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Reminiscent and Twenty-Five Years in Spiritualism. Autobiographical.

HARRISON D. BARRETT has been before the world all of the leading dailies of that day. as an important working factor therein for a quar-his impressive destiny and mission by being elected spiritualism" is one of the greatest owes much to the memory of this gen-President of the N. S. A. Whatever the opposition our religion. Cook had this gifted au- its service. to him may have been, at the last moment everything crystallizes in his favor, and he is again elected President, illustrating a most remarkable career on his part. His sketch of his life for twenty-five then they can intelligently contrast the two men years is thrillingly interesting and suggestive.

On March 25, 1905, it will be twenty-five years since I received the direct This simple message changed the ersonal message that converted me to Spiritualism. Having been reared in a liberal religious atmosphere, for my people were Universalists, the change as not difficult, nor was the reflignment of my associations hard to make. As a matter of fact, I had undoubtedly been inoculated with the divine essence of Spiritualism long before that date. my great uncle, Harrison Barrett, of Wisconsin, had been a Spiritualist since 1849, and had caused his nephews and nieces to look with respect upon his religious faith long before my birth. Later, I presume in the late fifties or sixtles, my-father's brother, Rev. J. O. Barrett, became a lecturer and writer upon Spiritualism, and several of

his works found their way into my father's home. My parents did not openly espouse Spiritualism then, yet did not denounce it, hence there was nothing in my religious training to that my psychical powers became augprejudice me against it when the voice of the angels called me on that memorable March day.

FASCINATED WITH SPIRITUALISM.

Perhaps I did not care to hear much about it as a boy, being interested in my studies at school, yet I was fascinated by it whenever I heard my elders discussing the subject. I distinctly remember my first experience with a medium.' It was in the year 1870, when 1 was a child of very tender years. The medium was Mrs. Mary J. Wentworth of Knox, Maine, who chanced to be visting my grandfather. She called upon my mother, and, as I was playing in the room, making no particular my mother did not send me out of their

presence. Upon passing under control. Mrs. Wentworth first spoke a few words in the Indian language, whereupon I forgot my play and stood as near my mother as I could get. Mrs. Wentworth's guide Waukeno, suddenly addressed me. I was too terrified to speak, and when I saw my mother

weeping. I joined her in

This simple message changed the whole course of my life. I had chosen the profession of the law as my life vork and was fitting myself for that sphere of action. Spiritualism took ev-ery thought of being a lawyer away from me. I was informed that peace on earth, good will roward men, not millancy and discord, was the aim of the angels. I was to promote the former. nd leave the latter to those who preterred quarrels and heart-burnings to bee: Who has read the Spiritualist the gospel of love. The lawyer may lave a legitimate place among his fellow-mon, but-when all men are taught and the curious sobriquet to be honest-lawyers, like Othello, will ows"? The wonders he described were find their occupation gone.

LIFE IN MINNESOTA.

thousand and one stories made a ruler Circumstances in respect to my forget his wrath, and become kind. nealth forced me to go to Minnesota in I confess I read "Shadows" the first 1881, and into the wilds of nothern Wy thing I did upon receiving the paper oming in 1882. It was in those states that published his articles! I thought the seance rooms he described, and the wonderful(?) mented, and so strengthened as to enphenomena cble me to determine their purpose therein, must be heaven on earth. How well I remember my solitary ramthe dawn of the millennium! Alas for bles among the foot-hills near Mt. Larapoor me! Alas, for "Shadows"! 'No mie! How distinctly do I recall my doubt he was sincere, and wrote horseback rides up and down the Larahe believed to be the truth. He has mie valley! How strange the Indians learned better now in his new home in then seemed, meeting them for the first spirit sphere, and wonders how he time on their native heath! On some could have been so mistaken. I know occasions it was my fate to share the I have had to revise many conclusions same couch with young braves, whose to which I jumped because of "Shad silence was so strenuous as to be alows'" writings; so have others who most awesome. Here it was that some wasted time in reading of things that of the excarnate Indians found me, and were the veriest humbug. became, my life companions, and help-MR. WETHERBEE AND THE DECEPers in time of trouble. My Wyoming TION PRACTICED. experiences would make a long story of I have marveled almost, at the success of the people who so wantonly de-

hemselves, and I have no right to trespass too far upon our editor's space. SPIRITUALISTIC LITERATURE. Prior to 1880, I had read "Looking boyond," "The Spiritual Pilgrim," "The

ceived Mr. Wetherbee, and caused him o mislead so many others through his Prior to 1880, 1 and Beyond," "The Spiritual Pilgrim," "The Gadarene," all by J. O. Barrett, and the "Seers of the Ages," by J. M. lieve in the materialization of every-preebles. Short sketches from Robert Peebles. Short sketches from Robert book. "Footfalls on whether the material provide the server of the earth, and thus obtained plenty of free adver-whether the server of the server book." Footfalls on whether the server of the server of the server of the server whether the server of Dale Owen's great book, "Footfalls on the Boundary of Another World," had also come to my attenticn. It was not italism lay wholly in the money he development of the adverter of the adverter tising. Yet this man's interest in Spir-itualism lay wholly in the money he development of the adverter tising.

speaker for many years, and only gave to be grateful to this man for giving me

ungelfish books ever penned in the interests of the woman who gave her whole life to thor for his friend and companion in SPIRIT MESSAGE DEPARTMENT.

his attempt to investigate Mr. Watkins. I must here refer to my interest in All that I can say is this: Every Spirithe Spirit Message Department in the ualist should read both of Sargent's great works on this subject-"Plan-chette, the Despair of Science," and Banner of Light, when I saw a copy of he paper for the first time. I watched eagerly for a word from some of my "The Scientific Basis of Spiritualism". own people, but none came, yet I was greatly rejoiced when two or three mes sages reached our little hamlet. for

SPIRITUAL READING MATTER LIMsome of my neighors. The medium at ITED.

some of my neighors. The medium at that time was Miss M. T. Shelhamer, now Mrs. M. T. Longley, the efficient secretary of the N. S. A., a woman whose mediumship is of the highest or-My leading upon the subject of Spirtualism was limited in those early days, because of my farm labors, and consequent inability to obtain papers der of excellence, whose character is unsullied, and whose whole life is a conand books on the subject. I did the inuous record of good and noble deeds. best I could, and eagerly scanned the felt drawn to her from the very first Banner of Light for the articles by S. B. Brittan, A. E. Newton, Emma Harbut never saw her until 1886, when I attended one of the famous Banner "Free dinge Britten, and many others, not for Circles" in Boston: I prize her friend getting to mention Rev. Allen Putnam and "Shadows," the pseudonym of ship as one of my life's choicest treas kind-hearted, credulous John Wetherures press of a quarter of a century ago and

THE FIRST SPIRITUALIST CAMP MEETING. failed to note the writings of Putnam

In 1885 I attended my first Spiritual "Shad st camp-meeting at Etna, Maine, . Here was fairly transported into the sevnot equalled by the Arabian Nights enth heaven of delight, for I felt that tales by the clever Scheherezade, whose the two worlds had become one for all

time, and that life was hereafter to be of men, whose realization will restore 'one long, sweet song." Here I heard . J. Morse, Dr. Geo. A. Fuller, Dr. H. B. the worship of the Beautiful of which Storer, Capt, H. H. Brown, Mrs. Hattle Pericles, the Athenian 'orator, so elo quently spoke in the long ago. Dr. Faller has a heart that feels for all who C. Mason, Mrs. Abbie Morse and Mrs. A. P. Brown for the first time. What a revelation these speakers were to me! produced are in need. He loves his fellowmen, or I simply had to meet them all person-ally and had them tell me of the wonand his sympathies inspire him to prod igles of valorous service for them, al They fitted into my boyish lite at a time when I needed instruction, and I ways without price. In any other denomination than ours

have never ceased to bless them for what they did for me. Storer, the "old man eloquent," in Spiritualism for years, and Mrs. A. P. course, the approval of a clear co Brown have gone home to the world of science and the loyal love of a fo souls. Their work was well done, and friends as his reward. These, it course, the approval of a clear

for one'I desire to lay a tribute of log-ing thoughts upon the alters of their memories. I knew Dr. Stofer, well, and loved him much. His advice to me wolf of worry from the door, and the then, and in after years is a memory aven of despair from the roof, life can jewel too precious to be cast aside. He gave his whole life to Spiritualism; useless to piouslessly roll one's what more can be expected of man. Mrs. Brown I knew but slightly, hav-ing met her only a few times. But she his great reward in heaven!' was dreadfully in earnest, and loudly sincere. here on earth. Dr. Fuller is a credit to

THIS SIDE OF THE GREAT DIVIDE. Spiritualism, and deserves well at our The other speakers named are all on hands side of the Gi t Divide, each doing his work in his own way for the upliftment of humanity. Capt. Brown of Spiritualism in all quarters of the is the efficient editor of "Now," a globe. He has been true to his medisplendid New Thought magazine pub- umship, and has worked early and late lished in San Francisco. He has not for thirty-six years for Spiritualism. renudiated one vital principle in Spirit- We were correspondents from the time alism, nor denied his experiences of of our first meeting, and I owe much to past years in becoming identified with his considerate, unselfish advice. Our this important branch of our work. He paths have crossed at frequent interknows that . Spiritualistic ... phenomena are facts, and is now seeking to be come better acquainted with the forces meeting. Whether in Maine or come better acquainted with the forces meeting. Whether in Maine or Cali-that produce them. He wants to know fornia, in New York, or in Boston, in how to apply the law underlying spirit-ual manifestations to the unfoldment of tertained for him more than an ordiman's spiritual nature while a denizen nary friendship because of the early of earth. He has not outgrown pheimpress he made upon my life. Whatnomena; he is merely using them for ever may be his feelings to-day, mine. for the ideal noble man I found in him, the very purposes for which the angel city world designed them. have not changed. I honor him for

famous test medium of other days. He ad a wonderful power of giving names. I have heard him call one hundred and seventy names of spirit people in fifty minutes. He possessed a most wonder portant psychological moment in

ful memory, which, of course, made it life. Brown's influence tipped the bal-ance, and I went. Never shall I cease casier for the unseen forces to do their work. He was the medium through whose organism John Quipcy Adams gave his famous message to the Amer the impress I then needed to go forth ican people in 1854. These messages to fit myself for the battle of life. He was under angel guidance when he were Adamsesque in every respect called to me, an utter stranger, and lit-They abounded in phrases peculiar to erally forced me out of the conditions the arisen statesman, when on earth uto which I had voluntarily subsided. and had all of the "ear-marks" of Ad ams' remarkable personality. This DR. FULLER AND J. J. MORSE. work will live, and it is Joseph D. Stiles I want to say a few words about Dr. best offering to the world. Mr. Stiles uller and J. J. Merse, Throughout passed away suddenly, under sad cir hese twenty years, or since 1885, there cumstances. He was all alone in his has been a loyal friendship in my soul nome, and was not found for some days for them both. Dr. Fuller has affected fter he was stricken. Hiş physical

me as no other human being has cr can sufferings must have been severe. Peace to his memory. To meet him once, is not to know It was at Etna also in 1885 and again in 1886 that I met Mrs. Adeline M. Gladhim, upless the one who thus comes in contact with him is a psychic. He is not fully understood, nor has be been ng. She had only been a Spiritualist a "The very short time then, and her splendid Visdom of the Ages," is a revelation of nediumship was but beginning to un he man's great soul. Sensitive befold. I had several sittings with her ond words to describe, rather inclined and she told me many things concern o shrink from publicity, doubtful at ing my early life that were absolutely imes of his own spiendid powers, and correct, then spoke of my future work studious far above the average, it is not "You are going to college," she said, strange that Dr. Fuller has been mod-'against your will, but it is best for estly reserved in his noble life, rather ou. Go! You will succeed. You than an aggressive, offensive partisan. voice will be heard in all quarters of He is a deep thinker, a logical reabe land proclaiming the gospel of Spir soner, a spiritual seer and prophet. His itualism. You will lead our forces to leart-throbs are the heart-throbs of our victory, and be to our Cause a staff, race, for his soul typifies what the race

appreciated. His great book,

EMERSON.

debut as a platform speaker, and

s seeking for. He is a dear lover of How those words affected me, few the beautiful, and is constantly sending may over know. She also said that I his soul's great longings abroad in the should journey west, east, north and universe, in search of that which will south, but that I should see the Pacific ennoble, uplift and cheer mankind-in coast before my life work opened. She search of those signs of peace from abored faithfully for the religion of her God that belong to all of the children choice, and gloriously triumphed over death and the grave some three or four years ago. She was a rare medium, good speaker, an excellent woman. (To be continued.)

A LESSON

Derived From the Boston Globe Prize Contest.

such a man would be recognized, sala ried, and placed where he could realize The committee having in charge my the ambitions of his soul. Now, he works on without censing, having, of candidacy in the Boston Globe prize contest, join with me in thanking all who in any way contributed to the very science and the loval love of a few gratifying result of placing us in second place in the list of cities, and securing true, count for much-in the life; of a for the Lynn Spiritualist Association a platform worker, but when they are not prize of five hundred dollars. There accompanied by that which drives the will also be some over two hundred dol lars in additional prizes, awarded to the children who collected votes, and they hardly be said to be complete. It is have unanimously decided to turn the results of their worksinto the treasury heavenward, and exclaim, "Just think of of the society, making the very accep Such able sum of over seven hundred dollars words are the veriest nonsense-the quintessence of human selfishness. We the Globe office in my name, which eed more of heaven and just rewards

There were 230,464 votes received at shows what can be accomplished by united effort.

When I consented to become the sosire to place our giorious cause in a ciety's candidate in their trial for on

SPIRITUALISM IN MISSOURI.

Convention of the Progressive Spiritual. ist Association.

To all Spiritualists and Progressive People: Greeting:-Spiritualism is the greatest truth in the universe. It deals with all of the relations of this life, and demonstrates a life belond the portals of death. Life is a fact and death is a fact.. The two stand facing each other in awful, mighty contrast, both of them stern, invincible and inevitable. They have constituted in the past, and, for a vast majority of the human race they constitute in the present, the problem of problems, the "Riddle of the Universe

Spiritualism professes to solve this problem, to unravel the awful mystery, and to light up the Shadowland of death with the bow of love and hope. If so be it accomplishes this, it is not only greatest truth in the world, but it is the truth for which all other truths exist. Spiritualism not only proves the conlinuity of life beyond death, and the relationship between the two modes of existence, but in contrast to all supernaturalism, it brings all these relationships o the level of pure naturalism, and establishes a rational and scientific system of ethics, untainted and unalloyed with theological dogmatism and superstitious cant.

To spread this great truth among the nasses who are hungering for the bread, and thirsting for the waters of sternal life, and bring them out from he bondage to the fear of death, Spiritualists have organized themselves into both state and National associations, and such an organiation fected in the state of Missouri in the ear 1891, known as The Progressive Spiritualist Association of Missouri, On the first day of February, 1905.

there was held in the city of St. Louis a convention of this association, for the purpose of electing officers for the same, and to make an effort to increase the scope of its activity and usefulness. There were present some sixty delegates in person, and some twenty-five by proxy, and the meeting was harmo-nious throughout. Mr. C. W. Stewart of St. Louis, was elected president; Dr Olin D. Whittler of St. Louis secretary,

and Rev. Josie K. Folsom of St. Louis, treasurer. For vice-presidents, Rev. Mrs. K. T. Hary, Rev. Mrs. E. G. Price, Mr. J. K.

Young, Dr Herman W. Faber, Mr. Ja-cob Keinzle and Mr. J. M. Pierce, all of t. Louis, were chosen. For trustees, Mrs. M. J. Ferris, Dr. E.

H. Green, Mrs. Lena Dorner, Mr. J. B. McGuffin, all of St. Louis, and Mrs. Glen Cora Stephens of Kansas City, and Mr. Geo. H. Miller of Millersville, Mo., were elected.

This new board of officers is comcomposed of active, earnest and effi-cient workers in the cause of Spiritualism, and it'is earnestly desired that a new enthusiasm may thrill the souls of our people and inspire them with a de-

very boyish, vigorous manner. Waukeno caused his medium to lay her hands upon my head, as if invoking a blessing upon me, then spoke of me and my life work. The prophecy was made on that sweet June day, that I way to become a servant of the spirit world, and that 'my voice would be heard throughout the land, proclaiming the blessed fact of spirit communion to listening multi-tudes," and that I was to have a prominent place in the future work of Spiritualism. the camp of the new religion. How well this prophecy has been ful-

MEDIUMSHIP CONSIDERED SACRED filled, remains for others to say. Surely 1 have journeyed far and near, and Mediumship seemed to me the most have tried to speak the word the angels sacred thing in the world, and I believed I actually held every medium in commissioned me to utter. I have visited every state in the Uhion and have reverence. I know I trusted every one of them, with the loving trust of a warm-liearted boy, only to have my spoken in all but nine of them, thus doing what one man could to further the interests of the religion of his soul. idols crumble into ashes at my feet Mrs. Wentworth passed to the higher years ofterwards. But my own psychic life less than one year ago. She was an honest worker, a true friend to our nature had been quickened into action. and I not only received messages for cause, and one of God's noblest women myself, but I gave them to others, and they were recognized. I believed every on earth. medium to be equally honest as myself

nomena.

ANGUISH AT DEATH OF SISTER. hence had implicit faith in every one

It was ten years later, however, that met. the message was made a part of my A PSYCHIC FOR A QUARTER OF

self by coming directly to me. A dearly-loved sister entered spirit life on the morning of that day, and the grief of our family band was deep and sincere. learn that I have been a conscious psy-I had then begun to doubt Universalism chic tor a quarter of a century, and somewhat, because it was not in keep probably, possessed, in latency, ing with my idea of a loving God to se sister suffer as she did. Her trouble was tuberculosis of the lungs, and she had to wrestle with the disease for me to have known through any carthly agency. Clairvoyance, clairaudiighteen months before her loving spir could detach itself from the worn-out ence,

odv. Ingersoll's writings had fallen into my hands, and I had imbibed fully of his agnostic instructions when my sister took leave of earth. Oh, the heart and soul anguish of that day! Annihilation for this blue-eyed, gentle voiced, ioving sister! Gone into nothingness Returned to God who sent her to us mpossible! What had become of her Where was she, if she had survived the leath of the body? were questions of earful moment to me. I was face to face with a great black wall beyond pany with Epes Sargent, the distin-guished author and scientist, with C. E. which I could not penetrate, either with the mortal eye, or that of imagin-It was the painful struggle brough which men are born into highstates of being that was then mine Life's greatest and truest lessons are all learned in the school of suffering.

A SWEET AND BEAUTIFUL MES-SAGE.

Late in the night the message came upon Cook to stop where he was. not only did stop, but he repudiated his to me. I heard it with my own ears and was comforted by it. It was not a sensational phenomenon, nor yet a own experience. In fine, he perjured striking one; it was simple, sweet, di- himself royally, as only a Boston rect, and beautiful. I knew, from my preacher of his stamp could. interfor senses, that the message was a Cook was an eloquent lecturer, and true, one-that my darling sister still he will never be forgotten by any one lived in a brighter and more glorious who heard him give his one great comfealm. It never occurred to me to position, "The Future of America." doubt it in any way. I was comforted. Aside from his peculiar oratory, he was and went through the trying ordeal of narrow-minded, bigoted in the extreme, the next few days sustained by it. After full of foolish prejudices, and frequent. the funeral services were over, I still by indulged in extreme cruelty. I was her presence near me, and the gos- in Jamestown, N. Y.; on one occasion, bel of Ingersoll and of good old Hose when he became violently angry with Ballou left, my mind, as dominant a bell boy, and kicked the little fellow down the hotel stairs. For this wanton thought forces, forever.

until April 1880 that I saw a Spiritualist could make out of it! He "developed" paper. This journal happened to be The Banner of Light, which I found in mediums at prices ranging from fifty dollars to five hundred-held hundred the home of Mrs. Helen Neil-Howard of Skowhegan, Maine, where I afterwards into his cabinet, and had his confedermade the acquaintance of "Mind and ates armed to prevent a raid from the Matter," edited by that gifted man, Jonathan M. Roberts, of Philadelphia. read these with great avidity, and was rieved to the heart by some of the harsh words found in them, indicating that-all was not peace and harmony in

CENTURY.

It may surprise some Spiritualists to

JOSEPH COOK AND SLATE-WRITING

caused by the experiments in slate-writ-ing that Rev. Joseph Cook of "Boston

Monday Lectures" fame, had in com-

Watkins as the medium. Cook first de-

ena they witnessed were produced by

excarnate intelligences. He said he

ments alarmed his church brethren, and

that

He

He was in this business up to the very day of his transition. Taken into court, he always escaped on some tech nicality, or through his own wonderful shrewdness. He was known through out New England, ard in Boston, was especially notorious. Notwithstanding his profession, his criminal record, his was elected as a Republican to the Boston City Council, and heid a high of

ficial position in one of the aristocratic military companies of the Surely, from a worldly point of view dishonesty paid in his case. Does the ionest man or woman, ever make financial success in Spiritualistic work? Aside from Alvah Adams of Adams' Express Co. fame, and William Lloyd Garrison, no Spiritualist was ever accorded

greater public honors than was this man on the occasion of his funeral.

THE FAMOUS DR. S. B. BRITTAN. Dr. S. B. Brittan was editor-at-large or Spiritualism for some little time.

Colby and Rich employed him, and asked the Spiritualists Amer ica to contribute what they felt able to his salary. Dr. Brittan did good-work and his pen was a vigorous one. He same power from the hour of my birth. fell asleep to all things earthly at a I have given spirit messages, dates, comparatively early age. He was a man names and positive facts, not possible of might, and he served Spiritualism well. His peculiar office was left un filled for over twenty years, when Hud-son Tuttle was appointed by the N. S.

the full trance, quickly followed v the semi-conscious trance, etc., were A. to give the outside world the assur all means to the divine end of revealing ance that Spiritualism was alive and the truths of the spirit through my or able to defend itself. Dr. Brittan's ganism. This should set at rest for jelder son perished in the war between ver the silly story that I am an enemy the States, and is immortalized of mediums and a disbeliever in phe-

beautiful poem entitled "Boy Brittan," whose author I do not recall. He was brave boy indeed, for he was not more How well I remember the excitement his life for his country. than sixteen years old when he gave un

PROF. WILLIAM DENTON.

The transition of William Denton in 1882 was a great shock to all Spiritualists. I never saw him, nor heard him

speak, but I read his writings, and felt clared, as did Sargent, that the phenom- that he was one of America's greates men. His name will live both in the was mystified, and purposed looking centers. His "Radical Rhymes," and into the subject yet further. But he the cutting satire of his lectures did not do so. His published state-pleased many of the Spiritualists of world of science and in all Spiritualistic those days greatly. It gives one a bit

they brought great pressure to bear of inspiration to glance through "Radical Rhymes" even now! A long and severo illness prostrated own testimony, and flatly denied his me in 1884-5, from which I should not have recovered, had it not been for the skill of two psychic physicians, Dr. H.

E. Field, then of Dexter, Maine, now of Gardiner, and Dr. Frank S. Bigelow, of Skowhegan. I know they saved my life, and am always ready to give testimony to that effect. Dr. Bigelow was one of the first mediums I became associated with in 1880, and we have been irlends ever since. He and Dr. Field are hard at work as servants of the spirit world at the present writing. FIRST SPIRITUALIST LECTURE.

CAPTAIN BROWN'S EFFECTIVE IN-FLUENCE. brother.

As Capt. Brown's influence was the factor that led me to change my course of living—a change that has led to strange results-an account; of our

meeting is not out of place in this narrative: I was walking toward the audi-torium at Camp Etna in 1885, when he passed by me at right angles/ "Young friend," he said, "please stop, one mo-ment. You should be a Spiritualist

and from it I received many pearls of truth. It was in that year at Camp speaker; as I sense your magnetism. Stna that he gave one test that asion Are you one? "No." I replied, "I have only spoken a ished the thousands of people before lew times in our home circles nothing him. He cried out suddenly: "I see the

spirit of a young lady about twentymore "But you are a "speaker, and should three years old, whose clothing is driptake your place as one as soon as you ping with water. She says her name is are ready for the work. What are you _____, and that she was drowned two going to do for a living?" hours ago in Hermon Pond, while out "I did intend to study law, but I can-not do that, now that I am a Spiritualboating! This message created great excite-

ist, hence I am going to be a farmer," I ment in the camp, especially in the auditorium. The young lady's mother "I have taught several terms, replied. and may engage in that work occasionwas seated not ten feet from me when Mr. Emerson gave the test. The woally." man was furiously angry, and she arose

"Nonsense!" exclaimed the Captain. "You should go to Meadville Theolog-ical School, take a course there, and and fairly stormed out of the building bitterly denouncing Spiritualism and enter the ministry. You belong there. Farming is not in your line!" Mr. Emerson in particular. Within a half-hour from that time, she was called

"It is an honorable calling," I retort-ed angrily, "for my father is a farmer and some of the best men I know are illers of the coll " for by a neighbor who told her that her daughter had just been drowned in Hermon Pond. To this day, however, that woman is a bitter enemy of Spirittillers of the soil." "Yes, yes, I know," said Brown, "but ualism.

they are not fitted for the rostrum, while you are. For you to become a farmer would be to deprive some man who cannot do anything else of his chance to earn a living. You shall not do this thing!"

I was struck by this thought, and reflected upon it long and earnestly. I wanted the education, but feared the in-Capt. H. H. Brown, and in their company as speakers were Mrs. Abbie Morse, Mrs. N. J. Willis, and Mrs. fluence of the theological instructions I should there receive. "He who hesi-tates is lost," and it proved frue in my Julietto Yeaw. Mrs. Willis and Mrs. case. 1 went, but not until one year later.

shall never forget their effect upon I sought advice from Dr. Fuller, Mr. me. Mrs. Willis is a true Spiritualist Morse, Dr. Storer and my mother. They all said, "Go, but preserve your mental and moral integrity and soul balance." work, and she has always been true to "It was due to the seeming accident of her trust. Mrs. Yeaw I have met often in my work, and place her among my most revered and trusted friends. She my meeting with Capt. Brown and his conversation with me that led to the cinted with in 1880, and we have been triends ever since. He and Dr. Field are hard at work as servants of the spirit world at the present writing. FIRST SPIRITUALIST LECTURE. It was in this early period that I first has, been true to truth, just to highest convictions, an honest labored in the spiritual vineyard, and a faithfu servant of the angels. God bless her over for the good work she has done. Here I met Joseph "D. Stiles, the

Morse, I cnly need say that of these prizes, there were many ready to prophesy that it would amount to nothing, that we should get no support, and some asserted that we should not even receive fair play, the prejudice against Spiritualism was so great, but the result shows that Spiritualists can accomplish as much as any other class of people if they will only work, and work in unison, not all pull in different vals, and the handclasp has ever been directions. last

The time is past for Spiritualists to take a back seat all of the time. If we respect and have confidence in our selves, and our ability to accomplish. the results following our efforts will be just as satisfactory as that accom-plished by others. We are too prone to plished by others. pessimism to think because we are Spiritualists people will not respect us; make them respect us, and our belief, what he has done for our Cause, and by respecting ourselves. We know we for his own sake as my friend and have the best religion in the worldas though we knew it and wanted oth-THE GREAT TEST MEDIUM. E. W. ers to know it, and boldly claim all we think belongs to us. "A great many things are lost by not asking for them." It was in 1885, also, that I met Edgar Comparatively few of the Spiritual-W. Emerson, the well-known test mediists of New England assisted in the um, for the first time. Our acquaint-Globe contest. Imagine the result if all ance rivened into a loval friendship of us should unite in some grand object. that obtains to-day. His mediumship We could be an almost irresistible powwas a great joy to my young heart, er for its accomplishment, beside en-

gendering a fraternal fellowship that would bind us, as societies and individuals, closer together, and so tend-for the growth and enlargement of our ALEX. CAIRD, M. D. cause.

LOVED ONES.

Dear one gone on, do thou return To us this hallowed hour. And bring with thee, to brighter burn, Love's lamp, so lit with power To make us feel full warmth and glow Of loving presence near, And tho' the lights be burning low, Our hearts can feel no fear. For only love lasts long and lives Eternal as the skies, ts soft, sweet song forever gives Assurance it ne'er dies. Those who love shall grief's tears feel, But joys shall fill the heart, And make them know that life is real And death can never .part!

VARIOUS PLATFORM CELEBRITIES. Life may seem like drifting leaves, To get beyond love's reach, But love still grows, and he who grieves It was this same year that I made my May yet a lesson teach.

gave occasional addresses at different times after that until my departure for Meadville. At Etna in 1886, I again For truth is told in falling tears, And lis'ning love may learn met Dr. Fuller, Dr. Storer, J. J. Morse, Fo courage take, and help with cheers

Who would backward turn. The ways we walk in life may wear The weary working feet,

Yeaw gave us wonderful addresses, and But joyous love will ever share Its barvest of the sweet.

And sweetest joy of love divine Will bring to all the best, Eternal joys of life. Each soul shall shine

glory with the blest. Washington, D. C. J. W. NIGH.

A great lie is like a great fish on dry land; it may fret and fling, and make a frightful bother, but it cannot hurt you. You have only to keep still and it will die of itself.-Crabba.

that will comma spect of our opposers, and attract the attention of all investigating minds to a religion that is based upon the principles of Nature and luminous with spirtual truth.

To this end it is desired that not only. every society in the state may come in direct touch with this body, but that each individual Spiritualist may feel a, personal interest in the work.

The Progressive Spiritualist Association of Missouri therefore solicits the hearty co-operation of every genuine Spiritualist in the state in its effort to nake this the banner association of the United States, so that the next annual convention of the National Spiritualists Association at Minneapolis, Minn., 'a showing may be made of which every Missouri Spiritualist may feel proud, and that our state association may be productive of great good to the cause of truth.

At this convention Mr. Oscar F. Evertz, of 3516 Texas avenue, St. Louis, was elected editor-at-large, press agent and correspondent for the state association, a new office which bears the same relation to the state association which that of Hudson Tuttle hears to the N.S. A. It is the duty of this officer to answer all attacks made upon Spiritualism by the local press of the state, as well as to recognize all favorable comment made by local papers, and to make this office of full efficiency all Spiritualists throughout the state should keep Mr. Evertz informed by sending all such items to him at once.

On receipt of this letter, kindly proceed to come in toucn with this association at once by writing a personal letter to Dr. Olin D. Whittier, 715 Locust street, or C. W. Stewart, 3007 Dickson street, St. Louis, Mo.

Following are the chartered societies of Missouri that are connected with the state association:

The Spiritual Society of Truthseekers, St. Louis, Mo., Rev. Josie K. Folsom, pastor.

Society for Spiritual Research, St. Louis, Mo., Rev. Mrs. E. B. Price, pastor.

First German Spiritualist Society, St. Louis, Mo., Rev. Mrs. K. T. Hary, pastor.

Central Spiritual Society, of St. Louis, Mo., Rev. Mrs. Lena Dornner, pastor.

Carondelet Spiritual Society, , St. Louis County, Rev. Mrs. Pierce, pastor. South Side Spiritual Society of Springfield, Mo., Revs. J. Madison Allen

and M. Theresa Allen, pastors. Springfield Spiritual Association.

Springfield, Mo., ——, pastor. Psychical Research Society of Kan-sas City, Mo., Rev. Mrs. Glen Cora Stephens, pastor. First Kansas City Spiritualist Asso-

ciation, Kansas City, Mo., —, pastor. —Millersville. Spiritualist Association, Millersville, Mo., George H. Miller, pastor.

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We'seldom realize it. but very frequently the reason we have no use for cople is because they will not allow, themselves to be used .- Puck.

One part of knowledge consists in being ignorant of such things as are not worthy to be known .- Cates.



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

DR. J. M. PEEBLES REPLIES TO MR. LOVELAND.

The world is advancing, and that, too, along the lines of agitation. It never advances in any other way. There can be no light without a certain kind of friction or vibration preceding it. The line of progress is always beset with difficulties, and the greater they are, the more violent the agitation, the more fierce the struggle, often leading to long wars and sanguinary conflicts. The present conflict of opinion among Spiritualists will lead to more light, a grander illumination, and our ranks will be benefited thereby. This struggle of ideas, one with another, embodied in book form, will go down in history as a standard work, and will be read by future generations with untiring interest. The good, however, accomplished now will be great, and after the storm will come the calm, with its grand and beneficent results. Dr. Peebles' views which follow will be read with unflagging interest.

Let the war of thoughts and theories | nothing but assertions." As to the rage. It is the frictioned steel that truth or shameless faisity of this astonshines, the stormy ocean that, makes ishing statemenat, the readers of the book must decide for themselves. the hardy, skillful mariner. The interesting article of J. S. Love-land appearing in the "Thinker" Dec. Per sonally I query as to whether his bald. erroneous statement belongs to the category of inanity or to a sort of obses-sional insanity. Many are obsessed 31st, was, in connection with my other duties, replied to and ready for publi-

cation within two or three days after and are not conscious of it. being read and the sophistries detected. But Mrs. Richmond's able article appeared, requiring my attention, and then Mr. Loveland for quoting so very liber-

the editor of The Progressive Thinker (heaven bless and long keep him for ally paragraph after paragraph from my book. These paragraphs will whet his broad-minded manliness in giving to his thousands of subscribers, the appetite for the book itself. In his the Open Court) wrote me that he had "a extensive quotations he shows an exquisitely good taste-will he not conbushel of manuscripts" on hand relattinue in this line of well doing, and so ing to the pro and con upon this subject; and so desiring to be generous, and anxious myself to hear what posinterest thousands of readers, as well as enriching and promoting the cause of sibly could be said against the well-estrue Spiritualism? The truth of the statement, or story tablished fact of obsessing and vexing that a "very successful hypnotist had

influences from the other side of life, I wrote him to let my reply-which would keep-remain pigeon-holed until others had been heard.

any time," (mark the words) "at any Justice demanded this explanation time induce complete hypnosis in himtouching this delay of my reply to Mr. self, give all the ordinary phenomena Loveland in the columns of the Open and have no memory when he awoke' Court; and for which Open Court thousis questioned. Why did he not give the ands upon thousands of thinkers are hame of this wonderful hypnotist? uaily thanking J. R. Francis for his lib- Not crediting the story, I request a full erality and anxiety to spread the statement of the who, and the when and truth before the public. Of course, the where of this hypotest. I show then exercise the right of cross-ques the most of his eighteen or twenty thousand subscribers keep files of the tioning him. It is more than likely that Mr. Loveland here confounds two or "Thinker." These will re-read Mr. Loveland's article and then my reply

three words, so frequently done, suggestion, hypnotism and mesmerism. in this issue of the paper. Possibly this nameless but illustrious The first matter exciting surprise in J. S. Loveland's late article now before me in the "Thinker" is this: "I had no self-hypnotist of Mr. Loveland, is the very man that lifted himself over Ahe idea." he says, "of a war on Dr. Peebles' hedge by his boot straps, and later dis-

tal eunuch. covered perpetual motion. Conscious as I had not read it;" and yet he self, hypnotizing conscious self, is not ely states in his first article that the "learned and much-traveled Dr. only a miracle, but a fair sample of Pacific Coast logic.

Peebles enters the field to use all his great power and influence to convert In all scientific and occult activities our Spiritualism (Spiritism-J. S. L.). into one vast system of demonism. where personality and hypnotism are involved, there is a positive and a negative, a conscious will and passivity. A the abominable suggestion of de-

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monism," and he further stigmatizes the teachings "advocated and diffused number ofttimes in my numerous hypnotic experiments I have had stronger invisible wills than mine take impresby the circulation of this volume, as

Hypnotism and Spirit Control.

My thanks are lavishly extended to

written a distinguished work on the

subject, informing us that he could at

coats thrown off. land for his extensive quotations from my bock on the Obsession of Evil Spirits, in which he says, I have presented his position "more eloquently than he sible sensitive subjects out of my hands don the smile—he has "no idea of a war and entrance them. One of these later on Dr. Peebles' book." How tenderly made a most excellent and successful could himself." Be it so, and glad, then, are two mortals. Surely, touch-ing some positions we are getting on innocent! The honest truth is J. S. medium for clairvoyance and healing. Loveland has, uninvited and unexpect- There are hypnotists-powerful and edly to me, "opened fire" on the book, positive on both sides of death's divide. nicely. By the way he adds: "He (Peebles) must have for a time forgot-

tends, and persists in stating, that death makes everyone "better," 'the in the physical body, the real fleshly quickest way to uplift and better the material avoirdupois? Can there be passions without consciousness and criminal would be to shoot him, or with moral action? What are the thoughts, a policeman's club knock his brains out. His the passions in the "lightning-struck" man—a corpse? Has he appetites? Has he passions? If so, will Mr. Lovewith his body, and he would thus be speedily transmuted into a passionless saint'over there. land tell us in what part of the body ot Again, two angry men are fighting; they are profane and half drunken. the cadaver the appetites and passions reside-in the limbs, muscles, sinews, liver, spleen or the solar plexus-One, drawing a revolver, shoots and kills tils antigonist, and the other to eswhere? Whatever exists must exist cape arrest commits suicide; and somewhere; therefore in what part of the physical avoirdupois of man are murderer and suicide met by their tragic passions as a conscious force imbedtered^{bi} them, and accordingly upon the basis of Loveland morality it may be ded? Medically speaking, no surgical cperation makes of a real man a men-

How, and From Whence, the Evil or

yet unpublished cases at my command.

Take again this case, nearer home, of Hudson Tuttle, who while sitting in a seance with friends engaged in drawing

and automatic writing, his hand was seized and "with fierce unutterable hat-

red and in angry bloody-redness, he had an uncontrollable desire to kill his

father," and impulsed by this murder-ous desire he hurled a piece of chalk at his father's head, shivering the chalk to

pleces, Mr. Tuttle declared that he

could not escape "the terrible influence for the evening." Now, Mr. Loveland, was Mr. Tuttle obsessed by this mad ma-

licious Indian spirit, or was he self-hyp

notized, or was he fully and absolutely

hypnotized? If you say the latter, then

by whom? I press, the question-by

assert that "hypnotism will explain all the phenomena of obsessions." Now,

then, I beseech you to explain the two

above named cases in consonance with

your assumption. In this case vigor-

ously described by Mr. Tuttle himself.

e either played a heartless, monstrous

trick, revealing the brute; or he was literally obsessed; or he was hypno-

tized by some flesh-clad murderous

monster-a trilemma indeed, and Mr.

Loveland can pose upon just which one

of these trilemma horns he finds the

most comfortable. If he says "hypno-

tized" he will proceed to inform us by whom, and further explain the process

and the devilish murderous purpose.

This I demand in consideration of his

bare, reiterated assertions that "hypno-

tism will explain all the phenomena of

Death Not Uplifting.

Death is an event producing no imme-

diate mental or moral change in the

personality-an event implying ascent

or descent, putting spirits qualitatively

speaking, where they belong and this in accordance with the law of compen-

sation, peopling the hells, the heavens, the zones or spheres that doubtless

shade off into each other something like

But Mr. Loveland writes: "The doc

tor assails as a mere assertion my posi-

tion that death is a benefit to every per-

son, Instead of being a mere unsup-

ported assertion, it was an unescapable

inference from the argument demon-

strating that the physical appetites and

pessions died with the body." etc. Mr.

nothing of the kind. It was futile. It

was a floundering in shoreless waters.

That is a strange "argument" which

postulates assumption and assertion for

the major and the minor. His position

is answered in a few words: That

cannot die with the body which does

not consciously abide in and pertain to

it as a producing cause. This no logi-

cian will dispute. Now, then, can or

does any sane man contend that appe-tites and passions originate from and

"argument" demonstrated

obsessions.

rainbow hues.

Loveland's

No dodging will suffice. You

Evil Spirits. Just as sensibly ask, whence the evil of human beings? for spirits are only human beings, with their fleshly over-

While again thanking friend Love-

ist lecturer, and her little children being in the way, she murdered them to get rid of them, and so "bettered" their condition. This is Loveland philosophy, made practical. And here I am reminded by Mr. Loveten his old-time theological superstitions and yielded to the inspiration of higher spiritual state of existence." Yes, I said, I stand by, and I restate the fact, but that has nothing to do with imparting any uplifting moral quality. Would raising a life-long polluted crim-inal in thought and deed into a higher state of existence inject into him virtue, goodness and wisdom, thus making him better? How could it? It would not change character, because character is attained only through aspiration, effort, struggles and gradual unfoldment. This raising into a higher state-mark it!-does not destroy the identity. The tendencies and passions necessarily remain at first the same. This consider ing man a moral actor, could not be otherwise. Would the lifting or raising of an ignorant, wretched thieving, drunken sot from the ground floor of a palatial structure by an elevator up on to the fourth-floor parlor of pure air and fine tapestried furnishings instantane ously make him morally any better Would it make him a good cleanly citizen, or a cultured sage! Who so silly as to assert this? None! This unfleshed sot's suggestions and thought influences, so far as he has any, would be earthward, and in the nature of obsions only. The Witnesses of Loveland Continue to

and of my phrase that "in dying, the spiritual (rather the soul-body) is raised out of the physical body into a

by cranial texture, no one will probably eny. This I, this Ego, this persistent indiyet he testifies flatly against you, declar-ing that the "passions are not confined via ality this central spirit manifesting through the forty-two brain organs, phrenologically speaking—manifesting to the body," that there "can be no sin without the activity of consciousness"; through this imperfect complex person

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Death Not Uplifting.

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that it would be as logical "to refer ality, all actions, aims, purposes may become deflected, warped, perverted, cyligdisposed in expression to the point wrong-doing to the coat worn as to the body," and that the "spirit is the same, whether clothed with the mortal or the of malice; and malice in all sensually-conceived, ill-organized, low-browed spiritual body." And so we have Tutile versus Loveland.

nen is jugt as active and just as posi-3. In "The Diakka and Their Victive as on a higher plane of goodness in the cultured and refined. And this reatims," by A. J. Davis, we are informed that "death does not change the characcoping pastains to the spirits of spirit world, for as aforesaid, death or death spanns heither lower nor exalt charac ter of the man," but that they, "the DI akka (evil unprincipled spirits) impress the medium and, if possible, the well meaning investigator that they would tens neither do they immediately change the emotions or leading life-de-eness of the pronounced dead. "be elevated and made happy if only they could partake of whiskey or to bacco, or gratify their burning freelove propensities" * they especially take By the way, the sub-heading of Mr versus aelight in psychologizing and dispos-sessing of the use of will." * "There Peebles," properly translated and unlerstood, reads, "Peebles with his facts, are no conditions where such psychol-ogy is not possible," and he further experiences and testimonies versus the limping theories and unsupported as says: "These tricky Diakka with their While the innermost spirit is pure, in known deficiencies in the higher moral manifesting through an imperfect soulprinciples of character are not re strained in their visits to earth."

body, through an often gross physical body, and uncultured brain there ap-Here we have the straightout, posirears in the expression the imperfect, ive teachings of this illustrious seer to the immoral, the evil; something as the fact of psychology or hypnotism the clear sparkling fountain upon the mountain side in dasning down into the "dispossessing" sensitives of "the use of will," coupled with the over-there desire to "partake of valley, through swamps and marshes (obsessing) whiskey, or tobacco, or gratify burning freelove propensities," and so we here becomes muddy and sufficiently poison cus to produce typhold fever,-a dis ease, an evil. None can mistake the ap-plication of this to spirits fleshed and have Andrew Jackson Davis in relation to "the passions dying with the body versus J. S. Loveland.

These statements and testimonies with the testimonies of ninety-nine one-While paying no attention to my arhundredths of the testimonies and ex-periences of clairvoyant sensitives, uments, nor to the statements and logought not only to convince Mr. Love . Davis in my previous article, Mr. land, but they should forever settle this Loveland, still waddling along, insists question, that tendencies and "passions and blindly persists in saying that "death is uplifting," that the emotions, do not die with the body." This being true, ill-balanced, selfish and evil spirits "the passions die with the body," But just as naturally influence, vex and obsess, as exalted spirits impress and inspire to holy living.

The Origination of Evil.

Andrew Jackson Davis, the great seer and philosopher, says (The Diakka, page 80): "DEATH DOES NOT CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF MAN, BUT SIMPLY STRIPS OFF HIS The origination of evil mentioned in MASKS AND COMPELS HIM TO one of Mr. Loveland's sub-headings, is a question, as aforesaid, entirely outside the subject of obsessions. And under STAND FORTH AS HE IS, AND. HE BECOMES AFTER DEATH THE IM-AGE OF HIS OWN CHARACTER. this sub-heading he asks in just twenty THOSE WHO WERE UNTRUTHFUL lines, sixteen questions, every one of which would require a column more or IN THIS LIFE WILL BE THE SAME less in answering. In profuse question-Who, now, is entitled to the most coning Mr. Loveland excels, and I construe Who is to be believed, the init that not satisfied with his materialdependent clairvoyant, extensive auistic-diluted spiritism, he is anxious to learn, and candidly it is the delight of thor and ilustrious seer. A. J. Davis, or J. S. Loveland, who is neither an extenmy soul to teach. sive author, clairvoyant nor psychic seer? Briefly it is the illustrious A. J. True as I say in my book, the pure

and essentially divine spirit of man cannot sin; that is, cannot sin in the usual

If as Mr. Loveland strenuously con orthodox sense of sin, which is the breaking of the laws of God: nor can it 'the do evil in the general orthodox sense of eternal wilful rebellion, because over, under and through all things, thrills the divine pulse of evolution and infinite 'passions" we are told would "die love.

But mark! The human spirit out of the fiesh or in it is finite, and being finite it is subject to imperfection, and liable especially when functioning through coarse matter, or the more refined yet particled and imperfect soulbody, to error and finite evil. And further, the ego, the conscious human spirit, being finite, could not, cannot com "betstruct a perfect enwrapping envelope, which soul-envelope is doubtless constructed of the finer forces, ethereal elesaid, blessed be lynching, ments, emanations and atoms, each of blessed be murder, blessed he suicide, and death of any kind, because it is an which Prof. Dolbear tells us, "can be broken up into a thousand parts." And "uplift," making the condition of the murderer "better"-better through the revolver and gallows rope choking, Such teachings, regardless of the law of compensation, are, in my estimation, this process of the breaking up of atoms must be continually going on in our bodies, and these ultimate particles are loaded with energy." Absolute stability can be predicated only of infallibility, the Directive Energy of the Universe. as morally degrading as they are damn-ing. Mrs. Haviland here in Battle Creek, obsessed to become a Spiritual-

No! the finite spirit being neither allwise nor omnipotent cannot wreathe for itself a perfect soul body and so being and functioning through a more or less imperfect instrument we get in this moral universe imperfection and evil. And further, in illustration the Cooper-Hewitt Vapor Lamp, incandescent, re-

Loveland, to that? You introduced Mr. are in complete accord with Mr. Love-Tuttle's name into this controversy, and land. Yes, they will stoutly deny being open one of Andrew Jackson books and read: "When walking up a really themselves obsessing spirits when they are psychologizing and injuring, or to use A. J. Davis' words, "Victimizing their medium."

To further illustrate, with the proof that spirits, especially the dark demon obsessing spirits, do not, did not, through mediums "reflect my notions," I will ask the reader to turn to my volume "Three Journeys Around the World" (page 186), where a French Normandy spirit, intelligent, keen, pos itive but unprincipled, said through the trance medium accompanying me: "There is no God; there is nothing in the universe of being but matter and the negative forces in nature; spiritual beings becoming more pure and ethe-realized are finally absorbed, snuffed out, losing their consciousness and identity. Fatalism is a truth. Man is not responsible for any act of his life. All things including man are fated to be precisely as they are. Man is a thing, I submit that this obsessing spirit and other Hadean spirits come almost infinitely nearer "reflecting the no-tions" and "the positions" of J. S. Loveland than they do those of J. M. Peebles.

Again, under this sub-heading, "The Testimony of Spirits," Mr. Loveland thus affirmed: "So far as fact and doctrine are concerned there is no reliability whatever to snirit communications so far as the future world and its condi-tions are concerned." Indeed! indeed! What do you think of that, Spiritualist mediums?, And you clairvoyants, and you lecturers, automatic spirit writers, Spiritualist authors and thousand upon thousands of conscientious, cul ured and royal-souled Spiritualists? Mark these startling words: "There is no reliability whatever in the commucications of spirits in facts and doc-trines." Very well, if no "reliability," then Loveland knows nothing about the spirit world, nothing about exalted, ministering spirits or ob sessing demons upon matters the spirit world therefore he of is literally a know-nothing, and yet he

presents to the world the astounding feat of writing columns and pages upon non-reliabilities; pages about the spirits of a spirit world of which by confession he knows nothing! A pitiable predica ment!

Here is another wild, reckless asser-tion from Mr. Loveland's pen: "Eternal damnation and the most ultra Universalism" through spirit teachings "stand on equal grounds." In behalf of both mediums and spirits. I deny the truth of this assertion and demand the demonstration. Names and dates are re uired.

Having been in the field of Spiritualsm over fifty-five years and meeting and conversing with fully two thousand mediums and their spirit guides, in all English-speaking nations while gathering materials for my volumes entitled. Immortality and What a Hundred Spirits, Good and Evil, Say of Their Dwellng Piaces," I declare most emphatically that I never heard an intelligent spirit through a medium, conscious or unconscious, teach the dogma of "eterdamnation." Possibly the old nal Methodist superstition, Hell, was so psychically ingrained into Mr. Loveland when a Methodist preacher, that his very presence may have hypnotized some poor frail medium or silly spirit to teach "eternal damnation"; but 1 doubt it even in such an extreme case. After quoting a string of sentences relating to the haunting places of the lower, undeveloped spirits, Mr. Loveand refers to my "Demonism of the Ages (page 103) concerning the haunts of demons, and mark well, my first three lines under that sub-heading read: "The literature of the ages unite in declaring that demons have manifested in some form through all antiquity." A Chaldean magical formula runs thus, which I quote; and then I summarize some of these sayings and teachings of Jacolliot's Occult Science in India, and Francois. Lenormant on that I endorsed all their sayings concerning "the haunting places of de-mons," and when Mr. Loveland virtualis absolutely untrue, and whenever he does this I shall sternly correct him even though causing the blush of keencontinues his diatribe by referring to page 120, remarking that the "Doctor quotes and endorses the following sayngs," another direct misstatement! Is there a spiritist in the land except J. S. Loveland, so unfair, so mentally obfusticated as to contend that a man in writing up Oriental literature, writing of Chaldaic magic and the ancient oracles while summarizing, endorses all his quotations and references bearing upon the general subject? No! I am sure there is not one! "Physical sensation," writes Mr. Loveland, "is the basis of all our thought and life at present." Thinkers, Spiritualists, what do you think of that statement? Why, it is certainly, spiritually away behind the skeptical David Hume for he asserts (Treatise on Human Nature, 1-12) that "Sensations arise in the soul and from unknown And the authoritative Manse causes. says: "The general voice of modern philosophers and erudite metaphysicians has pronounced that sensations, as such, belong to mind and not to body. because there can be no sensation without consciousness."

down the floor thinking about the bog store, and turning to close the door which unwittingly I had left open oh, glad was my soul! for there smillingly before me stood my faithful young friend, the spirit, James Victor Vilson. *** Again, I was alone about dieven o'clock when friend Wilson appeared. He stood by my side as I sat by the table with paper and pencil prepared. and thus we enjoyed a protracted con-versation;" during which this exaited intelligence talked of Swedenborg, of the beautiful summerland, of such inverted characters as the Diakka, etc. It. was a beautiful seance in the silence where this seer received these truthful and magnificat communications. There have been thousands of similar ones received during the last fifty or sixty years through trance sensitives and independent clairvoyants. Many have been published and many spirit prophe cles have been verified, and yet J. S./ Loveland with the most "brazen cheekedness," using a New England phrase, declares "that so far as fact and doctrine are concerned there is no reliability whatever in spirit communications." Considering such an astonishing statement one naturally asks what sort of mediums has Loveland been consorting with these fifty years, and what grade of spirits has he attracted about him? Concerning the reliability of spirit communications and confidence in spirits, I candidly, conscientiously affirm that I have just as much confidence in the words of spirits as i have in the words of Mr. Loveland, just as much confidence in the testimonies of spirits as I have in his testimonies, and I have vastly more confidence in the teachings

of spirits, including facts and doctrines, than I have in many of the dubious, maundering theories of Mr. Loveland, concerning spirit life; for of this JH? beyond he admits that he knows nothing. "Did you ever see or meet Mr. Love-

land?" asks a very intelligent lady. Though meeting him, I never saw him; that is I never saw, subjectively considered, that individuality called J. S. Loveland. I saw his garments and portions of his body, but these were only shadows, evanescent coverings and not the real conscious him. On the other hand, I have seen unfleshed up its. I have heard their lute-like voice I have consciously walked by their sifte I have psychometrically sensed their spheres, and more than all I am defepty conscious of their presence every day of my life; therefore thus sensing, thus knowing spirits, I have infinitely more confidence in them, in their words, their facts and their teachings and testimo-

nies relative to the spirit world, than I have in the theories and dogmas of Loveland or any other uninspired on non-illumined personage.

Again Mr. Loveland, continuing his assumptions and assertions, declares in these words: "The utmost that can be claimed for mediumship is that proves a future existence." This Jeon lession sums up his progress, his spiritual advancement during fifty-six or seven years. He has, in fact, just reached the moral altitude of the Japanese Shintos, of the African Voodoos and the Utah Mormons. These believe in spirits, and that their manifestation prove "a tuture life"-nothing more! Such Lovelandism afloat and masquerading in the field of spiritism with Mormon and Japanese co-believers is most deplorable. If mediumship barely proves a "future life," proves that spiris exist, how does Loveland know that existence is peopled with human spirits or elementals or elementaries, or elves, or gnomes, or fairies? He deer not know; I repeat he does not know; and yet he declares that "all these ro-seate descriptions of spirit existence" (including those of A. J. Davis, Tuttle, Stead, Mrs. B. F. Underwood, and others) "are simply fancy and imagina-tion." There, you millions of American Spiritualists, who have carefully witnessed these uplifting suggestions Chaldean magic. I did not say nor hint and teachings through trances, visions, levitations, premonitions, and automatic writings; you who have received heautiful messa identifying your ly so states he again states that which loved ones whose mortal remains . repose beneath the willows, you know just where J. S. Loveland stands upon this subject of genuine Spiritualism, est remorse to crimson his face. He and in my opinion it would take as much of this Loveland kind of spiritism to convince materialists of a future life and convert the world to Spiritualism, as it would Arctic-ocean glaciers to heat an ordinary farmer's oven.

pronouncing it abominal rible superstition," designed to convert Spiritualism into one vast field of de-He is the aggressive party, monism." the doughty Goliath! I am content to things, but they are mighty forces in be a modest David with sling and stone of shepherd memory. The end is not

a terrible superstition," and yet,-par-don the smile-he has "no idea of a war

My books largely constitute my family. This last book on "Spirit Obsessions' is the youngest member of my family, and though not perfect nor in every respect what I could wish (the ideal is never attained), it is my youngest child, and its teachings, so far as they are mine, I shall defend to the uttermost; and critics should distinctly understand that this matter of demonism and spirit obsession is not a matter of speculation nor a nine-day psychic affair of what ought to be-nor it is a subject for exploiting a pseudo-philosophy, but a matter of fact—a se-ries of well-established facts, observations and experiences.

Comparing the writings of J. S. Loveto physically embodied men and obsess-ing spirits. As Mr. Loveland affirms land a generation ago upon mediumship and spirit influences with his positions to-day, if we have as we do have, J. S. Loveland vs. J. S. Loveland, or if we have as we do J. S. Loveland vs. Hudson Tuttle, as I clearly showed in my previous article in The Progressive Thinker, Dec. 2, it is "no fault of mine."

The Fact of Obsessions.

aughter of influential and wealthy pa-"I submit," writes Mr. Loveland, rents in New York, became a personat-"that I fully, unreservedly admit the ing and writing medium. To this there "I submit," writes Mr. Loveland, fact of obsession, but 'not by decarnate was added a few months later fine evil apirits.' In the largest sense, all clairvoyance. She idolized her father. fact of obsession, but 'not by decarnate persons are obsessed; they are influ- but one night after returning from the enced by partial or false ideas and opintheater she felt impressed to write, Lie ions." Granted, I say-and so decarspirit communication purporting to nate spirits having "false ideas and come from a noted tragedian. Some opinions," influencing or entrancing splendid things were written, some mediums, necessarily affect, and (if un-Shakspearean quotations were scribdeveloped) vex or obsess them. This bled, some tests and also warnings reis "obsession" and so his "largest sense lating to the social affairs of their of obsessions" completely undermines neighbors, etc. These were followed and knocks out from under him his own after a few weeks by vulgar suspicions foundation. He must admit this or and by coarse, profane language. She entrancement and auto- wrote automatically. Her trances deny spirit matic spirit control as it has appeared were unconscious and her clairvoyance Hudson Tuttle, W. T. Stead, of London, ous. Her vital forces were being sapped. The parents became alarmed and and many others. the tender father, chiding the controlling

Assertions and Opinions vs. Experiences

Assertions and Opinions vs. Experiences tragedian spirit while entrancing his This fault-finding critic complains daughter for his coarse obscene ex ex pressions through the sweet lips of his that no part of this book, "Spirit Obsessions, called proofs," are proofs, they child, aroused the spirit's anger. He are simply the citations of the opinions cursed her father. The father rebuking " But if they were opinions him still more sternly for his low, vile only they would be quite as weighty as the opinions of J. S. Loveland to the on the father through the medium, givcontrary. They are not opinions, howing him a severe blow in the face ac ever, but solid facts and experiencescompanying it with a most horrible experiences of substantial men and wodath. She was soon pronounced in-sane-but wisely put in the charge of men, some of whom are not only clair. voyant and mediumistically clairaudi- Prof. S. B. Brittan of New York, where ent, put highly intelligent, eminently the appnotic obsessional spell of this cultured, and Mr. Loveland, nor any tragedian demon was by magnetic other man has a moral right to pit his treatment soon broken, and she was reopinions against the careful and intelstored to herself, retaining her clairtectual observations and experiences of voyance. others. It is but justice to say that This abridged account Mr. Loveland

some of the testimonies cited in this will doubtless say was hypnotism-but book in proof of obsession by low, will if so, what-who hypnotized her? What disposed spirits, are from college gradupower induced this young lady to use and others who are quite the the foulest, vilest language, and strike peers of Mr. Loveland in erudition and the venerable father whom she 'idolclassical scholarship, if not vastly his ized?. Tell us, Mr. Loveland, explain it superiors in the historic lore of the and so prove the truth of your astonishing statement that mortal "hypnotism

I am charged with "filling a book of will explain all the phenomena of ob-Bearly four hundred pages with little or sessions." I have a dozen more similar

In this following sentence I cordially agree with my friend Loveland: "Thoughts, feelings, beliefs are not

joing the rounds of the Spiritualist and liberal press these days, not only try my patience but tire me. The first is

"Thoughts are things," and the second

"The immortal soul or the precious

immortal soul,"-sectarian sentences! The soul or soul-body of subjective

ody is not immortal because particled

composite, compounded and change

ego is immortal. These subjects, how

Hypnotism or Obsession-Which?

"Hypnotism will explain all the phe

nomena of obsession." Such is the un-qualified statement—such is the posi-

tion of J. S. Loveland while treating of

hypnotism and hypnotic power relating

the above, it belongs to him by all the

rules of logic to explain and to prove.

Demonstration is demanded. His ipse

Then take this case. Miss R. S-

a refined and intellectual young lady

graduate of a normal school, the only

dixits are at a discount.

ever, are not under consideration.

able, but the spirit-the self-conscious

the new truth." What a beggarly blunder! shaping the conduct and molding the destiny of people." These two phrases

There is no "new truth." only the conception of truths are new to us. And then, what was my "theological super-stition"? If a superstition, it was belief in Universalism, the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man, and the final salvation of all men; and as a Universalist I was never superstitious enough, nor mentally weak enough, as was J. S. Loveland, to be a Methodist parson, preaching, believing in that old Jewish Jehovah; believing salvation through the atoning blood of Calvary and in the eternal damnation of sinners; and now, after more than half a century of weird and wily wanderings in liberalism, Mr. Loveland has "yielded to the superstition" of a sort of peliican spiritism wherein the palpably dreamy and profound uniting with and overshadowing the unknowable potentialities of matter becomes the abysmal absurd. This, it seems to me, is his present spirit status.

Be it distinctly understood that the proposition or question under consider ation in the Open Court is not concern-ing the ancient "origin of evil." That evil as the temporary antithesis of good exists none deny except Christian Sci-entists, a people claiming that "all is mihd," "all is good," even mad-dog froth, mutiny, misery and premeditated murdec! 'The real question is, do unde veloped evil spirits obsess, vex, annoy, falsify, prophesy falsely and at times mentally injure sensitives?--in a word obsession! When this subject pro and con is fully placed before the jury constituted of the intelligent patrons of The Progressive Thinker, it will afford me the most unbounded pleasure to grapple with Mr. Loveland upon the uestion, where and when did evil in

the universe originate? This future controversy I will prelude by saying that evil did not-could not have origi nated through any Miltonian war in heaven: nor through any serpent in some mythic Eden, or in any semi-omnipotent aevil.

The Purity of Spirit, and Evil Spirits.

Emphatically 1 state, and re-state hat, in my opinion, spirit, essential spirit, embodying consciousness, force, life and purpose, is pure, and that man in his divine innermost is a potential-ized portion of the infinite Spirit; but a portion, a segment, is not the whole circle itself, and no logician would postu late of a part what he would of the whole; in brief, the spirit, the consciou innermost of man is finite, and the finite is neither all-wise nor omnipotent, and functioning as it does through im-perfect, particled and atomic intermediaries, the imperfect, the evil is pro-duced. This I will later demonstrate to any one competent to comprehend prin-

In treating of this subject, some metaphysics cannot well be utterly avoided. I confess to having a lurking fancy therefor, and especially when related to psychology and the functional interrelations of the psychic elements and for-eign impinging forces interfering with and influencing mortals for good or ill. That spirit-inspired tendencies are affected in manifestations not only by various invisible extraneous forces but

Witness Against Him.

Honestly; half-pitying my opponent, have to say that I never knew a more unfortunate man in the face of an Open Court, because every name that he has mentioned or witness that he has put upon the stand-Davis, Tuttle, Dawbarn and others, testify directly and squarely against his positions. This must be to im disheartening. 1. In the Philosophical Journal, De

cember 24, Charles Dawbarn, whom Mr. Loveland mentions, says: "When a man crosses the divide he will rest there; or move of according to the thought-manhood houhas ifuilt up for himself," and he further says, speaking of Wilson and Dallas: "We get here a certain spectroscopic when of the hell manifested by earth passions carried into spirit life.' Consideridvellithat phrase of your wit ness. Mac Loveland-"earth passions carried anto Marit life." There is no

"fog-landli abolf that, and what is more, it stoutly, sterdly denies Loveland's favorite assertion that, "the passions di with thousand and so we have Dawbarn versus Loveland.

2.' Inifthe Progressive Thinker, January 14, Hudson Tuttle, the noted au-thor, writes thus: "This doctrine of the innate pasity of the spirit, and that sin, the activity of the passions, is confined to the body, is of immemorial age, and is an anachronism in the present. From t the conclusion was drawn that when the body was east off the spirit was as pure as free. "Hence the terrible ascet-icism which sought by punishment of the body, to cancel its sinfulness

There cannot be sin without the activ ity of consciousness or thought, and as his is absolutely of spirit, and has no dependence on the body, it would be as logical to refer wrong doing to the coat worn at the time, as to the body. What over clothes are worn the man remains the same, as the spirit is the same

assume a dead brown color, which when applied to vegetation or foliage of any kind shrivels and withers it. Evil you see on the plant plane of existence. I adduce these scientific facts, hoping to better illustrate how the finite human spirit, acting through an imperfect soulbody and often an unclean, semi-dis-eased physical body, results in imperfection, undevelopment, evil-evil the fleshed world of spirits here, and in the world of unfleshed yet embodied spirits just beyond death's portal.

The Testimony of Spirits.

Under this sub-heading Mr. Loveland rashly declares that all these "letters," "stories of the obsessed," and "quotations" (Davis, Tuttle, Stainton Moses) are only the "recitals of opinion" that admit of an "entirely different set of conclusions." Why did he not tell us what those conclusions would be? Why did he not grapple with the statements and experiences of Tuttle. Stainton Moses, W. T. Stead and the testimonies of the obsessed, such as Dr. Greer of Chicago, and other-why? The reason is evident enough. He knew that he could not dispute the facts of these highly intelligent parties, some of them being fully his peers, and he further knew that he could not explain away by any hypnotic hypothesis or overthrow their distinctly .defined experiences.

And then, supposing he did reach and state some different "opinion," it would be only a Loveland "opinion"; that and nothing more. How I wish that I could make Mr. Loveland understand of how little consequence his "opinions" (he being neither clairvoyant, clairaudient, trance or automatic spirit writer)-of how very little consequence his "opin-ion" would be when compared with

some of those competent, clear-headed. and psychic witnesses who in this book testify from personal experience to the facts of spirit obsession; or when com-pared with the statement of A. J. Davis in his book, "Brain and Nerves" (page 257) where he declares: "Mediums are afficiently impressible to be psycholog ical subjects for minds in the body and cut," This is a most telling statement -mark it!-for "minds out of the

body" are spirits. Under this same sub-heading Mr. Loveland makes this astounding state nent: "When Dr. Peebles consults spir its through mediums on this question he imply gets his own notions reflected upon himself. He sanctions his back own positions." This statement has not the semblance of foundation in truth It is unqualifiedly incorrect! It mor ally pains me to be necessitated to write thus plainly but for several years I have read enough, quite enough, from that dogmatic pen-"I am Sir Oracle." Hereafter, if Mr. Loveland when refering to me or to my teachings, misrep resents, or if he misstates my booked po itions, I shall correct him in such incisive English as will stir, if not sting He must make his paths straight or I shall straightway vigorously straighten hem for him.

Some spirits and especially obsessing spirits not only have not "reflected back my . notions" but have persistently talked right to the reverse of my "posiwhether clothed with the mental or spiritual body." There! What have you to say, Mr. obsessions by evil spirits. In this thay S. Loveland. Let us consider it. I

Where Now Does J. S. Loveland Stand?

Though a controversialist these sixty ears with churchianic sectarists and atheistic materialists, I have never held controversies with a person so assert-ive, one more self-contradictory than Mr. Loveland, who boldly asserts that the "so-called testimony of spirits is worthless because hopelessly contradic-tory in character." And by parity of reasoning I add, that "the testimony parties coming to Michigan from the north of California among the snows and from southern California among the oranges in February, is "worthless" because "hopeless contradictory." A fair specimen this of Loveland logic! Every intelligent Spiritualist knows that spirits manifest from the plane of con-sciousness, or sphere which they occupy; and the lower ignorant spirits may contradict the wiser higher ones, somehing as the green apples of July contradict the ripened, mellowing ones of autumn; still they are all apples in different stages of growth. Personally I have just as much confidence in the tesimony of intelligent spirits as I have in . S. Loveland's words or testimonies.

Strange as it may appear, Mr. Loveand, looking from and speaking from his own standpoint, declares most positively that "there is no reliability in spirit communications"; that "hypnoism covers all the occult phenomena connected with spirit obsession," and that "they (psychic or spirit phenom ena) are produced by natural forces

(hypnotism, suggestion, etc.,) used by human persons." There you have the height and depth and length and breadth of Loveland spiritism. What a pitiable speciaciel By these statements Mr. Loveland cuts out from under him the last spiritistic prop. Haman-like

he is dangling." There is No Reliability in Spirit Com-

Another Witness on the Stand.

As Mr. Loveland paid no attention to such previous witnesses as I placed upon the stand to testify in this Open Court (I refer to Hudson Tuttle, A. J. Davis, Stainton Moses and those twenty or thirty intelligent persons testifying in my book), I call another witness into court, hoping that it may arouse sufficient courage to waken and spur up Mr. Loveland to the attempt, at least, to negate or annihilate the testimonies of these noted, conscientious and level-

minded witnesses. My next witness is the enlightened and cultured late Dr. Eugene Crowell, who gave me the pleasure of several times meeting his chosen and remarkable medium. He was one of the best meh I ever knew. Dr. Crowell in his book, "The Spirit World," writes: "The spirits of misers who in this life were so debased, so gross, so steeped in depravity that they remain in their degraded condition and continue to inhabit the lowest spheres for long periods of time, and in some rare stances even for centuries. They have no desire for improvement and progression, and until they experience this desire their advancement is impossible; but in time, remote though it mebe, this is awakened within them." He further adds: "There are certain earth-bound spirits which infest our public conveyances, steamboats and the like; they frequent the lowest quarters of our cities, and liquor-saloons, brothels, gambling saloons and the like places are crowded with them. They subsist mostly on the emanations from earthly food. Restaurants and kitchens, especially when unclean, are resorted to by them when bungry. Liquor saloons are crowded with this class of spirits, and, not a person who possesses medial power in any degree—and most persons possess it in some degree—and who there moistens his lips with wine or liquor, who is not at once obsessed by by miserable degraded spirits, and by them urged, often irresistibly, to fur-ther indulgence, until, as it frequently happens the victim becomes prostrated by the demon of drunkenness, with perhaps the obsessing spirit lying equally' unconscious and helpless at his side. Could the frequenters of these abodes of sin and evil have their spiritual eyes opened, as were the eyes of the serv ants of Elisha, they would rush with horror from such scenes." As Mr. Loveland makes no preten-

sions to any exalted spiritual mediumship, he can only meet the clearlystated facts of medlums; the solid experiences of mediums and the testimonies of many of the most brilliant and solid minds in the ranks of Spiritualism with his unproven theories, many of which in my estimation are only comparable to ropes of sand and dubious nightmare dreams.

It must be noticed that not one of my, (Continued on page B)

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ARE THERE EARTH-BOUND SPIRITS?

Mr. A. J. King, One of the Master Minds in This Conflict, Comes to the Front Again With Arguments Against the Position Assumed by Dr. Peebles, Adding Much Interest to the Present Controversy.

In the discussion of the Open Court, | Perhaps Brother Hull could see the several have referred to "earth-bound light and the wife in the spirit world! spirits," as though it was to be taken Distance, time, law, are nothing to for granted that there is a class of spir- some. If they are influenced to see a its who at death are unable to leave vision or hear or say something, these their earthly homes, and wander about must be true, however contrary they their old haunts in a dazed condition, may be to science and natural or spirand often are unable to tell whether itual law-such a story and such a visthey are dead or alive, and remain ion may have its use as a lesson to about their earthly homes for long peri- Brother Hull and to others now he has ods unable to leave, and obsess and told it for their consideration.

lead people into wickedness, and would Even Brother Francis seems to be always so remain unless helped by greatly impressed with Brother Hull's some one in the flesh to realize their experiences, and in his remarks introcondition and be directed by them to ducing Brother Hull's article, seems to place such experiences above the fundathe light and to the spirit world. It would hardly seem that this ques-inential laws of Spiritualism. If my tion needs discussion, but it does. It statement above of the law of matter is a whelp of the same litter as Obses- and spirit is true, then Brotner Hull's slon. Let us examine it in the light of vision and talk with the spirit he refers scientific Spiritualism. By that light to and his great service to that spirit, we see there is a material world and a as an actual fact as portrayed by that spirit world. In the natural world all vision, talk and service, is simply non-material substance is bound to it by at sense, I do not doubt Brother Hull's traction of that world, called gravity, vision, or conversation with a spirit. I while spirit is not subject to that force. dony the truthfulness of the vision and Being of a more refined substance it is of the story of the spirit. They cannot repelled from gross matter and is at-tracted to the world of its grade of sub-of nature. SPIRITS CAN TELL UNstance to which it is in affinity, the sec- TRUTHS AND SHOW FALSE VIS-ONS TO THEIR MEDIUMS. They do ond sphere.

these sometimes, and it is not evil spirits inhabitants are the spiritual organisms of the material worlds after its that do it, either. They always have separation from their material bodies at an object to accomplish when they do reath; death being the sundering of the such things, and the object is good.

oul from the gross material body, Many spiritualists are too credulous which bound the spirit to it, Soul is the intermediary between the believe, if told so by a spirit, "that the ppirit and gross matter and sufficiently moon is made of green cheese." This ifinitized to each to hold them togeth- is not a healthy condition of mind, and er, and when separated from the boay spirits tell "stories" to teach men not this intermediary or soul becomes the to believe unreasonable things though puter covering of the spirit or spirit told by a spirit any more than if told by body. The body being thus separated men in the flesh. They tell things con-From soul and spirit, being earthy, is trary to the known laws of science and held to the earth by its attraction, but nature, that their statements may not the soul and spirit being heavenly is at be taken as true without examination tracted to the heavenly world. We, and comparison with these laws. Men Spritualists call the heavenly world the would lay aside their own reason if they second sphere, or spiritual world. Thus they each obey the law of affinity, or could always get the truth and all they wanted to know from spirits. To dethe attractions of similar grades of matelop man's intellect he must exercise t on every thing. The stories of spirter.

All matter, material and spiritual, is is are no exception to this rule. "Try bound together by nearly allied grades. the spirits," said one of old "and see if When very different in grade, repulsion they are of God," So say I.

instead of attraction results. This law is universal in its operation in the material and spiritual world. When in ceath the last atom of soul and spirit Harmonious in these, it appeals to the are separated from the body and the intellect of advanced thinkers of the organism of soul and spirit arranges it- age. It must not teach nonsense. self according to the attraction of the must have a reason for its faith. central spiritual force, then, by the must not teach vagaries. Let us make law of attractive force of spirit and the it a scientific religion, and the world repulsive force of matter, the human will accept it. If we teach foolishness spirit is ready to start on its journey to the world will reject it, as it ought to. its future home in the second sphere. lowever, its ghardians in whose care the earth-bound spirit. How can I exit is, if they think best, may, by the plain that "experience" consistent with force of their will hold it within earth's law? 'This is my explanation: Brother atmosphere till such time as they think Hull's teacher in spirit saw his ward hest to take the journey with it to its was too credulous and he would give home in the spirit world. him a lesson. So he showed him a vis-

Suppose, says someone, that there is ion and told him a story as irrational as no guardian present at the time of de- any contained in the "Arabian Nights' cease? That is not a supposable case; Entertainment," and left him to digest as we are instructed that there is al-

ays-present a spirit guardian for ev-There was no low spirit there. ry one in the flesh and in the spirit. It was all psychological and repre-sented as absurd a condition of a low But, if such a thing could happen, then the attractive and repulsive forces bespirit as his teacher could possibly de fore mentioned would carry the newvise.

born spirit on the bosom of the mag-They used to teach and some do now netle current running from earth to the that with sufficient faith one could spirit world to its legitimate home in move mountains, or turn stones to the spirit land. There is no possible bread. It is not the province of faith chance or power that can frustrate this to act as an excavator or change one fundamental law of matter, of spirit, of element into another. No one ever had nature, of God. The infant spirit has or ever will have faith enough to do no power to resist these natural forces these things by it. There is no ele-

Mrs. Addie L. Ballou, at one time well and favorably known in the West as a lecturer and medium, gives briefly some of her experiences, which cannot fail to be placed in the scales by thoughtful persons," as against the theories that are so beautiful and cogently presented by the noble savans in our ranks, to dissipate the plea that the channels open to angelic spirits to promulgate the good, are closed to evil spirits who would take special delight in leading certain persons astray. Does not her statement that she actually saw the Demon when not expecting to, thus doing away with the thought of auto-suggestion, or suggestion in any form, weigh heavily as an argument in this controversy? And how are the savans to demonstrate that she as well as scores of others are mistaken in what they see and hear? If they are mistaken in what they see, hear and experience, what about the statements of those who see, hear and experience excellent results with Angels of Light and Love?

To the Editor :- Responding to your lously did the same before subjecting request to give my views on Obsession, myself to control, addressing them, or the control of mortals by evil spirits, however, to my mother in heaven, will write briefly of facts known per- feeling her to be the nearest one to whom to appeal for safety. sonally to me.

It is certainly a safe and conceded One day during my father's absence assertion that one POSITIVELY AU from home, a neighbor, the only wo THENTIGATED FACT IS OF MORE man for miles around, wife of one of VALUE THAN A THOUSAND DENI- my lather's farm hands, a woman of ALS, all the arguments that may be ad- bad habits and unscrupulous, over per-duced nothwithstanding. While some suadca mc to sit with her. I could not latitude may be given to controvert, as go to my mother prayerfully with disis the case with some men, not so much obedience to my father in my heart, and from honest skepticism as to indulge sat down with the woman without being an excessive personality in its self fortified against her conditions by in-assertiveness whether right or wrong, voking my protectors, and in the darkto convince whom is not worth the cned room placed myself in receptivicandle. If they are gifted with compre- ty. I shall never forget the terrors of hensive intelligence they are fully able that hour. I saw the control before it o work out their own problems gener- seized me and tried to escape it.

WAS FIENDISH AND DIABOLICAL Whatever there is of the phenomena, HE MADE ME CONTORT MY BODY mental or physical, in the ethics of IN HIS CLUTCHES, TO UTTER Spiritualism as in all nature's causes, FALSEHOODS AND FOUL AND must be the demonstration of laws PROFANE LANGUAGE; HE RACKED governing the same. It may be wire- MY BODY, AND RAVED AND less telegraphy or telegraphy, the bat-LAUGHED BOISTEROUSLY FOR teries being properly adjusted and ope- HOURS; HE TOLD THE WOMAN rated must produce the result, WHETH- HER SECRETS TO SHOW HIS POW. ER IT BE PETER OR PAUL WHO DI- ER, BUT HELD ME UNTIL RECTS THE CURRENT, OR STANDS THROUGH FEAR OF TERRIBLE CON-AT THE RECEIVER. The law is first SEQUENCES, SHE IMPLOHED. HIM and fixed; results vary according to the 'TO' LEAVE ME, WHICH HE DID instrument. There is no law for good WITH RELUCTANCE AND THREATS. or bad communicants, though the in- Several years afterwards, while re-telligences at either end of the line siding with my family in Mankato, may mark the degree expressed, as has Minnesota, late one night, after all had peen quite fully and sufficiently ex-retired, a riotous crowd passed by my

That evil spirits do pass out of their sation through which we learned that earthly bodies into other activities and they were on their way to a place of dispursuits is as equally true as that the repute farther up the street, As they good are transferred with their aspira- passed, a most loathsome and wicked ions and desires. appearing spirit, which my husband,

WERE IT WISE OR JUST.

ADDIE L. BALLOU.

I will illustrate from my own expe- an excellent clairvoyant, and myself rience one or two instances. Space for both distinctly saw, left them, and bids the details of my unsought and turned toward us. We tried to escape accidentally acquired mediumship. In is observation, but without avail. He when but a mere child living on the caught me, choking and smothering me,

frontler, taking a mother's part in my and otherwise torturing me, and makfather's household of motherless chil- ing the night hideous with the evil and aren, my powers, which were of the hatred which possessed him, and he semi-trance and clairvoyant phase and determined not to be driven away, recontrol of my mental and oral faculties maining until the riotous crowd he had (not even remembering in the normal come with passed in returning, when he state what had transpired while under rejoined them and departed with them. It control) were developed. Knowledge of this mediumship was THOSE WHO CANNOT NOW SPEAK

brought to my father, a strict church- FOR THEMSELVES, I COULD EX. man, through my being nearly drowned POSE ONE OF THE MOST DIABOL-To secur to Brother Hull's story of in the lake on the border of which we ICAL PLOTS INSTIGATED BY EVIL resided, the details of which are imma-terial here. While my father marveled at the phe- COMMUNITY OR DISUNITED HAP.

omena and the revelations made PY HOMES. nomena and the reventions made rinomes. through my mediumship, or as it was Let us rather invoke only the pure in then termed "the mesmeric state"—this spirit, to be with us, and give no en-was in the very earliest days of Spir-tualism. He distinctly charged me end 1 do most assuredly believe in a to never give way to it unless in his prayerful spirit, as preparation ground presence, an admonition which in dis- for a higher spiritual intercourse, and obeying brought me into trouble. I had fellowship. Faithfully yours, been religiously taught to say my fellowship.

prayers before retiring, and as scrupu- San Francisco, Cal."

AN IMPRESSIVE VOICE FROM AUS. selves under other banners where spir itual intercourse is discountenanced. But the farthest-seeing and those who TRALIA.

Careful readers of Dr. Peebles' later watch the signs of the times know that writings will have been gratified to find it is not less spiritual communication that far from advancing years bringing between this world that is to be looked lack of mental vigor and illumination for, but more, and that the aim of all in their train, that this able writer and the great writers, such as Prentice Mulikeen sympathetic thinker has entered ford, Lillian Whiting, Charles B. New-on a fresh lease of life and thrown him- comb and many others, is to urge their self heart and soul into the discussion readers to spiritual development on the that is shaking the Spiritualistic ranks highest lines, the entry to which is a to their base everywhere, namely, how life of self-surrender and service to hu far abnormal uncontrolled spiritual manity. Our spiritual powers will so conditions should be encouraged. This develop that presently not with conis the crux of the prevalent discussion, vulsive workings trance or abnormal as was indicated by the strong feeling conditions of any sort shall we behold exhibited by those holding different the denizens of the spheres but face to sides as to the reasonableness or other- face and we "shall see, talk and mingle wise of that widely-read book, "The with them as with people here." Great Psychological Crime." Apart In a volume full of interesting matfrom the danger to the organism of a ter it is difficult to select the best parts medium for spirits good, bad or indif- to quote from, but a case that came un ferent to take possession at will of a der Dr. Peebles' notice, which deals with sensitive, the dangers of obsession were the obsession of a cultured woman, may indicated and a very limited experience be referred to, as the author dwells on of the worn out appearance of mediums the importance of recognizing the fact whose will power is inadequate to con- that it is not only depraved people who trol abnormal conditions, and of obses- get obsessed. He says that it was stat sion, show clearly the dangers attend- ed lately in the press that "an evil spirit ant on mediumship. It is cause then for cannot endure the psychic atmosphere and on mediumship. It is cause take to cannot change the psychic atmosphere congratulation that Dr. Peebles has, at of a good and pure person." Now this, his advanced age, become deeply pos-sessed on the importance of the subject sumption, a mere theory without a sinand has produced a volume that is full gle fact to support it. I could name, it not only of his own experience of obses. I chose, no less than nine of my persion in cases submitted to him for ad- sonal acquaintances-as good and pure vice and treatment, but from every women as ever walked this earth-who available source, both ancient and mod- have been annoyed and tormented by ern. There is no one more fully alive these unseen powers-these finds to the dangers that threaten Spiritual: And then he tells in a story that covers ism than Dr. Peebles, and he fearlessly several pages, of the "Obsession of a points the way to what he considers Cultured Woman" who wrote to him should be the goal of the future. "The for advice. She had been conscious of observer of the times cannot doubt," the presence of spirits for ten years, he says, "that we are in the closing and discovered pretty soon that "she years of a great cycle-in the day of could not rely upon all that was rethat great battle long prophesied be- ceived," but "thought the conditions tween the demon hosts of a crude self- prevented correct messages." ish, atheistic spiritism, and the Christ- powers developed she became greatly, angel of Spiritualism-when truth and affected by different controls, "A spirit As he error, whether lodged in the souls of girl, assuming to be my guardian conmortals or spirits, must meet face to trol, was only using up my vitality for from Dr. George A. Fuller's "Wisdom of others who were molesting me. the Ages," Dr. Peebles says: "No mir- Another spirit, seemingly approached acle occurs to transform a mortal in a me on the left side clearly discerned by noment's time from a demon to a my clairvoyant sight, absorbed my vital saint. • • • Not only are men di- forces until I felt that entire side weak rectly controlled and influenced by ening. Paralysis seemed; imminent, these spirits but the great social polit. Still another spirit professinge, great these spirits out the great social point Still another spirit professinge, great ical and religious worlds are invaded by purity, came to me attired in white, yet them. * * Oftentimes they in drawing much aural force, from my vade the aura surrounding the sensitive and live in his very life. * * This over and around me, almost stupefying species of vampirism is far more prev- or blotting out my consciousness; I had lent in the world to-day than many are now become clairvoyant-sensitive willing to believe. The great body of enough to see their thought currents, men and women who are prone to in- witness their movements, and mathom vestigate along the line of physical phe-their purposes. They were shadowy nomena are ever ready to hear of all and dark-hued, leaving aodark filmy homena are ever ready to near the and dark-nued, leaving aodark nimy that which is good and beautiful, while wail of substance behind them. They they turn away in disgust from him made me feel that I was their servant who would show them the darker side that I was enclosed in a nower I could who would show them the darker shoe that I was enclosed in a powerjk could of human existence. Man cannot afford not repel. Day and night they worked to wander longer in the realm of half- and willed to overcome my will and de-truths. In order that he may be well throng my reason. • • Christian armed and fully equipped for the battles scientists, Montal Scientists, suggestive of life, he must know the whole truth." practitioners, could be of no theorem practitioners, could be of no benefit to demoniac onsessions, and has not A. S. It was a battle for indiadality, for Davis in his "Diakka and Their Vic health and for sanity." And here this tims," Hudson Tuttle, and other writers obsessed lady states what is one of the warned their readers in no unmeasured truest observed spiritual facts: "There terms of these dangers, but it is true were good sympathising guardian spir-that those unfamiliar with such experi-its, anxious to assist and protect me, ences "turn away in disgust," as Dr. but they had not that insidous earthly Peebles reminds us "ignoring this great hypnotic power that these decepive self evil which repels many from joining our ish demons had." Later, she relates is and drives others to range them. how she was relieved and restored to

normal health of body and mind. "It was through the instrumentality of Dr. C. S. Lane, Boston, U. S. A. He is an excellent man," she tells us, "encircled by a high and beautiful concourse of spirit intelligences, physicians, surgeons and Oriental healers. Very soon efter coming under the influence of his heavenly guides my condition changed. A heavy atmosphere was lifted from me, my natural strength returned, my will became re-established, and my sight became clear. While Dr. Land was treating me. I saw clairvoyantly a magnificent Indian spirit standing on his left, and an exalted circle of physicians around and above him, remov ing the dark, misty, poisonous atmos phere that had been projected into the very depths of my brain by these roaming, vitality-sapping demons." There is enough here to show the ne-

cessity of keeping the will firm and an absolute control over all abnormal conditions. Dr. Peebles holds what terms "Spiritism" as opposed to "Spiritvaalism" in the greatest honor as a positive menace to the future of the movement. He considers "spiritism the broad open gateway to obsession, al though it had, and still has, its uses, Tests, repeated tests," he affirms, "are helps to spiritual babes. Marvels-astounding marvels-may be necessary to startle the flinty-headed materialist, but adds that "Some of the most firm and clear-headed Spiritualists, however, that I ever met never attended a seance, never witnessed an alleged spirit phenomenon, nor heard a Spiritualist lecture. Listening to the 'still small voice. his within, ' they grew up into Spiritualism Spirit-the One, the Absolute Presence underlying and overarching all the

as naturally as daisies grow up from the rich soil, or as buds unfold to creat reforms, all the ennobling, upliftspring-time suns." It is only possible ing movements that have graced the to outline the leading points of Dr. Peeagone decades. Spiritualism is all-inles' valuable work, which should be clusive, teaching that there is a germ of carefully read by all weil-wishers to the divinity in every conscious intelligence cause .- A. B., in Harbinger of Light, in this or spirit life; that all nations, the leading Spiritualist paper in Ausraces and tribes are brothers: that true tralia. soul unfoldment must arise from with-

A VOICE FROM ENGLAND.

W. E. Bonney, at One Time a Prominent Lecturer in This Country, Ex-

presses His Views. To the Editor:

I think you are dong a very valuable and timely work in giving your patrons the opportunity of reading well-written and able articles on the subject. called into prominence by Dr. Peebles' work on "Demonism of the Ages; or, Spirit Obsession.'

To my mind, Dr. Peebles' position is

one which is almost invulnerable. To put the matter plainly, I think we nust either accept the theory of obsession or give up the idea of spirit influence upon mortal in its entirety.

Obsession is simply an abnormal deree of influence; a too ready desire on the part of the medium to be "con-trolled;" too ready desire on the part of spirits to dominate the medium. darkness. The tender voices, the echo-Many times I have been told by spirit influences: "WE DO NOT SEEK TO ing voices from celestial abodes are ever vibrating and crying, "Come up to fairer spheres!" Climb on, oh! souls, CONTROL, ONLY TO ADVISE." If all spirits were satisfied. with this, there would be no obsession.

As Dr. Peebles has guoted from a standard dictionary, obsession means to be beleaguered or beset with spirits whose influence is not for the medium's highest and best good."

It is very necessary that a warning voice should call the attention of inreveal the glories of the inner heavens. vestigators to the fact that all kinds of Its medium messengers (heaven bless spirits exist in the spirit world. As I them) bring the glad tidings of sympa look upon the matter, the spirit world thy and of the guardianship of loving is being colonized by large numbers of ministering angels. Oh! blessed Spir emigrants from earth, and these new itualism, and blessed because it demonarrivals carry with them into their new strates a future existence, describes surroundings many of their earthly peand largely defines the conditions and culiarities. Every person on this earth occupations of that existence, as well as exerts some influence, consciously or unconsciously, for good or ill upon those who come in contact with them, and they do not lose their identity or influ-ence when they lose their fleshly enco-operation and of an ultimate altrucumbrances.

Again, we know for an absolute cer-tainty that a great majority of those who nave left this earthy sphere for It is this Spiritualism that I invite Bro. the past two or three thousand years, from Europe, Asia, Africa, America, will brighten and glorify his sunset Australasia and Oceanica, have been days. savage or semi-savag3, superstitious, ignorant, cruel and depraved beyond anything we have upon earth to-day. Cannibals of the lowest type by the

Who Are These Demons? Again and again have I said and written in namphets and books, that de

dens.

him.'

PEEBLES' REPLY TO LOVELAND (Continued from second page.) . critics in venting their spite and bitter-

ness has exhibited fairness enough, or moral candor enough to quote or mention this paragraph (page 199 Obses-Blons): "It must be considered that all obses-

sions are not from surrounding unseen intelligences. There is a sort of an ideation obsession caused by an unbal anced, weakened organization. Everything objective and subjective affects these persons. They are like tremu ous aspens. They are partly the victims of their own disordered imaginations. They are emotional, suspicious pessimistic sensationalists, touching the fringe-belt of morbidity, hearing the uneard, and seeing fanciful pictorial presentations, instead of genuine realies. This sort of obsession is reme iled by auto-suggestion, will power and hypnolic treatment scientifically adminstered."

> Spiritualism Introduced. As friend Loveland has, after fifty-

rolling planet. Its keynote is

in: that the harmonial life should be-

gin now and here; that discipline in all

vorlds is remedial; that intermediary

instruments through vibrations, trances

and various manifestations demonstrate

a future progressive existence, describing with much .accuracy the employ-

ments and golden opportunities of those

who seek for the purer and the higher;

that spirit intromissions into the spirit

ual world give us very exact ideas of

he relations there existing; that differf

he relations there existing; that differ-

tions of good and evil prevail in the

ower states of being till they seek, see

he light hear and answer the voice.

'Come up higher." Wisdom's door of

mercy is never shut. The pulse of infi-

nite love throbs and thrills through all

the low cimmerian spheres of moral

up the alabaster stairways that lead to

devil of Eden, or with Milton's fallen

angel. These demons were once mor

tals in the flesh. There are demonst

and yet the divine spark glows within

lemons, whether in the body or out, are

God's children. They are suns and

stars in the firmament of God's infinite

love. They belong to the royal family

wandering from the shcep-fold of the

good shepherd, angels seek them.

Their wanderings do not transform

them into wolves. At the center depths

of their being they are fair and bright.

To such wilful wanderers, to such mor-

ally self-circumscribed souls, souls in

prison, the man of Nazareth preached:

c such good engels, the Christ-angels

the Gol-angels from heaven's empyrear

he Branos, the Wesleys, the Emersons

the Theodore Parkers, the Brittans, the

Dentons, descend and preach, and so

the grand educational, redemptive, up-

This is God's universe. The bright

ness of his infinite wisdom and love

sheds its shimmering beams over and

interpenetrates the darkest recesses of

the father's side, so amid life's darkest

shadows I walk confidingly in the Fath-

er's of: inscrutable, yet immutable, pur-

pose of love and good will, to man.

in the changeless goodness of God.

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in

Often have I said, and I here repeat

seen a thousand glittering dewdrops for

a thousand stars by night and suns by

lay for a single eclipse. I have seen

thousands of wild flowers and banks of

roses for a single thorn. I have met thousands of noble, moral heroes, men

and women, for a single cringing cow

ard. I have seen a thousand hand-clasps of friendship for a single grip of

revenge. I have seen thousands of

smiles for a single falling tear. I have

seen thousands of feet hastening to re

onward and upward by methods diverse

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main on earth. main on earth unassisted than can it would be contrary to its nature gross matter go to the second sphere.

a small extent by mechanical contriv- Therefore the statement is untrue; but ances, and suspend objects from the no more so than the statement that a earth's surface; and spirits may contrive means to weight themselves and others with physical matter and overcome, for a time, the attractions of the flesh. I cannot imagine a more absurd spirit world and be held to the physical statement. world; but this requires labor, strong will power, and a knowledge of the law and its necessities.

The new-born spirit is incapable of this. Such spirit is as helpless as a babe born into this world. Its guardlans take care of it and act the part of a mother to it. Every child born into law. Without this criterion, man is at this world has a mother, and when born into spirit life every one has a mother, or a substitute, in that life to receive and care for it. They are not left to grope around haunts of vice in earth alone and helpless. In fact they can no more "grope around" than can a newborn pabe into earth life.

W. Hull, in The Progressive Thinker of January 28, in describing a go to monkeys for help in solving difficase in his experience as a. medium, "At the trumpet seance that night, he (the spirit) took the trumpet, and a more earnest prayer was never uttered than the one he made to me to help him. He has since developed a bright and useful spirit and has done a they have the wisdom, the teachers and great amount of good. I have had many experiences, and who of the veteran workers have not? but none which have made a deeper and more lasting impression on me than this. Here, if I ad not come would have been a case 'one to point them to the light." What a fortunate thing that Brother ull came along just then to point that pirit to the light, when no one in his orld could or would help their fellow pirit to the "light"! What an exalted hought, that there are those in this ower world that can lead those in the igher life to the light when there is o one there to help, no power there to

avel This case would have been one of obession had it not been for Brother Jull's fortuitous happening along jus

hen to that trumpet medium's seauce his spirit, according to Brother Hull's statement, had, thirty years before, murdered his wife with an axe and had taken possession of the medium and caused her to run out of the house and get an axe and run every one out of the vard with it but Brother Hull. He talked to the spirit kindly . and sinhdued him, pointing out to the spirit a light where his wife was and persuaded the spirit to be led to it and her.

Is not this a pathetic story; and does it not cause every one who reads it to feel sorry for those in the spirit world who are in darkness, and so much need the help of a friend, but have none and are compelled to wander about in dark ness o nearth for years and years where they can not be understood or make their needs known; except they happen to meet Brother Hull!

It does not appear whether the wife was in this world or the spirit world; of Mrs. M. T. Longley, An intensely inwhere the light we seen, nor that any one saw the light but Brother Hull.

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to be so changed, therefore Man can resist the force of gravity to it must always be an impossibility. spirit is bound to the attraction of the earth, and it cannot get away from it without the help of some, one in the

God, meaning nature, eternal law.

Spiritualism is science, religion, law!

It makes one sick to think of the absurdities taught by the religions of the earth as spiritual truths. There is only one way to avoid them, and that is to teach so far as we can, and believe so far as we may, only such things as are not in conflict with natural and spiritual sca, in his faith, without a compass or chart, and it is only a question of time when he will be stranded upon the rocks or the sands of truth, as his faith s proved to be false.

Bulls, cats and crocodiles were wor shiped as gods in old Egypt, and bulls and monkeys are now held sacred in In-

dia. It is nearly as sensible for us to cult problems of civilization, as for disembodied spirits to come to men in the flesh for help to light, truth and progless. We may learn some things of nonkeys and it is possible that low spirits may learn something of us; but appliances adapted to spirit life of every grade in abundance, lacking nothing required for the most effective assistance to all, whatever their development or condition in that life. This, by the d not come would have been a case law of progressive development, which obsession, all because the spirits had is a law of science and of Spiritualism. Therefore no spirits of any grade are dependent upon men in the flesh for means of progress. Such experiences as Brother Hull has related can be only lessons to the mediums to whom they are given to enable them to explain the vagaries of those they are called on to teach. The Christian was called on to preach Christ, only Christ. The Spiritualist is called on to preach Law, Science, Principles of Nature-law, and what does not agree with these is folly

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Prof. Loveland would have us believe they are all good, kind, loving, clever, generous spirits now.

What a wonderful idea!

Death is a great reformer of unclean spirits!

Well, this is not a very encouraging doctrine for temperance reformers, so cial purity advocates and other humanitarian workers. They may as well shut up shop. "Let-er-go-Gallagher." Do all the devilment you like, you'll be a dear, good angel soon! The tougher life you live, the sooner you will exhaust your vitality and break up your constitution; then you will be sooner reformed and be a good angel. of the lesser, lower gods. Though

this is the grand philosophy of Spiritualism, I don't think it is very much in advance of the old theology. It is an incentive to a criminal, depraved life, if a man gets to heaven quicker for being a rascal and is pro-moted to the ranks of bright shining angels quicker because he has been a hlackguard and cut his earthly career short by excesses.

The most unsatisfactory thing about spirit messages is this: We have no safeguard against those who have a de sire to personate: at least. I do not know of any way we can positively identify a spirit; as they seem to pos-sess wonderful powers in putting on appearances to suit their purpose W. E. BONNEY.

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the remotest spaces. And as the child walks in midnight hours trustingly by The nebulous brightness of the evening sky

Seems aglow with a glory all untold And my heart feels the presence of loved ones nigh As fresh as the days of old.

The silence that chastens my worldly - fears.

Falls over my spirit like dew, as down the vista of the vanished years

I wander with friends I knew.

looked for my star to lead me aright,

That shone in the orb of youth, loved it then, with its luminous light. For 1 thought it the star of Truth; longed to fachom its mysteries then And I searched for the key of

heaven, To read the riddle of life and men And the wisdom to be given.

near the shore of a shoreless sea, My life is one without end. in the depths of my scul dimly I see That Time and Eternity blend. But my star is steadfast guiding me

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HUDSON TUTTLE.

Editoral-Large for the National Spiritualist Association.

Mr. Tuttle has been engaged to anewer all attacks in the secular or roligtons press on Spiritualism. Send him dippings when an attack is made, giving date and name of paper. Address him at Berlin Heights, Ohio.

Practical Religion.

If strict honesty and integrity in business affairs and in all the transactions of life would characterize those who claim to have "got religion," we would have a different world from what we experience.

In a recent morning paper we read of a resident of Chicago, who mailed a dime to an interurban railway company, a conscience fund, to pay the amount of which the sender had defrauded the incorporation. The conscience-stricken subject claimed he had just "experienced religion, and God would not accept him until he had done justly by his fellows."

That is practical religion, and a good thing to have, but very few embrace it, so few that it is a subject of newspaper comment when it occurs. Had the amount teen large in the case noted is it not possible this good man would have straiged his sensitive conscience a little, and failed to have sent the wrongly retained money? We fear so. We hope our spiritual friends will do no wrong, then they will have no occasion to make amends.

Do not the average converts flee to the church to whitewash their charaction? "Washing themselves in the blood of the lamb" is what they call it. Paints and whitewashes only cover and conceal what is beneath. The damned foulness is still there. An honest person looks with suspicion on hypocrites. Goodness, for the reward it brings, is of coubtful utility. True merit flows tery to him. The name of an old-time from the heart, and it is not bought clergyman would appear on a fly-leaf, with a price, neither is it attained by

What, if any, are the Limitations of the Soul in Its State or Sphere of Being, or in Its Embodiment in Physical Life? A Lecture by Spirit John Pierpont, through the mediumship of Mrs. Mary T. Longley, before the First Association of Spiritualists, Washington, D. C. It will appear next week.

The Present Tidal Wave of Agitation. Old Bibles: A Story in Point. A tremendous tidal wave of agitation A learned and critical writer recently announced that after protracted relis now sweeping flercely over this search he was confident there was no country, bearing on its white, foaming Bible in existence prior to the 15th cen- crest various reflections in reference to tury. He stated the well-known fact, the phenomena of Spiritualism. This that all the early editions of that book tidal wave is the legitimate evolution were without date. He might with of preceding causes, and will soon extruth have added, because the Christian haust itself, and then there will be a era was not yet in general use by which calm and an opportunity for serious re flection on the part of Spiritualists. o note time.

More recently, that writer says, he The storm center of this agitation arose found in the Congressional Library a in New York in connection with the copy of the Bible bearing an earlier genuine phenomenal work of Mrs. May Pepper, and ended with bringing promdate than he knew of, lience he admits inently into notice the Bangs Sisters, an error in his first statement. Now the question arises, was he not spirit artists and independent letter correct as he first announced? We writers of Chicago, whose genuineness is championed by Dr. I. K. Funk and more than suspicion it. The older the book the greater its many others in the ranks of Spiritual-

value, more particularly if that book is ism. Bible. A genuine copy of the Bible, This agitation, the outgrowth of preso old as the 12th century would comexisting causes, will naturally carry mand a princely fortune. Of complete along with it a great deal of driftwood, some noxious weeds and not a little printed Bibles there are none older than 1488, though there were fragments poisonous odor, to be followed in the as the Psaims, which first appeared in end by a purer and more healthful at 1477, the Pentateuch in 1482, and still mosphere. While it is true that in ev other portions, as the Prophets, in 1486, ery large city there are all kinds of and other parts in 1487. There was a "phenomenal" frauds, still there are second complete edition printed in 1494, many mediums whose work is angelic, Martin Luther, the great Protestant whose lives are above suspicion, and Reformer, never saw a copy of the who are doing a world of good, and for Bible until in his 21st year, and yet he whom we have the most profound rewas educated for the priesthood. Born spect.

The Chicago Chronicle of March 2 in 1482; then not until the beginning of

the 16th century, to-wit, 1504, did he says: see a copy of "The Book," as a correct translation of its Greek title, Ta Eiblia, should be rendored.

price.

interesting facts in point:

arrest every medium in the city. He declared that he believed that all of When a book in these modern times them were liable to arrest under the lies dead in sheets, the title page is provisions of the vagrancy laws, even if frequently removed, a new one with specific charges of fraud could not be date up to the times is added, and it made against them. He said that the mediums were becoming bold and that appears as a new edition, "because of their number was constantly on the inthe great demand for it" being wholly crease and that it was time something exhausted. But the habit is reversed with Bibles. The clder they are the was done to prevent them from continuing to dupe the public. "Anyone who will look at the adverquicker the sale, and the greater the To accommodate lovers of the

lisements in the Sunday newspapers antique title pages of old books are can get a good idea of the extent to which the mediums are operating in the printed with early cates, and inserted in place of the original. Dingy paper, city," said he. "I can only make a rough guess at the number of them in smoked and rumpled, completes the de-ception, and the value of the book is the city, but I would place it in the neighborhood of 1,000. I have now in many times enhanced. We have some my pockets evidence which will war

Detective Wooldridge says that if the

Some twenty-five years ago we saw in rant the arrest of some of them. some twenty-nve years ago we saw in a second-hand book store a well pre-served cony of the Holy Bible, printed in English, and hearing date, we think, 1584, or thereabouts. The paper was dingy, the ink was not good, and the whole had an enclant appearance with "They have been preying upon the superstitious long enough. They have tried many schemes to get money from their dupes. I know of instances which the mediums have been able to whole had an ancient appearance, with force the credulous to make regula: the names of its early owners, and subweekly or monthly payments to them sequent ones in old-style hand-writing for protection against some imagined on a fiy-leaf. A clerical friend bought Most of them are shrewd. Every it after a little Jewing at the marvel-ously low price of \$15. It was bound trick and device which will bring them financial reward is employed by them. n enameled leather, only slightly rubbed, "I believe that every medium who is showing it had been well cared for doing business in the city at the pres-The bibliophele informed the purchaser ent time should be driven out of busihe knew where there was another.copy ness. The medium business is a fraud he could procure, if any one desired it. all the way through. If there is no . A dozen years later the writer was in other law which can be enforced against the mediums I believe that we close correspondence with a doctor residing in Hartford, Ct. The question of will be able to make use of the vagold Bibles coming up, he wrote, his have as yet received no orders from brother had a way of procuring ancient copies of that book which was a mys-Chief O'Neill to make a crusade against the mediums, but I am ready to act as soon as I receive them and I can wind up some important work I now have on

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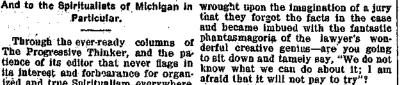
Through the ever-ready columns of The Progressive Thinker, and the patience of its editor that never flags in its interest and forbearance for organzed and true Spiritualism everywhere, I desire to make one more appeal to the Spiritualists who have the well-being of ist Society to protect the legal rights of Spiritualisis in the courts. Some have cieties, chartered under the state asso-

ciation, and private individuals, others who do not understand the pressing need of a hearty co-operation on the part of all Spiritualists in a crisis of this kind, are waiting like Micamber "to see what will turn up," not fully under-standing that the toes of any society are liable to "turn up" and the body corchief gives him orders to do so he will orate assume a moribund condition immediately if everybody waits to see what will turn up, if they do not turn in and help to move something themaelvea

The Spiritualists of Michigan have a Mediums' Home, but no endowment secured. John F. Goff provided such endow-

nent that would help to sustain the will. The judge of the probate court of cause of sustaining our rights. will it was, and his business capacity at the time perfectly sound. The judge's testimony was given in behalf of those who desired to sustain John F. Goff's last will and testament, (who were in fact pledged to him by a solemn prom-ise that they would see that his wishes for the disposition of his property would be sacredly sustained by them to the fetter), and this testimony will go hefore therSupreme Court of Michigan in carrying out our solemn compact, and sustaining the legal rights, and status of organized Spiritualism.

Think you that such testimony as



The last sentence came in a languid way from a community as the consensus of opinion, to the writer of this ar-Spiritualism in its temporal, spiritual, sus of opinion, to the writer of this ar-and intellectual progress, to assist the officers of the Michigan State Spiritual as such now in a legal way -once a selfconstituted missionary-like many oth-ers, giving freely, upreservedly, and spiritualisis in the courts. Some have without hope of pecuniary reward to the call, both as so the public and private service of Spiritualism.

But let foes assail from without and withiu our citadel, let "weary Willie's meander aimlessly along the highway of our great Spiritual Republic perfectly willing to break bread-the bread of spiritual life-with those whose hands have grown knotted, blistered, and strong, if not as perfectly chiseled now as the I ands of the idlers in our ranks. These idlers are always ahungered for the mauna from heaven, and for the loving and tender care of the true workers. It may be possible that if they are not ready when "the bridegroom cometh" that there may be no marriage supper for them, that another Paul may arise to say he who will not

work, let him eat not. Home and provide educational and Friends, the cause needs a little help. charitable funds, by a well-executed We are asking for donations to the There Cass county, who drew the will pro- are many in Michigan who know me nounced it, when he admitted it to pro- have known the writer of this article bate, a perfectly valid document, and for many years—yes, since my child the montal soundness of the man whose bood as a medium and while I cannot hood, as a medium, and while I cannot recall your names and residences to ap ply to you personally by letter, yet trust that you will show that your ap preclation of the work that I and many others have done for you and your friends by bringing you indubitable proofs of spirit return, and the truths of Spiritualism, by sending to my address which I will append below, such sums of money as you are willing and able to donate to the object which I have clear if the Spiritualists of Michigan aid us ly defined to you. Every dollar will be receipted for, that you may send, and lesser sums than that will be most gratefully recognized and accepted, if

that is all that you can give, in justice the judge afore-mentioned will not have to yourself; but \$5 and \$10 would be a its due effect on men of broadened judi- most agreeable surprise. Thanking cial minds? Spiritualists individually, The Progressive Thinker for its court-and collectively, have you no duty in csy and the people whom we anticipate this matter? Because a jury who were will respond to this appeal, for their excarried away by a spectacular exhibit pected aid, I would direct them to send of forensic and extravagant talent and to Dr. Julia M. Walton, 507 S. Black-use of a play of sensational words and stone street, Jackson, Mich. Hoping phrases that portraved a monomaniac that within the next week or ten days and likened this monomaniac in his I shall receive letters and financial rewhims and mad caprices, the lawyer turns from this article. If there are livening this word picture with much any mediums who will give a benefit play of a very vivid imagination, com- seance for the cause, let them commu-paring this creature of his own fertile uicate with me also.



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threats of Almigh ty wrath.

Christian churches were formerly places of refuge, and served as asylums and sanctuary to all who fied to them, whatever their crimes. Once hold of the horns of the altar they were safe from punishment. And then came the cale of criminal indulgences, a price paid for crime before its commission, or afterwards if not so fortunate as to have procured a license in advance.

The church has a strange record, and it is not surprising that our good orthodox prothers recoil at its recital; and yet such things are good for the soul, and teach people not to place large trust in the saving grace of such institutions.

Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.

Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond has accepted an invitation to deliver a course of lectures before the students at the Morris Pratt Institute, Whitewater, Wie The course will commence the 9th and 10th of March, and continue every two weeks until the close of the term, June 1.

Mrs. Richmond can give two or three lectures each visit, and it is also intended that there shall be some public meetings during her visits.

The lectures to the pupils will be on the subjects of the Philosophy of Spiritualism and the Higher Psychology.

Teachers and educators who have attended Mrs. Richmond's classes on the latter subject have expressed themselves as follows: "Had we known, when we began teaching, as much as these lessons have taught us we would have felt much better equipped for our work as teachers."

With due regard for the faculty of the Morris Pratt Institute, and their superhuman efforts to make that institu-tion a financial and educational success, it is a pleasure to note the inclina-tion to introduce a variety of spiritual instruction, and in this particular line of teaching none better than Mrs. Richmond and her noble guides could be se lected from the able corps of teachers within the confines of Spiritualism. Personally, or as a public worker of almost unlimited resources and inspiration, Mrs. Richmond needs no news-paper laudation. We all know her by her years of untiring toll in the field of Spiritualism.

Good Advice.

The advice of a distinguished baseball player, to his fellows, may be adopted with propriety by people in every walk of life: "Don't drink, don't keep late hours; take good care of if he was referred to. yourselves." Inspiration never furnished better counsel: and clerical lins never uttered a sentiment more worthy observance. Intoxicating beverages, with late hours and the usual accompaniments, wreck the young and the aged, and disqualifies them from taking good care of their persons.

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with one or more transfers, and a famly record 1 sure to buy the book, and pay a large price for it, because of its early associa-From present indications, it would tions. And, curious, all the books bore the same date on the title page, with the same general appearance, showing they were of the same edition. The f was used in place of s, and v was used in place of the modern u. Though the brother was a soap manufacturer he believed he made more ready cash from

the sale of these old Bibles than from or any who practice deception and his soap business, though only a single trickery in their methods and work. On copy was in sight at a time. the contrary it would be glad if the en-We suggested to our friend there tire array of tricksters were driven out was a secret factory near by, and that somebody had access to town records, of business. Were this accomplished, with family pedigrees, who was writing autographs and family records to meet the needs of purchasers. Attention di-rected to it, he discovered the old style Spiritualism would flourish as never before. With only genuine honest mediumship, our Cause would take on new life, and gain immeasurably in strength write was a peculiarity of his brother, and in the estimation of the public. and, continuing the investigation, he found the Bible of 1584 was printed on To the "frauds" and "tricksters" we discolored paper, evidently made expressly to imitate that of ancient are indebted for this anti-medium crusade. With only bonest genuine work on the part of all who claim to be me-

books; that the binding was antique in style, rubbed, and that doubtless many diums the crusade would have had no a heart was made glad by possessing i biblical relic of the Puritan fathers of inception. New England, to whom they were dis-The danger is, that there will now be

tantly related. no discrimination-all mediums, the In closing it may be proper to say, Doctor C. was an earnest Spiritualist; while the dealer in forged Bibles was a real and the fraudulent, will suffer, and while the tricksters will receive their zealous Presbyterian who was very bitjust deserts, to many a true and honter in denunciation of his honest broth- est genuine medium great injustice may er for "placing confidence in the silly be done. This is certain to be the case tricks of vile impostors," as he always if the expressed views of some of the designated mediums.

police detectives are to be accepted as Moral:-If the good reader shall dean indication of the course that will be ire to successfully practice some great fraud, which would shame a heatnen pursued against all mediums. One of Chines, let him first join an orthodox the most noted of the detectives, as church, preferably a Presbyterian. stated in the daily papers, intimates

For the Guilty Only.

ship. To him every person who claims A lady patron writes of a sad experito be a medium is a fraud. Of course, ence she had with a prominent public starting out with this conviction setlecturer, who was visiting at her house tled in his mind, he is morally certain During his stay he had free access to to inflict injury and gross injustice if her husband's library, which was a large one of a high order. After the he follows in the line of his convictions. There is danger that proseguguest's disappearance it was discovered tion may degenerate into sheer persequite a number of valuable books had cution. Whatever may be done or atbeen mutilated by the removal of leaves tempted, of one thing we may rest asnicely cut out, doubtless with the exsured: Spiritualism cannot be put down pectation their absence would not be detected. The lady adds: "There were no boys in the family." er destroyed. And genuine mediumship will survive, and overcome its en-

We make note of this merely as a caution to persons gaining access to liemies, by the helping forces of the spirit world. brarles, that purioining leaves from ooks is as disreputable as stealing entire volumes, and those guilty, of

such offences may not expect to escape detection. Only the guilty will take Rev. Minot J. Savage, the more-thanexception to this note, who will inquire half Spiritualist preacher of New York. is planning to organize an American Institute of Scientific Research. To

"The New Life." By Leroy Berrier, Eminently suggestive along the lines of "new thought." Excellent in tone and make it a success he proposes to raise \$100.000 by voluntary contributions, to nince it on a solid financial base. It is endencie Price, cloth, \$1. said he prefers to disassociate it from Spiritualiem. It matters not under what guise such

tendencies. Price, cloth, \$1. "Bodal Upbuilding, including Co-op-erative Systems and the Happiness and Runoblement of Humanity." By E. D. Babbitt, LL, D., M. D. This comprises the last part of Human Culture and Cure. Paper cover, 15 cents. For sale at this office its base, as it must be, else Dr. Savage would not be connected with it.

appear that an indiscriminate onold thinker and philanthropist) and so slaught is about to be made by the city police and petty courts against all persons who work as mediums in Chicago. The Progressive Thinker as an ex-Dr. Marvin E. Conger. ponent of Spiritualism has no sympathy The passing on of Dr. Conger a with fraudulent or pretended mediums. rips age of 79 years descrives more a passing notice. He was early identified with movements that in the middle of 19th century indicated rapid Drogr the world of human thought: Phrenol-

Homeopathy, etc., and last, but by no means least, Modern Spiritualism engaged his earnest, thought and attention He was zealous-and many thought

A Learned Society Projected.

extreme-in his views, but those who knew him best realized his absolute sincerity and unselfish motive in all his convictions.

His idea was that to disseminate use ful knowledge upon the higher planes of life and health was the greatest work of the worker and thinker.

With his second wife, Dr. Rosa C. Conger, many works and publications were undertaken to the end of educat ing the people along the lines of better health to body and mind. Dr. Conger although born in the East (Attica, N. Y.), has been a resident of the West for many years and for the last twenty-five that there is absolutely nothing but fraud in the whole matter of medium-Rosa 10 Conger, survives him.

One is reminded in the transition of advent of the great light of since .the Moderer Spiritualism.

The funeral services were fittingly conducted by the guides of Mrs. Cora L. V. Fichmond who had known Dr. Conger for yours. He was at one time a member of the board of trustees of the society of which she is the pastor. Dr. Conger dai not pass out of a painful iliness, but was simply tired and went away. OThe body was cremated at Graceland cometery.

The influence of his life will remain long after the transient mortal struggle, and the "gathering of the spiritual sheaves" will be of such as an earnest life and endeavor bring.

"In the World Celestial.

We have received a supply of the fourth edition of Dr. Bland's book, "In the World Celestial," which contains a beautiful full page photo gravure of the heroide, Pearl, from a new life-size spirit painting of her. This adds greaty to the attractiveness of the book, and i movement is inaugurated if truth is quite considerably to its cost. Yet the price remains the same, one dollar. For sale at this office.

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habits, qualities and references. For ogy, Psychology, Mesmerism, reformed way through school. I have been very much interested in Spiritualism for some time past, and have some friends here who sympathize with me in my trouble.

Last vacation I carned \$120, which put in the bank here to have for tuition, etc. On Sept. 20, 1904, I, through promises of big interest, etc., loaned my \$120 to a man who advertised exten-sively as a Spiritualist medium, and who went by the name of Prof. Robert Vernon. Now this man gave me a note for ninety days which I still have. In early December he skipped, and I have never heard of him since. If I can lo-

cate him, I have wealthy friends here who agree to send detectives after him and recover my money for me. He is a menace to the Spiritualistic profes-sion. Most of the people whom he deceived here will not go near an honest medium again. Now I will give you an accurate description of the so-called "Vernon," and perhaps some reader of with Brother Sprague that if a ball could be had for last Sunday, morning your paper who sees this article can years has called Chicago his home. He Erro an address Mrs. D. E. Brown, Room 42, leaves six children by his first marriage 11th avenue Hotel, Denver, Colo. She who are now men and women filling is more centrally located and can reach useful positions in this city. His wife, me in a short time. I was obliged to quit school on account of lack of funds, so you can see why I am anxious to

this earnest worker that the old time catch this man, this wrong-doer. Said and four generations have intervened 6 feet, 3 inches: in serverely tall, about 6 feet, 3 inches; is slender; light long hair, usually combed back professor style. he has a large loose mouth, small foxy, deep-set grayish blue eyes. He holds his head on one side a good

deal; common straight nose; usually wears a diamond stud and diamond sapphire ring; fancy vest and gray clothes. He is a rather uncommon ooking man on account of his size, etc., and is not apt to be taken for anyone else. This man was in Denver about

extensively. Had was in Denver about six or eight weeks and advertised very extensively. Had rooms at 1700 Wei-ton street. I am not the only one he acceived here. His scheme is to get money to invest in mining matters, etc.,

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Spiritualism in Minnesota.

PORTLAND, OREGON. The Progressive Thinker is looked for each week and read with interest, ficient Labors of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. as it is filled with so much valuable matter. The Open Court is bringing Sprague. out the truths of Modern Spiritualism.

One week ago last Wednesday, Bro. Truth cannot be crushed; it will rise E. W. Sprague and wife, those grand above the false teaching. The "Life in missionaries in the cause of Spiritual the Spirit Realms" and other articles ism, sent out by the N. S. A., came to are read with great pleasure. For fifty our city, and by good rustling of the years I have been a reador and investi-Spiritualists of Portland, Oregon, we gator of Modern Spiritualism. The spiritualists of Forciand, Oregon, we gator of modern optitualism. The succeeded in getting about 100 people truths are given us through the home togethor in Mrs. Lucy Mallory's par-circle, where every family should look ors, and the evening was spent in a for tests.

feast of spiritual inspiration and mes. We urge spiritual societies through teast of spiritual inspiration and mess. We urge spiritual societies through sages that will long be remembered. I the different states to make the effort don't wonder that the N. S. A. keeps to build temples of their own. Don't these good people in the work of give up and say you can't, but go to preaching the "Goodspell of Glad Tid- work with a will and make the effort; preaching the coveragent tey do it in a organize a Ladies' Aid society, have so-way that entrances their hearers and cials of different kinds, save up for a inspires them to new work in the uplift- year or two, go around with a subscription asking each friend and neighbor ing of those yet in the earth form Brother Sprague, cloquent, logical, in- favorable to the cause to subscribe and

spired, seems to carry all with him donate to the cause of building a tem-into the conditions of peace, truth and ple for a free platform for all kinds of progression, until earth seems heaven progression, until earth seems heaven speakers that will give good lectures indeed. That meeting called for more, for the benefit of humanity. We want as the people could not let them go free platforms-we do not want to be without hearing them again, so the sec-retary of the State Spiritualists Asso-Our liftle so

Our little society has almost got our ciation, L. B. Larson and myself agreed temple completed. It has not been a year since we commenced to build. Wewere surprised that many subscribed

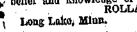
and evening, we would telegraph him at McMinneville, to return. We secured help us who did not profess to be Spiritualists, but were willing to aid us in a hall and two more glorious meetings were held, and I am sure great good was accomplished. During the evening what they thought was a good cause and now we have our regular Sunday meetings, and a place for all our social gatherings and dances. We always have a full house and many remark meeting Dr. Williams and Mrs. Loie F. Prior came in, and were invited to the platform, and after Brother Sprague's that no other society gives so much it pleasure and lectures, for the money, address and Sister Sprague's messages, they were introduced to the audience we do. So it is a great pleasure to have

many remained in the hall, unable to get into position to see the speaker, and the usual program was omitted, giving Brother and Sister Sprague a chance to be heard once more and for the last time during this visit to Ore-Thornwet.

Eon. Thoroughly imbued with the truths of piritual unfoldment, with inspiration beyond description, the audience was captivated and carried to lofty height, until it seemed soul was speak-ter to inter the inter to a speak-height, until it seemed soul was speak-ter to inter to inter to a speak-height, until it seemed soul was speak-ter to inter to inter to a speak-height, until it seemed soul was speak-ter to inter to inter to a speak-height, until it seemed soul was speak-ter to inter to inter to a speak-along if we could sustain more mission-

neights, until it seemed soul was speak. It would be good and help the work-ing to soul and the benediction of the along if we could sustain more mission-beavenly host was being poured out aries to work in each state. There are upon the people who listened. Great many places that would like to have a good here been accountiched to reach an another and bet would like to have a good has been, accomplished by our speaker, and yet are not able to pay good Brother and Sister Sprague, by much, as they are small in number, but their lectures and messager and the they need the states and states bet their lectures and messages, and the they need the aid and encouragement Portland Spiritualists join in God- to go ahead, to organize, and build up speed and good will to them wherever the work. We need lots of practical they go. G. C. LOVE. workers. We need lycoums organized, and tracts for children, to encourage them and have them to grow up in the belief and knowledge of Spiritualism. ROLLA STURBS.

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JUDGE DAILEY SAYS MRS. PEPPER IS PERSECUTED.

Former Magistrate Declares That Attacks on the Medium Are Instigated by One Man.-Asserts She Has Proved Immortality of Soul-He Tells of Wonderful Manifestations.

Former Judge A. H. Dailey, of Brooklyn, is one man who can never be convinced that Mrs. May S. Pepper, the spirit medium and pastor of the First Spiritual Church of Brooklyn, is a fraud, despite the attacks of the so-called Anti-Fraud Society. Judge Dailey goes so far as to declare that no such society exists, and that the circulars all emanate from one man, who, he says, has been persecuting Mrs. Pepper. "It is easy to see where these circulars come from," he said yester-

day. "They are all the work of one man. This man runs a printing and engraving establishment, so that the horrible caricature of Mrs. Pepper at the top of the circular is easily explained. This man is a fake medium himself and admits it."

Judge Dailey is a patriarch in appearance and wears a long flowing white beard. He is an ardent Spiritualist and is a member of the advisory counsel of Mrs. Pepper's church.

Believes in Mrs. Pepper.

"I am as firmly convinced of Mrs. Pepper's sincerity and that she actually holds communion with spirits as I am that you are sitting thire," he said to a World reporter. "I have tested her in hundreds of ways and there is no room for doubt. She is like a member of my family, and in fact when she was-ill for an entire month she gave up all her engagements and spent the month at my house. The manifestations master it was only to find that her voice had gone entirely. Not the were wonderful.

"Let me tell you that I was born and reared in New England, and when I came to Brooklyn I was as narrow as the devil. When I came heads and said she would never be able to sing again. here I joined Beecher's church and for sixteen years heard him preach every Sunday. Those were wonderful sermons, and do you know that other accomplishments, learned to play the violin. She was better than Beecher and all his family were firm believers in Spiritualism? Why, Harriet Beecher Stowe's husband was such a clairvoyant that he used when her voice gave out she would still have her violin to depend on as to mistake spirits for mortals.

"The discovery of wireless telegraphy and the X-rays is no surprise higher development of clairvoyancy.

"The evidences of a spiritual world are all around you in every moment of our lives.

"Have you never studied psychic phenomena?" he asked of the re-porter. "Well, why haven't you? You should do it. It would aid you in your work and you could write intelligently on this subject. You need not go to a professional medium for enlightenment. I will promise you that if you will get five or six ladies or gentlemen of your acquaintance who will approach this subject in a proper spirit and in a receptive mood you can have a demonstration.

Any One May Hear From Spirits.

"Meet together in your own home, lower the light, seat yourselves around a table on which there is paper and pencil and join your hands. Sit quietly in this manner, and inside of a half-hour it is certain that some one will suddenly seize that pencil and write. The impulse will be uncontrollable. He or she may not know what is written or understand it, but write you must.

"When you ask me if I believe in Spiritualism you ask me if I believe my own senses. Let me give you an illustration. Suppose that. I am sitting here talking to one whom I know to be a psychic, who is sitting where you are. Over there on the other side of the room (indicating) are seated two other persons, all believers in Spiritualism. None of us is expecting or even thinking of a manifestation, yet gradually I see right beside you a misty, shadowy form arise and gradually take on perfect human form. What am I to believe? I must believe what I see, must I not? People have said to me, 'I wouldn't believe it if I saw it.' I am afraid they do not believe in anything,

Messages Are Authentic.

"Take what went on at the meeting at Mrs. Pepper's home last night, any demonstrations, so I stay away in order not to crowd out others tricks? who are seeking the light. But I have been told what happened. Men the seals had been ripped apart and their names were told. So amazed cure of a malignant disease, with honors easy for the ancient Scot. were they that they threw aside their incognito and told all about themselves. They had found the light for which they were seeking.

Spiritualism Grows.

"I tell you there is going on now such a complete revelation of Spiritualism as was never known before. The world is becoming enlight ened. You no longer hear hell and damnation preached from the pulpit. That ended years ago when those first knockings were heard in Rochester. It was the spirit of a murdered man and he told of his murder and where his material body had been buried. "But where are you?' he was asked.

SPIRIT FORCE MANIFESTED.

Entranced Into Singing by a Painting of her Lost Tutor.

Paris, France.-The strange case of Hulda Messendorp, a pretty little American student in the Latin Quartier, is attracting the keenest interest in the medical profession. She is Trilby in real life, and she has

been singing under an influence quite as powerful as that exerted by Svengali over Du Maurier's delightful heroine. In this case, however, scientists and others are agreed that the impelling force was not hypnotism, but simply one of powerful and telepathic influence exerted over the girl by her dead teacher.

Miss Messendorp was born twenty-three years ago in Minneapolis of German parents. When she was eight years old her parents moved to Montana, settling in a small mining town about one hour's journey by rail from Butte. Here the Messendorps prospered fairly well, and when Hulda reached eighteen her parents were able to send her East for a musical education. At that age the girl's voice, a rich soprano, gave great promise.

After one year in New York under the best singing masters to b found there Hulda Messendorp was sent to Paris, where her studies were continued under a celebrated Italian master, who has since died The American girl was so deeply devoted to her teacher that she nursed him during his last illness. When he died she was completely prostrated. She was removed to a hospital, where for weeks she lay in a

When she recovered and tried to resume her studies under a new faintest trace of its former glorious beauty and sweetness remained. Physicians and throat experts who examined her simply shook their

Now comes the strange part of it. Miss Messendorp had, among the average amateur performer and had often laughingly declared that a means of earning a living. So she readily agreed with her friends

that the best thing for her to do would be to remain in Paris and take to me. It was inevitable. Both tend to the deeper knowledge and the up the study of the violin. She worked hard for over a year, and soon had the satisfaction of being complimented as highly on her playing as she had formerly been on her singing.

One evening last week Miss Messendorp agreed to play at a small party held in a painter's studio in the Latin Quarter. About thirty guests were there—artists, singers, students, models, doctors and liter ary men. When the American girl took her place at one end of the room to begin playing she suddenly caught sight of a portrait of her dead vocal teacher hanging on the wall only a few yards away.

The audience saw a strange look in the girl's eyes and were startled to hear her begin to sing. Her voice, rich, delicious and powerful, rang through the big studio with an effect that was entrancing.

It was a pathetic Italian song, rendered with intense feeling. The violin fell from the girl's hands as she sang, but no one appeared to notice it. Everybody was gazing open-mouthed at Miss: Messendorp, who in turn looked at and sang to the face of her dead master in the picture. The spell was broken by the owner of the studio, who spietly dropped a curtain over the picture. Miss Messendorp instantly woke, looked around her in bewilderment and then fainted. She has not been able to sing a note since she saw the picture, and probably never will again.

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CURED BY DOCTOR DEAD 500 YEARS.

Mme. Rowland Tells How a Spirit Physician Outdid New York Experts -Had Cancer and They Advised an Operation-"Electricity," Said Ghostly Medic-She Tried It and Is Healed.

Are there medical schools in the Great Beyond? Do the spirits of dead and gone physicians [as set forth in the New York World] keep up to date, and a little ahead, on the progress of the science here below? for instance. I was not there, for I know all about it and don't need Do they occasionally volunteer to show their mundane confreres a few

These questions are prompted by the extraordinary story of a partof title and great prominence were at the meeting and some of them nership between a Scotch doctor, dead over 500 years, and a prominent went incognito. But the sealed letters they handed up were read as if New York physician, still alive, the result of which was a permanent

The subject of this remarkable cure, who tells the story, is Mme. Mary Scott Rowland, well known to the members of the "400." She is a Spiritualist and enthusiastic over the demonstrations of that cult.

The fact of her cure is corroborated by her physician, Dr. R. E. Town send, of No. 15 Central Park West." But Dr. Townsend disavows any conscious or intentional co-operation with the Scotch physician who Student Wrote a Letter From Man Who Had Been Dead for Years. 'passed over'' in ages gone.

Her Doctor 500 Years Dead.

Mme. Rowland thus told the story of her cure from cancer yesterday:

GIRL MARVEL OF PSYCHIC POWER.

Reads Minds and Compels Inanimate Objects to Do Her Bidding With Ease-Source of Power Unknown.

Sioux City, Iowa .- Anna Christie Miller, a sixteen-year-old girl, atending the public schools, has within four weeks discovered that she has exceptional psychic ability.

In addition to describing articles held before her when she is blindfolded, telling the amount of a handful of coins, which no one else in the room knew, but which was later verified ; acquiring because of her peculiar mental qualifications 100 per cent in all her studies and thus earning rapid promotion, this remarkable young girl can make a table dance a jig, move across a room and fall into her lap, send it the opposite direction in the lap of another person on the opposite side of the room, make it stand on one leg, move it by the mere touch of her fingers while a man sits upon it and do other feats that have amazed every one.

Miss Miller is a pupil at the Armstrong school in this city. She came here from Grant Center, Iowa, where her father is section foreman of a railway, and obtained employment in the boarding house of Mrs. Ella Mahaney. At this establishment she washes dishes and does other work to pay for her board and lodging while she attends school. Her ambition was to become a teacher in the public schools, and her aim in coming to Sioux City was to fit herself for this avocation. Now, however, Miss Miller is imbued with another idea. She has discovered that she possesses ability along the lines followed by Anna Eva Fay, the Georgia magnet, and others who have demonstrated psychic power. The girl has been aware of her peculiar powers no longer than a month. Knowing that she possessed extraordinary faculties, but not recognizing them as such, she needed an accident to discover them.

The discovery came as the result of her proficiency in her studies. At every recitation and in every examination her markings were 100. Her teachers searched her papers in vain for an opportunity to give her a lower marking. When they failed to find any flaw in her work, they decided that she was "cribbing." They went to the extent of accusing her of the offense. They could find no other explanation of the perfection of her answers. The accusation was met by pained surprise on the part of the girl. She had been honest and she resented the imputation of her teachers.

Reads Teachers' Minds.

"I can do the work of the high school/as well as of the sixth grade,' she said. "It is all plain before when you give the problems, just as if I read it in a book."

The teachers did not yet understand. They planned a test. Probems were given her belonging to a grade far advanced over the one to which she had qualified on entering the school. She did them accurately. Her ability astonished the teachers and her fame began to spread

At the boarding house where she works while attending school her mistress, Mrs. Mahaney, dressed to go out one day. Her side combs were missing and she failed to find them after a long search. Although Anna did not have general access to the room of her mistress, Mrs. Mahaney inquired of the girl if she had seen the side combs. Anna replied that she had not. "But maybe I can help you find them," she added.

Thereupon she went directly to the dresser in Mrs. Mahaney's room and from behind that article of furniture, where the ornaments had fallen, she recovered and restored them to Mrs. Mahaney. From that time on Anna's gifts have afforded amusement and wonder

dertake experiments in mind reading. A picture was placed before her, while she sat blindfolded. She described it accurately. Other ex-periments were attempted and in all she proved successful. From that time on there was no attraction for the boarders outside of the Mahaney home. Anna amused them nightly.

Personally Miss Miller is of prepossessing appearance. Although young she is well developed and has a pleasant face and figure. Her mentality, aside from her peculiar gift, may not be said to be above the average. Previous environment served to put her behind the average school child of her age, she being in the sixth grade when her exceptional ability was discovered, and her scholastic achievements were, if anything, below the average. But she is making rapid advances, and such is her power to understand complex problems and her ability to read the minds of her teachers that she is fast moving ahead.

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MYSTERY OF OCCULTISM.

The subject had turned to occultism, when the student who had been listening attentively said : "I was skeptical for a number of years in re-"For many years I have had a spirit doctor whom I know by the gard to the stories I heard of occult manifestations until I came face to face with a practical demonstration right here in New Orleans which convinced me that there are many strange laws of nature of which we are entirely ignorant. One day I met a stranger on St. Charles street who spoke to me as familiarly as if he had known me for years.

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POEMS OF PASSION.

Spectacles a Thing of the Past.

RESTORES EYESIGHT.

" 'In the other world,' he replied.

" 'But is there no hell ?' was the query.

question of hell and damnation."

But of what real value is Mrs. Pepper's work? What good does she porter.

greatest question agitating the Christian world to-day? It is the im- muth said I was suffering from cancer, and that the only chance I had mortality of the soul. Mrs. Pepper proves this beyond a doubt by conversing with and giving messages to doubting sorrowing ones here on fatal and consulted the late Ira Moore Courliss, a noted medium and earth from those who have passed into the spiritual land. It is a noble pastor of the Aurora Grata Cathedral in Brooklyn. work."--New York World.

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Departed Wife Looks After Welfare of Husband.

Sometime ago a certain citizen of Brazil entered into his second marprobably considered that he had sufficiently mourned the departed and there would be no harm in taking another companion to himself to dispel the loneliness of single life.

The new wife took the place of the departed one in the home and everything moved along smoothly for a time. Wife No. 2, however, had a habit of leaving the supper dishes unwashed over night and was greatly surprised one morning to find them washed and in their respect- desired, he said, but was not told of the visit to the spiritual medium as if a force of good fairies had been at work during the night. On this occasion she persuaded herself that she had washed the dishes after and epithelioma, or cancer of the skin. He said he did not know of the supper as she could account for the work being done in no other way.

A few days later the same thing occurred-the supper dishes had been washed and the kitchen cleaned up between the time she went to could give no explanation of it. bed at night and arose in the morning. Every time wife No. 2 left the dishes unwashed over night they were cleaned in the morning and this strange phenomena continued until the woman had almost been frightened into hysteria.

To wife No. 2 there was only one solution of the matter-she was conwinced that the ghost of her husband's dead wife returned to the earth every night to look after the comfort of the husband from whom death had parted her. Wife No. 2 did not welcome the industrious traits of the ghost of wife No. 1 as assistance and a benefit to her, but believed that the ghost was haunting her so that she would be compelled to separate from her husband.

This condition of affairs caused the woman to become so frightened that she was afraid to stay in the house alone during the day and finally to get rid of the ghost of wife No. 2 they broke up housekeeping and have since had apartments at a boarding house.

Since their removal to the boarding house wife No. 2 has no dishes to leave unwashed over night or any other household cares for the chost of wife No. 1 to busy itself with, hence it is supposed that they have not been molested by the departed wife.

However, if it is conceded that the dishes which wife No. 2 left over night were washed by the ghost of wife No. 1, what must be the anguish and unrest of the spirit of the departed to find that her nightly occupation had been taken away and that no way remained in which she could serve the husband to whom she was so strongly attached that her spirit returned after death to look after his welfare.-Democrat, Brazil. Ind.

Teaven does not consist in reaching heaven and enjoying it. Heaven consists in journeying there. When we get to heaven we always find it hell. Hell is a matter of reaching heaven and sitting down to enjoy it forever more.-Life.

CLOSET DOM

name of Burns, a Scotchman, who says he passed over more than 500 years ago. Dr. Burns has frequently 'impressed' me when I needed " 'Only such as we make ourselves,' he answered, and that settled the some remedy for sickness. My first husband was a Scotchman, which may account for his interest in me.

"In July 1899, while at my country home on Long Island, I fell from accomplish by reading the contents of sealed letters?" asked the re- a bicycle, and the handle-bar struck me in the left breast. In the spring of 1901 I went to Dr. Townsend for treatment. He sent me to Dr.

"Of what value !" queried Judge Dailey. "Why, sir, what is the William Tod Helmuth, an authority on cancerous diseases. Dr. Helwas to undergo an immediate operation. I feared this might prove

Spirit Doctor a Wonder.

"He gave me a 'sitting,' and through him the old Scotch doctor, Burns, told me that an operation in my case was not necessary. He a strange hand. After completing nine pages I signed the last page told me that I must be treated with static electricity to strengthen my with a name I had never heard before. What strange force compelled nervous system, and with the application of the hand electrically me I know not. It just seemed that I must write. All this time my charged. He said that I would be cured in three months.

"I went to Dr. Townsend and asked to be treated as the spirit doctor end he uttered an exclamation of surprise. had prescribed, although I did not tell him at first the source of my inriage just a few months after the death of his first wife. The citizen structions. After a very short time the cancer began to go down. At the end of each month I communicated with the spirit doctor and received further instructions. At the last 'sitting' he told me that an additional ten days of treatment would find me completely cured. It was as he said."

electrical treatment was frequently given for centain' kinds of tumors know absolutely nothing."-New Orleans Times-Democrat. treatment ever being given for deep-seated cancer, as in the case of Mme. Rowland, and that her cure was a remarkable one. He said he

DR. FUNK "O. K.'S" MRS. PEPPER'S SEANCE

Letters Sent to the Medium for Answer Rubber Stamped by Him.

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uit Mrs. May S. Pepper, the spirit medium, figuratively rolled up her deeves at her scance last night to show that "there was no deception." On account of insinuations that she substituted letters of her own for hose submitted by friends of the departed for her to read, she invited the Rev. Dr. I. K. Funk, of New York, and two newspaper inen to sit on

the platform and watch her when the missives were handed up. Dr. Funk came prepared with a rubber stamp, which fead "O. E., Funk," and affixed it to each letter as it was received. Some eight or ten of these letters were placed in Mrs.' Pepper's hands, and in each instance she answered the questions inside to the satisfaction of those who had put them.

The most notable materialization of the evening was that of the spirit of Rear-Admiral Braine, who formerly commanded the Brooklyn Navy Yard. In reply to a query from his former secretary, Addison McDonald, he said, be of good cheer, that everything would be all right, and that he would look after the "four."

The committee on the platform expressed conviction that there had been no fraud in connection with the letters .- New York World.

Political men, like goats, usually thrive best among inequalities .-Landor.

We want fewer things to live in poverty with satisfaction than to live magnificently with riches.-St. Evremond,

" 'I arrived in New Orleans yesterday from Europe,' he said, 'and I had a strange premonition that I would meet a man of your description and that he would aid me.

"I laughed, and replied that I would be glad to do anything in my power. To make a long story short, we became good friends and were in the habit of seeing each other quite frequently. He was greatly interested in occultism, but I only laughed at his many stories and told

him I was a poor subject for a convert to his theories. Finally one day he induced me to place myself under his 'influence' and become 'perfectly receptive.' To humor him I did what he suggested. He placed a pencil in my hand and quite unconsciously I began to write rapidly in a strange hand. After completing nine pages I signed the last page friend was scanning the pages eagerly. When he saw the name at the

"Did you ever know that man?' he asked eagerly.

"I told him I did not.

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" Well, that man was my dearest friend. He was drowned ten years ago in the China Sea. !'

"You can imagine my surprise. The letter I had written was an eerie affair, describing life in the spirit land, and you can imagine the Dr. Townsend, when seen, said Mme. Rowland's case showed interest with which I read it. It took me several days to recover from all the indications of cancer. He gave her the electrical treatments she the strange shock of it all, and since that day I have never tried another experiment or attempted to delve into the mysteries of occultism. Howive places in the cupboard. The kitchen was cleaned up spic and span until after the treatment began to succeed. Dr. Townsend said that ever, I'm a firm believer in the existence of natural laws about which we

SPIRITUALIST DEFENDS WILL.

Says He Has Talked With Testatrix Twice Since Her Death.

The will of Elizabeth C. Price, of Upper Providence, is being contested by Hannah U. Conway, S. Emma Snyder and George H. Peters, two sisters and a nephew, who had been cut off with nothing, through undue influence, they allege, the estate being left to the decedent's brother, Edwin Price, and his wife during life and at their death to their children.

Edwin Price, sole beneficiary under the will, who is a Spiritualist, testified that the testatrix was happy over the disposition of her \$6,000 estate. He said he had been in communication with her twice since her death.-Philadelphia Ledger.

FORETOLD HER OWN DEATH.

Mrs. Gibney Said She Was About to Play Camille the Last Time.

Jefferson City, Mo .-. "Somehow, I feel that this is the last time I shall These were the words uttered before going on the play Camille," stage on the evening of Feb. 10, by Mrs. Morgan Gibney, known to the public as Nellie Gibney, leading woman in the Hoeffler stock company, who died here this morning at 1 o'clock of heart disease. Death came within an hour after she had concluded the play: It was said by the other members of the company to be the best interpretation of the character she had ever given. Her illness lasted less than an hour. The words which seemed to be prophetic of her fate were spoken in a conversation with Mr. McKee, who has played in the same company with her the last five years.

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THIS GENERAL SURVEY DEPART-MENT IS ONLY ' INTENDED TO CHRONICLE THE ENGAGEMENTS AND WORK OF SPEAKERS AND ME-DIUMS. A REPORT OF WHAT THE VARIOUS SPEAKERS SAY WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED, AS WE HAVE NOT SPACE SUFFICIENT FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Mrs. J. L. Powers writes from Joplin Mo.: "M. Theresa Allen of Springfield, Mo., occupied the rostrum of The People's Spiritual Temple, Sunday and Wednesday evenings, February 19 and 20, also addressed the children of the Lyceum Sunday afternoon. Wednesday afternoon she addressed the Psychic Club at Mrs. Stiles'. Mrs Allen has devoted most of her life to the work, and there are few such workers in the Spiritualistic field. Her guide handled the various subjects given by the audience, in an intelligent, concise and eloquent manner. Her tests in every case were true. Mrs. Allen is a le woman, endearing nerself to both child and sire. During her stay with us she has implanted within each and every heart a feeling of affection that will kindle and glow at even the thoughts of her. May the time not be long when she will be with us again."

There has sprung up in Russia a new aristocracy-that of the intellect. It looks down upon the old distinctions of caste as unworthy the belief of an intelligent human being. It ventures to ridicule those pompous ones who strut about with millinery better given over to women, and fancy themselves somebody just because their fathers similarly strutted. And of all things fatal to

nomnosity, ridicule is the thing

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Mrs. N. E. Bean writes: "Harry J. Moore lectured to a large and apprecia-live audience of DesMoines, lowa, thinkers Sunday night, February 26. Ilis time was limited, and during the short hour which he spoke he held his audience spellbound. He devoted fifteen minutes to answering questions on the philosophy and phenomena of Spirtualism, which had been handed him, and then branching off on ancient and them no means of escape except by

admitting the truths of his argument. Would that the cause of Spiritualism had more advocates such as Mr. Moore. This is the fourth time in two years that Mr. Moore has addressed Des-Moines audiences, and at each coming

he is more appreciated and his audiences larger.' The veteran Spiritualist, C. H. Horine, thinks that those who go to get in-dependent slate-writing and who se-curely tie the slates together, and then hold a string tied thereto to prevent them leaving the table, are destroying conditions. He says: "They are so skeptical that they distrust their eye-sight, but must make sure by holding on by a string. What kind of harmonious vibrations were furnished whereby it could become possible for spirit riends to write? What must have been the state of feelings of the mediums to have professed Spiritualists treat them with such distrust? If the vell could have been lifted and the guides of the Bangs Sisters been seen and heard, I think a discourse by them would have been in order on the subject of 'How spirits should be treated by Spiritual-

sts,' and that harmonious vibrations, kindly sentiment, confidence, spiritual thoughts, yes, even the conditions that were made by Dr. Peebles in Palestine when he had that wonderful seance as elated in his book 'Immortality.' Not until proper conditions are given can results be produced for any thing." J. A. Toren writes: "The Society of

the Psychic Forces, 561-363 East Forty-third street, corner of Champlain aveue, have secured the services of Dr. J. O. M. Hewitt as permanent lecturer. The subject for Sunday, March 12, will be 'Demons; What Are They?' March 19, 'Man's Moral Progress;' March 26, Origin of the Christian Dogmas.' We would say to all who wish to learn more of the philosophy of Spiritualism that they will do well to attend our meetings regularly. Not only have we one of the best lecturers in Chicago, but no idle boast is indulged in when we as-sert that Mrs. Isa Cleveland's work is so thorough and painstaking that no cause of complaint is justifiable. Strangers and skeptics have a standing invitation to attend our meetings. Our forts are gladly given to present none but the best evidence coming from the spirit world to all who seek the higher truths. Our society will give an entertainment and musicale on Thursday ev-ening, March 30, at our hall, the above nentioned number. Dr. Geo. B. Warne,

Dr. J. O. M. Hewitt and Dr. J. H. Randall will be the speakers of the evening. Miss Goldie McCoy, Miss Lucy Aulbach, Fred Hooper, Arthur Hooper, Harry Martin, and others will sing and play. H. F. Arnold and Harry Martin will present interesting readings. Geo. V. Cordingley, Mrs. Grace Aitken, Mrs. Elmo, and Mrs. Isa Cleveland will present the messages, etc. See printed program for further information."

When writing for this paper use a pen or typewriter. We go to press early Monday morning, hence communications intended for that current issue should reach this office not later than the previous Satur-day morning. Bear this in mind. gelic world, which had made an evening of delight and encouragement for all present. Mrs. Nora E. Hill writes: "On Satur day evening, Feb. 18, about sixty of the friends of that veteran worker in the cause of Spiritualism, James E. Coe gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hill, 705 W. Madison street, to tender to him their congratulation on this his seventy-second birthday.

evening's entertainment was opened with an invocation by Mrs. Nora E. Hill, followed by an address of welcome by James E. Coe. Then that tried and true worker, J. O. M. Hewitt, en-tertained all with one of his pleasant talks, and Dr. J. H. Randall gave soulinspiring thoughts. The Stinson sisters gave beautiful renditions of string music. Miss Parks Stinson presided at the organ. Mrs. Alice Sexsmith, with modern Spiritualism, he drove our or thodox friends into a corner, allowing James E. Coe sang "The Old Musician and His Harp.' Miss Effie McGrath

gave a recitation, beautifully rendered, and Mrs. Nora E. Hill the song entitled 'My Father's Growing Old." She then went to the kitchen to prepare a repast that was to follow. After her came Mrs. Virginia Bryan Lyon with an improvised poem to Brother Coe on his seventy second anniversary, which was well received. The last on the program was an inspirational poem written (and by request read) on the passing out of Miss Bertha Alice Gifford, by Mrs. Harriet E. Lohman. Some beautiful tributes of flowers were received from those who could not be present; among them a fine bouquet from the Students of Nature Society, Mrs. Schumacher, pastor; Mr. and Mrs. George Green and others; also letters of regret from many more who could not attend. Then followed the repast of coffee, cake and sandwiches concluding with the wishes for many more returns of

the birth anniversary, and the good night to the veteran brother." Rena D. Chapman writes from Marcellus, Mich,: cellus, Mich.: "The Michigan State Spiritual Association held its twelfth annual mid-winter meeting at Sturgis Mich., Feb. 10, 11 and 12. Although a few of the speakers could not attend on account of sickness, others were unable to go because of blocked railroads, etc., many earnest, thinking friends from all parts of the state were in attendance. As the president of the association has left this country with its cold weather, for a warmer clime-Cuba-our vicepresident presided over the convention. The address of welcome was given by the Mayor of that city. The speakers present were Mrs. Amanda Coffman, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Jennie Duffus, Detroit; Dr. Julia M. Walton, Jackson; H L. Chapman, Marcellus and Dr. Geo. B Warne, Chicago. During the meeting

the Goff Will case was freely discussed; a small amount was raised to carry on the trial, but the association is still in need of at least \$200 tofight for the will as should be done. Should there be any friends in Michigan or elsewhere who desire to have the rights of a true, noble-nearted fellow worker sustained, let them send at once donations to the state secretary, to help the Spiritualists carry out the wishes of the late John F. Goff. Rena D. Chapman, secretary." Mrs. H. W. Hildreth writes from

Worcester, Mass.: "How thankful we are for such a grand paper as is yours. were waiting to greet them-those not seen by mortal eyes. Mr. F. L. Hildreth, who passed on three years ago, often in the last two weeks of his life,

TOPIC FOR THE PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM. Sunday, March 12, 1905., S. E. 57: "Rest."

Gem of Thought:-Rest is not quitting the busy career, Rest is the fitting of self to its sphere;

Tis loving and serving the highest and best, Tis onward, unswerving, and that is

true Rest. 1 5 John, Sullivan Dwight. For information concerning The Progressive Lyceum, _authorized lessor sheet of the National Spiritualists Asso-ciation, address John W. Ring, Spiritualist Temple, Galveston, Texas,

James N. Newton, of Toledo, Ohio, speaks highly of the English lecturer and message bearer. Mrs. Jenkins of Windsor. He also alludes to the physical manifestations, through J. B. John-sonson-the use of the trumpet, bringing of flowers, etc., all satisfactory. The celebrated medium, Mrs. Murtha, fills an engagement at Toledo during the month of March.

Mrs. Maggie Henry writes: "At the Universal Occult Society on Feb. 26, we had a very interesting meeting. In the evening our hall was full. Services opened by singing by the quartette, song entitled "The Handwriting on the best wish." Wall.' Invocation by Evangelist F. M. Stoller. He read for the scripture lesson the fifth chapter of Daniel. We had messages from a visiting medium, Miss Hall, 378 S. Western avenue. Lucy Hodge (we were favored by fine talent in a musical line) followed by messages by Mrs, Lucile De Loux. We also had a few well chosen remarks from Mrs, Stewart, a prominent W. C. T. U. worker. On the 19th of-March Dr. J. H. Randall will speak for us."

Mrs. Geo. Bailey writes: "Mrs. E. H. Messersmith is conducting independent meetings at Odd Fellows' Temple, Clinton avenue North, Sunday evenings at 7:30. The audiences are large and appreciative; subjects taken from the audience; and handled in a masterly manner. After the discourse messages from the invisible hosts are given to the physical. Mrs. Kusserow, the listeners which are exceedingly accurate and fully appreciated. She and her helpers are untiring in their efforts for good.

The Rock Creek (Ohio) Signal speaks as follows of Mrs. Schauss, of Toledo: 'After the singing of a verse of a well invited to attend." known hymn she asked her hearers to suggest a topic for discussion. "What Are the Evidences on Which to Base an Intelligent Belief in Spiritualism, and Where Is Heaven?" Her argument was that Spiritualism is not based on belief, but on positive knowledge. Spirits have borne witness many times of the immortality of man, the fact of eternity. It was because of the unsatisfying nature of faith and belief that people were turning to what she called the realities of her belief. Heaven is a condition and not a place. It is within the month of March, as follows: 1429 you. Mrs. Schauss is a fine speaker, Market street, San Francisco, Cal. using a vocabulary of wide scope and a delivery both expressive and pleasing.

Julia M. Walton; one of Michigan's leading * Spiritualists, writes: "The workers in our cause dearly love to inspect the columns of the survey of the Spiritualistic field, so I wish to add an tem concerning the Church of the Soul of Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Laura L. Crawford is presiding, and acting as pastor also. It is safe to say that no more earnest, unselfish and faithful worker has it fallen my lot as a missionary, to find in the field. Earnestly seconding an ap-

and capable workers will be ample compeal made by me at the Mid-Winter pensation for any trouble taken to be Mass-meeting held at Sturgis, Mich., in present. 'Come and go with us, for the want to give the testimony of some carry up the Goff Will case. Mrs. Craw-who, when passing through the change ford advertised me and my with the Goff Will case. Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel." Elizabeth E. McCarthy of Denver, Colo., is filling a four weeks' engage-ment with the Winfield (Kansas) Ocpared a very nice program in which good music was not the least desirable cult Spiritual Society. Her first feature of the arrangements. I hope ture last Wednesday evening, March 1 that the mediums' names, whom I have to a well filled hall and appreciative aulost recollection and memoranda of, and dience. While there she will teach a class in esoteric science. She will be told me whom he saw. In his last hours the pianist and excellent singer who so he saw his mother, children and com- ably rendered her services will forgive pleased to receive calls for engagement rades. A young man, near neighbor me for the omission of their names in at camps or societies, as speaker and test medium. Address Elizabeth E. Mcand a Catholic, passing on a few months this article, for they should all be men-later than Mr. Hildreth, exclaimed to tioned by name, as their work was most acceptable, and worthy of the cause they represent. Mrs. Crawford gave a ing his last: 'Here is Grandpa, and also very beautiful rendition of one of Mrs Mr. Hildreth!' Truly, our loved ones and those who love us, will greet us Juliet Severance's poems, and good earthly tests, besides assisting in the musical things and cross to the bright beyond. program. Truly the Church of the I was glad to read your noble words on Soul has a most versatile and faithful the hanging of men and women, and pastor and president, as well as an able corps of assistants, Mrs. Record, and the Rev. Jennie Duffus gave good tests. also on the renewal of the whippingpost, both relics of by gone barbarism. The letters from Mrs. Petersilea are The hall was crowded to its utmost ca grand, and help us to realize something pacity. The collection for the benefit of the life that awaits all. I wish Abby of the State Society in sustaining its ludson would write what she thinks of rights was generous and given with a hearty good will." Prophecy of disastrous fires is the atest talent to be discovered in William J. Bryan, ex-presidential candidate and apostie of free silver. Mr. Bryan was visiting Congressman Ikirt, at East Liverpool, Ohio, and before leaving Fuesday morning told his entertainer that during the night he had had vis ions of a great conflagration in which his hosts would be heavy losers. The night of his departure the town was swept by a \$500,000 fire, in which Con-

Mrs. M. Elizabeth Blauker would like engagements to lecture before spiritual societies. She has many appreciative Notes of Events at the Southern Cassariends where she has been laboring Address her at Eikhart, Ind., Box 369. Dell McCaughey writes: "We have Each week brings new attractions and new arrivals. Carrie Firth Curran, the pleasure of announcing seven successful meetings held in Osceola, Iowa, during the past two weeks, by Harry of Toledo, Ohio., president of the O. S J. Moore and Mrs. Eva Mc-Coy. They organized a society of which N. Mc

A., accompanied by her . husband, reached camp last week. Mr. Morrison, the poet of lihaca, N. Y., is again Grew was elected president; G. M. Paul, vice-president; E. G. Paul, treasurer; with us, while many strangers whom I do not know as yet, have come on the Dell McCaughey, secretary; R. Evans, A. Lewis and Mary Neil, trustees. We grounds. Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 17, a lecture anticipate success in the future."

on the unique subject, "Calf Paths and Dead Seas," was given by Ella Wilson M. C. Matthews writes from Pittsburg, Pa.: "Prof. W. M. Lockwood has just closed one of the most prosperous a close student and Marchant. She is deep thinker, and her address covered months in his services for this society broad field. Mrs. Marchant has given The First Church of Spiritualists). a number of good lectures during her His lectures were grandly interesting and instructive to the large audiences stay at Lake Helen. The lecture followed by messages from F. Corden that greeted him at each service. The White. Professor's private class was well pat-Wednesday afternoon a benefit seonized, and the closest attention paid

ance for the camp association was given by Mrs. Bartholomew, assisted by to his exposition of the truth, especially when the X-rays, Crookes' vacuum Carrie E. S. Twing. A goodly number of excellent tests and comforting mestubes and other instruments were used to demonstrate the truths of Spiritualsages were given by both mediums. ism of nature His services being only

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Thursday afternoon the life history for one month we were very sorry to of Andrew Jackson Davis was given in part with him, particularly the mema graphic manner by W. F. Peck. To pers of his class, but we hope to have those not familiar with the work of this his services for two months of the seagreat seer, it was a revelation of wonson of 1905 and 1906. Professor Locklerful psychic power, and close attenwood goes from here to Conneaut, Ohio. tion was shown during the entire lec-May he meet with good success is our ture. At its close some excellent tests

were given by F. Corden White. Mrs. G. W. Green writes: "The So-The conferences held Friday afterclety of Spiritual Unity meets every Sunday at 3 and 8 p. m., at Star Lodge noons are interesting and well attended.

Friday evening we attended a campmasque ball, Feb. 25, was a brilliant fire given by the old soldiers who are on the grounds. Judge Chamness was success, our large dance hall being filled to its utmost capacity. At an early nour we had to stop the sale of presiding officer for the occasion, and called out a good many war reminislickets owing to the crowded condition cences from different ones. The story of of our hall. Every one enjoyed them the evening, however, was given in a selves. Our fifty prizes were awarded thrilling way by Dr. Hillingoss—a story of pathos, full of gratitude to one who had succored him in time of need when justly giving satisfaction and pleasure to all recipients. We thank our many friends for their patronage and help in in the army, and with a pleasing romaking our affair a success. Sunday, mance as its sequel. In after years he Feb. 26, Dr. White addressed our audi accidentally met this man, and becom-ing acquainted with his sister, made ence both afternoon and evening. His lectures are always interesting because of their relation of the spiritual with her his wife. Then when the brotherin-law passed away, the good doctor as Mrs. sumed the care of the fatherless chil-Schumacher. Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. dren, thus repaying with interest the Sexsmith gave spirit messages. Mrs. kindness shown him in former years. Miller and Mr. Joseph were visiting me Verily, "Truth is stranger than ficdiums. Our test circle in the afternoon

tion. has become the special feature of our meetings. Spiritualist and skeptic are The jolliest event of the season was the poverty ball, Saturday evening, Feb. Rags, patches in conspicuous E. W. Sprague and wife, the N. S. A places, beggars and cripples who looked missionaries are now working in Calias if they had passed through an exfornia. They will start eastward about plosion, were some of the pleasant sights on exhibition Prizes were April 1, and will be pleased to hear from societies and individuals between warded to a nondescript sorrowful-San Francisco, Cal., and Jamestown, N. looking object (Dr. Wilkins), and to a poor irish woman (Mrs. Bartholomew) Y., who may wish to secure their services. They have engagements at the who, with her two-weeks-old (rag) baby following camp-meetings for the coming was a caricature not often seen season: Chesterfield, Ind.; Vicksburg, learned later that 'Little Patsy" died Michigan, and Snowflake, Mich. They hat night, but his bereaved mother had not heard from him through the desire to make other engagements for camp-meeting work. Address them for trumpet.

Sunday morning, Feb. 26, a strong, helpful lecture was given by Carrie E. S. Twing. Subject "Evolution of R. F. Little writes from Seattle,

Wash.: "There are many Spiritualists in the state of Washington whom I can-Prayer." Sunday afternoon an address of not meet personally or even by letter. matchless eloquence was given through the organism of J. Clegg Wright while entranced by an Euglish spirit of the To all such through the courtesy of The Progressive Thinker, I wish to say that grandeur there will be a mass-meeting of Spiritcentury. The of 17th ualists in the city of Seattle, on March thought expressed will long be remem-17, 18 and 19; and that the occasion is to be graced with the presence of Moses pered by those who were present. The lecture was followed by some remarkand Mattie Hull. We expect a season able tests from F. Corden White.

of more than ordinary interest; and the great pleasure of meeting these veteran Sunday evening a farewell reception was hold for Mr. Wright, he being called North by the illness of a relative. Giowing tributes teeming with love and enderness were paid the gifted teacher by Messrs. Hilligoss, Budington, Peck and Bond, and Mesdames Twing, Huff,

Fixen, Pratt and Palmer, all expressing regret at his departure. At the request of Dr. Hilligoss, Mr. Wright allowed the control, John Shaw, to talk with us a short time, and his words of wisdom were appreciated as they ever are. Then, with a heartfelt handclasp we bade Mr. Wright farewell. IRENE GAY.

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beloved spiritual philosophy. Simple and temperate in her mode of living, having no use for drugs or doctors, there were no bands in her transition. She passed away like one who wraps her mantle about her and lies down to pleasant dreams. Mrs. Brown was born in Fort Ann, N. Y., Aug. 16, 1824. Married in Brooklyn, Mich., March 3, 1846. Out of seven children, five are left to mourn her loss. In the localit, where she passed away there were no Spiritualist speakers available, and not lesiring an orthodox minister, the services were simply musical, and according to her request her remains were taken to St. Louis, Mo., and cremated. MRS. C. H. HINKLY.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hanson passed to the higher life at her home in St. Paul, Minn., aged 74 years and 11 months She was a Spiritualist for many years. Her spirit appeared to one or more of her relations within forty-eight hours after transition. Her body was brought to Oskaloosa, Iowa, to the .onashome of her brother, Mr. Adlon, from White. whose residence the funeral services were conducted by .ce 25c.

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D. G. Hill writes: "The Golden Rule Spiritual Society will have for speaker Sunday evening, March 12, that wellknown public worker, Mrs. Nora E. Hill, with the following as messagebearers: Mrs. V. B. Lyon, Mrs. Alice Sexsmith, and others. Good music and singing always assured. The names given are a promise that the truth of Spiritualism will be presented as received from the spirit side without any addition from the mortal. All are invited, and welcome to Haymarket Theatre building, 161 W. Madison St. Take elevator to hall."

Columbus Wells writes: "There are shall return after many days." After, a many Spiritualists as well as church 15-minute talk upon the subject, the aumembers who think that God and nature are separate entities; others think dience was invited to add to the remarks uttered, same being taken up that God and Nature are one. I think with a vim, showing the effect of a spirthey are both wrong. The difference itual talk. Dr. Sims added his mite in between the two is that Nature is a a spiritual manner as well as did Mrs. demonstrated fact, and there is nothing Trafton, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Weav in it but what can be proven, whereer and others, the meeting closing with as the being called God is a theory o a spiritual wave of harmony permeata belief only. Nature is a fact and the other does not exist. Nature is Inflnite, therefore Nature is the supreme cause of all things."

Governor Hoch, of Kansas, has recommended woman suffrage in his message to the new Legislature. He says: "In 1899 Theodore Roosevelt, then Governor of New York, said in his mes-sage: 'I call the attention of the legislature to the desirability of gradually extending the sphere in which the suffrage can be exercised by women,' and I am glad to follow such an illustrious recognized. A number of skeptics were dumfounded by the wonderful example in a simila: suggestion to you Municipal suffrage has worked no ill to womanhood or the State, and seems manifestations given at each of our to be satisfactory to the people." Municipal suffrage was granted to the women of Kansas in 1887. In 1901, a ings held every Sunday at 3 and 8 p. m., motion made in the Legislature to reat People's Institute, Van Buren and peal it was voted down almost unant mously, and "amid a ripple of amusenual mask ball will be held on Wednes-The first governor to recom ment.' mend woman suffrage in his message to a State Legislature was ex-Governon Claffin of Massachusetts, who has just died. He did it in 1871, when it was Milwaukee avenue, which was overflowlooked upon as a great innovation. Now ing with Spiritualists, skeptics and in-vestigators were treated to a rare gift some governor does it almost every year.

E. R. Fielding writes from Washing magnetizing of a healing gown by Dr. P M. Esser, the well-known spiritual healton, D. C.: Mrs. M. T. Longley is the speaker for the First Association. She took for her theme, "The True and the False in Mediumship.' This address under the guidance of John Plerpont, was one of the best of the season's lee tures. Mr. P. L. O. A. Keeler and Mr. A. Terry gave messages after each lecture; also Mrs. E. R. Williams. Mr. Payson Longley's songs are sung at each of the meetings."

G. S. Klock, an energetic worker, his mother a few hours before breathwrites: "I have been holding public meetings in Red Ribbon Hall, Lincoln, Neb., every Sunday night in this year, and have had a very successful spiritwhen we close our eyes on ual interest, with crowded hall. I have een lecturing on the Philosophy of Spiritualism, and referring to The Progressive Thinker, in reference to a great many points; which gives the speaker a great leverage upon the audience, by reading portions of articles that are written by some superior hinker.'

meetings. We always have a number

Leavitt streets. - Our second grand an-

day evening, March 15, at which time

Win. Hassmann writes: "The North

prizes will be awarded."

A social entertainment will be given cremation, now that she can see clearly, at the home of Mrs. Isa Cleveland, 4308 Langley avenue, Thursday evenand as her earthly body passed through he process, I would like to ask her if it March 16. Good mediums will be pres affected her as a spiritual being, and if here is any help a spirit can gain from ent to entertain. Refreshments will be the earthly remains?" served and a general good time is in store for all who come. Admission, 25 R. N. W. writes from Avery, Ohio: "I cents. All are invited.

cannot send this away without saying that in my opinion, the Open Court will Mrs. C. Kirchner writes: "The Rising open more eyes to the reality of obses-Sun Spiritualist Mission is proud of the sion than anything that has ever been fact that the attendance at our meet ings, of an enlightened class of people written heretofore.' particularly strangers, is increasing. Mrs G. T. Newman writes from Albu-On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26, we had a medaue, N. M .: "I would be very happy conference, which, in every sense of the if some of the good speakers would word, was one of spiritual unfoldment ome here. This place would be a good Our president gave out the subject one for the right kind." Cast thy bread upon the waters and it

Mrs. O. W. F.-writes: "I am much pleased with The Progressive Thinker. seems like a dear old friend coming in every week to cheer me up in my lonely hours."

F. A. Nugent writes from Beaver Falls, Pa., that Charles Theo Schneider, inspirational speaker and test medium. s holding services there, and his work is fully appreciated.

M. W. ARNETT WRITES FROM ing through each one present. At the ALEXANDRIA, IND .: "I SEND YOU A evening service we had a rare treat. Our lecturer being none other than the LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS FOR YOUR president of the Douglas Park Ladies' INVALUABLE PAPER. I WISH IT MIGHT BE MANY TIMES LARGER. I Club, Mrs. Nora Petrie, who electrified her audience by her well-chosen re-THINK THE OPEN COURT HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP TO ALL marks. Her subject was 'Joan of Arc. THINKERS ALONG THE PERPLEX-ING LINES OF OBSESSION AND Upon request of the president, she gladconsented to speak for the Mission CONTROL. I HAVE BEEN INTER-ESTED IN 'COMPENSATION' AND at another early date. Spirit message were given to a great number of the audience by Dr. C. Burgess, Mrs. C. THE LETTERS THROUGH MRS. Kirchner and Mrs. N. Trafton, all being PETERSILEA."

THIRTY NINE MAR 4 Miss E. R. Fielding writes from Washington, D. C.: "The auxiliary of the First Association met at Mr. F. A. Woods' to extend to him a birthday of true and tried mediums, who wel-come all strangers and visitors. Meet-

greeting. After singing by Mr., and Mrs. Longley and Mrs. Ely, and assembling in the dining-room, Mr. Woods Ras presented with a beautiful China tea and dinner set. - Mrs. Longley made a fine presentation address and Mr. Woods feelingly responded. This is inauguration week, and the Masonic Tem-Star Spiritual Union, at its hall, 1546' ale is crowded to its utmost to listen to Mrs. M. T. Longley. Mr. P. L. O. A. Keeler is the test medium. Several of Mrs. Longley's lectures are to be pub-

ast Sunday evening, by witnessing the lished. Mrs. S. J. McLaughlon of Massillon Ohio, expresses her high appreciation of the premium book and The Progress er and teacher of occultism. Brother Esser, through inspiration, took up the ive Thinker.

subject, 'The War,' which was masterly handled. Mrs. Johanna Roennan after Miss A. F. Reed writes from Louis-ville, Ky.: "Last Sunday's meeting the lecture gave soothing messages to held in Barbers' Aid Hall, at which those who were hungry for communi-Wm. Fitch Ruffle officiated, was a suc cations from their dear departed ones, and thanks were showered upon the cessful one and largely attended. He is highly appreciated, by the public as young society for the comfort, encouraging words and messages from the an- is his assistant in mental telepathy."

gressman Ikirt lost many thousand dolars.

Mrs. Hamilton Gill, 522 W. Monroe street, will hold a special circle for la-dies on Tuesday afternoon of each week at 2:30 o'clock. On Sunday and Thursday evenings she will hold circles for the general public.

"The College of Divine Sciences and Realization," Boston, Mass., presided over by J. C. F. Grumbine, the author and lecturer, has now an an enrollment of eighty-five-an increase of fifteen during the month of February. Its work is on the boom and this attests the excellence of the system Mr. Grumbine teaches:

Will C. Mann writes from Louisville, Ky.: "Rev. Frank'T. Ripley has been with us through the month of February, and will still remain for March and April. He is delivering interesting lectures in the Odd Fellows' Temple to large audiences? After each lecture he gives a large"fiumber of interesting tests which were acknowledged as correct. His answering of questions written and placed upon the rostrum are fine. He is being entertained quite

royally among the people of our city." Eugenia Roubie wgites from Water-town, N. Y.: "We have parted with Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley after her third month in our city. The fact of her sec-ond engagement with our society this eason shows how much we needed her, also how well we came to know her, and we bade her farewell as with one of our family. Our regret in having her leave us was modified through knowing that her call to other fields heralded the advent of further successes. Her work here has been of the masses, giving to each one that which he most needed, and resulting as: it has in so much good, our people stand as one in being her teachings and associabetter for tion. Mr. George Brooks returns to us for this month, which means that the

ood work will continue."

Mrs. Rosa M: Conger wishes to announce to her friends that her business. will be attended to tempor it by the Educator Pub. Oo, 945 S. Trumbull avenue, and all communications should horddressed there.

Lottie Leavitt writes from Clinton, Iowa: "The meetings of the Philosophiccal Society of Spiritualists held in K. of P. Hall, are well attended every Sunday evening and much interest and appreciation is shown in the work of Mrs. Alice C. Barry of Philadelphia, who has been our regular speaker and medium for the past 15 months. She has done excellent and most satisfactory work for our society. The messages are usually acknowledged as correct. She is a great credit to the

cause by her work and life. At our last regular meeting the following officers were elected: Mrs. Alice C. Barry, president; Mr. A. A. Buffum, vice-president; Mrs. Ida Starr, secretary and treasurer The Band of Harmony, auxiliary to this society, gave a pleasant mask party, Thursday evening, Feb. 24, which was well attended."

A VOICE THAT THRILLED.

The sun has glanced across the western sky; Tranquil waters in their brightest

beauty lay; Birds in joyous song were soaring high To greet the glorious god of day.

The morn was filled with breath of flowers;

Amorous breezes crept through violet

comforted by the knowledge that the To nestle on the smiles of tender hours, dear one still lives. The writer offici There bliss divine forever reigns. ated at the funeral.

Hark! the faintest sound of mission bells

Drifting through the silence silvery, like distant murmurings of happy rills That flow through fragrant aisles of crowning her life. A noble soul of ecstasy.

When o'er the changing sands of years, A voice that all my being thrilled Fell on my heart, like infants' tears, Its rapture fondest memories filled.

t breathed of fragrant isles! enchanted leal

Where sweetest roses ever bloom; Echoing music of the jasper sea, Glowing landscapes, a celestial home.

Oft at starry evening's hallowed shrine,

Monday morning, Feb. 27, 1905, Na than Fisk of Wonewoc, Wis., quietly That voice comes to me soft and low. close my eyes, I fold in joy, my hands, passed from earth life to the spirit When my soul flies back to long ago. realm without a struggle, for to him

Wait! my own beloved, for me wait! Thou wilt know the day, the hour, Stand closely by the pearly gate

To bless me with love's sacred power. Rose L. Bushnell DonnElly.

San' Francisco, Cal.

bid farewell to his triends on earth to take up his residence among the happy "Principles of Light and Color," By E. D. Babbitt, M. D., LL. D. A truly throng on the other shore. When at last the angel summoned him he quickgreat work of a master mind, and one ly responded, firm in the belief that whom Spiritualists should delight to honor. The result of years of deep thought and patient research into Nasphere. The funeral was held March 2, at the Spiritualist hall, Mrs. Edna Fordture's finer forces are here gathered and made amenable to the well-being of Pierce conducting the services. humanity. Medical men especially, and

cientists, general readers and students Passed to the higher life from her daughter's home in Hillsboro, 111., in of occult forces will find instruction of great value and interest. A large, fourher 71st year, Mrs. Hetty M. Brown. ound book, strongly bound, and con-She was the widow of L. B. Brown, who. taining beautiful illustrative plates, was well known among the early work-For sale at this office. Price, postpaid. ors in the ranks of Spiritualists in \$5. It is a wonderful work and you will Michigan. She was for years active as

by delighted with it.

[Obituaries to the extent of ten lines only will be inserted free. All in excess of ten lines will be charged at the rate of fifteen cents per line. About seven

words constitute one line.] and then send for them. They will delight you. They will constitute a per-Mrs. G. H. Elliott of Edgewood, Iowa, ennial fountain of knowledge for you surrounded by relatives and friends, passed to the higher life, Jan. 25, 1905. and your family,-an achievemen! only accomplished by the Progressive She was nearing her 70th year. She Thinker-a miracle in modern business left a pleasant home and an aged and loving companion. For a few years enterprise! past she lived in the inspiring light of

the spiritual philosophy. She ready to change her diseased earthly form for one more fitting her spiritual G. H. E. home.

Passed to the higher life, from his home in Litchfield, Ill., Mr. Harry Crossfield, late of Muncle, Ind. Services at his home, after which the remains were brought to Muncie for interment. Services were conducted at the cemetery by the writer. EMMA M. NUTT-MOORE.

about 75 years. He was a man of

and reserved in his demeanor and high-

ly respected for his upright life. He

of Spiritualism. A wife survives him,

February 11, Mr. Milch of Little Val-

years. He was true in all life's rela-

service on each of the several occa-

there was no fear, only the blessed as-

surance of everlasting life. For several months past Mr. Fisk has been confined

approaching the time when he should

ome day he would be reunited with his

loved ones in another and

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CLARA WATSON.

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interesting science has yet received. All of the discoveries, investigations and researches of centuries are summed up in this practical, fascinating treatise Nathaniel Warner of South Dayton, N. Y., departed this life Jan. 26, aged

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on Palmistry. There is no trait, no characteristic, no inherited tendency, that is not marked on the palm of the hand and can be traced with unerring accuracy by following the principles enforced by presented in this. Price, paper, 25 was long an adherent to the teachings cents; cloth. \$1.

WISDOM OF THE AGES.

February 3, Mrs. Polly Chase of Jamestown, N. Y., took her flight from Revelations from Zertoulem, the Prophet of Tlaskanata. the mortal habitation with 86 years

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ley, N. Y., passed from earth, aged 51 This work was automatically tran-scribed by George A. Fuller, M. D., s gentleman who stands high as a lec-surer and medium. It is a mine of val-February 16, Mrs. Tryphena Pardee of Ellington, N. Y., left ner wearied body after 93 years of earthly sojourn, nable reflections and suggestions. The paragraphs are short, suggestions. The inspiring, Every one of them leads the comething higher, grander, nobler. Price \$1.00. beloved by all who knew her. Mrs. Clara Watson officiated at the funeral

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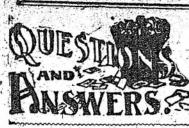
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NOTE-The Questions and Answers have called forth such a host of the ever, is not a common occurrence it is spondents, that to give all equal hear-ing compels the answers to be made in the exception. There are exceedingly rew mind-readers and they cannot read the mind readers and they cannot read clearness is perhaps sacrificed to this all minds. There must be unison be Grand the style becomes thereby as-that receives.

sective, which of all things is to be depreciated. Correspondents often weary with waiting for the appearance of their questions and write letters of in-graph. The last much be wireless tele-The supply of matter i .lways quiry. several weeks ahead of the space given, and hence there is unavoidable delay. One receiver was thus in unicon and all Every one has to wait his time and place, and all are treated with equal the only instrument which received a avor.

NOTICE .--- No attention will be given ever information I am able, the ordinear they will not at a distance. nary courtesy of correspondents is ex HUDSON TUTTLE. pected.

William Dubois: Q. What is the pressure of the wind, and why has it not been utilized as a motive power? or others are making, two essential things is this possible?

A. The Smithsonian Institute has di-yided wind velocity into ten grades, beginning with calm, two miles an hour with pressure of ten pounds; sixty sults.

miles is a strong gale with pressure of sviolent gale; ninety miles a hurricane one hundred miles a most violent hur determine.

The power of the wind is inconceivwind passing over the United States would be more than that of all the work as the force exerted by such a wind on such a surface, in round numbers 278,-000,000 pounds. If a hurricant gave a of one hundred pounds, 1t we consider that a wind current may he a hundred miles or more in breadth and extent a full mile in height, and cafoot of exposed surface, we are overawed by the inconceivable energy. The power caught by a windmill twenty feet in diameter would be sufficient to and light and warm the dwelling.

Why has not this tremendous and It will be observed in this game one ever present force been used? Mainly or the other will be most successful, It will be observed in this game one because of its unreliability. When the energy which has been found to be imtoward its source. a storage battery, which would accumulate from a motor run by the windmill,

the power of a light breeze could be re- periments should be continued patiently tained as well as of a gale, and used edge gained to make the reception be done on the largest scale, and the restless air harnessed to do the work of messages from a distance possible. the world. The cold wind of winter



hose totally ignorant of both subjects else they would not wittingly expose their stupidity. That one mind can be impressed by

another has been well known from aneient times. It has concreted into a proverb: "The devil is near when you are talking about him." Our thoughts go before us, and we find our friends

tween the mind that gives and the mind

first, else it will not be affected. There one receiver was thus in unison, and all

message cent. Observers of other inanonymous letters. Full name and ad-struments, finding them silent, might incline to the belief that no message struments, finding them silent, might was sent, or doubt the possibility of not be read. If the request be made, was sent, or doubt the possibility of the name will not be published. The transmission. Before such instruments correspondence of this department has are taken to distant stations, they are become excessively large, especially let. adjusted to the last refinement of the ters of inquiry requesting private an. possibilities of the inventor's skill. It wers, and while. I freely give what, is certain if they will not respond when

One mind is the transmitting instrument, another the receiving and their relations to each other are similar to those between the instruments of the wireless telegraph. In experiments such as this correspondent and many must be considered. (1) Are the minds of the experimenters in unison? (2) Which is the receiver, which transmit-

ter. If they are not in unison, of course on a square foot is two-hundredths of a pound; four miles is a gentle breeze, pressure 8 hundredths; twelve miles, a fresh wind, with a pressure of 75 hun-dredths; twenty-five miles, a strong wind, pressure three pounds; thirty-five wild pressure of a point the message the result will be as unsatisfactory. Thus it may be pos-sible to successful out the conditions un-view of the miles, a strong wind, pressure three pounds; thirty-five wild pressure of the miles, a strong wild pressure three pounds; thirty-five wild pressure of the miles of the second the message the result will be as unsatisfactory. Thus it may be pos-sible to successful the conditions un-view of the pressure of the second the message the result will be as unsatisfactory. Thus it may be pos-sible to successful the conditions un-view of the pressure of the second the message the result will be as unsatisfactory. Thus it may be pos-sible to successful the conditions un-ter our the pressure of the second the message the result will be to successful the pressure of the second the message the second the message the result will be as unsatisfactory. Thus it may be pos-sible to successful the conditions un-ter our the pressure of the second the message the second the second the message the second the message the second the message the second the message the second the second the second the second If they are not in unison, of course miles is a high wind, with pressure of wittingly being observed, but the six pounds; forty-five miles is a gale chances are ten to one against such re-

It is clear that the influence of one miles is a strong gale with pressure of eighteen pounds; seventy-five miles a when near than when at a distance, and while they are together they can cane. The maximum pressure of the ascertain these essential points, and be last three is difficult if not impossible to able to know if it is possible for them to communicate by thought messages.

This preparation is necessary for the able, and the force exerted by a fresh further pursuit of the subject. They wind passing over the United-States table, find how far they are able to read done by man, animals and machines. The energy rapidly increases with the of "odd or even," or "heads or tails," There are 27,878,400 feet in a with coins, has been suggested as a velocity. There are 27,878,400 feet in a method of determining. If one shakes square mile, and a ten pound pressure some pennies in his hand without knowing the number, or turns one down without knowing which side is up, the guesser has even chance, or one to one, The average of any large number of would be ten times this force. When guesses will leave the same number of coins in the hands of each player. But if the number is known to the one handling them, then mind reading may pable of exerting this pressure on every change this average, and will do so in proportion to the susceptibility of the players. I have seen the "guesses" come right eighty-five times in a hundred, and often for ten times before a do all the work of a hundred-acre farm, failure. The more this is practiced the more reliable it becomes

showing superior receptivity, and this power is wanted perhaps there will be a calm, or too light a wind. The want the one to whom the messages are sent has been for a means of storage of this by the other more positive acting as the sender. To reverse this, would be like practical by mechanical power. With forcing a stream to change its current Having determined this matter, ex-

until a well-established relationship is required. In the near future this will established, foundation laid, and knowl-



A Series of Letters From Spirit Carlyle Petersilea, Through the Mediumship of His Wife, Mrs. Amelia Petersilea.

the vines; there ware vorious kinds.

Letter Number Seven. Now all the windowszof this mansion The readers of The Progressive which were manyyhad the bright and Thinker may think that I like to have a shining look that your windows of earth have at sunset, when the setting sun finger in everybody's pie; and it may be that I do for I certainly like to become acquainted, with all those people who once interested me so much when I was strikes them; and there certainly were a dozen colors, here, there, and every-where, covered entirely by vines and in the mortal form. When in that form flowers somewhat like those over the I often longed to meet a great many that I never had the pleasure of meetveranda of the house! Now all around and about ran white, silvery-looking ing, owing to material distances and surroundings. Now, all is changed, and that which I once so much desired pathways, and every pathway had a wide border on each side of it, wherein were the most exquisitely beautiful is easy of accomplishment. The wishes flowers. O, surely, my eyes had never of an immortal being are always, at length, brought to pass. Nothing, now, beheld anything like it before. All stands between me and the great minds around the house rose stately palms, together with tall eucalyptus trees, and that lived and passed out of the mortal beautiful magnolias in full bloom. form while I was yet within my mortal Such gorgeous brightness and colorform, and all those whom I visit are ing almost took away my breath. Now there were a nundred, or more, very, very glad to meet me and exchange thoughts, ideas, and aspirations. did not count them, cabins; not squa-In this way we all grow and progress in spirit. I appropriate that which they lid like those of earth, but little gems of beauty, covered by trailing vines alhave end I lack, and they tell me that so, among which the morning-glory was they gain much from me also. All that conspicuous; and such morning-glories is lovely, beautiful, and admirable in i never looked upon before. They were another, I can add to my own soul with of all colors, and some of them so large out robbing-them, thereby becoming that a fairy might rest in every cup. more beautiful and loyely myself, and Not far away was a large grove of cy-press trees. I looked around for water, whatever gifts I possess they can take without robbing me in the from me and afar off, in the distance I saw a least. If all were alike, or possessed the same attributes and gifts, there body of water glimmering through the trees; yes, and here were spraying

could be no such exchange, and immortal existence would be robbed of its greatest charm. When I was in the mortal form, one of those whom I most desired to meer, but never enjoyed that pleasure, was the author of Uncle Tom's Cabin-Har riet Beecher Stowe. Here, that great wish of my heart has been granted. and I have visited the lady at her own home, and she has returned my visits;

in that cypress grove," continued Mrs. and on, the long and earnest conversa-Stowe. tions we have had together, and the beautiful serpents; and look toward plans we have talked over, planning to help and enlighten the mundane sphere There many monkeys make their homes. as well as the lower spiritual world. And now I want you to tell the people What a dear little, beautiful soul she

is! Talk of her little Eva! Why, she of earth, for me-or Mr. Petersilea has told me that you write to them-that is little Eva personified. The little Eva which she portrayed with such an arthey were not, some of them, so poististic pen, was her own child soul. She ondus. But here serpents are not at felt that she would like to give up her all poisonous. There is life, as she wrote that little Eva did, or thing as a poisonous servent in the spiras Jesus did, for a great principle-the principle of freedom-freedom for the black man-freedom from all bondage of whatever kind. Little Eva still lives kind. A spiritual being cannot hurt a within Mrs. Stowe, magnified a thouscrpent and a scrpent igannot hurt a sand fold, beautiful and magnified bc-Epirit.

yond all telling. I first saw Mrs. Stowe at the Petertilea-Tourgee Conservatory of Music and Art. She had gone thither to renew her former earthly acquaintance with Carlyle Petersilea, and to thank him for music that he had rendered for her when they were both in the mortal, also to hear the grand and exquisite music that can always be heard at this conservatory, just as it could have been heard on earth at a similar one. now carried up higher into the spiritual realms. I happened to be visiting the school at the same time, and Mr. Petersilea made us acquainted with cach other. Oh, how pleased I was to meet her and she soon made me undersland that the pleasure was mutual.

Mr. Petersilea's great, generous soul was delighted that we should thus and there meet. Our invitations to visit each other were mutual. "Why cannot you come directly home with me now?" asked Mrs. Stowe. "1 would like you to see what I am doing,

and know that you will be interested in the Negroes were embellished by rows my work." "I am sure to be, for Harriet Beecher

ticular."

rection.

conceive of its joys."

pecially the females."

purple, white and mixed.

regular little city," I said.

together. Now what do you think we were talking about? I think you would never be able to guess, so I will tell you: Dr. J. M. Peebles' book, "Obsession, or Demonism of the Ages," and the differences of opinious concerning it.

Now, we here in the spirit realm talk about that which is transpiring on earth just as you of earth talk of the Russian-Japanese war and other things that interest you, just as you talk of the spirits, spiritual phenomena, spirit control, automatic writing, etc. "What do you think of Dr. Peebles' book?" asked Professor Stowe, address-

ing me, "I am inclined to think," I answered, "that he has put the matter in rather a strong light. Do you know or believe that people can be thus obsessed ?"

"There may be a few extreme cases," he replied. "A very wicked spirit might control a very weak-minded spirit in the mortal body, for a short time, but it could not be very lasting in the nature of things. There are too many bright and powerful angels here to allow such a state of affairs to continue. The bright and good angels within this realm are more powerful than the bad; besides, a bad spirit has no incentive to obsess a mortal for any great length of time.

"This life holds too many attractions. No human being desires to be unhappy, and when once he or she finds that the greatest possible amount of happiness can be obtained here, what incentive is there for one to hold oneself down to that which brings nothing but nisery?

"There are those who say, that a nurderer still desires to commit murder from a feeling of revenge for hav-ing had his own life taken by a government. This may be his feeling for a very short time, but he cannot necessa rily feel thus very long, for he at once finds that life itself cannot be taken: and if he causes a murder, he at once finds that he has not killed, and his supfountains everywhere: and it was those posed victim now stands directly before spraying fountains, that appeared to him. He at once realizes that his vickeep everything fresh and green. "Our water is conducted hither tim can now go on into greater and more intense happiness than before; through large pipes," said Mrs. Stowe, or, if so disposed, can turn' at once and for earthly scenes and customs have revenge .himself with ten-fold more their counterparts here in ; this life, power than when in the mortal body."

otherwise the southern people would "There are those who say," I renot feel that it was like home, and marked,; "that drunkards love to obwould not be as happy as they are now. sess mortals so that through them they may gratify their tuste for alcoholic "glide the most brilliant and

"I do not think that is often the those distant palms and date trees. case," replied the professor, "for let us analyze the case of the earthly drunkard. Why does he-or she-get intoxicated? Not because the taste of the liquor is so delicious, but because of the scrpents to them would be beautiful if feeling of exaltation which he experiences when under the influence of the stimulant; in other words, it partly sepno , such arates the spirit from the mortal part, and, consequently, the spirit feels, in a itual world. They do not need poison measure, the joy, lightness, and exaltato protect themselves and so do not tion that it will feel when death separ-ates it from the mortal body. Thus it have it, as no life can be taken of any is with the ether habit, the oplum hab-Thus it is with chloroform and A chattering monkey is often other anaesthetics.

as interesting as a low-down Negro." Here, flying all around, were bright "I will here cite a case to show that this is true. A lady, well known to me, plumaged birds and parrots. The parcontracted an ether habit from having rots were all talking; yes, all talking at once. Many of thom imitating the had it administered to her by physiclans at various times when suffering Negro dialect; and now, last but not great pain-in fact, at the times of givleast, my eyes sought fie people who ing birth to her six children; and, at inhabited the pretty, neat, white cabins all covered by roses and vines. And out from all this brightness looked forty years of age she was a confirmed ether drunkard. Her friends did all in their power to induce her to disconforth, rather shyly, the full black faces of the Negroes. Now beauty does not alone belong to white races, for these tinue the habit, but all was of no avail. Her older sister went to the various drug stores and forbade them to sell Negro spirits were, the mostof them, ether to her sister, cr to any of the famgorgeously beautiful. The great, black leves, rolling in pure white, the full, red lips-too full you say;, well, a, ripe peach is full and lustigus, and a mougo ily who might be sent for it, the sister having previously poured out and thrown away all that she could find in the house, and while expostulating with is delicious. Do you object to their her misguided sister, among other quesblack wool? Well, how many fashionations she asked her, why she desired to ble white ladies like to wear something take the ether, as it meant utter ruin to herself and misery, perhaps ruin, to her about their necks and shoulders in the husband and children. The following form of boas and shoulder capes, that look almost exactly like the woolly was the reply of the poor victim of the awful habit: "'Because," said she, 'when I inhale heads of Negroes, and consider them very beautiful. The wide mouths of

the ether, I am at once, as it were, lifted "I am sure to be, for Harriet Beecher Stowe could never do anything that was not for the uplifting of humanity in els, and they were all decked out in Silver and for the uplifting of humanity in Silver and read of the should they not solve it. Solve and the solution that I cannot de-solution that the solution that is a solution that scribe My earthly cares and

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howling by the dwelling, will be made to set its lamps aglow, and fill its rooms with tropical warmth.

For man to dig in the mines for coal for molive power, when such an ocean of power is above and around him, is not creditable to his intelligence.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT REALMS. Continued from fifth column. his knee upon her chest caused her heart to stop beating. All the while

that he was choking her, and dashing her head back and forth, he was ex-claiming: 'I am Piper! They have just C. F. Short, N. Y .: Q. Can the sex of offspring be predetermined? Are any of the means advocated by certain hanged me! I will kill you! I will kill you! I will kill everybody that I can! doctors and scientists reliable?

i will have my revenge! You are sick and weak! You are the first one that A. There has been no such means as yet discovered. Certain conditions are I will kill, but you shall not be the last! known to be more favorable to one sen I will kill everybody that I can!' And at this point his grip became so terrible than the other, but this is so slight that no reliance can be placed thereon. that she lost outward consciousne

Every living being sets out with the "But just here, before life left her, possibilities of becoming either male or female. In the lowest forms there is something happened. A bright and shining argel dashed down, then anno distinction or separation. The germ other and another, and the medium and the mature form are the same. The plainly saw them. They grasped 'the murderer, lifted him from his victim, germ of the lower being cannot be distinguished from that of the highest The difference of growth is the marked and then surrounding and sustaining feature, for while one remains in the him, they slowly rose with him into fairer climes. The medium watched germ state, propagating by throwing off other germs or buds, the other passes through all the changes that living them anxiously as they disappeared. At first the face of the murderer was contorted with rage, hate, and revenge; and he struggled with the bright spirforms have taken since they came or the earth, until the highest and most complete is attained. ' In this developits; but they were far more powerful ment occurs the differentiation of the sexes. The lowest being is a single than he, and as they slowly rose his face changed to that of surprise and

joy. Then, they all disappeared. "When the medium recovered, news cell, it reproduces by division into two and again and again dividing. In gern was brought in that Piper had just been growth at an early period there is sep executed, but anyone can see by this, aration. The forces which operate to make this physical and psychical disthat after experiencing the exaltation of rising into the real spiritual life, he tinction of sex, has never been ascer-tained, and not a theory advanced that could have no desire to return for the purpose of revenge. It would be like has not been exploded. The matter regoing from heaven into hell. The memains one of nature's unresoled mysteries. This influence, or influences must um found that her home was in a direct line with the prison at Charlestown. be exerted in the beginning or earliest The distance of an air line was very life, and are such as on the whole to produce a nearly equal number of males and females. This is true of species short, and she was the first weak per-

son he came in contact with." "Well," said the professor, "I, my that are exclusively monogamous, as well as of those species in which polygself was conversant with the Piper it | tragedy, and as his crime was so heinamy prevails. Beyond these facts ous, I have been curious to trace. his career as a spirit." He then related it, be said without fear of contradicmay tion, nothing is known. From time to time physicians have become famous by but the story is too long to be inserted here and I must pause. After my visit was ended at the home of Harriet claiming this discovery, but their theories have on trial been found utterly at Beecher Stowe and her noble husband, variance with the facts. If any one I returned to my own happy home and makes this claim, he needs no other to my own dearly beloved refutation than the fact, that if he has,

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cilver and gold. Why should they not general and the spiritual world in parbe? These beautiful things make their beaven.

Now would you not all like to know You say they are lower in the scale just how this dear little lady looks? of being; yes, so they are intellectually, Well, she is quite small and fairy-like but to what great heights of knowledge with fine silken hair, waving and floatmay they not yet atain, and if they lack ing about her like a cloud all tinged with glinting sunlight. She is as fair intellectuality, allow them, at least, to have the gorgeously beautiful; and muas a lily, with regular features slightly sic-let them go on in that to their prominent, showing character and great heart's content. enderness and depth of feeling; her "Will you look in at some of our motions are the acme of refinement and

classes before we enter the house?" grace. Her eyes are large, glowing asked Mrs. Stowe. brilliantly with an amber light; her I gladly assented and we entered a lowing, soft drapery, is tinged with

gold. She is little Eva magnified to a large, circular building, where school was being ker. A class of young la-dies were at the moment reciting. We did not pause long enough to hear the glorious woman and angel. Now we floated out from the conservatory in what on earth would be a southerly direcitation, but the young ladies were all robed in pure white and were as grace-

"You will not be surprised, Abby, to know that Mr. Stowe and myself have ful as fawns and as modest as black violets. Each girl wore at her bust a chosen to make our home over and bunch of beautiful flowers, the language above the Southern States of America?" of each bouquet expressing the young lady's characteristics. There were "Not at all." I replied. "That is just where I should imagine you might many other classes that I cannot stop make it. And you are, then, reunited to Mr. Stowe?" o describe.

Some may ask why the Negroes still "Cectainly," she answered. "He is my own other self or true other half continue to live in cabins in spirit life? nd my reply is: Their architectural we were very happy together on ability is not developed beyond the conearth, and we are a thousand times hapstruction of a very simple abode. There "my darling husband was the first to meet and greet me. As I left my body are a few exceptions to the rule howev-er, but the ability of the ordinary Negro does not extend beyond it. All he took me tenderly in his arms and must remember that in these schools carried me to a sweet little home that and conservatories, many teachers are e had already constructed for me, and employed. after I had slept and rested we had a

Mrs. Stowe told me that they emgrand reception and reunion of our ployed about fifty in all, the most of nearest and dearest relatives. My father, Lyman Beecher, my darling mother, my gifted and noble brother Henry, and all the rest of my nearest and dearest. They talk of heaven! them white, but some few were advanced pupils who were tinged with the black - octoroons, quadroons, and bright mulattoes.

"But I have one full black here as, a teacher," she said. "Another Uncle Tom. He is not an imaginary charac-ter but a true African in exery sense of the word. Like Blind Tom, and Why the people of earth cannot even "No, no," I breathed, "they cannot." "There is my home," she exclaimed, s she pointed toward the distance. many others, he is a prodigy, or one far in advance of his comrades." "What branch does whe teach? I Yes, a beautiful scene was just then opening up to our view. "Why, that is

asked.

"Yes, I have got them all around me," she replied. "It is a little city of schools, but we allow each family to live by themselves, for our schools do

asked. "Is a final system of the second system of the second system of the system of the system of the second system of the second system of the system of t not consist of children alone but of whole families, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and children; yes, tramps and stragglers and all conditions " of

peoples." "Are they all black?" I asked. And now we "Anteped the house. Here I was introlliced to Professor "No, not all. Yet it is the blacks whom we intend to teach. Still, there Stowe, a very refified and gentlemanly are many who were once called noo personality. They had residing with them two young ladies and a young whites, and many others who bear only the blue mark under the finger nails, some of them exceedingly beautiful, esman: nieces and a nephew. I think she told me. But it will not do to write of As we approached the place. I was curious to observe all the details of her home and its surrounding home and its surroundings. "That is my own home," she said as would hold out, as well as the patience

of the editor. The inside of the house was beautishe pointed it out. The house was a The inside of the house was beauti-low mansion of two stories, standing in ful and luxurious. It had not been in the midst of a large plateau, surrounded the house' very long' before I was inon all sides by a wide veranda; and on vited to dime with this most interesting all the corners and up the posts of the family group. Veranda ran trailing vines covered with The table was spread with luscious

veranda ran trailing vines covered with gorgeous flowers; great roses of all fruits-strawberries, pine apples, peachkinds and colors; the passion flower, es, banauas, grapes, plums and nuts, purple, white and mixed. purple, white and mixed. O, dear friends, I cannot tell you of pears and figs. all the beautiful flowers that were on We were-soon conversing earnestly

troubles are all forgotten. My husband and children seem to be in the dim distance, and it seems to me if I could only get away entirely, they would be better off without me and I should be-oh! so happy. At these times I am as happy as I can be, and when the influence of the ether is over, and I sink down into my body again, I feel so dull, wretched and miserable! I know it is all wrong, but the joy I experience at the time makes me desire to repeat it again and again.

"'But,' said her sister, 'you may really die under the influence of the ether." "That is just what I should like of

all things, replied the poor, deluded victim, 'and then I should be in that state of joy and exaltation all of the time.'

"Now I repeat this to show that a spirit would not care to take the trouble to return and obsess anyone on earth, for its native joy, lightness, and exaltation are so much greater than it could obtain through obsessing a mortal form, that it could have no such desire. It would be returning into misery and darkness instead of experiencing pleasure.

"I also have a story to relate; and it is a true episode in the life of the medium through whom I am now writing. As I come en rapport with her I read it in her mind, likewise it is marked in the ether as the sounds of a phonograph are recorded on the phonographc plate. It happened many years ago in the city of Boston, Mass. A murderer by the name of Piper, was shortly to be hanged in the prison yard at Charlestown; but the medium did not know when the event was to take place. His crime had been that of the murder of a little girl five years of age. He was the sexton of a church and the little girl a Sabbath-school scholar in the infant class. The nurder was committed in the belfry of the church. medium had been to Lake Pleasant attending a Spiritualist camp-meeting While there, she had roamed in a pas-ture where huckleberries were very thick, but they were over-ripe, the seeds being large and very indigestible. She picked and ate of them more than was good for her and consequently was taken violently ill, was taken home and confined to her bed for more than a week. She was extremely weak and al-most at the door of death and, of course was in a very negative condition. She was not unaware of the murder, but gave it no especial thought, as there were so many criminals in the Charlestown state's prison, and much hanging was done there; but it was not publicly made known when Piper was to be exe cuted, for the government did not con-sider it well for the public to witness t, and of course the medium did not now and gave it no especial thought.

"One morning as she was lying very weak but slightly better, and how con-sidered out of danger, all at once came a spirit with a rush. He leaped upon her prostrate form, ground one of his knees into her chest, grasped her throat with both hands and choked her with all the power that was in him, lifting her head and dashing it down back and forth at the same time. She turned black in the face with strangulation and ceased to breathe; and the pressure of

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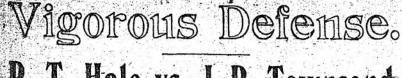
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A Sad Picture Drawn of Those who Have Invested Their Money Therein Through the Influence of. The Light of Truth.

The following is a reply by Guy A. Cherry of Los Angeles, Cal., to the uncalled for and malicious attack of J. B. Townsend's paper. Said paper has been the especial organ of Mabel Aber Jackman, whose confederate was caught on the South Side posing as a spirit, and Elsie Reynolds who was caught with a mask and a pair of goggles on, and her skirt rolled up, representing a spirit called Aunt Betsy. - It also was the special organ of the gang that stole the name of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association.

to imitate different spirits.

For a long time I have known that R. | THREE WHO WERE TO TAKE PART. T. Hale, our fellow townsman, has been MR. HALE HAS SINCE DECLARED shamefully and libelously abused THAT HE WAS SUCH A GULLIBLE through the columns of "The Light of Truth." There seems to have been no THAT IF HE HAD BEEN INFORMED Truth." There seems to have been no BY MR. CHERRY OF THIS INTEND-limit to the outrageous falsehoods told; ED INVESTIGATION, HE WOULD no limit to the tirade of calumny hurled against Mr. Hale, CERTAINLY HAVE FELT IT HIS DUTY TO NOTIFY MRS. REYNOLDS.

A paper claiming to be the "light" of "truth." and pretending to lead mortals to a higher plane, yet prostituting its pages in the most disgraceful manner in hurling abuse against a man distinguished for his sterling honesty, is a disgrace to the Cause it pretends to represent, and should be loathed by every Spiritualist who has the least respect and honor for an upright man.

It must indeed be rotten to the core and the inference must arise in every reflective mind that it is sustained by the revenue accruing from the sale of stock in King Solomon's Mine-the innocent purchasers of said stock compelled to bear their great loss. Oh! what a grievous wrong perpetrated on the poor investors, in the name of Spiritualism, but in reality a bastard altruism, and a gross extravagance.

Mr. Hale has waited patiently to see to what length the paper would go in bitterly assailing him. Resting in his THAN MRS. REYNOLDS. own perfect honesty and integrity, he has been able to do this, and besides he wished carefully to analyze the career of J. B. Townsend, owner of the paper, and promoter of King Solomon's Mino, manage her circles, and (and the one who is to blame for the outrageous treatment of Mr. Hale) which, as far as I can learn, pays no the dishonest work, and so gave dividends, or interest on the stock sold, and is not likely to, while the pur-chasers thereof suffer the loss-suffer from the great wrong perpetrated on Mrs. Reynolds, in her own chirography, them; some of whom will lose their which she cannot refute, giving the homes on account of their investment, whole deception away and implicating as I am reliably informed.

As to Willard J. Hull and Mr. Townsend, you have records that will not compare favorably with that of the man you have allowed to be assailed in your columns.

You have had no idea that Mr. Hale or his friends ever would reply or re-sent any bad treatment. You thought BROUGHT SUCH A BLIGHT UPON he would receive quietly, without any opposition, any abuse your paper might inflict on him. You have entertained a wrong estimate of the man's character. FOR ENLIGHTENING THE RACE ON ALL THESE POINTS OF INTEREST,

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posure, you have pursued him relent-lessly with the venom of one of our most poisonous California centipedescalling him dishonest, impugning his motives and harassing him in various ways.

This exposure had nothing to do with Mr. Hale's record in the past, whatever

The exposure of Mrs. Reynolds was complete, as THE MASK, THE GOG-GLES AND SKIRT TESTIFY, and aside from these we have the sworn testimony of seven responsible persons who accompanied Mr. Hale, and yet you convey the idea repeatedly in your ma-lignant sheet that Mr. Hale is a man of bad character, and that Elsie Reynolds -poor Elsie!--is a "lady!"

The prominent Spiritualists of California resent such outrageous treatment. It is a bid for the support of the fake element now harassing our ranks; it is a bid for the support of charlatans cheats and tricksters that prey off the public by bogus methods and wrong do-

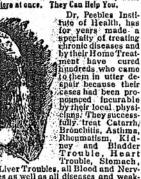
I wish to repeat that the delay about The young men above saw Mrs. Rey answering the vile innuendoes and scurnolds sit outside the cabinet next to a slit in the curtain, through which she rilous abuse in Light of Truth, has given Mr. Hale time to examine court reached, with a white cloth, to the open ecords and to get information from ing, showing the audience, what appeared to them to be a-real materialized friends scattered throughout the East. He has some startling evidence as to the records of those who have been for spirit, with a baby voice, spoken by Mrs. Reynolds, 'i'hen she went inside several months painting him black. Take for example, the King Solo-

the cabinet and adjusted her wardrobe mon's mining enterprise, promoted by Townsend, the owner of Light of Truth, "At the given signal, Mrs. Reynolds appeared as 'Aunt Betsy.' Mr. Cherry tore down the curtains, WHEN ALL and who has permitted Mr. Hale to be assailed. In various kaleidoscopic forms and conditions it has been run-BEHELD 'AUNT BETSY' 'REMOVE HER MASK AND GOGGLES AND VERY NATURALLY PLACE THEM ning (into the pockets of innocent, foolish investors) for about ten mortal IN HER BOSOM, AND LET DOWN years, yet those who have invested therein have received no dividends, in-HER OVERSKIRT, WHICH HAD BEEN ROLLED UP, WITHOUT A WORD OF EXCUSE. THE ASTON-ISHED AUDIENCE NOW RECOG-NIZED IN A CLEAR LIGHT, THAT dicating an important screw loose somewhere in connection with King Solomon's mining scheme.

These King Solomon mines are aptly 'AUNT BETSY' WAS NONE OTHER named as were the fabulous King Solomon mines by Rider Haggard, for they "Mrs. Laura Hyland of Sawtell, was never paid a dividend and never will. taught by Mrs. Reynolds how to do ma-INVESTORS, YOU HAVE BEEN BLED! YOU HAVE BEEN MISLED! torialization. Letters sent by Mrs. Reynolds to Mrs. Hyland, telling how to YOU HAVE BEEN WRONGED; YOU HAVE BEEN DECEIVED; YOU WILL containing stock tests, were given to Mr. Hale by NEVER SEE YOUR MONEY AGAIN-Mrs. Hyland, who became ashamed of IT HAS GONE, TAKEN WINGS AND HAS FLOWN-VANISHED! - MAY ances, exposing the methods. We have a large number of those letters ad-HAVE BEEN SUNK IN TRYING TO SUSTAIN MR. TOWNSEND'S ORGAN, dressed to Mrs. Hyland and signed by THE LIGHT OF TRUTH. MAY GOD AND THE ANGELS PITY YOU, FOR THE FOOLISH INVESTMENT OF YOUR GOOD MONEY, IN SUCH A WAY, ENABLING, OTHERS TO prominent, professed Spiritualists (?) as aiding this nefarious work FLOURISH, WHILE YOU SUFFER.

for gain. "IT IS TIME THAT SPIRITUAL One of the leaders in this mining scheme is Mrs. Josephine C. Stowell ISTS AWOKE TO THE IMPORTANCE now posing under another name, I am OF CLEANING THEIR RANKS OF THESE PESTIFEROUS BEINGS IN told. For many years she has been the right nand agent of Townsend, a medium, a tool of a certain sort of "angels to induce persons to buy stock in this THE GRANDEST PRINCIPLES OF TRUTH THAT EVER HAVE notorious mining scheme, thus getting TRUTH THAT EVER HAVE DAWNED UPON THE MIND OF MAN the good money of the people, and en abling this man Townsend to live in luxury and ease while the investors su fer. At this writing I merely give some

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confusion of his manuscript, and why CHAPTER VIII .-- Continued. As he made this announcement, our he seemed to be compelled to lay it teacher glided to his side; he passed his very unorthodox remarks; he had been hand over his head, and brushed his made to see her who had caused it all; long black hair from his forehead, while he was well aware that those who had a tremor passed through his whole come to his side to offer assistance

were not now in a condition to under-He commenced by telling his hearers stand it; he also realized that to try to that there seemed to be an unrest inform them now, would be to make a among all peoples; that while in the bad matter worse. past religions had had a comforting Our teacher continued at his side, restfulness to all classes, and all were and nis agitation was relaxed to that ex-tent that he made such explanations as satisfied with the blessed promises of the boly scriptures, church membership satisfied his friends, and they resumed was added to with very little exertion on the part of the ministers parents their seats, while he made his closing were able to bring their children into prayer, and dismissed his congregation prayer, and dismissed his congregation with his benediction. the folds of the church; seldom was Our teacher called my father to her there a family that was divided on the side, and called our attention to the

question of religion, and except in rare instances was there anything to disgreat number of spirits to be seen in turb the harmony existing in the church; they were hovering about the different members of the congregation; churches. some were gesticulating in an energetic "But to day," he said, straightening

himself, and violently striking his desk, manner, and others seemed to be whisthere is something radically wrong. those were the most energetic there The denizeus of the infernal region were a number of people collected, and seem to have been released to prev all were discussing the circumstances ipon God's people, and we are confront ed with the appalling fact, that while we keep up the membership of our attending the morning services; those where the spirits were whispering stood churches, and in some cases they are alone, and were in thoughtful moods; increased, yet the membership added to many people left the church, and all were discussing the remarks and acts our church rolls are not commensurate with the increase of population. We of the minister in a very forcible manner. The minister had left his desk, have a population of seventy-five millions of souls in our country to-day. We and was surrounded by a score of peo-have a church membership of twenty- ple; he was endeavoring to pacify five millions all told, of all classes of country. Do the facts substantiate the statement? I, as an honored, and I hope a faithful minister of the religion Master-the Lord and Savior Jusus Christ, am compelled to state that I am ashamed to answer the question in the negative. And why?"

measured words:

by saying:

them, and after a vain attempt with Christians; this includes Cathol'cs as many words and little success, and as well as Protestants. We make the he avoided telling them the exact cause well as Protestants. We make the he avoided telling them the exact cause proud boast that ours is a Christian of his final agitation, he exclaimed in a loud voice, as our teacher again approached him, and laid her hand on his lead: "My dear brothers and sisters, it is impossible for me to satisfy you all

ere; I will meet the church members in the vestry to-morrow evening, and He paused and again passed his finsatisfy you all. There will be no service in this church this afternoon. Until gers through his hair; as he did so, our to-morrow evening I must bid you all teacher placed her hand upon his head and he assumed a tragic attitude, and adieu.

pering in the cars of some:

where

looking at his congregation for one full "That is enough for us," our teacher said. "Let us follow your relatives to minute without speaking, during which their homes; we will gain more of this time our teacher concentrated her gaze lesson which has been of so much bene-fit to us, and will be of incalculable upon him, then he said in slow and benefit to most of the people who have "Because, I, am afraid we have been her to-day."

through all the past years wrongly interpreted our Master's words. Do not "I can't see where we can gain anything by what has taken place here this mornin'," my father said. I b'lieve the be frightened, ob, my hearers, at my

As he said this, there were ominous dum'd fool has made an ass of hisself sounds through the church which before here this mornin'; he might jest as well was perfectly still; disapproval of his have fixed his papers an' gone on with words was plainly shown. He waited his sermon as to do as he did. By gosh, until quiet was restored, then continued he lost his head, an' begun to cry like a baby, and that spiled the whole thing;

Jesus of Nazareth has been repre-I were disgusted. I have heard him sented as being the ne pus ultra of all talk fust rate an' I wanted you to hear. that was good, divine, and holy; we all him talk as I have.

have been assured of this fact. Paul, a "I was satisfied to hear him talk as he vicegerent of our Savior, has said that aid; 1 am sure he told the truth, when there was diversity of gifts.' He has he said he was wrongly interpreting the further said: 'But the manifestation of words ascribed to Jesus and Paul," said the spirit, is given to man to profit our teacher; and continuing she said: withal.' These words carry as much "This man is a true sensitive; his vibraweight to me, as any to be found in the lions are very acute, and 1 found 1 bible. You will find them in the sevcould influence him readily; that is the reason why I showed myself to him as I enth verse of the twelfth chapter of 1. Corinthiaus. What have we done with did.

"Did he see you?" my father asked. the 'manifestation of the spirit?' Who "Yes. I saw my opportunity and ac-cepted it; it will be the means of his coubts that the spirits of our beloved. yet departed friends, are around us at all times? Who doubts that Jesus was mental expansion; he has been for a seen by Cephas? Then by the twelve long time in a discoursive condition apostles? And afterwards by over five because he has received before to-day hundred brethren, all at once? Do you full proof of the communication doubt the words of the apostle Paul? If tween excarnate and incarnate life. you do, please open your bibles at I. Corinthians, fifteenth chapter, and fif-leenth verse, and read these words: by it he was gaining his material subea, and we are found false witnesses sistance. To announce to his church of God; because we have testified of members his full knowledge, would be God that he raised up Christ; whom he to cause dissension among them; the raised not up, if so be that the dead result would be that he would lose his rise not.' I am constrained the used is position as a minister, as well as his po-ray, I believe during the long life of the sition in society, and most of all, his church there has been a wrong interpre- six thousand dollar salary; he has not tation of, not only the words I have just the fortitude to do it without assistance, quoted, but all the teachings of, not and as it will be to his advantage in only Jesus, but those he appointed as the end, I would be derelict in my duty his vicegerents as well; for they lived did I not afford all the assistance I with him, and well knew, and under- could. stood his meaning. "We cannot find in the bible, any gathering of several hundred people, place where Jesus exacted a pledge many of them are acquainted with the from anyone to abide by a creed or fact of communication between excar-dogma in any form. We cannot find nate and incarnate life. I-" where He at any time asked his follow-"What do you mean by excarnate and ers to collect money to erect beautiful edifices. He did say: 'Go ye into all incarnate?" m father asked. "You are excarnate, and the minister the world and preach the gospel.' is incarnate," she answered. "What was that gospel? Was it that "Then when you say excarnate, you you should become Baptists, Presbyterimean sperits, do you?" he said. ans, Methodists, Catholics, Congrega-"Yes, if you can understand that

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What has he done to merit such

brutal treatment? I will tell you. Mr. Hale is a hearty stickler for the truth; for purity; for honesty; in fact, for all the virtues one can name.

He had been an occasional attendant at the seances of Mrs. Elsie Reynolds, the notorious materializing medium; and his offense consists in the following exposure, which has been widely pub lished. The following is a full presen tation of the baseless pretentions made by one of the most notorious frauds in the entire ranks of Spiritualism, and ask the editor of The Progressive Thinker to spread it before his readers again, in connection with this defense "Robert Hale, 831 Wall street, Los of Mr. Hale, so that they may more fully understand the animus that has act nated the Light of Truth in its slander

ous abuse of Mr. Hale. It is as follows The Exposure of Mrs. Elsie Reynolds. Los Angeles, Cal.

"We wish it to be decidedly under stood, first and last, that we, the undersigned, are not fraud hunters; but after been deceived and imposed having upon, like the -majority of professed Spiritualists, we are' determined, by carnest seeking, to know the truth.

Some of us have been most enthusiastic believers of materialization. The memory of our dear departed is held by us to be most sacred, and all imposition regarding their manifestation, in any and every form, should be exposed, that and sworn to by eight prominent citi-none may be misled, and their hopes zens of Los Angeles. Cal. - citizens of up with deceptions.

"Mrs. Elsie Reynolds, a materializationist of California, has had a large fol- have the incentive to the dastardlowing of dupes in Los Angeles for ly hydrophobic and libelous and mali many years. Although having been exposed many times, the gullibles in Mr. Hale did NOT EVEN ASSIST IN great numbers have been still held in THE EXPOSURE OF MRS. REY-Among her converts and faithful NOLDS, but was present simply as a followers was Robert Hale. A seance bellever in her honesty and medium was held at C. A. Cherry's 833 Wall ship, and said exposure was complete was held at C. A. Cherry's 833 Wall ship, and said exposure was complete street, Oct. 2, 1903, where Mr. Cherry in all its details. Here it is in a nutdetected fraud. In order to be fully shell: need that this work was all fake, gaged Mrs. Reynolds to hold an-it, was found TO BE MRS. REY-seance at his house, Oct. 4; and NOLDS herself, and when detected, the convinced that this work was all fake. he engaged Mrs. Reynolds to hold anenlisted two men from the creamery above named persons, cight in number where he worked, to assist him in ascertaining the truth of the materialization. HER MASK AND GOGGLES AND LET Accordingly they cut through the ceil-ing, and slit a hole in the ceiling paper, HAD BEEN ROLLED UP. The astonor the corner to be used as a sched audience, including, Mr. Hale, rec. This slit was made so the pa-ognized in a clear light, that "Aunt just over the corner to be used as a per could be held open when desired; Betsy" was only Mrs. Reynolds with a but would close un again and he invisbut would close up again and be invis-ible, thus allowing the two young men Now, because Ma ible, thus allowing the two young men resting above on a feather bed, to have cently witnessed this exposure, you, Mr. s full view of the operations. Mr. Townsend, in several communications Cherry charged them to say nothing if in your paper, brand him in a most disthe manifestations proved genuine; but graceful manner.

If'a fake, to call out certain words, when Mr. Cherry would make the ex-beauer. This proved a successful cap-ture, because no one knew of the IN-TENDED TEST EXCEPT THESE Mr. Hale is plainly libelous, an outrage,

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MOST DEAR TO HUMAN HEARTS IN THE LIFE THAT NOW IS. AND THE ONE FOR WHICH WE HAVE HOPED, AND WHICH WE MAY KNOW THROUGH TRUE MEDIUMSHIP AND THE SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY OF SPIRITUALISM. THE TRUTH CAN NEVER BE REALIZED THROUGH FRAUD, FOR THE CON-VERT MADE IN THIS WAY WILL SOMETIME FIND OUT THE DECEP TION, AND SO BE INCLINED TO RE-

GARD THE WHOLE AS FALSE. "We will gladly furnish the above mentioned letters for publication, and can prove that they were written by

Mrs. Reynolds, who we will swear from certain, sure evidence of our own is a notorious pretender, and senses. that all her work, claiming to be materialization of decarnate spirits is abso-

lute fraud. "We, the undersigned, do solemnly swear that the above statement con-cerning Mrs. Reynolds, and the letters she wrote to Mrs. Laura Hyland, which we offer for publication, are true; that we witnessed the above described exposure, and have all seen the original letters, which we have proven to be in

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cious abuse of Mr. Hale in your paper of P.

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Why did you not also attack the other

pointers as to the "angelic" Josephine C. Stowell, and later on I will be able to furnish some interesting items in reference to her, if Mr. Hale continues to be assailed by the Light of Truth.

And right here I would say to Mr. Townsend, owner of the Light of Truth, that I enter my vigorous protest against the outrageous treatment accorded our townsman, Mr. Hale, in your columns, and to render more emphatic what have already asked: What has Mr. Hale done to merit such treatment?

After the exposure of Mrs. Reynolds, her son, Harry Crindle and his wife were also caught in making bogus spirit manifestations. The proof in both cases is simply

overwhelming. The stand taken by your paper indi-

cates that you and it are in harmony with fakes and their methods, and the fact that you, Mr. Townsend, are runing a mining scheme, and getting the hard earned money of Spiritualists, and making no dividends to all; no returns, not even civilly answering certain let ters of inquiry by the honest investors places you as a man in a very doubtfu position.

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will be given to the world in full. I would further state that the article quoted by Light of Truth from the Los Angeles Times, was simply the account of a charge preferred against Mr. Hale by Flowers before the K, of P. lodge. Had the charges been true Mr. Hale could not have retained his member ship in the lodge, as it does not countenance such conduct in its members. Mr Hale was fully exonerated, as the following extract from a letter published

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Every brother present voted to clear you, and wondered at the audacity of your opponent in carrying the case as far as he did. I am instructed by the lodge to beg your forgiveness in the "If in any way we can undo the wrong we have inflicted upon you we

stand ready to live up to our obligation to protect the good name of a brother. "Yours in F. C. and B.

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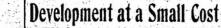


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"I say I am sure I have been wrongly fluenza as you said you did. Do you uninterpreting the guide for me that was, derstand now, what I mean by excar-set for all in the bible; and as self-judg-nate life? Many of these people in the ment is righteous, so I am also con- church this morning are unacquainted strained to say I believe most ministers with the fact of intercommunion as I of to-day are in the same error with me. have just illustrated; there were a few, And I say further that 1 am sure that but they are on the same line as the this answers the question, when I ask minister, and have not the courage of if there is not an unrest among all peo- their convictions; they are standing in their own light, just as you have alples?

"But I see that I have said things ready seen several, and as your son here this morning that are not com-here this morning that are not com-here has seen many hundreds, to which he can testify. These people need a power or force to liberate them from given much study and thought; and I did think 1 might speak about it some- er, many of them will rise to a broader time, although it was far from my mind plane of mental liberty immediately. when I entered this church this morn- Aer, or earth-plane, is filled with excar-

ing." Inates who are held there by the erro-He seemed about to close the serv-, neous leachings of a false theology; we ices, but our teacher concentrated her |saw many in the church this morning; gaze upon him, and he continued with this minister has been one of their increased emphasis, and said: false teachers; he knows it, and only

"I am honest and earnest, and I am lacks courage to announce his convic-satisfied that I am influenced by the tions; he has not wholly done so this spirit of some one who has been in day, but he will when he meets his peoearth life, and having passed out they ple to morrow night, then he will be the have become aware of the facts I have means of liberating others."

pointed out: and this morning, because "I should like to 'tend that meetin'," of the peculiar state of affairs sur- said my father.

rounding me, they have forced me to say what I have."

"You can," she said. "Will you attend it?" I ventured to Again our teacher laid her hand upon ask.

his head, and this time made several "No, it will not be necessary; we passes before his eyes; and he with a have done our work to-day, where we sudden start and a gasp, and while his leave it, others more aggressive will voice trembled, as he grasped his desk, take it up. The work will go on, and said: "I know for a certainty that what 1 started it will reach its limit before it

say is true; but I will say no more can stop. Before to morrow night we will have discovered other places of life Placing his hands before his face, he where we can extract other and possi-

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