upon. As this is to be Ore gon's great year because of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, the railroads tave made a round trip rate from Chicago of \$56.50. Now is the time if workers in the cause wish to come west. Let us hear from them, stating terms for the camp work. Make two offers, one for two weeks, and the other for three weeks. With offers give good references as we only want good. ca bable workers. Address me at No. 354 College street, Portland, Oregon."

Mrs. Amanda Coffman writes: "I erved the First Spiritual Church of Buffalo, N. Y., for the month of January. I came here a stranger, found he society in a prosperous condition, fue to the good influence of workers who preceded me, viz., - Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley, Mrs. Ripley and Mrs. Kate Stiles. My meetings were well attended with a growing interest from the first. The society is well officered. The Ladies', Aid, the Young People's Society and the Lyceum are all doing excellent work. The young people have just presented the church with a new carpet that cost two hundred dollars. They are workers. Dr. Eddy is a faithful worker and does much for the society. I wish especially to mention he kindness and many courtesies extended the writer by officers and members of the church, Ladies' Aid and Lyceum, with the gifts of flowers and fruits and kind words that made my stay so pleasant?, I was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leo, Manger at Hotel Victoria, and they, too, with their genial hospitality added to my comfort and happiness. It was a pleasure while at

by the state under direction of President, H. W. Richardson, who furnished a corps of able workers; amng them were Mrs. Tillie"U. Reynolds of Troy. N. Y.; Mrs. Ella Atchison, Mrs. Coll, Mrs. Mudge, Mrs. Travis, Miss Victoria Moore, of Dryden; Mrs. Dr. Matteson, Mr. Hurlbert, Frances Walker, W. H. Bach, Rev. John Sayles, Henry Hanson and Mr. Dennis. All did their work adstill a long way from being bankrupt ourselves. For the last two Sundays, and many turned away. The state made mirably. The church was crowded a nice little sum of money and did Clinton, Iowa, inspirational speaker and much good spiritually. My home adaress is 419 Crescent avenue, Grand

discontinue the meetings or secure a Fellows hall, at a late meeting. The hall; therefore a few of the faithful subjects of her talk were given by the ones met at Mrs. Lichtig's residence on audience. Mrs. Allyn severely scored known as the First Spiritualist Society Mr. Graff treasurer. They then, appointed Mrs. H. L. Lichtig pastor. A strongly convinced on this point that he hall in the central part of the city was secured and beginning Feb. 5. meetings will be held there every Sunday regularly throughout the year. It is, of course, the intention of the society to gradually secure the foremost lecturers and mediums on the platform, thereby promulgating the truths of our beautiful teachings to the people of this city, and elevating the standard of Spiritualism here as it is now enjoying in our great metropolitan centers. The, Progressive Thinker is doing a great work, and we will do all in our power to push its circulation here." Mrs. Sidwell writes: "The Ladies'

Auxiliary Relief and Aid Society of the Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission is using all means to help the poor and needy. It is holding meetings at 54 Ashland avenue; admission 15 cents. Mrs. Kirchner, the well-known medium, has heretofore conducted these seances. The tests at our next meeting will be iven by the mediums Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Trafton: All are cordially invited. Don't forget the place, No. 54 Ashland avenue, near Fulton street. Next meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 9, at the same place."

Mrs. G. W. Greene writes of the Society of Spiritual Unity: "Our meeting was well attended Sunday afternoon, Jan. 29. The audience enjoyed a lec-ture by the well-known speaker, Mrs. Mary B. Hill; Dr. White also made a few remarks. We are very fortunate our regular Sunday alternoon meetings. in always having fluent speakers and good test mediums. Mrs. Kusserow is our platform medium, and is able to go, Ill., a trumpet medium of rare abildemonstrate our philosophy, but we algood.' ways welcome visiting mediums to 'our platform and circle. In the evening Mrs. Virginia Bryan Lyons, of Payne, Ohio, delivered an address that touched the hearts of her hearers, and awakened a desire in the skeptic to learn more of our beliefs, teachings and demon stration. Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Kusserow gave Arnold. Mr. Arnold's subject was spespirit messages. Sunday evening, Feb-12, Miss Sarah Thomas will address ers from the opening to the end. We our audience. This society will give a grand prize masque ball in the upper hall, Feb. 25. Tickets 25 cents each. Fifty prizes are on exhibition in the grocery store window at this number. All Spiritualists and their friends are Ruffalo to assist at a mass-meeting held invited to attend. Music furnished by

> der the direction of Mrs. Nellie Kusserow." Mrs. Clara Wagner writes from De-flance, Ohio: "We had no meeting on January 29. I was called to lecture in notices of local meetings, but they Hicksville, Ohio, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, brother and sister for the cause of true Spiritualism. The bible is my text book, and my desire is that the holy spirits may guide me. There was a good attendance and a general good feeling prevailed."

Feb. 1, and organized a society to be some of the biblical stories as being very inconsistent with the teachings of of Waterloo, lows, and the following of. Christianity, and took several examficers were elected: Edward Hems, ples to prove her views. She contendpresident; Mrs. Neil, secretary, and ed that the Bible from beginning to end was of a Spiritualistic nature, and said that if all things pertaining to Spiritualism were taken from the bible there would not be enough left for a minister to preach a sermon on. In telling of the views and aims of Spiritualism Mrs. Allyn said that their creed placed no foundation on the atonement for men's sins by the Lord Jesus; that everyone must answer for his own wrong doings. She held up the action of wealthy churches in building fine places of wor-ship when she said the money should rather have been used for the elevation and hefterment of the downtrodden masses. Mrs. Allyn gave an example of inspirational rhyme making on subjects advanced by the audience, and some psychic readings.

The Englewood Spiritual Union is now located at McDermott's Hall, 6603 South Halsted street. Meetings every Sunday evening at 7:30. Ladies' Aux iliary every Thursday afternoon at 2:30. Mrs. Amanda Coffman of Grand Rapids. Mich., writes that on the evening of January 26, she lectured for the First Spiritual Society of East Aurora, N. Y., to a large and appreciative audience. Secretary writes from Peru, Ind.: "We elected four delegates to our coming state convention. Our annual re port shows we had with us during the last year, Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, Mrs. India Hill of Decatur, Ill.; Frank T. Rip ley, Dr. Gerry of Fort Wayne, and Millard F. Hammond, making eighteen extra meetings during the year, besides We have just finished with Bro. A. A Finney of 626 West 63rd street, Chicaity who has done our society much

C. H. Greene writes: "Sunday, Jan. 29, the Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission held a general conference in the afternoon, consisting of short talks by the members and friends. That evening we were favored by the presence of that young and talented speaker. Mr. H. F. cially selected and interested his hear would like to call the attention of our friends and all Spiritualists to our meetings which are held every Sunday, 3 and 8 p. m., at the People's Institute Van Buren and Leavitt streets; progressive lyceum meets at 2 p. m. platform is always filled with the best People's Theatre orchestra. We hold of Spiritualist speakers and tests are always a feature of our meetings. Wednesday evening, Feb. 15, our regutest circles and meetings every Sunday at 3 and 8 p. m., at Star Lodge Hall, 378 S. Western avenue. Meetings unlar monthly reception and ball will b

held in our large dance hall. A good time is assured and we extend to all a cordial invitation to attend." We are always glad to publish brief must be brief. We cannot give space to what the various speakers say--to de so would fill our entire paper. If you find your notice cut down, it is done simply to avoid leaving it out alto-

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"Human Nature": Q. How shall we explain the fact that sometimes a man who during all his middle life, has been a staunch freethinker, in his declining age renounces all and becomes a believer in the doctrines of the church?

ever in the doctrines of the church? whimsical remedies; too often to the A. Such instances are not rare and detriment of the afflicted. There was ave been made to do excellent service of course no care taken to prevent the Lave been made to do extended out the last spread of the infection, or to guard fine religion furnishes the only conso against it. With the modern methods oation. A conspicuous example is that and knowledge of the nature of disease, if Clark Waggoner, a distinguished ed should such a plague appear, it would ator. He was reared in strict observ-ice of religion, but when arrived at spread prevented. Yet there are coun-

ipars of maturity, became enlisted in tries which furnish hotbeds for the The ranks of freethinkers, and strenu-growth of such disease germs, and these may at any time be visited with cus in his devotion to that cause. He ccumulated a large library of infidel the same fatality which marked the tercooks. It was claimed to be the most rible slaughter of the past. Russia, complete in this country. He was well and many Asiatic countries constantly omplete in this country. He was well rersed in all these authors and with elinvite such contagious onslaughts, and oquent speech met every objection. He there gaining virulence, threaten the would have been the last man one nations which communicate with them. would have selected for a prospective From what has been recorded, it apchurch member. Yet when he reached pears that the plague usually took the the decline, he went over to the church form of typhus fever of most malignant in which he had been trained in his type. Its first appearance in Europe youth, renouncing his independent bewas in A. D. 544, and it is estimated lief. And not content with that, he that in that country its victims num-bered 25,000,000. Its first recorded apbrought his valuable library, which had pearance was 767 B. C., when it is said taken years to collect, out on the street and before a crowd gathered by adverthe whole world was afflicted. The tising, on a huge bonfire burned , the statistics of those times are not reliable, yet the great numbers given by books to ashes. In this and all similar cases, it is not the triumph of religion historians show how much civilization over the intelligence of the mature must have been impeded and national man, but over the man running fast to strength weakened by the prevalence of second childhood. The religious imthis disease.

pressions are forgotten, and the thoughts run in the deep ruts of child-It is a pitiable spectacle, this hood decay of mental powers, and should deach Spiritualists a lesson in the education of their children. They should

be warned that the child cannot attend the orthodox Sunday-school and be hap tized with false ideas of nature. God and man, without the influence of such bantism influencing the life or reappearing in later years over-shadowing and blotting out broader views; as dormant in the soil for years, to spring up at a favored moment to blight and blast more delicate growths.

Where could they find homes in the Strange Dual Life. narrow strip of country known as Pales-tine, every foot of which has an owner? The original boundary of this coun try is indefinite, but its territory never eeded 150 miles in length along the Mediterranean coast, with a breadth of 40 miles. Only a small portion of its mountainous surface can be cultivated. The climate during the summer is one of excessive heat and hot winds scorch Windham of 143 Brook avenue, Bor-ough of the Bronx, in New York City, even the mountainous sections.

Everything is said to be possible with God, but it remains for theologians to wrestle with the problem they believe vas presented by the random talk of the so-called prophets 3,000 years ago: How can two thousand people find susenance on every square mile of this ugged country?

After all, wherein will the Jewish race be benefited? There can be only one reason assigned for this world-wide movement, and that the weak and in-consequential "fulfillment of the prophecies! In the light of present conditions it is safe to make another prophecy: Palestine will never be occupied by the Jews.

There is another part to the bible prediction: The Holy City of Jerusalem was then to become the great capital of the world! Of this assertion few would care to take the affirmative.

M. S. Fleming: Q. Is there danger of the visits of the "plague" which has many times visited Asia and Europe, and what was the disease? A. The plague is a name applied indiscriminately to a variety of contagi-

people believing that all such visita-tions were punishments for sin and that it was defying God to take any care in their prevention. They lived in utter disregard of hygienic laws, were filthy in their habits, and congregated like animals in their dwellings. Treatment

was by incantations and the most

a penny he would insist on another one. he

with a stick. As soon as he learned

never plays with more than one. The child, however, does not insist upon a double supply of wearing apparel. He is content with one cap, one pair of shoes.

mor. At first they attributed his pe-culiarities to selfishness and to whim-sicality and they even punished him when he insisted on having duplicates of everything. The child's extraordinary peculiarity finally became known in the neighbor. who know and have observed the child. Spiritualist of ¹⁰ Memphis, Tenn, formerly a writer for the de-funct Boston Investigator. In this let-ter she says among 'other" uncanny hings. "It would have observed the child. Spiritualist if 'Peebles' had died. "It with that his life is intimately bound up with some unexplained knowledge of his twin brother. His parents, however,

some unexplained knowledge of his rest of those of Bible Spiritualista. twin brother. His parents, however, How is that! for this much exploited laugh at the theory, and his mother even spanks him in a vain effort to the theory call broth-break him of what her neighbors call Spiritualists? "Though discouraging to

these dear people, the prospects are of course, little Howard does not that I shall yet hang on to the tree of that ther

GENERAL SURVEY.

(Continued from page 6.) R. H. writes: "Mrs. L. A. Griffin, the English medium, has consented by pressing invitation to prolong her stay in the city of Erie, Pa. By her earnes

a gentleman. In his upposite mood he addresses and remarkable tests she has In neither mood did: Straussmann given general satisfaction and caused recognize himself in the other. In his quite a revival of true Spiritualism which unfortunately had been permitlater, years he came tocknow of his own ted to lapse in our midst. The good work for the spread of spiritual truth strange dual character. Inhis gentler mood he sought to study his other self. but while he realized that part of the has been seriously commenced by a few time he had another existence he could not recall even for an instant, any of the carnest, energetic soulls headed by Mr. and Mrs. R. Hopkins. The friends peculiarities of his mother, self. He here are desirous of sustaining suffinever knew when his mood changed. cient enthusiasm to build up a strong society and acquire a church of our own. Mrs. L. A. Griffin is open for en-Phenomena Made Famdus by Stevenson Alternative personality is by no neans an unrecognized phenomena gagements with societles, week-night services, circles, etc., during the months even by those who do not know it by that name. Robert Louis Stevenson of February, March, April May and June. Address care of Mrs. Hopkins, wrote one of his most notable books 549 West 17th street, Erie, Pa."

J. C. Curts, M. D., writes from Hutch-inson, Kans.: "Mr. W. E. Harvey, an with alternative personality as its moive and every theater-goer in the United States knows the book, for no honest, reliable trumpet medium, play is of more common knowledge now with us, and many of our best citthan "The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll izens are getting proof of the continuity of life, and of spirit return. Mr. Har Herr Straussmann of Alsace Lorraine vey gave a seance last Sunday afternoon for our Psychical Research Socie ty, in the hall, consisting of partial materializations, written messages, playing of instruments and ringing of bells."

W. J. Colville has been lecturing to large audiences in Los Angeles, Cal. subjects, "Thomas Paine" and "Christian Science, Its Truths and Limita It has been my custom for years in tion." His week-day lectures are well publishing books to bring them out in attended in Kramer Hall, 932 Grand M. Lazalers & Co., of Philadelphia, avenue.

published one edition of 20,000-of my Wm. E. Magruder writes from Maryland: "I look forward anxiously every week for the day when The Progressive Thinker will come to me. I heartily apume, "Death Defeated, or the Psychic prove of your course in having the free Secret of How to Keep Young." This last book of mine, "The Demon iscussion of subjects about which there is room for difference of opinion." Eugenia Rouble writes from Watertown, N. Y .:. "Mr. George Brooks has left us after a month of service that speaks for itself. He is keenly sensi-tive to the needs of his people, so contion having already gone forth on its scientious and intense a worker, that all he does is of greatest benefit, and we are looking forward with pleasure to his return for the month of March. obliged to publish a third edition; and We are also pleased to announce our will those twenty or thirty whose success in getting Mrs. Georgia Gladys published statements of facts (not sto-Cooley to return to us for February, knowing how much we shall accomplish sions and experiences with evil spirits, under her management."

S. Katzenberg writes from Fort Wayne, Ind.: "The Progressive Spirithave any as soon as convenient. Dr Robert Greer, of Chicago, has already ualist Society of Fort Wayne, Ind., has asked me to change the word "fourbeen holding interesting and enthusias teen" to forty in the first paragraph of tic meetings for several months with home talent, having several mediums Permit me to further say that these who are just developing and giving fair satisfaction. The past month We had with us M. F. Hammond, who, by the way is the author of 'Compensa tion,' an article published in your valuable paper, giving a number of fine lecthough illumined angels of Jight, though coming under the great historic names of Plato, Jesus, John Wesley and George Washington. Candidly I did not think or dream of arousing such enmity in the minds of unfleshed detures as well as tests. From here he goes to Indianapolis for two months and the many friends he has made during his stay here wish him success and trust that the seed sown by him may take root and sprout and become as it were the mighty oak, and we hope sometime in the future to again have with us this bright and fluent speaker. Rev. Elizabeth E. McCarthy writes from Beloit, Kansas.: "I find a large and undeveloped field for spiritual workers in this section of country, more especially south and east of here. I will return to Pittsburgh where I have a class in esoteric spiritual science, and when through I intend to visit Joplin, Girard, Muskegoo, South McAlister, Oklahoma and any other place where I am needed as an inspirational lecturer and test medium. I will also consider engagements to camps or local societies. My present address will be Pittsburg,

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early advantages, but has good sense. The son's mediumship was one fifth

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The report pleases me. It indicates

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twin's. His twin brother, however, died within a few hours of his birth. From that hour little Howard seems to live in a strange world. In fact, he lives as if he were two boys. The peculiar phenomenon of his life was not particularly noticeable until he was able to walk. That was some time after he was a year old;

Demands Duplicates of Gifts. From that time he never seemed to be alone. If he was given a stick of candy he invariably insisted on having two. This, at first, was attributed to

two. This, at first, you after awhile was only the forerunner of Dr. Jery. his parents noticed that he never ate and Mr. Hyre, and little Howard Win-ham of New York may live to supply ham of New York may live to supply he laid aside. To test his peculiarity fiction and the drama with another

they would offer him three sticks of character equally strange and mystericandy. Either he would take only two or would insist on having four. If given four he would eat two and lay the

Spirit Control

The strange dual life led by Howard

is exciting the interest of students and

professors of psychology in the univer-

Howard Windham is only three and one-half years old and is one of boy

sities and colleges of the east.

other two aside. As the little boy grew older and could sit at the table in a high chair he would not eat unless an extra plate and editions of one thousand, but Samuel extra spoon wère laid beside his own, and more than that, he would ery until

a vacant chair was placed beside his own. He would not touch the extra plate or spoon, but would not eat unless was afterwards merged into the volthey were provided. Little Howard was and is a precoclous child. He could talk quite read. This last book of mine, "The Demon ily at two years and even at that age ism of the Ages and Spirit Obsession,

knew the purchasing powers and pos- now under a fierce gatling-gun fire, hav sibilities that lay in a penny-that uni-versal gold of childhood. When given rapid sale (two-thirds of the second edi-"No, no, no, two, two, two," he would mission of truth and peace and good-cry. If he could not have two pennies will-(smile now if you choose, for

would not take one. If given two smiles and flowers constitute the lanhe would run to the grocery store and guage of the gods) that I shall soon be spend one for candy, but would not spend the other one. Howard's parents are poor and they cannot afford many pennies or many ries) relating to their personal obsestoys. His first toy was a hoop taken forward me their corrections if they from a barrel, and wound with bright colored cloth. His mother taught him how to roll the hoop along the sidewalk

the joys of rolling the hoop he promptly demanded another hoop and refused his article. to be comforted until it was made for Permit m him, but when he got it he laid it aside demons, that is, dark, undeveloped and continued to play with his old one. spirits are very, very, angry with me It was the same way with his first for writing this book. J. It has greatly top, his first ball. Everything has to disturbed them. They fear, that it will be given him in duplicate, and yet he excite suspicions that they are not all

Undeterred by Punishment.

For a long time his parents failed to fathom Howard's peculiar mental hu-mor. At first they attributed his pe-comes to me from the sunny south. An mor. At first they attributed his pe-culiarities to selfishness and to whim-

a "sympathy" for his dead brother.

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eth developed. He feared to go far-C. F. Clark: Q. What of the movement to unite the Hebrew race in Pales- ther, saying he dared not trust the power. All the money he had was savtine with Jerusalem as the capital? Will not this be a full and complete ings from working out as a farm hand confirmation and vindication of the He consulted his mother about going to the Institute. She said: "I have never prophecies?

A. The only reason which can be asstudied and don't know the value of signed for bringing the Jews together in study, so can't advise." the Holy Land, is that the prophecies The son now writes me: "I meet the

may be fulfilled. The Christians desire work successfully and enjoy it. Take this event to take place, far more than rhetoric daily. It improves composition the Jews. In fact the latter have noand good thinking. It improves one's desire to sacrifice themselves that the thinking on all subjects.

word of their prophet may be con-"The oratory department and evolufirmed. If history teaches any lesson, tion of expression is after the Emerson It is that the Hebrews will never occupy College of Oratory. One part is to com-Palestine. A more barren and undesir mit a verse and speak it before the class. This alone almost pays for able country than this "Holy Land," would be difficult to select, and if any coming.

part of it ever "flowed with milk and "The psychic department is a study honey, it was before it was scorched of spirit nower and how to control it. with volcanic fires and inundated with

The Arcana of Spiritualism is the text sand. book. The first half hour is devoted to Even in the heroic days of their answering questions and discussion greatness, the "favored people" kept and the last half to sitting. This is well away from it, preferring to live with surrounding nations. They were twice-a-week class-Tuesdays and Fridays.

never united on its soil, but were scattered when Babylon was the seat of emtill next term. I think I am putting in pire of the world, as they are to-day. my time profitably. The work is what The "sweet singers of Israel," bewailed I have desired for a long time. I am their exile by the Nile and Euphrates. learning the value of study, modern They have never been brought togethstudy. er, because they never have so desired. Yet scattered as they have been and that a way has been found whereby meare, among the nations, they have rediumistic development will be no more tained a race solidarity, and allegiance unpleasant than musical development the result of religion, which prevented intermingling with other people, and mediumship can be duly' developed thus maintained purity of blood. without study, any more than science

At the present time there are in Rus-Bla 3,400,000 Jews; in Germany 590,000; make the mistake of their lives. Heathen Spiritualism proves it. Those in Austria-Hungary 1,700,000; in France who wouldn't have any college if they can't have it from the start just after 49,000; in England 100,000; in Italy 38, 000; in Spain 5,000; in Belgium 3,000; in Roumania 400,000; in the Nether their own individual notions, make another big mistake. lands 60,000; in Sweden 2,000; in Switzerland 8,000; in Denmark 4,000; Spiritualist college will be an incentive Greece 5,000; in Servia 5,000; in Rou to greater caution and study on the part melia 4,000; in the United States 130, 000 (Census of 1890) making the Jewof mediums and Spiritualism generally outside the college trained. ish population of the world 6,500,000. will not have it so easy, but will be

Yet widely separated as they are they are one people, bound together by common religion, customs, and racial character, which distinguishes a Jew for itself. Some persons have excelwhether born on the coast of Abyssinia unfavorably born in the quality of inthe Red Sea, or on the wintry coast of Scandinavia.

by the advanced study and training. It This people have made their homes with the other nations from time immemorial, and though by Christian nations treated as allens, they have become a part of the people among whom they dwelt and their interests rooted in the foreign soil. Although they treasure the tradition of the unity of their peoradicalism.

ple, they could not be induced to break this dream. And were they to do this, that nearly all the old Free Thougat how could six millions of people be and Spiritualist papers died. They had transported? It would require more done their work.

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died. He is not old enough to realize so, beloved .- you must bear with me. what it means or would mean even if he were told.

In the meantime the peculiar mental field? ence.'

Radical Change in Alternative Person- seat back, there sprang to his feet a

who died at Dirth. There is no recognized until he was 13 years old and at school at Strassbourg. He was a particularly headstrong, violous boy, But forward m a particularly headstong, the anners and in-careless of dress and manners and in-different to study. His tutors had al-I print this next contemplated, edition

tended to urge his expulsion from the

One day young Straussman entered the classroom, neatly dressed, and with nodest demeanor. He knew his lesson perfectly. His tutor was astonished and complimented the youth upon his marked improvement. The boy expressed unmistakable surprise and denied with unusual earnestness that he had ever been anything else than a diligent student. The tutor let the matter rest. "

For six months Straussmann was the odel boy of the school and bade fair Then, the day fixed for the school ex-

took him into his own family in order to be able to make closer observations.

nortal life a full guarter of a century. By the way, are we living in the 20th

e were told. His mother has listened to the plead, or the 17th century, when it was both the plous fashion and the religious pracings of her friends and neighbors to the tice of Roman Catholics to persecute, to extent of promising to keep the knowl- burn books and their authors, not only edge of his twin brother from him as in "effigy," but in brutish reality. As the boy grows older. Even when he thoughts are refined, ¹ etherealized becomes old enough to be told and to forces, may not these "effigy, burning understand he is to be kept in ignor- thoughts among Spiritualists lead to ance of the fact that he ever had a the re-crection of the burning stake, brother.

illumined angels of light,

traits of little Howard Windham at. The acidity of these misrepresenta-tracted the attention of the students of tions-this spite, and this malice psychology at Columbia university and | mirthfully remind me of a scene when the University of New. York. They that good and grand-souled man, Henry the University of New Forn, they that good and grand-souled man, nearly give it the scientific name of "alterna-tive personality." From their study of in New Braintree, Mass., where I was psychology they say that as little How. then teaching school. The hall was litard grows older his tendency to alterner erally packed, and Henry, always good ative personality may diminish and dis- natured, was vigorously pouring out the appear. In that event he will be of no hot shots of well-proven facts showing further interest to psychological. sci- that the churches were the strongholds of American slavery, when in a

Christian pro-slavery man and gesticuality. There are only a few well authenti-Wright with contradictions and direct cated cases of alternative personality, falsehoods. The chairman, rising, bebut these few have excited the keen in-gan calling this flery intruder to order terest of students of psychology in all when Henry, the speaker, coolly interterest of students of psychology in all countries of the world. Among the more notable cases is that of Herr Straussmann of Alsace, who for years before his death lived unconsciously before his death lived unconsciously as two men. Like the little New York with laughter. Any application of this boy, Straussmann had a twin, brother is unnecessary, only that I may add that who died at birth. There is no record since the publication of this anathema-

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CHAPTER IV .-- Continued. As he said this, he attempted to it may be a woman, commits some grasp me by the arm, but from some forced back of me; while I felt assured convertible to acquaint them with the that she was able to cope with the men; and as results proved, so she was. As they jumped forcibly towards her, she raised her right arm, and with the elbow slightly crooked, and the palm of the hand turned towards them, she advanced one step towards them and

spoke the one word, "Stop." Then after an instant's pause, she slowly lowered her arm, and said in as gentle manner as I had yet heard her speak: "You would not injure your liberator. I have said you were slaves; I am here to liberate ycu; to injure me, if it were ossible, is to double your shackles. When you have seen your condition, you will realize the truth of my saying. Arise, and stand like men; and no longer let the lower animal propensities he on top; commence from this time to allow the spiritual, that has lain dormant so long to gain the ascendency.

As she raised her hand, they each fell prostrate before her, and lay as if dead; and when she told them to arise, they laboriously arose to a standing position, and in a very deferential attitude meekly listened to her words. As she ceased speaking, they one after another turned, as if to leave her, but she said: 'Please do not leave me in disgust

and contempt; I must converse with you all." They did not seem to hear her, but

continued towards the door, and she to all vibrations of whatever name or again raised her hand and said in a low but firm tone: "You heard me tell you that I desired

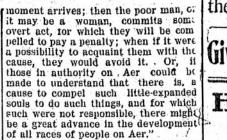
to converse with you. Return, all of you, and listen to my words."

They appeared to be under her complete control; at her firm command they each quickly returned to her and like a truant child, they hung their heads and assumed a position of curiosity; and as she proceeded they partially lost their sneering looks, and before she left them she had so far gained their confidence that they each grasped her hand and begged her not

to leave them. She commenced by appealing to their understanding of true manhood; she showed them the hidden possibilities for each to reach a plane where they mankind, then there would be more would be free; she showed them that thought devoted to the cause of the indebauchery, dissoluteness and brutish revels were now retarding their progress to that extent that they must al-ways remain slaves, to their depraved passions upon the earth plane. She likened them in comparison with her-self, as a piece of lusterless and worthless clay, to a sparkling diamond; but at the same time assured them that tune; for, by so doing they would miss they must sometime reach the same offulgent degree of expansion that she had. She proved to them as she had my father and myself, as well as all those excarnates I had visited with her, that they were dead, or had been released from the gross material body; that while they were no longer 'amenable to man-made law, yet there is a other lesson. Our next will be higher and far more inexorable law which would hold them responsible for every act in every degree.

As she touched upon the subject of release from the body they first laughed in derision at her words; but her reasoning was so convincing that they soon became interested; and then she said:

I have demolished the barriers to your egress from earth-plane, and I know your progress and expansion from this moment is assured. Do not make search for paths to lead you to higher planes, for by the law of adaptation, you will gravitate to such positions as you are now fitted for. As you further realize your great powers for interpretation and analyzing your requirements such as all mankind possess, you will by a balustrade of fancifully carved and gain an impetus that will send you on fashioned wood. Massive granite steps. in the spheres which lie beyond you; so that you too in time, will become a liberator, like me, your teacher." As she said she must leave them, As she said she must leave them, the steps. The shades of the windows they started as if by one impulse, and in front of the house were drawn tight, grasped her by the hand; and while tears coursed down thir haggard faces, ent from the outside. they laughed in a gleeful manner; and the one who appeared as the leader, a and proceeded to a very large room short, stout built man, with a most re- where were assembled the household, pulsive face, said: "Ye are a teacher, by-! Ye have done two daughters of perhaps twenty and fer us what no other has, or could do. I have killed my man, an' was hanged for't; I supposed they made a mistake an' hung the wrong man, and played a joke on him; a' as I did not go to heaven as the preacher on the scaffold said I would, and as I did not find the tother I couldn't jest tell where I was. These other thugs here, are in the same boat with me; we've had a lot of fun, an' been in lots of scrapes, such as you've room. As we entered, and as soon as seen here this mo'nin'; an' I know I've my father realized the situation, he rehelped dozens to kill their man; an' I know I ain't alone, fer these fellers hev did as much as I hev. Now, don't leave us, but stay an' help us, Can't



As our teacher called our attention to the earth-bound spirits in the crowd,

looked, and saw many whose appear ance was as repulsive as those we had Consultation to the Sick and Suffering. seen in the house; they were close to some person, and in some cases seemed to be whispering to them. They were attached to people of both sexes; and even children, of whom there were many in the crowd of curiosity-seekers were not free from these human bloodsuckers. One thing I noticed, and be fore I could form a question in words, my teacher answered it, by saying: "A good reason why you see no earth-bound spirits of children, my

brother, there are none. When a child spirit is released, it immediately gravitates to a harmonious plane where i comes in association with an individual that is also harmonious.

"As the bud of the flower will produce a perfect blossom if there is no interference, so will the child produce a man or woman of purity and harmony. Unlike the flower, which has few requirements, the embryonic individualized life bas many: and being sensitive nature, either mental, spiritual, or material, if it remains on earth-plane long enough to have its harmonious vibra-tions mixed with the discord of other material things. It is also subject to any vibrations of spirits, of any degree of expansion at all times, until it has

ecome able to control self." During my teacher's reply to my unspoken inquiry, my father had re-mained an interested listener; as she

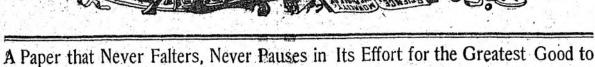
topped, he said: "Then it must be a good thing to die

oung." Thos S. Kizer writes from Decatur, "For many, yes. If all could be made Ill.: "There was quite a surprise to to understand that outside influences, some twenty-five people who met for or vibrations have much, I might say all, under existing conditions, to do our mid-week service at the home of the writer on 19th ult. Just before the service, Mr. James R. Jordan of this with shaping the material destiny of city, and Mrs. Belle Johnson of Springfield (here for the last two or three harmonious minds and acts, of man, months-both are mediums) came for with the result that even after a child ward from an adjoining room and were has passed to the plane of the adult united in holy wedlock by County Judge they could avoid the outside, and any O. W. Smith. After congratulations, inharmonious influences of both spiritour Sister Garraw's control made a few ual and material; and then they would fully realize that to leave the earthwell chosen remarks, which were enjoyed by all. The bride has served our plane in early life, would be a misforsociety a few times guite acceptably and we trust she and her husband have carth's experiences, and thus lose the a bright future before them. They left on Monday for Springfield, where they lessons to be derived through them. But, as few receive any benefit from will reside. No one but the contracting the experiences they are bound to have parties, the judge and my family knew on earth, it is far more to their advanone thing of the marriage until the certage to go out early; or dic, as you say, "We must hasten from this scene emony and we (the family) only knew it a half hour before." now, and go where we can receive an John Wallace writes from Ashtabula Ohio: "Responding to an invitation, a goodly number of the Ashtabula Spiritsomewhat different nature: I perceive that you both have received enough of

ualists visited the Geneva meeting-on the kind we have just received." 'As she said this, she turned toward Sunday last, where we found a warm the street from which he had come, and welcome by a good, harmonious society. Everything was done to make our visit following that some distance, we turned one of pleasure and profit. After the into a side street.

morning session, which consisted of the usual exercises, followed by an ad-CHAPTER V. dress by Mrs. Carrie F. Curran, we were treated to a generous repast, which was served in their spacious din-Hypocrisy. We stopped in front of a large, and ing hall. All partook of the physical what my father styled a "modern built | feast in a manner that indicated appre house," It was built of brick, and had ciation by every one present. The afgranite trimmings over each door and ternoon exercise consisted of selections window, that were finely chiseled to by the children, followed by the experirepresent many fancy figures. A broad veranda was in front, that was enclosed ence of nearly all present. The sing-ing under the instruction of Mrs. Talcott of Ashtabula, was of a very high order. A beautiful feature of the exer-cises was an inspirational poem by with a hand rail as large as my arm, and it looked as if it was made of gold. Mrs. Josie Wallace of Ashtabula, the it was so bright, was on either side of grandeur of which proved beyond a aoubt that it was of divine origin. The





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"I should say working hypotheses. First of all we rule out at on the very large proportion of illusive and fraudulent experiences col ing through professional sources. In so far as professional sources a concerned, in the largest part of the experiences therein found-in su far as my observation can be accounted for on any very creditable ground-there is an immense amount of fraud and humbug in the commercial mediumship-perhaps by far the greater part of the experienc therein had. Then, even where there is no deliberate intention to de ceive there is a vast possibility of illusion. People who are free from any intention to deceive one another, in circles even of a private home character, may easily enough fool themselves. Most people are overcredulous in this respect. Then, in so far as the experiences are genuine-that is, really supernormal experiences-many of them may be accounted for by other theories than that of spirit communication.

"Much of the physical phenomena may be due to latent forces within the human organisms of which we are beginning to get hints to-daythe intellectual phenomena. The communication of information of a sort that seems to betoken spirit communication may to a considerable extent indicate simple telepathic communication from mind to mind among those present at the seance-the fishing out from the seekers of the desired information by the medium.

"There is no question in my mind that a considerable part of such information is due to this subconscious action of the minds of those present in that sitting. So there may be other possible theories to account for more or less of such experiences. For one it seems to me that there is a residue of phenomena, both physical and mental, which cannot be thus accounted for.

- Telepathy Theory.

"Telepathy, upon which our scientific folk are disposed to place the emphasis at present and by which they think everything may be accounted for, seems to me to break down under the strain imposed upon it. Any one who has followed thePiper case should, it seems to me, be satisfied that the theory of telepathy as an explanation of some of these experiences is a far greater marvel than would be the theory of spirit communication.

"Some of such cases to be accounted for telepathically would assume not merely the communication from the mind of the sitter of what is in his or her mind-the mind of the medium-but the dragging out by the medium from the minds of people not present at the seance, of people far removed in space and equally far removed by time, of information communicated, which would seem to me to strain the theory of telepathy to the breaking point. None the less, I am convinced that the wise and rational and scientific method is to use telepathy as the working hypothesis for all that it is possibly worth, and only when it breaks down to push beyond to another interpretation. That other interpretation, it seems to me, will be the conclusion to which scientific investigation will drive us in so far as my observation and judgment goes, at least for a considerable portion of these psychic experiences."

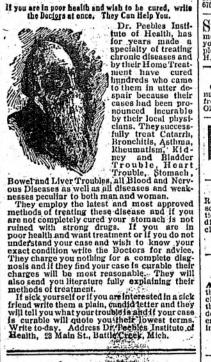
On the Threshold.

"You are credited with the statement that you believed certain people were capable of throwing off radiations or halos, and if this is so will you please relate your reasons for believing so ?'

"It is very easy to poke fun at one who has taken the position that I have upon this point. Perhaps I should enjoy poking the same fun at somebody else under similar circumstances. I alluded to the medieval notion of saintly halos simply as one of the so-called superstitions of the Middle Ages which were beginning to look a little respectable in the light of our modern knowledge. I do not mean to say that it is completely rehabilitated, but simply that it is standing on the threshold of a possible recognition.

"I pointed out that it is on record that Baron Reichenbach, the distinguished Austrian psychist, at the beginning of last century, had made careful experiments concerning the possible luminosity of magnets. He claimed that he had found certain sensitives who in darkened rooms became percipient of luminous radiations from powerful magnets in the room. Of course he was heartily laughed at by all those distinguished scientists who since they had never experienced anything like this were cocksure that nobody else could have experienced it.

"A number of decades passed with no further experiments in so far as I happen to know along this line; when the Psychological Research Society of England made some slight experiments in this direction. The results have not been at all conclusive, but they have been indicative of a possible correctness in Baron Reichenbach's earlier experiments. The experiments have been too slight to warrant any dogmatic affirmation, but there is not a little to warrant the expectation that this also may prove to be an ancient superstition which held within itself a germ of scientific fact. The earth is known to be an immense magnet. 'he aurora borealis is now accounted for as a magnetic radiation from "Reverent Christians will remember the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. I had a clew to this strange tale in my own experience a number of years ago, when that spiritually-minded Hindoo, Babu Protap Chunder Mozoomdor, speaking in my church, was seen not only by myself but by others to grow toward the end of his discourse strangely irradiated, his darkened skin whitening, and not with cold white, but, as it were, with a lambent light." "Have you had any experiences with so-called materializing medinms?' "Yes, I have, but the experiences have not been particularly happy ones. I have seen nothing in this line that I do not recognize pretty quickly to be an outrageous fraud. My good friend Dr. Hepworth and were once attending a materialistic seance together. The usual apparition came forth from the dark cabinet. I asked if I might have a portion of the materialized lace enveloping the spirit forms. I was told by those outside of the cabinet that this would be impossible and useless, because it would dematerialize quickly. I asked if I could preserve it in a hermetically sealed receptacle, but was assured it would dematerialize. "'Well,' said Dr. Hepworth to me a few weeks after our sitting, mine did not.'



GENERAL SURVEY,

(Continued from page 7.)

afternoon exercises closed with a gen-

exercises were fine. The two cornet

solos by Mr. Alberts, lent inspiration to

eral exchange of ideas. The even

ye? "No, my brothers; you will need no help. With your determination to gain a better condition, you will find fashionable attire. I immediately disyou possess all the assistance neces-You must learn to rely on self. sarv You have always relied on others for upon these two members of the family, help; now you must commence to seek all your help in self."

Approaching my father and me, she said:

"As we have accomplished all we can here, and I hope you have learned well your lesson, we will seek another." We left the house as we had entered

it, and as we reached the street, we saw a large crowd that had congregated as long enough to show that he noticed near the house as the police would allow; and my teacher said:

Here is a lesson for you. Here is a man of large stature, and gray hair and large number of the people of Aer, beard, appeared by the side of him who drawn here through morbid curiosity, was praying; he concentrated his gaze upon my father. The two spirits first seen, now leaned over the two children, and as they did so, the young lady the most of them are similar to those who have been engaged in the scene we have just witnessed. While the manudged her brother with her elbow, and jority of them would shrink from parhe leaned upon his sister, which caused ticipating in a murder or assault, yet all are subject to the same influences as her to lose her balance and slip to one those we see in the house, if similar side of the chair upon the floor; at conditions surrounded them. Here also this move, the two spirits danced with is an apt field for the same kind of joy and gesticulated with their hands spirits to ply their chosen vocation; for in demonstration of their success in causing the commotion. The father excitement intoxicates, or unbalances them; and then, although unconscious continued his prayer but a few minutes of it, they are brought under the psy- after this, and as he arose from his po chological influence of undeveloped in- sition, he called the two children by dividualities, or earth-bound spirits; name, and began to upbraid them for with a result not unlike that which we their show of irreverence. He lectured have just witnessed. To prove my them for some time; reproaching them statement, please notice the number of for their disrespect, not only for him, opportunity may never again appear, when anything of the exact nature of what we have seen may take place, yet, (To be continued.)

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and there were no signs of life appar With no preliminarles, we entered

the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Pancost sang 'Only a Thin Veil Between Us,' with splendid effect. Mrs. Curran which consisted of a man and his wife, seemed to be at her best. Her distwenty-five years old, and three sons course was of a very high order, and ranging from twelve years to perhaps twenty-six years old. As we entered, her inspiring words did much to stimulate our glorious truth, and proved to us all, that heaven right around about us ve discovered the family at their early morning devotions. The paternal pa-rent was kneeling beside his chair, and es. The Geneva society has certainly taken on new life. It seems to me that with one hand was gesticulating, while t simply let go to get a. better hold. he fervently prayed in a loud voice. Much credit is due Mrs. Curran for the The rest of the family were kneeing by their chairs in different parts of the healthy condition of the Geneva society, as under her ministrations it has been lifted up to its present prosperous con dition. Its president, Mr. C. Johnson, moved his hat, and with bowed head, is the right man in the right place." he assumed a position of reverence. Standing by the side of the oldest daughter, was a female figure with a beautiful face; she was clad in flashy

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other We had not been in the room but a moment, when the young lady giggled slightly, and her brother raised his

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