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SOURCE OF ALL JOY IS INVISIBLE.

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A Slice of Paradise. MEDITATIONS Engendered by the Falling of a Leaf. Nature is Established on a Musical

LILY DALE CAMP.

The City of Light Assembly at Lily Dale, N. Y., and the Great Spirit of This Unique Enterprise.

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Half-way between Jamestown and the guiding star of the Assembly chose Dunkirk, N. Y., a slice of Paradise was a finely attuned instrument to carry out dropped to gladden the heart of man. their lofty plans, It was named Lily Dale, and here in the young days of Spiritualist camp meet- and unerringly keeps the standard ings Marian Skidmore and a host of aloft.

earnest workers, most of whom have now gone home, thought and plodded gates to itself the larger share of the and toiled to make this beauty spot the world's sweetness and purity and spiritgreat center of Spiritualism of this country. The workers carried out the noble plans of its founder as near as human fallibility could, but Marian

what great leader does? Three years ago a new genius presided in the chair, another woman, another prophet, who had a still greater

vision. Who is competent to interpret the lofty conceptions in the mind of Abby Louise Pettengill, the anointed priest-strength, of money, all she has and all ess of this enchanted spot? Only as she is, for the cause. from year to year we read the records " Is it to be wondered at that I look for of work accomplished can we conceive ward with anticipation to the new expe-what her advanced mind has mapped riences and added blessings which will out, the large meaning back of what appears insignificant perhaps. The name was changed to conform to the new enlarged scope of the work, and the City of Light Assembly, a school for to them/in kind what I am sure I shall psychic fact and phenomena, stands receive, but must pass it on. as a-beacon light to teach all the world The City of Light has a g the largest truths of most vital importance which have so far dawned upon ished her richest treasures and here the humanity.

As in all successful enterprises one supreme mind lays out the work and designs the pattern and then with care denses the workmen to carry out the ideal, so has this remarkable woman drawn around herself a company of assembly ground in the world-with a workers, who for adaptability, intelligence and spirituality combined I have not found equaled in any board, be the work for industrial, political or reform

purposes. Perhaps there is no one of these who has the personal interests of Mrs. Pettengill any nearer at heart nor would work any more hours out the twentyfour to serve her than Albert C. White, the treasurer, who has for years lived at Lily Dale, and with Homer Todd, another trustee, has become imbued with the everyday life of the place. These gentlemen are better acquainted with the needs for the comforts of residents

at Lily Dale than the rest and have a large share in the essentials to its hest progress, and furnish most desirable qualities needed for the perfect completeness of the whole. New York is not the only state, how-

ever, which has furnished material for this board; several states have been called upon to supply clear brains, warm hearts and busy hands to evolve the ideas-matured by its chieftain. Mrs. Annette J. Pettengill of Boston,

is 'a most valuable member of this board. She possesses that most enviable quality of having everybody like her on sight, and to know her better but strengthens your first impression. She is a woman of refinement and culture,

with excellent judgment, fine perceptive qualities, quiet in her strength, persistent in her gentleness, with a highly developed mediumship of rare discernment and a spiritual clairvoyant. All honest mediums coming to Lily Dale

beauty, her queenly bearing, gracious manners and perfect fitting gowns; this is all but too apparent to the most cas-ual observer. She is indeed an ideal woman. But the real source of her ower lies within.

The spirit world in selecting her as She is wise to choose, strong to build

She is a peer of her sex which arro

vality. She has helped broaden the path and made it easier for weaker ones to fol-low. Abby Louise Pettengill stands to Skidmore found no successor to cor- day as a towering leader of progressive rectly interpret her ideas, as indeed thought. What dreamers hope for she make a reality—with the leadership of a Joan D'Arc, the executive ability of a Queen Victoria, she sails among the stars with Tycho Brahe yet has the altruistic love for all creation of a Fran ces Willard; like her no financier, but

come to me in working with such chosen women and men as these With my best efforts and most faithful endeavor I could never hone to return

The City of Light has a glorious future before it. Nature has here lay horticulturist has exhausted his art try-ing to outdo himself. It has the largest number of resi-

best sanitary system of any Spiritualist woman at its head and women predominating on its board.

The greatest intellects of the age have expounded from its rostrum, and yet it is only in the morning of its infancy, a greater power and a larger

splendor will be revealed with each succeeding year. It is the imperishable heritage of this assembly whose cornerstones are Unity, Wisdom, Peace and Love: her work the upliftment of humanity and the enlightenment of the race. LAURA G. FIXEN.

INSPIRATION.

walked out in the early morn, The dew was on the flowers, The sun had kissed the waving corn In the golden morning hours.

heard the zephyrs softly sigh, I felt their friendly play, saw the white ships of the sky, As they peacefully sailed away. heard the birds' good morning lay,

I heard the bees' reply, My soul breathed of that perfect day, And to nature I drew nigh.

And then it seemed as though I heard. A wonderful melody, For every tree and flower and bird

Sang a great doxology. It spoke to me, that song so great, My soul took up the strain. think that unto heaven's gate

Here I am sitting on the side of one of the great mountains in Santa Cruz, Cal. The air is filled with fragrance from the trees and foliage, and as I lay drink in the life-giving down to draught, a leaf dropped upon my hand, from the swaying branches above me as I lay there on this beautiful July morn-I picked it up wondering why it ing. had fallen. What had broken the connection between it and the parent tree thus early and sent it down to wither

and decay, when it should have danced in the sunlight through all the long, bright summer days? And lo! as 1 ooked, there upon the stem I found a dark spot which told the story of the broken connection, the early fall; and thought how like the life of man it is! Some little defect, some fault, slight in itself, but weighty in its consequences breaks the vital connection between the conscious life of man and the great Father, and all becomes withered and barren. Lift up your eyes and behold the heavens bright with promise because of the strength, the beauty, of individual life. Keep the life lines up between your

soul and the Over-soul, and no effort for right shall fail. Wrong may seem to triumph for a day, but the eternal years are God's, and naught shall prevail against him. He has planted the in-stinct for right, the desire for holiness -wholeness--within each soul, and through Him we shall conquer.

Remember this, ye who are downcast and disheartened. Not surer is the coming of to-morrow's sun than that the Right shall win. We make no compromise with evil; we strike not our flag

or surrender. A glorious future awaits the race-a future of deep and holy living. Its coming may seem slow, but does not all that is lasting come slowly Weeds grow to maturity almost within a day, but they fade as quickly and are gone. The mighty oak takes many years to grow, through the heat of one

hundred winters it comes slowly, steadlly to perfection, and stands at last broad-spreading, deep-rooted and majes tic; a million leaves are within its branches, a million hopes grow and blossom beneath its shade. The years pass over it in their progress, generation after generation of man succeeding each other-doing each their work and passing on to higher spheres.

While yet it stands firm and undaunt ed in its appointed place, one little leat will not be missed from the luxuriant foliage of the tree. But 'tis not so with man; for each human soul there is an appointed time and place-a work that no other can do, and oh, the pity, the anguish of his fall. But there is hope, beautiful, God-

given hope standing over at the gate of life and pointing steadily onward-upward. All the strength, all the wisdom all love of God are ours if we will but keep the life-line up, and so put our selves in condition to receive freely. According to our needs, so shall it be with each of us. Does one lack healthy strength for the work before him? Let him ask God and he shall receive. Does he lack in love and wisdom? God is love-all wisdom, and whatsoever ye ask shall be granted unto you. God's own angels watch over the fallen man, and will not rest until he be restored to his own. The leaf falls to earth crumbles slowly back to dust, and, by the mysterious alchemy of nature. of which we know so little, it enriches the soil from whence it came, but does it ever rise again as a leaf? Does it ever

Basis. To the Editor:—In your most esti-mable paper of Augustili2, we find in the article deaded "Harmony With Nat-ural Law," an interesting, classification of vibratory frequency fand velocity, taken from an address of Sir William Crookes, when elected to the presidency of the publich Accord of the British Association of Sciences. In this tabulated classification we find errors that must not pass unchallenged, and we shall from our standpoint of vlew attempt to give a logical correction.

It is stated in the very beginning that at "32 vibrations per second we reach the region where atmospheric vi bration reveals itself to us as sound." But the fact is that sound is manifested long before the 32 vibrations, point is reached. But at 32,331 vibrations per econd sound may be clearly defined and its relative position on the scale correctly ascertained as low C on the first octave on the musical range on field of vibrations, and that the high C on the seventh octave must end this

field with 4,138,440 vibrations per sec ond, because sound above that point can not be clearly defined or classified by the ordinary physical sense of hear ing, since the 32,768 vibrations per sec ond according to Crookes' table must be incorrect, besides it would give us three more octaves in music way above the capacity of the human ear to classify. The next field above of beyond the

musical range of vibrations we classify as the electrical field, commencing with low C on the first octave with 4,138,440 vibrations per second and ending with 529.664 per second (in this field we drop decimals) on the high C of the sevent octave, which again becomes the bridge over which we may enter yet higher frequencies of vibratory motion which we designate as the magnetic, fields, which ends on high C on the seventh octave with 65,796,992 vibrations per second However, it pecomes necessary to un-

derstand that these fields of vibratory forces and motions overlap each other, and some system must be employed to determine the average line of demarka-tion, or else our figures would greatly overreach the facis when we get up in the higher fields where figures become incomprehensible to the human mind. This we claim can only be accom-plished by following the rule and the aw that governs the relative increase and decrease on middle or fourth octave with low C as a starting point with 258, 652 vibrations per second according to the Obenchain dissonance system. The law that governs in this octave must hold good in all octaves in all the differont fields of vibratory powers and forces above and below?

Now if the student wants to ascertain the number of vibrations per second of any point on the microcosmic scale of vibration, just apply the rule governing

First, field of sound vibrations; Second, field of electric vibrations. Third, field of magnetic vibrations. Fourth, field of thought vibrations. Fifth, field of mind vibrations. Sixth, field of will vibrations.

seven fields on the microcosmic scale in which each note represents a divisional octave which gives 49 octaves of the invisible forces and powers operat-ing in the human being; this we call the

To the Editor :-- I have been reading your incomparable paper for a number of years, and I find food for thought in every one of them. But on page five of No. 819, your quotations from Herbert Spencer, "Whoever hesitates to utter that, which he thinks is the highest truth," etc., leads me to make a few re marks at the present time. In the ar ticle by Dr. Peebles, the Swami Abhe dananda thinks and writes of Spiritualism. He says, "I have asked them about the life after death, the origin of the soul, the true nature of the soul, its relation to the Universal Spirit."

SOME SEARCHING QUESTIONS.

By One Who Wants Truth Though the

Heavens Fall,

And he says they (the Spiritualists) cannot answer these questions. Can ne answer them himself, or anyone give a truthful answer to any one of these questions? Many of the egotistic know-it-alls, whom it is blasphemy to question, will give wise and learned answers, but when you ask for the proof, they scorn to give anything but their belief or say-so.

Some one has said, "It is not good to be wise above that which is written." But not all things that are written are wise. Neither are all the wise things written, nor will they be until minds cease to record their thoughts. Among the things that are written that are not wise, is the wonderful claims of Swami's vedantic societies. They may get a truth here and there, as well as some of our mediums, but none of them is perfect. For instance some locate heaven aboye us, which is very indefinite, as any direction from the earth is above. Others locate it in the immediate vicinity about us, others in the "spheres" with various numbers at tached. Andrew Jackson Davis, whose ability none will deny, located our heavly homes, some thirty-five or forty years ago, in the "milky way," regardless of the fact that it is a mighty long journey thither, and when there you would be in space as much as here. Still others locate us on some of the planets, which, it seems to me, would be a wild race to attain a location, on account of their and our movements through space or ether.

But, to come down to "business" Who can demonstrate whence anything originated? Is it not time to put away childish things, and to stop babbling about gods, demons and obsessions, or Who knows anything possessions? about them? If any one knows, stand up and explain; and if all that don't know will keep silent, there will be a silence that can be felt.

Do not bother us with what you "be lieve," but tell us of what you know. 1 will give a year's subscription to The Progressive Thinker (and that is worth more than a carload of Bibles) to any two of them that will give an independent account of the origin of any or these things, that will agree with each other.

I admit there are many excellent seers, but no two of them see allic, and that shows that they are not perfect on the middle or fourth octave of sound vibrations and go through field after field as per following diastification: love I could see the beautiful existence that stretched before me in the realms Notice the difference in their seers. accounts of what they see in regard to the future life of the soul. One de-scribes it as in Revelations. Others as on earth. a beautiful place where no evil thing exists. Some have birds, fruits and flowers, and all sorts of animals that Seventh, field of soul vibrations they like. They forget that what This constitutes the grand octave o lovely to one is hideous to another. accuse us. We see ourselves as we really are. Our lives are before us like Now it is in order to explain how it can be beautiful to all, and who makes this radical change in the likes and dislikes an open book; and we cannot go on and enjoy the beauties of spirit life until of each of us. If there is a miracle to invisible realm of the 'human being, which has its correspondence or multibe wrought, why was it not wrought before, and everything made lovely here? must "work out our own salvation." ple relation to the visible realm-the If there is any one that can make a neaven of the next world, they could physical human being-and we have have made one of this. eason to believe that a corresponding But enough for the present. If I have multiple relation exists between the ma surely destroy our happiness. started some live thinking minds enough to have them ask themselves or crocosmic scale and the microcosmic scale of vibration, and is exemplified in me some questions, I will have accomthe relation existing between the different octaves in the musical range of vibration, hence, "as it is below, so it plished my object. By the way, let some of these wise ones explain how they feed any live thing except upon above. In conclusion let us remark that when the dead bodies of their predecessors. Yours for truth, though the heavens he student with figures and calcula sweet backward glance over a Success ful Life. EMMA BROOKS. fall. JOEL BYRNS. tions arrives at high C on the 49th oc tave on the scale of being, do not think Orient, N. Y. that you are at the end of the string of vibratory motion, that evolution stong right there, for you have the string of another jumping off place another bridge over which evoluting earlies you into a yet grander series our octaves in realme bound our present understand THE WAY MIRACLES ARE MADE. THE GOOD TIME COMING. Wins Fame as Miracle Worker by Fix-There's a good time coming, boys, ing Windows-An Unfrocked Priest A good time coming: We may not live to see the day, Paints Crosses in a Cottage Formerly realms beyond our present understand ing, which we can only dream of us oc Occupied by Cardinal, Attracting But earth shall glisten in the ray taves or kingdoms of the Gods, where Crowdi Of the good time coming. evolution in yet greater, measures be Cannot balls may aid the truth, To the Editor :- According to a specomes manifested in the construction of But thought's a weapon stronger; cial dispatch from Naples. Italy, Father solar systems forming constellations of We'll win our battles by its aid-Stefano, an unfrocked priest, was an endless variety of splendor and im-Wait a little longer. rested at Beletri, near Palermo, on charges of fraud and inciting a riot. There's a good time coming, boys, A few days ago people passing the cottage where the late Cardinal Anto-A good time coming: The pen shall supersede the sword, nelli was in the habit of spending his And Right, not Might, shall be the lord holidays, were surprised to see three In the good time coming. immense crosses appearing on the win-Worth, not Birth, shall rule mankind, daw nanes. And be acknowledged stronger; Within an hour the crosses were mys-The proper impulse has been giveneriously transformed into three faces Wait a little longer. of the Virgin Mary. There's a good time coming, boys, The report of a miracle soon spread A good time coming: War in all men's eyes shall be through the town and into the surrounding country, and Stefano, who is the selves that will redeem humanity A monster of iniquity present occupant of the cottage, reaped P. PEARSON. In the good time coming. Nations shall not quarrel then, a rich harvest in basketfuls of of victuals, poultry, and well filled purses speakable gratitude for fibricit of life. To stand alone and unduffied in such strength as one has in gid of himself; because of his kinship with God to so live "That the great light be clearer be-cause of our light and the great doubted To prove which is the stronger; which he took from the pilgrims who came to view the miracle. Nor slaughter men for glory's sake-Latterly, he organized a procession of young girls, who walked barefooted and Wait a little longer. There's a good time coming, boys, arried lighted tapers seven times A good time coming: Hateful rivalries of creed round the cottage by way of penance or the sins of the town. The parents Shall not make their martyrs bleed of the girls paid Stefano 25 cents each In the good time coming. Religion shall be short of pride, for this privilege. While one of these processions was And flourish all the stronger: in progress a party of free thinkers And Charity shall trim her lamptried to storm the cottage, but were as Wait a little longer. sailed with stones by the pilgrims, be-There's a good time coming, boys, tween whom and the free thinkers en-A good time coming: sued a desperate hand-to-hand fight, in The people shall be temperate, And shall love instead of hate, which over twenty were seriously in jured. In the good time coming. Finally the rioters were dispersed by a force of gendarmes, who forced their way through with the bayonet, removed They shall use, and not abuse. And make all virtue strongerhe curious window panes, and took the The reformation has begun-Wait a little longer. enterprising ex-priest into custody. Water, soap, soda and other means were employed to efface the pictures, There's a good time coming, boys, A good time coming: by what we use, by what we do, by what wo are. By the use of strength, but all to no purpose, for they were evi Let us aid it all we can. iently the result of chemical prepara Every woman, every man, tion. The good time coming. Thus it is that "miracles" are made Smallest helps, if rightly given, in the Catholic church. Make the impulse stronger-NATURAL LAW. Twill be strong enough one day-Walt a little longer. —Charles Mackay, THERE IS NO DEATH. Have a heart that never hardens The laws of spirit life we do not know; Each is a living soul, is truly so; So in God's love the spirit shall be free less? have less? DR. J. W. COWAN. know what that transcendent life. To know was may be. James Bartlett Wiggin. Was habitually unas James Bartlett Wiggin. Dointments. Emmons. Let no man give advice to others that

Everyone is wishing and looking for happiness. But there are so many things to mar our happiness in this life -sickness, sorrow, death and a thousand and one trivial perplexities that come crowding into our lives, that 1 sometimes wonder if there is one really appy person.

A SUCCESSFUL LIFE.

It is Graphically Illustrated and Por-

trayed.

yes! I am reminded of one woman who says, "My own life is perfectly hap-py. Life is full and overflowing with interest for me."

I asked her the secret of her happiness: "Is it money and all the good things money can buy?'

"Ah, no!" she replied. "Money has nothing to do with my state of mind. My house is old and rickety, my furniture is not nice and I am often very limted in money. But the secret is, blessed consciousness of living not for myself alone, but to help others." She fills up her life with good deeds and kind words, which are the only reasures we can lay up on earth that

will not rust and decay. Oh, the joy of it! To feel to say day after day: O, it is so good to be alive in this beautiful world with the opportu-

nity to help others. And this is the secret of not only a happy life but a successful one. We may be successful in everything we uniertake. We may gain everything we desire in life materially-money, houses, and fine clothes; but we cannot take these things to the higher life. We can carry nothing with us but the records of our own lives. So to be really successful in life which means our existence both here and in the life to come, we must guard ourselves against that most formidable foe-selfishness. I remember a conversation with a ady who had been in spirit life but a short time. She came to me and said

'Emma. I did not go to a far-away heaven, as I had been taught to believe, but o a beautiful natural world with all the comforts of life." I said, "Are you happy?"

She answered, "No, I am very miser-able and unhappy, for I am very selfish-My whole aim in life was to dress well. but when I got here I found life was not

for that." "What is life for?" I asked.

"To do good," she replied. "But you belonged to church and Sun-

lay-school and usually attended the services," I said. "And did not that help you?"

"No," she replied, "it did not help me, for I did not care much for the church; it was really to display fine clothes that I went. I lived a very self-

ish, frivolous life, and now 1 am so unhappy. I paid ten dollars for a hat when my grandmother had none to wear." I sensed her conditions and feelings. and unhappiness does not express it. O, such remorse! Such self-reproach! For a few seconds I seemed to be this unhapy spirit; I could feel God's great

of the spirit, and then I looked back upon the mean, narrow life I had lived

She controlled me but a few moments, but I could hardly bear the unhappiness. And this is the hell we are to shun. No judge or jury to condemn us. Nothing but our own conscience to

Have you today committed an act that was not in accordance with your better impulses, your finer convictions? Have you been deaf to the promptings of your higher nature, willfully pursuing selfish desire, an unworthy purpose?

Keep on Good Terms with Your Higher

Self and You Will Be Happy.

Have you been unkind, or unloving, r uncontrolled; intemperate, or insincere, or inconsiderate of others? Have you in any way weakly yielded to temptation, heedless of the still voice

within that strove to restrain you? Then already you are aware of punishment. Already an invisible barrier has risen between you and your hap-

piness. A shadow has fallen upon the face of the earth; a cloud has come between you and your soul's sunlight. The world which yesterday glowed magic is unillumined with today. There is no more meaning in music and love and truth. Sunsets and stars and winds bear no message. Nature is a

candle that is snuffed. This is the real penalty for sinning. This is the inevitable punishment that comes when you refuse to obey the still voice, when you ignore the higher vision. No matter if you are immune from external punishment. No matter if none but yourself is aware of your

transgression. You may pass freely before the eyes of others, knowing that none will condemn. There may be no human voice raised in accusation, no glance of reproach to be seen on any side. Yet

within yourself you are condemned. Your punishment has come and you know it. There is no denving the darkless that blots your soul's landscape. You are no longer on terms with your ligher self; you no longer touch hands with happiness; you have lost the com-

ranionship of radiant ideals. Yesterday, perhaps, you read a book that thrilled you with a sense of undiscovered joy regions in your soul. To-day you read the same book and in it find

no charm. It has no message of beauty, no magic, or power for you.

Yesterday you may have found in your neighbor a quality of mind that refreshed and stimulated you. Today you wonder how you ever found inspiration or delight in his presence. Even in the smiles of children you find not the glimpse of heaven you once perceived.

The secrets in your surroundings, the faults of your associates, stand out glaringly to your vision. You no longer feel the tolerance, the good will, the sweetness of heart that once made the world a good place to live in, despite its imperfections.

What has happened? This is no visitation of an angry God who seeks to avenge his wrath by punishing you for our error

No one but yourself has brought this darkness. By your own acts you have shut yourself from radiance. You have cut yourself off from the rapture that lives in wide, sweet spaces of your being. You have dropped a thick veil be tween your eyes and heaven, .

is not this punishment, after all. worse than any penalty of human reproof or disgrace? To lose the approval of your soul-is this not to be dread-

ed more than any rebuke of man? To forfeit the sense of keen delight in living; to lose the consciousness of joy that springs clear and pure in your soul when you are true; to find heaviness and blankness where before you found buoyancy and magic, is this not the sorest punishment of all? And can any selfish indulgence, any greedy taste of material pleasure, compensate for this loss? Learn to be strong. Learn to be con-trolled. Learn to see that the source of all joy is invisible and that happiness does not inhere in material things. Live the true, clear, unselfish life. Cherish no weakness that cuts you off from your soul's glory. Tolerate no fault that dulls your consciousness of heaven, or blunts those sensibilities that have roots in the invisible. Keep on good terms with your higher self and all the forces in the universe will be with you to approve your course.—Angela Morgan, in the Chicago Evening Journal.

find in her another friend and a strong ally.

Mrs. Esther C. Humphries of New York City enriches the board with her valuable experiences gathered as the very successful president of the Willing Workers.

Everybody likes to work with her. To harmonize ten dozen women from as many states and imbue them with a steady purpose for the success of a common cause is no light task. Mrs. Humphries assumed this mis-

sion with the apparent ease of the natural leader. The rocks upon which many womans' societies have split, she gently pushed to one side as if they were but pebbles. She adds dainty artistic qualities to a genial inspiring presence which cannot fail to enthuse those with whom she labors.

Mrs. Eulalie Evstaphieve of Buffalo, the secretary, is a splendid addition, although not a member of the board Early and late she is at her post, everlastingly keeping at it; the books of the association are kept as carefully as those of a bank and more correctly than some. I have met secretaries whose work was a labor of love and others whose salaries were thousands of dollars, secretaries who could not decipher their own writings and others whose chirography was as steel plate but in all my experiences with secreta ries I have yet to find one whose uniform courtesy and never-ending pa tience can compare with these valuable qualities as exhibited by Mrs. Evstaphieve. She is a treasure in that office, and the country visitor who wishes to borrow a pencil in order to send an important postal home, telling the "folks" arrived, receives a seat and a nicely sharpened pencil with the same sunny smile and affability with which the seeker for a lost umbrella or the donor of \$50 for the cause are well comed, while the inquirers for a time table or program are furnished with these necessities as courteously as were they indeed diplomats representing a foreign nation.

The great mainstay of the business affairs of the assembly is Henry A. Everett, of Cleveland, the son-in-law of Mrs. Pettengill, whom the papers laud as the most successful and popular millionaire of the Buckeye State. He has something much betler than moneygood manners-and is every inch a gentleman. Frankly admitting that he is no Spiritualist, he wishes it understood that he is in the board to help "mother" carry out her high ideals. He knows her heart is set on the success of the

City of Light, and because he loves "Mother" he steps in with his wide business experience, keen sagacity, strong helpfulness and push, and adds a large share to its success. His clear vision is not clouded by prejudice, and while with practical common sense heguides the business affairs, he leaves it for the rest to dictate the policy of this Man's an infant on this plane,

the largest and most advanced center To greater growth he will attain, of Spiritualism and higher thought in The man-made gods to whom he prays

And what of its president? Who can Man's spirit seeks a high ideal: delineate her lofty aspirations or in In spirit life exists the real; justice describe her many noble quali-

She simply cannot be described, and it is only as you can "sense" her that can comprehend or in a measure follow her. The secular press has ent ink by the bucket lauding her

to not know I know but the song's great power, Deep to my soul that music rang In that consecration hour. That song for me will never die. Its strains I sometimes hear:

And then my soul is lifted high, And to heaven I seem near. Its music oft is brought to me.

Was carried the glad refrain.

In the laugh of a child-Again that happy morn I see When all seemed undefiled. I hear it in the lullaby

Sung to the little one, hear it in the nowerful cry Of a nation's rising son.

Some day that song I'll sing again, And then my heart shall flow To all the weary hearts of men, That their souls with song may glow M. ADELE THIEMAN.

Milwaukee, Wis.

MARGARET.

tiny shoe lies on my stand, A wee bit worn, but precious still; lift it with a tender hand, And at its touch I feel a thrill; My earthly cares all fade away. My weary eyes with tears are wet; Though years have flown and I am gray I see again my Margaret.

Her angel face is bright and fair, Her lustrous eyes like bright stars shine:

My fingers feel her golden hair, I press her spirit lips to mine; Her spirit form has larger grown, My eager arms enfold my pet; feel a pleasure long unknown, I clasp once more my Margaret.

Sometimes in happy dreams I see Her smiling face, beside my bed: Her loving spirit comes to me, And on my bosom rests her head; She is more beautiful and fair Than when on earth she was my pet. New life is mine since I know where To always find my Margaret H. M. EDMISTON.

THE BORDER LAND

The Border Land, how near it seems, How oft we visit it in dreams, To mingle with the friends of yore, Who dwell upon that fadeless shore. It is not far to the Beyond. To loving thought spirits respond, As guardians they hover near To watch and help frail mortals here.

That mystic realm, how near, how far: We know its portal is ajar, Our spirit friends return again, To linger in the homes of men. Love and affection still hold sway. Attraction's law spirits obey. The subtle veil that intervenes Conceals from man life's inner scenes

Will vanish like the sunset rays.

Man's finite mind can't comprehend-Spirit and matter interblend. H. M. EDMISTON.

We are not sent into the world to do

anything into which we rannot put our hearts .-- John Ruskin.

again regain its place and go on with its glad dance in the sunlight? Who shall say? Yet it could not be the same leaf; only one like unto it in form and structure. But man must be true to himself ever -once a man, always a man. He does not lose his identity, for he is a part of God that changeth not. He may fall ever so low, but the vital spark never goes out, it burns-albeit but fee quite hiv-through all, and will some day re claim him. The work set for him to do must be done or Here or There-in time

or in eternity, and all the good in the universe conspires to help him. The connection between his soul and the great Oversoul can never be wholly broken. He may, by his own act, neve by act of God, loosen the tie and fail to draw upon the resources of God, as is his privilege to do, even as a child may turn from his earthly parents and fail of the good that awaits him from his loving care and help, but the connection once made is never unmade. The very life of God flows through and animated the soul of man-and this cannot fail of its purpose. God will reclaim His own everywhere-not in any arbitrary way, but by the might of that which is within us-which must, and will return to its own; as all the rivers of earth run to the sea, so the rivers of life in all its ramification runs to the Great Sea and finds rest. completion there.

But, oh, the joy, the strength of which we so needlessly deprive ourselves when we do not hold close to our Father and draw dally, hourly from the fountain of love and life. Why do we do it? Is it pride-the pride of a strong man who cannot bear to own his need of help? Is it vanity which prompts one to be sufficient unto himself? Or is it ignorance which knows not the joy of reciving from the tender All-Father? Whatever it may be, it is one of the saddest-I may indeed say the saddest fact of human life that we thus deprive ourselves of that which would enrich and glorify all life if we each lived, as we might, in close and vital union with the author of our be ing. It comes upon me with mighty force to-day how God respects the individual. Nothing is forced upon man He is not compelled to anything by any outside force. The table of the Lord, laden with the riches of earth and heav en, is spread before him-all that his soul needs for food and development. for present needs or for eternal use, is there, and he may take or leave it as he will. His free will, his individuality is respected to the utmost. He is left to decide for himself-to "work out his own happiness" in his way and. lime The thought thrills me! The beauty,

the solemnity, the unchanging need and importance of individual life presses upon me. I remember reading years ago of how the once celebrated lecturer, Anna Dickinson, standing in the beautiful Yosemite Valley, with the grandeur of the mountain and plain about her, was almost overwhelmed by it all, and then suddenly the thought comes to her, "I am greatest of all! When all this wondrous scene has perished and is forgotten, I shall live-because I am an individual part of God, and was not born to die.'

So it comes to me, and my soul bows down in wonder and adoration, in un- -- Milton.

mensity. When casting a sweeping glance over the star-studded heavens at night, we can but silently dream about the multiple relation each star, system and constellation holds to the all-embracing musical scale, and that the law of harmony governs everywhere, hence we may rightfully say that nature is established on a musical basis, that human beings are at all times subject to musical laws, which when fully understood will give that true knowledge of our

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cause of our light, and the great soul be stronger because of our soul"-what could be greater or better than this? It s a mighty thing to be an individual. and calls for more strength and courage than the majority are in the habit of exhibiting to live this life truly. I will not say more strength than man pos-sesses-for who is so silly as to think that the Creator would fail to give us the strength necessary thus to live? We have within us, or at our command all that is needed for success if we will but learn to take and use it rightly. To each one a place, a work is given that is for one's self alone-no other can fill that place, or do that work. We grow

strength comes-loving we gain love. Each soul is complete in itself-each thought of God the culminating point of the universe living at the center of all good—beautiful h a world of beauty. The trees of the forests, the flowers of the field, do not miss of perfect living nor despoil their happy beauty, and shall man do less? expect

has not taken good coursel to himself.

Cambridgeport, Mass.

we are out of these bad conditions of sin and evil habits, and it is then we

So let us watch ourselves, for habits grow quickly. Cultivate the good ones and stamp out the bad that will one day

And above all let us pull out the bit-ter weeds of selfishness which seem so thickly sown in our natures. Don't let an opportunity rass to help others along life's pathway. Then, dear friends, when we enter that higher life we shall have nothing to regret, only a

emper that never tires, and a touch hat never hurts.-Charles Dickens. I could never think well of a man's see people reading it on the intellectual or moral character if he trains out of here continually. was habitually unfaithful to his ap-

COMMENDATORY.

Suggestions for Applying Tests to Would-Be Public Mediums.

To the Editor:-Your magnificent premium books received during my absence from town, and I hasten to thank you for the precious gifts, and to add my little testimonial for your powerful efforts in behalf of Spiritualism and freedom of thought and speech. The platform you are standing for in the exposing of the fake business in the Spiritualistic ranks, deserves the support of all Spiritualists wherever they may be. It seems to me there ought to be no trouble in regard to this affair. If me-diums wish the support of the public, let them be examined under conditions that make fraud impossible and certified to by a committee from the princinal societies in the state, and put a notice in the daily papers that the association does not guarantee mediums uncertified, and furthermore why not eliminate all those from the public work who because they get a shiver and a shake, think they are irresistible before the public, and pose as leaders in our cause. Their presence affords no proof to anyone of the truth of spirit return, but on the contrary, as I have seen for years on the coast, only tends to make a laughing-stock of the cause to a lot of unthinking people, who, after the performance, laugh and think it fake.

No person should be allowed to pose as a test medium that cannot give posilive facts such as full names, dates, etc., of former events in one's life.

The claim that they see the spirit of a man or a woman and give it a first name is no argument for the fact of spirit return, and that is about all that the majority of public mediums can do. In regard to materialization. I have tried to get a private seance from nearly all the so-called mediums that have visited the coast for years, but cannot get then to allow me my own condi-

tions, so mis verdict is-fake. That materialization is possible, I now, because through my own organism, parts of bodies form, at times, and I know that I could get full form maniestations if I had the leisure to develop.

Your paper to me is indispensable and the fact of its popularity is that I see people reading it on the cars and JOHN PALMER.

Los Angeles, Cal.

A Marverous Spirit Manifestation Which Occurs Outside the Ranks of Spiritualism, Showing That Spirits Depend upon Sensitives, and Not Organizations, for Manifesting.

Willis Miller and His Spirit Playmate-""Raymond."

The Two Worlds Are United

Once Again Through a Little Child the Seen and Unseen Realms Are Interlinked.

"When Willis wants Raymond (his little spirit playmate) he goes to a door or window and calls, as any boy would another, "Come on, Ray-mond, I'm ready," and their play begins at once. They indulge in all childish sports, which is conducted exactly as if two real children were at play, and at times Willis' enjoyment is so keen, and his excitement runs so high, that it is difficult to realize that, to appearances, at least, he is alone.

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Spirit Return is a truth-an absolute truth !-- and the one who denies it, only exhibits his own ignorance. He is to be pitied for his crass intellectual condition. Some most impressive, startling and conclusive manifestations of Spirit Return occur outside the ranks of Spiritualism. In the following narrative there is evidence of that fact. On all sides there is a Spiritual awakening. The denizens of spirit life are exerting themselves as never before, and the results are most astonishing. In the following narrative, detailing the experiences of a little boy, Willis Miller, we have some pregnant truths in reference to Spirit Return, that will excite widespread interest. His allusion to animals on the spirit side of life is unique, but in harmony with the experience of many seers, who say that the spirits of animals survive the death of the body, and may be sustained for a long time if efforts are made in certain directions.

.BY MRS. RENO.

Willis Miller, who plays with invisible companions, all the time, to the exclusions of living children, is the 6-year-old son of Capt, and Mrs. Wilson Bryant Miller of McKenzie, Tenn., and is beyond question the psychological marvel of the age.

He is a wee, winsome, lovable child, so slight and small as to seem younger, by two years, than he really is, and looking at him, it is difficult to realize that he is the center round which circles a mystery, a metaphysical enigma which challenges the interest of the scientific world. He is a pretty child of an ethereal blond type, golden-haired, and with that exquisite blending of pink and white flesh tones which render Bougereau's children peerless.

His eyes are marvelous! They are blue-a blue which unites the tints of pansies, violets, bluetts, forget-me-nots and hyacinths, with the azure jewel glints of turquoises, sapphires and lapis-lazuli and the matchless hues of sea and sky. They are large and soulful, and as they gaze at one, a sudden flame blazes within their depths and instinctively one feels, one knows, that Something, a Presence sweet, silent but poten-

family on his small farm, known as the Brown Place. He is the father of three children, all grown, the youngest of themsheing 16 years older

of the late Dr. T. W. Briggs, a famous Tappessee surgeon, and the Therefore, it will be seen that the child has inherited intellectual strength through his mother's family. Both Captain and Mrs. Miller assured me⁹that the very remarkable conditions which surround Willis have always been a source of grie

and trouble to them, and they feared at firstga termble menace to them child's mental strength. They have sought by every means in their power, to convince him that his belief in his invisible companions, wa only imaginary-a creation of his own too active brain.

But to no purpose. The boy has remained unmoved, either by entreaty or threat, and at times, he would become furiously angry at the mere suggestion that Raymond was a myth. When Willis was old enough to play with other children, his parents encouraged him to do so, hoping that such association would wear him from his uncanny friends.

But they were doomed to disappointment. Willis not only did not enjoy them, but when his little playmates, in actual life, ventured to ridicule Raymond, or to question the reality of his presence, it threw loyal little Willis into such a tempest of grief and rage that finally, if reluctantly, the unhappy parents concluded it were best for their child to remain alone, with his own unseen playmates, with whom he was invariably happy.

'The strangest and most remarkable part of Willis' peculiar history is that it began with his infancy and has developed with his growth. The very first words he ever uttered were "Miss Green," and his eyes frequently glanced about as if following the movements of some person, invisible to all others, and he would stretch forth his baby hands in welcome and evince every indication of delight as he would cry, 'Miss Green."

The Unseen Presence.

This surprised, but did not especially impress his parents, who were quiet, unemotional people, and who certainly were not anticipating unusual things in their baby. But uncasiness gradually took definite form when they realized that, as the child grew older his belief in Miss Green's presence and his love for her grew steadily. It frequently happened, after Willis learned to walk, that he would

run forward with a glad cry of "Miss Green, Miss Green," and would nestle down, apparently on an invisible presence's shoulder or knee, where he would remain contentedly for hours.

When he was ill, no one could soothe nor quiet him as his mysterious Miss Green. As he grew older and his power to express himself in words developed with amazing rapidity, his parents were astounded to hear him prattling in his baby way of his great love for Miss Green and his intention of building a house for her, and marrying her.

'A baby prattling of marriage!" Then the parents asserted themselves and insisted that the child should cease talking such nonsense as love and marriage and assured Willis that Miss Green did not exist. At first he was furiously indignant and then, he grew inconsolable. After a time of exhaustless grief he came to his parents and told them that Miss Green said that they were right. That he was too young to marry her, and that she was going away to remain till the time was ripe for their union. Then she would come back to himsand claim him, but in going, she would not leave him him lonely nor desolate; that she would bring him a companion, a little boy child like himself, whom he was to call "Raymond;" that Raymond would amuse and divert him, that he would always come, instantly, when Willis wished for him, even if the desire were not formulated into speech, and they would become devotedly attached to each other, united by a stronger, if stranger tie, than that of blood.

The remarkable prophecy of the mysterious "Miss Green" has fru-itioned. Since Raymond was brought to Willis he has not grieved for Miss Green, whose name he never mentions, and when asked about her, the child's face changes, becomes almost transfigured, and his eyes sparkle and glow with tenderness as he answells: "No, I cannot forget her. We are simply waiting. She is very beautiful."

Willis' belief in Raymond is quite as remarkable as his affection for Miss Green. He began to speak of his little invisible friend when he was less than three years of age, and up to that time he had never known anyone by the name of Raymond, nor had he ever heard of the name. And since then, they have been or, at least, Willis asserts that they have been, daily and almost hourly companions.

His parents assured me that Willis is happiest when he is playing undisturbed with Raymond. The presence of living children annoys him, for, he says, "they cannot see nor understand that Raymond is real, and we often talk about things of which they know nothing, which is very stupid."

"Come On, Raymond."

He is Simply Ignorant.

"The man who denies the Phenomena of Spiritualism to-day is not entitled to be called a skeptic; he is simply ignorant; and it would be a hopeless task to attempt to enlighten him."-T. J. Hudson, "Law of Psychic Phenomena," p.

"Did you read much at that time ?" I asked. "Yes," she said, "I read a great deal." "What ?"

"The Bible-I studied it constantly and with deepest interest," Mrs. Ailler replied.

"May I ask why ?" I ventured.

"I had always been a consistent member of the Christian-Baptist church," she said, slowly, "but just about that time I became interested, through the conversion of a relative, in the Brethren, a new religious sect in Texas, who held that salvation lay in being born of the Spirit: There fore I read the Bible and prayed constantly to be born again of the spirit. Could that have had such an effect on Willis, you think?" "The psychologists must answer that," I said, smiling, as just then

Willis returned, and looking at me gravely he announced:

"Raymond thinks you probably understand why I can see him and you cannot when he says the conditions or vibrations are just right for me and are not at all for you. But you will excuse, I hope, my long de-lay in returning, for Raymond and I became absorbed in a race, and I forget to come hole " forgot to come back.'

I looked at the child with vivid interest as I said: "What kind of a race do you mean?"

"A rabbit hurdle race. It was the most exciting race in the world. There is no sport to equal the hurdle leaping of those wonderfully trained rabbits of Raymond's."

"Has Raymond any other animals besides rabbits?"

Raymond's Animals.

"O, yes, indeed," cried the animated child. "In his world, his father has charge of all the animals and there are many, many strange creatures there. He gave Raymond all the finest tigers and elephants in the collection, because they are Raymond's favorites. One, a tigress, is the most magnificent creature in the lot. When she gets enraged it takes six hundred men to throw her."

Capt. Miller drew the tiny child to his knee and began to stroke his hands gently, as looking at me he said :

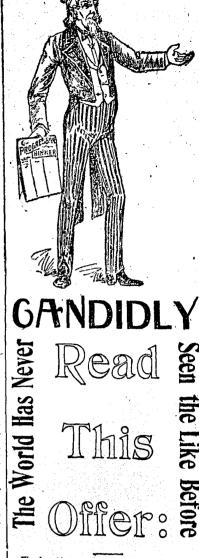
"It always excites him thus to speak of Raymond's animals."

I looked on in amazement. The child was trembling and flushed with the keenest excitement, and there could be no question that to him, at least, his remarkable statements held the essential quality of simple truth. But such statements ! That "there was no sport to equal the hurdle leaping of those wonderfully trained rabbits of Raymond's," and "a tigress, the most magnificent creature in the lot, requires six hundred men to throw her when she gets enraged.'

It was evident, too, that the child was not acting a part. For almost an entire day he was under my calm, keen, critical espionage, and any contradiction of facts, or any attempt at deception, I should have detected instantly. But absolutely, I discovered nothing in Willis' simple, sweet, perfectly natural and childish manner to challenge criticism or distrust, and I believe him to be an honest, straightforward and lovable little fellow.

Besides, he is too young to sustain so difficult a role, faultlessly and permanently, unless, indeed, he were the most marvelous actor the world ever saw, and even were that true, he would require the most skilled training and coaching, which are naturally impossible in this case. For the child lives alone with his aged parents, who not only do not encourage him in his strange tendencies, but they have done all in their power to check their development, and, failing in that, they are resigned, but still grieved and mystified. Indeed they would give much if their youngest born were an ordinary little fellow just like other children. Nevertheless they are very proud of his remarkable mental qualities, and beyond doubt, they worship him.

When the child's excitement abated, and wishing to keep him with me for the remainder of my visit, I said: "Willis, I will have to leave you soon, so won't you ask Raymond to come nearer so that you can talk with him here instead of running out into the garden to take messages to him?"



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tial, has revealed itself for an instant of time

Then like a flash it is gone, and the happy, graceful child, who is instinct with life and ambition, bounds off, and as his nimble feet seem scarcely to touch the earth in their light, swift motion, one wonders if he, too, like Mercury, has wings at his heels.

This, then, is the pen picture of the little child whom I went on a journey to study and whom I found interesting beyond my expectations. Although a stranger, he met me with an entrancing grace and courtesy which surprised as much as it pleased me. His manners are perfect and his mich is replete with poise and confidence.

So might a little Crown Prince, trained in the ways of courtiers, receive a guest. But it was remarkable for a tiny child-the son of simple country people-who had been purposely kept from intercourse with strangers.

I found him, also, precocious to a degree. He is keen and quick of perception, uses absolutely correct grammar and converses fluently and intelligently on themes beyond the mental grasp of many men and women. He reads remarkably well, too, and he brought out a book of natural history and read several pages for me.

In answer to my surprised query, his mother assured me that she had discouraged all his early efforts at reading, for she dreaded the effect of so much mental strain, but that the child could not be dissuaded, and he finally taught himself by a system evolved from the letters on his building blocks.

Fond of Natural History.

At this point Willis brought his natural history to me, explaining that he had "such a joke on papa, who didn't know that there was a 'rhinoc-eros bird' till I read about the rhinoceros hornbill to him."

"Read to me about it, Willis, please," I said. He gave me a quick, gy zzical glance and said, "certainly," and I was truly surprised at his pronunciation, modulation and enunciation. But all this had been of his own choosing, and might, therefore, have been studied for the effect So I said : "Let us select something for you to read to me, Willis," and with silent dignity he turned to the index and handed the book to me. I avoided the word index as I said purposely: "Read about the rhineceros Indian."

I gain he gave me that quick, quizzical glance as he exclaimed : "It is bad enough to have to explain to papa. But I certainly thought you would know things."

'Know what, Willis ?'' I questioned.

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"Well, I thought you would know that an index should be read from right to left and not from left to right, so you should have said the Indian rhinoceros."

"Thank you," I answered, and as I found a genuine pleasure in watching the changing expression of his face, the flash of his wonderful eyes, I said: 'But tell me about the Indian rhinoceros, instead of reading about it," for instinctively I knew he could read it.

"There is little to tell," replied this small baby boy, "for it is the same as any other rhinoceros, only it lives in the land of the Indians." "You mean," I questioned. "the North American Indians?"

"Certainly not,' came the quick rejoinder, "I mean the East Indians, the Indians of the Orient." "Willis," I asked him, then, "do you know why I came all the way

from Nashville to see you?"

"I suppose," he answered thoughtfully, "you want me to tell you about Raymond."

Raymond the Ohild Friend.

"Raymond is my companion and my only child-friend. If you like I will go out to the garden to tell him that you are here and to ask him to send a message,"

With these words he ran swiftly across the lawn, and vanished through the garden gate. And during his brief absence, I ascertained from his mother and father the interesting story of the little fellow. Willis is the child of their old age, for Capt. Miller was 61 and Mrs.

Miller nearly 50 when the child was born. He is very plainly the very light of their quiet homely lives, the exquisite flower in the garden of heir hearts.

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He shares all his treasures with Raymond and exactly divides all candies, fruits, et cetera with his little friend. These he usually places under a certain tree on the lawn; they never disappear, and sometimes Willis will, after a while, eat them himself. He seems to think the act of offering is the essential courtesy and there can be no question of the child's fair play.

The singular thing is that Raymond will never enter a room in the Miller homestead if anyone is in it beside Willis, and the child frequently, but always courteously, requests his family to leave, saying simply: "Raymond wants to come in." When the weather is fine they, invariably prefer to play in the open.

I had been so interested in the child's strange history, told by his parents, that I quite forgot he had gone out to bring me a message from Raymond, till he stood at my knee saying:

"Raymond thinks it quite nice of you to have come so far to see us and we both thank you for it."

"But isn't Raymond coming in to see me, Willis? ... I wish he would! Tell him so, please," . 12

Like a flash the child was gone, and Capt. Miller said to me: "Go to the end of the porch and watch him."

I saw Willis run across the lawn, pass through a gate, and throw himself face downward in a field of daisies. 1. n.:

"Raymond," he said, "Raymond, she wants to see you. Come with me, Raymond, you won't mind her. I don't." and the

Then followed a silence and Willis' voice saying finally: "I'm sorry Raymond." The child arose and coming to the gate, he saw me on the "He won't come in to see you, but he is sorry" so porch waiting for him, and he called:

"Ask him, then, Willis, if he thinks it gallant to decline the request of one who has come so far to hear about him."

I returned to the gallery and almost instantly Willis joined me, exclaiming: "Raymond says you didn't mean that message; that you know very well why he cannot manifest himself to yourdine on

"Do you know, Willis, why he won't manifest for me?"

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"Certainly," the child replied. "It is because Raymond does not live in the real people's world. If he did, then, you could see him as vou see me. But he doesn't. He lives in the spirit people's world and the conditions are not right for you to see him-yet.

"You live in the real people's world, Willis, then why can you see him and I cannot?" I contended.

The child turned large, questioning eyes on me as he exclaimed: "I never thought of that before, but I will ask Raymond."

He was gone sometime, and in his absence I asked his mother if she could, in any way, explain her child's strange life and beliefs. She assured me she could not and that it was, and had ever been: mystery to herself and to her husband, and a source of anxiety and sorrow to them both .- However attractive and interesting it rendered

Willis to others, they wished with all their hearts that he was just like other boys. "Prenatal influence is complex and far-reaching," I said to the

mother of Willis. "Prior to the child's birth, do you recall any incident or experience which might have produced these conditions in his brain?".

"No," she said, thoughtfully; then positively, "no."

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For answer, the child merely raised his head from his father's shoulder, where he had been resting, and beckoned in the direction of the garden. Then he said: "Raymond does not object to be near real people in the open air, and he may come here on the gallery with us. But if we were in the house, he would not come into the same room where anyone is except me. 'Hello, Raymond,'' and Willis' voice vibrated with a peculiarly tender and happy tone, "sit on the step there."

"You did not answer the question, Willis, which I sent you to ask Raymond some time ago. "Don't you remember," I continued, "you went to ask him to explain why you can see him, while others in the real people's world' cannot?'

"Raymond says," cried the child, "now that he is here near you, that you may speak to him and he will answer through me."

"No, Raymond must excuse me; since he will not speak directly to me, I also prefer to speak through you."

"All right," responded Willis from his perch on his father's knee. Then, after a moment, when he seemed to be listening intently, he said : "Raymond thinks that anyone who has given the thought to psychic phenomena that you have, should understand that. He says you know that there are certain people whose natures are so finely, so strangely attuned that they are the real connecting links between the seen and the unseen, between the physical and psychical worlds, just as the twilight, partaking of the characteristics of both day and night, unite the two, or as night is merged into day through the dawn. Raymond says my nature, being highly sensitive psychically, renders me such a link, therefore I can see him when you cannot."

This, of course, was a remarkable conversation for a 6-year-old child. but its most singular feature was the fact that he, a mere baby and until a few hours before an utter stranger to me, should have known of my interest in psychology. There was, positively, no way in which he could have known, and babies do not, usually, "guess" at such things. But whether he knew, or hit on it as a mere coincidence, how could a boy of 6 discuss such an abstruse question so-clearly?

Raymond's Appearance.

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"Tell, me, Willis," I said after a while, "how does Raymond look?" "He is very much like me. He has blue eyes, pink cheeks, and golden hair, and he is just my height, but he is fatter than I am. And he wears much prettier clothes than I do. He has on now a Russian blouse of white linen."

At these words a new thought struck me, for Willis was dressed in a Russian blouse of white linen, banded with Yale blue. Could it be that this little child possessed the singular power of projecting his own astral body at will? If so, of course he used the law unconsciously, and therefore failed to recognize that the person he saw and called "Raymond" was his own, unknown self. This unknown self of each and all of us possesses all knowledge and with a child of Willis' imaginative type the whole story of Raymond might be easily explained. For the astral form is the exact reproduction of the physical body, even in the smallest detail of attire, and to test my theory, I said:

"Then you and he are dressed alike, for you also have on a white linen blouse.

"O, but mine is not at all like Raymond's, for mine is trimmed with blue and his is all white, such soft, fine white.'

As my theory was proved false by the child's words. I asked:

"Did Raymond ever live in the 'real people's' world?"

"Yes, ever so long ago, and he has often told me about it. When he lived here his home was a large, white stone house. It was a real house, you know, and one day real lightning struck it and it was burned down. Wait a minute-that's so, Raymond, of course stone houses can't burn. Raymond says, the lightning, real lightning, struck it and tore out the doors and part of the walls.'

I was busy with my notes, and I was startled by Willis, who was still on his father's knee and at some distance across the porch from me, say-

ing, in his musical voice: "Raymond is laughing at you, for he says you have written that wrong.

"What is wrong, Willis! I don't understand you ?" I replied.

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Willis Miller and His Spirit Playmate--Raymond Beautiful Words of Advice. (Continued from second page.)

"Raymond says look at your notes and you will see the mistake. He

told you, through me, 'that real lightning struck the house in which he lived and it tore out the doors and part of the walls.' "

'Yes ?'' I said.

"Well, Raymond says you have written windows instead of doors, and he is amused at the error."

I remembered perfectly that Willis had said doors, and I had thought lessly scribbled windows instead, as a glance at my note-book proved. But how could the child have known that when he sat so far from me, and had not seen my notes at all? For they, positively, were in my hands all the time.

"Is Willis talking too much?" I asked his mother, whom I saw was glancing anxiously at the child's bright eyes and flushed face.

"I am always afraid of fever, brain fever," she replied in a low tone. Then she smiled, for the little lids closed suddenly over the wonderful blue eyes, and she motioned for Capt. Miller to be very still while their child slept.

"He will not rest long," the mother said, turning to me; "but it will refresh him greatly."

'Is he delicate? Is he ill often?"

"No," replied Mrs. Miller. "He looks more delicate than he really is, and yet, I am always most anxious about him. Not long ago he was taken ill with high fever from the very first. When the physician came he made me depress Willis' head below the level and keep it immersed in a bowl of water. Finally Willis said:

"How long are you going to keep this up, doctor? I can't stand it formation specified. Raymond says if you will let me lie comfortably in bed and put ice poultices on my head, that I will be well in a few hours."

The physician then ordered the ice poultices, which reduced the fe /er rapidly and the child was quite well in the afternoon," Mrs. Mille said, with a smile.

"Tell her," said the Captain, in a half whisper, "about the car t acks."

Mrs. Miller nodded and said: "Not more than ten days ago Willis explaimed: 'Papa, what keeps two trains of cars, going in opposite direcons, from running into each other when they meet, for I know that here are not double tracks all the way to the big cities?'

"Capt. Miller then tried to explain to him the system of switches,' continued Mrs. Miller, "but Willis could not grasp the idea. Finally he cried, 'Never mind, papa, Raymond says I will understand perfectly parents. the next time you take me to see the car tracks.' A few days later Capt. Miller took Willis down to the tracks," Mrs. Miller explained, "and the child cried, 'Don't say anything, papa; let me see if I can get it by my-self, as Raymond told me I would,' Suddenly he looked up exclaiming, and Mother. 'Certainly, I see it all now. 1 would have understood before, papa, had you told me it worked automatically.' "

A few moments later it was time for me to catch my train, and before saying good-bye to the family, I asked Willis what he liked best in all the world.

'Books," answered the child promptly.

"Well, and what next to books?"

"Mechanics," was the surprising reply. "If you are going now, I will walk to the station with you and papa."

The station was not more than three city blocks away, and between it and the Miller homestead is a grove of magnificent forest trees. As Willis came near this bit of woods he suddenly threw back his head and gave forth a peculiar sound, half song, half whistle. Instantly the cry was answered in exactly the same tone by a chorus of birds in the trees.

I betrayed no surprise as I said to the child: "What did you do then, Willis?" for I had observed that the strange act was done carelessly and with no thought of effect.

"Do you mean when I got on the fence," he said. "No, just after that."

"O, when I jumped up on the telegraph pole ?"

"Just after that," I answered.

"O, then, you mean when I talked to the birds?"

Will you talk to them again?" And once more the child ."Yes. gave vent to that strange musical call.

It was answered instantly by several hundred little feathered throats in the splendid oaks above us.

"Don't stop, Willis! Keep it up," I pleaded, for the strange chorus and the charming little leader fascinated me. And all the way past that

grove of oaks, the child continued to "talk to the birds." 'Does Willis talk to anything else except birds?'' I asked Captain Miller.

"Yes," came the Captain's reply. "I don't understand it any more than any of the other strange things my child does, but he certainly can make all the animals and fowls at home answer his calls at any time, and Willis calls it 'talking.' "

After I had parted with the fascinating and strangely interesting child, I gave myself up to speculation about him. What is the mystery surrounding him? Can it be that he is a psychic of so fine a fibre that both his clairvoyant and clairandient powers put him in instant touch with the astral form of some living child, between whom and Willis, exist not only a strong psychic affinity, but a great physical resem-Or, does it go deeper, is it more far-reaching, more blance as well?

On "How a Boy Should Treat His mitted by the son who, in her sin and serrow, should desert her. Mother." In saying that a boy-should love his

I am so touched with the following splendid thoughts from the pen of the Rev. Thos. B. Gregory, in the Chicago Examiner, that I deem them well wor-thy of reproduction in The Progressive Rev. Thos. B. Gregory, in the Chicago thy of reproduction in The Progressive ber. l'hinker, and I feel sure they will be And surely, is there anything in this

neartily appreciated by every reader.

Mr. Gregory's Words:

Toronto, Canada, Aug. 9, 1905.

My Dear Sir: Please tell me through

the "Examiner" how a boy should treat

his mother, and be-kind enough to send

me a marked copy to Thomasville, Ga. What books could I read to help me to

treat my mother right? More than one

boy is in need of this information.

Disregard for Parents

Should Be Kind to Mother.

Robert E. Williams.

advice:

this office:

Very truly yours,

steadily on the increase.

doubting;

to stand by her.

self to her service.

world that is grander or more heauti-ful to behold than the sight of a grate-I also wish to append one of my fitting poems to the same as my soul's ful child-a son or daughter true to endorsement of Mr. Gregory's words of mother, true to father, loving them, devoted to them, living to make their old age comfortable and happy?

The subject of this article is suggest-Sees No Nobler Sight. ed by the following letter received at As God looks down upon the ways of

men He sees no nobler sight. And the reward of it! Ah! There is nothing like it under the sun!

To know that you love father and mother; that you have ever treated them with perfect respect; that you have always tried to make them glad and that you have never failed to do what you could to promote their peace and happiness-to know this is to know the richest joy that life affords!

Mr. Williams is quite right in saying When the great Mirabeau was dying that more than one boy (and he might have added girl) is in need of the inhe called for flowers and music, desir ing to die in the midst of sweet odors and rich melodies.

I am sure that the sweetest fragrance One of the most alarming, as well as the richest music that any one can have one of the most shameful signs of the about him in the solemn death hour is time in which we live is the growing the memory of fillal gratitude, the rec-disregard of children for their parents. ollection of the fact that he was always There were never so many ungrateful, true to father and mother.

disrespectful children in the world as there are today, and the number is Be'Patient With Your Mother, In far too many instances "Father" Do not speak cross to your mother, and "Mother" are being succeeded by though your angry heart may break, "The Old Man" and "The Old Woman," For you do not know the hours she has for whom the "kids" seem to have but suffered for your sake, little of the warm, filial love and beau. And you cannot tell what moment that tiful filial respect that used to characher earthly sun may set,

terize the child's feeling toward the Then for every cross word spoken you will carry a regret. I am very glad, therefore, of the op-

portunity of speaking a word or two Her old neart is often meaning and in portunity of speaking a word or two eyes oft filled with tears, upon so vital a subject as that of a While her thoughts are for her children while her ther children while her thoughts are for her children while h in the coming of the years. Her kind spirit knows no falter in the

duty of her own. And her bosom covers sorrows by her "How should a boy treat his mother?" children never known. Is that the question I am to answer?

Then I answer it quickly and unhes All grandchildren are her idols, aye, far tatingly, without a moment's halting or more to her than gold,

And though sometimes while correcting A boy should treat his mother with . she may get real cross and scold, a heartfelt, uniform kindness. He There is always warm and tender in should strive to love her with all his

her voice's undertone heart, and soul, and mind, and strength, That deep feeling of affection that true and to love her that way right along. It would not be a bad thing if every mothers only own.

boy in, the land, upon getting up in the Oft her language may be cutting when morning, were to say solemnly to him-self: "This day, O God, help me to But be patient, she's your mother, and

dearly love my mother." I say a boy should love his mother "right along," continuously, always. her nerves are not so young. She was patient, kind and gentle to her

children in the past, "Once a mother always a mother" is And it is a bounden duty that they love the word that every son should thorher to the last.

No matter what the mother does, no She may scold you as she used to in the matter how low she may fall, no matdays that are gone by, ter what clouds may settle upon her, Till it wounds your very spirit and you she is your mother, and it is your duty

feel that you must cry, But be patient with your mother, yes,

direr her troubles and misfortunes, the be calm e'en then and smile, more firmly should you dedicate your-self to her service

Kindly make her life, a heaven while Nothing Should Change Love. Even though it should come to the If you have the kind of spirit to appreclate your birth. I. point where you could no longer re-

spect her, you should keep on loving Through the sunshine; and the shadows spect her, you should here. The mother may sin, for she is hu- And your love and sweetest, kindness man, but she can commit no sin so to your mother is now title. DB T WILKINS, rank and monstrous as would be com-DR. T. WILKINS.

THE RELIGION OF A SCIENTIST. HERE'S A DADDY'S SONG.

The Universe is the Visible Manifestation of an Underlying Omnipresent and Omniscient Mind.

That father's name employ? Why, then, I'll right the monstrous Professor Dubois' subject was "The Come, boy, and hear thy daddy's song. Religion of a Scientist." It was atten-tively listened to by a large congrega-To maintain that tion. Continuing he said: "Such observa-

Life Remains an Unsolved Mystery. science, and metaphysical and philo-

The Great Secret.

The index of material and spiritual

* * * "The whole boundless universe

After all our deepest study and

The great secret ever remains undis-

The Living Universe.

Is life-there are no dead."

not."

sophic thought, points to one conclu-sion: that life is inherent in matter and The question of the origin of life is one that appeals strongly to the mind of the learned and the unlearned, the scientist and the most unthinking and untaught man of the wold woods.

Whether life is, ab initio, in the very primal essence of all things, matter and is immanent in all existence. spirit, and always was there, from beginningless eternity, and therefore is eliminating or destroying all without origin from or at any definite point in the duration of eternal being or existence-whether its primal selfhood (so to speak) is in a God-Source of all that is, an essential principle of Being-or whether it be a product of have been subjected. pre-existent forces and elements that conjoined and combined, are its formative factors-who shall tell?

Deepest inquiring minds in all ages have sought to solve the problem; phil- dead, lifeless matter. As the poet osophers, Materialist and Spiritualist, says: ancient and modern, have delved deep and soared high, to search out the mystery.

Recently Dr. Littlefield, of Indiana, declared that he has disvovered nathought, man is forced to confess; How ture's method of producing life. "From minerals subjected to chemical action little we know! he has produced microscopic plant covered—the great problem unsolved— forms, and from the decomposition of so that finally with Dante one is imvegetable matter he has evolved dis. pelled to exclaim: tinct types of animal life," he states,

The question is: Did his methods Which wrings me sorely if I solve it originate life, or merely produce certain nanifestations of a life principle that already existed in the elements he manipulated?

Another scientist, Prof. Jacques Loeb of the University of California, is said to have fertilized the eggs of the sea A new "Principia," that is, a new urchin by immersing them in a salt so- statement of the science of today as lution. But was there not already life monumental as the great work of Newton, is demanded by a writer in the in the egg, and in the salt water? When

he shall have produced a fertilized egg without the use of pre-existing life ma-Scientific American, who says in part: "When gravitation was discovered and terial, he will have come nearer to the its phenomena reduced to rigid law all men saw at once that it was part of the great secret. Prof. Burke of Cambridge University, base of the existing order of things. is said to have produced "a primitive But Crookes' first vacuum tube made us form of life" by subjecting bouillon in aware of the existence of phenomena

test tubes to the action of radium. Did equally important. Radiation is as not the vital principle already exist in basic as attraction. And it may easily the radium and the bouillon? be imagined to be actually of greater And now comes Prof. Metchnikoff of use in the sidereal structure, if one

the Pasteur Institute of Paris, who in- mode of activity can be more potent sistently declares that his researches than another. Every nook and corner prove that there is no God!

Some years ago in Chicago, at a nature of things is, saturated with ra-meeting of a Liberal League, a young diations and of many kinds of phases. man declared: "I KNOW there is no Is it not as great to find that there is a God." flux everywhere within the universe as Being of a modest disposition, the to detect the laws of gravitation? It

present writer did not, as he felt like may prove to be greater. The sun may doing, arise and declare: Mr. Chairman, not be required to shrink in diameter I have found God!, It is the young man nine inches daily to maintain its pres-who just declared he knows there is no ent rate of radiation. The process of God. To know there is no God, one receiving and sending out corpuscles is must be omniscient and omnipresent; competent to supply all its radio activ-and as this young man positively knows ity. And it can issue many kinds of radiance, so long as the interchange there is no God, he must be God, himwith other suns is maintained. The self.

The process that hatches sea unchins' problem here now is so much larger eggs does not create the egg and its fer-tilizable principle. than any ever presented to man before that all others appear to be childlike in

If life can be produced by the action of radium, the vital privciple must have from space, and use these obscure radi-existed in the radium; otherwise it ations from our own and other suns. could not produce life; and the old axom, "ex nlhilo, nihil fit," "out of noth- balanced by radiance and attraction, ing, nothing comes," would be proven 'swim in space' in regions adjacent to false. Radium cannot give what it does suns; but vast quantities not in the not possess. Unless the rays nave life, clutch of critical forces escape and dart they cannot produce life. The thing into space. These are surely the cor-produced must exist potentially in that puscles of electricity exploited by

which produces it. Thomson. For three years the floods of Originating life is one thing; produc- mail received here, letters, essays, paming living forms, or manifestations of phlets, books, everything, have one inlife, by the conjunction or blending of evitable trend and tendency, and that molecules or atoms in which life already exists, is quite another proposi- base. In other words, nothing exists tion.

What is life? Herbert Spencer says: here from all directions. This universe "Life is a definite combination of heter- is now maintained by 'action at a disogeneous changes, both simultaneous' telligence, Spencer's definition seems wofully barren and deficient. And so,

tance'; that is, radio-activity is its sole and successive, corresponding with ex-ternal co-existences and sequences." idea in this. It is exceeding familiar. idea in this. It is exceeding familiar When we think of the marvelous, the All have heard of it thus: 'Action and wonderful exhibitions of spirit and in-reaction are equal.' This is flux and flow of radiance in a nutshell. "Then the universe is alive, is a living

too, the definitions of other material organism. This is familiar also; it was istic and semi-materialistic philoso- said in India many thousands of years phers-for Spencer disclaimed that he ago, and has teemed on the pages of all Aryan literature since. None gave it

son: that life is inherent in matter and in spirit, in the physical atom and in spiritual substance, in organic forms and in the eternal primal essence, sub-stance or principle, that underlies and stance or principle, that underlies and IF YOU ARE Chemists in their laboratory investi gations and manipulations speak of BLIND life in their 'test preparations-but it is far or have Failing Sight, Cataracts, Granulated Lids Weak and Concested Eyes, Scars, Scums of Ulcer from proved that there can be any sub stance without life, that life does not **80 PAGE BOOK ON EYE DISEASES** inhere in the essence of all substance which tells how to cure these eye diseases by a sim, method at your own home. Describes and illustra whatever the process to which it may

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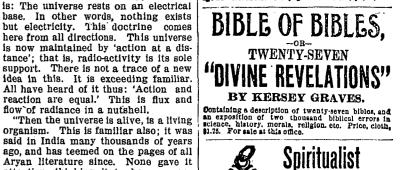
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strange, more mysterious still? Can little Willis Miller really stand for But first a toss high in the air, one of those wonderful metaphysical marvels which have occasionally startled the world?

These questions, wide and deep as they are, may never be answered satisfactorily. Nevertheless the remarkable child, Willis Miller, will challenge the keen, close and subtle investigation of the psychologists of the age.

Having heard and read of several remarkable feats in photography recently where faces of invisible presences have appeared in the most inexplicable and mysterious manner on certain photographs, I desired to test if the case of Willis and Raymond held similar opportunity.

I wrote to Willis to this effect and his printed reply-he cannot write -is appended:

"DEAR MRS. RENO. YOU. ASKED. ME. TO. SEE. IF. RAY-MON. WOULD. LET. HIS. PICTURE. BE. MADE. IN. WITH. MINE. HE. SAID. HE. WOULD.

"YOUR. LITTLE. FRIEND. "WILLIS."

If the test should be verified-but as Kipling would say, that will be a story in itself.-Nashville Banner.

BODY THE INSTRUMENT OF SPIRIT | not have manifested itself by returning consciousness.

Some Trenchant Reflections by Dr. H. V. Sweringen, In the Record-Herald.

I noticed a recent article in the Battle Ground from the pen of Dr. G. Frank

Lydston in which he proposes in one fell swoop to obliterate and annihilate the spiritualistic idea of the day. Dr. Lydston advances in opposition

to the spiritualistic hypothesis the wellworn materialistic argument: "A blow upon the head, and presto, change! the liver secretes bile? Is it not just as spiritual quality departs and leaves but rational to conclude that the brain is a a groveling clod, lower, perhaps, in battery in the employ of the "spiritual instincts, lower, far lower, in its actions" body" and subject to the environments than the most degraded animal."

than the most degraded animal. But is this argument conclusive? As well conclude that because the batteries, longer fit for use? Are not inequalities wires and instruments of a telegraphic of mentality explained by the inequali-Mistru. ont were disabled and powerless to trans it intelligence the intelligence which it is expressed? Would not the was not there to be transmitted.

immortal spirit, the essential life prin-I have observed a number of cases of ciple of the idiot and imbecile, express fracture of the skull with resulting itself as intelligently and forcefully as coma from compression, and in every that of the highest intellect if his brain

case wherein the damage done to the ware fit for such expression? Drain was not too great the elevation of the depressed fragments of bone by the operation known as trephining was nose to smell? Does the destruction followed promptly by the return of con- of the eye destroy also the mental casciousness—the mind, the soul, the mentality, the conscious ego, the spirit, ngain resuming the use of its tool, the mental "spiritual body?" If so, then

The mere fact that the expression of material brain totally destroy thought brain. mentality was entirely sispended during mind, spirit, intelligence? May not the ing the period of pressure upon the or-gan through which that mentality is ex-composed of matter so subtle, so delipressed in this case is no evidence at cate, so fine as to be entirely invisible all that when the brain dies the mind, and unrecognizable by any of the senses soul or spirit dies also. How shall we in our present state of being, and thus account for the return of consciousness prove the truth of immortality or a fuwhen the brain by which it is expressed ture existence from the materialist's repaired? What was the condition own point of view?

of the spirit or soul during the period Intervening between the receipt of the impress us with any very great materiinjury and the relief of the resulting ality, and yet we know it exists. "The brain pressure? It certainly did not ab- wind bloweth where it listeth," but we solutely cease to exist, else it would cannot tell by its sound whence it com-

To hear his merry shout, And then a tickle here and there,

Must all thy songs be mother songs,

My bonny baby boy? Do poets write no other songs,

wrong;

To bring the dimples out, And then a romp upon the bed, Oh, precious little tousle-head! Now. then. wee barefoot boy, take care!

Run swiftly o'er the floor, And father'll be a bruin bear, And growl and bite and paw! Why, bless us, boy, what flimsy stuff! Dad's song is rag-time, sure enough.

There, now of play we've had our hll, 'Tis cuddle-time, I know. (How very bright his eyes are still!)

"Hush, baby mine, by-low!" Come, come, you little rascal, you, Dad's had enough of peek-a-boo! Hush, hush, my boy, to sleep with thee! (I wish his mammy'd come!) Thy father'll turn into a bee If longer he must hum.

Ah, well, to lull a child to rest, An, well, to full a child to fest, A mother song, perchance, is best. —Boston Trnascript.

SWEET PINKS FROM TACOMA.

(G. E. K.) Fragrant and beautiful, dear little flowers, Laden with perfume from 'Coma's fair Suppose nothing had been done for a

curable case of this character, and bowers, So long imprisoned in darkness and death of the whole body had supervened? If death ends all, at what time

gloom, Drooping and dying in your fullness of did the mind, soul or spirit die? Immediately after the coma supervened, or bloom. not until the whole body died, twelve,

Come out from thy prison-house into twenty-four or forty-eight hours later? Is it not just as philosophical to say the light. And whisper sweet messages cheery that the mind or spirit uses the brain

and bright; as a tool as it is to say that the brain Speak low all thy secrets, tell me of the fact of the uniformity of nature. uses the spirit or mind as a tool, or that the brain secretes thought as the ODG

Who sent thee so far from thy dear Washington. Look up, little flowerets, abide for a

day; Your mission fulfilled must you now of the physical "natural body," its impass away?

See, in the blue heavens, the bright stars abound, 'I They twinkle and smile as on fair

Puget's Sound. Ah, dear little flowers, so pure and so

fair. Still wafting sweet perfumes far out on the air;

Like you may I bring to some heart a bright ray Of sunshine and gladness and thenfade away.

IRENE CLIFTON. Cincinnati, Ohio,

eth or whither it goeth. The perfume of a flower we do not see, hear, taste or feel, being conscious of its presence by a single sense only, that of smell; the more we destroy the integrity of the flower, its materiality, its organic structure, by crushing, the greater is the manifestation of the presence of its

fragrance. If, as the doctor seems to acknowlwn point of view? The atmosphere we breathe does not bodied spirits, may it not be just barely possible that disembodied spirits may thus communicate with embodied ones H. Fort Wayne, Ind. H. V. SWERINGEN.

tion and study have led us everywhere and always to recognize what is known in science as the law or principle of the uniformity of nature. This is the ac-cepted basis of all the conclusions of science. Upon it we daily risk our lives and our fortunes. Without it no science is possible. Without it the simplest ex-periment loses its force and -value and the whole structure of science falls to the ground. The man of science, therefore, accepts it to the uttermost.

The Creed of Science.

"This is the creed of the man of science which he cannot renounce without mental suicide-briefly, the same causes must always produce the same results.

"The will that sways the universe is not only omnipresent but also omniscient, and because omniscient uniform in action. Hence we observe such uniformity of action in nature.

"Our human wills may or may not be free at all. By the freedom here I do not mean absence from restraint, but absolutely self-controlled, not affected by exterior circumstanced

"Now, to such a will as we speak of there can be no exterior circumstances, because all circumstances are due to it.

Three Great Facts. "There are three great facts univer-sally accepted by science as unquestionably true, viz.: the fact of universal gravitation; the fact of human volition as conditioning the motion and state of aggregation of matter; and lastly, the

"The direct and unavoidable conclusion from these three facts, is that the universe is the visible manifestation to is of an underlying omnipresent and

omniscient mind guided by intelligent and conscious purpose. In science we deal with related phenomena.

"The laws of thought are found to be embodied in the visible results of na-We know nothing (absolutely. ture. Ideals alone are exact.

Religion and Science.

"As science is the werification of the ideal in nature, so religion stands fast as the verification of the spiritual, both in nature and in life, In days long past science and faith went hand in hand, and there was peace. Then came an hour when they lost(step.¹⁷We all know. the sad result.

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To maintain that life is simply a man- attention, thinking it to be a vagary ifestation of chemical affinity, falls of some poet. The reception and emischort of accounting for spirit and intel- sion of electrical corpuscies by every sun in existence are the causes of every ligence.

Life is that wonderful mysterious conceivable phase of radiance. These principle which organizes matter into two combined constitute the life of living beings. It is not evolution, for nature." JAS. C. UNDERHILL.

simply the method of life's operations. Hammond, Ind.

LETTER FROM AN OCTOGENARIAN | nize their relatives and friends, con verse with them in the native language

of the visitors, write in legible hand on tablets at the rate of one thousand In Which He Details His Remarkable Experiences-One Thousand Words words in a minute, draw life-size por-Written in a Minute by Materialized traits in a minute of the visitors, Spirits-Remarkable Spirit Paintings friends or relatives, in a deep twilight Executed in a Very Brief Period of without brush or pencil, some of these in a locked box; and oil paintings of

Time. portraits equal in beauty and execution To the Editor: —I was educated in the State University of Michigan and at galleries (and I have seen some valued galleries (and I have seen some valued the age of sixteen attended its first sesat \$20,000), done in five minutes withsions. I will soon be 85 years of age, out brush or pencil in the visible form, and I retain my mental powers as clearof all present. And I was well acquaintly as ever. I was an early student of Spiritualism. I have given it a great ed with Prof. Lenton, who took an act-

ive part in these seances. Mr. Barrett is mistaken. He has deal of attention; as my father's family, with the exception of one brother, have never seen these phenomena; I have;

E. J. SCHELLHOUS.

KIND WORDS ARE BEST.

Through this mystic space called "life,"

Filled with daily joys and strife,

They will soothe the weary heart;

Kind words are best.

Kansas City, Mo.

passed to the higher life and all of my so have thousands of others: and a witfamily, nearly forty years ago, with all of whom I have often conversed in visness who has seen is better than one who has not seen. I have not, nor ever have had one

ible materialized form. Paine's Age of Reason was put into cent of pecuniary interest in this matmy hands at the age of 14, and I have never been influenced by religious emoter; but when I see men making such statements as I have quoted, I feel like tions, and consequently have no early correcting them. I make no comments eachings to combat, which is usually on Mr. Barrett's motive. He is perfectthe case.

ly honest and conscientious, and is do-ing what he feels it to be his duty. While some of your correspondents are very zealous on both sides of the I write this in the spirit of kindness questions discussed, as a silent spectaand fraternal regard, and I want you to or I can see how they feel in the mataccept it in the same spirit which I

trust you will. ter. Their zeal sometimes runs away with their discretion, and what seems to

them true, to them is true. I was more amused than surprised in reading in No. 822 the words of President Barrett, where he says: "There are those who are writing to me, ask ing of me what shall be done?" Manv write to me what shall be done? And 1 answer: "Go and see for yourselves, have but little faith in those who take the advice of anyone in matters of this

But to proceed. He answers: "I can see but one thing to be done. Declare in positive terms to the world the demonstration of Sir William Crookes in regard to materialization, then honestly admit that as Spiritualists, we have not added an iota of evidence to his conclu-

Kind words are hest. nothing to offer the world to-day in this respect, and that we advise all investi-Where'er we are, whate'er our lot, Unkind words are dearly bought; sators outside of the scientists in their laboratories, to let materialization alone—that, is, the materialization as Kind words are best. As angel touch, they softly greet; alone—that; is, the indicidulation as a and total, any start, grow, practiced by the so-called physical me-diums of to day." Kind words are best. LOU ELLA YOUNG.

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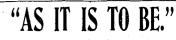
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Though at times we strongly feel To utter words like polished steel. Kind words are best. They leave no bitter sting behind, Those words so gentle, calm and kind, That but our hearts the closer bind,

diums of to-day." When I consider the long and intimate acquaintance I have had with ma-Camden, Maine.

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Mrs. E. V. Wilson Gone Higher.

Through her granddaughter, Mrs. H. A. Born, we learn that the wife of E. V. Wilson, that grand old pioneer worker in the cause of Spiritualism, passed to spirit life, August 28, at 5:45 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Jellis, of Valparaiso, Ind. No particulars have been re-ceived regarding her death at present writing, but we are moved to say, one by one time removes the old workers, the old landmarks, and soon there will be none of the original workers to tell the tale of persecution, struggle and bitter denunciation encountered for Spiritualism at its birth; but the truth they so heriocally battled for has come to stay, and that must be gratifying to the spirits of those old ploneers in the cause.

Great is Humbuggery.

"There are tricks in every trade but mine," says the honest toiler. Whilst the adage may seem true with the me-

present century may lose its inspiring attraction and be laid away forever in chanic, we apprehend it is also true the next. with the professions, of which even the It matters but little by what name clerical is not exempt, and the medical the rose may be known, the fragrance heed not be excused. We beg pardon is there. It is the value to the world tian Science has been a pecuniary suc-

Spiritualism as a Cult or Organization. Founding New Religions 69 a Business Enterprise. Spiritualiam as a cult or organization

may not be making notably rapid "Public Opinion," in a late issue unprogress, but Spiritualism proper, the der the head of "Wealth of New Religtruth underlying it, the principies for ions," by Louis Paul Kirby, seems to which it stands and the knowledge of show that love of God and His anointed a conscious future state of spiritual erare not the only motives for founding istence are expanding and have adthe new faith. The writer sets out with vanced to that proportion where it is the proposition-

hard to determine the full extent of its "It takes no capital to start a new re ligion, or a get-rich-quick enterprise. Both fields of activity are crowded with THE WORLD IS AGLOW WITH ITS needy adventurers. Those who become inventors of new religions, and found-LIGHT. Science has felt the effect of its coming; the churches and the comers of queer communities sometimes meet with storms; but oftener enter mon, non-religious human beings, are placid waters, and their guerdons sur-pass the dreams of avarice. ** America set to thinking, and to investigating its phenomena, which in reality, belong to has always had a weakness for fantas-tic religions. Millions of dollars, amassed by thrift, industry, and selfno cult, and cannot be controlled by This advanced world; this advanced denial, are swallowed up every year by schemers masquerading as prophets or age; this advanced human mentality,

inspired teachers; and the strangest part of it all is, the men and women betokens an underlying force that is impartial, universal, in its intents and who thus yield up their savings are purposes, if there be such. It betokens hard-headed enough to defy all work-awhat we call design, backed by intelliday assaults on their pocket-books." gence, that has no prejudices, no pref-The writer then introduces a series of erences, no special channels through wealth-producing founders of new religwhich to express; only those, by law lons, only one of which we introduce this week, but will try and make room

of adaptation, best fitted for use. AS ITS GUIDE SPIRITUALISM for the residue in the near future. He CLAIMS NOTHING BUT THE RIGHT begins with the founder of Christian TO MODERN DISCOVERY OF AN Science, and says: OLD TRUTH, and the privilege of

"In the beginning Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy opened a sort of 'faith cure' presenting it to a modern world in its poarding house, which she called by the grandiloquent name of 'Massachusetts Organized, it has a personnel and be-Metaphysical College.' That was thirty years ago. Mrs, Eddy was then an atcomes an institution to take its place among the similar institutions of the tractive young woman who had been wice married, and was seeking a pleasant means of earning her bread and Unorganized (and that means a large butter. She, probably, had no idea at that time that great riches would be majority of the Spiritualists of the world) it is working its way through

poured into her lap, or that her 'Church of Christ, Scientist,' would every conceivable avenue of receptivity cause such numerous desertions from and acceptance into the minds and the older congregations of the land as to alarm the clergy. IT IS A GREAT MOVEMENT UPON "For fourteen years Mrs. Eddy plod-ded along with her 'faith cure' boarding THE EARTH, and all the more important by having come at a time when house. Then, sixteen years ago, she opened her first church of Christian Scithe world was groping in' the black

entists in Boston, with twenty-six memfog and darkness of ignorance, superstibers. It had taken her all those years tion and blind faith, with no real founto gather together that little band of dation upon which to rest any kind of followers. After that things went with leaps and bounds. 'The Mother Church' in Boston now has 15,000 mem-While Christianity, in its envy and bers and there are more than 500 ealous madness was burning witches Christian Science congregations scatat the stake it was destroying all the tered throughout the country. They are evidence it had of a future life,, aside increasing every year. Some of the from the records handed down in the bible, which could then only be con-Christian Science temples are structures of great architectural beauty. In

sidered "hearsay." BUT IT WOULD NOT DOWN! It New York the two churches facing the west side of Central Park are regularly was left to be re-discovered by honest, unsuspecting, innocent little children. visited by sight seers. "The immense profits that accrue through the investion of a new religion It rapped at the door and the children heard, and after testing its veracity, and knowing it was not evil, they let are made clear by the admission of Mrs. Eddy, that she abandoned her it in. THEY TOUCHED THE BUT-TON THAT LIGHTED THE WORLD. 'Metaphysical College,' although her income from it was \$40,000 a year, to de-They were not Spiritualists, they were vote her time exclusively to the up just children; curious, questioning, in-quiring, honest little children. They building of Christian Science. That this step was not in the nature of a sac-

had not done anything that should rifice is shown in still further admis-sions-made by her secretary-that it make them fear an evil one, and as they could see no one, just out of child-ish curiosity they asked questions and is her custom to give away in charity more than \$2,000 every year, and that she began this liberality as far back as 1895, when her church was only six got their answers in noises wherever they designated, on the head of their bed, the wall, the ceiling, the floor, etc., years old. If it were not ungallant it and their curiosity opened the door bemight be added that these figures would ween the world mortal and the world indicate that Mrs. Eddy's nest must immortal, between the spirit of man de have been well feathered at the beginparted and man on earth. People inning of these disbursements, for she is vestigated; people wondered; people a woman who believes that charity be called it the works of the Devil; peogins at home.

ple finally gathered about in homes "During the past ten years Mrs. Ed dy's profits, including bequests, are said to have amounted to fully \$1,000. circles, got communication through the same and other means, and 000. When the \$200,000 Christian Sci name of Spiritualism, a name ever dear ence church was built in Boston the But this is no reason for the perma-

congregation offered to give her title to the property. She refused the offer This was hailed as a sign of unworldliness, but the truth was, Mrs. Eddy had become glutted with wealth. Money flowing to her from a dozen sources, she had no desire for the deed to a pal-try \$200,000 church."

From this presentation of Mr. Kirby it would appear the founding of Chris-

A Fact, With Questions.

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veracity.

for Googlor Evil, Every Spoken Word Goes Forth and Carries Its Waves of Motion_into_the Atmosphere-Facts Worthy of Attention.

BOUND FORMS ILLUSTRATED.

A CARLES AND A CARLE

By scintific experiments [as set forth in the Message of Life] it has been found that the vibrations which produce-musicst sounds emerge and travel as figures of great beauty and va-riety. Various attempts have been riety. Various attempts have been made to render the sonorous vibrations visible. Chiladhi succeeded in his ex-periments by settering powder or sand on plates of mass and then drawing a violin box across one of the edges of the plate inder many varied and lovely figures, rairlike and geometrical, were produces according to the note played. Mrs. When Hushes, an English lady, has later been experimenting in this field of research, and has invented an instrument which she calls the eldo-phone, for the transmission and expresphone, for the transmission and expres ion of the sonorous vibrations. It con sists simply of a kind of speaking trum-pet with an upward bend in it, the top of which is carefully covered with a well-stretched membrane of India-rubber. The membranes used are of differ-ent degrees of thickness, and the discs over which the membrane is stretched also vary in size according to the powder. or liquid used in the experiments and the lung capacity of the voice, and also according to the figures required. Upon the membrane fine sand or lyco-podium is sprinkled, or prepared watercolor, such as flake white, is placed upon it, and upon the singing of any note through the trumpet a figure is produced upon the sensitive surface of the membrane. These figures are won-

derfully varied, and most of them very ceautiful, consisting of geometrical pat terns, crystals and shell forms, flowers leaves, and even trees and beautiful landscapes.

Besides sand and lycopodium figures Mrs. Hughes experimented with water or milk, with which she flooded the disc; and then, when a note was sung through the tube, the liquid surface be came at once covered with regular wavelets in beautiful patterns, the wavelets varying in size according to the number of vibrations of the notes sung. When flake white or red lead was added to the water many of the curves of the liquid became more definite and spread cut into forms suggest. ive of roots, branches and foliage.

In experimenting it has been found that the figures produced bear a strict relation to the pitch and intensity of the notes sung into the trumpet. It would seem, then, that the vibrations of the air forced from the larvax are sent forth in rhythmical waves which take shape in perfect accord with the note and its density. Every note has corresponding form which has a distinct individuality, any slight variation of pitch or intensity from the original note altering the form in some way. In order to produce any particular igure, the note must be sung with the exact amount of intensity, and in the exact pitch by which the form was originally produced, certain figures, in fact, will only form under the influence of simple tones.

That a single note sung into a tube should, on a simple membrane, be translated into a figure so involved, so exquisite, so full of meaning, as most of these pictures are, must, indeed, "give us pause," and carry our thoughts to that which lies in the realm of the unseen, for these figures reveal what hitherto has "been "inseen-something of that tremendous ocean of voice-vibrations which flood the world with their million myriads of forms, in the midst of which we live and move and have

our being, For good or evil, every spoken word oes forth and carries its waves of motion into the atmosphere. To do what? Who can say? All we know is that those waves go forth and take their place and exert their influence upon the sum total of vibrations that pulsate everywhere upon the brain or the finer

Registered in the surrounding atmosphere, every cadence tells. The utterance of impatience and of anger as well as the expression of kindness and affection, are sent forth into that invisible world where all the subtle causes are. "Dowie and His Millions," and there Who can tell what influences the forms produced may have upon the feelings learn how "Tail oaks from little acorns



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A COMPARISON.	BEAUTIFUL PHENOMENA.
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Christian Russia and Pagan Japan.	Strange and Wonderful Sunsets Beheld.

To the Editor :--- Mr. James Sargent If any of the readers of The Pro gressive Thinker have ever witnessed ractically opposes peace between Rus-

sia and Japan until the former triumphs a phenomenal sunset like the following, over the latter. He has issued a three lease report. In the year 1893, my wife, Mrs. Ellen column address to the Russian people which is printed in full in the "Los An-geles Times," of August 13, 1905. The original copy has been delivered to valid, and her guides said that her original copy has been delivered to valid, and her guides said that her Paul Kesakevitch, Russian Consul at physical was in such a bad condition it would be necessary for them to almost build a new body; which promise has San Francisco, to be forwarded to Rus-A copy has also been sent to Sergius Witte, Russia's chief envoy to the been fulfilled.

One evening of the year 1894, as Mrs. Peace Conference. The following is Sweet stood looking at a clear sunset, the concluding portion of the address: fully enjoying the sight of the beautiful fully enjoying the sight of the beautiful

"Are we, for the first time, to see this cast upon the fleecy clouds near the pages of history draped in black the setting sun, a voice said to her, recording the fail of Christianity before "You shall yet see a far more wonder-Paganism? O, Russia; rise up in thy ful sunset."

In the spring of 1903, Mrs. Sweet's might, awake, shake off thy lethargy; Remember the centuries of war you waged for God and Christianity. Resister, Rebekah Owen, then living at Fleetwood, Eng., was preparing to come to America, and in one of Mrs. Sweet's member the wars of Napoleon's time; how they brought you down, how thy letters to her sister in England she de soil was desecrated by the footprints scribed the colors of the steamer Reof thy enemies, how even thy holy city. bekah would sail on in coming to Moscow, and the sacred Kremlin, fell America. When Rebekah came to the in the hands of thy foes. Job, with all wharf she said she "was very particular his successive calamities was not as to note if the steamer was painted as hopeless as you were then, and you rose Mrs. Sweet had described it," and to her out of the ashes like a sphinx, stronger surprise, it was exactly as described. and more mighty than ever. Does his-After Rebekah arrived at our home tory record in those trying times a she said to Mrs. S., "How could you tel single individual who wanted peace the color of the boat?" "Why, I could see it." with his foes? No, a thousand times no.

Some time previous to Rebekah's ar-Your fathers fought like heroes, sacrificed all they possessed, and gladly rival in this country, on March 11, 1903. offered their lives as a last token of Mrs. Sweet was standing at the west love for their fatherland. And now window of our home, again looking at the sun setting, when to her great comes a proposition for peace suggested in such dishonorable terms, that amazement a most wonderful phenomeone's blood boils at the very thought of non met her gaze. For a short time she t. Peace, no; War! War! Send forth stood transfixed; then, as she desired thy sons, O, Russia, avenge thyself, satthat I, too, should witness the beautiful sight, she called to me from the garden urate the soil with the precious blood and I went in at once, when in her ex-citement she tock me by the arm and of thy youth, though they fall by thous-Give ands, and hundreds of thousands. in to the Heathen; Never; Fight on! led me up to the window and asked me if I could see anything unusual between Do not surrender on the first reverse. us and the sun? I looked and in aston-Show thy grit! Fight on! Do not stop ishment at what I saw, told her, "Yes, I because you have been scratched, but fight on, with your last breath, for it see a lot of blue balls or orbs about becomes a true Christian. O, Russia; eight inches in diameter," and in lookdost thou not read history? Have not ing longer some of orbs assumed colors legions of our martyrs died upholding the cross, and through their death the cause of Christianity grew stronger and six or eight of the orbs would form in a stronger? What will thy children and cluster, seemingly attached together, children's children say, when they turn moving or sailing, sometimes in one diback the pages of history and see the rection, then in another. None of them black spot of Russia's ignominy? It stood still long at a time. black spot of Russia's ignominy? It stou stin long at a time. is not Russia and Japan. It is Chris-tianity against Paganism, the Cross of Christ against Idolatry, the white crainet the values"

Constitution whereby God and Christ shall be recognized and the Bible made the corner stone of legislation. Crafts believes in circulating literahe boasts of having presented to Concommittee, but a few have reached a reading and been honored by speeches for and against. Now this crafty Crafts has compiled all these rejected attempts to throttle liberty of action and speech, into a book of 800 pages, and as the matter. has all been reported in the Congressional Record he claims the right to

send it through the mails free under the franking privilege. The postal authorities it appears are obliged under the law to burden the mails with the book, according to the rules. But Crafts does not propose to send out the book for nothing. If those who receive it do not wish to pay 35 cents for it, they are directed on the wrapper to return it-

also at the government's expense. It is a cunningly devised scheme to sow the plans and ideas of the "God-inthe-Constitution" party among the people. The expectation is that the read-ers will give the matter more attention than it received at the hands of legislators, and that they will petition and write letters to Congressmen thus bringng a pressure to bear on them.

In this propagation of a scheme of the most bigoted of religious denomina-tions, the government is forced to take a hand, furnishing mail facilities at an annual cost of thousands of dollars. The most saddening and hopeless aspect of this infamous scheme is that he press of this country in abject fear, dare not mention it even as news. The fear of losing subscribers makes it a slave, or a tool in the hands of bigotry. HUDSON TUTTLE,

Editor-at-Large N. S. A.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR-AT-LARGE.

To the Executive Board N. S. A.-Respected Sirs:-I have the pleasure to eport my work from June 1 to September 1, 1905. I have furnished the fol-lowing contributions to the press: The Public Schools and the Bible; Reply to Rev. Bard in Walla Walla Sunday) Union.

Review of Passing Events: Spiritualsm in New Zealand-Ella Wheeler Wilcox-Dr. Carter, The Progressive Thinker, Banner of Light.

Another Clergyman Sees a Gleam of light. The Sunflower. Review of Passing Events-Sardou-

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cisms on the N. S. A. Considered—The Official Register. Banner of Light and The Progressive Thinker.

One Hundred Dollars Reward for a lew Truth in Theology: Reply to Rev. Eaton, Northwestern Advocate. The Sunflower.

Reply to attack in Public Opinion New York City). Published in that journal.

Value of the Report of the Seybert Commission. Banner of Light. Review of Passing Events -Who Are the Infidels ?- Reply to Public Opinion. formed in the shape of a person and settled on the roof af a house standing Banner of Light and The Progressive one hundred feet to the west from our Thinker. home. Sometimes these orbs would "Beware of Faise Prophets." Reply to Rev. Stupp in Wheeling Register (Suncome close to us, and the whole western sky seemed filled with them. day edition.) Frofessor Richet and Psychical Re-As Mrs. Sweet and her sister were search; second article. Light, Lonone day talking upon spiritual subjects. don, Eng. The International Reform Bureau; A Menace to Free Thought. The Sunderful and beautiful sunset." The next flower. In this work I have mapped out I evening Mrs. S. had forgotten her prom have had many local helpers who seeise to Rebekah, but she reminded Mrs ing the necessities of the occasions, S. of it. They then went together to have availed themselves of the opportuthe west window and as they looked nities furnished by their local papers. toward the sun, Mrs. Sweet said, "Love Among these I now only mention and harmony must prevail," and after embracing and kissing each other, the "Quaker," editor of a republican paper of wide influence who for reasons withharmony came, and Mrs. S. said, "Do holds his name, and Hon. R. A. Dague, of Alameda, Cal. The latter is brave, "Yes. Ellen, isn't it heautiful!" and his trenchant pen always writes Rebekah stood wringing her hands with interest. He has been invaluable and could only exclaim, "Beautiful, on the picket line on the Pacific side. I B. G. SWEET. wish there were means to maintain a bureau of a score or more such writers. If the private letters received, indicate the value of the work done, the column furnished Public Opinion awak-N. S. A. CONVENTION. ened more interest in the cause than anything else I have written during the To Be Held In Minneapolis, Minn., Ocquarter now ended. What is more, these inquiries came from an audience tober 17, 18, 19 and 20, 1905. which had formed adverse opinions and The thirteenth annual convention show how erroneous had been their conceptions, and eagerness to know the truth.

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Love that has nothing but beauty to

and apt to have ague fits .- Erasmus,

FROM THE EDITOR-AT-LARGE

The International Reform Bureau

We have taken several occasions to give warning of the menace of the socalled Reform party, at whose head is Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts. He is rightly, named, for a more insiduous foe to free thought and liberty of speech has never. lived. He has drawn large funds from his deluded followers, with which to es-tablish a special lobby, housed as he boasts magnificently under the shadow, of the National Capitol, and exerting such influence over legislation that it is called the "Third House." The "Re-formers" stand for a change in the Constitution where the Order in Change in the

of the latter if we accidentally tread on the toes of the M. Ds., many of whom we are proud to hail as personal friends, but "a good story," we are told, "should not be spoiled for relationship."

A gentleman in great physical distress, tears in his eyes, told of the agony he was suffering, giving the location of his ailment.

"Have you consulted a doctor?" we inquired. "Yes," he replied.

"What did he call the disease?" "Gastralgia. He said it was a very serious matter, but he hoped with care to pull me through all right."

Poor fellow, the doctor had told him truthfully he had "pain in the stomach, from the Greek gaster, stomach, and algos, pain, whether that pain arose from overloading the stomach, a ma lignant tumor, or one of a score of other causes he failed to inform his pa tient: probably did not know himself.

A lady, poor, dear creature, said the doctor had just pronounced the terrible agony she was suffering, ceph-a-lal-gia. She wanted to know if there was any cure for it. Here was the algos again preceded by the Greek kephale, head: meaning simply, headache; but a ver, formidable ailment in its Greek dis guise.

To tell a blind person he has amau rosis is only telling him in Greek, he is blind.

Thus we might go through the medical nomenclature, and show that much of the four years' course of the medical student spent in acquiring names of diseases, names of remedies etc., really do not add one particle to his success as a medical practitioner. Let us illus-trate, and laugh. A medical professor gave his own experience before his class:

A lady had some ailment of the eyes and called to her aid one of the college professors. He prepared a solution, directing her as to its use, and called daily to watch its effect. At his fourth visit, he found the good woman much improved. He congratulated her on her early recovery, when the following colloguy:

"Doctor, what is this medicine you have given me for my eyes?" "It is a solution of chloride of sodium, madam; a most excellent remedy, as your own experience will attest.' "By what other name is this valuable remedy known?"

"It was formerly known as muriate of soda."

Yes, I see, and it is better known to all of us as common table salt. Doctor, what is your bill?"

"Our regular fee is \$2 a visit. We will call it \$7."

"Here is your money, doctor. Hereafter I will endeavor to salt my own eyes.

With these simple facts who has the effrontery to deny the value of humbuggery?

It is said: "Two of the same trade can never agree." Is that the reason the old school doctors war on eclectics. homeopathists, magnetic healers, osteouathists, etc? each of whom, it is presumed, has tricks peculiar to his own craft

a thing or an institution is that makes cess. Next week we will copy his it endure, not the name. SPIRITUALISM MUST BE CLEAN AND PURE, AND MEAN SOMETHING, to have long life as an institution. must stand squarely for a principle that appeals to the world of intelligent be ings as "the thing they have been look-

the discovery naturally took on

nence of the name. Age follows age; as generation follows generation, the

name that sounds so good, the name that stands for so much to many of the

to all who have found its truth.

ing for:" the knowledge they have loped for and prayed for. Truth, in some age or other, will find her witness, and shall be justified at last by her own children.-Milton. Custom without truth is but agedness of error.-Milton.

To smart and agonize at every pore. -Pope.

On the Road to Heaven.

Rev. Dr. McConnell, of the Clifton names in different languages, and of dif-Heights Presbyterian Church, Des ferent attributes of the same God still Moines, surprised everybody recently adored? These are questions hinkers only. by the following announcement:

"To the Members of Clifton Heights Presbyterian Church:-Please note, persons attending service are hereby remested to wear inexpensive clothing in order-that no one, however humble, may be embarrassed."

Interviewed, the Doctor said he was convinced poor people did not attend church, for want of ability to dress as well as the wealthy. He said he would be glad to see men in denim and women in calico. For himself he would

throw aside collar and cravat if the working classes will attend church. The Progressive Thinker congratulates that church on having a sensible preacher. We beg leave respectfully. to suggest to the Doctor, to discard that part of his mythological creed that teaches of the fall of man. of total depravity, an angered God, a blood atonean eternal hell, and a final judg ment, then the clothes question can be compromised. While amending his

creed let him add: "No day is too good Banner of Light Publishing Co.) 204 to do right; all days are too good to do Dartmouth Street, Boston, Mass., Aug. 25, 1905. Received of Irving F. Sywrong," then he will be far advanced on the heavenly road. monds, treasurer of the Dartmouth

Worthy of Imitation.

The librarian of the Imperial Library of Tokio has lately made a report, which puts to shame the libraries of Christian nations. The simple facts are all the thinker needs:

ious to Christianize.

There were 12,486 works relating to theology and religion called for during the year, one sixth of one per cent of J. J. Morse." the total books in the library. Of works

classified as mathematics, science and medicine, there were 166,677 volumes, for England and have no time for a or 21-6 per cent of the total. Of works longer letter, I content myself for the present with the above bare statement on literature and language 152,711 of fact, the greatest merit of the situa books, that is 20 per cent of the whole: whilst treatises on history and geogration, in my estimation, being that it enphy equaled 18 per cent. Works on art, productive industries, engineering, tirely relieves me from the suspicion of preferring a false claim that had no basis in fact. The nature of the settlemilitary and naval science are promi-

ceipt reads as follows:

nent on the list of new books added to ment requires no comment. the library in recent years. Contrast this showing with the great With many thanks to the editor for his kindness, which will ever be most libraries of America, where fliction is appreciatively remembered, I remain, largely in the lead, then take a lesson your friend and co-worker, J. J. MORSE. from a nation missionaries are so anx-

Boston, Mass., August 27, 1905.

and thoughts of others? We are assured by science that every vibration set going, travels throughout space, and plays some part in the tremendous Statistics show that since 1810 the whole. What if the vibrations we send American Board of Missions has spent forth are discords, ugliness, sources of irritation? Who knows the mischief \$36,000,000 in its propaganda work, and they may do when received upon the has sent 2,000 missionaries into the sensitive brain or more sensitive spirit field. Has the world been bettered, or of one in a condition to receive them? the truth advanced by the expenditure? on the other hand, if the vibrations we Is not commerce the great civilizer? set going are melodious, beautiful, and Was it not the Mediterranean that sources of joy, who can tell what minismade all nations bordering on its tries of good, what suggestions of soothwaters akin, and established a common ing may go with them? faith on every shore? And the differ-In John Ruskin's "Time and Tide,"

ent gods worshiped, were they not there is a passage of profoundest sig-nificance. He,said: "I called on Mr. H. C. Sorby, to see some of the results of an inquiry he has been following all for last year, into the nature of the coloring matter of leaves and flowers. * *

J. J. Morse and the Banner of Light. My friend showed me the rainbow of the rose, and the rainbow of the violet, To the Editor:--I desire to thank The and the rainbow of the hyacinth, and Progressive Thinker for so kindly the rainbow of forest leaves dying. And, printing my letter in its issue of August last he showed me the rainhow of 6, as it was the means of securing me blood. It was but the three-hundredth necessary solution of an important ispart of a grain, dissolved in a drop of sue, viz., a vindication of my personal water; and it cast its measured bars,

forever recognizable now to human sight, on the chord of the seven colors." After the arrival in Boston of the issue of The Progressive Thinker above If sound vibrations fill the air and referred to, I was able to have a pertake on form, what beautiful pictures sonal interview with the manager of the we should see if we had eyes refined Banner of Light, to- in his own words -"adjust your (my) claim for salary," enough to behold them. Is it too large a speculation that this unseen universe the said interview occurring on Friday of exquisite vibrations does convey deafternoon, August 25. The "adjust-ment," when effected-my claim not belight to unseen beings adapted to reing disputed-leaving the proprietors of ceive and comprehend them? If we the paper 388.45 my debtors, and are to believe what clairvoyants tell us. they hear the thrilling harmony and get copy herein the form of receipt which glimpses of the beauty of the unseen has passed, from which it will be seen that I have obtained \$47.61 in cash, and world. They testify to the creation of form by the sweet music of the spheres. We are surrounded and enveloped by three notes at 4.8 and 12 months for the outstanding amount of \$340.84. The remysteries. Man knows little of the vi brations of thought, of voice, of song. The colors of the rainbow and the notes "Dartmouth Company (Successors to in music rull from one to seven, and so far as has been observed every musical sound takes on form, creating . shells, snowflakes, Bowers, trees, ferns, moss-Company, and treasurer of the Banner es, crystalsquifeathers, and microscopic of Light Publishing Company, forty-seven and 61-100 dollars in cash, and objects. The Greek idea of the "harmony of thespheres" was more than a three notes of one hundred and thirteen poetical expression, and we have, as and 61-100 (\$113.61), each payable in four, eight and twelve months, in convet, learneduliterally nothing of the finer forcestof nature. sideration whereof I hereby release and

A Gross Libel on God.

"If thy brother, the son of thy mother. or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secret ly, saying, Let us go and serve other ds, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; * * * thou shalt surely kill him; thy hand shall be first upon him to put him to death. and afterwards the hand of all the people."-God, Deuteronomy 13: 6, 9. Here was Bible authority for the in-

quisitors, and right zealously they obeyed the command, using stake and agot in place of stoning; while "other ods" were interpreted as other faiths than that entertained by the church. The Christian system drew its inspira-tion from passages like the quotation, hence its bloody character in the past.

gainst the yellow."

The Russian brand of Christianity may suit Mr. Sargent, but will not commend itself to the average American. It will be remembered that during the bloody massacre of the Jews within the past five years. the "Christian Cossacks," beat the brains out of old cripfrom the points of their bayonets, and committed all sorts of autonomy and a sorts of committed all sorts of outrages. During the present year, a great unarmed crowd of half-starved working men, women and children, led by Priest Gopon, attempted to call on the Czar and ask him to try and ameliorate their The Russian Christians condition. shot them down like dogs, pierced them through with bayonets, and hewed them

unmercifully to pieces. It is a common you see them? practice in "Christian Russia" to knout prisoners to death for trivial offences such as being a Jew, or for favoring a constitutional government or failing to beautiful, beautiful!" take your hat off when meeting an offi-

cer. Empire City, Kansas. The humanitarian societies of Europe, have, for years, been trying to secure better conditions for women in Russia, but without avail. A writer, at Rome, as published in the "Denver Daily News" of August 6, says, M. Poiedonosteff, the Procurator of the Holy Synod of Russia, is so malicious against the Jews as well as against the education of women in general, that he has had laws enacted that "no girl of Jew- will be held in the First Unitarian ish descent is allowed to reside out-Church, Eighth street and Mary Place, side of the Jewish zone unless she Minneapolis, Minn., October 17, 18, 19 agrees to become a prostitute. All and 20, 1905. Among those invited and expected to girls who enter the University are required to receive a yellow passport the participate in the exercises are Rey. Dr. same as the common prostitutes are Austin, Will J. Erwood, Mr. and Mrs. compelled to wear. This method was Kates, Oscar Edgerly, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, Mesdames. H. P. Ressegue, dopted to deter women from entering any institution of learning. This policy R. S. Lillie, Laura G. Fixen, Eva Mc of the government of the "holy church" Coy, Margaret Gaule Ridinger, and a Coy, Margaret Gaule Ridinger, and a was adopted for the sole purpose of galaxy of others. Come one and all to the greatest keeping women in the densest ignor-

ance, and they have succeeded in creat- Spiritual convention ever held. ing a nation of mothers but little recate plan can be secured over all lines moved above the animal in intelligence. They are in a condition of deplorable Ask your railroad agent for certificate tickets to the National Spiritualists' convention at Minneapolis; the round ignorance and superstition. Japan may be a "pagan nation," and

its people may be historically ignorant fare will be one and one-third of a fare. of the cross of Christ, but her ancient Delegates and visitors desiring to reand illustrious religious teachers, ceive the benefits of this special rate Buddha and Confucius, taught their folmust have their tickets vised by our lowers the Golden Rule, the respect and obedience of children to their parents, day, October 20, and pay 25 cents each for such vising. Hotel Nicollet, a first-class hotel on the European plan, will be headquarters of the convention. Special rates for good rooms, one dollar per day each

Alameda, Cal. R. A. DAGUE.

I am respectfully, HUDSON TUTTLE, Editor-at-Large N. S. A.

A SONG OF AUTUMN.

When the wild wind closes summer's story, When in burst of splendor ends the

glory, And the woods and fields deserted of

their royal verdure stand :-When before we see the winter's sad-

Dess. When behind, alas!-we look for gladness.-

What the thought to lead us like an angel through the land?

Tis the thought of thankfulness as duty;

Tis a blest remembrance of the beauty-

And the fullness of the year in its happy golden prime;

And of all the passionate complete ness-

Of the summer's paradisal sweetness,-That like silver bells at eve the fond est melodies shall chime!

Write and secure your rooms And the beauty shall abide within us, And to like return of richness win us, In the glad awaking of the spring the

mind of hope can see: So our hearts within us laughing, leap,

ing, Will not chide the summer's silent

sleeping,-For again she'll come to us and our

true companion be!

WILLIAM BRUNTON.

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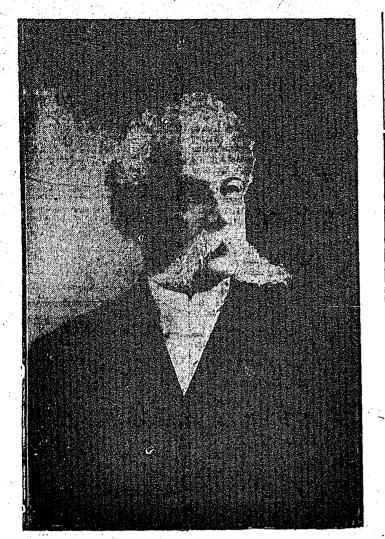
kindness to animals, as well as to humans, and to be gentle and courteous to all. and refrain from drunkenness. During the present war Japan has elicted the unstinted praise of the civilized world because of her humane treatperson. from Shattuck & Wood, proprietors of ment of prisoners of war. American the Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn. vriters who have traveled extensively The annual reception to delegates in that country bear testimony to the and visitors will be held at the First cleanliness, intelligence, sobriety, and high morality of the inhabitants of Unitarian Church, Monday, October 16, Japan. At the risk of being called a at 8 p. m. All are cordially invited. Admission heathen I am willing to be put down as having a much greater admiration for free to all meetings. MARY T. LONGLEY, the religion of Japan than for the Christianity of Russia. HARRISON D. BARRETT,

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both; for salary or otherwise. Signed. As I am upon the eve of departing

discharge said Dartmouth Company and said Banner of Light Publishing Company of and from all claims and demands I now have against either or

Massachusents Awake to All That Is of Interest to Spiritualism.





A SYMPOSIUM.

Suggested by Dr. Alex. Caird, of Lynn, Mass.

Massachusetts steps to the front and demands a hearing. Alex. Caird, M. D., an influential Spiritualist, suggests a Symposium on an exceedingly import-be established where all mediums rec-ognized by the state association should be enrolled, so that a society in need of ant subject. It will be inaugurated in his special a speaker or medium, could make an engagement, knowing they would sehonor as a leading and highly respected Spiritualist speakers should refuse to work for any of the Old Bay State, one who is constantly work- but a legally organized society, or to help establish one that would secure a ing for the spread of the Truth as manifested in Spirit Return. It will prove especially interesting, suggestive and valuable to every reflective mind.

The Important Question. What Does Spiritualism Teach That Spirit-

ualists Believe in Common?

After fifteen years of investigation lowed for our physical well being; mor-and study, and listening to all kinds of al laws for our mental contentment. We speakers, East and West, I find myself asking, WHAT DOES SPIRITUALISM deare all creatures of emotions and sires, differing in degree and should be instruction. Specialties can frequently so understood. TEACH THAT SPIRITUALISTS BE-LIEVE IN COMMON?

liefs are about as numerous as the be- great problems that must be solved be-

There are comparatively few organ-ized societies in Massachusetts, and I presume it is the same all over the country; there are plenty of meetings conducted by individuals, for confirmation of this, note the announcements in The Progressive Thinker and Banner of

Light. If I am rightly informed, there are but two regularly organized societies, cmploying speakers, in Boston, and the same number in Chicago. Those that are organized are not associated in any way. Such attempts as have been made at organization have been made the wrong way. It is another case of building the roof first, and trying to build down instead of following the natural course of laying a strong foundation and building upon it. We should have strong local societies; the president of each society should be a director in the state association, with as many delegates per capita as they are entitled to. The president of each state association should be a director in the National Association, also delegates per capita. Each state should do its own missionary work, sending enthusi-astic workers to locate in a place until the society was self-supporting, instead of the present methods employed by the N. S. A. of sending missionaries for a day or a few days, taking collections for themselves and leaving the society

worse off than before their visit. The writer has had a little experience in raising funds for missionary work, and has demonstrated the willingness of the people to do something, if the leaders will start. Meetings have been held in Lynn and Haverhill, Mass. with such success that Newburyport, Mass., made application for one to be held with them, which will be held as soon as some plans can be arranged to carry out the ideas for which the fund was raised, as stated above. In that way societies could be established in every town and city, all speakers and mediums could get engagements, and ******* Spiritualism take its place where it be-

Ings, at the head. The N. S. A. should have a publishing house, and flood the country with Spirtual literature, and act as an advisory board for the states, and do such other work as would properly come to them. A co-operative building association could be formed to help societies that were in position to do so, to erect build-ings, where enough could be rented to bring in an income that in fifty years would make the Spiritualists , the wealthiest religious body in the coun-

try. A mediums' protective union should

charter as soon as able. As long as we do not engage per-manent spcakers, circuits should be formed, in order to enable speakers and mediums to make season engagements

with the least possible cost for traveling, giving a full season's work to each society, instead of locally as under the present method; this could be done through the state associations. If the spiritual press should report le-gally organized societies under one head, referring to individual gatherings

as "other meetings," strangers would know where to attend, and speakers and mediums where to apply for engage ments.

Members in good standing in any so ciety should be furnished visiting cards that should make them honored visitors in any other society; also with drawal cards admitting them to membership in other societies. To meet the demands of the public, societies

must furnish entertainment as well as circle. be introduced in the way of musica

It seems to me that the different be-efs are about as numerous as the be-great problems that more some of the greatly to the interest of our meetings, creeting to all members of the circle. Second-Search your souls to learn



Lynn Spiritualist Association.

The Lynn Spiritual Society, Dr. Alex Caird, President, leads in all things pertaining to Spiritualism. The services in various forms, continue all day Sunday, including a supper, at which often as many as 200 partake. No other Spiritualist society on earth today equals it in comprehensive efficiency.

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Every Friday Evening, From 9 to 10, Local Time-

ists Association Center.

Will You'Join It?

Objects of Circle.

Rules for Circle.

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> Will you kindly ask the members of the Psychic Circle to send out their best thoughts in behalf of my dear son, that he may be led back to the paths of honor from which he is straying? A SISTER IN CHICAGO.

> I have been a healing medium for many years and have used my gifts freely for the benefit of others. Will the members of the circle assist me in regaining the powers that seem to have left me, that I may con-

JAMES STONE.

Will the members of the circle please help an old man, an inmate of a soldiers' home, by asking the spirit friends to heal some of the phys-AN OLD SOLDIER. cal ailments from which I am suffering?

I have the gift of healing the sick by the laying on of hands. Will the circle friends assist me in removing all obstacles toward full devel-ANNIE JONES HAIGHT. opment? Napanee, Ont.

I have a beautiful daughter, the pride of my heart, who is threatened with consumption, Three loved children have been taken before her; pray for me, dear sisters and brothers, that she may be spared to comfort me in my declining years? MARTHA MOORES. New York.

Will the members of the Psychic Circle kindly concentrate their minds on Mr. M. H. Baker of Florence, Colo., that he may obtain some relief from almost helplessness from the knees down? I am a member MRS. A. J. BAKER. of the circle. Florence, Colo.

I am a member of the Psychic Circle advertised in your paper and want to express my thankfulness that it has been started. I have al-ready received much spiritual help from it. Long may it continue. CHARLES GOULD. Hampden, Me.

IMPORTANT.

only plan with the idea of mutual help Relating to Organization in Massachufulness. setts. There are many other reforms that

At a late meeting of delegates, sent That is, by the time of the place in which you liveby various societies in this state, at Unity Camp, the following committee was appointed to formulate some plan whereby all legally organized societies Dr. Alexander Caird and Wife, and Lynn Spiritualcan be united in a State Association of Massachusetts: Alex Caird, M. D., of Lynn, chairman; Mr. S. S. Ham, Haver-hill; Mr. Fuller, Newburyport; Mr. Hall, Brighton; Mr. Hastings, Brockton. As this matter is to be brought be-fore each society in October, we would like to place it before you as individuals, that you may be prepared to vote

tinue to relieve suffering?

intelligently when the time comes. We think Massachusetts is the most poorly organized state in the Union. It is true, we have a society that is named the "Massachusetts State Association," but it is such in name only; it is not in fact a state society at all, simply a so-Ŵe ciety of individuals, similar to many others in all parts of the state. It may

be said that societies can become connected with it if they so desire, but so they can with any society; very few prosperous societies exist to-day that do not have Ladies' Aids, Lyceums or some kind of auxiliaries, and would be glad to have more, but the so-called state association has no auxiliary society; no society cares to become affiliated with an association organized on

the principles of this one. The time has come when, if the Spirit alists of this state expect to do efficient service, to become respected and enjoy the rights accorded other religious bodies, they must follow the rules usually followed by these bodies in regard to organization.

Organization properly begins with the local society; if all the regularly organized societies in this state, will agree upon some plan of procedure, and or-

could be attended to if the societies were properly organized, such as the adoption of a ritual to be used by all societies in the initiation of members; transfer cards, transfering members in good standing to another society, in case of a change of residence; and trav-eling cards, introducing members to the officers of societies where they may be visiting, and thus insuring them a wel-

come among those who would otherwise be strangers, instead of brothers and sisters. There is no limit to the work of a

properly organized state association, and we wish to urge the Spiritualists of this state to give this subject their most careful attention, and to make a strong effort, as they shall come together in their respective societies to resume the season's work, to effect an organization that shall be a credit to the cause, that Spiritualism in our state shall be brought up to a standard where it shall command the respect that is accorded all other religious denominations.

SECRETARY. Lynn, Mass.



BY NO METHOD UNTIL "AC-TINA" WAS DISCOVERED.

Ninety-five per cent of all cases of deafness rought to our attention is the result of chronic catarrh of the throat and

middle ear. The air passages become clogged by catarrhal deposits, stopping the action of the vibratory bones. Until these deposits are removed a

If we believe in the potency of Morning Prayer, by Robt. L. Stevenson. The day returns and brings us the thought, we can but believe that such petty round of irritating concerns and thought wave permeating the psychio lives of so many in different parts of duties. Help us to play the man; help the world must be productive of spiritus to perform them with laughter and faces; let cheerfulness abound ual good. The object or this movement is not

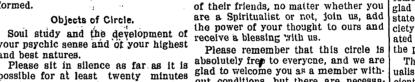
to our resting beds weary and content one place, or with any particular peo-and undishonored, and grant us in the ple, nor solely for the good of the

building of the cause in general. Through the suggestions of the spirit believe that much good will be accom-guides of Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Caird, plished; that those possessing the gift and in gratitude for the inestimable of mediumship will receive help and benefit these resourceful workers have spiritual strength by placing themof mediumship will receive help and been to the L. S. A. and a desire that selves in the psychic wave engendered others may be brought under the same by this means. We hope every reader helpful influences, this circle has been of this will send their name and those of their friends, no matter whether you are a Spiritualist or not, join us, add

Soul study and the development of your psychic sense and of your highest receive a blessing with us.

out conditions, but there are necessa within the specified hour. If unable to rily some expenses (as printing and an it alone concentrate your mind and swering the many letters of inquiry re-ceived) and if any one feels to contribhoughts on the objects and work of the

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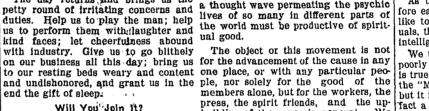


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the use of the columns of The Progress-ive Thinker for the advancement of this



One can hardly find two professed Spiritualists that agree on all the differ-

ent points of their belief. Some found their belief on the Bible, and find in Christianity nearly, if not all, that they can find in Spiritualism; Bible Spiritualists, they call themselves.

manner in which meetings, supposed Others denounce all Bibles, and all the different creeds, and forms of worto be in the interests of Spiritulism, are conducted. Meetings are carried on in ship, and all that have grown out from different parts of the country, at which

Some believe in organization; that no great or lasting work has ever accom-plished without organized and united ef-

Others believe in a sort of a go-asyou-please order of affairs, claiming that every individual is sufficient unto himself.

inless the mediums indulge in baby Some teach Spiritualism as a grand talk, and so-called Indian language, a lingo that no sane Indian ever talked; philosophy, looking upon all phenomena as crude and on a low plane, being of this practice is dying out in the East, no real value to the cause; while othand we hope in the West. ers think the philosophy is something in the nature of a dream, and confine their whatever of a religious nature in their Spiritualism exclusively to the phenomena and getting messages from their spirit friends.

Other teachers would have their hearers believe with them in re-embodiof their service. ment, and all the tenets of Theosophy: and still others think Spiritualism car never be demonstrated except by the aid of science.

The only points on which Spiritualists seem to agree is that we are spiritsame time. ual entities in this life, that we shall continue to be the same after the change called death, and that after that change we can communicate with those still in earth life.

What is Spiritualism? and what are its teachings? There must be somelieve that the majority of Spiritualists thing for us to believe; there ought to be something that IS ACCEPTED BY are ready for, and willing to work for a different method of affairs. ALL WELL-INFORMED SPIRITUAL ISTS AS THE CORNER-STONE OF THEIR FAITH. Has Spiritualism zation, and that organization should become to us solely to prepare us for angin with the local societies. We fully other life? Is it not worth while to try realize and wish to emphasize the imand find out what it has to help us live this life as we should? for certainly this is all the life we ever shall live. can handle all up-to-date subjects in an We can only live on day at a time: now intelligent manner. is all we have or ever will have through

the longest eternity. Our claim is that the fundamental degree of ideality, some of great veneration, and many are plain, matter of fact teachings of Spiritualism are for man materialists. to live as near as is possible in a state We would like speakers that can of righteousness. My understanding of righteousness is right living. I believe that hygiene and physical culture adapt themselves to, and present the truth in a manner that will appeal to all these different intellects, but we also should go hand in hand with soul culrealize, and it is a fact to be deplored, ture; that proper care of the physical that there are many speakers in the body, a kind and cheerful disposition, a country at the present time that are unclean moral life, are all adjuncts of able to secure employment, speakers Spiritualism, and should come under that are in every way competent to the head of spiritual teaching. I think meet all requirements. Educating if our lecturers would emphasize the speakers seems to me like building the principles set forth above. a more pracroof before we have laid the foundatical work would be accomplished than much that has resulted from their work in the past. To devote time to rhapsodies on the sweet summerland, and use to \$10 per Sunday. It would seem to me much wiser to give all our efforts to less sophistrics in the name of philosophy, is to my mind impracticable and a waste of energy. demand for speakers, that could be sup-

Spiritualism should teach that the hu- plied from the various colleges, that are man mind is incapable of grasping the immensity of creation, much less the every year, many of them children of B. Newcomb. Excellent in spiritual

Spiritualism can take its prop place among men. The writer of this article has had

Some managers will have nothing

a spirit of criticism, but with the sincere desire that they may draw out more experience with the practical ashelpful thoughts from others of our pects of Spiritualism than with the ethworkers, and result in practical good to ical, and it appears that the result of ALEX. CAIRD, M. D. our cause. ALL THESE DIVERSIFIED BELIEFS West Lynn, Mass. AND TEACHINGS can be found in the

THE HAUNTED PALACE.

In the greenest of our valleys. By good angels tenanted, almost every conceivable method of procedure is the rule. Some, we are glad to say, are carried on in a seemly fair and stately palace Once Radiant palace-reared its head. nanner, the philosophy and teachings

n the monarch Thought's dominionof Spiritualism presented in a manner It stood there! to command respect, while the mana-Never scraph spread a pinion Over fabric half so fair! gers of many others seem to think they are not carrying on a spiritual meeting

Banners yellow, glorious, golden, On its roof did float and flow, (This-all this-was in the olden Time long ago), And every gentle air that dallied.

In that sweet day, Along the ramparts plumed and pallid, A winged odor went away.

meetings; they object to invocation, or dination, or any of the forms that the Wanderers in that happy valley, church has ever practiced. Others try Through two luminous windows, saw to imitate the church in every portion Spirits moving musically,

To a lute's well-tuned law. At some societies a specialty is made Round about a throne where, sitting (Porphyrogene!)

of healing, and treating cases of obses-sion, and it is a common thing for three In state his glory well befitting, or four healers to be practicing their The ruler of the realm was seen, art in different parts of the room at the And all with pearl and ruby glowing

Was the fair palace door, If Spiritualism is ever to become a Through which came flowing, flowing world-wide religion, or ever to take its flowing, And sparkling ever more, place with other religions, or as a suc-

cessful movement, this condition must troop of Echoes, whose sweet duty e overcome; and we believe that it can Was but to sing. be by rightly directed effort. We ben voices of surpassing beauty,

The wit and wisdom of their king.

But evil things, in robes of sorrow, One of the first steps toward that end Assailed the monarch's high estate. is. in my opinion, in the line of organi-Ah, let us mourn!—for never morro Shall dawn upon him desolate!) nd round about his home the glory That blushed and bloomed. portance of having intelligent speakers Is but a dim-remembered story to address our audiences, speakers that Of the old time entombed

and travelers, now, within that valley, Through the red-litten windows see Some people are possessed of a high. Vast forms, that move fantastically

To a discordant melody. While, like a ghastly rapid river, Through the pale door A hideous throng rush out forever

And laugh—but smile no more. —Edgar Allan Poe.

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end the gift of sleep.

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Third-Ask your spirit friends and publication, and so keep in touch with the circle guides to draw near and as- the work of the circle. sist you in the development of your highest soul powers and your mediumistic gifts.

Fourth-Send out a helpful thought to all speakers, mediums and workers; and to the press, that the divine plan may be more generally applied.

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OBVIOUS TO ALL.

Explanatory Letter From Dr. Alex. Gaird.

To the Members of the Psychic Circle: tried to sit at nine o'clock by one time, -I would like to correct a misunder some part of our circle would be ob-standing in regard to the Psychic Cir serving the rules every hour in the well as the business of a few officers cle. Many of our correspondents seem twenty-four. If we all sit to think that no one can become a mem- o'clock, local time, the thought wave year after year. Such an association ber unless they are a subscriber to The will start at the Atlantic, extend across Progressive Thinker. We certainly the continent and around the world. wish that every member might (for If any member wishes the circle to their own good) receive the benefit to be derived from reading the grandest ject of general interest, will they kind-spiritual paper published, and so keep in conditional the work with the second the method

different writers on the large variety of The Progressive Thinker. We would plan that should certainly be put into subjects treated, but we crealize that also request the circle members to rethere are many who would like to be peat the following prayer, by Robert L. come members of the circle who are Stevenson, upon arising [n not able to subscribe for the paper, ing. "The day returns and brings us others, but a state L dy, having the wel-much as they might like to. Such are the petty round of irritating concerns just as welcome; there are no condi- and duties. Help us to play tions. We wish Brother Francis could help us to perform them with laughter read some of the many letters we have and kind faces; let cheerfulness known western speakers could visit the received extolling his paper; he would abound with industry. Give us to go certainly feel that his efforts for the blithely on our business all this day; world's betterment ware appreciated. bitting us to our resting beds weary and different societies in rotation. This A word as regards, the difference in content and undishonored, and grant us plan could be extended to include other time. As our circlejextends, not only in the end the gift of sleep."

all over our own country, but to Africa, ALEX. CAIRD, M. D. India, Europe, Australia and New Zealand, one can readily see othat if we 44 Commercial street, West Lynn, Mass.

li. oné -THE PSYCHIC CIRCLE.

Brothers and Sisters of the Psychic Circle:-Our circle is growing. It has already passed the one thousand mark, and new names being added every day, Do you think, when the circle hour comes around, to what is best for each society. If, as that one thousand friends are all sending out their best thoughts to has been suggested, the president of you?-thoughts of kindly greeting, of healing, of harmony, of desire each society should be a director in the state, they could meet in some central for spiritual help and blessings. It must help every member, both spirplace and plan out the season's work in itually and physically. One sister while sending her name writes us a manner that would seem to be of the The Nemesis of) This fascinthat she sat with the circle before she joined, having read of it in The best advantage to the societies they Progressive Thinker, and for the first time in her life felt the presence of represent, and to the speakers also; spirits around her. I wish once more to ask you to send subjects for terfering in the least with the rights of thought concentration to the editor of this paper, that all the members any one; if they could not agree on any may know what you desire. particular point, each society could car-

And will every one of our thousand members send us one or more ry out its own plans just the same. We names? If you will send us just one each, the power will be increased and any arbitrary powers in the hands twofold. Will you try? Almost everybody will join if they are in- of any one in regard to such matters,

nize a state association of holding its yearly conventions, to which time to time concerning its progress. delegates, according to the per capita, were sent by each society, such dele will become subscribers to this grand gates to elect the officers and transact other state business, then it would follow as a natural sequence, that the state association should be united with the national, and all societies would feel that they were represented at the meetings of that body.

As it is now there is hardly a society in the state that can afford to send dele-gates to the N. S. A. conventions, held as they are, such long distances away; the same holds good with the western naturally arises, that the money that is symptom for years to be completely cured in can be expended to better advantage in

structions from their societies as to the business likely to come up; if the busi-

in the business meetings of the locals, very individual would feel an interest, at nine chosen by the same individual votes should be as a father to the locals, look ing after the best interests of the whole

One very important item of work would be arranging circuits. This is a

operation. Too much money is wasted by our speakers in traveling expenses No society can undertake to arrange for could arrange circuits for speakers and mediums, whereby some of our 🥭 east, and be sure of continuous work

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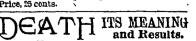
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to impress upon the minds of our corretember 9. All are welcome." spondents that The Progressive Thinker is set up on a Linotype machine that must make speed equal to about four compositors. That means rapid work, and it is associated that all court to in Spiritual Society has engaged Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague for September, and and it is essential that all copy, to in-Mrs. Amanda L. Coffman for October sure insertion in the paper, all other re-quirements being favorable, should be and November, to start the coming season's work. All three of these workers written plainly with ink on white paper, or with a typewriter, and only on have been here a number of times before, and with the memory of their past one side of the paper. Please bear this work to encourage us, we have enough In mind.

to warrant in anticipation a very suc-ITEMS .- Bear in mind that items for essful season. the General Survey will in all cases be J. J. Rittenhouse writes from Royersadjusted to the space we have to occu-py, and in order to do that they will ford, Pa.: "Your last premium book, Letters From the Spirit World, arrived generally have to be abridged more or in good condition. I have read it less; otherwise many items would be through, and I think it is worth reading crowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line item is cut down to ten lines, and ten again. I think it is filled with truth. The Progressive Thinker comes regulines to two lines, as occasion may relarly, and I find it filled with a feast of good reading. I have read each issue quire.

TAKE DUE NOTICE, that all items through since I have been a subscriber for this page must be accompanied by to it, and I will say it is the best spiritthe full name and address of the writer. ual paper, because it is broad and lib-It will not do to say that Secretary or eral, and stands for truth in medium-Correspondent writes so and so, withship, the same as in everything else, out giving the full name and address of truth is the pearl of greatest for the writer. The items of those who do price.' not comply with this request will be Thos. C. Rose writes from Toronto, Canada.: "The article by H. D. Barrett

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THIS GENERAL SURVEY DEPARTitualists to arrive at a conclusion in re-MENT IS ONLY INTENDED TO gard to this important phase of physical CHRONICLE THE ENGAGEMENTS AND WORK OF SPEAKERS AND ME-AND WORK OF SPEAKERS AND ME-logically applied, will fill the enquiring DIUMS. A REPORT OF WHAT THE mind with more light than the phenom-VARIOUS SPEAKERS SAY WILL ena. It teaches the investigator how NOT BE PUBLISHED, AS WE HAVE he may become possessed of the true NOT BE PUBLISHED, AS WE HAVE the may become possessed of the true NOT SPACE SUFFICIENT FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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J. J. Morse is now in England. His address will be 97 Renshaw street, Liverpool.

E. J. Bowtell desires lecture engagements for season of 1905-6. Address ment. him at No. 37 Washington street, New London, Ct.

A Burlington (Vt.) paper speaks as follows of Mrs. L. A. Hutchins, a devout Spiritualist, now 88 years of age: "Among her finest pieces of work with the pen is the writing of the Lord's success." prayer in the space of a one-cent piece. One piece of art work was sent to the gagements: September, the First Solate President William McKinley, who ciety of Spiritualists at Indianapolis, in return highly complimented her work Ind.; October, the First Temple Society with the pen. Mrs. Hutchins has been at Muncle, Ind. He will accept engage away from Burlington for over forty ments for November and December years. Last fall, with her daughter, Miss A. Della, she came back to this Box 543.

city and is now residing on North ave-B. C. Taber, M. D., now nearly 93 Mrs. Hutchins is a vegetarian and years of age, writes from Dallas, Tex.:

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

When writing for this paper

On account of Labor Day occurrin on Monday, we are compelled to go to press earlier than usual, hence many mportant items are crowded out.

Amanda Horton seems to be a true Take due notice that items for this prophet. She writes: "I believe the spirits of the founders of our govern ment still control it. I have had evi page in order to insure insertion must contain the full name and address of the writer. Otherwise they may be cast dence enough to convince me beyond doubt that they do. It was revealed to me at the time that Harrison and Cleveland ran for president, and Harri-ALWAYS GIVE YOUR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS WHEN SENDING NO-TICES AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR son was elected, that Cleveland would be our next president."

The closing exercises of the fourth camp-meeting of the Western Wiscon-sin Spiritualists was held August 27. The attendance during the three weeks has been good. Next year's officers officers are as follows: President, Will J. Er-wood, LaCrosse; first vice-president, C. S. Pratt, Baraboo; second vice presi-dent, C. G. Porter, Wonewoc; secretary, Gertrude Spooner, Wonewoc; treasurer, M. M. Blish, Wonewoc; Trustees, E.

Hemenway, Sarter; Mrs. J. P. Whitwell, St. Paul; C. Spooner, Wonewoo. Mrs. C. Kirchner writes: "A social given by Mrs. J. L. Fravel at her home, 2349 W. Huron street, Austin, on Satur-

day evening, August 26, for the benefit of the Rising Sun Temple Fund, eclipsed all previous affairs. Her beautiful home was opened to our guests and the welcome extended was appreciated by all. The porches and lawn were beautifully decorated with flags and lanterns and the house decorated with the choicest of flowers, adding to the beauty of the occasion. Sister Fravel opened the social with a few remarks, which was followed by a hymn by all present. Piano and vocal solos by Sis-ter Copeland's daughters were loudly applauded. Sister Ella Green's daugh ter Bessie outdid herself in her recitations. Spirit messages were given by Brother Thompson and Sister Kirchner, same being a revelation to a number of strangers present. While the entertainment was going on Sister Fravel was preparing a dainty dish for the inner man. It was quite a novelty, ice cream selved in half melons, with cake. Oh,

tion with regard to Mrs. Green and ma-terialization in general. His statement how everybody did enjoy themselves! Our president being delayed by busivill enable thousands of perplexed Spirness did not arrive until late, but his cream and cake was awaiting him. The ate cars carried a jolly crowd home, after all expressed their good wishes, and extended a vote of thanks to osophy is far more satisfying, and that Brother and Sister Fravel and family." Mrs. Lole Prior's mission in Welling-ton in connection with the Wellington Association of Spiritualists (Reg.) is finished, and she is now in Melbourne. practicing of self-conquest and the un-foldment of his own dormant faculties. No lady has been so much appreciated as Mrs. Prior in her particular line of

Let us be up and doing and assist such noble workers as Brother Barrett and work. Her addresses were plain and practical,' and her messages from the many other noble souls who are doing spirit world were most convincing. their best to untie the knots of spiritual she made a lasting impression .- The Message of Life, Levin, Manawatu, New ranks of Spiritualism, so that the ridi-Zealand. cule which Spiritualism is at present The Goff will case is disturbing the

surrounded with may be dispersed. Let Spiritualists of Michigan. A decision has been made against the state associall true workers do their best, and long may Harrison D. Barrett remain at the ation as legatees. They have carried it helm to guide the good ship Spiritual-ism through the rapids of reformation. to a higher court and desire funds to de-fend their interests. The N. S. A. has In The Progressive Thinker, pro and been asked to assist and it is a case on, we see all sides of the question that should be won by the Spiritualists. then are allowed to use our own judg It is very unfortunate that such legacies I consider The Progressiv must be greatly squandered in legal fights before the Spiritualists can re-Thinker a psychic school in itself. Speaking personally I was like a ship ceive the benefit conferred by a friend without a rudder, buffeted about by evof their cause. It is necessary to creery wave of doubt before I became a ate every possible precedent in our fasubscriber to this marvelous dollar's vor, hence the Michigan friends should worth. You will always command have substantial help. The better way is to give liberally to our cause while Frank T. Ripley has the following enhere to do so and not trust our bequests

to be faithfully fulfilled. Give now is a proper thing to do.—Banner of Light. W. J. Elmo writes: "The Spiritual Al-

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mediums here, who are doing good Weaver and Mrs. Thompson from the work. Without invidious distinction, 1 West Side. This is the second time nention one medium, Mrs. Edward they were ever in this hall, and I hope Connolly (for there are numerous it will not be the last as their message phases of mediumship), whose most in-teresting phase is her musical medium very much. Mrs. Kline was present hip. She is a finished performer on and her control gave us a fine talk the plano, but has never taken a lesson Sunday eve, Aug. 27, we were blessed from a mortal. Her most wonderful per- with a beautiful talk by the Rev. Mrs. formance is her spirit vocalization. The M. Schumacher, pastor of the Church principal control is the prima donna Students of Nature. She is a good Yandall, a Danish singer. Yet others speaker as well as medium and pleased control her voice; among them is a fine all in the audience. Mr. E. Dirkes, forenor voice-all of which are very dif- merly a lecturer, but now developed ferent from her natural voice. I have into a message giving medium, gave heard the wonderful musical medium, some good readings from articles laid on Jesse Shepherd, but the performance the table. Our social dance was well and the vocalization of Mrs. Connolly attended and enjoyed in spite of the warm weather. Our next one will be Mrs. C. Kirchner writes: "The rain on

during the last week of September."

FROM LILY DALE.

home of the president, to listen to the well delivered remarks uttered by Bro. Some Matters of Personal Import Noted.

Dr. L. Rowell, a former Methodist min-The closing days of camp life at Lily "The Good-Samaritan,' showing that Spirit-ualists could find a heaven on earth, Dale have come and the season of 1905 will soon be a thing of the past, save the memory which will remain of whatand could draw the higher forces from ever pleasure or profit we may carry spirit life by doing good to others nere away with us. and not waiting till"their friends had

The camp grounds and surrounding passed to the borderland. Following country are always attractive as a beauhis remarks we were more than pleased tiful place to pass the summer months. to hear from our Sister Andrews who has recovered from a long slege of sick-The varied attractions which have been presented to the various minds of the She gave some grand spirit dem people in attendance at the assembly onstrations, as well as did Brother Chompson and Sister Kirchner. A this season have met-the usual varied number of strangers-were the recipients | criticisms-for the mind of the thinking investigator is usually keenly critical of tests which were very convincing. -and able to pass on the merit or de-Our full choir sang some beautiful semerit of the food presented for their lections which werd very appropriate. acceptance, and while there may have Owing to the occupants of our temple been some who fell short in the estima holding a lease, we cannot as yet hold our meetings in our temple, but will tion of their work, others fully justified hold meetings until further notice on all the hearty accord given.

J. Clegg Wright was here almost Sunday afternoons at 3 and evenings at 8, at Star Lodge Hall, 378 So. Western through the entire season. His work needs no endorsement from so weak a

Mrs. E. R. Weter writes from Haslett nen as mine; it is enough to say his lectures were well attended, and his class Park Camp, Mich .: "This week closes work was received with hearty demonour camp. Mr. and Mrs. Kates came strations of appreciation, and no one last Friday and are still with us. Suncould listen to his inspired words withday we had a large crowd. Saturday night every sleeping place was filled. out receiving lasting benefit therefrom. Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. Twing, Mrs. Lil-lie, W. J. Colville, C. Fannie Allyn, Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Kates are earnest in then, work, and try to inferest the people. We have had good meetings, though the camp is quiet this week, and many the camp is quiet this week, and many the camp is quiet the meeting of the many and to the beard from this rostrum this season.

Notes From the City of Light Assembly. A synopsis of leo. E. Littlefield's lec-ture on Socialism to day would be a mere shadow in effect when compared to meeting the man face to face and hearing his denunciation of capitalism. That he has the courage of his convictions no one who heard him speak can doubt. The auditorium was filled to its utmost capacity, excursionists coming from Jamestown, Titusville, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Chautauqua, and from every point within a radius of 50 to 100 miles the people came to hear this friend and defender of the working man, the helper

of oppressed humanity. Chairman Lillie in introducing him to the large audience, said: "Mr. George Elmer Littlefield needs no introduction from me. He will now take hold of the end of a live wire, and I hope we may all be shocked!"

But one more week at the City of Light Assembly, and the interest never wanes, neither do we expect it to until the last number on the program has been filled.

Talent yet to be heard from the platform this week is, Mrs. Lillie, Rev. B. F. Austin and Lotta P. Cheney.

Mrs. Margaret Gaule Reidinger and Mrs. Annette J. Pettengill still successfully and satisfactorily give clairvoyant and clairaudient messages, while the psychometric readings of both these

workers at times are marvelous. The last dances of the season will be Wednesday and Saturday nights of this

week. An interesting and beneficial feature at the City of Light Assembly this season has been the German meetings, presided over by Mrs. E. Stumpf, of Brook-lyn, N. Y. These sessions are carried on in the German tongue exclusively, thus giving those of that nationality not versed in the English tongue an equal chance to learn the beautiful truths of Spiritualism.,

Less than one week more will close the most successful season in the history of this Assembly MATILDA ORR HAYS.

Chesterfield Camp.

Saturday morning the lyceum children met on the parade ground to say farewell to Mrs. Anna Gillespie and surprised her with a beautiful silverhandled umbrella and a bouquet of flowers Mrs. Maggie Waite made the presentation speech. Mrs. Gillespie thanked them in a few words, and as she made her way to the cars that were to bear her away on her long jour ney to California, she was followed by the entire assemblage to give her Godspeed. As the cars slowly gathered headway, the children sang the chorus of "Chesterfield, Camp Chesterfield," but broke down, and there was not one among the onlookers whose eyes were not moist with tears. She has made herself beloved by all who came in con tact with her and was one of the main factors in the success of the camp. WALTER S. MILLER.

The Elements of Ethics. Founded on the Natural Law of Mind as Revealed by Human Conduct. By E. J Schellhous, M. D., Kansas City, Mo. Paper, 50 cents.

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in excellent health for a person of he age and of a very bright intellect."

The eastern part of Hillsboro, Ind., known as Fair View, is excited over the appearance of an alleged ghost. The pecter is said to appear in a long black dress and wears a long and heavy veil. seems to sail through the air and disappears as quickly as it comes. It has ING TO YOURS AS THE BEST OF ALL. I admire the course you take." Black."-News, Michigan City, Ind.

J. M. Humphrey writes from St. Louis, Mo.: "The First Spiritual Asso-ciation of St. Louis, Mo., would like to notify the world that its next season's campaign of enlightenment begins on the first Sunday in September, with Bro. Thomas Grimshaw as its trance lecturer for the eighth consecutive year. He is too well known as. one of the very best upon our modern rostrum to need any other advertisement, and we would like everybody to consider themselves as specially invited to come and hear him whenever within reach of our beautiful little Temple at 3015 Pine street, in the heart of this city, where no admission fee is charged, that 'Bete Noir' of our cause almost everywhere. We are expecting a banner year, and it would be a strange break in the regular annual series of successes, if this is not the record when next summer rolls around. A fine choir and organ will do their share toward helping a proper frame of mind for listening to Brother do the rest that cannot fail to make a process and the little ones made moral visit to us profitable for anyone. I may and intellectual members of society. add that we have had a very interesting and helpful open free conference meeting service running all through the Summer on Sunday afternoons, giving tors, as well as Spiritualists. No one dren should be treated with loving care opportunity to skeptics and investigawas barred the floor for a ten minute and patient skill. This desire Dr. Gates talk and we can recommend this as a made known to me more than ten years most useful way of working up an in-terest in things psychical. This is a very good use of the usually idle time between seasons that may help not only to keep up interest, but as a developing circle will assist the regular memberin his search for truth in our political ship to a better understanding of what they are attempting to do as reformers. It brings out and assists to train latent ability and ought to be a regular thing in every Spiritualistic church and I refer to the dictionary for the definition of that-word."

An honest investigator, Lewis T. Bell, writes from St. Joseph. Mo.: "I heartily approve your effort toward the elimination of fraud. I am not a Spiritualist. only an investigator, but your course as well as that of President Barrett is the only safe one. If true, the philosophy is bound to prevail; if false, all the power of darkness and combined ingeof the infernal regions will not sustain it. If there is anything in it at all. lift it to a high moral plane."

W. J. Elmo writes: "The Chicago Spiritual Alliance Church, which meets at 8514 Vincennes avenue, is holding some The collections are sufficient to carry very nice meetings in its new home. Good short lectures and plenty of tests and messages by Mrs. May Elmo. In workers to come and help. Prof. Hillis, the afternoon meetings we invite all me- Mrs. Hodge and Mrs. Dixon and diums to take part. Our services start daughter are always with us and many at 3 and 8 p. m. sharp. Mrs. Elmo's visiting mediums are returning from tome address is 3514 Vincennes ave the camps and are always welcome."

A CARLES AND A CARLE

the land I must be near it. I commenced with the Banner of Light in its first year; then the Religio-Philosophical Journal during its stay in Illinois; then your paper of which I have been a constant reader. I have taken other for a time, then discarded them, HOLD-

"If I am not the oldest Spiritualist in

J. Marion Gale writes: "In The Progressive Thinker of August 13, appeared a short article from me. There was a mistake in the address. I live at Quilcene, Wash., at the foot of the grand old Olympic mountains. I still enjoy our 'faith of knowledge;' as for the last forty-eight years I have known rather than believed in the plain evi-dence of the immortal life. I still hope that I shall be able to give any friends in the flesh some valuable testimony thereof ere I quit this mortal, frame and perhaps, thereafter, if conditions permit."

Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox speaks as follows of Brain Building, in the Chicago American: "For years Elmer Gates has been asking men of science to give his assertions regarding brain building a thorough test. It is Dr. Gates' theory (based on proofs which he can give to all who are anxious to investigate) that the brain cells of children who inherit degenerate tendencies, or of children who are arrested men tally, can be developed by a scientific Instead of reformatories and prisons and houses of correction. Dr. Gates yould have scientific colleges of brain building under the direction of skilled specialists, where all unfortunate chil-I am glad to know that another great man is filled with the same colossal ambition, and I wish the president of the United States would stop long enough

nond of falsehood to realize what these two great great Americans in our midst could do for the world were they properly supplemented by the interest and support of the government."

Mrs. Dixon, Secretary writes: "The

people are returning from camp and their vacations and are seeking in large numbers the Spiritual Science Society at Arlington Hall, 31st street and Indi ana avenue. Our music is under the direction of Madam Holton, who has no superior in that line of entertainment She has organized a large choir of chil dren, the Angels' Choir, which startles the audience with its solos and cho ruses. Children bring good conditions, and we are glad to have you bring them and-join this choir. Dr. Beverly free demonstrations in healing after ev ery lecture. This is truly a great work on the work, so we invite all to come

sage medium. We have a number of new first-class speakers engaged for this fall and winter. Our socials begin September 9, and will continue every Saturday evening. All are welcome."

B. G. Sweet writes: "Your war on the fake mediums is just what is needed, and I hope the war that has given them such a black eye will be kept up until there shall be no place for them among those claiming to be Spiritualsts. Any Spiritualist that will spend his dollars for The Progressive Thinker

and other good spiritual literature will be immune from fakerism." Henry Scharffetter writes from Baltimore, Md.: "The First Spiritual Church of this city has engaged the following speakers and medlums for the season of 1905 and 1906: September, Dr. J. M. Peebles of Battle Creek, Mich.; October, November and December, Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott Bledsoe of 507 Horne street, Topeka, Kansas, inspirational speakers and mediums; January and ebruary, Mrs. Helen-Stuart-Richings of Seattle, Wash. She is an inspirational speaker and prophetic medium. March

and April, Oscar' A. Edgerly, trance peaker and clairvoyant medium. May nd June, Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley of 3148 Prairie avenue, Chicago, 111., inspirational speaker and message earer."

Henrietta L. Lichtig, secretary, writes: "The ladies comprising the Illi ois Sunflower Club, auxiliary to the illinois State Spiritualist Association are by no means idle. Quarters have been leased in the Fraternity Building 70 East Adams street, for the second and fourth Tuesday of each month dur ing the year, where they will have their regular meetings and hold entertain ments. The next regular meeting is to be held in Lincoln Hall, Fraternity Building, 70 East Adams street, Tues-day, Sept. 12, at 2 p. m. A full attendance of all the members is desired, as business of importance is to be transacted."

Mrs. Barnes, the wife of Charles J. Barnes, the trumpet medium, writes from Warsaw, Ind.: "Charlie has arrived home from his summer work, and is resting. He says he had a very pleasant time at the various camps We have been wondering why the secretaries of the different camps never mention the mediums; only the speak ers are spoken of. No one likes a good inspirational speaker better than I do. but as the demonstration of spirit return is the basic principle of our philosophy, why not mention it, too; that is, when you know it is honest. I have watched the papers closely all summer, and have found but little or no mention of mediums for phenomenal phases, Why is it? Are we getting too proud and conventional to acknowledge the source of our power? If that is the case the day of our doom is sealed. We enjoy The Progressive Thinker in the quiet of our little home. Charlie is now ready for fall and winter calls for trumnet work. His permanent address is

642 N. Lake street, Warsaw, Ind." E. J. Schellhous writes: "Within the last few years Spiritualism has made great advance in Kansas City. Mo. There are a number of resident

manager is making every effort for its interest, and we shall leave our camp thinking it is on the way to progress. We expect some cottages to be built this fall in the grove. We would like to see the people more interested in the proach need fear for results. cause, and ready to give a helping hand, and we, one and all, live more in touch

Sunday evening, Aug. 27, did not deter the large crowd from attending the ser-

vices of the Rising Sun Mission at the

ister. He took for his subject,

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avenue.

with the better and higher influences and be ever ready to testify to the truth with which we live."

Sister Onfa of the Order of the Goldon Rule, writes from San Francisco. Cal., No. 1110 Eddy street: "I enclos

Prof. W. M. Lockwood on the public one of our little circulars, knowing full rostrum together with Mr. Wright, as well that The Progressive Thinker is inhad been the custom in the past, and tcrested in every movement for the which had been to hundreds of people betterment of humanity. The little folder gives but a brief suggestion of the work of the sisterhood as it will un-away on account of Mr. Lockwood's the main attraction which brought fold in the near future. Besides our Open Air Sanitarium and Retreat for name not appearing on the program. but to those who came the disappoint those merely seeking rest, we hope ment was mitigated by Mr. Lockwood's soon to provide homes for old people, securing private rooms-not at all ade quate to his work-which were crowded especially for men and women who have served in any field of progressive at every meeting of his class; and the thought the cause of Truth. By homes hearty applause which greeted him, and for our dear elder brothers and sisters the great interest manifested in his we do not mean an institutional estabteachings, were certainly a significant tribute to the great worth and need of lishment, but individual cottages with little garden plots all their own to be his continued labors along this line of cultivated in any way their fancy might work. Any society or association en suggest. Also we will have real homes gaging Prof. Lockwood and J. Clegg

the orphan children of parentage Wright in their especial line of work out of all orthodox creed. These chil-dren will be taught to live by the Goldcan make no mistake. dren will be taught to live by the Gold-en Rule in order that they may become real humanitarian workers." Mrs. De Walt Kicon glata mitter

Mrs. DeWolf Kiser, slate writing me- presentation of the truths of Spiritualdium, is in the city for a few days, and ism, he is one of the ablest advocates is located at 851 West Harrison, St. s located at 851 West Harrison, St. upon our rostrum today, and leaves John W. Ring writes: "I had a lovely the impact of his earnest convictions upon the minds of all who listen. Certainly there are many noble minds time in Lily Dale, and am here for about ten days, after which I shall visit Titus-

ville, Pa.: then work my way west from there to Chicago, where I shall be October 1st., for sevaral days, then off to the great Convention in Minneapolis." becoming more wide spread, and if con-Maggie Henry, writes: "Spiritual Mis-ion Chapel, at old 77, on August 27th,

societies it is because the minds of the we had a very interesting meeting. Our speaker, Prof. F. M. Stoller, is a bible people are becoming so imbued with the principles of Spiritualism that they Spiritualist; always reads a portion of scripture, followed by a scientific ex-planation of the same 1 It is very inter-esting and instructive, especially to those investigating. We had a good do not need to unite with us to find al he have to offer. Truth will prevail, and time will make all things right.

those investigating. We had a good sized audience, and enjoyed the services very much. The lecture was followed

by a few psychometridireadings by Mrs. Hope, followed by many readings by the Professor, who is a fine psychic as well

as an inspirational speaker." Sunday evening, Qugust 27, the Golden Rule Spiritualist Society had for ts speaker, Mr. Koehler, a very talented man, and a speaker that gave great satisfaction to the audience. The message bearers were, Mrs. Alice Sexsmith and Mrs. Nellie Kusserow, whose work was duly appreciated, The speaker for Sunday evening, Sept. 10, will be that well-known worker, formerly of Chica-co. Mrs. DeWell, kisse

go, Mrs. DeWolf Kiser. Conference at 3 p. m., and lecture at 8 p. m., at O'Don-nell College Hall, South Paulina St:,

between Washington boul, and Park av. All are cordially invited; open doors. Eva L. Stewart writes: "The Hyde drawings are incomparable, and excu-Park Occult Society, was highly enter-tained on Mediums Night by Mrs. Cloth. \$1.50."

of ten lines will be charged at the rate The usual sensational reports conof fiftgen cents per line. About seven cerning the physical mediums have words constitute one line.] been set going, and much speculation in

regard to their work the coming season Passed to spirit life, from his home in rife. However, no worthy medium San Diego, Joseph H. Tyler, aged 87 years. Born in New York, he came to whose work is honest and above rethis state in the early seventies. He A judicious pulling out of weeds is was a member of the G. A. R., Co. K. beneficial to the growth of the plant, and a stirring up of the soil necessary. First Minn., and a Mason of high standing. During Mr. Tyler's early life, he So we hope for the cause in the future traveled extensively in this country and One disappointing feature of the made friends wherever he went. camp work this season which was leaves two children, a son, Alvin P. Tywidely felt, was the non-appearance of

ler of Fresno, Cal., and a daughter, Mrs. Sophia T. Elliott, a prominent and well loved medium of San Diego, with whom he has made his home during the late years; attended by her unselfish 'care. The funeral services were held Aug. 22 at 2:30 p. m., attended by a host of

friends. Mrs. Lily M. Thiebaud of San Bernardino, Cal., delivered the funeral COR. address.

Passed to spirit life from her home at Lowell, Mich., Mrs. Olive Alden, at the age of 78 years. She had been a Spiritualist for many years. She leaves one daughter and grand-daughter. Her husband passed away six years ago. There were many friends present to sympathize with the few re-maining friends. Services by

MRS. J. H. DUNHAM. Ionia, Mich.

A Lesson by a Spirit.

It is an eternal truth that every successive world, age or cycle, has its own specific work to do, for the furtherance of general knowledge and humanity's weal, as well as the rectification of ac cumulated errors with regard to life's

true import. espousing and advocating the truth of The present cycle has the especial Spiritualism. We need not fear that duty assigned it to rectify the erroneous idea-regarding man's begetting on becoming more wide-spread, and if conearth and his regeneration from the verts do not enroll themselves with our crude annexations of matter to his soul

and spirit. Thus will be learned what constitutes the true plan of redemption for the spiritually deficient for their onward movement in life's unending march. This has been a difficult problem, but it will have its solution, and absolute proofs of its verity furnished

by a scientific demonstration, then the controversy with regard to the mission of Jesus the Christ will be

Truth is mighty and prevaileth in the end, although while struggling for ascendance, those who defend her hardships and are maligned by the foes of Truth and Right. But they rise in time and are honored while those who gave Truth the fight, are set low.

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rie E. S. Twing, vice-president, and Tillie U. Reynolds, vice-president and state missionary, are to be assisted by B. F. Austin, Mrs, Effic Chapman, Mrs. assisted by Paine and others as speakers and me-diums, and the Spiritualists of Northern New York are invited to be present.

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Mrs. Julia Richardson: Q. Will you please explain what is meant by the 'Comforter," Jesus promised would be sent when he went away?

sent when he went away? A. Jesus says, "But the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost, which the Father will send in my name," etc., John 14:26, and again, "When the Com-forter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth." John 15:26 truth," John 15:26. The thoughts of this evangelist are

truth," guiding the world, and the "Comforter." The Spirit of truth is truth. made synonymous with the Holy Ghost, which again was the Logos or divine word. It would not be a strained interpretation to suppose that the hosts of the spirit world, coming into rapport with mankind, should become the re-deeming power of the world. Than our spirit friends near and guiding us, there can be no greater Conforter.

C. W. King: Q. In "The New York American Year Book" for 1904, which bas an immense circulation, an article appears, written by Mrs. Mary T. Long-ley in which it is stated that there are "about 1,500 avowed Spiritualists in the United States and Canada, and perhaps many more who will not acknowledge it. I presume Mrs. Longley did not have an opportunity to read the proof sheets of her article. The mis-take should be corrected and wide attention called to it. A. The matter was referred to Mrs.

Longley. She did not see the proofs and was not aware the error had been She wrote 1,500,000 and the three ciphers were quietly dropped off. The probability is that this number should be multiplied by two but it has been accepted as a close estimate by best informed. A STAN

IN FAVOR OF ABSOLUTE HONESTY.

The Views of One Who Attended the Chesterfield Camp.

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itual welfare.

inswer to that cry Socialism has come to the front. It is believed by its otaries to be the best solution of the political and industrial problems low facing the present age.

The labor problem in American and many European nations has become a very grave question. The constant war between capital and abor is tending to anything but peace and good will. A solution of the question would seem to be a pressing demand in view of the exigen-cies of the case yet it might not be stating too much if it was said here hat what will be the only true and lasting remedy for the evil, would if iven now not be favorably received.

Social reformers particularly of the political class have certain preconceived opinions as to how these things must be adjusted. They desire to legislate the people into peace and plenty through the power of a ighteous and equitable government. Socialists, like all other classes of extremists, are one-sided and tenacious to a fault of that particular side of the question which they have espoused. Political and social reform, whilst serving a purpose in the economy of life, cannot and will not of itself do for the people what so many of its adherents fondly anicipate. Whilst granting the benefits of a righteous and equitable form of government in the interests of the people irrespective of class pr party, it falls short of what is the actual need of the people.

Republican governments at one time were thought to be the "beau ideal" government of an advanced nation. In comparison with monarchal rule, Republicanism was supposed to stand first by the superiority of its constitution. Yet permeating the foremost of Republican constitutions we have political corruption and chicanery holding sway. The youth and freedom of the form of constitution has been taken advantage of by political bosses, multi-millionaires and thieving trusts. Instead of finding that the working and ordinary classes of the people are getting richer and more contented, the contrary turns out to be the case. The few own the wealth of the nation, and the rest go a begging. That such a condition of affairs exists amongst a free and liberty-loving people points to "something rotten in the state of Denmark." There is

an important screw loose somewhere which requires adjusting. The fault lies not with the existing constitution so much, be it ever so deficient in its make-up, as with the members who compose its government. In dealing with Republicanism the ideal form of government at present in existence, the question of Socialism has not been lost sight of. Only the argument is, that all things being equal, what applies to the one form of constitution might in time with equal force apply to a Socialistic legislative effort. Humanity without the true knowledge of those spiritual factors which go to make up a righteous and pure life, The thoughts of this evangelist and highly mystical and obscure. The dis-ciples complained to Jesus that they failed to understand. He left it in doubt, for he spoke in parables, and feets. Adjust the cause, and proper effects will follow as the resultant gave the impression that he would re-turn and would become the "Spirit of must first be reformed. and the social and political questions will find true solution through such reformation.

Spiritual life as a determining factor in the adjustment of the industrial and political life of the people, has been largely a most question. It has been relegated to a back seat in the affairs of life, as having an unimportant bearing on the case. To resuscitate and give it its proper place in life should be the earnest endeavor of all true lovers of the welfare of the human race.

Let it be distinctly understood that when the question of a true spiritual religion is here dealt with, that no reference whatever is had to dogmas, creeds, churches or isms. The divinity within the soul of man, its awakening expansion and ultimate control of his whole being, is the real issue of the question and will now be dealt with. The soul under learn the old orthodox conception of God and religion was supposed to be lost by nature and only through the reconciliation accomplished by the work of Jesus on the cross could man hope for salvation. This kind of religious belief was given to the world by the clergy (not by Jesus, as lie never wrote a word of doctrine whilst on earth) as a panacea for all ills. The ridiculous doctrine of God the Infinite, propitiating himself and dying on the cross has been impudently given to the world as the mission of that great teacher of spiritual things, Jesus.

The date of the New Testament and the rise of Christianity was at the time of the Emperor Constantine, who paganized Christianity was at the the people of his empire Christian at the point of the sword. The Coun-1 cil of Nice decided the canonicity of the New Testament, and from that body of clergymen was founded the Roman Catholic hierarchy. The Latin Vulgate is the correct version of the New Testament writings. From the Roman Catholics, Protestants received their religion in fact. Protestantism in its various branches is only mutilated Roman Cathol-

The world has been asked to accept a record of religious dogma which was prepared and doctored by old-time priests, as the infallible record of God's revelation to man. As the resultant of religious dogmas, churches and creeds, wars and bloodshed have disgraced the ages since

the uprise of the Christian era. Do not blame Jesus, the healer and Having just returned from several weeks of rest and recreation at Camp | teacher, for this, the world has wronged one of its greatest and noblest

The ever urgent cry of to day is for legislative reform, and as the only tiring in its energy, making all things new. Religion is our life, not the act of a moment merely; not one conversion, but it is continually con-

verting us and giving us a fuller consciousness of life. It isn't so much the environments that make the man as it is man who creates and make this environments. Changing a man's surroundings does not necessarily change the man. If life springs from an interior source, you cannot change the current of that life by doctoring up the externals. The same driver would be committed as by Doctors who treat symptoms and neglect to discover the cause that is producing the symptoms.

It is proposed to give man in his present submerged condition of mind, ideal conditions of government and environment, but if man is not equal to these same conditions, that is, has grown into them as the resultant of the interior reformation of his life, they will be practically useless to him. He will not be able to appreciate or put them to the best advantage. His grossness of life and conduct are just as likely to continue in such conditions, as out of them. A pig in a drawing-room would not behave itself any better, than in a barn, nor would it be expected to do so. All reformation of life must spring from within, growing outwards; if you doctor up the outside only, the inside being still unchanged, the result will not be satisfactory. With the awakened consciousness to the ligher life of the soul and a true understanding of the principal factors that go to make up a harmonious existence, so will the soul enjoy ideal conditions of life.

The requirements of humanity are the understanding of life through the consciousness of divinity within itself. The experiences of life are such, that the unawakened or animal man, is wholly an unreliable quantity, be he a Republican, Democrat, or Socialist. When self-seeking, personal aggrandizement and dollars are made the main objects of political life, corruption and disaster are sure to follow.

If such who seek to benefit permanently the human race, would recognize their true relation to the whole and also the utter worthlessness of all narrow, selfish and personal ends, they would be on a fair road to doing something good. Those who serve humanity in a public capacity are in reality the servants of divinity; as such they should be noble, pure and righteous, commanding the love and sympathy of all those whom they propose to serve.

A truly spiritual religious life is simple, though hard in the present material age. When the colwebs of priests, creeds and dogmas are swept away from the portals of truth, all mankind must surely worship within its shrine. Jesus said, once at least he is reported to have said so, "I and the Father are one," If we can say so with a truthful spirit having recognized our oneness with Deity and all its manifestations of life, then likewise we are one with the Infinite. All life is one and comprehends the whole; truth is a relative apprehension of life, of universal application. Pray do not circumscribe it.

Alameda, Cal. DAVID A. LEISK.

KANSAS NOTES.	REMARKABLE DREAM WARNINGS.
Status of the Cause ⁹ as Seen by a Worker.	Resulting, of Course, from Direct Spirit Influence.
Again I come to annoy the many read- ers of The Progressive Thinker with my would-be nothings, dowever, I trust they may eventually terminate into somethings. do 181 Behold my great surprisquppon reach- ing Wichita Saturday afternoon, to learn that our good and vesy genial sis- ter, Laura B. Payne, was here and was to deliver a lecture 4n the Elks' Hall, 400 E. Douglas avenue, and to also learn that Mrs. Kayner wasto be with us to-	A remarkable case of dream-warning was that of Henry Gay of Abertillery, Monmouthshire, England, who on Feb- ruary 19, 1901, had a vivid dream, in which he declared he was standing with a "radiant presence" in a shining corn- field. His companion gathered four ears of corn and handed them to him with the words, "These are all for thee." Mr. Gay immediately told the Rev. D. Collier, of Abertillery, of his strange dream, and said he was convinced that
morrow. Now if Sisker Bryan would only materialize, we hwould certainly have a glorious time and no mistake; however, Laura and Ishave mistake; visited and planned to arrange form a meeting	its meaning was that he had four more years to live, a conviction which no ar- gument could shake. Exactly four years later, on February 19, 1905, Mr. Gay died.
Sunday evening, Sept. 3, and if Sister Kayner should join us to morrow, we	The late Lady Teedmouth, shortly before she died, had a strong conviction

Kayner should join us to morrow, we before she died, had a strong conviction will have her, if possible, to aid us in that the end was near, as the following our work Sunday evening. Brother Francis, I wish to make a Btatement that should have been made story proves. At the last dinner at which her Ladyship was a guest in London she was taken in by Lord Rose bery, and during the meal eclipsed even some time ago, so that all might read as they run, and that is that Sister herself by the brilliance of her conver-sation. At the close of the evening she Bryan and myself are not out to injure mediumship, nor to break up circles, when we ourselves depend upon our medial gifts for our livelihood; neither are we out to uphold fakirs. In my placed her hand in that of Lord Rosebery and said, without a quaver in her voice, "Good-by, Rosebery." "Good-night, you mean," replied the Earl. travels I meet many that say to me "No, it is good-by. This is my last dinner in town. I am now going home

'Oh, Mrs. Jaquet, don't expose So-and So; he (or she, whichever it may be) to Scotland to die." is helping our society, Two curious cases of this kind were Now, which is the fakir, the society

reported recently from Kent and Glouor person employed to do the fake? Not a thousand miles away is a trumcestershire. In one, Mrs, Cook of New lomney. pet medium, and one good sister who is Kent, helping to retain this horn medium, says: "While we know he is a ventriloquist, and perhaps does a part of the day, and within twenty-four hours she talking, at the same time we know the was found dead in bed, having passed away in her sleep. dear spirits manipulate the trumpet." Oh, bosh! Likely story that the dear spirits are going to run around living at Cutsdean, Gloucestershire, with the horn and place it to the venwith the horn and place it to the ven-triloquist's mouth, so that he may talk marked that that would be her last to his audience, who sit in utter dark-ness. You or they, will have to show me. I am from Chicago, and like the poor old Irishman, who peddled ashes for soap makers, I can not do justice by the case. All I can say is, that such people remind me of some would-be Christians-throw a blanket around the again. erring members of their church, and cover up the wrong, for it brings them Another subject that is most import ant, that of organizing societies in Kansas. Do what we may, none are willing to come under the new state organization, claiming that they have but one state organization that is legal, at the

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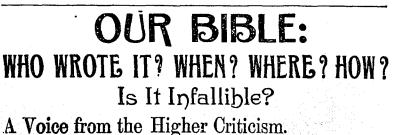
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readers of The Progressive Thinker Religion in its truest meaning is the awakening of the soul from the that the thoughtful, honest and intel-lectual Spiritualists all over this counfetters of animality and ignorance, into a higher consciousness of life. It is the spontaneous uprising in the soul of a new affection which attry are reaching out to join hands with tracts and draws it into a realization of the true divinity within itself. you in your fearless effort to crush out all kinds of fraudulent and dishonest Jesus uttered a great truth which has been obscured and misundermanifestations practiced by so-called stood by his pseudo followers, when he said: "Ye must be born again."

mediums of to-day. At camp I heard considerable discus-This is a scientific law of life relating to the spiritual unfolding and resion along this line. Some say to exgeneration of the soul. The majority of mankind are born of animal pose a fraudulent medium is to damage passion. To enter into the kingdom of spiritual life one requires a new money. the cause. Others contend that the rebirth, the re-chemicalizing of the atoms composing his organism, on to port of a medium being "grabbed" a higher plane of vibration. Thus in the highest sense of the term reserves only as a fine advertisement for ligion is a new birth, the springing from within man's soul of an intethe said medium. Such however failed to prove the case with one whom I have rior power which molds and changes the life to operate on a higher in mind.

plane of conscious activity. In some cases more than others the seed Another contingent claims that Spirof divinity is so deeply buried by the encasement of the grosser animal itualism cannot live without the phenomenal medium, thereby leading one conditions of life, that its growth is more tardy in finding expression. to interpret her (a medium who said The soil of such an one requires careful tending and turning over bethis) as meaning if fraud were crushed fore definite results are gained. out there would be no more phenomena.

Man is in his make-up truly a religious being and when he neglects But my convictions concerning the whole matter lead me to make the forethat part of his nature, he does so at the expense of the whole, and going statement, that all genuine, hon-est, brainy and well-informed Spiritualdisaster overtakes him sooner or later. To allow the lower or animal senses to dominate and rule is to put the powers of his life in charge of ists stand by the old adage, "honesty is the best policy," and if Spiritualism the lowest department of his being. Surely such a course is wholly uncould not live without the practice of philosophical and unscientific.

fraud to convince a gullible public the How to awaken knowledge of something higher than the life of the Coner it dies a natural death the bet animal sense has been the effort of all spiritual teachers throughout the ter. But all who have investigated inages. Heli-fire teaching was a good old-fashioned remedy, like the telligently know beyond a reasonable doubt that it can and will live to rule doses our grandmother prescribed for us, effectual, but awful nasty to the thinking world. In fact it could swallow. Robert Burns, the Scottish poet described the preaching of not be stamped out if we were all to turn our backs upon the Spiritual world hell-fire as "the hangman's rope to haw'd the wretch in order." ∵It would seem to have served its day and time, to scare the animal man and leave it to battle alone.

It has lived for untold centuries doubtless not to be killed or smirched into something like a sense of rightness. The effect has now worn off and the thinking minds of to-day require something more reasonable on and trailed in the mire of dishonest which to base their philosophy of life. money-getters who are conscienceless

Many scientific minds relegated everything to the realm of matter matter first and last, the alpha and omega of all creation. A spiritual conception of the universe was wholly unthinkable to such minds. The demand was for demonstration and fact, the church could not give it their religion being built up of an unreasoning faith in theological dogma.

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same time at our meeting, held in Topeka, June 9, 10 and 11, one of the mem-bers, of the Bledsoe state organization

arose and made the statement, that there could be no record found of there ver having been a state organization. Now, I trust that all these things will

be more clear at the N.S. A. convention to be held in Minneapólis in October. Sister L. B. Payne delivered a very forceful lecture last evening to a large while he was a novice along our lines come back to them. Lord Winchester of philosophy, he was well pleased with the lecture, and it had given him food for thought. Wichita, Kansas. 1:3:40 L. J. WAQUET. Wichita, Kansas. 1:3:40 L. J. WAQUET. .02

AIM FOR THE TOP OF THE TREE.

Is there a pain in your heart that's eat-

ing your very life away? Does it come every morning and even-ing, no difference how you pray? Does it reach way down in your lonely soul, crushing your higher aims, Crumbling to dust your better self, with all that honor clarms? its

Is there a burden youncarry, thro' life, mayhap not all yonr own; And you can't get out fromounder the load that weighs, you down like

stone? jai ei (no way you turn, grou scan catch a gleam of hope, to quiet your soul,

nd a weary cry springs out from your heart: Oh, could I but reach the goall

en lift your thoughts to the better the canvas he broke his palette in piec-life; send forth your bravest plea; es, exclaiming, "I have finished," and th your bow of promise, an arrow of a few weeks lafer his clever hand was Then lift your thoughts to the better With your how of promise, an arrow of hope, aim for the top, of the tree! stilled forever.

Many others have sorrow and trouble no life from grief is free, any others have sorrow and trouble, no life from grief is free, speed your arrow-not at center nor sents." Mrs. Elizabeth Towne takes root, but straight for the top of the the position that in many cases it is the tree. MRS. J. H. DALLAS, St. Louis, Mo.

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in 200d-b) to some friends on Boxing Day, told them that she would die on the following

In the other case, Martha Wiggett, meal, although to all appearances she was in excellent health at the time. Less than an hour later, while at a neighbor's house, she complained of a choking sensation, lapsed into unconciousness and died without speaking

Professor Palmer, before he started on his ill-fated expedition to win over the Sinai tribes in 1881, had a strong conviction that he would never return One day when he was sitting in the editor's room at the Standard office, Mr. Byron Curtis, the acting editor, observed that he was staring vacantly at copy of the Globe.

"What's wrong with you, Palmer?" Mr. Curtis asked. "You're awfully quiet tonight."

Palmer looked up sadly. "I was just thinking" he said, "What it would look like to see printed at the head of one

of these columns the words, 'Murder of Prof. Palmer.'" Not many months later these were the very words which appeared in large type at the head of me of the Globe columns.

It will be recalled, too, in this con-

went out to fight for his country with "No. I know it's good-by," he said in farewell to one of his old friends; "I shan't see you again." Maj. Childe was equally certain he was going to his death, and Col. Stopford, when bidding one of his relatives farewell, said: "I shall never come back again. The Boers are excellent shots and I, shall make a good target."

"Poor Weston Foote, the great comedian, exclaimed, as with streaming eyes he looked at the picture of a recently dead friend, "Soon others will be saying "Poor Foote!""--and in a few more days his prophetic words were verified. And to give but one more ex-ample of these strange premonitions, Hogarth chose as the subject of his last painting, "The End of All Things," "In that case," said a friend jocularly

"there will be an end of the painter." "There will," replied Hogarth, sadly, "and the sooner my work is done the hetter."

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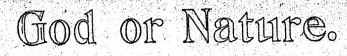
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(Continued from No. 823.) As usual, of course, under the various orthodox constructions there is a difference of opinion about this matter of faith with and without works, but it is one of the many discrepancies which ing and seek to conform themselves to militate against the acceptance of biblical assertion. No doubt Luther knew good, but how much more rational, how as much about this as any Christian. much more direct and efficient it "Table Talk" he says: "Every doer of the law and every moral worker is accursed, for he walketh in the pre-sumption of his own righteousness." Again, "If men only believe enough in Christ they can commit adultery and avoidably be attached to the being murder a thousand times a day without periling their salvation." And again, its horrors as depicted in regard to the "He that says the gospel requires works" those who by no fault of their own were for salvation, I say flat and plain he is a created for evil; aside from its bigotry

What an outrageous doctrine! and yet he has the weight of the testimony, claims, there is something pathetically as shown in Gal. ii:16, Romans iv:5, beautiful in the self-abnegation, in the Romans iii:28 and elsewhere. The men contradictory passages may be men-tioned as readily, but of what use is it, why take the time? It just amounts to ity manifested by some of those within this, any way: if one is elected to eter- the fold-those who see only the brightnal life he is so constituted that he can believe without or in spite of any evi-builded their house upon the sand. It dence, but if ordained to damnation he is the radiance of these sweet souls is so constituted that he cannot believe that makes the church in any degree such evidence as is contrary to reason. attractive: But if such lives are beau-

How easy it is for the great majority tiful, what shall we say of those outside of people to accept this idea of salva- the pale who possess the same virtues, tion by faith; how easy for those who do not or cannot think therein they founded their structure upon the rock have a passport to heaven. And how of truth. How much brighter and more often people shut their ears to reason beautiful are such characters, how for fear that it will rob them of this ig- much stronger and more efficient, how nominious, childish belief. much more harmonious and unimpeded.

Fifth, the idea that prevails in the church that its religious instructions ing devotees of the church they derive and observances are all-potent in estaband observances are all-potent in establishing that state of mind which leads of imaginary goodness hears their cry, to eternal life and the trust in the ever gives them a helping hand and promready arm of their omnipotent Jehovah to draw his creation of moral depravity agonies of this life. They do not for into the fold, makes the religious instruction of children paramount to nat-ural, scientific moral training and in-given them rest and happiness not only struction, and the youthful mind is hereafter but here also. They do not more or less if not wholly neglected in stop to think that if he does help them that kind of education which alone res- out of the mire, he first casts them in, cues it from the evil tendencies with and only helps them out to cast them in which a "kind and loving Creator" has again. Or should they by any possibiliendowed it.

In my opinion there never was a the cause of all their suffering and mis-Christian parent who did not to some extent neglect the natural training of ultimate good and only the result of his his offspring through his trust in what he regards as the higher influences. To illustrate the conditions as they actually exist under this head, let me take tence chose and established this law a representative case: I have in view of suffering in preference to the one of a youth with whom I am intimately ac-quainted, who fairly represents the class to which he belongs as to selfish-earth! How my heart grieves for you. ness, acquisitiveness, animal propensi- How I wish there was some one to hear He has been carefully imbued with re-sways the scepter, the law is fixed and ligious ideas and prevailed upon to en- I can only place refore you the tree of ter the church which in the estimation knowledge and invite you to eat the o his parents and himself assures his fruit thereof.

eternal welfare. It is only necessary to establish the He attends the religious exercises of character of an omnipotent being by his church and fully expects to get to heaven, but the natural selfishness of suffer martyrdom—by whose choice ev his heart is unchanged if not enhanced; erything is as it is, to determine the his not altogether scrupulous ideas of falseness of the orthodox biblical religacquirement are in no way modified, nor ion; and, having determined that, one do they take more into consideration should seek for the truth as it relates the rights of those of whom he act to the interests and welfare of the huquires; his animal inclinations are not man race. It is safe to say that truth any respect reduced, his self-resis better than fiction, that reality is bet traint in no way strengthened.

ter than illusion, even though the illu-On what he believes to be the Sabsion may convert pain into imaginary bath he plays base ball, football or any pleasure; for it is better not to have the pain, and through truth we may other game he chooses, under not too obvious conditions; does mechanical avoid it. Being subject to the natural work in an obscure out-of-sight kind of law, we should become students of that work in an obscure out-of-sight kind of way, and, in short, does many things law in order to be born well and to live not naturally or intrinsically wrong for one outside of his belief. Aside from well. The morality and physical well-being of a person depend largely upon the his religious teaching he has had some natural morality-not the religious instruction, on natural principles, in re- characteristics-of his predecessors. gard to natural and real immoralities, Then there should be a thoroughly

The Christian Religion and Nat- hovah as an omripotence must be ascribed the ignominy of having in pref-erence established in the beginning the universal law which results in all that is-the law of sin and pain--when he could as easily have arranged a heaventhe Cause of Spiritualism, Science, Morality, Higher Thought, and a Better Life. ly existence everywhere.

But, as I have said, they idealize the Never Lacking for Life and the Dissemination of Most Important Mind-Food. ing, and seek to conform themselves to him, This may result in individual Give Us the Truth, the Whole' Truth, and Nothing but the Truth much more direct and efficient it would be to simply conceive the ideal and apply it directly, seeking thus to fix its image within the soul. Aside from the execrable character which accord ing to the tenets of the church must unwhom it regards as supreme, aside from and persecution, aside from its fallacies

fare of his unfortunate children.

verse uncreated, without beginning and without end. I must not omit to give you what I term the Golden Key to this whole religious subject. It settles the matter in the briefest manner possible, as it applies directly to the fountain head. It is this: Nothing is or can be contrary and inconsistencies, aside from its false to the wishes of an omnipotent creator. This being true, you will readily see sympathy and charity toward suffering

that the story about the fall in the Garden of Eden is simply a myth and the plan of salvation a fiction. There are humanity, in the aspiration and effort to reach a still higher plane of spiritualother evidences which fully determine the mythical character of this Eden story, but if there were not, the Golden Key is sufficient of itself. By this you will see that had the fall occurred it would not have been as the result of Jehovah's wishes; and, as man could not by any possibility evade the plans or wishes of omnipotence, he could by no means be justly condemned, and an unjust Jehovah would be a monstrosity not to be thought of. You will also see how in the light of omnipotence, who wills all things, it

would be impossible to sin; and yet we know that the world is full of sin and full of penalty. We must, therefore, de-When tribulation assails these shin cide between an unjust omnipotence or an irresponsible Nature. By the appli cation of the Key you may also compre-hend more fully the fact that if Jeho ises eternal rest hereafter from all the vah reigns, all the evil-all the dens of iniquity and all the misery exist only one moment stop to think that this omin accordance with his wishes, and that having chosen a plan by which evil prevails instead of good, he cannot, as represented, be a God of love and mercy and if not as represented it may be well to conclude that no such being exists. Regretting on the one hand that 1 have been impelled to write at such ity conceive that this "loving father" is length, while on the other I am reluctant to leave the subject with compara fortune, they believe that it is for their tively so limited an exposition, I now bring my epistle to a close. I shall be boundless love and interest in the welpleased to hear from you at any time But but should I have occasion to write again I must do so with the utmost not once do they think that this omnino brevity; dealing, perhaps, with but one phase of a subject at a time, as writing under such physical conditions is not only difficult but detrimental. So you need not be deterred from writing me through fear of having to wade through another prolix and tiresome discourse.

Very sincerely yours, JEPTHA G. DUNLAP. San Jose, Cal.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

At Queen City_ Park, Burlington, Vt.

Memorial services for Dr. E. Smith, Brandon, Vt.; Hiram Preston, Sharon, Vt.; Samuel Richardson, Roxbury, Vt.; Mrs. Nellie, Montgomery, Moretown, Vt.; Miss Susle Stafford, Stowe, Vt., and Mrs. Sarah Patrick East Montpelier, Vt., who have passed away during the past year, were held in the pavilion at Queen City Park, Burlington, Vt., on Wednesday, Aug. 23. The speakers who took part were Alonzo F. Hubbard, Mrs. Abby Cros-sett, Dr. S. N. Gould, Mrs. Helen P. Russegue, Dr. B. F. Austin, Newman Weeks, Dr. W. B. Mills, A. E. Tisdale. The attendance was large, the audito rium being filled. The beautiful flow ers contributed by loving hearts

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Edgewood Camp, Wash.

This camp closed for the season Aug. 20, and it was the unanimous opinion of all interested that it was the best camp yet held by the Washington State Association. While the attendance was not large, the meetings were very harmonious, and never have I seen such complete harmony among the various speakers and mediums. There was an entire absence of the "I am holier than thou" spirit and no disposition manifested on the part of any one "to be greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Audiences on Sundays were large when one considers the location of the camp, but it seems plain that the camp is not accessible to any great number f people. Nine miles from Tacoma and twenty-seven miles from Seattle precludes the attendance of any great number of people from these thriving cities. True, there is hourly service on the Inter-Urban Electric Line to Edgewood Station, but from there to camp is fully three-quarters of a mile over a generally very dusty road. There seems to be quite a general demand to change the location to one more accessible, somewhere on the Sound and midway between the two cities, which will enable patrons to reach the grounds by boat as well as by car lines. This will

no doubt be accomplished in the near future. The sessions of the state convention, held on the camp grounds, Aug. 21 and 2. were very harmonious in character there were no criminations and recrim inations indulged in and there being no mediums on the grounds for physical mediumship, there were no disputes and no wrangling. The mental phases were numerous and mostly of the clean cut variety, and taken all in all your FREEVILLE CAMP.

The Central New York Spiritualist Ad sociation.

The Central New York Spiritual Asso, clation closed its tenth annual camp meeting at Freeville, N. Y., Sunday, August 20.

The association has been served by, most efficient workers. Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, with her genial personality, and her ever helpful sermons, gave the opening address Sunday, July 23, and emained the first week. Friday, July 28, Mrs. Twing spoke in

the interest of the state association, that day being set aside as state day. An "Icnabod" seance for the benefit of the camp was much appreciated.

Dr. W. O. Knowles, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was message bearer, and also remained the following Sunday, July, 30, to the satisfaction of many seeking consolation and proof of the immortalty of loved ones

Rev. J. S. Scarlett, of Cambridgeport, Mass., served the society Sunday morning, July 30, remaining two weeks. Rev. Scarlett, while he served the society, ave many scholarly addresses, and is a ireless worker for the cause. Friday August 11, he spoke for the National Association.

Rev. Laura G. Fixen gave an earnest address, Sunday afternoon, July 80, and during the week gave other addresses which held the closest attention of her audiences.

Mrs. Mary M. Jennings of Moravia, who is fast coming to the front as an earnest and efficient worker, served the society

Mrs. R. W. Barton, of Elmira, was among the corps of workers August 6 to 14, and not only lectured, but is a pleasing message bearet. She gave two benefit seances for the camp.

D. A. Herrick served the society the last two Sundays and the intervening week. Mr. Herrick is a host within himself, an eloquent lecturer, a message bearer and a trumpet medium. demands for trumpet seances were greater than could be met, and neighoring towns also desired his services. Mr. Herrick held seances at Dryden and Moravia, and other adjoining towns were disappointed because there were not more days in a week.

Mrs. Clara L. Stewart spoke Thursday, August 17, for the Morris Pratt institute, and as secretary of the school and representative of its interests she is a most faithful and competent worker

Mrs. Alfarata H. Niver, who with her husband was present throughout, a teacher in the department of oratory. for several years past, assisted Mrs. Stewart, and the friends from east to west know that the mantle of her ora-tor father, Moses Hull, has also enfolded the daughter. Saturday evening Mrs. Niver gave a concert for the bene-fit of the Morris Pratt Institute. She was assisted by her worthy husband in guitar solos, soprano solos by Miss Mable Stone of Freeville, reading Miss Victoria C. Moore, and a most effective rendition of a Puritan ballad. "Peter Gray," by a quartette consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Niver, Mr. A. C. Stone and Mrs. S. Comstock Ellis. Mrs. Niver's;

readings elicited many encores. Mrs. Mary E. Clark of Syracuse, assisted throughout as lecturer, message bearer, and an all around worker, but Mrs. Clark's most efficient work is as message bearer. In this phase of work she may excel.

Mrs. Sarah A. Walters, an earnest worker for the cause, was present throughout. Her sister, Mrs. Mary Von Kanzler, made a brief visit to the camp. Mrs. Hattie Mead of Oneida, presided is organist.

Miss Grace Green of Dryden, who has a pleasing contralto voice, assisted, ac-companied by Miss Alice M. Myers. Mr. C. E. Green of Dryden, added much to the enjoyment of those present with his very superior Victor talking machine.

On the closing Sunday, Miss Marguer-ite Zellers of Moravia, a child soprano, with a voice of wonderful range and volume, delighted her hearers.

The annual election of officers was held Saturday, August 19, and the officers for the ensuing year are: W. W. Kelsey, Cortland, N. Y., president; R. L.

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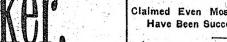
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him in that direction or should his assodevotion, and follow its dictates, shall achieve all that is in store for us. ciations become such as to influence him to enter upon such practices; but and the race will advance with a marvelous, unparalleled stride. Such is having been instructed from his childthe better way. hood and led to see and understand as

he grew older the penalties which Na-I have repeated over and over the ture inevitably inflicts upon those who fact of an omnipotent creator's responviolate her laws in these respects-havsibility for all that exists, because it is ing been shown that the use of these a fact that is too easily lost sight of. things is individually degrading and de I may or may not have clothed it in sufstructive-that the penalty is sure and ficiently variable language to avoid uncannot be paid by another, it is as cerpleasant monotony, but I offer the need tain as can be that he will never violate as my excuse. I have also spoken with the resolutions of abstinence which he such directness and emphasis as may has formed in regard to these particu- from your point of view seem rude, but lar things. I trust not, for that has been furthest

Sixth, the opposition of the church to from my wish. I am so constituted that art and science when these have con-flicted with its interests or opposed its is intolerable. My own life has been errors brings it into disrepute with that full of physical pain and my sympaclass of thinkers who move the world. thies with those whose afflictions. The authors of its book did not know through no fault of their own, have that the earth was a globe and that it been inexpressibly greater than mine revolved; but in spite of the deadly per- lead me to speak feelingly and strongly secution which the church inflicted on this subject. In addition to this, upon Galileo and others who promul- naturally like directness and hate evagated the facts, the world has adopted sion and especially fallacy and fraud. the scientific view and even the church So if in stating what I conceive to be knows to the discredit of its book that facts I have seemed to speak with unthe sun does not revolve around the due warmth, I hope that you will be earth and that the earth is not a plane. able to make some allowance and con-

When the art of printing was intro- sider the matter wholly in the light of duced the church termed it the black the statements which I have made. art and opposed it on the ground that it would prove detrimental to religion, yet been careful to avoid anything illogical printing has become the greatest source or that cannot be demonstrated or subof intellectual development and prog- stantiated, and rather than be regarded ress the world has ever known. Findas extreme, I have refrained from so ing that it was powerless to suppress many biblical and deducible accusa the art, the church now assumes to tions against this impossible Jehovah, have been its patron while it strenu- that you may give me credit for reously exerts itself to control it in its straint instead of charging me with too will it do next? The doctrine of evolu-tion met with the bitterest assault from pronounce what I have written unmitithe pulpit. To-day the idea is accepted gated blasphemy; but let them think by every scholar and scientist of note twice before making that assertion. In in the world and the church, to save it-self is seeking some pretext or ground the first place no fact can by any possibility be plasphemous, and I defy any for embracing it. To-morrow or the one to show that I have made a stateday following or soon, she will be much in regard to Jehovah that is not claiming the honor of its discovery. justified by the evidence. In the sec-There seems to be no end to this phase ond place the intention should be taken of the subject or to any phase of it for into consideration, and so far from blasphemy am I that I disbelieve in the that matter, and I must leave it, much to my regret, and pass on toward the existence of such a being as Jehovah is end. described to be, rather than lay upon

him the iniquity of and the responsibil-ity for the evils which in accordance It is a peculiar fact and worthy of notice that in the church there are many with the biblical presentation can not commendable people who are better than the creed they profess. Such peobe evaded.

Either there is an infinite Jehovah ple, however, are not much given to logical investigation, whether from a lack who is responsible for everything just of ability or from disinclination. They as it is, or there is no Jehovah; and I do not understand or else do not con-think it is much more creditable and sider the signification of omnipotence much more rational to regard him as a as applied to Jehovah, and instead of nonentity than to worship a being to whom must be ascribed the authorship e regarding him as essentially he should he regarded, they idealize him as a beof evil-the originator of the law by ing who is unlimited in power, and yet, which the earth is full of pain and sorwith absurd inconsistency, as one who row. I recognize in Nature a vital is limited in responsibility and as one force, but I cannot accept the idea of an who is all love and goodness. They infinite creative intelligence, for the yould regard with spasmodic horror the idea that if Jehovah is to be credit another he is responsible for having ed with all the good he must also be chosen the fiendish way which prevails charged with all the evil, all the sin and instead of a way of goodness, peace and all the angelsh. They would deprecate joy. To me this vital principle in Nathe unavoidable conclusion that to Je- ure is the law, and the law is the uni-

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Dr. E. A. Smith and his beloved wife, Fannie Davis Smith, hung back of the speakers' platform. On the two sides of the hall hung life-size, portraits of Achsa-W. Sprague, Nellie Kenyon, Mr. and Mrs. Sabin Scott, and Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Webb, who were among the early Spiritualists and founders of Queen City Park; also portrait of Dr. George Bronson, who was one of Ver-

mont's greatest and most successful healers. Newman Weeks and Dr. W. B. Mills had known Dr. Smith intimately from

his young manhood all through his pro fessional and business life. They had also known well, and with very high appreciation, his wife, Fannie Davis Smith. from her commencement as a public speaker, all through her most clorious success in New England and the middle west. High tributes were expressed by the other speakers as to Dr. Smith and his wife Fannie, and the other good and loyal souls, who had left noble life records behind them, and

who will ever be held in fond remembrance Mrs. Russegue, Mr. Hubbard and Dr. Gould spoke earnestly of their apprecia-tion of the fidelity and constant efforts of Dr. Smith in behalf of the cause of Spiritualism at large, and especially his love for Queen City Park and his zeal and determination that the association should succeed and be protected.

A. E. Tisdale rendered two songs; one was, "One by One Our Dear Friends Fall."

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Wedding at Camp Chesterfield.

On August 27 the camp had Mrs. Marian Carpenter as speaker, who is well On Friday night, in the beautifully known and well liked here. Mrs. Hoiles decorated auditorium, in the presence of campers and friends, the marriage of presided as chairman in the absence of Mr. John Mendenhall of Chicago, and Mr. Hunger, the president. Miss Ethel Lee of Elwood, Ind., was solemnized. The bride and her attend-ant, Miss Minnie Mendenhall; the ring Mrs. Flora Russell of Alliance again

led the singing atter an absence of several Sundays. She rendered several solos during the day, which is always a bearer, little Jessie Lee; the flower girl, treat to Lake Brady audiences.

Lake Brady Camp, Ohio.

little Rebecca McKee, gowned in soft white, carrying shower bouquets of Mrs. Carpenter prefaced her remarks of the morning by reading a selection bride's roses and carnations; with the by Ella Wheeler Wilcox entitled groom and attendant, Mr. George Von-Thoughts." She carried out the idea derheide, made a picture that the many that thoughts are things and by them we build our character and individual-The wedding march was played by Miss ity, either consciously or unconsciously, lessie Marley. The platform upon which the ceremony was performed, was decorated with a profusion of and as that is all anyone can take with them to the spirit world, it behooves them to build well.

palms and cut flowers. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. Anna Gillespie. Mr. Will Nicum gracefully gave the In the afternoon she again read a selection by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, "Open the Windows," using the same for her bride away. After a brief reception a topic. Open the windows of your soul dainty collation was served in the re-freshment parlor. All unite in wishing to receive as much truth as possible. The audience was large, the day was fine, and both lectures grand and con-On Friday morning the closing exer-Her messages vincing. were strong cises of the lyceum were beautiful. A and carried comfort with them.

Next Sunday, September 3, is the last Sunday of Lake Brady Camp. Mrs. Carpenter will be the speaker for that day also. MARY L. BETTES. ay also. MARY Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Wentworth Association, Ohio.

About one thousand people gathered t the 36th annual grove meeting of the Wentworth Association of Spiritualists. etween Hicksville and Antwerp, Ohio, and listened to the logic and eloquence of Mrs. Elizabeth Schauss of Toledo. The subjects of the three discourses given were furnished by people in the audience and were handled in a most remarkable manner by the speaker, who held the attention of her large au-

Messages were given by Mrs. Belle Fuller of Grand Rapids, Mich., and were concise and convincing in every respect. Mrs. Fuller, though not a field worker, bids fair to become a needed acquisition to our platforms. The day was beautiful, the air balmy,

the woods most inviting, the leaves upon the trees moved by the breeze. seemed to wave a welcome to all.

by a mixed chorus consisting of descendants of the Wentworths, who are the pioneers of Spiritualism in that part of the Buckeye State.

ans who were present with beaming faces and glad hearts, the younger generation, too, recognizing the unerring principles of Spiritualism, are enwork on and help to extend it, and with such earnest workers as Mrs. Schauss as teacher we will never be led astray; and with Mrs. Bush as message bearer.

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