

SPIRITUALISM. As Portrayed by the President of the N. S. A.

If Spiritualism be true, and every | demonstrations to prove my claim. well-informed person wants it to be true, then some simple, rational means and received a message from a person should be provided by which its truth can be domonstrated to a sorrowing did not know. There were internal eviworld.

"Does man live beyond the tomb?" is tory, yet it was not until five years had the most stupendous problem that was passed that I was able to learn that this propounded before the human mind for solution. Mere faith does not course. I could not substantiate, but satisfy the honest doubter, nor does the name, internal facts, etc., were in-Hope give him the comfort which he disputable, longs when he is forced to part with

those he most dearly loves. and greatest achievement of the ninemines, or the Klondike's wealth. seem that every man, woman and child eight years before this time. The was purity and present it unsullied to the His name was correctly given. world. Many have done so and have writing was a perfect fac simile of my been rewarded by the approval of their deceased brother's chirography when consciences. Others have sought to use he was on earth, and in the body. In it for selfish purposes and have de-based it to the low level of the fakir, peated three times that was used by fortune-teller and charlatan. They have literally "stolen the livery of heav- a perfect test in every detail. on to serve Satan in" and brought unfold misery upon their victims by their

cruel and nefarious practices. I need not argue the genuineness of controlling force that does not control this evidence, nor attempt to prove that the mind of the medium. In this phase psychic phenomena are facts. Profes- the writing is seldom like that of the sor John Tyndall and other scientists friend while in the mortal form. declare that these phenomena around internal evidences, however, are often on all sides are established facts, and that the man who denies them is not only not well informed, but also grossly ignorant. .. Psychic phenomena demand the same careful analysis, that is ac; on, having no knowledge of what they corded the physical phenomena upon which all of the applied sciences rest. In a single sentence: Spiritualism affirms that those occult, or psychic phenomena prove that man survives the

change called death. Some sixty or seventy different varieties of phenomena of a psychic character, through mediumship, are offered by ing declaration. At this point let me fority of these phases of mediumship are based on facts. Some of them are six hours ago by being swept off my not yet proven to me, while others have ship while sailing around Cape Horn. not been fairly investigated by me, My vessel was named the --hence I am not qualified to judge them. commander was Capt. _____

The honest psychic depnds on his work rather than upon sensationalism, loud advertising and absurd claims to On-one occasion I went to a psychic attract the people to him. Rather than be classed with the frauds, honest psychics prefer to keep out of sight. Hence much that to-day passes as spirit phedences of fact, plenty of family hisnomena is absolutely worthless. Simulation has become a science and decep

person had existed. The writing, of

On another occasion, in a place next seance. These are hard to deal where I was an entire stranger, a thouwith because they are vigorously de-Spiritualism offers evidence of a most sand miles from my birthplace, a genfended by those who proved them honest on one occasion, and the judge sets them free on the testimony of substantial character to prove that man tleman, a stranger to me, had a sitting lives beyond the grave. The discovery for independent slate-writing. I did of this proof was the crowning glory not know he had done so. Neither did such witnesses. Despite the large perhe, or the medium, know of my prescentage of fraudulent phenomena there seenth century. It means more to suf-fering humanity than Africa's diamond sage he received on his slate was is a generous residuum of fact from which every truthseeker signed with my brother's name. This many rich sheaves of fact if he will but So precious is this truth that it would brother had passed from earth; some make the effort. would ever be alert to sustain it in its known to no one there save, myself. The the most difficult of all mental phenomena to duplicate, from the fact that the sitter is

> him only when writing to me. It was Automatic writing presents the same evidences of faith, yet it is produced by

the hand of the psychic directed by a The more numerous and the "ear marks" of personality much clearer. Psychics for this phase frequently converse with their visitors while the writing is going have written until they are permitted to read it by those who have received it. Some astonishing facts have been received in this way by thousands of intelligent people. One illustration will suffice for this class of phenomena. certain Boston psychic suddenly felt

impelled to grasp her pencil and write, in substance, the following words which were scrawled upon the paper: Victim of Sea Tells of His Death.

> "My name is --. I was drowned

What is true of the foregoing is true

Some pretended trance speakers write their own "lectures" (?). compiling them wholly from the writing of some of the profound thinkers of the last cen--. Her -. She These never use Iry. The parties present at once wrote the their own because unable to compose captain of the ship named, addressing one correctly. I heard a speaker about him at San Francisco, and asking him one year ago deliver "trance" addresses if he had an able-bodied seaman named in which I found quotations from Emer-- with him. In a few weeks a let son deftly woven with whole para-

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THE DESTINY OF MAN.

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sensational methods, as to lead intelli-gent, well-meaning people to mistake All ages have been interested in the destiny of map. From Adam (figura-tively speaking) down to the present them for true psychics and genuine leaders in the Spiritualistic movement. day, sages and saints have asked the question, "What of Man?", Wars have been fought, nations bled,

and empires crumbled that one man might lead-but where after this life is over? What avail if one gave his life for the blessings of mankind? What if one does live for self alone? All these questions have burned in the brain of man, and some say have never tion, a fine art on the part of many of een satisfactorily answered. But these charlatans. Some of them posbrist said. If one arosy from the dead sess genuine psychic power and occaand told them they would not believe." And so say I, but a few will hear and sionally give honest manifestations resorting to the boldest fraud at the very understand, and to that few 1 write. I, Moses Shull, in the full vigor of

manhood, passed into spirit life, when all the earth looked bright and life seemed worth the living; but transient was the dream, for over here I found that what I held highest in earth life was only a shadow of the life to come. and I want to here relate some of my experiences.

Just as I stapped across the river (for river death seemed to me) I was met by a bright hand of children and said, "Whither goest, little ones?" and Clanrvoyance and clairaudience are they caid, "To welcome you to your new home." And I said, "Why, is this the way they welcome people here?" (For I had always been led to believe the soon conscious whether the "medium" is telling the truth or not. first thing done after passing to the Some may pretend to be in clairvoyother side was to be led up a golden street, if so fortunate as to be going as a cloak for their knavery. I wish all phenomena were as easily determined that way) and to make our appearance with bowed head and quaking heart beand their real character made known as fore the great White Throne and to be told of all our misdeeds in our lives and Mental phenomena are always the to be covered, with confusion when you most satisfactory to investigators bewere told of your shortcomings.

cause they are less easy to counterfeit. But, here I was being, welcomed by the children, and they led menonward Yet, even in this realm, the trickster has made his appearance. Every per-"Whither, now?" and they said, "To see the queen of song," and behold, 1 son must be watched carefully for the "ear marks" of evidence which prove the presence of their arisen loved ones. saw my own dear mother, radiant with health and beauty, ready to give me a Even the trance state is simulated by unprincipled men and women who have kiss of welcome. And this was her surhad their addresses written for them, prise for me on my landing.

afterwards attempting to palm off as We had ever been companions on the direct utterances of such men as earth, until she was called home by her Phillip Brooks, Lyman Beecher or Henangel band, and I'had never ceased to ry Clay. But there are very few now nourn ther. The one good place in my heart was dedicated to my mother, and Too many people are familiar with the sermons of Chaplain Ballou, Channing, Dr. Hall so I found her awaiting my the coming with the gladness of a little child; and those little ones were her bharges that rowed or stolen remarks from them she was training in the floyal. Road, and they had helped Ler to give me iny surprise. save in remote districts where the good surprise

Now, I found instead of waving nalm branches and singing psalms, I was to go to work and help ny mother educate those little ones; and I must say it was a relief to me to find that I was to be for to tel UB OCCUD

TO DAY AND TO MORROW. The Beautiful Now vs. The "Beautiful Beyond."

Write upon the walls of time these words, "Live right, and you will die right." The "Beautiful Beyond" comes to him who places his finger upon the dial of time, and ushers in the good time now.

Write upon your lives to-day-each day, beautiful deeds, and the "Beautiful Beyond" will glow beneath your touch. Let your life speak to humanity in glowing terms, and the passing days and moments will be filled with beauty. The "Beautiful Beyond!" Why it is at your very door. It is to-morrow, next day, every day, all the days that are yet to come. Every day that is unborn is sweeping to us down the ages. They are but sleeping in embryo. They are in your keeping and mine-a sacred trust.

We are building to day the to-morrow of life We are living to-day in the "Beyond" of yesterday. Every day is a "Beyond" to some other day. Every day is a reflection of the yesterdays of life, from the experiences of which we have builded our present surroundings.

ing was done with precision and care. Every act and motive should be considered, weighed in the balance, and not found wanting. "Beautiful Beyond!" Let us make

every day and hour beautiful; not by dreaming of some far-away beauty that may never be ours, but by catching the gleam of sunshine in the ever present now. That far-away beauty may be like a will-o'-the-wisp-always evading our grasp-always disappearing when we present ourselves upon the scene. The good time now is with us. Let us make the most of it. By word, by deed, et us commit no sacrilege against it. Let no hand be raized against the dial of to-day, lest he be a traitor to the un born age.

The race is in need of benefactors of the present. To-day is the time to strike while the anvil is before us, and not wait for the time to come when it shall be no more-the fires flickered and gone out. The iron grown cold, it will not respond to the molder's touch. Fires must needs bc rekindled before beauty can be wrought therefrom. To day is opportunity ripe; to morrow

he sun has gone down upon us, and the

Deportunity is no more. Life is ever full of promise for the fu ture to him who makes good use of to-day, but unless the Now is fraught with oble sims and worthy purposes, the 'Beautiful Beyond" will continue to be distant theme.

The great cycle of time only places in our grasp the day in which we live, and is handed down to us in momentsAN EARNEST PLEA.

It is Made for Religious Liberty, and is Comprehensive in Its Nature. To the Editor of the Brooklyn Eagle:-We boast about our religious liberty in this country. Men lecture on it, books

have been written about it; in fact, we take pride in telling people that here every sect and religious order can worship God according to the dictates their own conscience. But, is this really so, or is it only a mere figure of speech? Let us see: In Brooklyn a woman is holding religious meetings in a church and declares she is able to read sealed letters and tell things about friends departed from this life. I do not believe this woman; but, from what I read in the papers, I believe she is a much abused person. Let me say here that I am not a member of any church, but, I hold that every denomination has a right to believe, say, or do what it likes,

so long as it does not break the laws of the United States, or the city ordinances. No man nor body of men has a right to interfere with or annoy any religious organization or form into a soclety calling itself anti this or anti that to persecute any sect. No club or so clety should attempt to be judge and jury of any sect, or religious body of people, so long as such religious bodies

do not break the laws of the land. We have state laws to regulate such mat ters Now for a moment let us look at

some of the different sects and religious orders in New York City. In Mott street we have Joss houses; up-town the Sun worshipers, also Asiatic teach-ers-"Vedanta Swami," I think they are called. Then down on the East Side we have a number of people who kill chickens in a back yard in the summer time, to appease God for their sinsdays of atonement; several larger denominations, people who believe in the Trinity and Unity of God, called Trini-

tarians and Unitarians. Another religious sect believes in the real presence of God in the sacrament, or in other words, they believe that their religious teacher can change a wafer into real flesh and blood, so they actually eat their dead Lord and drink His blood every time that they take the sacrament. I might go on and name many other different religious sects, have heard of no anti-society to but.] ston any of them.

Is Mrs. May Pepper doing or saying anything as absurd or irrational as most of these sects? Then by what right has any person or persons to say a word against her? It makes no difference what she says she can do, or what she can see: that is not the question. Is this her religion? She says it is. Is it the religion of her followers? They

A Vision With a Moral.

This vision occurred several nights after a somewhat extended conversation in regard to the future development of the sensitive plant and to what extent they could be improved.

There came in view a finely-devel-oped man of intellectual look and spirtual attainments and thus spoke:

"You speak of the development of the ensitive plant on your material plane, but let me show you, in a small way, what is now being done in this more sensitive plane of life."

With this remark the guide led the way with a small sprinkling can in one of his bands, passing over well kept and different-shaped walks through what seemed to be a large and beautiful garden filled with various plants in diferent stages of growth and bloom. At one side of the walk was a well rimmed and healthy rose on which were several buds, seemingly about eady to burst forth in the perfect bloom of the rose. At this rose bush the guide stopped and with the one word, "Watch," began to sprinkle the plant addressing it in the meantime with words of endearment. The buds began to slowly open and expand into the most beautiful roses.

There seemed to be a force or bright light emanating from the center of the ower outward, and as these rays of light expanded outward they changed into numberless delicate and soft-tinted columns. As the process went on the oses seemed to obtain more strength and the variegated colors became more pronounced and changed more rapidly. The different parts of the flower seemed to take on more life, rapidly changing and rechanging their forms and texture into the most beautiful and delicate leaves and petals.

For many feet surrounding the plant there was the sense of the most delicate yet delightful fragrance of the perfect rose. One could feel the deep love that existed between the plant and the man under whose care it existed, and the whole plant seemed to send forth

gratitude. How wonderfully beautiful was this sersitive rose bush with its several blossoms, sending forth its variegated soft and radiant colors, its delicate perfume, changing its different parts into most beautiful shapes.

Suddenly, without any warning, the blossoms faded, the buds closed up and the leaves drooped and withered. The guide looked up and pointed down the path. Coming along the walk in an unteady step was a human being, clothed in the coarsest of material, his face drawn into the most hideous scowl of rage and disappointment; around him, ngulfing him and a part of the man himself, extending outward for several feet and following him everywhere, there seemed to be radiated from his soul dark inky emanations, the prodack ucts of be moughts, which

varied in their blackness in exact cor-

respondence with his different thoughts.

which he seemed to take a sense of de-

light in striking everything coming in his reach. He passed by, his eyes try-

ing to pierce the dense ether around

him and muttering these words to him-

self: "Dead! Dead! Everything dead! A dead world!" Looking toward the

sensitive plant it seemed to verify the

dark spirit's words, for to the eye it

the ap-

In his hand was a crooked stick

cepting the majority of the so-called "phenomena" presented by those who call themselves "mediums."

There is often a counterfeit currency foisted upon the innocent public, but it is based upon an imitation of the genuter was received from the captain savine coin of an authoritative Govern- ing that a man of that name had been of his crew, but had been washed over ment. So it is in Spiritualism. The coin of Truth is often counterfeited for board and drowned off Cape Horn. His letter gave the day of this occurrence the sake of gain, but there must be something real to counterfeit, otherwise and the date corresponded exactly with it could not be thus duplicated. the one on which the psychic in Boston

In fine, Spiritualism has its lights and felt impelled to write. its shadows, and therefore it is in regard to them that I am requested to of many other phases of mediumship, speak.

all of which throw light on man's rug-I have demonstrated beyond a shad- ged pathway of life and give him glimpses of the life beyond the tomb. ow of a doubt that my loved ones survive the death of the body. I accept The full trance and the semi-trance. the private test, etherealization, all ofevery genuine phenomenon with pleasurable gratitude, for it adds to the sum fer the same evidences of fact.

total of human knowledge. The sunny Materialization? Is not a tree a materialization? Does side of Spiritualism is sweet, beautiful, not visualize itself from the invisiholy. It is the smile of a loving God upon a heartbroken people. I have bie? Is there not a living principle behind it forcing it to externalize itself only kind words and good wishes tor the honest medium who seeks through Is not the living soul of man as notent the legitimiate use of his or her powers as the force behind the tree? Is not to do God's will among men. I must man's body builded by his soul? But I must be excused from believing that not be misunderstood as being a foe to flesh, blood, bones, a fevered pulse, a phenomena, nor as an enemy to medifetid breath, onions, garlic and whis-key ever emanate from the soul world ums. On the contrary, I am a loyal friend to both, but I do not want the or, in brief, ever materialize in spurious coin to pass current for the genuine, hence I must draw the line besense possibly intended by the question. That etherealizations, volatile bodies, tween the two conditions. When I say that all, or nearly all, of the different eemingly solid forms, do appear honestly believe. Did not Peter, James phases of mediumship are duplicated by the trickster, the charlatan and the and John see Moses and Elias upon the producer of legerdemain, I do not theremountain at the time of the transfiguration of Jesus? Was not the volatile hy discountenance mediumship, nor form of Jesus seen by many after the cast any aspersion upon honest, upright mediums. Genuine work always sneaks so-called resurrection of his body? for itself and needs no defense from as-

sault that may be made upon it. Prominent Phases of Mediumship.

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Messages of Comfort for the Soul. The words spoken in the trance, or

Spiritualism's Shadow Side.

The foregoing are a few of the beau-

the semi-trance or given to the earnest 'Among the prominent phases of mediseeker after truth in the private seance umship may be mentioned clairvoyance. convey the messages of love and comclairaudience, independent slate-writfort of soul that are pearls beyond ing, automatic writing, the complete nrice to those who receive them. I trance, the semi-trance, etherealization have heard words spoken by different and private test-giving. To this list entranced psychics in almost the idensome would add hypnotism, materializa- tical voices of my arisen friends. 1 tion, trumpet work, spirit photography, have had test after test given me in the etc. I need not dwell upon the phe- private seance room by honest mediums who could not have known aught nomena of clairvoyance and clairaudiof what they were saying or giving me once. Hundreds, yes thousands of pernot Spiritualists have both seen This is true of thousands of others. All spirit forms and heard spirit voices. I their testimonies unite to prove the have heard clergymen of different sweetness and beauty of Spiritualism faiths, including bishops, high in au- and its sunny side. The dark corners of the tomb are thority discourse at length upon their

experiences with phenomena of psymade radiant with the light of love and death's sombre river is bridged by the chics.

To add my own experience would shining rainbow arch of truth simply be cumulative evidence, not nec- which we hear the soft footfalls of in the case. Suffice it to say 1 those who go and the quick returning essary tread of those who come to tell, the have had both of them in my own indiworld that death is only another name vidual life. I know they are the sunny for change and is man's emancipaton side of Spiritualism. Through them we see our arisen loved ones. We hear from the thralldom of the flesh into the freedom of the world supreme. their sweet voices calling to us from

their home in the realm of the soul, Independent writing is the means of presenting their thoughts in-Cojective, or fiful lights that Spiritualism gives to visible form, Sometimes, perhaps, genthe children of men. Would that I could Erally two slates closely fastened topause at this point or if I must congether are used to receive their messages. To me is the one satisfactory phenomenon of psychic nature.

Messages From Unseen World.

there is, alas a "Shadow Side" and Why? Because the investigator can must speak concerning it, in the interpurchase his own slates, take them to est of truth in order that no one may be the medium, fasten them as securely as misled; or mistake the seeming for the possible, never allow them to leave his real.

from the unseen world. I have done nomena of Spiritualism are frequently That is the All-In-all of then and now, this repeatedly, but will offer only two counterfeit and presented by susange- and the to sorrow of Eteralty;

graphs of Crabbe, August Compte, the plays of Shakspeare and Miss Mitford's "Rienzi's Address to the Romans." It was most ingeniously done. For a time it misled some of the highly intellectual people who heard him.

lous men and women as the "real bread of heaven," Unfortunately, the coun-terfeiters, the frauds and the fakirs

make themselves so prominent by their

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Clairvoyance Hard to Counterfeit.

ance, but are merely using that name

who resort to this method.

cess to the daily papers.

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these two are.

The "trance poet," too, is equally ubiquitous. He, or she, has a contro of less fame than Longfellow, Whittier or Father Ryan. Not long ago I read a production from the pen of one of those "entranced" (?) poets. To my surprise I found it a verbatim copy of Ella Wheeler Wilcox's "The Station of Rest," yet the poor fellow who offered in declared it to be the offering of his "Soul Mate" in spirit life. He was enlightened when I told him that said "Soul Mate" showed an intimate acquaintance with Mrs. Wilcox's writings. Let me say here that this trance noel is a representative of a class of fakirs in fact, is a type of them all. The de luded young man for whom the trance poet was reading from Ella Wheeler Wilcox had married a most excellent Mex ican girl yet living, and by whom he had several children, yet this pretended "Soul Mate" was trying to break up 's happy home and doing so in the name of Spiritualism by quoting from a living poetess.

There are many crimes committed by base persons on earth, but the wickedest of all offenses is the deliberate trampling upon the sacred emotions of the human soul through bogus phenomena and pretended-mediumship. Luetgert, who killed his wife, made her body into sausage, and sold the sausage on the market for food, is an angel of light, when contrasted with these harpies and vampires who deliberately outrage bleeding hearts and griefstricken souls. Spiritualism has noth ing in common with any of these wretches, yet its good work is heavily. shadowed by them.

THE GODS OF MAN.

So many Gods! So many man-made Gods! So many church-made, too, or bigot-

made! So strange, so variant, so purpose crossed!

Gods vengeful, fierce, Implacable, alert To terrify, and smite a quaking world, With Desolation's rav-ning tooth, with

Famine's fang, To prove His justice and affirm His power.

Such is the God that man evolves, alas! The God the zealot casts in human moulds,

(Not fashioned for a purpose infinite), Who smiles to day from out the realms of peace,

To-morrow rides the charlot of war, Or helps the bigot punish heretics.

tinue, could relate similar experiences Yet everywhere, in all the universe, and say they were all that are present-Is only Love, and Love is God alone, The one great Unit sphering all the ed in the realm of Spiritualism. But

rest; The Principle, the Power, the Spirit And the Thought, Mind, Good, that made and holds

The Universe, through all lits sweep,

never had liked the idea of the palms Enyway. Well, I worked there until I found 1

was being prepared for another field of usefulness, that this was only getting me accustomed to the new. idea of things; so, now, my work is the regeneration of man.

In every man I find something of the child, and when I have found that I go to work from that point and nearly ev

ery time I succeed in Teclaiming him. It is a great work, one any man may be proud of doing. I for one rejoice in the new idea of Heaven being a place of usefulness instead '6f stagna-I want to tell you that every one that

comes here stands on his own feet; and that there is no hiding behind any one You must take your own medicine and you cannot put the blame on anyone else: but, after a while you hegin to feel that that is the only way, and if you have one ounce of progression you need not stay down long, for you will find plenty to help you; and that is another thing that is different from earth, for here you find plenty to kick you down and few to lend a helping? hand upvards.

We have some laughable scenes here The amazement of some people is ludicrous in the extreme. They begin to look for their golden crown, when in-stead in many cases they reveive a ragged jacket; others more humble content with their lot, are led to beauti ful mansions that they have built by their own unselfishness. And, so on it goes, year after year, and never two cases exactly alike, so'it is interesting laughable, and sometimes, alas, most pitiful, but back of pity there is the knowledge that it need not always last. It depends on themselves if they stay in their disconsolate stute. Now, my friends; for fear of tiring

you I will close, with well wishes for your journey home. I am, yours truly, MOSES A SHULL.

The above message was received through the mediumship of Mrs. Mary L. Kaiser of Fort Scoit, Kansas

Butter and a second sec rays, Love that is part of God, and all of days God In man; man's duty unto man, and of grace. 'man's

lligh title to the name of Son of God. Willam Alexander Taylor. Columbus, Ohio. place.

Cleverness is a sort of gehius for in strumentality. It is the brain, of the hand. In literature deverness is more accompanied by wit, genius frequently

That is, in a great degree, tri fall men, which was said of the Ata ins, that they were like sheep, of w in a flock is more easily ariven than a ngle one.-Whately. Progress, the growth of ! intelligence

and power, is the end and boon of liber-ty; and, without this, a people may have the name, but want the substance and spirit of freedom .--- Channing. -Old age seizes upon an ill mont youth

like fire upon a fotten house. It was rotten before and must have fallen of

rotten before and actust have ballen of litesif, so that it is only one rain antici-pating another, Soulla, Noble deens, good though a same kind words are the splittagi sign is trade. Money is a handy opened to have, but will not purchase a these trade beauti-ful hereafter. Anoth

each moment a gein for our utility say it is. Then they should not each moment a sacred trust for us to beautify.

The ticking of the great clock of life is only counting the moments of eter-nity. To-day is an endless one. My vision views a journey without endan ever-unceasing landscape: every step has in it a lesson; every stone, ev ery flower, aye, every grain of sand a

purpose. A "Pilgrim's Progress" it is indeed. A struggle for you or me to bear means evolution, growth, expansion, a devel-opment, of our powers. Let us greet each experience with a brave hearteach day with a glad and radiant face: let our tread be firm and true, finding in to-day and all days the "Beautiful Beyond.'

To-morrow will come to us in its own good time.

But to-day is without end; To-day-to-morrow is, my friend, With thread so subtle and so fine You cannot see the golden cord, the way, or time Which links this day to that, "The Beautiful Beyond!"

So closely do they blend, This day with all future days

And all the past that this is builded The days!. They never end.

EMMA -GIBBS. Grand Rapids, Mich.

VOUS QUI PLEUREZI

You who weep!

Self-exiled angel souls homesick for heaven.

Bid your tears cease; no stern com mand is given.

No law fixed for eternal banishment. Ever the glorious messengers are sent To sing you homeward. How their

voices ring! 'Hear and rejoice! Thus sayeth Love, our king.

These too, even these, in holy guard I keep,

Have patience, you who weep!"

You who weep, Blind groping after half remembered

With haunting memories of the angel

Grasped dimly in a dream, take heart

No bar shall hold you and no wrath dis-

The flame immortal cannot quench or fade:

Lift fearless eyes and be no more dismayed.

All barriers the strong soul shall overleap;

Take comfort, you who weep! You who weep!

Children of glory, though awhile you stray

Through doubt and gloom in many a devious way, Hear but the Volces, touch the guiding

hands.

Self-exiled souls look homeward, life above. And by your kinship with eternal Love

Your heritage immortal claim and keep! Be glad, O you who weep!

BEATRICE ST. GEORGE.

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 Uself -- Orabbe.

lested or annoyed. In the United States we have 3,373 women ministers that speak, preach and lecture in public halls and churches. Why should we attempt to abuse this one woman because we do not agree with her religious ideas? Can we agree with all the above sects that I have mentioned? Is it right for us to persecute any of them because they do not believe the same as we do? As I have said, I am not a member of

looked as if all its life had gone. The any church. My religion is justice, truth and common sense. I believe in sensitive plant had sensed proach of this vicious spirit before he religious liberty, political liberty and had been noticed by us and the black liberty for the press. But sometimes emanations surrounding him had withthe press takes too much liberty and ered and blasted the life of the rose abuses public speakers. It goes too far. bush until there was no beauty left. Let me say, in conclusion, that it The vision vanished and left me to night be a good idea for many men to think that all nature is most wonderstrive and take the beam of egotism. fully beautiful if we only develop our malice, religious bigotry and superstihigher faculties sufficient to see a few tion out of their own eyes and hearts first, before they attempt to criticise of these beauties.

A Drop of Water.

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SCRIPTURE INTERPRETATION.

A drop of water contains within itself Who Was Caught Up Into the Third the elements of all the worlds. Formed Heaven?

which make fruitful the continents. On the first page of The Progressive Formed into glaciers and icebergs it Thinker, issue of January 7, was printed condenses the vapors and distributes communication from the writer, entheir unseen wealth over the planet. titled "Mourning Turned to Gladness. Formed into an occan embracing three-In that message I wrote about St. Paul fourths of our globe it is the home for eing caught up to the the third millions of inhabitants of its own, and heaven, etc.

makes it possible for those upon the You printed a criticism on that stateand to live. Bubbling from the earth ment from J. F. Kremblebine of Kenin springs it furnishes the means of life ton. Ohio, who called our attention to to man and beast. Distilled from the chapter 12, 2d Corinthians, 2d, 3d and louds in rain it gives life to the vege-4th verses. While I have investigated table kingdom, which in turn yields the subject since, I find that most minsustenanco and the means of life to isters and laymon believe that St. Paul

was the man who had the experience in There is no form of matter, so far as the third heaven, but spoke as though we know, that is not found embryonicit was another person. In reading "Seers of the Ages," by Dr. J. M. ally in that single drop of water. The "Seers of the Ages," erolite coming probably from some Peebles, on page 221, his statement is other planet, does not disprove it. Exmade on the subject: mined with the microscope it is found

"The Jews evidencly thought Paul to be teeming with living inhabitants, all seemingly bent on "life, liberty and was 'wandering' when caught up to the third heaven, not knowing whether he was in the body or out." According to Shed in tears from the lids of Christ the above sentence, Dr. Peebles is in amid the hills of Judea it struck a tenline with the general impression that der chord that reached the hearts of prevails, and I may yet be right.

The verses referred to read thus: I may dash it from me, but that does "I knew a man in Christ above fournot destroy it. It may fall on the petal teen years ago (whether in the body I of a flower, and, if so, it will enter upon cannot tell, or whether out of the body, I cannot tell, God knoweth); such an more beautiful and grander sphere. one caught up to the third heaven.'

> Verse 4: "How he was caught up into aradise, and heard unspeakable words.

What were those words of mystery, swearing or praises? Dr. Peebles andothers, please discuss the subject as to whether St. Paul heard those unspeakable words, or the other man.

And now, Brother Francis, as you published the criticism, you ought in lairness to me, publish my explanation,

or I shall consider toyself knocked out Experience does take dreadfully high of the "box." I have read this winter, "Seers of the Ages" and "The Arcana of Spiritualism." I consider both auchool wages, but ne teaches like no other.-Carlyle. A well-governed mind learns in time to thors great souls and writers. I have find pleasure in nothing but the truth and the just Anon. read with interest the wonderful discussion of obsession, and believe it to

Hope itself is happiness, and its frusbe a fact, although there is a limit. W. S. FRANKLIN, Bedford, Iowa-

trations, however frequent, are yet less dreadful than its extinction.-Johnson.

amidst the fire of suns where worlds are made, it is the same mysterious agency of life; and, touched by the finger of omnipotence becomes the uni-ANDREW STEVENSON:

Or, it may join the acorn in its descent, and then the mighty oak will lift its branches toward the stars. Joined ith the tempest and the gale it sweeps

through unseen corridors of nature in which musty time had planted the seeds of death. And so, whether in peaceful lakes and pools, caressing the ler.' swan and lily, or in the aqueous vapors

one in substance.

The third verse repeats the second

which it is not lawful for man to ut-

E CAR BUILD ST THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

The Open Court.

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

The Problem of Obsession. A Lecture by W. J. Colville.

W. J. Colville is well known in this Country and much material for their valuable books, or through neglect and misdirection it Europe as an Author and Lecturer, and Medium. His may lead into the dreary swamp often designated, "Obsession" The highly or Answers to Questions while on the Rostrum, His im-Answers to Questions while on the Rostrum, HIS Im-provisations, and Pearls of Wisdom that Fall from his depreciation of the armonic contraction of the armonic contraction of the contr Lips are listened to with great Pleasure wherever he forced to travel in accustomed ruts of goes. His Views Will Interest you.

Nothing can be more obvious than so mysterious as it may otherwise ap-that many curious facts in human ex- pear. Sensational appeals to emoperience are susceptible of diverse in- tional centers in human consciousness terpretations, and in no case are we often result in partial dementia, and as confronted more unmistakably with no one is over strengthened in characthis proposition than when perusing ter or will by submissively yielding to certain literature dealing with the al- the persuasive eloquence of a declamaways vexed and ever open question of tory orator, without exercising his own obsession, or the interference of ma- reason or intellectual judgment, a conlignant spiritual induences in human lapse often follows unusual nervous exaffairs. A widely circulating book citement, and at such times it is easy to from the extremely fertile pen of Dr. see how any undesirable influence or M. Peebles, "Spirit Obsession and any number of conflicting influences the Demonism of the Ages," is the presmay take control of an unbalanced senent storm-center of a thrilling contrositive. Though we are far from wishful This volume contains much to contradict the testimony of the vensound philosophy, much excellent aderable Dr. Peebles or of vice and many very remarkable records high-principled and philanthropic auof decidedly disagreeable experience. thor, we must, in simple justice to our clally The Progressive Thinker, have somewhat modified interpretation of had, during the past few months abund, the theat modified interpretation of the theory now so industriously promulhad, during the past few months, abundant opportunity to discuss and hear disgated by many Spiritualists, as well as cussed, pro and con, the entire question by a still larger number who oppose Spiritualism, that disorderly psychical of demoniacal possession and all phenomena that seem to account for beconditions are surely traceable to the lief in the distressful doctrine that many activity of malicious or at least of mishuman heings are victims of wicked hievous spirits. spirits whose disposition and delight it In a former article of ours which apis to torture and annoy their earthly cared in The Progressive Thinker, and excited considerable criticism pro and victims.

At the outset of any consideration of the much controverted book by the distinguished veteran, Dr. Peebles, it is necessary to summarize as concisely as possible what the author does, and what he does not teach. If all critics and reviewers of the book in question had familiarized themselves thoroughly with the positive views entertained by Dr. Peebles before seeking either to confirm or to rebut them, much faulty disputation might certainly have been spared.

Dr. Peebles is in a very real sense perplexing problem, with the milder asboth a Theist and a Universalist in addition to being an ardent Spiritualist, pects of which all who have had much to do with hypersensitive persons have been compelled to deal. Experifor he affirms Deity, the essential goodness of every human being and the ultimate harmony of all souls with God. Now as these great doctrines of univermany countries, has enabled me to speak with definiteness on this subject sal teligion are proclaimed and affirmed by Dr. Peebles, and as he entirely disthe result of individual experience, owns all belief in perpetually wicked and therefore incorrigible devils, it is coupled with earnest and dispassionate not just or reasonable to class the idea examination of evidence presented by a of obsessing influences which he entervery large number of mediumistic peotains and preaches with those horrid ple, together with testimonials collected and irrational views of "Satan and his from painstaking investigators .who imps" which are still industriously pro- have sought industriously and without

bane of sensitiveness. A medium, psychic, or a sensitive, is merely a highly impressional individual, very frequently (though not invariably) pos-sessed of extremely delicate physical organization and almost always of highly nervous temperament. A child an-swering to such description frequently hears volces, beholds visions, receives impressions and exhibits generally a degree of psychic susceptibility to which less delicately organized human beings are total sirangers. If such a child be carefully nurtured, and in every way kindly and wisely treated, there is no reason why such extreme delicacy of nature should not contribute to the expression of the most desirable variety of seership, but should so sensitive a plant be exposed to rough and unkind usage, it often follows that some dis-agreeable, nervous distemper becomes apparent and a neurotic perversion of

mediumship ensues. Sensitiveness is incispensable to me diumship, but sensitiveness is a very wide word, the full application of which is very rarely considered The most general and indefinite kind of chaotic mediumship can be developed into a fine display, of psychometric ability such as delighted Professors Denton and Buchanan and furnished them with or through neglect and misdirection it schooling, consequently it has been very frequently remarked that the best mediums are uneducated; this, however, is a misleading statement display

ing gross ignorance of psychology, for hough it may be clearly proved that a sensitive youth or maiden has received no academic training, there' are so many subtler means of conveying infor mation than by following the routine methods of any school that it would be far truer to: declars that the sensitive "uneducated" wiseacre has derived knowledge in some manner altogether epart from collegiate methods. Much discussion is now in vogue a

to the limits of telepathy, and many extreme statements on both sides of a great argument need to be considerably modified. The Simon-pure telepathis of the school of Thomson Jay Hudson seeks to restrict mediumistic phenom ona entirely within the comparatively narrow circle of exclusively mundan telepathy, while the particularly ardent spiritualist often rushes to the other extreme and insists that whenever telepathy is demonstrated some excarnate ntity has conveyed the information received by someone now in flesh. Probably every student of psychic phenom cna, whose investigations have been rewarded with any appreciable degree of success, is prepared to endorse the simple fact that a message sent by one riend is sometimes received by another without the agency of any accepted material machinery, but the question is yet open as to how far telepathy may be rightly termed simple and how far

it must be considered complex, or, to express this idea a little differently, how much is there of direct telepathy, or is it nearly or quite all indirect? To settle these moot questions is not our present province, and we do not think it necessary at any time to attempt to finally decide how far one in-

telligent entity now embodied on earth can or does communicate with another similarly conditioned entity apart from the co-operative service of discarnate elpers. The fact remains that information is often conveyed from mind to mind or from consciousness to consciousness, without the use of any sort of physical media of transmission, and this fact along is sufficient to establish data on which to erect a substantial Spiritualistic philosophy.

In the earlier days of the history of the Spiritualist movement, as evidenced by the testimony of many of the most ng of th

prepared to do in no uncertain man-As long ago, as toward the end of the As long ago, as toward the end of the 18th century the illustrious Dr. Behja-min Rush of Philadeiphia urged a plea for theissolation of all demented persons, wisely imaintaining that in place of a great institution in which hundreds of lungtics should be confined, a number of small cottages should be crected so that each patient should en-joy the benefit of individual care bestowed by competent attendants and be saved from the baleful influence conseuent upon close contact with othe similarly afflicted persons. If "obses sion" be concelled at all it can never be disassociated from insanity, and this Dr. Peebles, in common with all ancient authors, pabundantly maintains. Such being the case it only remains for stulents and practitioners of suggestive healing to bestir themselves to provide the antidote and remedy ovidently very much required, Volumes might easily be written, on this fascinating though repulsive theme, without bringing out any solution of the difficulty, until the

great principles of spiritual science are definitely applied. Whatever frightens and enervates impressionable people, or unduly stimulates their nervous systems, is sure to multiply disasters which can, only averted by directing attention to the high and safe ground of well-developed individual character. The whole doc-trine of "obsession" is a nightmare of terror to many highly susceptible people-who all know from yery sad experience that nothing is more dangerous than fear. Neither ignorance nor knowledge of surrounding evil influences can prove a safeguard, but the building up of a strong wall of healthy aura around a sensitive is a means of effectual protection against all invasions of distemper.

For the thousandth time we may be compelled to teach that individuality is the only safeguard, and individuality can never be built up so, long as we wish to be, "Mrs. Grundy's" satellites, or so long as it is our ambition to fall in or curry, favor with prevailing fashionsetters or monopolists.

It seems pretty clearly evident to all observers on the psychic plane that the unseen spheres which encircle and interpenetrate this planet are people with exactly the same varieties of folk as meet us on our daily walks about the world. Obsession is certainly two-fold; it proceeds from persons in the flesh as vell as from those who have laid the flesh aside, and exactly the same pre-caution needs to be taken whether we are specially dealing with one aspect of the question or with the other. In the main we are certainly not at variance with the teaching of Dr. Peebles, for we invariably counsel healthy and simple living on all planes of existence as the culy sure and, certain way of vanquish ing the ills from which we may already suffer and preventing others which may loom upon our horizon of the future Facts may be susceptible to differing interprotations, but they must be reck oned with however variously we may seek to account for them.

A very great service has been rendered to the public by Dr. Peebles in so far as he has, pointed out that simple mediumship is in itself neither a bless ing nor, a curse, but may become the cne or the other in consequence of the manner in which it is dealt with and the conditions amid which it is exer clsed.

A book not altogether pleasant may no largely true, and seeing that the vet eran author of the volume now so great ly controverted does not believe in the opelessness of any condition or in the hopelessness of any condition or in the incorrigibility, of any obsessing entity, we shall be better employed in seeking to ald in a good work of demon eleva-tion than in frantically denouncing a many sided doctring, the last word concerning which has certainly not ye been spoken.

INTERESTING AND SUGGESTIVE.

The following from a prominent me-

The Testimony of a Medium on Obssessions. Prof. Loveland's Position Annihilated.

Oscar A. Edgerly is one of Our Foremost Workers on the Rostrum. His lectures are logical, eloquent and soul-inspiring. His Views on Obsession will attract your close attention.

It is well known to the most of the) - The woman came from some western Spiritualists of America that I have city to Newburyport, to take charge of been for some twenty years a trance a department in one of the large shoe speaker upon the platform and during manufactories in that city. You can this time have given many readings and have been, I think, a close observer judge that she was a woman of ability and intelligence, when I say that at her place of employment she had superinof our great movement, a movement tendence over 150 working girls. that not only demonstrates a future She came to my mother's home at a life, but that through our angel ministrants gives us a very correct knowl-edge of the conditions and employments time when I was holding public test circles every week. She claimed hot

in that life; and I must say in regard to to know anything about Spiritualism, this matter of Demonism or Spirit Obbut she soon began to show an interest sessions that no one is so well prein my test seances, and became a conthe stant attendant. She very soon began pared to investigate and discuss matter as mediums themselves; medito show strong indications of medium ums who have been controlled by spir-its from the different spheres in the ship, and before long was controlled by a spirit who claimed he had been a other life. Dr. Peebles' book is a most priest in the Greek Catholic church. This spirit gave some very good talks, interesting and valuable one because it is a warning and a safeguard against but seemed to be strongly prejudiced in favor of his own religion. the abuses of the great truth, medium Soon after ship. I submit two cases of obsessions this spirit came to her, she told me that that I consider to be clear and distinct her spirit friends said that she must cases, and could, if necessary, cite no longer sit in my circles. I told her many more. she must act her own pleasure in that

The first occurred in a city in New England. The circumstances were as follows: Two sisters, the Misses Mvery intelligent and highly educated ladies, both having been teachers in the high school of their city, became interested in Spiritualism. Their first invesinsanity. tigations were made through the agency of what is commonly called the 'talking board."

dash off four or five stanzas of verse-One of the ladles proved to be an ex-One of the ladies proved to be an ex-perhaps the first two or three verses ceptionally strong medium for that expressive of the highest sentiment of class of manifestations; message after morality and love, and then degenerat ing into the basest obscenity and actual message was spelled out on the "talking board" with astonishing rapidity. blasphemy. These writings would be variously signed, usually by some great Much that was given gave evidence that it emanated from a very high celebrity, but in looking over the papers carefully, there would always be source of intelligence. The two sisters became intensely interested in these found in some obscure corner the cogmessages thus given, and as the time nomen, "Portuguese Jack"; so it was we got the name of her obsessing went by devoted more and more of their attention to the use of the "talking board." ortuguese Jack later). He made her to the most extravagant and foolish

While at first the messages had been of a most intelligent and gratifying nathings, while some of his doings ture, it was soon observed by the elder through her mediumship were marvelsister (who was not the medium) that

the nature of the communications were changing, and becoming arbitrary and In the first place he said he hated the woman, and would send her to the dictatorial in character; for instance, insane asylum. How well he succeedcommanding the medium sister to act ed in carrying out that design I will in a foolish and unreasonable manner, tell you. He commanded her to keep and while the foolishness of such ac away from all public circles, mine in-It seemed that when she tions were perfectly obvious to the cluded. elder sister, still the one that was the obeyed that mandate, he could do as he medium could not seem to realize but pleased with her, but once in a while that everything was all right. ve could persuade her to come into my

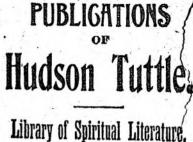
There is where I claim the obsession circle, after which she would appear perfectly sane and natural, but as soon began. This pure, bright, intelligent as she missed coming to meeting, "Portuguese Jack" would get control woman became so influenced by the insidious control of an obsessing spirit. that she could no longer discriminate again. between right and wrong, and that

Here are some of the things she would do when under his influence. which was reasonable or unreasonable. This condition lasted until the lady was completely prostrated both men-She would pin a large sheet of blank paper on the wall of her room, then

tally and physically. I have no doubt her right arm would become perfectly that any doctor of the old schools would rigid, and grasping a piece of charcoal have pronounced her insane at this in her right hand, she would draw the time most beautiful pictures of tropical

Despite all opposition she would per- scenery, palm trees, birds of paradise, coral islands, and beautiful sea views sist in the use of the "talking board," and the longer she yielded to the sug-(I know positively that she had abso gestions of the controlling spirits the lutely no ability to draw when not unworse her condition. The conditions I der control). She would take any have described had come to exist eight book, read down a page, then giving the months after the first use of the book to some one else, so that they board, and remember that previous to could follow her, she would begin with the use of the "talking board" she had the last word on the page and repeat been not only sane, but of far more every word backward to the first word than ordinary strong mentality. on the page, without once making a mis-

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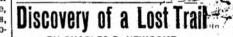
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mulgated by many benighted and beprejudice to weigh evidence and spring hastily to no conclusion. lated theologians. To admit corrigible

devils is by no means equivalent to teaching that the universe contains finally doomed souls, or that any member of the human family will prove finally impenitent and be ultimately destroyed. Whatever attempted explanation of these disorderly exhibitions of psychic aberration which cause severe distress to many persons may be found ultimately correct, the fact of alleged obsession is undeniable and it must certainly be reckoned with by all mental therapeutists and others whose work of is to find a remedy for suffering humanity.

spirit; therefore it must follow that if there be communion with excarnate entitles at all we must be liable to encounter as many varieties of human peculiarity on the other side as on the earthly side of dissolution's veil. Second, as it is clearly evident that people act from very mixed motives

con, we attacked the idea of evil spirits

comewhat mercilessly, and among the

many who flew to the defense of the

doctrine was an experienced writer

who informed us through the columns of

the Banner of Light that there are

"friendly, loving, obsessions" as well

as many other varieties which can

only be described by widely different

When the term "obsession" has been

nade as elastic as that talented lady

has made it, an entirely new light has

een thrown upon a large portion of the

nce extending over many years,

and the conclusions now_submitted are

adjectives.

while on earth, though none are altogether evil, so the same motives may actuate behavior in the spirit-world. and it is therefore possible that unwise

As the term mediumship is so vari-

Crime, which volume we endeavored to

tures-many people have persisted in

condemning everything that nears the mediumistic name, on the plea that no

one can be a medium without forfeiting

the right of self-ownership and becom-

Dr. Peebles has evidently raised a fu-

rious tempest in Spiritualistic circles,

A rather unconvincing statement appeared in Dr. Herbert Parkyn's maga-zine, Suggestion, (February, 1905) to the effect that Dr. Peebles had practiums, emanating partly from the mental cally surrendered entirely his doctrine conditions of neighbors still on earth. of Obsession by stating that the oband partly from equally near neighbors (nsychically considered) who are dis servance of reasonable hygicnic rules would prove a preventive and an antirobed of physical habiliments.

dote. To this assertion one answer is Third, the supreme necessity for individual culture, or a high measure of certainly possible, namely, that an unhealthy condition of mind and body is reasonable self-reliance, is clearly evifavorable alike to the inception and dent to all sare thinkers, because en-continuance of Obsession, while a tirely apart from all vicious desires on healthy mental and physical state is the part of mediumistic persons, an unbalanced personality often opens wide unfavorable to all that passes under that general caption. We are always the door to extremely undesirable phedesirous of occupying moderate ground nomena. amid all discussions of most questions, The all

The above three statements, though by no means exhaustive of this tre-mendous subject, may be found suffiand being well assured that this intricate and disagreeable problem demands searching investigation, we propose to consider it as far as possible in all its clent (on general grounds) to consti-tute a practical philosophy in accord-ance with which decisive steps may imphases.

In ancient times the allied questions mediately be taken to counteract the of health and morality were almost uniprevalance of those distressful experiversally unified, and it is a source of ences which are indeed pathetic and which can be entirely obviated through much regret to many ethical and hygienic instructors of today that a wide the application of the proper preventaspread belief has long been prevalent tives and remedies. Though we cannot all agree as to the that bodily health and moral excellence have no necessary association. precise origin and immediate cause of psychical disturbances, we may all co-

In partial justification of this prevailing fallacy may be cited the obvious fact that many chronic invalids are persons operate to establish a better knowledge of the means whereby mediumship in of much sincere piety who manifest all its phases may be rescued from the more than average sweetness of disquagmire into which it has often fallen. position; but on the contrary side of the contention it is necessary to assert that ously employed as to be sometimes a those mild and lovely virtues, though title of glory and at other times a extremely excellent, by no means cover badge of reproach, it is often necessary the entire list of attributes essential in the face of current controversy to de to the development and maintenance fine precisely what we mean by the of a more robust moral constitution. word when we employ it. In its simpiest meaning no exception whatever

Christianity has for many centuries theoretically exalted the milder virtues can be taken to it, but since the publi-at the expense of those more heroic, cation of The Great Psychological theoretically exalted the milder virtues with the result that multitudes of pureminded people have allowed themselves refute in a course of six consecutive lecto believe that simple sweetness of character, coupled with fatalistic sophistry and resignation to a supposed inevitable decree of providence constitutes the all-in-all of attainable holiness.

ing merely a dupe, creature or tool of It has been frequently remarked that some extraneous influence. This exagreligious revivals are often followed by gerated and ill-founded assertion is by no means justified by experience, though like all other extravagances lamentable outbursts of what certainly looks like terrible obsession, and as rethere is a modicum of truth in the decligious revivalists are often conscien iaration.

tious persons seeking, as well as they know how, to lead benighted sinners into the paths of righteousness, it seems enigmatical that their intention- by publishing so very uncompromising ally soul-saving labors should result, as they sometimes do. in the_ physical. mental and moral demoralization of some of their professed converts.

Strange though this situation may ap lem. pear to all who are unversed in the sci-

seemed little tendency on the part of scientific investigators to separate what was then called mesmerism from allied First, we must all agree that physical dissolution does not in any sense or phases of spirit-influence, and it must measure radically change the condition be conceded by all who have read of the living entity we call the human Emma Hardinge Britten's "Twenty Years of American Spiritualism" and "Nineteenth Century Miracles," to-gether with the publications of other distinguished authors, that from the ery inception of the Spiritualist movement, pleasant and uppleasant experi-

any other

ences have fallen to the lot of mediums and investigators alike. There is no reasonable justification for any rine approaching the theory that death

transforms us into angels of light or levils of darkness, for precisely as the tree falls so does it lie, to employ an ancient metaphor which Edward Maitland in his celebrated book, "The Pil-grim and the Shrine," long ago rationally interpreted. . We are certainly in very close communion with many indiiduals on both sides of the yell whose acquaintance we have not made know ingly. Multitudes may know us whom

do not know, and when our eyes have opened more widely to the mysteries of "Borderland" we may be greatly surprised to learn on what conditions and from what causes we have been keeping company with long unseen associates.

There are four leading causes for sychic intercommunion.

First, natural affection; second, simi iarity of taste; third, interest in kindred projects; fourth, general susceptibility. ibility. It is with the last. of these causes that students of obsession have chiefly to deal when seeking to solve a vexed and vexing problem, seeing that the remaining three predisposing causes

are almost invariably acknowledged and are palpably subject to our own control. At least ninéty-nine people out of every average hundred believe that circumstances are frequently too strong for them and that they must perforce submit to all sorts of limitations and annoyances on account of supposedly invincible weaknesses alike of mind and body. Whoever helps to dispel this grave illusion proves a world's benefactor, and if proof be nceded of the willingness of the public to consider a better and healthier view of human sensitiveness we have but to consider the cordial reception given to the bracing prose and poetry of Ella Wheeler Wilcox and other inspiring leachers who point the way to victory over all debilitating phantasies.

The line of least resistance must ever be the easiest road to travel, but that is not the road-way traversed by sturdy pioneers and illustricus inventors discoverers. The uphill part, the steep ascent of continuous devotion to an ideal which long seems hard to realize, is ever the royal way which leads eventually to victory. Omitting from our present consideration cases of "obsession" manifestly due to encourage ment of vicious propensities and especially to the prostitution of some phase of mediumship. to the unrighteous end of injuring a neighbor, the large balance of distressing cases may all be at tributed to lack of individualization or

a volume as Demonism of the Ages and Spirit Obsessions, but he has printed in to neglect of reasonable rales of hy-giene, without obedience to which a bold relief the brightest as well as the darkest sides of the mediumistic probnormal existence is unattainable. To theorize upon any dark problem is Without any Intentional unfairness to.

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ultimately profitless unless we are preence of psychology, to the experienced anybody, the intropid Dr. Peebles has pared to show some means for van psychologist the case is by no means testified alike to the blessing and to the quishing a difficulty, and this we are

dium and author, comprehensively illus trates the importance of the Open Court in presenting to the world ques tions that have heretofore been tabooed. It will be read with deep interest. As Lyman C. Howe, the veteran lecturer, remarks, "The Open Court is IM-MENSE."

As our gifted sister, Abbie ... Walker Gould in her recent excellent contribution to the Open Court controversy, has so kindly and cordially introduced my docname and work therein, I will break the silence I have hitherto observed, to express my surprise that only one side of the law has been previously hinted at by any of the able writers on the sub-ject of Obsession. The attack of "evil spirits or demons" has been alone considered, when the majority of cases that have come under my observation for treatment, have been the too close companionship of weak, clinging (often pure and loving) spirits, whose only sin was ignorance of psychic laws, and the She had no memory of anything that injury they were inflicting upon the bad occurred for the three months past. mortal whom they thus ensphered. de-Obsession is not identical with

moniacal possession, as commonly regarded. Whether or not a person "carries his animal appetites and passions with him beyond the veil of death."

may still be discussed pro and con, but desire for continued association with its own. No sentiment could be purer. I the above to be a clear case of obsesand yet it leads to obsessions which unless mercifully broken, often result in the premature removal from this plane of the one thus obsessed. A case could be cited of a young wo-

man whose mother had died with prolonged consumption. For months prior to her decease she had been tenderly nursed by this beloved daughter, whose presences was the only heaven she craved. After transition, she still clung fondly, desperately, to her devoted ministrant. ¡Her aura surrounded and encast the same peflection in the daugh-ter's system that had been demonstrated imher gwn. Soon, acute hem orrhages, occurred, a severe cough, profuse expectoration, until the doctors pronounced one jung entirely gone and a large cavity in the other. It was a very cleancase of contagion, through inhaling the bacteria of tuberculosis. Her prostration became so great that at last three physicians, in consultation, declared that she would not live five days. But when appeal, was made to a psychic healer, the difficulty discovered, and the dear mother informed of her mistake, she quickly withdrew in dismay that she was thus afflicting her child and the patient has enjoyed a sound

pair of lungs for several years. Diseases of the most acute type are frequently the reflection upon the patient of the malady under which the epirit passed out, the obsessor still holding it in his consciousness so strongly that he casts it upon the mortal organism, as one's face is reflected in a mirror. A severe case of Bright's disease can be recalled which had passed to the incurable state, its hope lessness proven by examination of secrétions. and yet when the aura of the ultimately profitiess unless we are pre-pared to show some means for van-quishing a difficulty, and this we are treat. Yet there was no disease left to substance there was no disease left to substance to show some means for van-quishing a difficulty, and this we are treat. Yet there was no "demon" in science only on your plane."

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I called at their home, and was re-Yet this "Portuguese Jack" was a most eyil and malignant being, for quested to sit with them in my capacity as a trance medium, the elder sister eventually his medium came under the thinking that my guides might be able attention of the regular doctors and to advise so as to relieve the medium they in their ignorance sent her to an from her terrible condition. I found insane asylum.

They sent her away while I was out her apparently dumb and insane. She would not speak a word (had not of the city filling an engagement.) believe that if she could nave been in spoken a word for over two months), because the spirits through the "talkduced to sit regularly in the circle of some good and strong medium, Portu-She

ing board" had told her not to. had not slept at night for over three weeks; would only wear such clothes guese Jack's influence could have been overcome and this woman would not and eat such food as the spirits inhave been the victim of his obsession structed her to. Taken all together Now let me tell you who we found she was indeed in a terrible condition. this "Portuguese Jack" to be. After At first she would not come to the the woman went to the insane asylum room where I was, as she said the he continued to visit various meetings spirits would not let her, but we formed a circle in the adjoining room held at Newburyport for a period of two years. At the end of this time he and proceeded to hold our seance came one night to a meeting where 1 my guides telling those present that they was presiding. He controlled me, and would bring her into the room, which speaking to a young lady, said: they finally did. While in the circle are the only person in this city who she seemed to suddenly awaken, and a can find out who I am. When you go more astonished woman I never saw.

home, ask your father if he knew Fortuguese Jack?" The young lady's father was an old retired sea captain. My guides advised that she be en She asked him in regard to "Portu-irely secluded from Spiritualism for guese Jack." His answer was "Do I tirely secluded from Spiritualism for

some time to come, and as they had know 'Portuguese Jack'? Well, I broken the power that held her, she should say I did. I brought him to the soon would be herself again in every United States from San Domingo. He respect. was a half-breed Portuguese, and a

The prophecy of my guides proved to more perfect fiend in human form all must admit that the attraction of be thoroughly justified, for within two never knew. He lived in this city love survives transition, with the old months the lady was perfectly normal, (Newburyport) for eighteen years, and both mentally and physically. I claim [died here twenty years ago. So there we have the evidence that

"Portuguese Jack" was a devil when sion. The second case that I will call your in earth life, and after being on the tpirit side for twenty years he comes attention to, relates to a woman who came to my mother's home in Newback, and is a devil still. Such things buryport, Mass., when I was a resident as these make me believe in obsession of that city. OSCAR A. EDGERLY.

sight. And the writer deprecates such, It seems an inconsistent position for evil, and of evil spirits, as unhealthful in the spirit world to-day, to deny that and unwise. But psychic healing is one the aura of an excarnate soul can imslaved her child. Her deep-seated of the greatest needs of this psychic pinge too closely upon that of a mortal consciousness of her painful malady age. Perfect work is impossible with We are immersed in a vast populous out reognition of this important field sea of spirit life. What more natural than that a negative, undeveloped per-

Cases of mysterious suicide to-day, of son should occasionally pick up a psy persons who are in no business perchic companion? But the soul that is plexity, or sorrow, are caused by the de- strongly poised cannot be moved theresire of some obsessing entity to escape from a bondage of which he has grown by. It will rejoice that it can give of its strength and assistance to any weary, and he knows of no way brother or sister, unclothed, or clothed with clay. Many times has the writer complish his release but to break the box he is in, by swaying the brain of been approached by spirits who had his subject with an uncontrollable debeen released from their earthbound sire for self-destruction. For the condition long before, who have tried to ob express with caressing touch, with evsessor is bound as much as his victim, even as a fly is caught in a spider's ery sign of appreciation, their gratitude web and needs a helping hand to refor the service she was once enabled to lease him, so two spiritual atmospheres | render them, one of them remarking "Isn't it beautiful that I can go now are interblended, and the disembodied "spirit in prison" is in far greater need where the bright ones are? And of treatment than the mortal patient, in you come, you will be met by so many

need of kindly ministration, instruction, spirits, whom you have forgotten, who strength, upliftment, and an enkindled will remind you of the time when you desire for progression. Being con-scious on this plane, his help must come from the realm to which he is tack"; it can never lead to possession

most closely related. Many times when except in a soul unpoised and unenlight endeavoring to assist such earthbound ened. No strong soul need fear attack waif, appeal has been made to the in- but be able to welcome the opportunity visible guides and helpers and the of imparting of its own unassailabl question asked: "Why can't you take strength to any needy soul. There is this spirit, lead him away, and help him no protection in ignorance of psychic onward?" and the answer has always laws. Knowledge is the only savior

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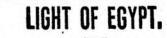
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There seems to be considerable ex- sire. That is pure and simple "spirit citement because Dr. Peebles has writ- return." Every spirit must find his own Some, road, and it will be in accordance with ten a work upon "Obsession." the fact altogether. Others shrick his own mentality. If he loved mathethat such truths should be buried in si- matics or music so that either or both And in one case there even were to him a passion, therein lies his scems to be an echo direct from obsess- pathway of return. We all have mixed on headquarters, through medium lips. motives and tastes in earth life, and most likely in the beyond too. So he ion headquarters, through medium lips. affirming and denying to their heart's may return to a loved who is one content. It seems to the writer that neither musical nor mathematical, but the best and safest way is to keep cool, he would in such a case travel a pathand study the subject from the stand- way of love, It is useless multiplying illustrations.

manages to influence the mortal of like

beyond and above our normal sense

not enough ever for obsession. There

There is another point to be noticed

Just a point here as to the word it-

organism of a human spirit.

But if he

point of fact. The battle over the question of "spir-The reader can see the truth that spirit it return" has been fought for more return is governed almost entirely by than a half century, and, on the whole, mutual tastes. Even the philanthropic it seems as if the unbiased chairman spirit is looking for undeveloped tastes of the Society for Psychical Research and desires like his own, which he is will now declare "the yeas have it." hoping to uncover and develop so that So far so good. We will take that as the spirit in gloom shall seek sunshine. our starting point, for if spirits don't Surely this will be accepted as true. come back there is no obsession, and But therein lies the whole secret of ob-Dr. Peebles has created an excitement session I don't know how the spirit musician about nothing. In that case this

article would perish in the "borning." If spirits come back and play any laste, but he does it, all the same, I part in mortal life it means that hu- don't even know how mortals influence manity-mortal and immortal-has a one another. As I said in the beginway of geiting together, no matter how | ning, it has got to be along nerve chancarefully Jailer Death locks and bars nels, that are more or less susceptible. the door. That way, and the only way I am only claiming that precisely the that concerns us, is through or along same process will be used by the returne nervous system of a mortal. If the ing spirit. - Of course he does his work pirits have any other method of enjoy- an octave or two higher, that is to say g a visit to earth. it is certain no morcould tell the tale until he had limit, and, most likely, below the nor-

nsed" his visitor. mal sense limit of the spirit. So our metho almost innumerable fashions in mathematical spirit has to look for liumship are each and all founded something more than a mathematical here action in the mortal, although mortal. He must discover a mathemat-It, may not always be conscious of it, ical mortal who is sensitive beyond the s true a majority of mortals are not usual mortal average. This is law, and sceptible to any spirit impression or has a direct bearing on the question of impulse, just as there are also many obsession, as we shall presently see; who are blind and deaf to their fellow For it means that similarity of tastes is mortals.

We notice in earth life that there is must also be abnormal sensibility on no rigid limit to any mortal sense. It both sides. always a question of vibration. A score beats of a pendulum in a sec- just here. We know nothing about the ond will give you a deep bass sound. A few thousands more and the note be- has nerves fashioned at all like ours comes shrill. Presently you have si- they cannot be played upon by lence at both ends of the scale. The mortal, for the mortal cannot reach up sound was simply the effects of certain and out to them. So obsession of a vibrations upon nerves connected with spirit by a mortal is not possible. your ear drum. The cat and the dog I know we hear and read of unproved can hear long after all is silence for cases where certain invisibles have been But so can some of your neigh- psychologized into believing themselves They are just a little more sensi- slaves to some enchanter, but that is bors. tive than you. They hear what you absurdity. Obsession, if it exists, is cannot: So, if any one can talk to them practically one-sided. in those tones they hear, and you do its and mediums. Of course the ulti-a mortal by a spirit for any high or nomate proof must depend upon what is ble purpose is "possession." It is only told to that extra-sensitive ear. But in very rare cases, and for some brief the point here is merely this, that un-less there is one ar more sensitive than trol or dominate the will power of a hu-

masks of us have, there, won't be any man being less advonced than himself. How the spirit affects the mortal is sitive in such control, or unless it be no more mysterious than how we affect with his full consent, the contact one another. We may do it by actual tween spirit and mortal will not take touch. But that is still vibration, and place. On the other hand, any intelliif you are a little extra sensitive the gence who assumes the control spirit may touch you. Sight, hearing, mortal by subduing his will for selfish taste, smell, are experienced when we purpose, whether with or without the produce certain vibrations in another consent of the sensitive, is practicing mortal. I don't know how we do it, out "obsession." Even if at first the effect the spirit can produce precisely the may be but slight, it will, if prolonged, lirium no one holds him accountable in same effect, say an octave or two high- result in enslaving the mortal. In ex- word or deed. We may not know the

ectual manifestations, some of them in luding what we call "tests." The point we are making is that since nerves are the only channe! whereby a spirit controls his own body or that of another, nerves most used re necessarily the most open channel. The miser who thinks greed, and the lebauchee who thinks lust have open channels, which, if they happen to be abnormally sensitive, are all ready for

use by a spirit who is himself alinormally sensitive in the same direction. and nerve hungry for his old sensations, The mortal who craves sensations of any special kind is in danger of receiving those censations from an invisible source, if he be a little more sensitive than usual. If much more so he very likely to become the victim to a etronger will, if that cheessor finds any satisfaction or enjoyment in such nerv-

We pass here to a very important phase of nerve action, a phase essential to obsession. Everybody knows that hought demands nerve action every time. In some unknown way thought ises or compels the vibration of nerve

If the nerve cannot respond, thought is silent, and the form is dead. But that nerve while alive can respond to the thought of another individuality. Otherwise all communication between man and man would be impossible. What is called telepathy or thought interchange without any visible impulse, is absolutely dependent upon nerve action. It must find a well used channel among nerves more than usually excitable There is no other way. The idiot is not

bsessed, nor obsessible. I think everyone who studies himself otices that at times he is almost mastered by thoughts and their resultant feelings. And sometimes, for hours or days he knows he is not his normal self, or at least the self he would like to be. I do not say that is "obsession," but it is the effect that might be pro-

uced by an obsessor. Or course we might take every phase of mortal sensation and demonstrate the possibility of its being used by an obsessing personality. I say "possibility" because after many years of careful study and observation, both of myself and others, I believe the key to obsession-ninetyine times out of one hundred-lies in our own individuality. This demands a rather close and careful examination. Every case of genuine obsession imlies an unwarranted use of nerves beonging to another individuality. If it go no further we may find an intellect. ual control which woefully injures the mentality of the poor sensitive. But it may at last, by its prolonged use of the nerves, claim the entire body, until the true owner becomes lost to human ken. The cases of obsession quoted by Dr. Peebles may and most likely have this foul solzure by a spirit as their true explanation. But there-are, as I have said, obsessions that have a very differ-

ent cause, and therefore demand close attention. Self-possession is as much a fact as spirit obsession. The victim of vice and passion of any kind, first prepares ve channel for that expression by nen ner his self-indulgence. And after months or years his own selfhood can find no other outlet. He may polish his manners as he does his shoes, but it is only his blackness which shines. He be comes a flend who has first devoured his own true selfhood, and thereafter preys on that of others. He may not get into the asylum. There are too. many of him for that. But he curses the world as he has cursed himself. The possibilities of his future we are not now discussing. The reader will at once recognize the awful possibilities of this self-obsession, and note that it explains many a case attributed to spirits.

There is still another phase which parodies or suggests obsession. At least the effect is the same, though we cannot, perhaps, prove our case against. the criminal. Every man is dependent upon the condition of his nerves for the special exhibition of manhood by which we know him. But that condition may be changed at any time by physical shock, by sickness, or by infection. When the strong man is raving in de-

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Let us not labor under the specious

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we ourselves compelled

In the world to come,

faults,

Is it not a fundamentaliprinciple in: the philosophy of Spiritualism, and so held by all the D. Ds. of the cult that nature is a unit, and that no principle ife or law exists outsidemof nature's

proposition? This bed-rock fact conceded, upon what foundation and the aforesaid Spiritualistic Dolo Ds.14 plant. the throne of the thinly welled lortho dox deity they are wont to hold up to the world as an awe-inspiring object of semi-worship? 11 11: In one breath they tell hs there is no law above or beyond nature; in the next they fall back into the old rut ' and ilogically exploit for our delectation the inthinkable, central figure of their unforgotten, first theological love. Is it not axiomatic that children are like anto their progenitors?

This principle admitted, must it not logically follow that the soul of man is the counterpart of its father? This truth granted, it follows as cause and ffect, that the ego, the soul that clothes itself with spirit and mortality, alty is just as sure to follow as s in all essentials a son or daughter, and in all respects-mortality excepted -a copy of the original ego or Oversoul

Is it not true that the endless confu sion of tongues manifest in the sayings of our would-be leaders of Spiritualistic will always remain. thought and work arises from a misconception of the nature and attributes of delusion that we can divorce ourselve the so-called and miscalled Great First Cauge?

"Like father like son" is a homely old adage that applies to and "fills a long felt want" in this connection. To the painstaking student of the spiritual philosophy of life, it seems the acme of self-adulating egotism for any mind. however overcrammed with the musty, mildewed theories of the misty past, to attempt a solution of the riddle of the universe. Were the pigmy to succee fitted for the next stage of life. in his quest, he would have but onened the door to an eternity of unrest.

"No more worlds to conquer." This being true of the Son, the Father must stand amenable to the same law, and hence it logically follows that an absolutely perfect being could not be happler than his offspring under the same life. conditions.

In the light of the foregoing, Loveland and Peebles are hopelessly at odds in the misty labyrinths of a Dawbarn fog-land. Each has some truth and a whole lot of misconception. One is evidently, as far from the hairline dividing truth and error as is the other. The first is right in his contention that the same fountain cannot send forth both sweet and bitter water, but "away off" in his denial of evil spirits decarnate for the reason that they are sons and daughters of his impossible God."

To give evidence." Prof. Loveland is true to his concep tion of a Deity, while Dr. Peebles'makes a like God capable of fathering myriads of souls that sink to the "level of the merciful, generous and good in this life, rat, the snake and the lizard. The jury just in that proportion, they enter heavmust say-both are right and both are en, intelligent, merciful, generous and wrong.' Would it not be aff'evidence of good spiritual beings. It follows that our personal evolution were?" weall thinking incarnate souls will make "small dust of the balance"-to" cease every effort, of which they are capable, our vain search for the ultimate, and in this sphere of action, to become ingive our attention to the multitude of telligent and good. That we carry all practical things at our doors? of our attainments with us when we

This scribe knows just as certainly as leave this world, is a great incentive to he knows any of the common facts of high and honorable conduct on this daily life that the same grades of huside of the grave. It does far more. It man beings inhabit the spirit spheres as those living on the mortal plane. is a solemn warning, to those inclined to deviate from the path of rectitude. Their natures there are the same as not to do so, if they would receive a they were here-good, bac and lindiffercrown of glory upon entering the land of the Hereafter. That if they would ent. All those classes of 'unflethed spirits have the power to visit and in-fluence sensitive mortals, whether the receive the plaudit of "Well done, good and faithful servant," when they enter mortal is aware of the fact or not." You heaven, they must have earned that disdo not have to be a Spiritualist or to tinction here in human life. The soon know of Spiritualism to be subject to er the individual learns that if he their visitations and influence. Not reaches any excellence here or here that there are not law and order in the after ne must earn it by a well spent spirit realm as here, BUT LAW and laborious life, the better it will be BREAKERS ABOUND THERE AS for him. There can be no excellence attained here or in the hereafter with-HERE. Spirits in and out of the mortal form out labor.

ject to the same code willful lawbreaker there as here goes from bad to worse, there is no doubt. Doubtless the proportion of vicious wickedness on both sides of the mortal ife-line to the whole of society, is near ly the same. This would indicate that vast hordes on the spirit side as well as on the mortal side are unprogressive dead weights, who, in their bewildered ignorance are capable of doing great harm to equally ignorant-spiritually ignorant, sensitives on the mundane ide of life. Allow me to reiterate, the only secur ity mortals can have from evil influences of those darkened spirits is clean, spiritually enlightened, unselfish life. Against such a life no evil spirit can permanently prevail. Mortal ignorance of the realities of spirit life and the spirit world is the Danger Rock on which so many honest sensitives wreck their hope of spiritual progress. To all desiring to investigate and interview the spirit sphere. Let your first work be a thorough study of the philosophy of spirit life and commun ion. To bolt headlong into . mediumship the mental phases especially, without a careful, previous preparation; is attended with gravest dangers, only par-tially paralleled by the untaught country child rushing into the swing and swirl of a crime-polluted great city. Ig-norance and dishonesty are the blighting curse clogging the wheels of spiritual progress. Again, a word to my fellow weak lings, as to how I came to know of the things whereof I have spoken. In utter ignorance of the laws of spirit life and control, anxious only to investigate, Ipardon the many big I's, they are unavoidable-said to the spirit world: "Come on, with all there is for me." No simple Simon-was ever taken more literally at his worl. After a'few sit-tings alone, I got inspirational writings, voluminous, as if my hand was driver by steam or electricity, upon all sorts of subjects, thought of and unthought of: church decay and political@rottenness. All unexpectedly came clairaudionce, spirit voices of my prisent friends and a host of others, as clear and audible to my inner ear as were material vi brations to the outer ear.of I was some what alarmed but held by an indescrib able fascination to listenito wondrous lectures on subjects, newland old, by centlemanly scholars and "philosopher of no mean grade, till as point was reached when a genteel spirit in choice language depicted the unsoundness of all existing human institutionspand de clared a general political and spiritual upheaval imminent, that the spirit world is the power behind the move ment, working through human instruments for its accomplishment. And now the burning question is, will you submit unreservedly to our guid ance as an humble instrument in this pressing labor of love for humanity? Webster never made a finer plea. To condense the matter, after many halt ings and misgivings as to the wisdom of the act, I said to my unknown mentor,

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I am a firm believer in the possessory we shall be advanced accordingly."influence of one person, embodied or According to Uncle Toby, the above disembodied, over another. We can see it all around us in everyday life. Parquestion is a good text for a sermon; and any good sermon will suit the text. ties and sects are built up on this prin-ciple; sometimes of small numbers, and Uncle Toby was right. The idea that a of short duration; then again the man can cheat, lie and steal, or otherverse. Often this is carried to the exwise fail to do his duty to his fellow tent of frenzied fanaticism. Murder, men, and then just before the change of death takes place, become convertee arson, persecution are formidable "justifiable" ends. Someneans to to some kind of faith, and escape the furits of his own conduct, when he times these influences are right, some times wrong, or partly right, or partly passes the portals of death to the great Beyond, is an insult to the intelligence wrong. Anyway, like cyclones and epi cemics they purify to some extent the and justice of christendom. Cause spiritual and moral atmosphere. and effect are inseparably connected here in this world, and it is a rational Dr. Peebles started out in the literary helief that they have the same relations field as an exponent of what he be-

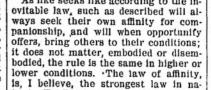
to each other throughout eternity and lieved Christian ethics. His mind became so much imbued with that line of the endless realms of the universe. If philosophy, that he has, tinctured his any being violates, or fails to conform whole after life with it. to any law of God-the Great Source of all being and all natural law-the pen I heard him lecture on the spiritual rostrum over thirty years ago, and heard him quote with a glee of satisfacthe night follows the day. There is no way tion, "I have fought a good fight! I have kept the faith, therefore I know to pray away a physical injury and there is no way to avoid the effect of a

there is 'a crown of righteousness laid mental or psychical wound. The bod ily injury may heal and the psychical up for me in heaven" Of 240 different Christian sects their ound may in time close; but the scars ardent advocates use the same expres-

Nothing like a clear conscience, even

from our own record. It is true that f one is in error. Now let us talk briefly on demonism. we have but little light to illumine our pathway from the cradle to the grave The demon is an entity, full of evil, so understood by all of the human races we are beset on all sides with environments which we do not understand from time immemorial-a something to and if we act at all, and act we must be dreaded, that pursues and leads inwe must often err. "Born to die, and reasoning but to dividuals into all kinds of errors and misfortunes: that allures its victims err." But by these very errors we learn to advance. By them we learn wisdom and become individualized and into its meshes with ail kinds of baits. A thousand different methods have been invented and are now being used to protect, and ward off its malignant There is no royal way, that I know of, influences. Charms and talismans. in for us to get rid of ourselves, if we sould be foolish enough to desire it. one form or another, if collected, would

fill a museum. And there are no means which can ab However, to be serious, there can't solve man from the individualism which be a shadow without a substance, and has been evolved in his journey through every substance does cast its shadow. this mysterious probation of human and leaves its effect. It is impossible The great law of cause and effect to inhale tobacco fumes without the blood corpuscles being affected. The would be suspended by such absolution That great law can never be ignored. same may be said of every element that Well, then, we have arrived where it one's physical organism comes in conmay be assumed, with considerable contact with, good, bad or mixed. A little fidence, that we have got to go into salt or iron is healthful; too much is heaven clothed in the record which we injurious; still more fatally so. So it is with the non-material or spiritual flculties; they are built up, progressed or retrogressed, according as they are fer-tilized. If fed on gross or debasing fertilizers, the results must be as culti-The action lies in his true nature; and Even to the teeth and forehead of our vated. This class (or classes) we meet and elbow every day on the streets. As like seeks like according to the in-What is the grand implication of all this? It is to teach mankind, that just in proportion as they are intelligent.



ments in which it is able to produce large quantities of resin, tar and turpentine. The corn stalk by the same unalterable law produces a most healthful

food for man and animal. The deadly nightshade attracts to itself those deadly elements that make it

fatal to all organic life. The agriculturist tells us that one kind of soil is splendid for onions, though not good for potatoes. Another soil is good for beans though poor for strawberries, and so on; each having its disiinctive and peculiar elements to attract and repel, and must be humored accordingly. The human mind follows governed by the same prinout and is ciple. It will repel all influences that are repugnant to its condition.

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more sensitive than usual for a spirit, be pronounced insane. With such a fected, but we say "our friend is not definition and distinction between ob- himself." Within a few years many tive than usual for a mortal, before you session and possession we are ready to cases of changed personality have been and the spirit can mingle your vibra go a little deeper in our examination of recorded and studied, and we find, as a tions.

There is, apparently, an impassible We repeat, if there be no spirit rebarrier between the two worlds for both turn there can be no obsession from that cause. On the other hand, if spirit the normal mortal and the normal spirit. Of course in the future the abreturn be a natural truth there is normal of to-day may become the norways a liability to have too much of it. mal of tomorrow, but we are now dis-cussing possibilities and probabilities which we then call "obsession." Every careful student believer recog-

as they exist today. So, as mere mat-ter of fact, those who deny spirit return are assuming that no mortal can reach out into ultra violet rays, and thus escape the present spectrum 10 the scient'st. With this absurdity the present writer declines to deal, since asily find the proof if they choose. There is a very different argument ad-uced by some writers in the oral watched the puivoring the have all all but the deaf, dumb and blind can easily find the proof if they choose.

duced by some writers in the Open Court. They claim the right to assume that the conditions of here and hereaf-ter are very much the same. Here, for instance, there are policemen and prisoners, therefore there will be policemen and prisoners "over there." Laws are made and obedience compelled in earth life, so, of course, there are lawyers and powers to compel the spirit across the divide. Such an assumption is founded on fallacy, as a moment's con-

have to receive on faith, and swallow sideration will prove. Our laws here are all directed against with a pinch of salt. But if the nerve is adapted to psychic purposes only it "form" within reach of mortal sense. seems fitting it should be less material But they are powerless against thought. than the cells of muscle and blood. It The criminal in prison cell can think seems to be reasonably proved that the with just as much freedom as before rew born spirit has nerves, and possi-bly organs, demanding the old indulhe was convicted. Thoughts may be "things" as claimed by some, but no gence. If there are neither tobacco nor mortal can lay hands on his neighbor's timulants in his new life his nerve thought, any more than he knows his hunger will seek . nerve supply. The political or religious belief so long as he is there. It consists of psychic route keeps silence. No one can deny this. connection between the hungry nerves But we are told and taught by spirit of the new-born spirit, and the soaked eturn that thought becomes potent nerves of some mortal.

er form as soon as man has passed Here comes in the difficulty already the custom-house of death. It first expointed out. Communication cannot he hibits itself in color, or the absence of color. The garments, and even the on the old level. Death puts a barbed features are shaped by thought "over wire fence between the normal mortal there." In a word, what we call matter and the normal spirit. Nerves respond becomes plastic to thought, in that only to vibrations, and when the vibra-It is also understood and tions stop the fence is reached. But spirit life. taught that the onlooker's own thought colors and shapes for him that which he the vibrations pass the fence. Nerve sees. So there are two factors at work meets nerve. It is then the spirit nerve in the Border Land that are hardly per- makes fierce demand on the nerve of the mortal, which, in its turn grown ceptible in earth life. One is that evdoubly excited. - It is individuality, and erything becomes for the spirit that which he thinks it to be. The other is something more. It is not "two fond that a man's own thought is holding hearts that beat as one" but one set of him to the past, the present or the fu- acrves dominating another set nerves, for its own selfish purposes; inture, as the case may be.

It is quite possible an earthbound other words, it is "obsession." So much for the mere probability of spirit might be psychologized into believing himself a prisoner, but if he obsession. It is evidently a possibility: once think himself free, neither court liere is a mortal susceptible far beyond nor jailor can hold him to account. In mortal limit, but possibly only in one other words, we have the possibility of direction. A medium is always such a mischief by returning spirits, if spirits sensitive, and, as the varieties of me can return, because there is no other diumship show, is generally so limited power save a psychological one to re- that we only look for certain results can return, because there is no other strain or punish him. So we have to through her organism. In one it is just drop all conception of any govern- the nerves of sensation in the arm that mental power exercised over returning respond. We presently witness autospirits, save by consent of their own matic writing. Or from the whole body free will. This simplifies the question, there may be such response as shall permit form materialization. If it is chiefly herves with direct brain atand reduces it to one of fact, as claimed by Dr. Peebles and many others. _____ chieffy nerves with direct brain at-We know that spirits sufficiently near tachments that are thus specially sensi-

earth can come back, if they so de- live, we may have one or a dozen intel-

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er. He probably has to be a little treme cases his debased manhood will process by which the change was efthese consequences of spirit return.

out of his body called mortal, but

leaves untouched his other body called

spirit. The individuality remains the

same, seeking its old expression and, if

nossible a little more of it. If for in-

stance, a man dies soaked with tobacco

sensualist. Now, let us remember, as

before pointed out, the nerve cell is, so

far as known, the only bodily attach-ment that belong to both worlds. It

is the only path adown which the spirit

can travel to mortal, or the mortal

We are told by the scientist that the

nerve cell, unlike that of the rest of the

organism, cannot reproduce itself. I

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startling result, that instead of delirium there may be a total change of manhood's expression. We even go 'much turther, in many such cases, for we find not merciy a second self, but ten or a 81dozen of them. We soon discover that they are not spirits bridging the invisible, but just nerve expressions of a distorted and limited selfhood. nizes that death merciy shakes the man

The recent case of Mary Barnes, with B1, B2 and up to B10, is a marked il-lustration. There is plainly but one self there, but it has control of only a limited number of Mary's nerves at any ne time. So one self appears as some what talented in certain directions. Another is mentally weak. One is refined, and even affectionate, while another exhibits herself as merely a coarse and brutal animal. No two are alike, Each has its own limited personality, and its own limited memory. In every case of so-called "multiple personality" we have these striking contrasts.

We cannot too often remember that the selfhood by which we know one another is artificial. It depends upon the condition of our nerves. Keep them in the condition we call "normal" and the man most likely poses, from cradle to tombstone as a worthy citizen. But distort those nerves in any way and the old self is gone. A new one appears which may be total or only a partial change, and for better or worse. But the fact remains that reader and writer of this article will have a very different selfhood to show if our nerves become ufficiently shocked or diseased. In other words. I do not know my own true inner self. Much less do I know he true self of any one else.

We have been startled recently by spirits of renown, through Mrs. Piper who assert that manhood is not itself degraded by its experiences of earth life. I would not dare to call such a statement false to-day, for I confess ao not know my own true selfhood. I only know my own self as it peeps through a nervous system, arranged by myriad causes to allow or compel my thoughts to the shape they take to-day. Change the flow of these thoughts, compel them to other channels, and I myself am gone,—and I don't know where to, or whether I can ever get back. So beg the reader to remember that the "Obsession" discussed in the Open Court is, after all, but one and least cause of the loss of selfhood, the

Obsession may happen. It does liapren. It is worthy of study and treat-ment, but far more important, in my opinion, is the study of manhood as a whole. I have already, in these columns, presented certain truths as demenstrations of Man's, Aural Selfhood, which it seems to me should have prepared thinkers for a more profound study of "obsession" than I have so far Loticed in the Open Court. CHARLES DAWBARN.

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I will." I had said to an, unknown personage, "lead me." Many years have passed since that

sunny, spring afternoon and I am still, at times, debaling the wisdom of my i portrait of the author. Price '5 cents.

"God knows who is a hypocrite and who is not," and all of the human "conversions" and "absolutions" that can be conjured up by the ingenuity of

man, cannot obscure the fact. Absolution from what are known as sins is like the application of paint to a rotten siructure. It may change the outward appearance but it does not and cannot change the inherent character of

The grand philosophy of Spiritualism teaches, and always has taught, that human life is the beginning of a life eter nal; and that it is necessary to individualize the soul, and fit it for the next stage of life: that death is but the lay ing down of the physical body without changing the spirit. And that from thence onward through the endless eons of time the soul continues on the road of progress, which grows more grand and extensive, as it advances; but that it never ends. Indeed that there is more truth than poetry in the old hymn which says:

"When we've been there ten thousand years. Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun."

Spiritualism is the religion of Nature. t appeals alike to the head and heart It is founded upon the rock of eternal Love. It has no devil to make afraid or God to fear. It has the highest praises for God; it teaches good will toward man. That the spirits of those who have passed the golden portals of death hover around us and impress u with higher sentiments of life, and 'at times hold direct communications with the children of men. In the near future its glorious truths will be accepted by tire intelligent manhood and woman hood of the world,

'Fly swiftly round, ye wheels of time And bring that glorious day."______ CARL C. POPE. Black River Falls, Wis.

surrender. I had said to the spirit world, "Come on with all there is for me." . On the heels of my surrender 1 was brought to judgment with all the word means. THE HORRORS OF 17 NO TONGUE CAN TELL. I was set to the work of aiding in the rescue of spirits who had gone out without prep-aration for the change. The work seemed interminable. All grades of un done spirits, from the murderer, sul cide, hypocrite and debauchee, to orphans inquiring for their parents: The awfulness of the situation cannot be described, and nothing in mortal life could be more real. I would not again be subject to its horrors for the world's gold, nor would I barter the knowledge gained for the same consideration Doubt not, easy-going Spiritualist, churchman or worldling, the realities of a judgment to come. If this should prove a foot print on the sand to any tried pilgrim, the writer will feel amply J. RIGDON. rewarded.

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Then three gas jets were lighted an the medium was found gasping in the center of the room, clad in a mass of gauze, coated with phosphorescent paint. Half her spiritual garb and her headpiece wero in the possession of Berwick

LOST THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. According to the Virginian, his mother-a resident of this city-has lost thousands of dollars in investments made through the advice of the spirits, and Berwick stated that he intended to prosecute, criminally and civilly, the mediums responsible for the loss.

THE EXPOSURE COMPLETE.

The exposure was one of the most sensational and complete ever made in this city. Berwick's cousin, Harrison Gridley, was with him at the seance and struck a light while the fight was going on in the cabinet. Immediately a half dozen or more confederates attacked



There are clouds hanging over Spiritualism, but at the residence of Mr. Boying for the they will be dissipated by the Sun of Truth, and a first seance. I was present. After the brighter day will Dawn upon our beloved cause. The the cablact from which strains from his clouds never permanently shut out the brilliant stars music box soon floated. Then Maudie, his cabinet control, spoke to us, and or sunlight of heaven. Truth never triumphs over soon after appeared Jimmy Bundle and falsehood without a heroic struggle. There never Among other forms which appeared, was a Truth that has not been more or less tarnished was one supposed to have been the spirby Error, Falsehood, Corruption and Deception, un- Hot. Springs. HE HAD A LONG less a heroic effort is made to prevent it. God and FLOWING BEARD, AND WAS LED the Angels pity those who, dressed in artificial tog- WHO COULD PLAINLY BEE THE gery, come as your friends, pretending to be fully IN POSITION. I SAW IT, AND DR. materialized spirits, right from the spheres of spirit HALLMAN SAW IT. BUT WE HELD life. After this pitiable climax in rank deception, the to scent our dissatisfaction and after understanding of Spiritualists will be greatly broad- one or two forms had appeared, condi-tions became bad and the circle closed, ened, the spiritual atmosphere will be cleansed of The following Tuesday Mr. Boving some of its impurities, and a brighter day will dawn winans either show us his parapherupon our ranks. We appeal to Spiritualists to open malia or arrest him. That noon we contheir eyes to the degrading influence that has here and told him at Mr. Boving's home. I there taken possession of our Cause, palming off the could, that HE WAS A FRAUD, that I had seen the same thing many times spurious for the genuine. This communication is before, and that he could either show presented to you as an Object Lesson of a serious us the contents of his music box or the other, who was waiting at an appoint. nature, to show you that all is not gold that glitters. ed place, would serve the warrant. It is, too, a matter of news with which you should winans deliberated a few moments, then looking up he said: "Well, I will be familiar. Read, reflect, and ponder well the lesson show you what I've got." conveyed ! All history, all experience in connection locked his music box and threw back with life, shows conclusively that the evil element the cover. "THERE YOU ARE," SAID can only be held in abeyance by constant exertion, SELVES." UPON BEING ORDERED by unremitting vigilance.

In every cause, in every cult, in every | trickery. It is not strange that because sect, in every undertaking to redeem of such methods a growing distrust in the world, there should be many stand- the manifestations of physical mediuming on the Watch Towers to prevent ship has spread among our people who abuse, to keep the moral atmosphere are tiring of the swapping method of boyhood days known as "sights unpure, and to prevent the slimy worm of seen." "Where can only the genuine corruption from entering. be found?"

ANOTHER SAD EXPOSURE.

Will the honest men and women But here is another exposure. It, too. composing the mass of Spiritualists makes the Angels woep!' It almost stand back of every camp-meeting offimakes each honest Spiritualist wear cial board with their continued patroncrape on his arms to think of it! Our age, if those bodies will by fair and jusoul was saddened when we read of it. dicious methods begin the elimination and we asked, what next? Here is of all tricksters from their jurisdic-GEO. B. WARNE. the whole account: tions?

A MOST PITIABLE STORY.

that Mr. Boying send five dollars a and aged fathers and husbands by trickweek to Mrs. Winans, promising to return the money when he had recovered sufficiently to resume work. This Mr. Boving willingly did, ALSO PAYING FOR A NURSE FOR HIS ENTIRE ILLNESS. With the tender caro he received from the bands of Mrs. Boving, the nurse and Dr. V. H. Hallman, what might have been a fatal illness was turned into a pleasant rest and his health restored. We walted patiently for him to recover, and at last looked-for seance evening arrived. It was Sunday evening, February 26, that a little circle of friends assembled

usual formalities, Mr. Winans entered HIS BOWIE KNIFE.

it of a physician who once practiced in STRINGS WHICH HELD THE BEARD

OUR PEACE. The medium seemed the country to a gullible public-a pub-Taking us up to his room, he unspirit known as "Aunt Betsy."

TO PROCEED, HE UNLOCKED A SE-CRET COMPARTMENT IN THE IN-SIDE BODY, OF THE BOX, WHICH later, they will be compelled to retire WAS SUPPOSED 10 HAVE CON- in disgrace. TAINED THE MECHANISM OF THE

ELECTRICITY AND BOGUS MATE BOX, BUT, WHICH CONTAINED RIALIZATION.

Electricity is lending its influence to BUNDLES) WRAPPED IN DARK CLOTH AND FASTENED WITH A SAFETY PIN. I REMOVED THE BUNDLES, AND IN DOING SO CAME ACROSS JIMMY BUNDLE'S KNIFE, THE INDIAN, FEATHERS

WHICH I KEPT Upon opening the bundles we found all of the costumes and wigs which we had seen in the seance of Sunday evening, also many others which had not been used-on us, Mr. Boving, Mrs.

spection and Mr. Boving retained quite the police was in no wise a success.

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LAST EXPOSURE.

how he HAS WRUNG THE HEARTS of

many unsuspecting clients, it is only

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city, but I am not certain of this. All

him through an filness lasting five

est conscientious medlums! They live in the light and atmosphere of the absolutely without funds and requested | wrung the hearts of helpless women spirit realms. Angels of Love smile upon them. Their very presence is a benediction, a blessing, an uplifting inconferring with the spirit of a departed loved one! How he had used the deepfluence, and they do good to all with est affections and sentiments of the hu whom they come in contact. The Proman race for worldly gain, and how at gressive Thinker sings their praiselast he had received his reward-disthe world is made better by their presgrace, exposure, and helplessness. But ence! They alone are the Saviors of all of this seems of no avail. His moral sensibilities seem stunted. He does not our Cause; they are the ones to drive appear to grasp the enormity of the sitaway and dissipate the dark, poisonous uation. He listened to our pleading effluvia that has settled over our ranks, and accusations with a blank stare. Siand eating at the very vitals of truth. lence was our only answer. If he really can commune with spirits of departed We have no words but of good will loved ones, I hope they will try and and commendation for mediums whose teach him better, point out his miswork is genuine. They are the more de take, open up his own spiritual underserving of praise and honor because standing and ask God to forgive him, they stand firm for truth and real medi

His trunk has been located, and is now at the residence of Dr. Hallman as security, for a bill of one hundred dollars for professional services. Dr. Hallman agrees to return the trunk when he has sent him fifty dollars and the same amount to Mr. Boving whom he owes one hundred and twenty-five dollars. Now the question is, shall he be allowed to earn his money by further trickery? I say, no, not if there is any justice in the hearts of our editor friends. His ticket has been purchased and he leaves Hot Springs this evening.

Yours fraternally, E. H. EASTMAN. Hot Springs, Ark., Mar. 8, 1905.

HAS BEEN CONSTANTLY FOOLING THE PUBLIC.

This man Winans has been palming off the same manifestations all over lic so exceedingly gullible that it is pitlable to gaze upon it. A great favorite at Clinton Camp and other places, de-IT POSSESSES. fended vigorously in The Progressive Thinker, by various contributors, evolution took its onward course, and became so ripened, that at Hot Springs the conditions were such that an exposure was easily made. If ever genuine, he has lost his powers, and trickery has taken the place of the genuine work on the part of the spirits. The same ending will come to the whole villainous; murderous gang of disreputables; catch their materialized spirit, and it is affirmed you will have the medium, just as Mrs. Elsie Reynolds was caught with a mask and goggles on, representing a

Bear in mind, Winans is one of the oldest professional mediums in our ranks; his manifestations have been considered among the best, and his exposure will cause all the fakes from Maine to Florida to tremble. Sooner or

THREE LARGE BUNDLES (JIMMY'S

the fake materialized spirit. An exquisitely small and delicate storage battery is used for small incandescent amps in the hair of the "spirit," and they shine forth in a darkened room most beautifully, and aid in the decep-

tion. Such a light was seen on the head of one of the "spirits" at Miss Nichols' evening entertainments. If that particular spirit had been caught. it is generally believed in Chicago that it would have proved to be a slimy con-Boying and the nurse witnessed the in- federate. Her exposure, however, by

JAMES PAYNE ARRESTED.

IS IT NOT TIME TO ACT?

Is it not about time that the N.S.A.,

idly, and the speed can be increased and the cause expanded by purging this germ of infamy and pollution

arrant frauds are descending deeper purpose of feathering her own ne into the dark spheres of spirit life. the expense of others.

As soon as the true state of affairs All honor, then, all praise to our honwas ascertained, especially the pact that when she came to this city it from the Cincinnati work-house, where she had been committed December 28, 1903, for practicing a trick game, and liberated January 2, 1904, on the payment of \$52 fine and costs, positive proof of which I have in my possession, this woman was ordered to take her trunk and leave. Before I had learned the true inwardness of her schemes she had asked me to give her a letter of recommendation, and I had written something for her, which I now repudi-ate. I also learned that in a private sitting I had with her, her guides had personated my spirit friends for the most selfish of purposes.

Mar. 25. 1908.

The woman has written several letters back here, using language, and making statements unfit for publication, some of which, if placed in the hands of the postal authorities would probably again place her behind the pars. She is a medium of a very crude umship, when ofttimes it is to their type, boasts that she and her guides financial loss to put aside the temptaare Catholics, and that when anybody tion to cheat and deceive, for the sake molests her in any way, "Jack Mclauiro of money gained at the expense of undoes them up!"

wary and credulous seekers for tests. And yet, she has been "laboring for Their financial loss is their spiritual the cause" at Springfield, Missouri, gain: and in the final result their over since she left here, going there, as she asserted, to regain her womanhood riches of spiritual acquirement will and reputation, which she is apparently make them to shine as Angels of Light doing by posing as a saint in public. in the realms of glory, while those who while writing vulgar, vicious letters to practice fraud and deception, though those who were kind to her, and play they now gain dishonest gold, will find ing the blue-book business for all it is spiritually shriveled and emaciated, objects of worth!

YES, BROTHER WARNE, STEWpity, who must suffer and labor long to ART NEEDS A GUARDIAN, AND SO arise out of the dark condition to which DO YOU, AND SO DOES SPIRITUALtheir evil earthly course has consigned ISM AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. AND WE SHALL ALL GET IT ONE We feel that too much cannot be said OF THESE DAYS IN THE FORM OF in favor of those mediums who, oft A LAW SIMILAR TO THAT IN DEUTtimes in face of privations and loss ERONOMY 8:11, THAT "A CHARMER, OR A CONSULTER WITH FAMILIAR stand firm and conscientious for truth and honest medlumship. TO THEM SPIRITUALISM IS INDEBTED FOR SPIRITS, SHALL SURELY BE SENT WHATEVER OF STRENGTH AND TO THE PEN!"

I heartily agree with and concur in STANDING AND HIGH INFLUENCE all that Dr. Warne says on the subject, The honest mediums are an upbuild and will freely co-operate with him in weeding Spiritualism of all such pering force to our Cause and to the sons, and from henceforth shall conworld; while the dishonest and decelysider myself a servant of the Cause of ers are a down-dragging influence, a Spiritualism to render any assistan detriment to Spiritualism and to the upin my power to this end.

It is an undeniable fact that the path There is a legal maxim as old as t English Common Law, that "MERTO TO THE CRIMINAL IS CRUELTY, UD of the honest medium is made doubly rough and hard to travel, because of THE STATE." Another, that "FRA dishonesty and deception by those who pose as mediums and practice fraud. TAINTS EVERYTHING IT TOUT And another, that "IT IS These rob the true mediums of their FRAUD TO CONCEAL A FRAUL Let us all arm ourselves with thes just earthly reward, and, because of their trickery and base deception, bring maxims, and go forth fearlessly to rid all mediums, however true and worthy, our ranks of these blots, and we shall under suspicion as tricksters and disthen show the world that we are sink The good and the true are cere and desirous of proving that a fulmade to suffer, because of the sins of ture life is a scientific truth. the dishonest, lying pretenders, who palm off bogus tests and bogus manifes

C. W. STEWART. 3007 Dickson street, St. Louis, Mo

A CARD FROM DR. PEEBLES

In fact, we see no reason why the On the 20th of this month I leave Battle Creek for London by the White Star Line. I go to fill lecture engageof these mountebanks to help detect ments with several societies, among and unearth the deception they know is which are the London Spiritual Allibeing practiced under the guise of the ance, the London Psycho-Therapeutic gift that is theirs under the divine laws Society, and the Victoria Institute, the of nature and their true adaptation president of which is the Right Honortherefor. To the true medium it is able, the Earl of Halsbury, Lord Chancellor, D. C. L., F. R. S., etc. The subcrime against the most sacred fact that ject of this lecture or paper to be read has ever come to mortals: to represent and discussed by the members will be, 'Immortality, Its Possibilities .and the loved ones passed from view, is to Proofs.

The third edition of "Demonism of the Ages and Spirit Obsessions is now in the press, merely proving that Mosess Hull, president of the Pratt Institute; W. T. Stead, editor of the London "Review of Reviews," and others properly grasping the spiritual movement, were right when they said, "This book was timely; it was needed as a signal, a warning light by the wayside!" etc. My address in London will be: Hunstanton House, 18 Endsleigh Gardens,

London, N. W., England. J. M. PEEBLES

the two interlopers.

CHEESE-CLOTH AND PHOSPHORES-CENT PAINT.

They were floored in quick success ion and after great effort the woman was dragged into the light. About her hung a mass of cheap cheese-cloth literally smeared with phosphorescent paint, while a remarkable-looking headniece had been torn away by Berwick. It was found to consist of the top of an old felt hat with the brim cut off, around which had been wound vards of cheese-cloth. A piece of old silk had been cut out and sewed to form a mask for the face. This was just transparent enough to give the outline of the features beneath. A tinkling music box which had been wound up just before, played "Peace Abide with Thee" during the fight.

Is not this a most pitiable spectacle for honest Spiritualists everywhere to contemplate?

Does not such a scene, such materializations, such methods of deception, make the angels weep?

Does it not convey a suggestive lesson, or are you dumb to such a lesson? -dumb to absolute facts?-dumb to the present exact status of our beloved cause, and desire it to move on in the same slimy and poisonous rut of hogus materialization?

There is all along the line a clamor for an upliftment, a renovation, a betterment of all humanity?

There is a magnificent demand made for pure food, and down with defiled corrupt eatables: a desire is gaining ground for honest municipal governments, and down with villainous thieves and shysters! There is a cry heard as never before, down with prostitution, and its attendant disasters! Down with the low dives and back-alley hells!

STANDING ON THE WATCH TOWER.

In order to promote honesty in this city, we have the Voters' League, the Civic Federation, the Citizens' League, the Committee that watches for young girls to save them from allufing temptations when they come to the city, and many other bodies and clubs of various kinds that stand on the Watch Tower, seeking to elevate the world to a higher plane.

They are the saviors of Chicago! Without them, without their continnal vigilance, this city would become worse than Sodom and Gomorrah.

Give trickery free reins in our ranks; give all the privilege of presenting mirit manifestations like Mrs. Herrman of New York, to deceive the public, and PRESENT TO THE WORLD.

Dear Dr. Warne:-Here is the stor; of the downfall of Chas. E. Winans.

You know me well enough to know that stand for TRUTH AND RIGHT, and of Edinburg, Ind., widely known among to the station. We do not know posibelieve what I have written to be Spiritualists as a materializing medium, right, having already sworn to its left Hot Springs a few days ago in ut- greater part of the residence portion of truthfulness. I trust the good editor of The Progressive Thinker will pub- having been exposed to the world and and accommodations were scarce. Durhsh it in full as the afternoon, a messenger came to conviction. this being a fact, we have a large as-

used without. Do not think we are prejudiced. If you know of any one who can produce the real thing, WE SHALL BE ONLY public inspection. Jimmy Bundle's TOO GLAD TO SEE HIM.

Fraternally Yours, E. H. EASTMAN.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 7.

DR. GEO B. WARNE ANSWERS AN INQUIRY AS FOLLOWS:

Yes, I know E. H. Eastman well and esteem him highly. -Have met him as a a man who had figured so prominently personal friend, as a medical student, and had so many nice things written as a brother physician and as an asso- about him, and yet when we think of State of Arkansas, ciate lecturer in the institution from which he won his professional diploma. During his college course in Chicago he justice. That he was permitted to was known to fellow students and leave the city without being imprismembers of the faculty as an interested oned or meeting the justice that is

and discriminating investigator along psychic lines. His standing as a man, together with the fact that he himself ly thankful. I say that he has left the is not a novice in the laws which govern the operation of spiritual forces, en- I know is that 24 hours after he was title him to the respectful attention of turned out of the horre that had nursed

all truth seekers. Winans was the only materializing weeks, the home that welcomed him

medium playing for public patronage at to Hot Springs, and the home that he the Clinton (Ia.) camp last August. tricked and imposed upon, 24 hours After his departure therefrom one of after this, neither he nor his haggage his petticoated stool pigeons on the could be found by a searching party ground claimed to me that his receipts which was looking for justice, and per while there amounted to between two haps it is just as well, for there are

hundred and two hundred and fifty dol- written laws, and there, are laws, unlars. His manifestations were the written. , But here is how it happened: storm center for many a wordy war F. C. Boving is a well-respected citl between excited groups. A very prom- zen of Hot Springs, being for a number

inent judge on the bench of a populous of years in the book business at 520 district in eastern lowa, who is a be- Central Avenue. Last summer, while liever in materialization, or in what on a trip north, Mr. Boving and wife others might call etherealization, re- made a special visit to the camp-meetpeatedly offered to put up and forfeit ing at Clinton, for the express purpose nive hundred dollars if Winans would of attending the seances of Mr. Winans. produce a single genuine materializa- They were much pleased with his work tion in a ceance held under conditions and made him promise that he would to be named and where the judge him- visit Hot Springs in the near future. self would not ask to be present. The During December it was arranged to medium, who seemed to regard it far wrote that he was not feeling well, and

safer to leave his defense to his gullible that a course of baths here would probchampions while retained runners gath- ably do him good. A number of interered the innocent victims for his sacred ested parties clubbed together and paid clucking. . his fare to the Springs - He was too

We cannot be absolutely certain that fatigued from his journey to give us a we have ever seen a genuine materiali- scance the first evening, and the next vation at the cabinet of a medium who day was taken ill. For five weeks he has been completely convicted of car- was confined to his bed in the residence WHAT A SLIMY MESS WE WOULD | rying wigs, robes and other parapher of Mr. Boying. During his illness he palia for the practice of deliberate announced to Mr. Boving that he was

a collection of wigs and gowns as evi-They should have seized the spirit.

dence. Winans was immediately turned To the Editor :- Charles E. Winans out of the house and his baggage sent to those of Mrs. Nichols He was ar. tively, where he spent the night. The rested March 16. The spirits that come to his seances are frauds of the deepest ter disgrace, the secrets of his cabinet the city had just been destroyed by fire and darkest dye. He has been fregently arrested, but manages to escape

the house and told the colored nurse sortment of wigs, false beards, gowns that she was wanted at her home at and costumes of various types open to once. We do not know what for, but

the various state associations, and the she left at once and did not return. The bowie knife, which many a reader of next day a searching party consisting camp-meetings take cognizance of the The Progressive Thinker has undoubt of several very determined men, could materializing gang, who, like Winans, edly seen materialized in a circle, beare palming off the false for the true. find neither Winans or his baggage.

ing produced from a borrowed handthe spurious for the genuine, and thus Such is my, story of the exposure of kerchief, even lies on my desk as I Charles E, Winans. We do not say disgracing our cause? The various write, while some Indian feathers from that he cannot produce the genuine, but camps should fumigate their grounds at the head-gear of one of my supposed In- that he does practice fraud; we have once-they need it badly-and comdian guides, decorate my wall. given you the evidence, and swear to mence anew, with only the genuine to It was a sad ending to the career of same below.

County of Garland.

edge and belief.

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E. H. EASTMAN, M. D., F. C. BOVING.

above mentioned, personally appeared

give to the public. A SLIMY STREAM OF CORRUPTION.

What a slimy, serpent-like stream of putrid corruption follows in the pathway of the miserable, rotten materializ-On this, the 6th day of March, 1905, ing gang that infest our ranks and inbefore me, Fred N. Rix, a notary public. vade nearly every camp-meeting. It within and for the state and county

makes the angels ween to witness them

with their artificial toggery concealed E. H. Eastman, M. D., and F. C. Boving, from public gaze in some artful way. to me well known, who solemnly swore only to be used to personate a "spirit" friend. It throws a dark pestilential cloud over our beloved cause. It sends forth a poisonous effluyia that is distasteful to every honest Spiritualist. and proves detrimental to every true medium. THE FAKES HAVE THEIR ORGAN, THE LIGHT OF TRUTH, AND SO LET IT BE KNOWN FROM NOW ON.

> ALL HONOR AND PRAISE TO HON-EST MEDIUMS.

Sniritualism has enough that is Dear, Loctor Warne:-You have probgrand, beautiful, soul-elevating, inspir-

ably by this time received my story of ing and in every respect sublime and escape in this city. When I Winana truthful, to reform the world. ITS wrote it," I did not know what had be-GENUINE MEDIUMS ARE AN HONcome of Winahs, and as there were OR TO OUR CAUSE. THEIR HOMES some new developments yesterday, you would probably like to hear them. Yesterday noon Mr. Winans turned ARE HEAVEN ITSELF, AND THEY, LEAD THE WAY FOR GREAT REup, a very dejected and sorry-looking FORMS. AND TEND TO PREPARE individual. Since his eviction from the THE WORLD FOR THE MILLENNIAL ome of Mr. Boving, he has been living at the home of the colored nurse. He DAWN. There are splendid mediums, had written home for money, which had HONEST, NOBLE, INFLUENTIAL, been telegraphed him, and as Mr. Bovscattered all through our ranks, who ingtor some of the rest of us were the challenge was wholly ignored by the have Mr. Winans visit this city. He only ones who could identify him, he can give irrefutable evidence that spirits communicate with mortals-they was obliged to come out of his hiding. At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, we are too pure, too conscientious, too anhad a conference at the office of Dr. We told Winans that we gelic, to think of dressing themselves Hallman. up in artificial toggery to manifest as a held no personal enmity towards him, hut looked upon him more in pity that spirit, like Winans, Elsie Reynolds, he should stoop so low. He claims to Mrs. Herrman, and many others, so ave been in this business for the last

they labor on and while the trickster thirty five years, and here he is to-day, gains the most dollars, they expand in penniless and disgraced.-Surely if there were anything really spiritual in his true spirituality. They are ascending, work, this would not be so progressing onward and upward, while those who defile our Cause with their | guides were assisting her in it, for the | tendencies. Price, cloth, \$1. I drew for him a picture of the many times in his sources when he had

from our cause, and no one can be more earnest in this work than should every genuine medium. Even self-in-He holds materializing circles similar terest ought to be an incentive to their

THE GENUINE MEDIUM.

genuine mediums should not be deeply

enough interested in ridding the cause

looked upon as the deepest, blackes

with a cheesecloth or other dummy

besmirch the holiest cause the human

mind can conceive of, and it is emi-

nently fitting for all genuine mediums

to aid in running this diabolical hum

With the true and the pure that we

have in the mediumistic ranks, there is

no need of fear for the life of Spiritual-

ism. . IT HAS TRUTH AS ITS BASIS

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enthusiasm. No representative of Spiritualism has any deeper love for the true and noble workers than The Progressive Thinker, but upon the other hand we look upon the eradication of this evil as of infinite aid to the cause and to the interest of every medium, many of whom are virtually relegated to the rear by the pre--ponderance of tests "more marvelous and astounding," that are shams passed

from one take to another. "BLUE BOOK ADDENDA."

C. W. Stewart, a Prominent Lawyer and Lecturer, Imparts Some Valuable Information and Good Advice That Can Not Fail to Make a Deep Impression on' Every Honest Spiritualist-Some Particulars in Regard to Mrs. Sharon. To the Editor:-In an article with

the above caption, published in a recent number of The Progressive Thinker. Dr. Geo. B. Warne publishes some letters written by one Mary Garrett Sharon, and says:

"One year ago our able brother, C. W. Stewart, of St. Louis, sent some very tart mention of the Chicago Blue Book gang to the Illinois S. S. A. Here seems to be one of them who roosted under the same roof with him, and assisted in circles and seances at 3007 Dickson street. Must Brother Stewart have a guardian for his protection against the

wiles of he wicked?" I ANSWER YES, BUT IT IS THE SAME GUARDIANSHIP THAT IS NEEDED BY SPIRITUALISM ITSELF. AND IF THE SPIRITUALISTS DO NOT VERY SOON ARRANGE FOR SUCH GUARDIANSHIP, THE VARI-OUS STATE LEGISLATURES WILL PROBABLY DO SO, AND IN SUCH WAY AS IGNORANCE GENERALLY PROVIDES FOR THE PUBLIC WEL FARE, BY INDISCRIMINATELY SHUTTING DOWN ON THE ENTIRE MOVEMENT.

The facts in the above mentioned case are these: Some time in June last, this woman came to St. Louis, and presented herself at my door when the rooms were filled with the members of the Ladies Club, attending a seance. I at first refused the woman admittance, but on account of certain representations made by her. I at last permitted her to come in. She at once began to ap-

peal to our sympathy, related certain troubles she had recently had in Cincinnati, and begged for a crust of bread and a drink of water. Stens were at once taken to arrange for a benefit seance for her, to be held on the following Monday at my house. After this, although I had no room for her, she insisted on remaining, even propos ing to assist with the house-work, and solely on account of her mediumship she was permitted to remain

month, during which time Mrs. Sharon made over one hundred dollars, fifteen of which she paid over or divided. But afterward learned that during the greater portion of that time she was trying to make mischlef, and her

Congratulations.

The hearty congratulations of The Progressive Thinker and its thousands of readers are hereby extended to President Harrison D. Barrett and Mrs. Barrett for the advent into their life, Feb. 21, of a young lady, weighing twelve pounds. Mother, daughter and father are doing splendidly.

Upholds Hebrew Sabbath.

An item of peculiar interest when viewed in connection with the Sunday laws, existent and desired, is found in a recent decision by an Ohio court, which is thus stated:

Columbus, Ohio, March 13 .- An Ohio court for the first time to-day recog-nized the Hebrew Sabbath as within the meaning of the statute relating to Sunday observance. Samuel Rosen, an orthodox Jew, was arrested and fined in police court for keeping his place of business open on Sunday.

The case was appealed to the common pleas court, Rosen claiming he had observed the Hebrew Sabbath, from starlight on Friday evening to starlight on Saturday evening, and, therefore, was within the law. The court upheld his contention and reversed the verdict in the police court.

It would seem that this decision covers the case of the Adventists and others who observe Saturday as their Sabbath.

Thou Shalt Not Steal.

Said Lavater, best known for his works on physiognomy:

"When there is much pretension, much has been borrowed. Nature never pretends."

Sometimes we think the philosopher. would have been more correct had he substituted "stolen" in place of "borrowed," for we frequently find long passages from obscure publications, appearing without quotation marks or anything to indicate it was other than the production of a pretentious author. Parties writing for the press cannot be too careful in giving credit where credit is due. Some one has always read these old books out of print, and if possessing a good memory is very sure to detect the plagiarist; then the witless author appears at a great disadvantage. Honesty is the best policy.

A FINE ARRAY OF TALENT.

The mass-meeting to be held by the Illinois State Spiritualists Association this week at Handel Hall, contains an exceptionally fine array of talent. See programme on the eighth page.

"What We Shall and a code of ethics, requisite to me most speedy realization of the highest and purest felicity attainable in the future life very remarkable book. Large, octavo. 500 pages. Price, \$1.75.

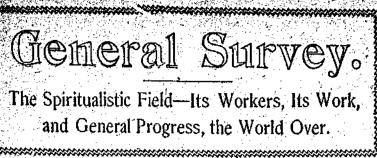
"The New Life." By Leroy Berrier. Eminently suggestive along the lines of "new thought," Excellent in tone and

: 185 FRED N. RIX. . Notary Public A STILL LATER ITEM.

Winansfat Last Presents Himself, Look Ing Dejectedly.

that the statements hereunto attached were true to the best of their knowl-"Sworn and subscribed to before m this 6th day of March, 1905. Commission expires October, 24, 1907.

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CONTRIBUTORS .- Each contributor 18 alone responsible for any assertions or statements he may make. The editor allows this freedom of expression, be lieving that the cause of truth can be best subserved thereby. Many of the sentiments uttered in an article may be diametrically opposed to his belief, yet that is no reason why they should be suppressed; yet we wish it distinctly understood that our space is inade-quate to publish everything that comes to hand, however much we might desire to do so. That must account for the non-appearance of YOUR article.

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

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

TAKE DUE NOTICE, that all items for this page must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer. It will not do to say that Secretary or Correspondent writes so and so, without giving the full name and address of the-writer. The items of those who do not comply with this request will be cast into the waste basket.

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

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.

HARRISON D. BARRETT writes: Since March 1, I have had a busy time visiting different points in Oklahoma and Indian Territories. Whenever the weather has been at all favorable, good audiences have greeted me on every oc-The pouring rain and the occasion. casional zero trend of the mercury have "influenced" people to stay at home. I have visited six or eight towns thus far this month. A good state asso ciation can be formed out of the Spiritualists in the two territories, if proper effort is made. The Southwest has been so persistently and systematically plundered by the fakirs and confidence men, who claim to be the 'grandest me diums on earth,' that it takes time to re-awaken an interest in Boiritualism even among old-time Spiritualists, 1 am ready for work, and will gladly respond to all letters of inquiry with regard to lecture engagements. Until further notice my address will be General Delivery, Oklahoma City, O. T."

H. Smith writes: "The Spiritualistic Society Students of Nature, 1565 Milwaukee avenue, had an interesting meeting, Sunday, Mar 12. The pastor's subject was Psychometry. Prof. Dean lectured upon Nature and Its Govern-McIntvra paych metric readings, meetings being of an educational nature. Bunday, March 19, flower reading by Sister McIntyre, Bring a bud or a flower if you want a reading that your soul needs. Mediums are invited to atlend."

Take due notice that items for this page in order to insure insertion must contain the full name and address of the writer. Otherwise they may be cast into the waste basket.

The First Society of Spiritualists of Delphos, Kansas, will meet to celebrate the Annivorsary of Modern Spiritualism on Thursday, March 80. All members are requested to be present. A special program will be arranged for the occasion, I. N. Richardson, President, Delphos, Kansas.

Rev. Francis B. Cassilly, S. J., in the Record-Herald of Chicago, has recently expressed himself in the following man ner on the possibility of spirits appearing to men. In these days of much confusion and more imposition, his interpretation is of especial value: "There is nothing impossible about spirits appear ng to men," says Father Cassilly. There are numerous cases in scrinture where angels appeared to men and conversed with them. Among others we have the beautiful instance of the angel conducting young Tobias on a long journey, and of the angels receiving enterainment in the tent of Abraham, and saving Lot from Sodom. Spiritualism, then, as a cult, is regarded by the Catholic church as an invention of the devil. As an act of preternatural power, it is classed with divination, magic, fortune

alling and other superstitions prelices which have always been forbidden by God and condemned by the church." Since the close of the camp-meetings last September, Oscar A, Edgerly has been constantly and profitably employed in his capacity of trance speaker and test medium, having filled engage sages." ments in the following named places October, Battle Creek, Mich.: Novem ber and December, Findlay, Ohio; Jan uary and February, Newport, Ky., and Cincinnati, Ohio. During the month of March he is filling a return engagement at Battle Creek, Mich., For the entire month of April Mr. Edgerly will serve the Lynn (Mass.) Spiritualist Associa vant. tion at Cadet Hall. As at present he has open dates in May and June, he will be

pleased to hear from societies desiring to employ a trance speaker and test medium for those months. From July 22 to August 20, Mr. Edgerly is engaged to act as chairman of Grand Ledge Camp-meeting, Grand Ledge, Michigan. He will be pleased to make engage ments for first two Sundays of July and last two of August. Address during April and May, 42 Smith street, Lynn, Mass.

Spiritualism and insanity figure it the effort of nine grandchildren to break the will of Mrs. Wilbelminn Albertameyer in the Circuit Court. Each of the grandchildren was cut off with bequest of \$1 except Minnie Steinkueller, who received \$200. Miss Anna Rodewald, one of the contestees, testified yesterday that her grandmother had received advice from the spirit "She said the spirit of world. dead husband had come to her in the night and had told her be would make "When you say 'we' you mean the grandchildren?" asked an attorney. "Yes, that is what I mean." The grandchildren who testified yesterday were all of the opinion that Mrs. Alberts-meyer was of unsound mind for a period of six months before her death. Indianapoils Star.

Our correspondent at Sandusky, Ohio, writes: "Interest in our cause in this city is certainly growing. The largest audience ever gathered at Spiritual Sci-ence Hall was that of Sunday evening last, when some were turned away, unable to gain admission. An instructive address was delivered by Dr. C. W. Hains, of Bedford, Ohio, on the subject. What Spiritualism Teaches me.' Mrs. H. C. Ebertshauser generously gave her services as message-bearer, giving a number of messages from spirit friends, every one of which was recognized and acknowledged correct." Dr. Melvor Tyndall says: "It is because of our limited view-point that we take literally the admonition 'lay your burdens at God's feet.' Could we ge above the pressure of every-day material existence and view life from the concrete and personal we would realize the deeper meaning in the words. To sit at God's feet is to be ready to learn life's lessons. It is to have the mind receptive to knowledge, from every source. It is to be able to learn wisdom from every experience and every manifestation of life energy. It is to look for the good in all things and to keep our souls alive to the truth wherever found. When we are able to do this we find that those things which had seemed so heavy a burden fall from us as a snowfake is dispelled by the warmth of the sun. They were but transitory and had no real place in infinity. E. R. Fielding writes: "The National Congress of Mothers was held in the city last week. A request was sent out asking the ministers of the city to speak upon motherhood. Mrs. M. T. Longley took for her theme, 'The Relig-lous Training of the Children in the Home.' After the address, Mr. Alfred Terry gave tests. After the sermon in the evening, Mr. P. L. O. A. Keeler, the slate-writing medium, gave tests. The Temple League met at Mrs. Farraws' and the Ladies' Aid at Mr. and Mrs. Lees' Thursday evening. Public meet-ings, Sunday at 7:30; Tuesday at 2 p. m.; Wednesday, at 7:30; short lectures followed by apirit messages and tests; Mrs. Price, medium." Geo. B. Ferris writes: "The Spiritual ists of Grand Rapids, Mich., are prepar ing to celebrate the Fifty-seventh Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism in a way that shall be a credit to them selves and to the cause. The North End Spiritualist Society, the Spiritual Aid (incorporated) and the New Thought Spiritual Society, have decided to unite in observing the day in manner suited to the occasion. There are four societies in Grand Rapids, and it was thought at first that the other society would be able to join with us, but on account of previous arrangements they are unable to do so. However, the joint services of the three above named societies will be held the last Sunday of March in the Holland-Unitarian Church, corner of East Bridge and North Ionia streets. A program of exceptional in-terest is in course of preparation, the details of which are not yet complete. It is known that Mrs. D. A. Morrill will participate, and she will be assisted by the best talent it is possible to procure. There will be good music, and mes sages will be given at each service by mediums of acknowledged ability. Every effort will be made to surpass the services of former years, and although we have a building with a large seating capacity there is every indication that It will be found altogether too small for the occasion."-

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

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

L. F. S. writes from Cottage Grove, Oregon: "We have recently had with us the talented Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, of Jamestown, N. Y. His lectures were principally delivered from a biblical standpoint and were listened to with eager attention, as they imparted a new hearing to many minds. Mrs. Sprague's tests were marvelous in their She carries with her an inspiration for all that is good and pure in Spiritualism. During their stay here they organized a society of 25 mem

bers. Rochester, N. Y .- The Reverend Dr. . S. Crapsey of this city delivered a sermon recently which has set the cler cal world abobbing. In this address e declared that a belief in the inerran cy of the scriptures is no longer possible to an educated and intelligent man: that in the light of scientific re search, Christ no longer stands apart from the common cestiny of man in

ife and death, but "was born as we are born and died as we die;" that the mir acles are no longer to be belloved; that religion no longer has a place in the educational, political, business or sodal life of the country. The churches stand for privilege, he said, and, with out unity, are without influence. The ministers holding on to the waning miracle and the crunbling denomina-tional differences, he said, are in no condition to fight for truth and justice. The churches and denominationalism are today the, rear guard of forces that inake for religious progress. Mr. C. E. Russell writes that he has

eturned to Canton, Ohio, and is holdng regular Sunday evening meetings, lectures and tests, which give good sat s faction. On Wednesday afternoon there is a ladies' meeting, which is highly appreciated. It consists of a thought-exchange, followed by mes-

The publication of a text-book of met aphysical phenomena was suggested to the members of the Society for Psychical Research at their meeting i Hanover Square, London, Eng., by their president, Professor Charles Richet, the distinguished. Parisian sa "Motaphysical" science is the word coined by the Professor to cover all ghostly apparitions and manifesta tions, and the proposed lextbook would deal exhaustively with the following subjects, recommended by the Profes sor as worthy of study: Apparitions; mechanical phenomena-movements of objects without contact; direct writings from unknown sources; hauntings; mystic voices; luminous and spirit pho tography; ghosts involving passage of matter through matter. "It seems to me impossible, in the light of countless instances in history and experience, to deny that clairvoyance exists, declared the Professor solemnly. "Without the Professor solemnly. "Without doubt, there are in nature vibrations which act obscurely on our submerged consciousness, and which reveal facts which our normal senses are incapable of conveying to us. But, although particular individuals—so-called mediums -are more capable than others of see, ing these vibrations. I find it difficult to believe that we are not all more or less susceptiblo to the same influences." Professor Richet's own theory with regard to apparitions and other ghostly phenomena is that all the theories now put forward are improbable and irrational. The phenomenn are true, but the theories that are raised upon them

are absurd .- Pittsburg Dispatch. Mrs. Bartel is now on her way. Cripple Creek, Colo., to join her family who have moved there from Milwaukee. Her address is now Mrs. M. Bar-

W. Eaton street, Cripple Creek, Colo. 57th anniversary of Modern Spiritual-L. P. Amos writes: "If there is one ism on March 26." W. Eaton street, Cripple Creek, Colo.

a star in their grown in the life eternal. Miss Effic Metrain gave a cornet solo, assisted by May Silason, the organist. Then came sub-sider, Mrs. Alice Sex-smith, with a short failt that seemed to reach into the hears of her listeners,

following with hertwonderful messages that were recognized by all she addressed. Anotherm veteran. Brother

James E. Cos sangla solo that was heartily applauded.J).The little time left before closing was occupied by Mrs Nora E. Hill with messages to the awalting oneig which were well re-ceived. On Sinda Devening, March 26, the speaker will be the Hon. Charles Hughes; also on that evening there will e a spiritual christening of children with flowers, findel⁴¹the guidance of the ancient guides of Mrs. Nova E. Hill. The lecture Wy Mr Hughes will be in structive and the christening service very impressive. All cordially invited Take elevator,"

Mrs. C. Kirchner, writes: "The large audience that greeted our speaker, Mrs. M. Price, on Sunday alternoon, March 12, at the Rising Sun Spiritualist mission, was well repaid for their visit, as her subject, 'Spiritualism the Gospel of Truth.' was handled in a very fine Our sister will be with us in manner. the near future with another subject of interest. Mrs. Gifford followed the speaker with a number of spirit messages which were readily recognized. In the evening Dr. J. McFarland delivered one of his masterly lectures on What Shall I Do to Be Saved?' His horough knowledge of the Bible and Spiritualism caused his heavers to be dumfounded with his clear, concise ex lanation. We are always glad to have the Doctor on our platform, as he represents the advance thought of Spiritual ism, and is always welcomed by our au-diences. Following him with spirit messages, were Mrs. M. Weaver and Mrs. C. Kirchner, both being always welcomed by our people for the grand demonstrations of spirit return. We cordially invite strangers to attend our meetings every Sunday afternoon and evening at the People's Institute, corner Van Buren and Leavitt streets. For March 26, our speaker will be Mrs. J. H: Fravel, who we know will deliver one of her grand inspirational lectures. We will celebrate the 57th anniversar; of Modern Spiritualism on Sunday, April 2, afternoon and evening. All in vited."

Maurgerite Mac writes: "On March 0, Mrs. Jeffery Burland, the pastor of the Light of Truth Church, will hold a social in her parlors at 3019 Vernon avenue. Invite your friends. Have a pleasant time as one is sure to get a message from some loved one on the other side and a good cup of coffee and cake, all for the small sum of 25 cents Her meetings at 528 63d street, Hopkins' Hail, are increasing in attendance as well as her Thursday afternoon meet ings. Hope the hall will not hold the people ere long."

Mrs. H. L. Bigelow writes from San "Our society was highly fa-Jose, Cal.: vored in having with us E. W. Sprague and wife on Sunday | March 12, both afternoon and evening. No one could fail to be impressed with the thoughts expressed so forcibly by Bro. Sprague on the needs of organization, the duties of Spiritualists both to their own socie tles and to the state and National Asso-ciation, and the gratitude they should show by contributing to the fund for the aid and support of our dear old me-diums who need our kindest efforts as well as our pest thoughts for their welfare. A small sum of money was cheerfully contributed for that purpose, being the best we could do under the circumstances. Brother Sprague gave a very fina improvised poem, which was appreciated by all. Mrs. Sprague gave a short talk and several fine messages. which were well received and 8.0 knowledged as correct. Several fine musical selections were rendered by to Mrs. Muntz and daughter on the mando lin, and one by our own planist made tel, Physical and Trance Medium, 407 glad our hearts. We will celebrate; the

TOPIC FOR THE PROGRESSIVE were disappointed because he couldn't [D. O., on the morning of Feb. 18, Mrsd LYCEUM.

Bunday, March 26, 1905, S. E., 57: "Our Anniversary,"

Gem of Thought:----

Fifly seven years ago, This March, the thirty-first, Spirit's raps bid us to know

Their presence best and worst. Mingling with this host unseen,

In joy we've gone our way: Love has built the bridge between, And Truth made glad the day.

Sing a song of cheer to day. Our Anniversary;

Loving friends from o'er the way, Our Anniversary.

For information concerning The Progressive Lyceum, authorized lescon sheet of the National Spiritualists Assoclation, address John W. Ring, Spiritualist Temple, Galveston, Texas,

Mrs. Maggie Henry writes: "The Universal Occult Society had a fine meeting in the afternoon. The evening ser-vices opened by an invocation by Evangelist F. M. Stoller and a song by the quartette, followed by the reading of the 9th chapter of Acts, by Prof. Stoller, who then introduced the speaker Dr. J. H. Randall who delivered an interesting lecture. He was followed by messages by Madam De Loux and Mrs. Wagoner, and prychometric readings by Prof. Stoller."

W. J. Elmo writes: "Chicago Spiritual Alliance Society in its new home. 3514 Vincennes avenue, corner Cottage Grove avenue, is growing steadily, Many new members have been enrolled and new faces have begun to count in large numbers. They are not the new faces that come to-day and gone tomorrow, but they seem to like the place and meetings, and are with us every Sunday. Mrs. Elmo gives a short lecture, followed by tests and messages Meetings commence at 3 and 8 o'clock sharp." Corresponding secretary writes

"The grandest event of the season among Spiritualists took place on Wednesday evening, March 15, at People's Institute, it being the second grand annual mask ball of the Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission. The merry maskers commenced to come as early as 8 o'clock and by 9:30 the hall was filled to overflowing. Such a pleasant gathering you seldom find at a ball, but the Rising Sun is noted for its sociability, which always insures its success. It was a difficult matter for the judges to decide as to the awarding of the 75 prizes that were donated, but happy to say they did their work well, and were highly complimented by all for their impartial manner in which they made

their awards. The ladies of the auxil-lary did themselves proud in serving the luncheon which was indulged in by a large number, and quite a number of comments were made regarding the quality of same, it being first-class. Dr. Geo. B. Warne, president of the Illinois State Association, and other nota bles were present. All in all the affair

was one to be long remembered. Preparations are being made for the second annual hard times party on April 19. Particulars later."

Mrs. J. Lindsey of Grand Rapids Mich., writes that she has now recov ered her health sufficiently to answer calls to serve societies and camps the coming season. She works along many lines. Address her at No. 326 Ninth street.

E. W. Baldwin writes: "Harrison D. Barrett is another among the far-sighted souls to save Modern Spiritualism from final ignominy. In his most ineresting and instructive Autobiography he says: 'So long as an uneducated, itinerant ministry is preferred to settled pastors and cultured speakers, just so long will the future of Spiritualism be uncertain. So long as the churches and their pastors continue to grow liberal, just so long will educated, progressive

stay longer. He sowed some seed that will bring forth a hundred fold. Should there be any medium coming this way they will do well to stop here, as there is a good opening for a reliable test medium. Should there be any we would like them to correspond with me, and 14.5 I will make arrangements for their coming."

Any one who desires that remarkable address on Obsession by Spirit Pierponi, delivered through the organism of Mrs. M. T. Longley, can secure the same by addressing her (enclosing a 2-cent stamp) at No. 600 Pennsylvania avenue S. E., Washington, D. C. Dr. Beverly writes: "The Spiritual

Science Society at Arlington Hall, 31st street and Indiana avenue, will give its last party and dance for this season, on Saturday evening, April 1. Tickets 25 cents per couple. Fine music. Many new attractions will be added, and if you don't look out you will surely get fooled by the funny man. With the largest hall and best music on the South Side we invite all to come and have a merry time. Preceding the dance, booths will be occupied by mediums and palmists where you can get

readings." Georgia Gladys Cooley will serve the Spiritualist Society of St. Louis, in the bsence of the regular speaker, Thomas Grimshaw, during the month of April, and while there can be engaged for week night meetings and funerals within reasonable distance of the city. Bhe anticipates taking a trip to the Pacific coast, and would like to correspond with societies en route. Address her in care of General Delivery, St. Louis, Mo. Prof. J. W. Caldwell will deliver a lecture before the Christian Occult Seci

ely, Sunday, March 26, at 7:30, at 2974 State street. Subject selected. Carrie L. Hatch writes from Boston Mass.: "The Massachusetts State Asso ciation will celebrate the anniversary of Modern Spiritualism in Berkeley Hall 4 Berkeley street, Boston, on Thursday, March 30, 1905. A fine array of talent has been engaged, and everyone is invited to come and listen to the same.

The meetings are free, and all are in vited to bring their friends whether Spiritualists or not. Don't miss this opportunity of hearing some of the best workers, in our ranks. The First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society will celebrate the anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, on Friday, March 31, in Appleton Hall, 9 Appleton street, Boston, Mass. This year the real day has fallen upon Friday, and as this has been the meeting day of this society for over twenty years, the society feels that this will be the real celebration. A fine ar ray of talent will be present, and all are invited to come and decide for themselves if it is the real or not. Meals will be served in the banquet hall. Be

sure and come." OPENING DAY.

Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association Camp.

The year is not far advanced, but the notes of preparation are sounding all down the line for a grand, good meeting at Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, beginning, July 30 and closing August 27, 905.

The committee on speakers began making contracts very early, and is of the opinion that it will be able to present to the friends and patrons an array of talent not excelled by any previous season.

In view of the fact that the tendency of all organizations and associations is to expand, to grow more liberal and

universal in character, it was decided They are our own publications. to make an effort to secure the services of the Hon. W. J. Bryan for opening ound in cloth. day. Through the courtesy of the Slay

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Elvira Ann Fell, wife of Dr. V. Fell, a veteran Spiritualist and able writer of that city. Mrs. Fell herself was and earnest. Spiritualist, a good and gentlewoman, beloved by many friends, a true and faithful mother, wife, companion. and friend. The many sterling qualities of this good woman endeared her to many hearts; all will miss her from, their pathway, but none so much as the

aged husband and the two dear daughters to whom she was the light, and comfort in all trying experiences, as well as the sharer of every joy. The truths and teachings of our philosophy are, however, consoling and uplifting to these dear ones in their time of be-

reavement, and we know that they have hope and assurance of reunion in the land of souls. The funeral service was conducted over the remains of Mrs. Fell by Mrs. M. T. Longley, secretary of the N. S. A., whose invocation and spiritual remarks gave fitting tribute to the life of the deceased and breathed the truths of our glorious philosophy. Singing by the assembled friends, led by Mrs. Ella Royal Williams, and the reading of an appropriate poem, written for the occasion by Mr. Nigh, and read

by Mrs. Williams, added to the spiritual joys of the occasion. An abundance of white lilles and other beautiful flowers graced the casket and room, giving siont but eloquent testimony to the love by which Mrs. Fell was held in the hearts of her own. The deceased was. a member of the First Spiritual Association, and a memorial service will . be held for her on Sunday morning, March 19, the speaker, Mrs. Longley, taking her subject on that occasion, "Those Who Have Gone Before." M. T. L.

Passed to spirit life from her home in Ceylon, Ohio, March 7, Mrs. Eliza Hillman Allen, at the age of 70 years. The funeral was conducted by Hudson Tut-tle at the church in that town, on the 9th. She was a noble example of a truly spiritual and righteous life, and is mourned by a wide circle of relatives and friends.



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Sunday, March 26, Mrs. Amanda Coffman will lecture at Akron, Ohio, and the months of April and May at Watertown, N. Y.

Mrs. Bettie Holt writes from Smithville, Texas, that the boy medium, Milton Baker, has been there for one week. There are bright prospects before this young man. Mrs. Holt says: "I as a Spiritualist, know of the phenomena of Spiritualism, that the best results can not be procured from an audience of 200 persons, who are in no harmony with each other and make no attempts to passive."

A pretty home wedding took place on Sunday, March 5. at the home of Frank N. Foster (spirit photographer) of Grand Rapids, Mich., when their oldest son, James D. Foster, was married to Mrs. Anna Dennison in the presence of a few friends. The Rev. Amanda Coffman officiated. The bride was becomingly gowned in golden brown silk, and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. They will make their home here for the present, but will leave for California early in the fall.

Irene Russell writes: "I am glad to be able to tell my friends and co-workers that at last I have been able to awaken an interest in Spiritualism at South Bend, Ind. Three weeks ago I once more started to hold Sunday evening services at our parlors, 216 South Joseph street, with fifteen in attendance. Last Sunday our number increased to twenty two. On that even-ing, C. H. Brown lectured for us, taking for his subject, 'What is Embodied in the Spiritual Philosophy?' He spoke in a clear, plain manner, enabling all to clearly grasp the truths of our beautiful philosophy. After the lecture my guides gave a number of tests to strangers, and they were readily recognized. I have a call to Goshen, Ind., the last of this week to hold a circle. and we have every reason to believe that our next Sunday service will be even better attended. May the good work go on and on. I shall be glad to let our friends in Chicago and elsewhere know of our continued success. I thoroughly error The Progressive Thinker and the fearless way truths are published."

Correspondent writes: "The People's Spiritualist Church of Louisville, Ky., will celebrate the Fifty-seventh anniver sary of Modern Spiritualism on Sunday, March 26, at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m., in the Odd Fellows' Temple, corner of Sixth and Walnut streets. In the alternoon short addresses and messages by the different mediums; at 7:30 the pastor Frank T. Ripley, under the control of his guide, Fidelity, will deliver the anniversary address, and give messages and answer questions. Beautiful palms, flowers, and grand music all day. Bring your lunch. Coffee will be served. All are welcome."

man I reverence more than another, it is Brother Peebles. I knew him when a boy, went to school to him, saw him ordained in the Universalist church at Upper Lisie, N. Y. 1 consider him one of the brightest lights in our ranks. He was a bright young man, and must be a very ripe old man, and full of good What the common people want ideae is plain facts concerning the spirit world."

Mrs. M. K. Gates writes from Win field, Kansas: "The Spiritualist Society of Occult Science has had the pleasure of hearing H. D. Barrett, president of the N. S. A. Last Sunday he gave us two lectures. He held his audience spellbound. All who heard him are singing his praises, and are anxious to know when they will have another opportunity to reap such a feast of knowl edge. I think all societies who have not heard Mr. Barrett should do all in their power to engage him, for we feel that such gifted men as he are few. We are very proud that he is our National president."

Eva L. Stewart writes; "On last Sunday evening the Hyde Park Occult So ciety was highly entertained by that enthusiastic speaker, known as the 'boy medium,' H. S. Fraser. The audience howed their appreciation of his talk at the close of his discourse. We intend. him to be with us again in the near fu-ture. Mrs. Ruth McMenamin gave psychometric readings, followed by Mr. Fraser. On March 26, we devote the evening to the celebration of the advent of Spiritualism in this country. Dr. G B. Warne is to be the speaker for that evening, and we are sure of a good treat. Mrs. E. Kline and other mediums will be present and give messages On a previous Sunday evening our so ciety by unanimous vote, donated \$10 to our very willing and worthy brother and co-worker, Mr. R. Gilray, of whose sickness we have heard. It seems very proper that other societies whom he has been kind enough to speak for (always without pay) should do something for him. We have concluded to drop our dances on March 23 and 30, and April 6, as some other important things are to take place on those nights, espe cially April 6, when the young people of our society will give a benefit enter-tainment. A grand musical and literary programme has been arranged, and many mediums invited to be present and give messages. They intend making this the grandest entertainment of the season. Come one and all, and you will not be disappointed. Admission 25 cents, including refreshments

and cloak room." Wm. Fitch Ruffle writes from Louis ville, Ky .: "At the regular Sunday meeting in Barbers' Aid Hall, on March 12, there was a nice attendance, the tests all but one being recognized; that, however, was recognized on the following day by the lady to whom it was given. I am open for engagements, and can be addressed at No. 735 Seventh street."

D. G. Hill writes: "The Golden Rule Spiritualist Society (Haymarket The-atre Building, 161 W. Madison street); Sunday evening cervice, March 12, was a pleasing success. The speaker, Mrs. Nora E. Hill gave one of her interesting

N. C. B: writes from Philadelphia, Pa.: "G. W. Kates and wife have been serving our society at Eighth and Spring Garden streets, during the months of February and March. Their services have always been highly appreciated by the people here, but never before have they given such general setisfaction and attracted as large audiences as during this engagement.

Their lectures have been more forceful and eloquent than over, and the message work by Mrs. Kates has been su perior to any of her previous efforts, and these have always been of a superior quality. They will assist at the anniversary meetings here, and we expect au interesting occasion. The chil-dren's lyceum will also participate, and our home mediums assist. Several prizes offered by Mr. Kates a year ago will be awarded. The lyceum, under the conductorship of Bro. McGiynn, is growing in numbers and interest. We are glad to have several devoted work ers in the lyceum, and a number oť

children who are regular in attendance. We must look for many of the present children to take official places before long, and the lyceum is the proper place to develop them. The Parkland Heights Camp-meeting is preparing for another summer season, and bids fair to make great progress this year towards becoming a permanent camp association. We need a camp grounds here, and we have a beautiful place at Parkland Heights, where there are splendid advantages for us. We hope hat friends coming East next summer will try to visit Parkland. An interesting entertainment was lately held at the Temple of the First Association, and netted a goodly sum to aid the camp. Dr. Ravlin is serving that society and has given many very able lecures. There are about a dozen meetines held here every Sunday, and the general interest is good. We are glad to have a number of capable local mediums at work here, and to see them take an interest in the public meetings. We will have great success when all mediums joinatheln efforts for the advance of the organized cause. The tendency seems to beethat way. George H. Brooks will serve us during April, and Samuel Wheeler during May. Mr. and Mrs. Kates will return again next January and February. We expect to keep the banner of truth unfurled, and not let little failures liscourage us; for we must meet with some reverses. If the friends of the cause in every local-ity would give a light support to their society, we would have success every-where. As a young member, I am anx-ious to see my elders promote greater possibilities for our usefulness by and

by. The young people have zeal and activity, and are waiting for opportunities to push Spiritualism to the front. We hope for added help to take our places when the veterans grow weary or pass on to their rewards."

Mrs. Begethe Sldwell' writes: "The adies' Auxiliary of the. Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission will hold its usual neeting at 54 North Asbland avenue Admission to these senders will be 15 cents. There are always good medi-ums at these meetings to give tests. The proceeds are used for the aid of lectures, and held the earnest attention the poor shill needy and for the other of her audience, listening to the in purpose. Meetings are held every struction given of how to live to place. Thursday greating at 8 o clock?

Spiritualists turn toward the churche and give them support.' Fortunately the far-seeing mind grows more conspicuous. Ancient Spiritualism sank to the lower level for want of an enlightened, far-sighted mind.

Bell Thayer Campbell writes: "Mrs. Ada Turk Knapp, of 1151 W. Monroe street, gave one of her grand seances at my home, 305 S. Leavitt street, a short time ago, sitting for a circle of fourteen, the most of whom were investigators, and some bitter skeptics. Mrs. Knapp was placed under strict test conditions, holding flour in her hands over a black cloth dress. The dear spirit friends materialized hands and independent voices, not one in the circle who was not'caressed by some loved one. A guitar was carried swiftly around the upper part of the room playing all the time. And other manifestations of spirit power, until as one gentleman remarked, it was the most convincing circle he ever saw."

J. S. Stephens writes from St. Joseph, Mo: "Mr. Harry J. Moore, of Chicago, is now lecturing for our society, with a good attendance and increasing interest at every meeting. For intelligence our audience ranks second to none in the city. Mr. Moore has demonstrated that it is possible to attract and hold good audiences without having a test medium follow the lecturer. We are also fortunate in having with us W. C. Jessup, one of the best trumpet mediusms in the country. He has con-verted many people in St. Joseph to Spiritualism. He is a member of our society and will make this place his future home. At a meeting of the Executive Board we elected him to ren resent our society at the next annual

convention of the N. S.A. At our meet-ing the last Sunday of this month Mr. Moore will conduct a spiritual christen ing service, at which we hope to have a large attendance, as flowers will be used instead of water. St. Joseph is destined to be ranked as a spiritual

German and English Lectures .--- Mr. Lax Gentzke, editor of the German

Spiritual journal, "Lichtstrahlen," in Chicago, and missionary of the N. S. A., having accepted several lecturing engagements in the East, intends to spend the month of April and part of May in the states of Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Ohlo, and is open for engagements. Societies, circles_or persons who wish his services in public or parlor meetthat attends the passing from mortal ings are requested to write to him, care of H. Dick, 127 Newbury street, Law view of this little blossom that had so rence, Mass. He lectures in the German and English languages and an

swers written questions pertaining to the philosophy of Spiritualism in either language, and has just finished a course of twenty-four very instructive and in structive lectures in Chicago. As many public and parlor meetings are attend d by persons who understand the German language, probably better than the English language, his lectures and answers in both languages are certainly a great help to arouse more interest nd strengthen cause and societies

Cant. Harvey writes from Anadarko. Okla .: "Pres. Harrison D. Barrett was here on the 9th and gave a lecture in the Woodman's hall to a very good house. Some of our best citizens spoke in high prane of his lecture, and all

roads and telegraph systems, direct legislation, the overthrow of private mo nopolies, etc., should create a desire in the heart of every reformer to come to camp early and hear this marvel of intellect.

At present, notes of camp life at the park, report Miss Whitmore, who was so unfortunate as to fall and break her arm, as quietly improving. This will be pleasant news to her many friends who know her but to love her.

Mrs. Carroll has just returned from Texas, and having recently purchased the Prindle cottage, is cozlly resting neath her own "vine and fig tree." Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, so snugly domiciled in their Five Oaks Cottage,

will go north very shortly to remain until camp opens, after which they contemplate a trip to the gloria Pacific. It might be well to announce that the

Woman's Union, which is an auxiliary to the M. V. S. A., will hold a bazaar luring the camp session, and persons coming to the camp are solicited to bring fancy articles as contributions to the bazaar. Those wishing to send articles, or a small donation of any kind. may direct them to Mrs. Margaret Pingel. 533 11th avenue. Clinton, Iowa.

Arrangements are about completed for the printing of the annual announce ments, and we hope to have them ready for distribution at a very early date. Those desiring copies can secure them of MRS. M. B. ANDERSON, M. V. S. A. Secretary.

Clarksville, Mo. PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

[Oblinaries to the extent of ten lines only will be inserted free. All in excess of ten lines will be charged at the rate of fiftsen cents per line. About seven words constitute one line.]

Passed to the higher life, at the home of her brother, March 4, Gales-burg, Ill., Mrs. Ettle M. Keogh, late of 749 Wrightwood avenue, Chicago, Ill. the was a life-long Spiritualist. MRS. ISABELLA WEAKLEY.

Passed to the higher life, Erwood, the infant son of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Hammond, of Rockford, Ill., aged four months. The little fellow had been alling for some time, struggling bravely with the weakness of the fiesh. The change came Monday evening. The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Hammond sympathize with them in the sorrow

endeared himself to their hearts. Services by the writer. WILL J. ERWOOD.

Passed to spirit life at his home, 221 East Front street, Ionia, Mich., John Starr Dunham, 82 years of age. He was a devout Spiritualist. for over fifty years-bonest and upright in all his dealings, and beloved by all who knew him. He leaves a wife, Mrs., Hattie Dexter Dunham, the public speaker and message bearer, also two daughters, Mrs. Ida York and Mrs. Olive Benton to mourn his loss. Services were held at the home, Sunday, March 12, by the writer, Dr. W. O. Knowles, 247 Coade avenue, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

PSYCHOMETRY. A Lecture by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, at a Meeting of the Chicago Spiritualist League.

Mr. Chairman and Friends :- Spiritualism is more than half a century old; it is nearly three score. Your speaker has been connected with Spiritualism ever since she was a little girl (we are not going to tell you how many years ago that was). Spiritualism depends upon mediumship. Mediumship was never counterfeited until it was a reality. If a banker should say, "I want to have somebody who does not know anything about bank notes to expose all the counterfeits of such and such bank notes," you would consider the banker foolish-especially if meanwhile there are not any of those notes in existence; "but, he might say, "never mind, he is going to expose something that he does not know anything about." That is what the public press and the pulpit have been doing with Spiritualism for half a century. The coin that is genuine is the only coin that will ever be counterfeited. But the Message cannot be counterfeited, the great Message of Spiritualism; because it bears the stamp of the one who gives it and the one who receives the message knows the stamp.

Neither the genuine message nor the manner of it can be successfully counterfeited for any great length of time.

Your chairman asked the present speaker, who has known of Spirit ualism from childhood, and who is now the instrument for the transmis sion of these thoughts to you, to speak upon Psychometry.

Many new words have been coined from the necessity of the use of new language since Spiritualism came. Psychometry is one of those words. Scholars will find that it is not quite adequate to explain what it is supposed to mean. Of course, it means soul-measurement, as psy chology means a treatise upon or a thesis covering the soul; as psychic means pertaining to the soul; as psychomancy (turn to your unabridged dictionary) means divination by consulting with the souls of the socalled dead. All these words, and perhaps a thousand more, have sprung into existence because of the realm that has been unfolded through mediumship.

The late Elliot Coues-a most erudite man-assisted in adding to the English vocabulary many thousands of new words that have been demanded by investigations in psychic and occult things.

We are going to state what perhaps most Spiritualists will disputebut they are an individual, thinking people-that there is not one of these words, "elairvoyance," "telepathy," "mind-reading," "materi-alization," and even "psychometry," Mr. Chairman, that does not have its origin in mediumship, pure and simple. . They are simply variations of the same theme; a spiritually sensitized brain or organism, that recrives impressions from spirit sources.

But there are different phases of mediumship, and different degrees of what are called spirit controls. Nevertheless, if any human being, through any process is taken into a certain state of exaltation (or sensiization) that person will be a medium, will be in communion with spirtual intelligences, even if the state is not one of mental or moral excelbirtence. Sometimes mediumship is physical wholly; sometimes it is menhisital wholly, and sometimes it reaches the deeper realm of the spirit and he includes the others. Mediumship is simply that which is the means of conveying a message from spirits to mortals.

It is more than a century ago, we believe, since under the name of, socalled, "Mesmerism" it was discovered, as borne forward by the experiments of Baron Von Reichenbach, that some of those who were subjects of mesmeric influence could discern surrounding organic substances, especially minerals, vegetables and later animals and human beings, an "aura," which was not visible to the human eye, but which could be visible to the one under mesmeric control. This "aura" was denominated "magnetic" or "electric," and later "psychic," according to the words that were available at the times the expressions were given. Von Reichenbach discovered that this aura could be described and that impressions made upon a substance would cause a deviation in the vibrations or radiations of aura and the "sensitive" while mesmerized could accurately describe the origin of the substance and its immediate surroundings: A piece of iron ore, quartz or rock placed upon the forehead of the mesmerized subject would produce the result of an accurate description of the mine from whence it was taken.

Modern science has proven that two electrical instruments in exact attunement can transmit a message, the transmitter and receiver being in exact accord, whether there is any connecting wire or not, whether in mid ocean or on land, despite storms or other disturbances, if the attunement is perfect and equal, the message will be transmitted. This is the means of bringing a great deal of light to such minds as are looking for scientific analogy. And as everything that relates to spiritual influence, in fact all Spiritualism; clairvoyance, psychometry, healing, all visible and invisible manifestations occurred before the system of eless telegraphy, people could not have the analogy to judge from. After Spiritualism came into existence many of these earlier experiments were explained on a deeper and broader basis. "Mesmerism." "od," or "odylic" force-and even "psychic force" unless specifically employed and governed by an acting intelligence, a personality-could solve nothing. "Millions of spiritual beings walk the earth unseen," said the blind poet of christendom, Milton, "both when you wake and when you sleep." This was borrowed from the Greek poet, Hesiod. The truth is, that these millions of spiritual beings have been walking the earth to the consciousness of certain people for hundreds and thousands of years. It is perfect imbecility to suppose that these spiritual beings are walking the earth and doing nothing or thinking nothing. We know that all instruments attuned in accord can each vibrate to the same note though they are in different rooms. So do we know that spirits among mortals and among those who have passed from the mortal form, if in accord, will be mentally in harmony. You have but to witness this in your own experience : how your wife, your daughter, your friend sitting near you, perhaps in silence, will suddenly speak about something, and you say, "Why! I was just thinking about that same thing." Or while you are passing along on the street you will suddenly think of some one of whom you have perhaps not thought for a long time, and in a few moments you will meet that one on the street. This is called in modern scientific language "telepathy," but it is what we know by the more familiar spiritual vocabulary as "impression," a consciousness of the approach of the friend. If this can occur between embodied friends, why not more perfectly when one has cast aside the physical form that is so often a barrier to all sympathy? Pseudo-science has endeavored to separate all this class of phenomena from spirit influence and to explain clairvoyance, including mind-reading (which the scientists call "telepathy"), by an action of the "subconscious" mind, either through a process which they call "auto-suggestion" or "suggestion."

etrist cannot become in accord with you, or you with the psychometrist according to the same "vibration" spiritually or psychically, there can not be a satisfactory reading given.

We prefer to call this accord "sympathy," and we know that without that sympathy there can be no message.

This is just as reasonable, just as philosophical as that Marconi should have failed a thousand times before he succeeded; as that Santos Dumont should have failed as others have before derial navigation is finally solved; i. e. the receptivity of the one endeavoring to get a reading or message must be in accord or rapport with the one giving the reading.

Often with mediumship, pure and simple, it does not depend so much upon this, because the message can be given, even if you will not receive it; the word can be spoken if you are not ready for it; your spirit it; the word can be spoken if you are not ready for it; your spirit friends can give their names, or give you some fact even if you do not acknowledge it.

But when it comes to delineation through external objects there is not only the concentration, which is necessary to take the medium's mind away from what he or she is to give, but to bring about the rapport of which we spoke, the attunement that is absolutely necessary. This is why, a great many times the readings cannot be given, cannot be satisfactory. If you have sent up any one of these things here and really wish an answer you must endeavor to be as receptive as you expect the psychometrist to be impartive, for the transmitter and the receiver must accord. This does not mean necessarily that you are a "believer," it means that you are a genuine and unprejudiced investigator.

In these manifestations of psychometric power or intercommunion there are two classes of impressions that often are received by a medium or psychometrist when giving these delineations: Sometimes there are illusions or symbols. Now we do not mean by this that they are false. They are impressions of objects, or visions produced upon the brain that are simply to turn the thought from the objects that are to be described even to the degree of describing spiritual beings.

Now, of course you know, these objects are not seen by the human eye, but there is a psychological impression made upon the organs of vision through the nerve centers produced by a distinct intelligence. To another class there is that which seems actual sight of the distant objects. This is also an "illusion" in the degree that the things are not there within the range of the vision, but are brought to the cognizance of the clairvoyant and psychometrist by this psychic contact and because of some intervening spiritual intelligence. The impression is produced upon the sensitized brain of the psychometrist that corresponds to sight or sound or symbols with their meanings.

In the transmission of messages by ordinary telepathy, electricity is the force, but the intelligence in transmission and the intelligence in receiving are absolutely indispensable. Electricity will not send a message by itself. No amount of "psychic force," or "auto-suggestion," subconsciousness," can explain a distinct message sent through the transmitter," who is the medium, to the "receiver" who is the person seeking and recognizing the message. Unless you receive intelligently you cannot expect an intelligent message. In other words, there is no subtle, hidden or peculiar way in which seeming messages and gifts of the spirit can be explained that is half as satisfactory and conclusive as the simple one of spirit communion.

When science has prepared the way so beautifully and "Psychic Research" steps in at the end of nearly sixty years and says: "We find that the great mass of testimony is in favor of the phenomena and philosophy of Spiritualism being true," we are glad for the sake of Dr. Hodgson, Prof. James and the Rev. Heber Newton and Mr. Savage, et al., that the Psychic Research Society has given them respectable admission into the ranks of Spiritualism. But they do""not wish to be called Spiritualists." We are very glad, for they have not earned the title. They have accepted what the great wave of Spiritualism has brought into the nineteenth and twentieth centuries after it has been demonstrated a million times; and no amount of scientific glamor or individual conceit will make the message and its co-ordinate spiritual rifts more acceptable than Spiritualism.

Now, psychometry is one of the phases of the manifestation of Spirit-When Prof. William Denton became a Spiritualist, his friends ualism. who were geologists and materialists, just as he was, deplored it very much, and pointed their fingers to their forcheads very significantlythat much learning, much study and much investigation had affected a wonderful brain.

When Alfred Russel Wallace, Robert Owen, and later, Robert Dale Owen, and a score of other thinkers and scientific men became Spiritualists they said the same thing. Dr. Alfred Russel"Wallace "was in his dotage." Sir William Crookes had not even feached the "age limit" of Prof. Osler, not being over 35 when he first investigated the phenomena of Spiritualism. So he could not have been in his dotage, but he must have gone wrong somehow. Whoever has stepped from the ranks of the scientists into Spiritualism has been supposed to be off their balance. By some they were considered to be mesmeric on hypnotic subjects. Andrew Jackson Davis first entered the realm of inspiration through the gateway of "mesmerism," but later the spiritual realm and the higher condition became an accustomed way.

Prof.-Denton was initiated not only into Spiritualism proper, the intercommunion between the two worlds, but into this realm of psychometry through Spiritualism. The book written by him called "The Soul of Things," marked an epoch of thought in this direction. Perhaps though, one of the great minds, one of the most learned of men who devoted years and years of thought to this subject before he reached his greatest age was Joseph Rodes Buchanan. He studied psychometry from the standpoint purely of mental and intellectual philosophy, and it led him into Spiritualism. This wonderful phase of being able to trace things to their source by their aura, of being able to locate mines by the aura of metals or minerals, of being able to describe scenes in the Rocky Mountains or distant places by having a piece of mineral taken from the Rocky Mountains, by a psychometrist who had never been there, this reading of character and tracing the life line of people by retrospect and prophecy. In other words, time, space and substance seem to be annihilated by this gift of soul reading." And in the atmosphere or light of the spirit alone can be found the solution, and we assure again, that these "millions of spiritual beings that walk the earth, both when you wake and when you sleep." make within your rains the sensitized condition of receiving, and make within the brains of those who will demonstrate to you later the sensitized condition of transmitting the thought. Marconi could as well send a message without any electric vibration as you can send or receive a message without this great spiritual atmosphere that impinges upon the human state, and makes up the life, and breath, and strength, and intelligent supply of every human thought, and every spiritual gift.

MISSIONARIES' REPORT

For December, 1904, and January and February, 1905.

thus giving all an opportunity, and oc-casionally they hold a joint meeting for During these three months we have held 92 meetings, organized 8 societies, visited Lawrence, Topeka, Herrington, the benefit of the parent society, at which meeting several of the mediums Sterling and Hutchinson, Kansas; Denand speakers take part, all of which er, Colo.; Sheridan, Wyo.; Billings, helps the mediums to reach the public and the people to get acquainted with them and their work. This is also a Livingston and Butte, Mont.; Spokane, leattle and Tacoma, Wash.; Portland, McMinnville, Corvalis, Cottage Grove, source of revenue to the main society and could be practiced in other cities to Medford and Ashland, Oregon. Splendid work for Spiritualism and the advantage of mediums and socieour organization is being done in Toties. Sister Loie Prior has just compeka and other parts of the state by A. pleted a year's engagement with this Scott Bledsoe, president of the Kansas society and has done good work. State Spiritual Association, also by We were called to Seattle by Mr. R. F. Little, president of the Washington State Spiritualist Association. We Mrs. Bledsoe, Mrs. Wagner and other good workers in that city. There is a division in our ranks in Topeka. We served him during the week and the think it is caused more by difference of local society on Sunday. Our work was opinion regarding the best methods of highly appreciated by the Seattle Spirwork than from any other cause. itualists, many people expressing re-Though holding different opinions' rerets at our leaving so soon. We were garding the work and the workers, they appily surprised in meeting Mrs. eem to be friendly to each other and Sprague's sister, brother-in-law, and all came and attended our meetings. niece in Scattle. Here we spent one Sterling, Kans., has a fine little soweek and were entertained by them at the Colonade Hotel. Mrs. Sprague had

clety with three good speakers, which we understand were developed within seen her sister but once in thirty years, the society. At Hutchinson we found a society

Wash., by Mr. Knowlden, one of the offithat had met with reverses and were cers of the State Board. We held two holding meetings in a private home neetings with his local society. Mrs. only. The faithful members were de-Lovejoy is the permanent speaker. There are two societies in Tacoma, and termined it should survive, so they called us to their assistance. They secured a hall and we remained there a work. There is also a New Thought so-ciety in this city with which a few that week holding a "protracted meeting." Several were "converted" and joined "our church." The society again rentwere once called Spiritualists affiliaté. May they find the sweet comfort and ed a hall where meetings are being held solace in this new (?) thought that Spiritualism in its fullness failed to

regularly. Rev. C. H. Rodgers of the Universal-ist church of Hutchinson, who is an supply avowed Spiritualist, took part in one of our services and we returned the com our way to McMinnville. At McMinnpliment by assisting him in one of his ville we held two meetings and organmeetings. Bigotry is dying in some ized a society. We found a small band places, while it is very much alive in of Spiritualists here who are progressothers ve, earnest and loyal to our organiza-

Brother Rodgers publicly proclaims tion. They need encouragement from himself a Free Mason, a Universalist, a all who can furnish it. Socialist and a Spiritualist. It would We returned to Portland where we be well for the people if every minister had the courage of his convictions as has this earnest man. held two meetings in Drew's hall Sunday morning and evening, February 19. Sunday evening we attended a meeting

At Denver, Colorado, we remained of the Ladies' Auxiliary. This Auxil-lary was organized for the purpose of but 16 hours. We met Brother Alonzo Thompson there. Denver is his home raising funds to build a Temple for the We had a short but good visit now. First Spiritualist Society. with this venerable patriarch of Spirit-

When the report of the year's work ualism. We attended the seance of was read it showed that by hard work the ladies had raised a little over one Brother Roberts together and enjoyed it very much. After the seance closed hundred dollars. We were called upon for remarks and electrified and astonwe gave a short address explanatory of the missionary work and were given ished the audience by raising one hunthe assurance that when we returned dred and three dollars for the ladies' on our way cast they would arrange for building fund. It was a great surprise some public meetings. to the ladies, especially as we had not even asked permission to do it. How-

We arrived at Sheridan, Wyo., at 1:30 a. m., and left at the same hour two ever they were delighted to receive the days later, after holding two meetings cash. and organizing a society. Brother Mc-Cormick had preceded us and arranged regular meeting at the home of The World's Advance Thought. This Spirfor our meetings at Sheridan, and he accompanied us to his home in Billings, itualist magazine for nearly a quarter Montana. of a century has been making its peri-odical visits to the homes of intelligent Sheridan has a large number of

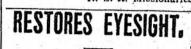
Spiritualists, many of whom we regret to say did not join the society for different reasons; one of which appears to be that they belong to the New Thought Her house is open at all times for Society, which may seem to be more meetings. We were told that three meetings each week, the year popular with some. We believe it should are held in those rooms, Mrs. Mallory not be more popular with people of intelligence, inasmuch as it lacks that which is most essential, most importpresiding. The regular conference meeting ant, the all important truth of spirit which was to have been held at this communion. The New Thought move time was set aside and the meeting ment may be denominated Spiritualism turned over to the missionaries. There with the spirits left out. In certain lo was about one nundred persons prescalities there is a great deal of the old ent, much enthusiasm was manifest and at the close of the meeting there hought, the orthodox thought woven was a strong effort to keep us for a week. We had to decline to remain into it. We find the Newthoughtists like the many other cults which are working along liberal lines, preparing because of previous engagements. he people to receive the truths of Spir-We came to Portland by invitation itualism when they are properly preof Rev. C. C. Love, president of the Oresented. All Spiritualists need to do is gon State Association. He is a good to adhere, stick together and stand firm speaker and medium. He wishes to for our National, slate and local organcorrespond with good workers relative izations, and all of these new cults will

to serving his camp-meeting associaprove to be our servants working to tion next season. His address is 364 the lacting improvement of his own

society is loyal to them. The parent editor's settence. Let each one society arranges meetings in different parts of the city during the week, at which these speakers and mediums offiassured that we appreciate the great assistance they have so freely given clate, different ones at different times,

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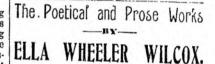
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Mrs. Wilcox's writings have been the inspiration of many young men and women. Her hopeful, practical, masterful views of life give the reader new courage in the very reading and are wholesome spur to flagging effort. Words of truth so vital that they live in the reader's memory and cause him to think-to his own bettermont and

They have also endeavored to place under the same heading, psyshometry and even spirit messages. We say, science has endeavored to relegate all this to a domain which is not dependent upon spirit inluence, or any intelligence outside of human life.

But since there has been no distinctive manifestation of this ability to describe persons and characters to any great extent excepting in conaection with Modern Spiritualism; since the mesmerist-or hypnotist. to use the modern phraseology-is never able to impress upon the minds of his subjects anything except that with which he is acquainted, and since the hypnotic subjects have often broken free mentally from the hypnotist while in this trance state and described spiritual beings who have passed from the mortal form whom the hypnotist did not knowsince clairvoyants under hypnotic control have broken away from the control of the hypnotist to another control, that of a spirit intelligence. and have been able to describe distant scenes and places unfamiliar to the hypnotist, and since in this class of manifestations that which is riven is known usually-we say usually-to come from the personality of one or more spiritual intelligences that control the medium, we venture to make this as a spiritual hypothesis: that the moment any human being passes into a certain sensitive state, (whether unconscious or concious) that human being, mentally, can receive impressions from certain articles, such as are strewn here upon this table for the psychometrists to read, only by being made sensitive and by receiving impressions from spiritual intelligences outside of the human form.

Now there is no soul in any pocket handkerchief, there may be a great many microbes, but there is no soul. There is no soul in a key or a watch; there is the construction and there is, perhaps, the result of the thought of the one who fashioned it. There is, however, in every object which any human being handles a certain amount of the magnetic aura that surrounds that person, that has the peculiarity of that individual's aura. There is in every article that people handle a certain imparting of their particular magnetism. But thoughts do not go into the handkerchief, or the knife, or the watch. But when these human instruments upon this platform or in the room, take up one of these articles, the brain and nervous system have been attuned to receive the impressions. If the psychometrist can become in accord with you, a

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DIRE DREAM COMES TRUE.

An Englishman Hears of His Brother's Murder After Having a Vision.

London March 11 .- An extraordinary murder trial which is proceed ing this week in Edmonton, in the Canadian Northwest, is accompanied by no less extraordinary circumstances in the little Sussex village of Mundham, near Chichester.

A few weeks ago Harry Hayward of Mundham, whose brother Ed. ward has been for several years in Canada, latterly guiding hunting parties out from Edmonton, came down to breakfast very disturbed. "I have had a bad dream," he told his sister. "I dreamed that I saw our Ted shot."

Hears of Murder After Dream,---

Two days afterward Harry Hayward received a communication from the Canadian police telling him that his brother had been murdered, and requesting his presence for the purposes of identification at the trial of an American, Tom King by name, who left Edmonton some time ago in Edward's company, and returned without him, under effcumstances so suspicious that he was arrested and charged. The body of Edward was found by the Northwest mounted police, and it was very much charred, as though an attempt had been made to dispose of it by burn-

Harry Hayward has gone out to Edmonton with a vivid preture in his mind of the man whom he saw in his midnight vision of or

Meanwhile a sister of the deceased in Sussex has deceased a letter from Inspector Strickland, at Fort Saskatchewan, totsay that "the case promises to be one of the most exhaustive as well is the most interesting in the records of the criminal law of this country."

There is no doubt at all, adds the inspector, that the remains in the hands of the police are those of Edward Hayward.

It is not the many oaths that make the truth, but the plain single vow, that is vowed true.-Shakspeare.

The reason why all men honor love is because it looks up and not down; aspires, and not despairs.-Emerson.

Those who deny freedom for others deserve if not themselves, and under a just God cannot long retain it.-Abraham Lincoln. Just laws are no restraint upon the freedom of the good, for a good moressone, man desires nothing which a just law will interfere with .- Froude. e . . . S 76 24 14 1. 1.

bring people into Spiritualism.

We arrived in Billings, Dec. 24. Mrs. McCormick, president of the Montana State Spiritualist Association, arranged for our work in Billings, as she did in other places in Montana. We held 14 meetings in Billings, including Mrs. Sprague's lecture to ladies only, and the one for organizing the Ladies' Aid. Society. A number of new members

were added to the main society. January 5, we left Billings for Livingston, Mont., Mrs. McCormick and the secretary of the state association. Mrs. Selbrede, accompanying us. Our meetings at Livingston were a decided success, though Mrs. Sprague was unable to attend the last three of them. The old society at Livingston was dead. We reorganized it; new officers were elected, a new constitution was adopted, etc. We left them in good condition for future work.

Mrs. Sprague arose from the sick bed to go to Butte. Mrs. McCormick had preceded us and made arrangements for meetings for one week. Mrs. prague was not well enough to attend the first two meetings advertised, and 1

conducted them alone. She was very sick and we finally called a physician who pronounced her case smallpox, or rather varioloid. Our meetings were stopped at once. Mrs. McCormick who had gone to Anaconda and had arranged for one week of meetings there, was telegraphed regarding the situa-tion, and she returned to Butte at once

and hurried home to Billings, where smallpox was raging, the town quarantined and business at a standstill. Mrs. Sprague was taken to the contagion hospital; I was fumigated, a watch placed over me, and if I developed the disease I was to follow. She remained in the hcipital two weeks. She had been having the disease one week before she was shut up in that dreadful place. Many were exposed, but no one took it from her so far as e know.

During her sickness and after the scare had abated, I held a few parlor meetings. The people were too much frightened to attend public meetings.

port their meetings. It is one of the most business-like Since her release Mrs. Sprague has been in her usual good health, and our work goes along as nicely as before. moves that we have come in contact with for some time. It will help to We hope to return to Butte at some fumake this society permanent. ture time to do the work we would have Hull will dedicate this temple March 31st, next. We had the honor of holdlone if Mrs. Sprague had kept ber health. Sometime we will publish our ing the first Spiritualist meeting in this experience in this case of smallpox and give our views regarding "varioloid," vaccination, pesthouses, orthodox medlovely hall, and our prayer is that every society in the land may have such

place of meeting. Spiritualists, ponder over this thing, ical methods, etc.

Spokane, Wash., was our next place of labor, where we met many good Spir-itualists. A reception was held at the and build your own halls. You can do as these people have done and make home of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. French in your cause self-supporting in many honor of our coming. Sixty-five people were present, a cordial welcome was places. We left these people just about ready to charter their society with the extended to us, and a general good time State Association. We feel sure-that when the society next meets their appliwas enjoyed by all. cation for a charter will be ordered.

We remained in Spokane two Sundays, holding meetings daily. We or-Our work in Ashland was well an preciated. We enjoyed the two meetganized a fine society composed of ings we held there. We closed the month of February at Ashland, Oregon, some of the best workers of that state. I wo of the members of the board are state officers. We were well repaid for and are now working in California. our efforts in Spokane. We would love to mention each one

of the good souls who have welcomed Seattle, Wash., was our next place of labor. Here we found a fine society do-ing good work. It has a number of ex-given us the assistance that has helped cellent mediums and speakers who work harmoniously for the success of the society; they are loyal to it and the nearly reached the limit of the good

College Street., Portland, Oregon. We visited Corvallis, Oregon, where we held one meeting in the little tem-

round,

ple built and dedicated to the good work by Dr. Flint and his good wife. Mrs. Flint has been the minister of this society for several years. The temple was packed, many stood at the entrance

and some went away. . This society is now chartered and has been working under the disadvant ages that all societies do that are not chartered. Several of their members assured us they would work to the end that their society would take out a charter with the State Association.

We next held forth at Cottage Grove Oregon, where we held two meetings in the Opera House, and organized

fine society and chartered them with the State Association. The Opera House was full to the doors each even

The president of this society, Mrs Stouffer, and her husband (now deceased) have been workers in our cause for many years. This society is sure

of success. Our next stop was at Medford, Oregon. We held two public meetings and organized a nice little society. The Spiritualists saw the need of organiza tion, and have taken hold of the work with energy. We will hear more from these good people, for they have been

waiting for this opportunity to get to work in the proper way. At Ashland, Oregon, we found a fine society doing splendid work. One of brothers (whose name we cannot recall) gave about \$500 to the society to be used in building, a temple. He has since passed to the better life. The society has just completed a building costing \$8,000. This Hall is up one flight of stairs and is a splendid place

to hold meetings. The society has rented the store on the first floor, the offices on the second floor, and the hall for the use of lodges, reserving it for Sundays for their own meetings. The rent amounts to nearly \$1,200 per year.

which will soon pay the three thousand dollars indebtedness, after which the society will have all of the rent to sup-

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HARRISON D. BARRETT writes: "Since March 1, I have had a busy time visiting different points in Oklahoma and Indian Territories. Whenever the weather has been at all favorable, good audiences have greeted me on every occasion. The pouring rain and the oc-casional zero trend of the mercury, have "influenced" people to stay at home. I have visited six or eight towns thus far this month. A good state association can be formed out of the Spiritualists in the two territories, if proper effort is made. The Southwest has been so persistently and systematically plundered by the fakirs and confidence nen, who claim to be the 'grandest mediums on earth,' that it takes time to re-awaken an interest in Spiritualism even among old-time Spiritualists. I am ready for work, and will gladly respond to all letters of inquiry with regard to lecture engagements. Until further notice my address will be General Delivery, Oklahoma City, O. T."

Mass.

H. Smith writes: "The Spiritualistic Society Students of Nature, 1565 Milwaukee avenue, had an interesting meeting, Sunday, Mar 12. The pastor's subject was Psychometry. Prof. Dean lectured upon Nature and Its Government. Sister McIntyre gave psychoof an educational nature. Sunday, March 19, flower reading by Sister McIntyre. Bring a bud or a flower if you want a reading that your soul needs. Mediums are invited to attend."

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The First Society of Spiritualists of Delphos, Kansas, will meet to celebrate the Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism on Thursday, March 30. All members are requested to be present. A special program will be arranged for the occasion, I. N. Richardson, President, Delphos, Kansas.

Rev. Francis B. Cacsilly, S. J., in the Record-Herald of Chicago, has recently expressed nimself in the following manner on the possibility of spirits appear ing to men. In these days of much confusion and more imposition, his interpretation is of especial value: "There is nothing impossible about spirits appear-ing to men," says Father Cassilly. There are numerous cases in scripture where angels appeared to men and conversed with them: Among others we have the beautiful instance of the angel conducting young Tobias on a long journey, and of the angels receiving entertainment in the tent of Abraham, and saving Lot from Sodom. Spiritualism, then, as a cult, is regarded by the Cath

olic church as an invention of the devil As an act of preternatural power, it is classed with divination, magic, fortune telling and other superstitious praclices which have always been forbidden by God and condemned by the church." Since the close of the camp-meetings ast September, Oscar A. Edgerly has been constantly and profitably employed in his capacity of trance speaker and test medium, having filled engagesages.' ments in the following named places: October, Battle Creek, Mich.; November and December, Findlay, Ohio; Jan uary and February, Newport, Ky., and Cincinnati, Ohio. During the month of

March he is filling a return engagement at Battle Creek, Mich. For the entire month of April Mr. Edgerly will serve vant. the Lynn (Mass.) Spiritualist Associa tion at Cadet Hall. As at present he has open dates in May and June, he will be pleased to hear from societies desiring to employ a trance speaker and test medium for those months. From July 22 to August 20, Mr. Edgerly is engaged o act as chairman of Grand Ledge Camp-meeting, Grand Ledge, Michigan. He will be pleased to make engagements for first two Sundays of July and last two of August. Address during April and May, 42 Smith street, Lynn,

Spiritualism and insanity figure in the effort of nine grandchildren to break the will of Mrs. Wilhelmina Albertsmeyer in the Circuit Court. Each of the grandchildren was cut off with bequest of \$1 except Minnie Steinkueller, who received \$200. Miss Anna Rodewald, one of the contestees, testified yesterday that her grandmother had received advice from the spirit world. "She said the spirit- of her dead husband had come to her in the night and had told her he would make trouble for her," said Miss Rodewald. "When you say 'we' you mean the grandchildren?" asked an attorney. Yes, that is what I mean." . The grandchildren who testified yesterday were all of the opinion that Mrs. Albertsmeyer was of unsound mind for a period of six months before her death .--Indianapoils Star.

Our correspondent at Sandusky, Ohio, writes: "Interest in our cause in this city is certainly growing. The largest audience ever gathered at Spiritual Science Hall was that of Sunday evening some were turned way, un when able to gain admission. An instructive address was delivered by Dr. C. W. Hains, of Bedford, Ohio, on the subject, What Spiritualism Teaches me.' Mrs. H. C. Ebertshauser generously gave her services as message-bearer, giving a number of messages from spirit friends, every one of which was recognized and cknowledged correct." world." Dr. McIvor Tyndall says: "It is because of our limited view-point that we take literally the admonition 'lay your burdens at God's feet.' Could we get above the pressure of every-day material existence and view life from the concrete and personal we would realze the deeper meaning in the words. To sit at God's feet is to be ready to learn life's lessons. It is to have the mind receptive to knowledge, from every source. It is to be able to learn wisdom from every experience and every manifestation of life energy. It is to look for the good in all things and to keep our souls alive to the truth wherever found. When we are able to do this we find that those things which had seemed so heavy a burden fall from us as a snowflake is dispelled by the warmth of the sun. They were but transitory and had no real place in nfinity." E. R. Fielding writes: "The National Congress of Mothers was held in the city last week. A request was sent out asking the ministers of the city to speak upon motherhood. Mrs. M. T. Longley took for her theme, 'The Relig-ious Training of the Children in the Home.' After the address, Mr. Alfred Terry gave tests. After the sermon in the evening, Mr. P. L. O. A. Keeler, the slate-writing medium, gave tests. The Temple League met at Mrs. Farraws' and the Ladies' Aid at Mr. and Mrs. Lees' Thursday evening. Public meetings, Sunday at 7:30; Tuesday at 2 p. m.; Wednesday, at 7:30; short lectures followed by spirit messages and tests; Mrs. Price, medium." Geo. B. Ferris writes: "The Spiritualists of Grand Rapids, Mich., are preparing to celebrate the Fifty-seventh Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism in a way that shall be a credit to them-selves and to the cause. The North End Spiritualist Society, the Spiritual Aid (incorporated) and the New Thought Spiritual Society, have decided to unite in observing the day in manner suited to the occasion. There are four societies in Grand Rapids, and it was thought at first that the other society would be able to join with us, but on account of previous arrangements they are unable to do so. However, the joint services of the three above named societies will be held the last Sunday of March in the Holland-Unitarian Church, corner of East Bridge and North Ionia streets. A program of exceptional interest is in course of preparation, the details of which are not yet complete. It is known that Mrs. D. A. Morrill will participate, and she will be assisted by the best talent it is possible to procure. There will be good music, and messages will be given at each service by mediums of acknowledged ability. Ev ery effort will be made to surpass the services of former years, and 'although we have a building with a large seating capacity there is every indication that it will be found altogether too small for the occasion."

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 Batur. day morning. Bear this in mind.

L. F. S. writes from Cottage Grove, Oregon: "We have recently had with us the talented Mr. and Mrs. E. W, Sprague, of Jamestown, N. Y. His lectures were principally delivered from a biblical standpoint and were listened to with eager attention, as they imparted a new hearing to many minds. Mrs. Sprague's tests were marvelous in their ine. She carries with her an inspiration for all that is good and pure in Spiritualism. During their stay here

they organized a society of 25 mem-Rochester, N. Y .- The Reverend Dr. A. S. Crapsey of this city delivered a sermon recently which has set the cler-ical world abobbing. In this address he declared that a ballef in the inerran of the scriptures is no longer pos-

sible to an educated and intelligent man; that in the light of scientific research, Christ no longer stands apart from the common destiny of man in ife and death, but "was born as we are born and died as we die;" that the mir cles are no longer to be believed; that religion no longer has a place in the educational, politicai, business or so cial life of the country. The churches stand for privilege, he said, and, with out unity, are withcut influence. The ministers holding or to the waning miracle and the crumbling denomina tional differences, he said, are in no condition to fight for truth and justice. the churches and denominationalism are today the rear guard of forces that make for religious progress.

Mr. C. E. Russell writes that he has eturned to Canton, Ohio, and is holding regular Sunday evening meetings, ctures and tests, which give good sat-faction. On Wednesday afternoon there is a ladies' meeting, which is lighly appreciated. It consists of a thought-exchange, followed by mes-

The publication of a text-book of met physical phenomena was suggested to he members of the Society for Psychical Research at their meeting in Hanover Square, London, Eng., by their president, Professor Charles Richet, the distinguished Parisian sa "Metaphysical" science is the word coined by the Professor to cover all ghostly apparitions and manifestations, and the proposed textbook would deal exhaustively with the following subjects, recommended by the Professor as worthy of study: Apparitions; mechanical phenomena-movements of objects-without contact; direct writings from unknown sources; hauntings; mystic voices; luminous and spirit photography; ghosts involving passage of matter through matter. "It seems to matter through matter. me impossible, in the light of countless instances in history and experience, to deny that clairvoyance exists," declared the Professor solemnly. "Without

the Professor solemnly. "Without doubt, there are in nature vibrations" which act obscurely on our submerged consciousness, and which reveal facts which our normal senses are incapable of conveying to us. But, although par-ticular individuals-so-called mediums -are more capable than others of see-ing these vibrations, I find it difficult to helieve that we are not all more or less susceptible to the same influences." Professor Richet's own theory with re gard to apparitions and other ghostly nhenomena is that all the theories now put forward are improbable and irrational. The phenomena are true, but the theories that are raised upon them.

are absurd .- Pittsburg Dispatch. Mrs. Bartel is now on her way · to Cripple Creek, Colo., to join her family who have moved there from Milwau kee. Her address is now Mrs. M. Bartel. Physical and Trance Medium, 407 W. Eaton street, Cripple Creek, Colo.

L. P. Ames writes: "If there is one

a star in their crown in the life eternal.

Miss Effic McGrath gave a cornet solo, assisted by Miss Sinson, the organist. Then came swe sister, Mrs. Alice Sex-smith, with a short lalk that seemed to reach into the hears of her listeners, following with heriwonderful messager that were recognized by all she addressed. Anotherm veteran, Brothen

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that was James E. Cos sangla solo heartily applauded wi The little time left before closing was occupied by Mrs Nora E. Hill with'o messages to the awaiting one which were well re-ceived. On Sinda vevening, March 26, the speaker will be the Hon. Charles Hughes; also in that evening there will be a spiritual chilltening of children with flowers, indefifthe guidance of the ancient guides of Mrs. Nora E. Hill. The lecture by Mr Hughes will be in-structive and the christening service very impressive, ' All cordially invited. Fake elevator,"

Mrs. C. Kirchner, writes: "The large audience that greeted our speaker, Mrs. M. Price, on Sunday afternoon, March 12, at the Rising Sun Spiritualis mission, was well repaid for their visit s her subject, Spiritualism the Gospel of Truth,' was handled in a very fine manner. Our sister will be with us in the near future with another subject of interest. Mrs. Gifford followed the speaker with a number of spirit messages which were readily recognized In the evening Dr. J. McFarland delivered one of his masterly lectures on What Shall I Do to Be Saved?' His horough knowledge of the Bible and Spiritualism caused his hearers to be dumfounded with his clear, concise explanation. We are always glad to have the Doctor on our platform, as he repre sents the advance thought of Spiritualism, and is always welcomed by our au-diences. Following him with spirit messages, were Mrs. M. Weaver and Mrs. C. Kirchner, both being always welcomed by our people for the grand

demonstrations of spirit return. We cordially invite strangers to attend our meetings every Sunday afternoon and evening at the People's Institute, corner Van Buren and Leavitt streets. For March 26, our speaker will be Mrs. J. H. Fravel, who we know will deliver one of her grand inspirational lectures. We will celebrate the 57th anniversary of Modern Spiritualism on Sunday, April 2, afternoon and evening. All invited."

Maurgerite Mac writes: "On March 0, Mrs. Jeffery Burland, the pastor of the Light of Truth Church, will hold a social in her parlors at 3019 Vernon avenue. Invite your friends. Have a pleasant time as one is sure to get a message from some loved one on the other side and a good cup of coffee and cake, all for the small sum of 25 cents Her meetings at 528 63d street, Hopkins' Hall, are increasing in attendance as well as her Thursday afternoon meet ings. Hope the hall will not hold the people ere long."

Mrs. H. L. Bigelow writes from San Jose, Cal.: "Our society was highly favored in having with us E. W. Sprague and wife on Sunday, March 12, both afternoon and evening. No one could fail to be impressed with the thoughts expressed so forcibly by Bro. Sprague on the needs of organization, the duties of Spiritualists both to their own societies and to the state and National Association, and the gratitude they should show by contributing to the fund for the aid and support of our dear old mediums who need our kindest efforts as well as our best thoughts for their welfare. A small sum of money was cheerfully contributed for that purpose being the best we could do under the circumstances, Brother Sprague gave a very fine improvised poem, which was appreciated by all. Mrs. Sprague gave a short talk and several fine messages, which were well received and acknowledged as correct. Several fine musical selections were 'rendered by Mrs. Muntz and daughter on the mando-lin, and one by our own planist made glad our hearts. We will celebrate the 57th anniversary of Modern Spiritualism on March 26."

TOPIC FOR THE PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM.

Sunday, March 26; 1905, 8. E., 57: "Our -Anniversary,"

Gem of Thought:-

Fifly-seven years ago, This March, the thirty-first, Spirit's raps bid us to know Their presence best and worst,

Mingling with this host unseen, In joy we've gone our way:

Love has built the bridge between, And Truth made glad the day.

Sing a song of cheer to-day, Our Anniversary;

Loving friends from o'er the way, Our Anniversary.

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

Mrs. Maggie Henry writes: "The Uniersal Occult Society- had a fine meeting in the afternoon. The evening ser-vices opened by an invocation by Evangelist F. M. Stoller and a song by the quartette, followed by the reading of the 9th chapter of Acts, by Prof. Stoller, who then introduced the speaker, Dr. J. H. Randall who delivered an interesting lecture. He was followed by messages by Madam De Loux and Mrs. Wagoner, and psychometric readings by Prof. Stoller."

W. J. Elmo writes: "Chicago Spiritual Alliance Society in its new home, 3514 Vincennes avenue, corner Cottage Grove avenue, is growing steadily, Many new memoers have been enrolled and new faces have begun to count in large numbers. They are not the new faces that come to-day and gone tomorrow, but they seem to like the place and meetings, and are with us every Sunday. Mrs. Elmo gives a short lecture, followed by tests and messages. Meetings commence at 3 and 8 o'clock sharp."

Corresponding secretary writes: The grandest event of the season among Spiritualists took place on Wednesday evening, March 15, at Peo-ple's Institute, it being the second grand annual mask ball of the Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission. The merry maskers commenced to come as early as 8 o'clock and by 9:30 the hall was filled to overflowing. Such a pleasant gathering you seldom find at a ball, but the Rising Sun is noted for its sociability, which always insures its success. It was a difficult matter for the judges to decide as to the awarding of the '/5 prizes that were donated, but happy to say they did their work well, and were highly complimented by all for their impartial manner in which they made their awards. The ladies of the auxil-iary did themselves proud in serving the luncheon which was indulged in by

a large number, and quite a number of comments were made regarding the quality of same, it being first Dr. Geo. B. Warne, president of the lillnois State Association, and other notables were present. All in all the affair was one to be long remembered. Preparations are being made for the second annual hard times party on April 19. Particulars later."

Mrs. J. Lindsey of Grand Rapids, Mich., writes that she has now recovered her health sufficiently to answer calls to serve societies and camps the coming season. She works along many lines. Address her at No. 326 Ninth street

E. W. Baldwin writes: "Harrison D. Barrett is another among the far-sighted souls to save Modern Spiritualism from final ignominy. In his most interesting and instructive Autobiography he says: 'So long as an uneducated, itinerant ministry is preferred to settled pastors and cultured speakers, just so long will the future of Spiritualism be uncertain. So long as the churches and their pastors continue to grow liberal,

just so long will educated, progressive Spiritualists turn toward the churches, man I reverence more than another, it is Brother Peebles. I knew him when Pa.: "G. W. Kates and wife have and give them support.' Fortunately advocacy of public ownership of railroads and telegraph systems, direct legislation, the overthrow of private mothe far-seeing mind grows more connopolies, etc., should create a desire in spicuous. Ancient Spiritualism sank the heart of every reformer to come to to the lower level for want of an encamp early and hear this marvel of inlightened. far-sighted mind. tellect. Bell Thayer Campbell writes: "Mrs. At present, notes of camp life at the

were disappointed because he couldn't [D. C., on the morning of Feb. 18, Mrsf stay longer. He sowed some seed that will bring forth a hundred fold. Should there be any medium coming this way they will do well to stop here, as there is a good opening for a reliable test medium. Should there be any we would like them to correspond with me, and I will make arrangements for their coming."

Any one who desires that remarkable address on Obsession by Spirit Pier-pont, delivered through the organism of Mrs. M. T. Longley, can secure the same by addressing her (enclosing a 2-cent stamp) at No. 600 Pennsylvania avenue S. E., Washington, D. C. Dr. Beverly writes: "The Spiritual Science Society at Arlington Hall, 31st street and Indiana avenue, will give its last party and dance for this season, on Saturday evening, April 1. Tickets 25 cents per couple. Fine music. Many new attractions will be added, and if

you don't look out you will surely get fooled by the funny man. With the largest hall and best music on the South Side we invite all to come and have a merry time, Preceding the dance, booths will be occupied by mediums and palmists where you can get readings." Georgia Gladys Cooley will serve the

Spiritualist Society of St. Louis, in the absence of the regular speaker, Thomas Grimshaw, during the month of April, and while there can be engaged for week night meetings and funerals with in reasonable distance of the city. She anticipates taking a trip to the Pacific coast, and would like to correspond with societies en route. Address her in care of General Delivery, St. Louis, Mo. Prof. J. W. Caldwell will deliver a lecture before the Christian Occult Soci

ety, Sunday, March 26, at 7:30, at 2974 State street. Subject selected.

Carrie L, Hatch writes from Boston, Mass.: "The Massachusetts State Asso-ciation will celebrate the anniversary of Modern Spiritualism in Berkeley Hall 4 Berkeley street, Boston, on Thursday March 30, 1905. A fine array of talent has been engaged, and everyone is in-vited to come and listen to the same. The meetings are free, and all are in vited to bring their friends whether Spiritualists or not. Don't miss this opportunity of hearing some of the best workers, in our ranks. The First Spir-

itualist Ladies' Aid Society will cele brate the anniversary of Modern Spirit-ualism, on Friday, March 31, in Appleton Hall, 9 Appleton street, Boston, Mass. This year the real day has fallen upon Friday, and as this has been the meeting day of this society for over twenty years, the society feels that this will be the real celebration. A fine ar ray of talent will be present, and all are invited to come and decide for themselves if it is the real or not. Meals will be served in the banquet hall. Be sure and come."

OPENING DAY.

Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Associa tion Camp.

The year is not far advanced, but the notes of preparation are sounding all down the line for a grand, good meeting at Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, be ginning, July 30 and closing August 27, 1905.

The committee on speakers began making contracts very early, and is of the opinion that it will be able to present to the friends and patrons an array of talent not excelled by any pre-

vious season. In view of the fact that the tendency of all organizations and associations is to expand, to grow more liberal and universal in character, it was decided to make an effort to secure the services of the Hon. W. J. Bryan for opening day. Through the courtesy of the Slay ton Lyceum Bureau, Chicago, the effort

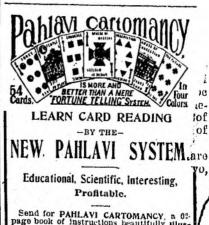
proved successful, and Mr. Bryan is expected to deliver his beautiful lecture. The Prince of Peace," at 2 p. m., of that day. Mr. Bryan is a friend of all reformatory movements, and by his

Elvira Ann Fell, wife of Dr. V. Fell, a veteran Spiritualist and able writer of that city. Mrs. Fell herself was an earnest Spiritualist, a good and gentle woman, beloved by many friends, a true and faithful mother, wife, companion. and friend. The many sterling qualities of this good woman endeared her

to many hearts; all will miss her from their pathway, but none so much as the aged husband and the two dear daughters to whom she was the light and comfort in all trying experiences, as well as the sharer of every joy. The truths and teachings of our philosophy are, however, consoling and uplifting to these dear ones in their time of reavement, and we know that they have hope and assurance of reunion in the and of souls. The funeral service was conducted over the remains of Mrs. Fell by Mrs. M. T. Longley, secretary of the N. S. A., whose invocation and spiritual remarks gave fitting tribute to the life of the deceased and breathed the truths of our glorious philosophy. Singing by the assembled friends by Mrs. Ella Royal Williams, and the reading of an appropriate poem, written for the occasion by Mr. Nigh, and read by Mrs. Williams, added to the spiritual joys of the occasion. An abundance of white lilies and other beautiful flowers graced the casket and room, giving sient but eloquent testimony to the love by which Mrs. Fell was held in the hearts of her own. The deceased was member of the First Spiritual Association, and a memorial service will be held for her on Sunday morning, March 19, the speaker, Mrs. Longley, taking for her subject on that occasion,

"Those Who Have Gone Before." M. T. L

Passed to spirit life from her home in Ceylon, Ohio, March 7, Mrs. Eliza Hillm.in Allen, at the age of 70 years. The funeral was conducted by Hudson Tuttle at the church in that town, on the 9th. She was a noble example of a truly spiritual and righteous life, and is mourned by a wide circle of relatives and friends.



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Sunday, March 26, Mrs. Amanda Coffman will lecture at Akron, Ohio, and the months of April and May at Watertown, N. Y.

Mrs. Bettie Holt writes from Smithville, Texas, that the boy medium, Mil-ton Baker, has been there for one week. There are bright prospects before this young man. Mrs. Holt says: "I as a Spiritualist, know of the phenomena of Spiritualism, that the best results can not be procured from an audience of 200 persons, who are in no harmony with each other and make no attempts to passive.'

A pretty home wedding took place on Sunday, March 5. at the home of Frank N. Foster (spirit photographer) of Grand Rapids, Mich., when their oldest son, James D. Foster, was married to Mrs. Anna Dennison in the presence of a few friends. The Rev. Amanda Coffman officiated. The bride was becomingly gowned in golden brown silk, and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. They will make their home here for the present, but will leave for California early in the fall.

Irene Russell writes: "I am glad to be able to tell my friends and co-workers that at last I have been able to awaken an interest in Spiritualism at South Bend, Ind. Three weeks ago I once more started to hold Sunday evening services at our parlors, 216 South St. Joseph street, with fifteen in attendance. Last Sunday our number increased to twenty-two. On that even-ing, C. H. Brown lectured for us, taking for his subject, 'What Is Embodied in the Spiritual Philosophy?' He spoke in a clear, plain manner, enabling all to clearly grasp the truths of our beautiful philosophy. After the lecture my guides gave a number of tests to strangers, and they were readily recognized. have a call to Goshen, Ind., the last of this week to hold a circle, and we have every reason to believe that our next Sunday service will be even better attended. May the good work go on and on. I shall be glad to let our friends in Chicago and elsewhere know of our continued success. I thoroughly enjoy The Progressive Thinker and the fearless way truths are published."

Correspondent writes: "The People's Spiritualist Church of Louisville, Ky., will celebrate the Fifty-seventh anniversary of Modern Spiritualism on Sunday, March 26, at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m., in the Odd Fellows' Temple, corner of Sixth and Walnut streets. In the afternoon, short addresses and messages by the different mediums; at 7:30 the pastor, Frank T. Ripley, under the control of his guide, Fidelity, will deliver the anniversary address, and give messages and answer questions. Beautiful palms, flowers, and grand music all day. Bring your lunch: Coffee will be served. All are welcome."

a boy, went to school to him, saw him ordained in the Universalist church at Upper Lisle, N. Y. 1 consider him one of the brightest lights in our ranks. He was a bright young man, and must be a very ripe old man, and full of good ideas. What the common people want is plain facts concerning the spirit

Mrs. M. K. Gates writes from Winfield, Kansas: "The Spiritualist Society of Occult Science has had the pleasure of hearing H. D. Barrett, president of the N. S. A. Last Sunday ne gave us two lectures. He held his audience spellbound. All who heard him are singing his praises, and are anxious to. know when they will have another opcortunity to reap such a feast of knowl edge. I think all societies who have not heard Mr. Barrett should do all in their power to engage him, for we feel that such gifted men as he are few. We are very proud that he is our Na-

tional president." Eva L. Stewart writes: "On last Sun day evening the Hyde Park Occult Society was highly entertained by that en thusiastic speaker, known as the 'boy medium,' H. S. Fraser. The audience showed their appreciation of his talk at the close of his discourse. We intend him to be with us again in the near fu-ture. Mrs. Ruth McMenamin gave psychometric readings, followed by Mr. Fraser. On March 26, we devote the evening to the celebration of the advent f Spiritualism in this country. Dr. G. B. Warne is to be the speaker for that evening, and we are sure of a good treat. Mrs. E. Kline and other mediums will be present and give messages. On a previous Sunday evening our so clety by unanimous vote, donated \$10 to our very willing and worthy brother and co-worker, Mr. R. Gilray, of whose sickness we have heard. It seems very proper that other societies whom he has been kind enough to speak for (always without pay) should do something for him. We have concluded to drop our dances on March 23 and 30, and April 6, as some other important things are to take place on those nights, espe cially April 6, when the young people of our society will give a benefit enter-tainment. A graud musical and liter ary programme has been arranged, and many mediums invited to be present and give messages. They intend make ing this the grandest entertainment of the season. Come one and all, and you will not be disappointed. Admis-sion 25 cents, including refreshments' and cloak-room." Wm. Fitch Ruffle writes from Louis

ville, Ky .: "At the regular Sunday meeting in Barbers' Aid Hall, on March 12 there was a nice attendance, the tests all but one being recognized; that, however, was recognized on the following day by the lady to whom it was given. I am open for engagements, and can be addressed at No. 735 Seventh street." D. G. Hill writes: "The Golden Rule Spiritualist Society (Haymarket Theatre Building, 161 W. Madison street),

Sunday evening service, March 12, was lectures; and held the earnest attention

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been serving our society at Eighth and Spring Garden streets, during the months of February and March. Their services have always been highly appreciated by the people here, but never before have they given such general satisfaction and attracted as large audiences as during this engagement

Their lectures have been more forceful and eloquent than ever, and the mes sage work by Mrs. Kates has been superior to any of her previous efforts, and these have always been of a superior quality. They will assist at the anniversary meetings here, and we expect an interesting occasion. The chil-dren's lyceum will also participate, and our home mediums assist. Several Prizes offered by Mr. Kates a year ago will be awarded. The tyceum, under the conductorship of Bro. McGlynn, is growing in numbers and interest. We are glad to have several devoted workers in the lyceum, and a number of

children who are regular in attendance. We must look for many of the present children to take official places before long, and the lyceum is the proper place to develop them. The Parkland Heights Camp-meeting is preparing for another summer season, and bids fair to make great progress this year towards becoming a permanent camp as sociation. We need a camp-grounds here, and we have a beautiful place at Parkland Heights, where there are plendid advantages for us. We hope that friends coming East next summer will try to visit Parkland. An interest ing entertainment was lately held at the Temple of the First Association, and netted a goodly sum to aid the camp. Dr. Ravlin is serving that society and has given many very able lectures. There are about a dozen meetings held here every Sunday, and the general interest is good. We are glad to have a number of capable local mediums at work here, and to see them take an interest in the public meetings. We will have great success when all mediums join thein efforts for the advance of the organized cause. The tendency seems to be that way. George H. Brooks will serve us during April and Samuel Wheeler during May. Mr and Mrs. Kates will return again next January and February. We expect to keep the banner of truth unfurled, and not let little failures liscourage us; for we must meet with some reverses. If the friends of the cause in every local-ity would give a little support to their society, we would have success every-where. As a young member, I am anx-ious to see my elders promote greater possibilities for our usefulness by and

by. The young people have zeal and activity, and are waiting for opportunities to push Spiritualism to the front We hope for added help to take our places when the veterans grow weary or pass on to their rewards."

Mrs. Begethe Sidwell' writes: "The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission will hold its usual meeting at 54 North Ashland avenue Admission to these seances will be 15 cents. There are always good media pleasing success. The speaker, Mrs. Nora E. Hill gave one of her interesting The proceeds are used for the aid of lectures, and held the earnest attention the poor and needy and for his other of her audience, listening to the in purpose. Meetings are held every struction given of how to live to place Thursday evening at a o'clock."

Ada Turk Knapp, of 1151 W. Monroe street, gave one of her grand seances at my home, 305 S. Leavitt street, a short time ago, sitting for a circle of fourteen, the most of whom were investigators, and some bitter skeptics. Mrs. Knapp was placed under strict test conditions, holding flour in her hands over a black cloth dress. The dear spirit friends materialized hands and independent voices, not one in the circle who was not'caressed by some loved one. A guitar was carried swiftly around the upper part of the room, playing all the time. And other manifestations of spirit power, until as one centleman remarked, it was the most convincing circle he ever saw."

J. S. Stephens writes from St. Joseph, Mo: "Mr. Harry J. Moore, of Chicago, is now lecturing for our society, with a good attendance and increasing interest at every meeting. For intelligence our audience ranks second to none in the city. Mr. Moore has demonstrated that it is possible to attract and hold good audiences without having a test medium follow the lecturer. We are also fortunate in having with us W. C. Jessup, one of the best trumpet mediusms in the country. He has con-verted many people in St. Joseph to Spiritualism. He is a member of our society and will make this place his future home. At a meeting of the Executive Board we elected him to rep resent our society at the next annual convention of the N. S.A. At our meet ing the last Sunday of this month Mr. Moore will conduct a spiritual christening service, at which we hope to have a large attendance, as flowers will be used instead of water. St. Joseph is destined to be ranked as a spiritual city." German and English Lectures .-- Mr.

Siax Gentzke, editor of the German Spiritual journal, "Lichtstrahlen," Chicago, and missionary of the N. S. A., having accepted several lecturing engagements in the East, intends to spend the month of April and part of May in the states of Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey; Pennsylvania and Ohio, and is open for engagements. Societies, circles or persons who wish his services in public or parlor meetings are requested to write to him, care of H. Dick, 127 Newbury street, Lawrence, Mass. He lectures in the German and English languages and answers written questions pertaining to the philosophy of Spiritualism in either language, and has just finished a course of twenty-four very instructive and instructive lectures in Chicago. As many public and parlor meetings are attend ed by persons who understand the German language, probably better than the English language, his lectures and answers in both languages are certainly a great help to arouse more interest and strengthen cause and societies.

Capt. Harvey writes from Anadarko, Okla.: "Pres. Harrison D. Barrett was here on the 9th and gave a lecture in the Woodman's hall to a very good house. Some of our best citizens spoke in high praise of his fecture, and all

park, report Miss Whitmore, who was so unfortunate as to fall and break her arm, as quietly improving. This will be pleasant news to her many friends who know her but to love her.

Mrs. Carroll has just returned from Texas, and having recently purchased the Prindle cottage, is cozily resting 'neath her own "vine and fig tree." Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, so snugly domiciled in their Five Oaks Cottage will go north very shortly to remain until camp opens, after which they contemplate a trip to the gloria Pacific. It might be well to announce that the Woman's Union, which is an auxiliary to the M. V. S. A., will hold a bazaan during the camp session, and persons coming to the camp are solicited to bring fancy articles as contributions tothe bazaar. Those wishing to send articles, or a small donation of any kind. may direct them to Mrs. Margaret Pin-

gel, 533 11th avenue, Clinton, Iowa. Arrangements are about completed for the printing of the annual announce ments, and we hope to have them ready for distribution at a very early date. Those desiring copies can secure them of MRS. M. B. ANDERSON, M. V. S. A. Secretary

Clarksville, Mo.

PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE. [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.]

Passed to the higher life, at the home of her brother, March 4, Galesburg, Ill., Mrs. Ettle M. Keogh, late of 1749 Wrightwood avenue, Chicago, Ill. She was a life-long Spiritualist. MRS. ISABELLA WEAKLEY.

Passed to the higher life, Erwood, the infant son of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Ham-mond, of Rockford, Ill., aged four months. The little fellow had been ailing for some time, struggling bravely with the weakness of the flesh. The

change came Monday evening. The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Hammond sympathize with them in the sorrow that attends the passing from mortal view of this little blossom that had so endeared himself to their hearts. Services by the writer.

WILL J. ERWOOD.

Passed to spirit life at his home, 221 East Front street, Ionia, Mich., John Starr Dunham, 82 years of age. He was a devout Spiritualist for over fifty years-honest and upright in all his dealings, and beloved by all who knew him. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Hattie Dexter Dunham, the public speaker and message bearer, also two daughters, Mrs. Ida York and Mrs. Olive Benton, to mourn his loss. Services were held at the home, Sunday, March 12, by the writer, Dr. W. O. Knowles, 247 Coade avenue, Grand Rapids, Mich.

on Death and Spirit Life than can be dug up in all the libraries of the world. Then comes the valuable work by Hudson Tuttle, "The Religion of Man and Ethics of Science."

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The franchises granted corporations like extinguishers, or like a wire that are worth untold millions, and almost taps the main conductor and draws invariably have been gained by political away the current. pull or downright dishonesty. The If one fortunately has such an organ people have been made by their official ization, he should give others the benrepresentatives, to give away their efit and regard it as a gift he has no birthright. Mr. Lawson, according to right to hold at a price. He should not his own story, was as bad as the crowd make a profession of it and sell his he was with, but he did not meet with powers of development. The moment that "honor among thieves," he expecthe does this, the power is withdrawn, ed, and has turned state's evidence. for like spiritual healing, if greed When thieves fall out, honest men get comes in the divine love which bestows itself on others, disappears. Whatever the fortunate recipient of

There are books explaining the "ways that are dark" of Wall street, but after such endowment can freely give, is of mutual benefit to others and himself, Lawson's exposure, these are tame. Some of these books are written to but when he makes a business of devel draw in the lambs for the shearing. oping others, he will lose his power,

Wall street speculation is another and to sustain himself, become a cheat naine for gambling, and is as much and a fraud. worse, as high way robbery exceeds pet-ty stealing. It indulges the criminal which can be obtained with money is esire to get something for nothing. that of the tricksters. By all means go

every dollar one gambler gains an on and make your mediumship avail-her loses. In all the millions and able to yourself and others, keeping it llions of sales, not a single dollar is as a sacred privilege-a holy communadded to or taken from the real value. ion with the so-called dead-but never The talk of the loss of millions by prostitute it to selfish gain by selling it shrinkage of stock, or grain, is ludi- as a commercial product. rous enough to go into the newspaper's

"funny column." 'There was a time when people believed that rise and fall A Pleasing Occasion in Washington. On the evning of March 1, the Ladies' of stocks meant ruin or prosperity to the whole country, and when over-con-fidence had brought a "black Friday," sociation of Washington, D. C., with the pitiable spectacle was presented of many friends, met at the home of Mr. the treasury of the United States coming F. A. Wood, the genial and faithful to the rescue of the gambling crowa. Now they may have a dozen black Fri- tensibly to hold the regular weekly lays, and the people laugh, for the meeting of the auxiliary, which, how-business of the country is not affected, ever, on this occasion was but the secnor could it be if the robbers' roost ondary motive, the first being to celewas wiped out.

brate the anniversary of the birth of

B. F. R.: Q. I have a good influ-

development of mediumship, Will you

ngly all grades of spirits; some looking rather crude, others showing marks of advancement in their forms, dress

There were a number of bright saints interesting these spirit workers. The first clear speech that came to me was this: "Primeyal beginnings of millions of ages ago, were not much different from those of these later pro-

"The plans for labors have been con tinuously improved and results ,have been more pleasing, but all is conduct. ed, ever has been, and ever will be in accordance with the drafts made by Creative Masters, and their rules and systems in conformity to nature's laws and Supreme sanction. In our present efforts to bring these eternal truths

nome to man's comprehension, we confine ourselves solely to the labors of this present eternity." As he stopped speaking one of the

audience spoke thus: "If we are permitted to speak, also

to ask questions. As you all know, am, so to say, a newcomer from Earth, I desire to be an active worker, with mortals in the great work that is to be done. I have learned since coming here that quite many things are different from what I had been led to believe and hoped to find. On Earth 1 was an ardent admirer of one teaching cosmic unfoldments and to some extent demonstrating his theories.

'Now I learn that his theories are not correct; but as I cannot see without aid wherein the mistakes lie, I beg to be instructed.' The one who answered him said:

"The mistakes are that said Professor rojects the true basis or cause of cosmic facts. His premises are not, correctr hence conclusions cannot be

"He has some splendid ideas however and is zealous for the success of his work, but he represents the ideas of a class of people only, instead of eternal verities. At this late day, it should be a self-evident fact to all true students on such lines of thought and labor, that creation is a scientific process throughout, and therefore there is a Supreme Scientist from whom all draw their wisdom to draft the referred-to plans for these great and wonderful processes. needs no further argument. When

thought. With aid from spirit bands.

by extreme poverty and growing pau-perism. The rapid progress and pros-perity of Germany, United States, Ja-Yea, all the powers they had of yore,

By inspiration given, Are now conferred, with many more From out the opened heaven

The revelations of to-day, Eschew mysterious birth And teach us in the plainest way

Concerning heaven and earth. They tell us more of things divine, And more of occult laws, And add to scripture line on line

Of truth that upward drays. Then let us thank the spirit band That's with us here to day, Who come from their bright Summe

Land To help us on our way.

Let's tune our lyres to sound their

praise, And pour their notes along, And our united voices raise With all the power r of son SAAAN CLARKE.

SYMPATHY.

experience and science, the conditions was feeling sad and lonely,

In the silence of my room, While I heard the storm's loud walling are some of the explanations, to the Added to the dismal gloom; causes, and the theories as to remedies cared not for fame, or fortune, that many are quite amusing. Only a few of the most advanced acholars can appreciate the fact that the causes of They had little charm for me, But my heart went out to loved ones, And I longed for sympathy.

he present day conditions spring from Nature; ten thousand, years of written human history cannot trace the origin or explain the first causes. To under-stand this we must go to astronomy, to Those I loved who now are absent. Those whom some speak of as dead, Flough at night-time in my dreamings I can see them by my bed; forms of beauty past description Have a loving smile for me, Filling heart to overflowing, Come to bring me sympathy.

stand this we must go to astronomy, to ceology, to anthropology back to na-ture. From Mother Earth and the stars we can find the basis causes of present-day life conditions on partin. In the double process of tearing down and of building up, in the stars, of our earth, of human bodies, of pations, will O. how often in-life's journey, If our eyes could only see. earth, of numan bodies, or nations, will we find the explanations of good and evil in life about us, and of the ex-tremes of conditions, and the forces and movements which they cause. When we realize the extreme condi-tions and double processes in the physi-col uniferse all eround us then it he Loved ones who are watching o'er us Give us their sweet sympathy; And I hear grand strains of music, Such as never heard before, ike the murmur of the waters Rolling on a distant shore. BYRON D. STILLMAN. cal 'universe all around us, then it be-

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and for the husband and wife joined one could wish; the regular meeting of together by God through the offices of the auxiliary opened with a service of the priest, makes any dissatisfaction song and attention to business, but was with the union a reflection on the wis- speedily adjourned for a session of sodom of the priests as God's agents. cial and spiritual delight: the rendition

Hence they hold that there should be of vocal selections by C. P. Longley, no separation, no divorce unless for the also the pianist, Mrs. Ely, with much most heinous sin. If asked why, if unsinging by the entire assembly made up fortunately an angel becomes chained the musical part of the exercises, after to a beast, the marriage obligations which the company was invited to parmust continue, their only answer is take of a generous and dainty collation, prompted by superstition. Divorce is conspicuous at which was a large and deplorable, but there are conditions delicious birthday cake. which make it the last and only resort.

During this portion of the entertain-The next step which the clergy would ment, a screen was drawn aside by firect is what is to be done, after they Mrs. Longley, disclosing a table on have solemnized the marriage union. which a handsome, full set of Haviland They take their cue from the Catholic china-ware stood, and in appropriate priests, who constantly urge the laity words, with well-merited commendation to rear large families, for by that means for the work and fidelity of Brother Catholicism flourishes. But why Wood in the cause of Spiritualism, the Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopals secretary of the N. S. A. presented this token of esteem and affection from the or Baptist ministers should think it a duty to join the cry is passing strange. friends present, to Mr. Wood. This was Because a child is of a family belonging a complete surprise to the recipient and to any of these sects is no surety that or a moment he seemed lost for reply, he will become a member. The chances but rallying his forces, he presently are that he will not. Yet Protestant made response in fitting words express and Catholic unite in this explanation ing his thanks to all concerned in the to the laity to rear all the children God gift and in making this joyous enterin His wisdom gives unto them. If tainment for himself and his friends. they would only open their eyes and

After the festivities of the dining-rooms had concluded the party assemlook around with common sense of ordinary mortals, they would see numberbled again in the spacious parlors less example where the wisdom was at above, where social converse continued least to human comprehension, reckless until Spirit Nannie-coming into the foolishness. In a little two-roomed presence of her medium, Mrs. Longley shanty, a God in His wisdom has made -delivered an impromptu birthday a worthless drunkard father to ten poem for Mr. Wood; this poem was children and the oldest less than fourstenographically reported by Miss Agteen years! The nother has made henes Wink, and later delivered to its obroic efforts to make them comfortable ject and recipient.

and with ton thousand such mothers During the evening a congratulatory well earned a medal for keeping the naletter from Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kates tion from "race suicide."

to Mr. Wood, was read by Mrs. Longley, The preachers should praise such ex- which added much to the pleasantry of amples. The Bible gives a special the occasion. In every way this entername to the crime of not carrying out tainment proved most successful and it the wisdom of God in this manner, and was a deserved tribute to a conscienmakes its punishment death, and the tious a preachers assembled at the ministerial cause. tious and painstaking worker in our M. T. L. Association of Northern Methodists.

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the cause is rejected the arguments of world's facts are useless.' As he ceased speaking, the whole assembly said: "Thank you," as with

one voice. At once another from the crowd spoke as follows: "I, too, beg to be in-structed. I was, while on Earth, and am still, greatly interested in the socalled socialistic movement. Now it has been pointed out to me since coming here, that the most of those movements under different managements are not conducted in conformity to the eternal fitness of things. My desire is to work with and for the good of my Earthly kin, yes; for all people, but more especially for the laboring classes

and Earth's poor. "I had hoped that one special movement set on foot, would, in time accom-plish great good, but something is amiss. Pray tell us as workers, where the trouble lies and how we may do beneficial work in joint effort with morals. Work we will, even though hardships must be endured in Earth's atmosphere and conditions, if only good

comes from our efforts." This spirit was very earnest in what he said; truly his whole soul was, so to say, poured out in his effort to be set right. The bright angel who endeav ored to answer him was quite affected and looked sad as he replied in a very ender voice:

"The special movement of the class you refer to, is strongly swayed by an undercurrent of selfish ambitions. There is, as we will show you, a misfit in the anchorage of forces, and thoughtwaves. Currents miscarry owing to wtakness in the links of the connection weakness in the links of the connection To talk splendidly of Brotherhood and how to make it a realized condition on earth and then not pursue the work in accordance with the rules of right, results as it must, in failure of hoped

for success. We therefore admonish you each and all to hew to the lines of truth as shall be made clear to you by showing you the working processes, so that good and good only will result from your efforts." As he closed, all again said, "Thank

you. We are ready to do our part as we are instructed." Then arose one who, by his bodily ap-

pearance, clothing and manner, showed that he was low in the grade of true manhood, but full of uncontrollable will. Thus he spake: "Is it true that all men, women and children are God's children, spiritually speaking, becaus their spirit is of and from God?'

The angel said, "It is true." Then said this spirit, "Why are the rich scorning the poor, the intelligent the ignorant, and talking and writing ill about them instead of giving them the needed help to uplift them? Please explain."

He said it all in an ugly tone of voice as if commanding rather than asking. A very noble saint with white hair and beard replied; "My son, an explanation to you and the class you represent, is of no avail. We cannot force knowledge upon anyone who is not mentally and spiritually developed to

imanity, with only ten years of written history behind it, is subject to the same great laws of nature, as are the stars, of the boundless

blue. As there is no visible escape or refuge from their directive forces and penalties, we must abide by them, learn to co-operate with them and to profit from their teachings.

comes apparent that feeble, ignorant

It appears then, that the extremes in life all about us, and all over the earth, are but the normal and natural condition of things, and are merely the ex-pression of forces at work, in the great evolution of humanity, and the unfolding of the human mind. The forces are suited to the conditions.

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nate between the classes of people whom you have mentioned. Then only can causes be pointed out to you, which lead to just effects as they are being re-alized. The troubles are many sided and can only be adjusted rightly by being seen in the true light by all concerned. Patient labor will bring the de-

When he ceased speaking, quite a class of that grade of spirits answered, "We will try. We will obediently do as you've spoken." Thus ended the vision.

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In the afternoon a powerful lecture hold a bazaar and to come in co-operwas given by W. F. Peck, subject, "Faith Versus Reason." It was over-flowing with keen, strong points, well calculated to pierce the thin tissue of Lyness, corner 12th and F streets, San faith, letting in the bright light of rea- Diego, Cal., may have articles from son. A large, attentive audience was Mrs. Alice Leeds, 252 Woolsey street, present. F. Corden White gave a large Cleveland, Ohio, and the Home Lyceum number of very convincing tests at the Spiritualist Temple, Galveston, Texas, close of the lecture.

her subject, "Man's Relation to the Uni- has-and in this way each lyceum has verse." It was an instructive lecture contributed something to the other and and many good points were made. Very in turn received something which will. and many good points were made, year help in their bazaar. Not as many ly-its close by Corden White, some of them being remarkable as to details. Test seances for benefit of the camp.

by Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Pratt. Wednesday evening, March 8, a splendid entertainment was given by plan for next year's celebration before the "Great and Only Florida Minstrels." this year's has passed? Prof. Peck was fine as interlocutor, and his troupe, all stars of great magnitude, gorgeously attired, did credit to his training. Some very pleasing special-kindness to announce the topic each ties were given, among them the old plantation songs by "Auntie" Hampton of St. Louis. A funny feature was the plantation hoe-down quadrille, with Mrs. Hampion as caller, and the way help that worthy department of the she made those "lazy niggers" fly around was astonishing. A genuine son

Mrs. Curran, president of the O. S. widely known for her valiant work, gressive Lyceum, in every way, a suchas been quite an acquisition to the camp. She has given two very good lectures and takes a prominent part in | ceum yell:

the entertainments. One of the most delightful social functions of the season was the reception given one of the val ued workers in the camp, one who is universally known and loved, Carrie E.

S. Twing. People turned out en masse, all delighting to do her honor, and the many speeches made were but honest tributes to her real worth and merit, to which she responded in her

own sweet, gracious way. Refresh-ments were served, after which the remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing.

Friday evening, March 10, a panoramic entertainment was given by Mr. Budington, views of Lake Pleasant camp and surrounding country being shown. It was well attended and thoroughly enloyed.

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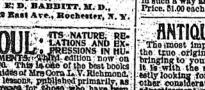
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