

Letters From Dr. I. K. Funk, J. H. Hysion and Mrs. Addle L. Ballou in Explanation-Balley to Be Submitted to New Tests to Further Establish His Genuineness as a Medium.

To the Editor:-A couple of weeks ago, on your first page, you had an at-ticle of somewhat remarkable character concerning Bailey, the Australian methis article you speak of Professor Hyslop and others as having been convinced of the genuine nature of his mediumship. I sent the slip to Professor Hyslop. The enclosed is his

reply. I know how difficult it is for the editor of a periodical to "prove all things" and publish only that "that is good." But it would accomplish an im-mense amount of good if the editor of The Progressive Thinker could do this, so that we could be sure that the state-ments mere all hoon verified. Yours as over,

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Letter From J. H. Hyslop. My Dear Dr. Funk:-Not one word of truth in that Australian article so far as it concerns me. I know nothing about Balley except what has been published in the S. P. R. Journal, and this of wed pretty clearly that he was a frash and that Mr. Stanford had been widly burnt by the fellow. Yours sincerely, J. H. HYSLOP,

Letter From Mrs. Addle L. Ballou. To the Editor:-Thank you for for warding me copies of letters of Prof. James H. Hyslop and Dr. I. K. Funk, bearing on the recently published account of the Australian medium, Bailey's manifestations, and the question of their authenticity. I have mailed to, each of these gentlemen and yourself several pamphlets, among which is the official report of the Society for Psychic Studies in Milan, Italy On referring back to the published article in which Professor Hyslop is mentioned with others, I must suggest that he had doubtless read greater hasto than accuracy, as the writer does not claim him to be in any way sponsor for, or personally a believ er in, this particular medium, but as having authority by the professor's own words to class him with those who be lleve there are those of undoubted ability to perform seeming miracles, and his record of accomplished phenomena-not so much the man as the phenomena.

In a report of a recent experiment of the Society of Psychical Research, Professor Hyslop is quoted as declaring, "that the message was carried through the agency of a spirit. It was a message of four words translated al-most instantaneously between Mrs. Piper in the United States to an Eng-lish medium in England. It was sent in English and given in Latin." 'Continuing he says: "As nearly as we can make out, the conditions in the spirit world are such that space is not a facfor with them. A thousand miles is no more than an inch. However we have made only a few experiments in that

May it not possibly come to the un-derstanding of these investigators that ponderosity and density may also be overcome by denizens of the spirit

Serious Thoughts on a Vital Subject.

Much as I deprecate the fakerism connected with Spiritualism, yet more deeply do I deplore the utter ignorance of, or inattention to hygienic condi tions in the every day affairs of life, The mass of Spiritualists are sadi hehind the age in their concents of what constitutes a proper diet, or even the importance of breathing pure air in their homes or assembly halls. In the early days of the movement, when only the more advanced in spirit life had knowledge of the law of psychic control, mediums as a rule were directed by their guides in their diet, or required to fast, as a spiritualizing process.

Since the more ignorant have learned to control, and the most vicious as well as the more advanced have their mediums, we find little attention paid to these vital matters, and it is a frequent thing that they use intoxicants; tobacco, tea. coffee and the flesh of swine that the Jews ages ago discarded as unfit for food.

By special request, I visited a medium in the East and found her with pipe in her mouth and the room black with tobacco smoke and the frying han on the stove. I asked to open the door as the air was intolerable. What class of spirits, let me ask, would enter such an atmosphere? Only these accustomed to saloon and dive conditions could endure it. The more advanced would shun such places as they would in this life, and yet this poor woman talked of "our cause," beautiful religion," etc. "ou

If Spiritualism does not mean cleaner,' purer life physically, men-tally, and morally it is not worthy our allegiance

Spiritualists as a class do not understand, nor do their "pastors" teach that spiritual conditions depend to a great extent upon the physical state. That any substance taken as food or drink that is not required to build the bones, nerves or muscles of the body must be eliminated, thus using up the vital forces that should be used for mental and spiritual activities.

The other evening my son, after attending a Spiritualist dance, said to me, is it not discouraging when a society of Spiritualists sets before their guests as refreshments, ham sandwiches, redhots and coffee?"

So long as such ignorance exists in egard to dietetics, let no one expect intellectual and spiritual progress. Let such Spiritualists get what comfort they can from communion with the loved ones their own ignorance of right lying have sent prematurely across the great divide.

Is it not, however, of more import-ance to teach right living, thus keeping our loved ones with us until a ripe, rich old age, than to comfort the mourners? JULIET H. SEVERANCE, M. D.

IN DEATH'S PRESENCE.

Lovingly dedicated to the arisen Spirit of Mrs. Ann Winton.

I stood in Death's presence in silence, not in awe or in terror or fright, For he smilingly, silently told me a spirit had bust taken flight; And he was just then pretty busy, too

busy to talk much to me, He had found the dear soul of a moth-

that duty co He found her so patient and helpless there, waiting for him to appear, And beckoned the angels to gather with harps and with songs of good cheer, And told them a mother, so weary in

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. 1206.

Contraction Contra DESCRIBES THE SPIRIT'S VISIT. A TELEPATHIC VISION.

Niece,

Passionist Father Declares Apparition Reproached Him for Not Praying Certain Number of Times as He Promised, Illustrating the Important Fact That Spirit Return is Common to A!! Humanity to Superstitious Catholics as Well as the Enlightened Spiritualists. The following is a filly forward the o the Chicago Inter Coan True Lon-

on,, Eng.: '1.is of rare occurrence that the theo-

he pulpit. The Rev. Father Hubert of the Passionist church, Ardoyne, Belfast, in a course of sermons he has just been delivering upon spirit manifestations, has given remarkable accounts of ghosts that have appeared in the Ardoyne monmother.

astery. Three of the five Passionist Fathers at Ardoyne, including Father Hubert, had, he declared, recently seen and rec ognized the apparition of a former member of the community who had áled

Father Hubert pointed out that he ad recently been appointed to the position of rector of Ardoyne and had come to take up his residence there. One night, shortly after his arrival, just as he had retired to rest, there was a knock at his bed-room door. Then a similar knock was heard at the door

of an adjacent room. The priestly occupants of both rooms opened their doors. Before them was the figure of a Passionist Father restlessly pacing the corridor. For some time the ghost continued its perambulations. Then suddenly it melted into thin air.

On several other occasions the appavision appeared, and the manifestation was so convincing that the watchers were assured of the supernatural character of the visitation. Priest Reproached by Ghost,

Full of curiosity, Father Hubert, in that they feared that he might not get the presence of other night accosted the ghost. other fathers, one out for a long while: But Mrs. Capehart is confident that a To their astonishment the apparition mother's love can get her boy from jail and she is going herself to Los An-geles. She has asked friends in Den

made answer-it was an answer of reproach. Turning to Father Hubert, the ghost ly visitant accused him (the preacher) of not fulfilling a promise made to the

apparition in the flesh that Father Hu bert would pray for him a certain number of times. He (the preacher) said he had made that promise, but, unhappily, had over-looked it. This oversight has since has proposed to bring her to Los An-been remedied, and since that time the geles. The sister, Mrs. Schmidt, had a

apparition had not appeared, Father Hubert told his amazed and She is lying now in an undertaker's es-

interested hearers that he did not re-gard these manifestations as alarming mother in the California city has asked mediums, has ever caused me to enteror sensational. This was not the first, second, or the dead body of the girl to Los Angeles even the third visitant from another for burial. world which had appeared at Ardoyne and there was not a similar institution

Sees In a Vision Her Boy In Jail-Mother's Vision True, and She Goes to California to Son's Aid, Carrying Dead "I had a dream one night. I saw my boy is in prison behind bars and he was lying on the floor. Then I woke up from fear and I heard the clock

strike 12. I went to sleep again and again I had the dream. I saw my boy in prison, and he was kneeling with his tands clasped as he used to do when he was a little in the said is said: "Oh, mamma, mamma, conte heip me, for T am so unhappy."—Mrs. S. F. Capebart. Who will deny the potency of dreams?

If anyone does let him read this story of a widow's dream that has come true for hundreds of years. and is breaking the faithful heart of a The adherents of this' religion al While Mrs. S. F. Capehart, at 3415

ways made it a special point in their Blake street is praying that she may soon be enabled to go to Los Angeles, arguments as to its infallibility, that lhese illiterate maidens (mediums) her twenty-year-old boy is lying in jail in that city under an assumed were not competent to give forth these learned messages themselves, hence, they must have been dictated by the name. A year ago hé left Denver for Los Angeles, and during that time his gods. That the teaching of these gods mother has not heard a word from him. -spirits-were false, is, of course, evident to anyone who is conversant with the subject. But it proves one import-Two months ago in the middle of the night, her boy came before her. It was in a dream and she saw, him with ant fact: that with proper conditions clasped hands asking her, to come and associated with sensitive persons, the help him. He was lying behind the bars of a prison. Twice Mrs. Capehart spirits have been in communication with people in the flesh from time imhad this dream and the next day, wild memorial.

with anxiety, she wrote her sister. Mrs Spiritualism in ancient Greece and A.S. Schmidt, who lives in Los Angeles. She told her friends that she had dreamed that Charles was in trouble Rome was no more understood than it was in the days of Christ. The Greeks and Romans believed the messages came from the gods. The Jews thought they came from Jehovah; and they all and asked their aid. They laughed at her and said that dreams never come true. But the mother knew better. She received help, and sent her other came from the same source--the world of spirits.

boy, John, and her daughter, Mary, to Myer's Ancient History, designed for high schools, and which history has been barred out of many high schools Los Angeles a month ago to find her And then a letter came with the news that Mary and John had seen Charles, because it classes the bible accounts of the creation, the Garden of Eden, the that he was in jail for some offense and fall of man, the flood, and other stories, as Chaldean myths, hoary with age long before the birth of Abraham, will give the reader additional light on this subject.

So, it will be seen that Spiritualismyea, mediumship, is not so modern as some persons might imagine. But an ver to write and say that her boy is of good character and that he should be intelligent comprehension of its princi-ples did not obtain until within a comreleased and sent home to his mother. paratively recent date.

In the tiny house at 3415 Blake all is in readiness for the widow to leave. That Spiritualism is based upon ab-Her little belongings are packed up in solute facts-and when I say Spiritualboxes. She is only waiting for a letter ism. I mean communication between the two worlds, the material and the spiritual-came to me in a manner so start-ling-came to me with such force that in home and public duties that I have given up newspaper work and have only daughter in Denver, who has just died. in all the years that have since passed, my kind friends to thank for an occano amount of argument against itsional and friendly mention of my work

thousands of Spiritualists.

the neccessary data?

time.

It Brings to Light the Awful Pollution It Constitutes the Solid Basis of Spiritin Manhattan, and Some of it Traced to the Church Members. The basis of Spiritualism is genuine With the charge that there are 500

mediumship. That the world owes ev-erything it knows of a future-or, rathlisorderly houses and flats in the Third Inspection Police District of Manhattan, presided over by Inspector Schmittterger, and that nearly every one of these is owned by wealthy men and women, living what they are confident are respectable lives, a campaign to force the authorities to prosecute these rich property owners was begun yes-

an undertaker by a widow in payment for her husband's coffin. The belief is The campaign was started by the Woman's National and International deaths are a judgment from heaven. So terrifying have been the manifestations of what is believed to be divine wrath Rescue League, whose headquarters are in Washington, but with a branch orthat even the county officials refuse to bave anything more to do with the case, which probably never will be adjudifice in this city at No. 126 West Twenty-third street. cated, at least in the present genera-

Inspector Schmittberger was visited yesterday by Miss Charlotte Smith, president of the League. against John Dalley. Both men died soon after suit was brought, of the strange disease which specialists were

The police, Miss Smith said, should tabulate and photograph disorderly women so that if they went to another precinct they would be quickly classi fied and be sentenced to as long a term as the statutes provide.

"I have evidence against 500 disorderly resorts," said Miss Smith. "I know that those resorts are leased to men and women by the so-called upper classes in this city, the classes that own property, go to church, claim to be good men and women, and I further know that a majority of them know that they are renting their property to disorderly people and wink at it because their cash is increased by such entals." Miss Smith said that there was a

negro immoral resort in West Twentyninth street, and that the rental paid for the flat was just five times that paid for similar property in the vicinity by when they fell ill and died. J. F. Simons, the district clerk, laughed at the fears of the superstirespectable people.

Miss Smith added that this resort was owned by a wealthy man who in person had been paid the rental for the property by an inmate and that this inmate had :nade an affidavit that she had so paid the rental. Miss Smith will call upon Police

Commissioner McAdoo, with a committee of women from her league, to de-mand that hereafter there he two clauses added to the police crusades

against disorderly women. These are as follows: First-that owners of disorderly houses, where the responsibility can be placed as knowingly renting the same to immoral men or women, be at once

prosecuted. Second-that there be absolute police co-operation in every police precinct and inspection district in Greater New York, so that women or other known members of the vicious classes after an arrest or conviction, cannot be able to

ply their vocations in any other part of the city.

Letter From Mrs. Sara C. Scovell.

highest sense, a broad reader and deep thinker. For reasons of his own and because he deemed it best for all con-It has been a long time since I have cerned, he would not consent to unite the temple work with the State or Nacommunicated any thoughts, and a report of work to The Progressive Thinker, but feel it due my many good tional organization, but kept it inde-pendent. But while this is so, it has friends who write me personal letters, that for want of time I cannot answer, always been open to honest lecturers free of charge, Mr. Wray bearing all exthat I give a big letter to one and all enses as to where I am and what I am doing My time has been so fully occupied

At last becoming tired of carrying the burden alone and despairing of the people's co-operation, he decided to sell the temple, and it is now for sale, and for rent.

Strange Death Comes to Ten in Coffin

Sult-Men Who Engage in Fight Over

Property Given to Undertaker Struck

Down Mysteriously as Though by

Word comes from Galveston, Texas,

that death from a strange malady which physicians say they have never

before seen or heard of has overtaken ten men who were connected with the

suit over a piece of property given to

idespread in this vicinity that the

The case is that of George E. Smith

unable to diagnose or treat. Then Thomas Brick, the district clerk who

filed the suit, fell a victim to the same

Three lawyers participated in the "widow's coffin suit," as it is called-Clegg Stewart, Forester Rose and Will-iam T. Austin. Within a few days all

three became ill and died of the pecul-

iar disease for which no remedy gould be found. Then Judge William H. Stewart, who tried the case and who

but a few days before had rendered a

decision in the case and granted a new

trial, fell a victim, and in a short time

Alexander Bartlingcock and C. A.

Sias were employed to survey the land

in preparation for the new trial. Scarcely had they completed their task

tions, and made preparations for the new trial. On Thursday last he died.

A NOBLE EFFORT.

A Letter to the Readers of The Pro-

gressive Thinker.

To the Editor:-I wish, with your

On my return home from a long con-

three lecture tour I opened meetings in the Temple. This temple was built in 1898 by the Spiritualists and Liber-

als, Judge John W. Wray planning and

supervising, as well as furnishing by far the largest portion of the funds. Mr. Wray, while he may be called a

Spiritualist, is far more than what is us-

ually supposed to constitute a Spirit-

the

ualist. He is a philosopher in

kind permission to give to your many, readers a few items from this city.

mysterious avenger.

expired.

Judment of Heaven.

I came here last February and opened the temple, giving a lecture each Sunday night. My audiences were good on up to the closing which was the last Sunday night in June, and now as 1 be-fore stated I am speaking here again. Moses Hull and wife came some two cr three weeks ago and I surrendered my rostrum to them for two Sunday nights, glad of the privilege of placing at their disposal this most beautiful and peace-giving "House of God." They have had good meetings, and we have firs all been pleased to have in our midst these worthy veterans in the cause of truth. Now I wish to say that I, for one, am orry to see this temple pass into the hands of strangers, sorry to see it go without having fulfifilled its mission. I feel that the higher powers planned, and, through their agents on earth brought it into expression to be the home of Truth in this desert of Higher Thought. This city is a hot bed of orthodoxy. It has more churches that teach 17th century religion than any other of its size in the United States, and this fair temple standing as it does in the very center of the town is well calculated to hecome the radiant center from which the New Thought will flow, driving back and dispelling the darkness of the "old thought" (fire and brimstone, total depravity, etc.,) that presses around us. Hence I am going to say to the readers of The Progressive Thinker that all you Spiritualists, Liberals, New Thoughtists or what not, if you are interested in the welfare of humanity, if you will send a contribution to my address, 811 Taylor street, this city, we can buy this temple and dedicate it anew to the cause of progress. If you cannot send much, send little. All will be gratefully received. Already a move is on foot to purchase the temple from Mr. Wray for our cause, and he will donate as much or more than anyone else. Quite a large sum has already been offered if our people will come to the front and pay the balance which is about sixteen thousand dollars. All contributions will be promptly turned into the temple fund. Please let us hear from those interested. LAURA B. PAYNE. 811 Taylor street, Ft. Worth, Texas.

er, a continuation of the present life, to mediumship is a fact that needs no discussion. Mediumship was the origin of all the systems of religion that ever existed. The oracles of ancient Greece heard and interpreted the voices that came from the fissures of rock. All who are familiar with Grecian mythology will terday.

recognize those maidens who heard and repeated these whispers as being me-The great temple of Delphi was erect

ualism.

ed over one of these rocks with its fissures, and in the room seated upon a tripod, a medium caught the message and gave them forth to the secretaries, who were seated in a circle around her. These messengers were believed to come direct from the gods. These were nothing more or less than Spirit ualist seances, and so far as we know

the earliest of any on record. The voices were not from gods, but from spirits who simply claimed to be gods, just as ordinarily Spiritualists of the present claim to be Ingersoli, Linoff-and other noted personages. And it is also a remarkable fact that these mediums should have been selected from the humble walks of life to be the mouthpieces of those spirits to build up a system of religion that endured

world through some hidden law that they understand and which we do not as yet dream of? Surely, the weight of proof, and the testimony of so many reliable witnesses as have attended Mr. Railey's sittings under rigid test conditions should merit the consideration of profound thinkers of this age, in particular those making discoveries of kindred and equally mysterious phenomena, nor presume that the instrument through which they come is fraudplent, or that those whose patient persistence has made fitting conditions for experimentation along the other, and to them, untried lines of just as honest and sincere experimentation, without they having been "badly burned" by the impostor.

With this I am sending you several published pamphlets, among them a report of the sittings of Mr. Bailey be-fore the Society of Psychical Research at Milan, Italy. I regret not being able at present to supply the larger pamphlets formerly issued with illustrations of the various tablets and other articles presented at Mr. Bailey's sittings, but the edition is exhausted, though I believe it is to be reprinted to meet the great demand for it all over the world.

I am prevented by illness from making a more detailed and interesting reply to the solicitations of Dr. Funk, the doubts of Prof. Hyslop. Mr. Stan-ford writes by late advices of re-opening the sittings at his rooms with Mr. Bailey under even more rigid tests, and of their most satisfactory results, more of which you may receive of later Very sincerely yours details.

ADDIE L. BALLOU. San Francisco, Cal. DIRE DISASTERS IN 1906 FORETOLD BY GOTHAM SEER.

Prophet Spangler, an East Side Oracle in New York, Sees Was far Entire World in Coming Year.

A special to the Chicago Tribune from New York, says that "Prophet" Spangler, an east side oracle, predictions are taken seriously by the Ghetto residents, warns the world of many dire calamities in 1906, including: Dissolution of Russia.

Overthrow of Turkey.

Assassination of the CZAL Assassination of the sultan of Turkey Prevention of three wars by Presi dent Roosevelt.

Protracted race war in the South. Destructive spring floods in the United States.

Destructive eruption of Mount Vesu vius: activity of Mont Pelee and Popo catapetl; volcanic eruptions in all parts of the world: eruption of many volca noes now supposed to be extinct. Great loss of life at sea by storms.

Destruction of two western cities by Earthquakes in all parts of the

world; destructive earthquakes in California and the Philippines. Rebellion in Spain. Great disturbances all over Europe.

Spangler says further that the summer of 1906 will be hot and sultry throughout the temperate zone, with high death rate.

We want fewer things to live in pov-y with satisfaction than to live magicently with riches .- St. Evremond.

body, yet peacefully lay Invoking them daily and hourly, in mercy to bear her away.

viewed the calm face of that mother in beautiful silence awhile. And saw adown deep in those features old Death had imprinted a smile; Her soul had departed so happy its pleasure impressed itself there. Oh, beautiful Life! Beautiful changes! Beautiful Death everywhere!

saw that bright smile and I wondered how Death such a terror could be, While moving about among people, just setting their spirits all free. When mortais should welcome his pres-

ence and call him their dearest old friend. For kindly releasing the spirit when

ever earth's journey must end. I stood there entranced for the moment

just dreaming, enraptured with him; He hore such a kindly demeanor, and nothing so dark and so grim.

He beckoned the spirit to follow, and led to a beautiful shore. Where bright kindred spirits were wait ing to welcome that dear mother o'er.

And now, as I turn myself earthward and find a lone spirit in gloom. hear the faint voice of a mother whose

heartstrings are spanning the tomb. Just breathing her motherly blessing upon the one left here so sad. Imploring her now to look upward and meet her in soul and be glad.

DR. T. WILKINS.

SAW PARENTS IN VISION.

On All Sides the Assurance Exists That the Spirit Seer Views the Death of the Body.

At Kokomo there was a peculiar circumstance connected with the death of James Kerlin, a prominent resident, who was buried at Kokomo last Tuesday Several hours before he passed away he sank into an apparent death, and the sorrowing relatives left the room weeping. On returning several minnies later they were astonished to see the supposed corpse alive, moving and talking. His words were: "Why did I come back?" "I saw my father and mother and was with them and they

with me.' The Mr. Kerlin above referred to is well known in this county and has many relatives here. He was a brother of Mrs. Lewis C. Deer and Mrs. G. W. His parents were John and Paris. Rachel Kerlin who owned the farm in their lifetime on which the high school of Union township is now being built. The old Shiloh residents will remember them.

The vision of the son on his death bed is prophetic of some future state after life. The parents have been dead many years .- The People's Paper, Franklin, Indiana.

We need not wait for the coming of ome far-off millennium or "good time"; the good time is here-and now, to-day and every day, within easy reach of every soul.—"Golden Rule" Jones.

annals records of similar experiences. Interviews Other Apparitions. He himself had seen and interviewe two other apparitions which were not

those of clergymen, and he thought the reason there were not more of such fear and dread and nervousness they caused to the living. In bringing lorward the incident Father Hubert said he wished it to be

distinctly understood that he did so with the object of explaining and expounding the doctrine of the church on purgatory, and of impressing the congregation with its reality. A TIMELY DREAM.

And a Rescue From an Untimely Grave This ghastly story is true. The writer when he was a child in the old country, used to go with his parents to the Anglican church. He well remembers the vicar of that church, the Rev D. Griffiths, who was then a middle aged, fine looking man. On the other side of the road, opposite the parson-age in which he lived, stood the church and the graveyard. One night about three o'clock in the

morning, Mr. G. dreamed that some thing terrible was going on in the the grave yard, and so impressive was his dream that, on awakening, he was impelled to go and see what it was. Fearing to go alone he called the sexton who lived close by to go with him. As they entered the gate they heard the sound of digging and shoveling dirt. Walking cautiously towards the spot where the digging was going on, they saw a man jumping out of a grave, snatching his coat and running away, leaving his pick and shovel there.

They were astounded! After looking around for a while in search of a corpse or something that would explain the intention of that mysterious grave-digger. hey started to return to their homes At the gate they met a young girl coming into the graveyard. . "Good morning," she said. "You

here already! "Yes. What brought you here so early?'

"Isn't he here, and -didn't he tell you?" "Who?" She named the man; her lover, and dded: "He will be here soon. "Because his parents would not con-

sent to his marrying me, we contrived to marry without their knowing it this early morning. Of course you know. He has told you, else you and James (the sexton) would not be here." "Come with us, my girl," said. Mr

Griffith, "and we will show you the house he was preparing for you. The read can imagine the horror

which selzed the girl when she saw the grave, the pick and the shovel, She was soon to be a mother, and her fiend-ish deceiver to hide his guilt would have killed her and buried her body if some friendly power from the unseen world had not warned the parson in a dream. The would-be murderer fled the country, and nothing again was ever heard of him. KYMRO. Was Tacoma, Wash.

A F St

the unhappy mother in Denver to bring uineness.

Mrs. Capehart's daughter and son have not told her why Charlie was put in the country which had not in its in jail. They have hinted that he may be in serious trouble, but the mother in Denver will not believe any tales told of him.

boy and bring him home.

'Charlie is a good, honest boy," she said yesterday, and silently looked out of the little window with sad, brown manifestations was to be found in the his life and he a.ways turned his money "He has worked to help me all over to me every month. He never spent any for himself, because he knew needed it, and last year I told him to go out into the world for himself and being.at least. have a little pleasure. Boys like to have a little money once in awhile. But he fell in with a bad companion-a bad boy. Charlie is so ready to help a friend that he is easily led and. I know he would never do anything bad himself. the medium either. I want my boy home now again. I need tim and he needs me. We could be so

happy together, if they would only send him back to me. Mrs. Capehart has lived in Denver for twenty-three years. She says she has taken in washing to help her three children and that she and Charlie worked together to give John, the other

on, an education.-Denver (Col.) News. THE RIPENING OF THE SOUL.

There is something steals upon me As I dream the journey o'er, And the vision of my childhood Seems as real as of yore; When the lark in the meadow. The cricket and the bird, correct. Every fibre of my nature With childish glee was stirred. Now, my heart's attuned as tensely, Tho' my childhood long has gone And the lark and cricket cheer me that was in my mind. There was no With a richer, sweeter song; And I read the deeper-meaning mind-reading about it. But there are other things to consid-Of life's purpose on the scroli, As the fading of the body knew of my coming and had secured

Marks the ripening of the soul. All the friendships we have nurtured And the loves that we have known Have a richer, finer meaning When our youthful days are gone. When life's sunlight falls obliquely, And the shadows longer grow, And our inner life's sxpanding' With a warm and steady glow.

We're attuned for sweeter music That our youthful ears can hear; There's a life awakening in us, As we feel the prize is near, And we revel in life's richness As we're drawing near the goal, When the fading of the body Marks the ripening of the soul. JOHN A. LOWE. Worcester, Mass.

A' WISH.

May this happy yuletide banish sorrow and pain, And your steps lead away from the

mazes; mazes; And some day somewhere, may we lwo meet again-

Before we sleep under the "daisles. IRENE CLIFTON.

Nature proposes to herself no aim in her operations, and all final causes are but pure fictions imegined by men .--Spinoza.

Thank Dr. Wilkins for his beautiful poem on "Ole Black Joe in Sorrov?" in tain for a moment a doubt as to its gena late issue. It soothed dear old colored friends, and made their troubles A newspaper reporter, some twelve

the less to bear. years ago, I was like many others of The paper is going from hand to hand the craft. I was on the alert for newstems, and when invited to attend a among the colored people and will re-turn to me having accomplished a white trumnet seance. I gladly accepted the invitation. It promised just what I was winged message to our colored brothers and sisters.

looking for-something sensational. I knew that all mediums were frauds-Owing to the extreme illness of my aged mother, I could not meet my Pittsthat the people were being victimized, burg engagement, which is the and now good fortune favored me with Sunday in every month. The friends an opportunity to expose the whole there are forging to the front, and husiness. I would write up into a colwhen I cannot be with them they have umn or more with "big scare heads good local talent, and under the leader match, and that would be the end of ship of their president, Mrs. John Spangler, always have a feast for hunthese seances in our city, for the time To give a detailed account of that seance would require more space than gry souls. Mr. Baird can always be de pended upon for a good talk on spiritual

subjects. have at my disposal. Suffice it to The Pittsburg people are ever ready say that my account of that seance did to accept the good, but woe unto the "humbugs." They may fool them one create a sensation, and I did not expose time, but the next-well-there's a I gave a straightforward account of stuffed club behind each door waiting the meeting, fully describing the condi-

tions under which the seance was given, for Mr. and Mrs. Fraud on their return. The South side Joplin people have even quoting the introductory speech organized a society to be known as the of the control-Dr. Sharpe-known to Spiritual Research Society, engaging Among the remarkable tests was one me as pastor; time indefinite. They meet at Elk Hall, corner Wall and 4th given by my spirit sister, announcing streets. This is a beautiful hall. The the death of a distant relative the day previous. He died at the time named Ochlman Orchestra, Mr. Ochlman and two daughters play. The two young as I learned shortly afterwards. My sister, to prove her identity, gave the ladies are well deserving of praise The younger being a fine violinist. Both date and manner of the death of my are good mediums and I prophecy that father-killed near Atlanta, Ga., August the Spiritualistic world will hear of 3, 1864. I thought this was an error. them outside of the limits of Joplin, in Our family always understood it was August 4. The next day I looked up time to come. The attendance has been beyond the expectations of the orthe official records, and sure enough

ganizers and very flattering to those it was August 3. Min spirit sister was who took the burden upon themselves. Financial aid has been given, and we hope to introduce The Thinkers to Professor Hudson's theory of mental telepatay utterly failed in this instance, many homes which have never for I had the wrong date in my mind, and hence, if it was mental telepathy, been visited by any class of spiritual reading matter. the medium would have given the date

My work has been well received, and considering that I have labored in this field for thirty years, and the same people come that came then, I think Is it not possible that the medium that my work is appreciated. Many of our people are past mount-

ing two flights of stairs, but are willing Not at all. She was not even intro duced to me. I had been in the city to give their mite toward the support of the cause.

but a short time, and none in the circle knew anything of my spirit friends, Sister Vilginia Bryan and E. J. Ja. quet are noble workers and their having passed over at places reprayers have been answered, though mote from where I was located at that they were not permitted to be the avenging augels in the case. Better a And when I asked my sister if they

had music in the spirit land, she anstranger in our gates-the plea of jealswered in the affirmative. At that moousy cannot be made as it would have ment, a song which I heard a blind man been if another medium had been instrumental in exposing them. sing when I was a boy, came into my "Round and round the wheels go, and mind. All I could remember of it was

its title-"Flee as a Bird to the Mountruth ever comes uppermost. SARA C. SCOVELL. tain." And therewith my spirit sister 910 Main street, Galena, Kan. began to sing. She sang it through the

away the facts just narrated. Profess

trumpet in a clear soprano, and in a voice that snowed much culture. There was not in that city at that or Hudson's mind-reading theory distime, nor the present, for that matter. solves into nothing when the above test is applied to it. He acknowledges that anyone who could sing that song as my the phenomena of the seance room acsister sang it. The voice was that of tually occurs, but endeavors to account

professional. The song is rarely sung now. It is a beautiful Spanish air set to a wellfor it upon the hypothesis of mental telepathy and sub-consciousness-whatknown hymn. There was no one in the over that may be. And remember that Professor Hudson wrote the ablest circle competent to sing that song work against Spiritualism ever written. There was no one in that circle that could have sung it in that magnificent But his theory is groundless, and his entire book, "Psychic Phenomena" is of no value whatever as an argument flute-like voice! Then there is no other conclusion to reach than that the singer against the doctrine of Spiritualism. was just who she claimed to be-my spirit sister from the spirit world.

Anderson, Indiana. No philosophy on earth can explain

A Statement by S. M. Tucker.

To the Editor:-I feel it my duty to make the following statement, which I ope you will publish.

In Moses Hull's account of his visit to this city he has unintentionally made statement which will have the effect of creating a wrong impression as to the financial standing of Mrs. Minnie Martindale of this city. I am satisfied that Mr. Hull meant nothing but the

kindest for Mrs. Martindale. I have known Mrs. Martindale's finanial condition for a good many years. While she may not feel justified in paying the expense of another term at the Morris Pratt Institute for herself and daughter, and while she is not rich in this world's goods, she has plenty for the support of herself and daughter in comfort. I know she would not accent assistance from anyone if it were offered.

I know her to be well qualified to occupy the Spiritualist platform and that she ought to be kept busy thereon and paid for her work. J. A. WERTZ.

Wichita, Kans. S. M. TUCKER.

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

ON WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

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The Question Viewed From Another Standpoint.

The "Woman's Rights" question needs a look at it from a different point of view from that of a political one. And so I wish to discuss her rights from its family point of view, as compared to man's rights in the same place.

Should woman have more, or man man have less in the family life? And on this subject I would like to have a hearing; and if my facts or logic are vulnerable, I would like to have it point-

ed out In this article it will not be attempt ed to show that woman ought to have the right of suffrage and other civil rights equal with men. For this proposition, in general, is conceded to wo man, in the abstract; and is gaining in practical recognition much faster than her other rights that I wish to discuss in this article. And I will here note the fact that undue importance is attached by most advocates of woman suffrage, as being nearly the cure-all of all her ills.

In all discussions some things must he assumed without argument. In this topic I assume that the general fact is speeches beyond praise. conceded that the ideal basis for our Christian civilization is the monogamous family life-one man married to one woman; and she the wife, mother, and housekeeper; and the husband and father to be the "bread winner" in some outside business; but this husand wife are to be equal partners in every sense; but as it is now the husband not only expects to be A full partner, and put all he earns in his pocket, and then dole out as he pleases a little to his silent partner. And herein is about the first breach of the marriage contract and partnership For while the husband works about eight hours a day, and then goes home and hangs up his heels on a chair to rest, and will even have his wife wait on him, the wife and mother will usual-ly work from twelve to fifteen hours of every twenty-four, and that under the nerve-care of motherhood and child training. And yet, with this inequality of work the man wants to use and spend all the money he earns for the family partnership to suit himself.

Why not have the woman have more rights here? And could this social and domestic inequality be cured by the elective franchise? Not much. It will take a new heart and a new life in the moral and religious realms of man's being which cannot be reached by the civil laws in the state.

But, somebody will say, the man's work is more important to the family than the wife's; that he earns the money for the family's support. But what good would this money do if there were no housekeeper to apply it with economy to the family expenses? Suppose the man did earn money and then had to spend more than he could earn at the hotel or boarding house for the support of his family, and then had no comfort of a home? The comforts of the home are worth more than money can well pay for; and that is made by the wife and mother with her myriad cares. Men usually accumulate noth ing in consequence till they marry and get a wife to save it for them, and the wife is more than an equal partner in the burdens, and why should she not be

in the revenues and rights? It will not be practicable in one article to enumerate many of the woman's inequalities of the burdens of the family, but we wish to give some samples The males, and mainly the husbands, waste annually, out of this joint part-nership fund, one billion dollars in tobacco, and all the good the woman of the house gets out of it, is cleaning spittoons, washing up amber stains, picking up ouids, and inhaling the odor: and this does not count the doctor's bills for the nicotine habit and the time wasted in smoking. And woman's vote would not help this, but a new and higher life in the moral nature and better habits.



His Sixtieth Birthday Duly Celebrated at Amelia,¹³ Ohib,

J. CLEGG WRIGHT.

The friends and admirers of J. Clegg The Progressive, Thinker.. [Bravo, It was my pleasure and privilege to Wright met at Clegghurst to celebrate Brother Francis, we will both come... he instructurated in securing you your this happy event. The weather was J. C. W.] Yours cordially, first engagement, and to introduce you J. R. FRANCIS. charming and the face of nature per-

fect. The trees had on the garment of autumn, the gorgeous coloring of the foliage of the trees, the bright blue sky and the happy hearts of the people made a scene of festivity and gladness. This delightful spot, the home of the an uncertain age on the 13th instant. We trust that you are not sorry for the gifted medium and lecturer is the the original event that it marks. We feel confident that the neople at large, or at creation of his own labor and ideality. least many who have listened to your The parlor was decorated with flowers wise and eloquent instructions are not the dining-room was festooned with the choicest of flowers which hung like sorry. -We congratulate you on many good deeds done and help rendered to the cause of truth. We hope that you bright eyes of love from the ceiling. The luncheon was superb, and the Mr. Wright expects to hold his sum-

will not be relieved from labors for many years to come. Believe us to be mer school here beginning in the your friends and well wishers, charming month of May and ending in Col. R. T. Van Horn of Kansas City, the middle of July, so that the camp-

meeting period will remain untouched The house is large, suited to such Wright's anniversary. To us octogena-rians 60 is yet a youthful age, though work, and the grounds comprise fifty acres of land wooded and of singular natural beauty, but 14 miles from Cinit may not wear so roseate a coloring to cinnati. A good work here is expected Further notice of this proposed work

will be given. Sixty people gathered together to celebrate the event, and others who could not be present sent their re-miership of the inspired few that his miership of the inspired few that his age has given to the world. And I note that this estimate is fast reaching unaregrets and good wishes. The loving cup of silver, a beautiful piece of work presented by Mr. Vandervilt of Brook nimity. May his power remain and Iniyn, had inscribed upon it the following inscription: "J. Clegg Wright. In crease for many years, and with this wish goes always a blessing. I ensweet remembrance of Lake Pleasant close what for want of opportunity must and in honor of the thirteenth day of take the place of a souvenir. With re-October, 1845, when a bright spirit gards and congratulations to all guests came forth, I send this greeting. E. W. seen and unseen. Vandervilt."

Mr. Henry L. Hanson, electrical inventor, writes: As the autumn of your earth life draws nigh, and you walk The cup was received with the old Roman ceremony. Mr. Wright blessed the wine and then the loving cup was further and further up the ladder of destiny, may every day of your life be as joyous and bright as the rays of the carried from guest to guest, each one tasting the wine. Many gave complimentary toasts. In his letter of conmorning sun, and every night's repose gratulation he said: "If we only knew be as peaceful and calm as the evening star. The value of your mind in the who we are, where we came from, and what is life, then we would know know something. As it is now we are unfoldment of the present age cannot be estimated. Robert G. Ingersoll said of you in the presence of 6,000 people, that J. Clegg Wright was the most brilliant mind he had met in all his cataking the shadow for the substance, and the manifesting for the thing it-We only know the effects and not the reer, and, we bow our heads in humble

real causes. adoration of that thought. Now who is J. Clegg Wright that we

Miss Susie Clark, author and lecturer, say is 60 years old on the 13th day of October, 1905? Was his birth the real sent her portrait and congratulations commencement of him? Where is and beautiful thoughts of esteem and Knowledge that we may reach it, and encouragement. Mrs. Webb-Baker sent a most elo Truth that we may become one with it? uent letter of congratulation. Mrs. Charles, the president of the Newport Spiritual Temple, on behalf of Mrs. R. S. Lillie wrote: I congratu forty members of the Society pre-sented a large loving cup of bisque late you on the passing of another of those mile-stones, where we have the habit of pausing in contemplation of china with words of congratulation, and life, and I see you halting; you are not saying, also, that the cup was full of the loving thoughts of the people. A beautiful eight-day library clock alone. Around you are some congenial friends, but they are few compared was received from the members of the with the many who would gladly drop First Society of Spiritualists of Wash- all care and hurry away to clasp your hand, wish you joy and length of days wherein and whereby wisdom should ngton, D. C. Mr. F. Wood, president of the so-

increase in the minds of multitudes, as ciety, in presenting the clock wrote: the result of seed sown through the words which many of us have been Beloved Friend and Brother:-Time like a ceaseless tide, flows steadily forward, but ebbs not forever. By custom, privileged to hear as they fell from milestones have been erected on the your lips, while the white light of inspiration played upon your, brain, way to mark life's succeeding stages. To-day you will reach one of these inbringing forth the treasures memory dicators. It is the judgment of an emhad been holding, and adding to them inent medical writer and practitioner that your pilgrimage should end here; but the Divine Father has otherwise wise decreed and you will journey for-ward. As a visible token of our es-that your pilgrimage should end here; and I see that that hand points the souls of light, who have followed you all these sixty years, and who now stand with the dial in the nand of one; and I see that that hand points the soul that points the soul that is present in court to assert teem and love for you personally, and third watch. You are still young, its identity. The great mission to tian clergy several years ago discovour appreciation of your fidelity to the service to which you have consecrated your nowers as a co-worker with ministering spirits and teachers whose mission is to bring knowledge and wisdom to the children of men, permit us to present to you this instrument designed to measure Time's fleeting moments. When in the days to come you look upon its truthful face, or hear it speak the passing hour, remember that loving you have reaped well. hearts far away, to whose need you ministered in days gone by, still turn the guidance of the minds now inspirto you with loving sympathy. That your pathway may grow more luminous ing me with this message. John Shaw as the years roll on, and that Love and greetings and their thanks for faithful Wisdom walk by your side enabling co-operation. The master builders been your helpers. You have you to meet all experiences into which builded better than you knew. I say "purposive Intelligence" or karmic law peace be with you and all good as the may lead you, is the prayer of your sisters and brothers in Washington, years pass on. D. C.

first engagement, and to introduce you for the first time to an American audi-

ence. To how many thousands have you since spoken? How many thousands have listened with pleasure and profit to your utterances, giving forth to the world the sublimest inspirations. In those days I was more limited in my knowledge of psychology than now, and even now I know only enough to con-clude that I am in but the primary department of a school for the investigation and study of a subject, which invites critical examination by the ablest and keenest intellects.

I confess that I owe to you and your inspirers a debt of gratitude I can not pay; an obligation I can never dis-

charge, for the lessons I have received from you and them.' I remember that I regarded in amazement your adapta-bility to the uses of the mighty spiritwrote: I am very thankful to you for thinking of us in connection with Mr. ual forces clustering around you, and was equally astonished at the revelation of the method and philosophy of spirit control. The peculiarities and sensitive natures of the old prophets hose just arrived there; yet it leaves margin of many years of usefulness. It gives the opportunity to say to you and seers were then for the first time what my acquaintances all know that made known to me. It is a great thing

made known to me. It is a great thing to be a herald of the gods, but it is stillmore wonderful to voice as great truth. Two thousand youth ago, John the Baptist was the voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight His path; re-pent and be baptized." What was then What was then true, is equally true in these modern times, with a change in personality; and it has been given to you to be a voice in a later age, of one crying in

he wilderness of modern thought, proclaiming a great truth to a doubting world.

Materialism and Spiritualism, while warring with each other, in the nature of things are corelated; but the ignorant mind only sees and comprehends the material. It is the phenomenal in nature that arouses thought and commands attention. A bolt to the earth from a cloudless sky, awakens curiosity, but the concussion creates fear. То the masses of mankind, the approach of death is dreaded, and most people cling to their friends, and part with their dead with reluctance; and yet; they are terror-stricken at the sight of

the harmless ghosts of those they love, when, perchance, their shadowy forms are seen in the twilight, visiting home, friends, and the scenes of their earthly life. What ages have passed, and what countless millions of humanity have come into being, and have gone hence, in utter ignorance of the mission of life, and of the destiny of the soul! The pleasures of earth, the wealth we strive to accumulate, are as the toys of childhood when compared with the possible joy to be attained by the immortal soul. It is your mission to voice the teachings of the spirits of great, wise and good men, and by the wonderful phenomenal of entrancement, awaken the attention of mortals, to enlighten

and teach mankind, until the mental vision of man, now clouded and overcast, shall he cleared, and he is able to recognize the great fact that death is only an event in life; that communion with the spiritual world is indeed established, and that our 'returning and identified friends are living witnesses though grey hair crowns your brow, which you have been raised up; the ered the utter faliacy of Paley's argu-You are to be an old man, for I still see long years you have been in the pro-the hand on the dial and it moves ccss of development, under the masterpassing well on into the fourth watch. ly control of your guardians, teachers All Hail!" I hear a voice now say, and inspirers, have not, after all, in Welcome age on earth, if it bring to any degree impaired your physical powman with ripening years his sheaves of ers, and you now attain the ripe age of Wheat. You hold your sheaf; it is not sixty years, remarkably well equipped | tion, of spirit, God, etc., has been yet bound. The sickle is in your right for many more of useful service to God hand and you are looking upon the field and man. It is my hope, that hence-The harvest is forth what may be given through and still ripe. You have willingly followed by you in your lectures and discourses, may be caught at the point of the pen. and preserved in printed volumes for and the ancient philosopher send you the benefit of the thousands who are denied the privilege of listening to

Spiritualism the Solvent

A New System of Philosophy Demand | will make it seem as distinctly new.

A New System of Philosophy Demand-ed by the intellectual Evolution of Humanity—A Reply to H. L. Merritt. The object of this article is not to particularly controvert the positions of Brother Merritt, as his review of the or-thodox reverend is admirable, but to show the imperfection of his position on the topic of Intuition. Having been, on the topic of Intuition. Having been, nothing but men and women who have from my youth up to the present, an been by death disrobed of the physical earnest student of Philosophy, the body. In its manifestations it comwhole question presented by Brother menced with the presentation of the Merritt is as familiar as the A, B, Cs of simplest form of phenomena and prothe alphabet. And I long since per-ceived the necessity of re-casting the method was the scientific one. Facts entire system of Intellectual Philoso- or phenomena first, and the developphy. ment of law or method afterward.

There are three great schools of As bearing upon the question of philphilosophy-the Sensational, the Ideal-istic and the Eclectic. The Sensaosophy one of the most important of the spiritistic revelations is, that man tional is the materialistic, the Ideal is the Spiritualistic, while the Eclectic is physical and also a spiritual or ethean attempted blending of the two first, real one. Each of these bodies has a by selecting what it deems true from consciousness of its own; that of the each. ethereal is termed the subconscious-ness. So also there is a duality of The Sensational and Ideal systems

are very ancient and their controversy senses, and the higher phase of spirit has run through the ages. mediumship is the more or less perfect

The Difficulty Settled.

The Sensational philosophy affirms that there can be no perception without pre-existent sensation or feeling, hence, that all our ideas or mental concepts have their primary source or ori-Idealist affirms, on the contrary, that from this source it is impossible for any ideas with the current those which the source it is impossible for the except those which the source it is source those is a source the source is a source of the source of the source of the source is a source of the source o which askings by hysical or material they have been looked upon as strange, strange by hysical or material they have been looked upon as strange, have ideas of unmaterialistic thirds, renews, and when mentioned entirely there must be some perceptive power in man above and superior to the action of the five physical senses.

The Efforts to Solve the Problem.

having some reference to a physical As there has been no controversy as resurrection. Modern Spiritualism has not only furnished ample demonto the existence of the ideas or mental stration of the fact, but is showing that this fact is the means by which not concepts which demand an explanation, we will briefly state the methods adoptonly is mediumship made comprehen-sible, but the two contending systems ed by the contending schools. The Sensational school seeks to explain it of philosophy harmonized, resulting in by the process of reflection. That is, the intellect compares the simple ideas a new philosophy, or rather we might say another step in the evolution of which come into consciousness through the perceptions resulting from sensathe philosophic consciousness of hu manity. tion, and infers the existence of certain things, relations and motions mer, in the latter part of the 18th cenwhich are not directly sensed; and tury developed into hypnotism by Braid, these inferences are as real ideas as the more primary ones. payed the way for the manifestation of

lairvoyance and other senses of the The idealist admits the correctness subconscious self, or the etheric body. of this position up to a given point, and Two of the most important of these willingly concedes its power in solving facts are furnished in the manifestamany of the mysteries of nature, and aiding in the progress of science, but tions of A. J. Davis and the discovery of psychometry by Dr. J. R. Buchanan he readily and logically shows that it must be confined exclusively to mate-Davis, in the Mesmerized condition, a boy in his teens, uncultured, unedu riality. But, if not through the five senses, how do we derive our higher cated, gave the most remarkable philosophical production, all things conideas? This is the problem now for the idealist to solve, and the school sidered, ever known in human history has been at work for centuries, and while a vast amount of truth has been Nature's Divine Revelations need not be considered an authoritative pro uttered the full solution has never duction, but as a product of the subonscious self it has no equal. But the been made. Plato assumed that ideas were pre-exdevelopment of Davis did not stop with

istent. Others have termed them in-nate ideas, and our New (?) Thought that work, for soon afterward he at tained what he termed the "Superior condition." That is, the senses of the school has revamped Plato's system by declaring that "thoughts are things. oned that they could act when his The Christian and Mental Scientists occupy about the same position. The Scotch school invented the term

process. He had no need to be mes "common sense" to explain the probmerized. Davis was termed the clair lem. President Upham of Bowdoin Colvoyant: sometimes the Poughkeepsie lege, in his great work on Philosophy, attempts the solution by what he terms "Original Suggestion." Cousin, the eer. The discovery of psychometry by the great French Eclectic, uses the term "Apperception," by which he means a Dr. Buchanan was the revelation of another sense of the etheric body. It cor-responds with the general sense of direct perception of deific existence infeeling in the physical body. Primadependent of any form of sensation. Morell, the English historian of philrily, in animal life, there was but the one sense of feeling. The specia osophy, terms it the "Intuitional Con-

senses are evolutions therefrom. So sciousness" as distinct from the "Logpsychometry is the primary psychic ical Consciousness." The thinking portion

of all these positions would demand a

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The male member of this marriage partnership also more than wastes another billion dollars, annually, of the joint funds, in intoxicating liquors, directly, and in the direct damage caused by intoxication and disease, is at least. that much more in money alone, not counting all kinds of other damage hv crimes that cannot be measured by statistics. Much of this could be remedied by better laws and police regulations, but yet the main preventive of it all will have to come by having the same code of morals for man as the one that the husband expects his wife to observe. But how can the man of anybody get all these from the ballotbox?

It is only by the man either getting "religion," or else letting the woman's moral qualities dominate him, and ask ing no more rights from the family partnership than he is willing to concede to the woman. And of course I am not unmindful that there are a few "fallen women;" but they are a very small percent of the entire number. and these few would scarcely exist were it not for man's lust, in seductions, and by lack of daughters hating decent homes, caused by the husband and father's extravagances, in the majority If the homes were made wha of cases. they could be made if man did his part in the partnership of the family life, as we have seen that he does not, there would be very few girl waifs in the dens referred to in the larger cities, and these would soon have to go out of business for lack of patronage.

And again, in the candidacy for matrimony by single persons, the age for females is about 29, and that for men well, they are good enough up to about There must eventually be an overhauling of the family partnership, or there will be more divorces, and per haps there ought to be-whether they do any good or not.

AMOS STECKEL. Bloomfield, Iowa.

IF DEATH ENDS ALL.

If death ends all, Why then comes back again This longing just to see your face; This ever-throbbing ache of heart; This pain of tear-blurred eyes, That grope into the future for a light This unassuaged desire to see you smile?

If death ends all, Why in this room to-night Is thy sweet presence manifest-A gentle guidance that would show the right

And whisper to me through the dusk of night?

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Upon that day, away, away, lows: Dear Brother Wright:-I am in-formed that to-morrow, the 13th, is On Time's eternal sea, Life's fragile barque, lit by a spark. marked as the 60th anniversary of time Sailed forth from out the dark. in your cycle of existence and I desire to congratulate you for your intellectual From then till now, but why, or how successes. No one can view impar-The circling years have run, Ah! who doth know, or who can show tially the magnitude of your rostrum work, without being obliged to admit

Why they do onward flow? the superior quality of mediumship with which you are mentally vested The occasion is one of pleasing, and

vet of grave interest. Reminiscences are prone to touch a sombre chord in The commercial telephone that transmits the verbal language and thought the soul. If we recall seasons of joy, of different tongues and nationalities. ve view with admiration and astonwe regret that they are past, and if we ishment. What shall we say then of remember days which were darkened by sorrow, a gloom, like lengthening the mental telphone that invites us to the mental realm of earth's greatest shadows, follows our footsteps and and wisest philosophers. Language touches our lives. So, to-day, my dear fails and symbols of speech are all too friend, I greet you, and clasp your tame to express our soul's sense of this hand with varied emotions. My grip, truth. Your work has though earnest and hearty, has lost phenomenal been and is for humanity, and eventu- something of its vigor; while your own, ally it will be seen that he who con-

evinces the effect of time. It is twenty-two years since our paths so converged, that we, strangers to each other, met at the intersection; quers by extending the boundaries of human vision is the real hero in all civilization. May you be spared to carry on for many years this great each looked into the face of the other enfranchisement is work of psychic more, but friends forever. It was in the afternoon, in spring time; the the earnest wish of your true friend.

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sense, and the other senses are evolu-tions therefrom. It furnishes the most complete demonstration of the duality ment, from assumed design, as proof of of man. Here is a letter. Unopened, you a Deific personality. Prof. Finney of

Oberlin, declared that the study of Paplace it in the hand of the psychome les led theological students into athe-ism. Hence, the notion of a direct pertrist. He at once gives you the physical characteristics of the writer, and ception, independent of prior sensathen reads the mental and moral nature with equal clearness. In other words, he senses the duality of humanadopted by many of the clergy. ity, and points out that duality in its

You have both overlooked the duality

of man, and hence, could not grasp the

sensation, thus solving the difficulty

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long to

But the sensational school are able specialities as well as generalities. He to show, by the very nature of the embraces both the physocal and the term, that perception is impossible without sensation, and that Morell's disspiritual. Telepathy is essentially a form,

tinction of Intuitional and Logical Conhigher form of psychometry. sciousness does not bridge the difficulty, for it leaves all of the phenomepathist senses the thoughts and feelings of persons thousands of miles dis ena of sensation in the department of the logical or common consciousness. tant, and also their conditions and actions. The limitations of psychomet-It is still an absolute fact that, as Lowell expresses it, "all thought beric and telepathic possibilities have gins in feeling," or sensation. And all not yet been defined. We are now prepared to reconcile

the various expressions of the Idealthe two age-long contending philoso-phies. We say to the sensationalist: istic School fail to solve the problem. And Brother Merritt fails in the You are right in affirming that percepsame manner. Assuming intuition to be a distinct department or attribute of tion is impossible without prior sensation. You are wrong in assuming that the intellectual organism, and to be superior, is not by any means a solution. ideas of the spirit can be reached by The how-the mode, or manner of its any process of reflection. idealist we say: You are right in deny working must be clearly stated. But this has not been done, and I am safe ing the origin of the ideas of spirit from physical sensation. You are in saying it cannot he done.

We have then before us these two an- | wrong in your assumption of "pre-existcient and contending schools. Both of ent ideas," or of some innate power of them able to show defects in their antagonist, but neither able to explain the special failrure of its own position. The sensational cannot evolve the truth in its entirety. Modern Spiritual idea of Spirit, Deity, et al. and the ism reveals that duality and shows idealist cannot accomplish it without you the activity of the two phases of some form of sensation. Modern Spiritualism is one of the There is no need of the cumbrous ar-

eras in human evolution, and one of its gument upon reflection, for here is the distinguishing features is its apparently higher sensation of the etheric or spirunlimited power of synthesis. This is | itual body. The demands of the sensa tionalist are fully met. Nor need the at present but little appreciated. By idealist search for some unrecognized all careful thinkers in its ranks, it is clearly seen that religion yields all its intuitional faculty, for the spiritual mysteries and is as easily explainable senses furnish the needed basis for his as any of the simplest sciences. Few, spiritistic idealism. however, have discovered that the philosophic strife of the ages is settled at ena, furnishes the basic facts, which once by Modern Spiritualism. It brings by careful analysis, reveal the duality the two together-shows that both are of man-a physical body; a spiritual or right and both are wrong in some of etheric body; and also a dual contheir positions, and thus unites them in sciousness; a duality of sensation, thus

enabling him to not only master the a lasting union. problems of physical existence but But the reader wants proof not mere also to grapple with and comprehend assertions, and that I will now furnish. It must not be overlooked that huthe profounder problems of his mental manity in its evolution has been gradu-ally presenting the great facts, which ing the contending philosophic schools or spiritual nature. By thus reconcil carefully collated and related, give us it brings "peace on earth" in the highthe true philosophy of man as an indi- est realms of the supreme reason ridual, and also as a race. Hence, we humanity, thus furnishing additional must not look for much in Spiritualism demonstration that it is all-inclusive. as absolutely new in all'its particular In conclusion, I will remind Brother phases. On the contrary, we must Merritt that there is no necessity for expect to find phenomena of ages re him to create a new faculty, nor to aspeated, but in such a new setting as sume its superiority over the logical in tellect, for the sensations of the spirit ual body are the bases of that percep

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Goldwin Smith, One of the Most Pro-, nal despotism by requiring the partici-

York Daily Sun, Reaching a Million war by the injunction regularly to sum of Readers.

Kind Orthodoxy, taking pity on one gone astray, sends him a passage from the Old Testament, striking enough, as Orthodoxy thinks, to have the striker of convest are made alwarded. To the Editor of the Sun-Sir:-Orthodoxy thinks, to have the effect of a miraculous resurrection from the

Of the changes that I have seen in a long life not one is more portentous than the change in the position of the Bible. As the collection of a national literature, intensely interesting and sometimes spiritually grand, the Old Testament will live forever. AS A

Testament will live forever. AS A SUPPOSED COURSE OF DIVINE REVELATION IT HAS YIELDED TO CRITICAL INQUIRY. The reputed authorship of much of it has been disproved, and it has been shown to be a human mixture not only of that which is sublime with that which is the reverse of sublime, but of good with evil. Vain, surely, is the attempt to restore its unity and divinity by any applica-morality? In what does the evolution end? In the tribalism of Ezra commanding his fellow countrymen in the name of God to put away their foreign wives and children.

It might be difficult to say what the effect on the whole of belief in the inspiration of the Old Testament on character and progress has been. The opening of Genesis is sublime, as Longinus felt. It seems, compared with what follows, the work of a superior mind. But devout belief in it has barred, nearly down to our own day, rational inquiry into the history of the planet and the origin of man. Two generations ago a lecturer on geology

might be heard pitiably struggling to force science into conformity with faith. Then, from the grand "Let there be light!" we drop to the God who makes man of dust, woman of man's rib and manufactures coats of skin for

them. We have God walking in the garden in the cool of the evening. We have the Tree of Knowledge and the talking serpent. The patriarchs living nine centuries, the giants, the deluge with its infantine delusions and impos-

sibilities, the loves of the angels and

It may be difficult to strike the balthe Tower of Babel, are all on the level ance. What is certain is that free in-of the commonest mythologies. Yet quiry has at length prevailed over trathey have clouded the mind of the most dition and empowered us to choose the good, of which there is rich store, such advanced members of the race. In the higher passages of the proph-ets, such as that cited by my orthodox

well-wisher, we have grand manifestoes chew the evil. of faith in the Fod of righteousness, though we hardly find aspirations after What is the relation of the Old Tes tament to the New? The Sanhedrim spiritual self-culture, or, saving per-iaps in passages of the Psalms, any-ive answer. Devotees of Judaism have spoken of Christianity as its supple-ment. The relation is difficult to de thing like the tenderness of Christian ethics. There are glimpses, though only glimpses, of a universal religion. fine. But to the pupil of Gamaliel the There is no glimpse any where of a life religion of Jesus was evidently a new beyond the present, though there are dawn and a new life. We have Julaallusions to a shadowy world of the ism still before us perpetuating its lindead. We have in the Book of Job a gering tribalism by the tribal rite; re-deeply interesting effort to solve a mystery of the moral world, albeit with an which it dwells; to intermarry with abortive conclusion. We have the them; to break bread, if it can help, abortive conclusion. We have the them; to break bread, if it can help, beauty of pastoral life and character in with them; treating that which is un-the Book of Ruth; we have chivalrous clean for itself as clean for them; celeaffection in the friendship of David brating the feast of Purim in memory and Ionathan. In the Mosaic law, of its ancient feud. I speak, of course, of the strict Talmudic Jew as he is compared with the codes of the most civilized nations of antiquity, notable found in Russia or Poland, not of those advances may be traced. Such are the whom the Sun describes as having unlaw which guards human life by mak- dergone American influence and being homicide a public crime to be pun- come practically citizens of the Amer-

found Biblical Scholars of the Twen-tieth Century, Has Something to Say of Special Importance, in the New mon a besieged city, to show some pity for the feelings of captive women and

possible by the repudiation of forced service. Nor is there a more blessed in stitution than the Sabbath, the day of rest. Let humanity give the Old Testa men full credit for all this and for its effect on the general sentiment and legislative tendencies of the Bible reading world.

On the other hand we have the picture of a Deity covenanting to advance the interests of one tribe above those of the rest of mankind on the tion of the performance of a tribal rite, and thus stamping tribalism as perpetual. We have a Deity prospering An Impressive and Comprehensive Comthe craft of Jacob, hardening the heart of Pharach so that he will not let Israel go, and then slaving all the guiltless pieces before the Lord; not condemning David when he puts to a death of ton ture the people of a captured city prompting the butchery of all the proph ets of Baal; sending forth a lying spirit

to betray King Ahab to his ruin; caus ing forty children, for mocking a prophet, to be torn to pieces by bears It can hardly be doubted that these presentations of Deity and the divine government have had their effect on the character of men, that they are partly responsible for the darker features of Puritanism and for the use of persecut ing force in the supposed interest of upon him. religion.

"Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." What crimes and horrors followed in the train of the dark supersti tion which had its warrant in those words!

The idea of a Chosen People still lin gers and leads to aberrations. Perhaps the tribalism of which it is the Hebrew version may not have been without its effect in maintaining too sharp a dis tinction between Christendom and the rest of humanity.

coat of any fellow-worker, nor to fasten it upon the banner of the N. S. A. Third. Dr. Coon is in no sense the authorized mouthplece of the N. S. A. nor of any of its officers. So far as know, he is an honest man; trying to

work for Spiritualism according to the understanding that is given him. His interpretation of its great truths may not be in accord with my views, nor with those of Prof. Loveland; but can we silence him because of that fact?

munication from President H.

D. Barrett,

Have we any right to try to do so? Fourth. I have been made to say many strange things in the hundreds of interviews to which I have submitted for the secular press during the past twelve years, but I have never yet claimed nor declared that Spiritualism is a branch of Christianity. Probably I have said that some Spiritualists so considered it. I have noted the parallelisms between the phenomena mentioned in the Bible, and those that we have to-day. I have no doubt said that Primitive Christianity and Spiritualism are based upon the self-same law. I have, also said that the Bible is a Spiritualistic book. I have gone further, and af-firmed that with Spiritualism eliminated from its pages, the Bible is absolutely worthless to all thinking people. I have found many golden grains of

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wear the label.

entific, and his great work energies. They may believe "yes," or they may believe "no;" one belief is no more scientific than the other. The only scientifically commendable attitude is to believe right. It may be that some of the facts offered to their consideration are my fellow Spiritualists Theists, and have never done so. To me, however, Spiritualism positively and absolutely demonstrates the Theistic principle as the basis of all existing things. Fran-cis Ellingwood Abbott has gone so far

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My attention has been called to a see as to call Theism SCHENTIFIC, and his ries of interrogatories from the facile great work entified "Scientific Theism"

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and I refuse to allow anyone to do it for me.

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ries of interrogatories from the facile great work entyfied "Scientific Theight" pen of the gifted J. C. Loveland in the issue of The Progressive Thinker of Dec. 16, coupled with a request that I reply thereto. This. I' am perfectly willing to do and gladly forward the following paragraphs, with the how that they will give all the information desired regarding the points raised by the questioner.

First of all, Dr. Coon is NOT and aphorisms, plenty of phenomena, and NEVER has been a missionary of the most excellent poetry of the highest or N. S. A. He was only ordained to the der in morality and beauty yet left to N. S. A. He was only ordained to the ministry of Spiritualism in August of 1905, hence he is in no way connected and the beautiful because of that which with the N. S. A. This appointment is not to our taste? was good only for one year, as I hap. We might as well

We might as well refuse to eat corn pen to know, for I was present when because poisoned ivy grew in the hill this qualified ordination was conferred with it. as to refuse to acknowledge

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that which is truiy good and helpful, because it is found among the things Second. For some reason known that do not harmonize with our only to himself, Dr. Coon chooses to be called a "Bible Spiritualist." I think thoughts. The ivy does not affect the corn in the least, and will not narm us IF WE LET IT ALONE. Apply this we will all agree that he has a right to wear this label, if he so elects, and to the Bible, and take only its wholefurther, we must all agree that he has NO RIGHT to pin that label upon the ome corn.

Eighth. Should any attempt be made by any Spiritualist, or body of Spirit-valists, to make Spiritualism CHURCH-IANITY, or even CHRISTIANITY, as interpreted by the majority of the churches to-day, I should be one of the first to follow the lead of my esteemed friend, Prof. Loveland, in a warfare against it. My years are less than half as many as his, and I still possess some of the enthusiasm and ienergy of youth. Perhaps I might be table to carry some of his excellent plans into

execution. I am at one with him in his opposition to creedal tyranny, sacerdotalism, slavery of all kinds, and injustice in every form. He has longibeen one of my teachers, and I have been greatly helped by many of his writings. Especially is this true of his pecent articles upon "Religion" and "Commercial Mediumship," concerning which I hope to have the privilege of making further reference in a future article.

Ninth. The N. S. A. has never as-sumed the label "Christian," nor have its officers and supporters over recommended such a course ... Do them all, so far as I know them, Spiritualism is the highest expression in the realm of religion the world, has ever received, standing upon the bed-rock principles of revelation and demonstration. In other words, Spiritualism is a movespiritual truth in the Bible, and have ment as distinctly independent as Bud-said so. If this recognition of truth dhism, or Christianity, or any other found in the Bible makes me a "Bible great world religions, based upon ng to

PSYCHICAL LIGHT ON CHRISTIANITY.

An age of religion is approaching, or seems to be be approaching to those who can discern the signs of the times, when, divorced from superstition and allied to instructed and progressive knowledge, it will no longer remain the solace of a few, but will be recognized as a genuine power by many, and become a vivifying influence among the masses of humanity.

To accept facts without evidince is DEVELOP HIS SPIRITUAL NATURE, manifestly injudicious, but to reject WHILE TWO OF THE GREATEST facts with evidence is equally though not so dangerously unwise. Choice is STRENGTHENING OF MAN'S SPIRITentific, and his great work entitled 'Scientific irom them belief one way to demand be alto-irom them belief one work and the altoof a bizarre and unpromising order; but so it has often been with the facts of science in their prenatal stage-they have before now seemed insignificant or even ludicrous. But because they belong to a nascent and infantile branch of science, are facts of little importance or small interest? By no means, Met-aphysical phenomena are essentially worthy of investigation, and they will

be investigated by these who feel called to the work, although they are looked ity of accepting certain narratives as at askance by some of the scientific true exerts a certain negative or inhibimagnates of today. Surprising as are they careful contemporary statements, they careful contemporary statements, they careful contemporary statements, they world; they are common to all cons-tries and all ages, and in ancient books tory influence, which may be removed if the kind of facts narrated ever be came part of accepted and orthodox

we find a great number of asserted occurrences recorded at a less critical seems to be approaching to those who can discern the signs of the times; epoch, and commonly spoken of as when, divorced from superstition and allied to instructed and progressive Using the term "miracle" in quite a knowledge, it will no longer remain the solace of a few, but will be recognized opular sense, and meaning by it nothng defined or susceptible of definition, as a genuine power by many, and be but simply the list of miracles we find recorded in the bible, or in the lives of the saints, men ask, "Has the progress come a vivifying influence among the masses of humanity.

of science rendered these things more or less provable?" The first and obvious answer-that it has rendered them subjectively less probable, that is to say, less easy of acceptance than they were at the time of their record, or even fifty years ago-is too manifest to on the part of ordinary men of Fifty years ago miracles were hardquestioned except here and there by a few adventurous spirits, who were liable to be stigmatized as "infidel" for being faithful to their convictions. But century students of nature have been if the meaning of the question is wheth-

gradually brought a larger and larger province within the comprehension of mankind. Enlarged views of the universe-enarged, that is, far beyond the conception of the middle age-are already

ily applicable to the miracles of healing. common property, and the still furthe And why? Because in modern medical practice some of these occurrences can For instance, the production by self and soher manner, must surely awaken

is vain to attempt to make the truth of in him some effort toward the attain religion or anything else rest on a par-ticular set of histórical or legendary must lead him into the outer precincts phenomena, yet every great religion lays emphasis on the power of man to SIR OLIVER LODGE.

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world-wide information, and so many splendid

Moreover, though many must sympathize with the founder of Christianity in his assertion that signs and wonders were not the proper credentials of religion, and though they may fully agree that compulsory moral and intellectual suasion of the unworthy, by main force of marvel, would be neither feasible nor satisfactory, yet they can recognize that the religious belief has sometimes been quenched, and frequently perturbed, by the fact that the historical documents on which it relies contain 'miraculous" assertions difficult to accent as corresponding to any real occurrence, difficult to reject without discrediting the rest of the testimony.

We can perceive that the impossibil-

An age of religion is approaching, or

Such a result if it can ever, in any partial sense, be the outcome of sci-entific researches-a consequence of the realization of facts new to sciencemust indeed be direct and must arrive chiefly because of a clearer perception the meaning and potentiality of life, the greatness of the opportunity which it offers, and the bewildering complexity and fulness of possible existence. Toward such a revelation for more than a

unconsciously working, and they have

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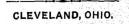
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Having received several inquiring letters from different localities of the state of Ohio, about the doings of the Spiritualists of Cleveland, I would kindly ask The Progressive Thinker to publish the following, as it may be of some interest to many of its readers. many orthodox church members being Our Temple was dedicated to the present. I believe a great deal of good truth of Modern Spiritualism, the upliftment and betterment of mankind, ing of our temple to promulgate the Sunday, October 1, 1905. Rev. Fred D. iruth of Spiritualism. I hope and pray Dunakin, president of the O. S. A., and Rev. Dell A. Herrick of Akron, Ohio, were the speakers. Brother C. A. Sollinger gave German address, afternoon and evening.

The rostrum of the temple, beautifully decorated with flags and bunting, cut flowers, plants, ferns . and palms had the appearance of a bower of

"The Molecular Hypothesis of Nabeauty in Nature. Rev. Fred D. Duna-kin christened the temple as "The ture." By Prof. Wm. M. Lockwood, Professor Lockwood is recognized as First Spiritutlist Temple of Cleveland;" one of the ablest lecturers on the spirafter this ceremony, five-minute speeches being held by many old Spiritual rostrum. In this little volume he presents in succinct form the substance itualists. Miss Edna Grant, the Spirit-ual nightingale of Conneaut, gave some of his lectures on the Molecular. Hy pothesis of Nature: and presents his soul-inspiring solos at all, three, meet-ings. Prof. Louis Quedenfeld and his three sons gave several classical mu-mended to all who love to study and sical selections, highly appreciated by think. Price, 25 cents.

'Mediumship and Its Development, The attendance was very satisfactory. and How to Mesmerize to Assist Development. In the evening the temple was filled to opment." By W. H. Bach. Especially the last seat. The financial part, dona- useful to learners who seek to know tions, basket offerings and pledges, the and utilize the laws of mediumship and latter have nearly all been paid since, development, and avoid errors. Price, amounted to over \$500. The ladies cloth, 50 cents; paper, 25 cents.

Rev. Dell A. Herrick served the tem ple for the months of October and November, giving two lectures every Sun day, also trumpet seances during the week demonstrating the philosophy. Large and appreciative audiences crowned the efforts of the medium in promulgating the truths of our glorious cult. Rev. Dell A. Herrick upheld his reputation as the best solicitor on the rostrum, by assisting to swell the income of the society.

October 22, memorial services held in transition of Mrs. Magdalena Hemmeter, Rev. Dell A. Herrick officiating in English; C. A. Sollinger in German, a large and appreciative audience attending.

November 19, ordination of Dr. C. W Haines of Bedford, Ohio, Rev. I. W. Pope, Rev. Dell A. herrick and C. A. Sollinger officiating. Prof. L. Queden-feld and sons furnished the musical program, assisted by Mrs. Flora Hennwood, planist.

The ladies of the Temple Fund Soclety serve lunch between services every Sunday, assisting in this way the income of the temple. Said ladies meet at annex every Thursday all day, sewing quilts and other fancy work in preparation of a bazaar to be held in Theism, and I refuse to allow anyone

the near future. Rev. Oscar A. Edgerly is serving the Temple the present month. Sunday evening, Dec. 10, Rev. Campbell a Scotch Presbyterian preacher, a guide of Brother Edgerly, spoke through his instrumentality on "Heredity and Environment Considered as Origin of Such eloquence, force of argu-Sin."

ment, and elocution, rarely heard in our city; he held his large audience spellbound; you could have heard a needle drop until the last word was spoken; duration one hour and twenty

minutes. It was an intellectual feast Rev. Elizabeth Schauss, of Toledo God saw-and seeing, called his mes senger of light. A Child-Thought, winged with glories gave messages after lecture, a great has been accomplished since the open Bid that success will stay with us till we

parts of this city. C. A. SOLLINGER. Cleveland, Ohio.

pure, and passing bright. Thought, made up of joy, and faith and trust divine-all these souls, God said, to drink of Love's own wine! liquidate our indebtedness and can as Then, every shade, and hue of christly sist in erecting more temples in other

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nature blent, Until the child-face glowed with peace and sweet content,

THE CHRIST CHILD.

A gloom lay on the earth, and darkness

Submerged in greed, the lower Self as

sumed the reign, And wrought the many-threaded web of

lower passions raged, and strife,

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and bitter sound

human pain.

Till gladness leaped to join the stars

Holy Days-And hearts grew soft and tender to ward their fellow-men, For lo! the Christmas Time makes man

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reither, but having much in with them all, for which full credit should be honestly given.

Fifth. I have always held that Spiritualism is a great independent move Over and above them all, its ethical ment in the realm of religious thought. precepts, its spiritual consolations, its sublime revelations of fact regarding were Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Mohammedanism, and the Soul-world, and its demonstrations Christianity. I have felt that it was a of the truth of spirit-communion, mark higher manifestation of truth than it as the highest, truest and best relig-either one or all of these systems, yet ion ever evolved for mankind. As Hon. L. V. Moulton has often declared, have contended that in them all were "It is a scientific religion and a relig-ious science." The N. S. A. is merely many beautiful truths that Spiritualism must take and build into the new system it came to establish. I have never an attempt to unite the Spiritualists of said that Spiritualism was a banch of any one of these great movements, but have argued that SPIRITUALISTS the world in one great body to make Spiritualism what it should be to the human race. It is the servant of the could learn much from them. Spiritpeople-not their master, nor yet their ualism is eclectic: it takes the good dictator. It is their friend and helperfound in all movements and practically not their enemy, nor their talse guide

applies it to the needs of humanity. It across the plains of the material world this position makes me a Buddhist, a It is a pleasure to know that the N Mohammedan, or a Christian, I will S. A. represents at least eight-tenths of the Spiritualists of America. This wear this label also without a murmur. Sixth. I have long contended that statement I make boldly, after having Spiritualism is a religion; that its All- met the leading Spiritualists in every State and Territory in the Union and compelling MUST of the law of conse quences is an incentive to every hulcarned first-hand their position with man being to noble living and high regard to it. The little, insignificant handful of its carping critics and ca-lumniators (of whom Prof. Loveland is moral action; that it gives us the cause of all causes, and leads us back to the Supreme Principles of Life, manifest NOT one) is growing smaller and more everywhere in nature. I have no wish to disclaim my belief beautifully less every year, because of

the many victories it has won for pure in Theism: in fact, I am rather proud of unadulterated Spiritualism, and its folthe company in which I find myself in ! lowers, whose wishes it is honestly enhere let me say that I reserve absolute-Yours for Spiritualis

Yours for Spiritualism and its serv by to myself the right to interpret my ant, the N. S. A. Theism, and I refuse to allow anyone HARRISON D. BARRETT.

A REMARKABLE OCCURRENCE.

A Spirit Hand Brings Four Little Brown Pills to Relieve the Suffering of a Sick Woman.

To the Editor:-In this town there lives a lad who conducts to boarding Her name is Mrs. Jacobs. She

has been sick for a week of tso. The other day they ordered the family phy sician in post haste. In He Came and found her suffering with membranous

croup, and it was very had itoo. He relieved her somewhat and That night she layan her bed and

there appeared to held a hand on the side of her bed, with the most beautiful bouquet in it. She did not take it, nor did she say a word. sFinsily it left. After a little while the hand returned and brought her four dittle brown pills, and placed them on her tongue and she swallowed them. This was very sin-gular to her. She is not a Spiritualist, and skies in praise, And gifts and graces rare filled full the was raised a Catholic.

I talked with her yesterday about it. She says she was wide awake when the hand came, both times, and told me she swallowed the pills without any water. told her it was some of her friends in the spirit world that were interested in her. I think it was a brother who passed over some years ago. I think it was a very singular occurrence. Peoria, Ill. W. H. LELAND.

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Waite; West Side, Mr. C. A. Thompson and F. C. Suhrer. The new board starts the new year work done by our spiritual mediums in with every prospect of success. Let every league member give them a

hearty support. In severing my official connection

with the League, I wish to express my appreciation of the kindness and willingness with which you have opened the columns of The Progressive Think-

is quite lengthy, after all, but since we are the target for the ignorant, and most of humanity belong to that class as yet, I feel we should be securely sus-

I for one am glad it has been suggested by some of the contributors to have a brief statement of our principles. I belong to the New Age and am short-winded, and as the complaint against Spiritualists I often hear is that "they are too long-winded, and some of the speakers never know when to stop, and cople get tired of even a good thing." and so I say, if we must have a creed which seems to be necessary to main-tain our just dispensation in the law courts, let it be brief!

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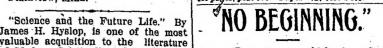
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"I am the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt."-Hosea 12:6.

Here is Biblical proof that Jahvah (Yahwah, using the Saxon Y in place of our modern J, and the w sound where we use v), rendered by the King James translators, very incorrectly, Jehovah, came from Egypt. He was Osiris, the supreme god of the Egyptians, and a brother of Typhon, once one of the favorite gods of Egypt to whom sacrifices were made. He made war on his elder brother, whom he killed, cut into twelve pieces, and scattered the remains along the Nile. Isis, the beloved wife of Osiris, recovered all the fragments save one. Their son Horus made war on Typhon, his uncle, and defeated him in battle. He-Typhonwas captured and confined in a prison

of darkness under the earth. Many learned persons are sincere in the conviction that this Isis, who was

* * * He was a murderer from the b ginning, and abode not in the truth. * When he speaketh a lie ho speaketh of his own, for he is a liar and the father In mentioning the Devil as a "mur-

derer," it is clearly apparent Typhon, who killed Osiris, was the personage Jesus had in mind.

Jehovah, whom we found in a box, chest, or ark last week, whose commands Moses voiced, is clearly proved to have come from Egypt. After Isis recovered the remains of Osiris he was resurrected and became the Judge of the dead.

Again we wish to impress on the reader the fact, wherever the transla tors found the Hebrew word Elohim in the Old Testament they rendered it God. It is a plural noun, and in every case should have been rendered Gods And wherever they found Jahveh they rendered it Lord, save in four places it appears as Jehovah. Where we find Lord God connected it should have been rendered Jehovah Gods or Jahveh Gods. As Typhon, under the name Devil, was worshipped by the Jews, to whom altars were erected, on sacrifices, even of the sons and daughters were made; and Horus the son of Osiris and Isis, were included in the Hebrew pantheon, as was the mother designated the Queen of Heaven, are we not justified in the violent presumption that this Horus, who was the Eternal Son of God, without a beginning, as Catholics claim, was the Jesus whom Christians adore? Temples were dedicated to Isis and her son in Rome in Pompeii, in Puzziola, and probably in

all the principal cities of Italy. These suggestions are made for the benefit of scholars; for those who have made zealous efforts to find the his-toric Jesus, but have uniformly failed. And we beg leave to quote in this connection a valuable reminder of the various Gods, by quoting from pages 235-6, of the "Christian Platonists of Alexandria," by that devout Christian, Rev. Charles Bigg, D. D., it being ex-tracted from his eighth lecture preached before the University of Oxford, in the year 1886. He was at the moment dis-The Special Thought Channel a Veritable coursing on the period of the second entury of our era: "The ancient mythology had per

ished. The old Greek and Roman del ties appear henceforth, for the most part, as intermediate beings, angels or demons, who people the spaces of air between man and the supreme ofject of worship. There is no longer Zeus or Jupiter, but a God of Syrian, or Persian, or Egyptian nationality. The altars of the Great Mother, of Isis and Serapis [otherwise Osiris], of Mithra, are to be found all over the world, from Bactria to Gaul, in Northumberland, on the Rhine, in Numidia, wherever the Ro-man eagles flew, in the provinces, in

BRANCHING OUT into new fields, into So look out for the SPECIAL Rome, in Caesar's palace. new pastures, into new environments, THOUGHT CHANNEL The change is significant. It shows the irresistible tendency of the times towards a Monotheistic worship. For these Oriental Gods, though many name, ARE IN REALITY BUT ONE. As we gaze upon them they seem to melt into one another. Who To the Editor:—A fine demonstration photographer, to take her photograph of spirit power took place at ______ while entranced in the cabinet in the ______ some time ago. A short time before Christmas the [giving name] cabinet messenger. expressed a wish for Syrian Goddess? She is the Aramic Astarte, the Babylonian Mylitta, she is the Great Mother, she is Isis, Universal Nature, the maternal feminine aspect of before Caristmas the igiving name; side, the camera placed in position, the cabinet messenger, expressed a wish for a full outfit of earthly clothing. One was taken. at no be end in front of ________ lady got her a nice white hat; another pro-made her a white dress; another pro-vided her with a pair of white shoes; presents of jearthly clothing. another with a pair of white stocking; I send you the photograph; also a and others with scarf, fan and doll. photograph of myself and spirit wife These articles were presented to her and son, fand also one of myself God. And God is the SUN, whose ray crowned head is to be seen on Roman coins from the reign of Commodus to that of Constantine. Osiris. Mithra. Elagabalus [a Syria-Phoenician. sun god], are all the same. They are the fatherly, fostering, masculine side of the Divine, aptly figured by the orb of dav.' for a Christmas present and were taken and spirit compared by the controls away somewhere by the spirit messen, the materialization, and the face and

Doctor Biggs then introduces as to the Persian Savior, Mithra, "a God of the world-old Aryan stock." "He is the ger, not one of them being left in this head of the and others, supposed to seance room. When inquiry was made, be relatives whom I do not recognize. the spirit said she took them to her This demonstration proves to me that giver of light, life and truth, the Lord of Heaven, a mediator between Ormuzd the good, and Ahriman the evil spirit, or between God and Man. The birthday of Mithra, the Solinvictus, was December 25. He is the Sun, who

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shoots his rays down into this world to the conviction that this Isis, who was worshipped as the Queen of Heaven, to whom prayers were directed, was none Mithra is identical with Osiris, of



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ANOTHER OBJECT LESSON.

When Truth is brought to Light, it is exposed to the world. When an Error is discovered, it, too, is exposed. When a Crime is unearthed, that also is exposed. When deception is practiced under the head of Spirit Return, that, too, is exposed. All these exposures of the Truth, of Error, of Deception or Fraud, are strictly legitimate, making the Good and the Bad publicly known, and thus enabling Spiritualists to realize exactly their own status before the world. The good and the bad determine the exact quality or condition of any sect, cult, club or society. They will advance just in proportion as the good predominates; but if the bad has the ascendency, then the retrograding process goes on. In Spiritualism the absolute truth predominates, hence it is advancing, but would do so far more rapidly if no deception were practiced in the ranks. Read carefully the lesson of the exposure of S. W. Fallis, in taking what purported to be "spirit pictures," one of the most heartless, cruel decep-tions ever practiced on hearts lacerated by the loss of friends.

There comes a time in connection with every movement when, in order to ad- OR SECULAR, HAS TRENCHANT ARvance, strenuous systematic exertion becomes an absolute necessity. In all

society, sect or political party-in the in municipal affairs as well as that of prospers. state and national, THIS RULE HOLDS

GOOD. Even the staid old Catholic church, weighed down by wealth, superstition, intolerance, ignorance and bigotry, is making an effort to shake off some of the incubus that has rested upon it for ages

Everywhere there is a SPIRIT OF UNREST, a strenuous seeking for something higher and better. The religious sects everywhere are

vibrating with more advanced thought. with more liberal views and a more enlightened conception of the providence of God. Everywhere there is dissatisfaction impressively manifested with

the existing state of things. ALL THE AFFAIRS OF LIFE ARE BEING SHAKEN UP, critically and finally a halt was called on Mr. Fallis. systematically examined, and serious Mrs. Reed, a lady on the North Side, defects pointed out. Laws are being changed, improved or abolished altogether.

purported to be her child-not exactly Political parties-cumbersome in the like her when on earth, as she "had

TICLES ON THE SUBJECT. The very air is pulsating with departments of life, in every club, cult, thoughts of reform. In Spiritualism The Progressive Thinker leads in the secular world as well as the religious, weeding process, and consequently it

EVERY MAGAZINE, RELIGIOUS

Take for example the case of Mr. S W. Fallis, the eminent and widely For known "spirit photographer." many years in this city he has been carrying on his work of MOST CRUEL HEARTLESS DECEPTION.

He is a subtle artist in his special ine of deception, a master mechanic in his imitation of the genuine; in fact he is as skilful in his particular line of trickery as the counterfeiter is in imi-

tating our legal currency. The harvest he has reaped from the innocent gullibles year after year has been large, ill-gotten gains that dark-

him an object of pity. greatly desired a spirit picture of her

ered his spiritual nature, and made But the evolution of spiritual forces is at work in the weeding process, and

TO STAND.

The Progressive Thinker is the ardent friend of all honest mediums, and invites their co-operation in the WEEDlittle daughter. Fallis obtained what ING PROCESS now being carried on.

Official Record

ed week after week, and Falils entering to the skies, as one of the GREATEST MEDIUMS OF THE AGE! Can a paper which will pursue such a course be anything else but rotten, excessively inclean?

Dec. 19, 1964

This course was in harmony with the general chacteristics of the paper as it has, ever since it came to Chicago, been the acknowledged organ of those who USE TRICKERY OR LEGERDEMAIN in producing what they call "genuine spirit phenomena," it believing them more powerful and influential in promoting its circulation than the honest mediums.

When Mrs. Elsie Reynolds was caught dressed in artificial toggery, posing as a spirit, she was defended by that organ of TRICKERY AND DECEPTION. and pronounced a "genuine lady and medium."

When Mrs. Jackman's confederate was exposed here a coterie of her friends stole the name of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association and commenced doing business and continued at the nefarlous work until stopped by the court. This notoriously bad gang was defended by their organ, the Light of Truth, week after week. This unscrupulous defense of them has caused the paper to lose caste and influence among reputable people throughout the entire nount of the source it is status with the class it has defendedwith Fallis and his bogus pictures. or "spirit" photographs; with Elsie Reynolds and her artificial toggery when posing as spirit Aunt Betsey; with the gang who stole the name of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association, and numerous others whose deceptive methods the paper has defended time and again; and now, as a finishing touch to this most unpleasant episode in the history of Spiritualism, read the following-a question put to Willard J. Hull and answered by him prominently displayed in the Light of Truth, and which insults every honest medium in the land."

QUESTION:-"What is the end and aim of mediumship as carried on at the present?"

ANSWER:-"Its aim is Dollars; and its end is Death. Mediums who are really carrying the messages of the higher realms of spirit life to man the mortal can be counted on THE FIN-GERS OF A SINGLE HAND."

What think you of that, honest mediums and speakers of Chicago and elsewhere? What think you of thgt, offcers of Chesterfield camp and other places of resort? "ONLY FOUR ME-DIUMS WHO ARE REALLY CARRY-ING THE MESSAGES OF THE HIGH-ER REALMS OF SPIRIT LIFE TO MAN THE MORTAL," and yet the Light of Truth has been defending all the rotten frauds that seek its columns.

It is certainly A TAINT ON THE NAME of any honest speaker or medium to have their names mentioned in the Light of Truth; THE LINE IS BE-ING DRAWN, AND LET EVERY ME-DIUM AND SPEAKER DECIDE ON WHICH SIDE OF IT THEY INTEND

other than the Madonna, the mother of Jesus; that her son Horus, identical Serapis. with the Roman Bacchus, one of whose names was Jes, became the Catholic Jesus, and that Typhon is the Christian Devil. And the "war in heaven" we have heard so much about, was the mythical war between these Egyptian myths, Qsiris and Typhon. Isis had a sister, Nepthys, and she is believed to be the other scriptural Mary.

No one can know when these events occurred, for myths have a habit of concealing their family records. We find all the junior gods, Horus among them, was born on the 25th of December, when the sun, which was worshipped as a god, commenced his return to our northern skies. The good Milton, who seemed so familiar with Satan and his doings, was as ignorant as we when his Satanic majesty flourished.

There was a time when altars were erected to Typhon in Egypt, when priests were devoted to his service and ministered at his altars; when prayers were directed to this then powerful god, and sacrifices were made to him on those altars. Then there came a time when the people rose in rebellion against this monster Deicide. Wherever Typhon's name had been inscribed on the monuments, it was defaced with mallet and chisel, else covered with plaster. See Wilkinson's Ancient Egypt, Vol. 3, p. 142.

Egyptologists are of the opinion this erasure of the inscriptions occurred sometime later than the 18th dynasty. The Jews, if there was such a people in slavery in Egypt, of which it is just to say the monuments are silent on the subject, notwithstanding the efforts of ecclesiastics to prove to the contrary, must have left Egypt just before the defacing of the monuments. They were not content, taking their pretended hisiory as authority, with stealing Egyptian jewelry, but they stole their manners, their customs, their religious behef, their gods and their Devil. See Leviticus 17:11: "They shall no more offer sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone * * *" "They sacrificed unto devils, not to God." Deuteronomy 32:17, "He, [Rehoboam] ordained him priesis for the high places and for the devils, and for the calves he had made. II. Chronicles xili:15. "Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to devils. '-Psalms 106:37.

. Though prayers and sacrifices were no longer made to Typhon in Egypt. the practice appears to have prevailed. long after in Jerusalem.

In the New Testament Typhon seems to have developed into a living, breathing creature, the tempter of Jesus. John 8: 44 represents Jesus addressing the Pharisees, and saying to them in that abusing language his clergy have so closely imitated:

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Egypt, and his resurrected successor So far in the last paragraph, to save

space, we have only quoted extracts. Now verbatim:

"The disciples of Mithra formed an organized church with a developed hierarchy. They possessed the ideas of Mediation, Atonement, and a Savior, who is human and yet divine; and not only the idea, but a doctrine of a fulife. They had a Eucharist, and ture a Baptism, and other curious analogies might be pointed out between their system and the Church of Christ. Most of these conceptions, no doubt, ARI

NTEGRAL PARTS OF A RELIGION MUCH OLDER THAN CHRISTIAN

The Mithraic system of religion took leep root in Rome, but was suppressed in the fourth century with much difficulty.

Thus, in a fragmentary way, we gain feeble conception how the Gods and Devils of a remote antiquity were interblended and merged into each other. And does it not suggest how it was possible our modern Gods and Devils sprang into being?

Life In Myrlad Forms.

The unaided eye has no conception of the myriad forms life on this planet assumes. It is not fitted to grasp the infinitesimal forms beneath us. The microscope is really a modern invention. Until it came into use humanity knew nothing of animalcule life. Since its perfection in the form of the compound microscope, with its power of multiplying 2.000 diameters the minute forms have swollen into gigantic proportions. and life is everywhere. The question is: Is there any place where it is not. The diamond, resolved by heat into its elementary gases, and it is said life is there. The atmosphere is thronged with both vegetable and animal life, and the oceans abound with them, even imparting color of varied hues to the water. The Red Sea, and the Arabian Gulf, parts of them at least, the water ap pears a blood red, the microscopic aniimalculae imparting that hue. The Indian Ocean, additional to red localities. has yellow and white infusoria which given color to the water. Without fur-ther specifying, go where we may, in reflective mind. torrid or frigid zone, on mountain tops bathed in eternal snow, or far down in ocean's depths and life is ever present When Nature is so prolific and lavish in the bestowal of her gifts, how is it possible to believe she has made no provision for perpetuating the higher OF SPIRIT LIFE. forms of her creation? It cannot be. As these humble forms of minute life are concealed from mortal vision, so it seems to us more than probable laying aside for the moment our posi tive knowledge based on spirit revela tion-disenthralled humanity, dissolved of gross materiality, is all about us, go ing in and out with us, and taking full cognizance of our every action, grieving when we grieve, rejolcing at our suc cess and with our joy, and doing all in

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For special reasons the above communication is not published in full, leaving the readers and mediums to supply the omissions. It will be a pleasant recreation for them to try to give the missing links. Who is the medium? Who is the spirit photographer? Finally the letter will be given in full to the world with the world the names of the medium and spirit photographer, etc. The discussion that will arise will throw a flood of light upon the dark cabinet manifestations; in fact, the Crucible of Reason will scintillate with the opinions of prominent Spiritualists, and much will be given that will startle Spiritualists in every nook and corner of the United States as never before. Now is the time to subscribe for The Progressive Thinker, and keep step with the advancing column.

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BEEN FLAGRANT ABUSES IN OUR The trial came off. It was a most RANKS, A SPECIES OF GRAFT, pitiable spectacle, enough to make the SUBTLY CULTIVATED UNDER THE angels weep to see this aged man, after BENIGN CLOAK OF SPIRIT RETURN. long years of heartless deception, stand The Weeding Process has penetrated before the Police Judge and try to vinevery nook and corner of our country, dicate himself. in every department of life.

The "spirit photographer" testified THE PAPER (SPIRITUALIST OR under oath before Justice Caverly that SECULAR) WHICH LETS THIS he did not offer to produce faces and WEEDING PROCESS GO ON IN SI- forms of disembodied mortals, but only LENCE WILL SUFFER FROM A sold "Phenomenal Pictures." His an-SORT OF BLIGHT OR MILDEW, OR gelic groups were known to be first ar-FINANCIAL DEPRESSION, OR DULL- ranged upon a black curtain in his rear NESS THAT DOESN'T SUIT THE room and the sensitized plate exposed before it. Earnest mediums and lay MASSES.

men have sung the praises of his mar-There are religious sects, insurance velous band of controls. He himself companies, clubs, cults, and political HOWLED FURIOUSLY AND MALIGbosses who can not stand the thorough NANTLY AGAINST THE PROGRESSweeding process so active in the world IVE THINKER. AND RESENTED EV to-day in every department of life ERY EXPOSURE OF TRICKERY OR hence they decry bitterly against it. DECEPTION AS PRACTICED AMONG See what the weeding process has re-SOME MEDIUMS, BECAUSE IT INvealed in Philadelphia-a rottenness in JURED THE SACRED TRUTH OF municipal affairs that is appalling! OUR CAUSE. HIS ZEAL AGAINST If the Catholic church would allow "FRAUD HUNTING" WAS ONLY the weeding process to prevail, there DISTANCED BY THE FEAR OF HIS would be nothing left of it but a grim visaged skeleton. ALL COUNTERFEITERS OF THE

The National Government is trying to PHENOMENA OF SPIRIT RETURN weed out poisonous adulteration, just as TO HAVE UNLIMITED LICENSE. The Progressive Thinker is trying to But the "spirit" picture was there weed out the fraudulent adulteration in standing out in bold relief, and it was

the ranks of Spiritualism. an exact copy of the child actress. But The federal control of foods, drugs the judge was sympathetic; he pitied and liquors for the purpose of securing the old gray-headed man of subtle their purity is provided for in a com- trickery and deception, and gave him prehensive bill to be introduced in the to understand that his practice must senate at an early date by Senator Hepbe abandoned at once, or the doors of burn of Idaho. Jurisdiction of the govthe penitentiary would open for him. ernment over these articles is declared He told him to pay back to the lady his in the measure when they become artiill-gotten gains, six dollars, go home cles of interstate or foreign commerce and take down his misleading sign, and and a penalty of a maximum fine of 500 stop this nefarious business at once. If captured its god, and trusted in its and one wear's imprisonment is pro- he commences the deception again, as power to lead them on to victory, and vided for violators of the regulations the judge intimates, the doors of the set forth. penitentiary will open for him.

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Hon.

The warden of the Ohio State penithe lady fully realized that she had tentiary lately furnished the Ohio teen duped-most cruelly deceived, as State Journal with the religious statisthe nicture of "her child" was soon distics of that criminal institution. He covered to be AN EXACT COPY OF A CHILD ACTRESS, which is frequently seen on photographs.

reported there were 1,553 prisoners, convicted of every variety of crime. Of these 422 are Methodists; 391 are Catholics; 250 are Baptists; 15 are Jews; 12 Dunkards; 9 Friends; and scattering 27, who were of no sect. No Spiritualist! no Infidel.

His Bellef Was Fatal.

The Los Angeles Humanitarian Review, for December, reports that a man at San Diego, Cal., September 3, placing full confidence in the accredited words of Jesus, Mark 16:17, 18-These signs shall follow them that believe • • if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them," attended the Nazarene Mission, combatted some docirinal points, produced a bottle of carbolic acid, declared his faith in the words of Jesus, drank the contents of the bottle, and a moment after fell to the floor dead. His name was not given.

The preachers will doubtless say the victim lacked faith, but Jesus only required belief that he had risen. See verse 14.

Churchly Lamentations.

The religious press seems distressed at the lack of interest in church affairs in all the Great West, from the summit of the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific coast. The "New York Churchman" despairingly announces:

"The future of the church on the Pacific coast hangs in the balance."

The "Pacific Churchman" calls on the young men for help. It declares the foundation of a mighty empire is OWN DETECTION. HE WANTED there, but "nowhere else is the future so forgotten." It says, "The old is being done away, the new is coming." and "An utter looseness of hold upon the church and religion characterizes all this region." Then it laments: "The daily press does not hesitate to ig-

nore and even slur religion." It must be confessed the prospect is gloomy one, not only on the Pacific slope, but the world over, if the hope of civilization is contingent on a belief in the dogmas of the church.

In olden times a people who fell in arrears ascribed their troubles to their These they whipped and gods. ished from their camps; then they made raids on a more prosperous tribe. to success. May we not beg our Christian brothers to drop Jehovah out. of their calendar as an object of wor-

shin. enthrone Infinite Intelligence, exalt the virtues, and discard the vices of discord, hatred, envy, jealousy, strife? Doing so they will have but little de-

sire for sectarian aggrandizement.

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though they call themselves Christian They appreciate the unfoldment of we will have cruelty and oppression on the intellect, and though they do not worship as we do, they have a form of

Jews and Thanksgiving.

The Jews to-day all over this free called Christians are to theirs. country are celebrating their Thanks giving; celebrating the love they hold in their hearts for the freedom they have in a free land. To-day the syna gogues are thronged with worshipers of. Israel, and to-day there are prayers going up from hundreds of hearts and among the unfortunates. souls for the suffering humanity in a listant country.

Russia as a Nation.

the Jews are suffering now? Russia has been considered a Christian country by Christian people, yet you all know what they have done in the past years, and you all know what

and why not all classes treated equally? ' War is a Terrible Thing. is being done at the present time. The This free land is carrying the scar crucifixion of the far past seems not to of bloodshed upon our fair country, and be a lesson for them, and their teacher there are thousands of human hearts him as your partner in life. We will say to the Jew that if the woman who of Calvary whem they claim to worship, appears to be far in the distance at the the bitter memories of the past, though claims your heart is a Gentile, what are the past prejudices? It is for you present time. it brought freedom to the negro. They must have forgotten their This meant the breaking up of hundreds leader and they must have forgotten the of thousands of nomes; this meant widpicture which has been stamped on the entire civilized world, the man on the words ever can explain or express, and cross, the one who died to save all still there are none but would say, con-cthers. This is only child's talk, for the sacrifice of one life will never be dom. Although it took our loved ones sufficient to wash away the sins of the away we would not have slavery in our entire world or from one individual. midst-not have one race feel under the This grand, good soul came into the world to teach and sow the seed of there are slaves of every color and righteousness; to give to the world creed, but the greatest slave the world what had never been given before- now knows is the one who is a slave the Golden Rule; to impress upon the minds of the people that in doing good slave to a religion which does not they received their happiness, and in teach true equality; a religion that doing wrong they likewise received teaches of a partial God who would their penalty. dare to say to one, he thou on a throne upon a Jew." The Christians of to-day are perse of power, and to another, be thou on a cuting the Jews while in reality their foot stool of oppression. Savior was a Jew, born of a Jewish The Japanese and Spirits. mother. How they can reconcile prompt man as it prompts him now. The Japanese have always been themselves to this we cannot underconsidered a heathen nation, yet they stand. Neither can we understand how they can persecute a race from which opened the eyes of the world. The attention of all nations has been directed their Master sprung. That the Jews have been of assist- i their way. They have shown to the ance to other parts of the world as world loyalty, progress, and a love for well as Russia; that they are people of freedom, and to-day the little yellow and have many learned ones man is placed on a pedestal of fame he ability among them, and that there are true cause he dared to stand firm in time of fathers and mothers in this race, the emergency and win for himself that world can not deny. They are entitled | which he knew to be his rights. These people did not bow to a per to all the privileges of any other human being, and still the hand of oppression sonal God, nor picture in the minds of is upon them in Christian Russia as their dear ones a fanciful heaven or a well as in other countries. It seems in turning hell; but they understood the every land, the hand of oppression is law of life and knew full well that over them. death did not end all. How would you feel if while walking upon the street to your daily labor you OF THEIR LOVED ONES HOVERED NEAR THEM, and their ancestors were accosted by some one who demanded your life? Would not your whom they honor as living ,only passed whole being rise up in indignation? into another stage of life called Even in your weakness of numbers you "Death." These people pray to their would fight long and hard for your ancestors, the so-called dead. IT IS rights and the rights of those who BETTER TO PRAY TO A HUMAN were dear to you. Now, when the whole American con-GOD WHO CAN HELP YOU IN TIME OF TROUBLE, THAN TO AN INHU-MAN GOD WHO IS DEAF TO ALL tinent is filled with thanksgiving, what a sad time it must be for those far YOUR ENTREATIES. What have they to be thankful away. Russia and Her Destiny. for? What have they to send out Some time ago the one who is speakprayers to God for? Let us feel the iming to you prophesied the war portance of our duty as men and wo tween Russia and Japan and told of the men at such a time and extend a hand outcome; and not long since propheof sympathy to these oppressed people sied the trouble that the Russians would It is not enough that we send money endure, and now we will say that this to assist them, but with the gold also is the beginning of the end. Russia in send our pravers that the hand of opdestined to meet her death in a way pression may be lifted and these people Russia must clear its field of iniquity sight, find their true Jerusalem, know again and step on the first rung of the ladsweet Palestine, and be a race among der of Progress, and learn the meaning others that are honored and respected. of the words GROWTH AND PURITY

go to war with this country; there is too much at stake: so it is with the ace question, where they marry and intermarry, they cut down the hand of prejudice, and the hand of love creeps in and the hand of progress is bound to Why is it Thus we say to the Gentile, if the

man you love is a Jew waste no time in considering the religious question;

Many would say they would have teen lost by absorption, also that when a Gentile marries a Jew they do not

have the respect of either race. worship and are true to it, and we be-heve, truer to their God than the sowould have been overcome, as time leals all wounds and prejudices. The Jews cannot conceive of a God Prejudice and Love.

that would allow a few to suffer greatly England favors our great United while others go free, and cause those States because it has much interest in this free land. She does not want to who may not have had the advantage of education and growth to be perse-cuted simply because they are classed If Jesus died upon the cross to be the Savior of the world, why is it that any nation should be allowed to suffer as

that they should be a distinct class

waste no time in looking back on ral pedigree; look for the love as id take

remains that there are many varieties of treatment, differing enough from principles. The fact that too great opone another to invite some attempt at analysis and classification. That

The suggestive therapeutist usually Dr. Hudson argues, proves that anygives his suggestions orally, depending thing even partially in such opposition upon the emotions i or the purposes awakened in the patient's mind by the

spoken word to accomplish the change necessary to cure his disease. Much stress is also laid by this school upon the response made directly by the physical organs to a suggested course of action on their part...! Sometimes, however, these practitioners "speak the ' in silence, still calling their word method suggestion. The Society for Psychical Research published some

years ago much testimony to prove that horses can be cured of warts by could be no nervous shock produced by suggestion. It has also been proved directing him to slyly abstract a doing much good, but they often fail that when a new patient is brought into friend's pocket book. Now, if this is where with a little more wisdom they the pulse : onv

nized by religion, and should be recog nized by a medical science which aims position to the fixed trend of his life to deal with mental forces, since religion is the strongest mental force in hu will cause a serious nervous shock, so man nature.

Healers of the persuasion known as the New Thought aim to be as carefully must cause a shock differing only in degree from that which wakes him and scientific as students of any other branch of knowledge. Many of them rees him from the hypnotizer's power. recognize that only a beginning has For this reason, he maintains, it is of the utmost importance that the operabeen made in the understanding of the human mind, and consequently they tor avoid producing illusions and halluare continually learning from experi cinations in the subject's mind. But, surely, the disastrous effect is due, not ence and observation. Many others, however, are too untrained mentally to to the essential truth of the statements which the subject is required to avoid dogmatism, and too undeveloped accept, but to the opposition which is spiritually to know how to judge wisely in dealing with cases involving the transition of a soul from one plane of aroused by them in his mind. If he helieved that it was right to steal, there life to another. Undoubtedly they are

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Heaven is For All.

of a Republic-not willingly It is said that God is no respecter of persons and has not chosen any elect. This brings the thought to the human race that man is created equal; all have ing the same opportunities in this life, which is a school of experience from which we are to wend our way to a higher life when we are done with this earth and all its lessons. There dare to speak the truth. will meet Jew and Gentile; heathen and Christian: prince and pauper and king and subject. There we will have no opportunity to use a bribe, but be entitled to the position we have her and told her to rest easy as peace parned for ourselves and to none other. It is there we will learn the true vision that others might be filled with peaning of equality, if we fail to learn as great a joy as she was. What was

and the woman you love to settle that question, and by your independence you prove your love for each other; others will follow in your footsteps, and in time the prejudice of marriage between Gentile and Jew will be a hing of the past.

The World Will Be Happier.

Look at the strength of the American race! Look what they have married into! The American child has the blood of all nationalities in its views. When the time comes that there will be no question about nationality the world will be happier and we will have better conditions on this earth plane. God never said, "Gentile, look not

All these are man-made laws; laws based on prejudice and bloodshed, when the world was in ignorance and the spiritual could

The Word Love.

All importance must be placed on he word Love. From the time a child is old enough to hear and understand that word, its true meaning should be taught.

This reminds me of a poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox: All the uniforms were . blue, all the

swords were bright and new. When the regiment went marching down the street.

All the men were hale 'and strong as they proudly moved along, Through the cheers that drowned

the music of their feet. Oh! the music of the feet keeping time

to drums that beat, Oh! the splendor and the glitter of

uniforms of blue,

The Remarkable Change: When the regiment came back all the

guns and swords were black, And the uniforms had faded out to

And the faces of the men who marchied through that street again Seemed like faces of the dead who lose their way;

For the dead who lose their way cannot look more wan and gray Oh! the sorrow and the pity of the

Oh! the weary lagging feet out, of step with drums that beat. As the regiment comes marching from the fight.

This empire will be robed in garments but How true that story is! ' How many through the forces that are working in have heard the bitter tones of return that direction. This will be brought ing drums, and how you looked in vain about for the betterment of the counfor those that did not return. How ry and its people. If any one would your soul goes out in prayer, that dare to speak these words on its soil sometime, somewhere you may meet to-night they would be punished for it them again!

by being taken to Siberia, for a long in-Aye, when Love rules there will be carceration there awaits those who o more war. When Love rules there will be no more regiments returning

from the fight. Then we can unde Spirit Presence Clearly Discerned. stand and realize our power and feel there is a true God, and if we undercount of that poor girl who lost her lover in the war, and he appeared to stand that God, we will see more of was near. This pure girl told of her. Good in our fellow-beings. Then let us try to bring about, better condition that will bring this to the world. Let

rations lying near are liable to be in- the subject's convictions must have much discredit upon an important sci- and "A Wanderer in the Spirit Lands," fiuenced by and to imitate those of the new patient. Is this suggestion? Does produced by an actual untruth. t not look more like magnetism?

But what is magnetism? How can inducing the mind to accept ideas the giver of silent suggestions prove that his influence does not come from state-to "heighten suggestibility," they his magnetism? He usually attributes call it—that hypnotism is employed. his power to his conviction, his expectant attention, and his benevolent kind-liniurious strain must occur in any hypliness, which wins his patient's confi- notic treatment intended to overcon

dence. But are not these qualities a habit, either mental or physical. It is just as conspicuous in a good magnetic an attempted "short cut" to a state of healer or osteopathist or a successful mind or character which can only be masseur? And what are these three normally attained by persistent desire qualities but faith, hope and love evpressed on the personal plane? Faith Gates says that his researches have and hope may be called but it is hard to see how actual healing tion of the brain cells. Perhaps it is can be accomplished without at least a spark of that warm, magnetic quality cause of the congestion, for statements without which all suggestion is "as are always made to a hypnotized persounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." son which would create some opposi-Now, it is to faith, hope and love that tion in his mind in its normal state. spiritual healers attribute all their This would seem to explain why, as Dr.

power. Mr. Colville has well said that Petersen says, the best results are one may give a spiritual treatment often obtained with the slightest dewhile repeating the alphabet just as grees of hypnosis. The claim made by spiritual healers well as while repeating any other words. For the power that heals does that hypothem weakens the will of not reside in the words. The spiritual the subject is supported by Dr. L. healer is conscious of a glorious force Menard in an article contributed to Cosflowing through him, as it were a mos (Paris, June 4, 1904). The follow-

light enveloping both himself and his ing paragraph is taken from a transla-patient, in which he feels that the soul tio published in the Literary Digest for of the patient is being quickened and July: brought to a recognition of itself and its divine prerogative? Or, it may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prerogative? It may seem like musical vibrations to which its divine prevention to wh the patient responds, coming thus into the subject a sort of habitual automaharmony with the divine nature within tism, a need for direction, which is in him, and with his environment and jurious. Neuropaths are not apt to be his fellow men in consequence. There self-controlled; we should strengthen in are many ways in which his act may in them the will power, the power of conthere itself to the healer's mind, but trol, and diminish the tendency to im-the more it transcends words the pulsive acts. Just the opposite is done stronger the influence will be. Is it not, in hypnotizing them; this makes them the sight, As with swords and rifles new and in done? Not "animal magnetism"— symptom is sometimes cured, but the that word seems like an insult-but hu- psychic state is not bettered-the con-The regiment went marching to the man magnetism—nay, rather, divine genital or acquired weakness that fight. The Beneritable Character mind. An ordinary magnetic healer sions, incapable of throwing off their must touch his patient, and he usually cheessions and of governing their emofeels the drain upon his own vitality as | tions." the electric currentio flows! from his In contrast! to this admitted danger hands, or else he takes or more or less of the patient's condition through sym-pathy. But the spiritual ficaler ordina-rily feels no such depletion, neither is it necessary for him to touch his pa-it ordination through sym-tioned the strengthened character and increased will power commonly observ-able in followers of the various systems in which spiritual healing is practiced.

tient. This is the stireless telegraphy This alone should be sufficient to place of divine-human electricity, the lan- spiritual healing in a class apart from guage not of the mind, but of the soul. The healer is conscious of no effort of will, but only of an fifthilt, all embrac-ing love and sense wor efferess (the more subtle than that attending hyp-Christian Scientist Thalls sait . "undernotic suggestion; and less easily reco Christian Scientist itealis sett "under notic suggestion, and less easily recog-standing") which degines π_{i} imply that nized, since it concerns the inner life the patient's true relation with his environment be established and the God a strained exercise of will power. within him come into his own. I be- believer in this method of self-discipline heve that all real spiritual treatment, is apt to ignore the divinity within

us pray for those poor oppressed peoon the other side of the world hna. bid them arise in their might and declare their manhood and womanhood;

Jew and Gentile, be ye whole Children of the Oversoul: Clasp ye nands and hearts in love, Bear the olive branch and dove, Dig a grave for preindice, Have no stone to mark its place Let the past be all torgot, Let us be one common lot

ence by their absurd reasoning and the same injurious effect that would be their narrow-mindedness.

But there are many healers working But it is expressly for the purpose of to-day who are deeply learned in the which would be rejected in the waking things of the Spirit, and who are continually rescuing despairing souls and healing broken bodies doomed surely to death or to lifelong suffering unless the true key to the situation be applied. Surely, then, it is evident that some They do not claim to correct by mental action troubles which are due to physical causes. They recognize, in the last analysis, no physical causes of disease; therefore, they dare hope forand obtain-cures which the orthodox on the part of the patient. Professor medical man would regard as impossible, while in all their work they are will power, proved that hypnotism produces congessaved from inconsistency by this theory this nervous strain which is really the which they hold.

At the same time they recognize the apparent power of the physical to an extent that makes them tolerant of all methods of healing, and willing to ac-

knowledge that cures are made by all the various schools. It also makes of them believers in hygienic living, which Christian scientists profess to despise. There is much common ground between them and the benevolent, confident, magnetic personalities often found in the more advanced schools of medicine. It is to be hoped that further investigation and discussion will bring these two classes of practitioners into practical agreement in regard to "By cultivating the tendency to pas the underlying principles of healing and

the correct method of assisting patients to recovery .- Harriet B. Bradbury, in that Excellent Magazine. Mind.

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Out of these, for a sick child's sake, A blossom-wonder as fair and sweet As ever broke at an an angel's feet.

Only a life of barren pain, Wet with sorrowful tears of rain;

Warmed sometimes by a wandering gleam Of joy that seemed but a happy dream;

A life as common and brown and bare As the box of earth in the window these. Yet it bore at last the precious bloom

Of a perfect soul in a narrow room Pure as the snowy leaves that fold Over the flowers's heart of gold. The

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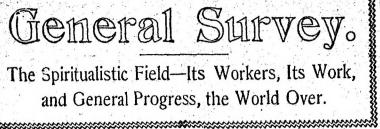
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We desire the work, "MORAL EDU by Prof. Joseph Rodes CATION," Buchanan. Who has a copy?

tireless energy in all good work pro-motive of the church's interests. Our On account of Christmas falling on Monday, and the closing of the pressroom on that day, we are compelled to go to press several days earlier than is customary, and many items and other matter will have to be omitted, reaching this office too late for insertion in this ssue.

Mrs. Cooley writes: "Don't forget the New Year's eve services at the Inde-pendent Church of Truth, corner 47th Grand Boulevard. Ten-minute speechés by Dr. H. A. Cross, Georgia Gladys Cooley and others. Messages by Mrs. Henrietta Lichtig, Mrs. Belle Weakley, Mrs. Cooley and several other nessage bearers. A gala time is anucipated. Don't fail to be with us."

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To-morrow I shall be heard. Fo-morrow too busy, wait I must." To-morrow no chance to speak

To-morrow, like me, the world trust. To-morrow I've grown so weak. To-morrow I reap just what I've given

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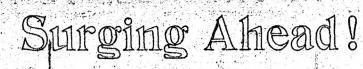
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Watch meeting, New Year's eve, Dec 31, at Spiritual Alliance Church, Vincennes Hall, 3514 Vincennes avenue After regular service, watch meeting and test and message circle. Mediums are invited to take part. A number will be there to assist Mrs. Elmo. Coffee and lunch will be served free. Prof. F. M. Snarrenberger will speak at 8 p. m.; Prof. N. Kershaw at 3 p. m. Come

early and stay late. D. G. Hill writes: "The Golden Rule Spiritualist Society holds meetings ev ery Sunday at O'Donnell's College Hall South Paulina street, between Wash ington Blvd. and Park avenue. Good speakers and mediums always in pt tendance at these services. Open door All welcome. On Sunday evening, Dec 31, our speaker will be that able exponent of the truths of Spiritualism, Dr Geo. B. Warne, president of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association. The service will conclude with a continued service to watch the passing of the old and the birth of the new year. Promi day afternoon and evening. They left cannot communicate with us here he Dallas in the evening, and all wished has some other communicate with us. nent mediums will be present to inter est the watchers. All cordially invited. Silver offering at the door for this oc-

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in winter! The hotel is filling up with guests Housekeepers are chattering, cooking and rattling the dishes in the Apartment House. Still there is room for

more.

its. The gasoline pump is throwing pure water into the cottages. The weather is delightful, so say all who come. The carpenters are busy and new

cottages are projected. The lumber dealers are prodded by the impatient neople.

New-comers and old-comers are taking the finished cottages. Sunday afternoon meetings are held in the Auditorium and Mr. Colby holds

circles Sunday nights. Card parties in the pavilion Monday nights, and dances Saturday nights. A large water tank, high up among the pines will supply water to the Ste-ens' village shift dream-a fire, if needed. The Bond company are rebuilding their crate factory, and the new depot is rising over the ashes of the old one. The bicycle path is finished—men and women, bring your bicycles. A trip to DeLand is exhilarating. There are three regular doctors on

the grounds, but little for them to do. Mrs. Pratt has begun housekeeping in her pretty cottage on the Huff penin-sula. Very desirable building lots are for sale on the Huff farm.

J. Clegg Wright and wife intend to open early in January, their cottage on has some other communicate with us. Spiritualism is very old. Jesus and Picturesque Park. The Thatchers are due, and a large

cottage is to be erected by them. The Rose Garden is soon to be mate rialized.

frequently from Mrs. Underhill,-Syra-cuse (N. Y.) Journal. A number of medlums have arrived and more are coming. My excursions for January will sail from New York City, January 5 and 12. I shall personally conduct the last one. Those who prefer to go up the St. John's river from Jacksonville, will join me for that route. Write me for low prices, etc., enclosing four cents in

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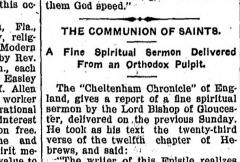
speaker. He is a psychic instructor of

no little note, and ranks second to none

in the knowledge of spiritual sciences.

Moreover, he is full of energy and new

ideas. I think my work about as usual.



"The writer of this Epistle realizes. what a thin partition lies between the living and the dead. With him unseen things are realities. . No festival helps us to realize this more than that of "All Saints,' when our thoughts are drawn to the great company of saints who have passed into the silent land, and we see the force of that clause in our Creed, 'I believe in the communion of saints.' The spirits of the just seem nearer to us now than at any time, and though intercourse with them seems to be denied, yet our communion with them is as real as if we could put our hands into theirs What though we see them not, and a veil bides them from our eye of the flesh, the eye of faith can see the saints of every age and clime.. .B. We can see many well-known faces, those whom we loved and still love, as they do us, ever near to us because ever in His presence in whom we lived here below. Yes, in the dark hour of trial and suffering, when no hand is near to help us, we are not alone, even as they were not, for our

God and Father is with us, and they

our blessed dead, are round us as cloud of witnesses. When Elisha was

It is Our Duty to Demand the Entire **Disassociation of Church** and State."

Mr. Underhill says he expects to hear

LETTER OF EXPLANATION.

of Canton, Ohio, I did not say that his father was "a believer in the socialism of Robert Dale Owen." It was of Robert Owen, the father, and author, in 1845 of that great "Book of the New Moral World," one of the greatest books of the 19th century, and of which I have

essons will not be lost to the world. ism and Christianity are (though they need not be) incompatible; this through rank ignorance, and in the face of their own "sacred history," preserved care fully for 2,000 years

the wane, notwithstanding the many missionaries, and the immense sums of money constantly expended in propagandism. Also the great wars, waged by Christian countries, have always

To the Editor:-In my notice of the transition of Judge James W. Underhill

Saul were mediums.

given your readers some extracts; but there is no Christianity in it. When the latter is effete, which it must be at no distant day, the ideas of Robert Owen (the socialist of 1771, born in Newton, Wales,) will be accepted generally as a solution of the great social questions now agitating the Christianized world. He was only 100 years in advance of his time; but his practical

Hon. J. S. Loveland, in 833 expresses my view of the case exactly. Spiritual-

Christianity, so-called, is evidently on

manity purer and better. 3. Because on moot points among Spiritualists her head is level, her

await its coming, and just listened to Mr. Geo. J. Drews, an earndevour its contents, wishing for more." est advocate of vegetarianism. He re-Mrs. L. Hecker writes from Oil City. lated the remarkable experience of hav-

Pa.: "Mrs. Elizabeth J. Demorest, of ing left his body on several occasions, Pittsburg, Pa., and her co-workers, Mr. and what he saw and encountered Geo. Lane. Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg, Mrs. while away. His remarks were inter-Kirkpatrick; Mr. and Mrs. Hoadley and esting indeed. Sister Hamilton Gill Mr. Jones, and many others, have just gave some wonderful proofs of the con-tinuity of life. Dr. L. Rowell, our closed a very successful three months' Spiritual rally in our city, which is bound to result in much good for Spiritspeaker for the evening, was called out of the city in the afternoon, and many ualism. Our best wishes go with Mrs. were disappointed by his absence, but Demorest to her next field of labor." Sister Briggs willingly and most satis-

Mrs. Virginia Bryan, the lecturer and factorily relieved the situation. An inlest medium, passed through the city last week on her way to Pavne. Ohio. She will return to this city in a few and Mrs. days, and will deliver a series of lec- Briggs. The ceremony was most imtures in the city and surrounding pressive. Sister Kirchner and Bro. towns.

Mrs. M. S. Hoopes writes: "Prof. F. E. Loner is lecturing to appreciative au- president called attention to the new ap-Wednesday | plication blanks, with our creed printed diences each Sunday and evening, at 8 o'clock, at 239 Lincoln avenue. Good music and messages at each meeting and a good will to all. on Oakley boulevard. Dec. 31, Dr. J. Come and help us. Lincoln avenue car stops in front of the door. A few veteran in the ranks of Modern Spiritdoors north of Larrabee street."

A. M. Sheppard writes from Findlay. Chio, speaking well of the meetings ere by Mr. and Mrs. Machie. held th Mrs. Machie is clairvovant and clairaulient. 'The church regrets their departure

A. D. Jacoby writes from Elkhart. Ind.: "Our little society is progressing We have added three or four nicely. new members last month, and we hope to do some good work this coming year. There are four or five beginning to develop mediumistic powers who have ber at 567 E. 62nd street, Chicago, Ill. only been sitting one year or less, and now we have something to be thankful for, hoping all will be well with The Progressive Thinker, for it is the only the evening of Friday, Dec. 29, Mr. Alpaper printed in Chicago that we are inerested in."

Gustave Willms writes: "Last Sun-(ay, Dec. 17, as usual the North Star Spiritual Union had its Hall, 1545 Milwaukee svenue, filled to its utmost ca pacity with truth seekers and investigators, and many took home a new thought, which may bear fruit in future ing up to the golden rule, and under no circumstances can be bought or sold as merchandise. true to your fellow men. Sister Dean pastor, Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie

be pleased to meet her filends at board consists of J. Snaw Gilespie, above hall every Sunday evening." A. F. M. writes: "Discoursing re-president; Archibald McKenzle, vice-int an old contleman on our president; E. W. Briggs, treasurer; Ethel Peck. favorite topic, and finding him well Walter S. Miller, secretary; Ethel Peck, posted spiritually on many subjects ap- assistant secretary. Directors, H. H. pertaining to our cause, I asked him Nichols, Mrs. G. J. Prahl, Louis Roethe why he didn't write for our papers. Mrs. C. M. O'Brien and Mrs. Millie His reply was: "I didn't know enough about Spiritualism to write for the pub-lic. All I know is about myself, and is at a premium. Should the attendance it took me forty years to find that out keep on increasing, it will be necessary Thanks to Spiritualism, however, for to find larger and more commodious that much." It seems he got hold of quarters. The public is cordially in-the right end of Spiritualism; for that vited to attend our meetings and are is the whole thing in a nut shell. ussured of a hearty welcome."

Every Thursday night, everyone welcome. Dancing commences at 9 o'clock. Sunday evening services promptly at 8 o'clock.

A. Booth writes from Rockford, Ill.: "We have had Mr. H. M. French with us all of the month of December, and he stays the year out. We are still holding fort and many people are beginning to see that there is a great deal of good to be derived from embracing the Truths of our philosophy. We are hopwhat we may yet become, in spite of ing and expecting that the New Year past failures." will open up bright for the S. S. S.'

tcresting feature of the service was the Mrs. Frances Wheeler, a prominent lecturer, writes from Minneapolis, christening of the infant son of Mr. Arthur Taylor by Sister Minn.: "Having now become reconciled to my new surroundings. I thought it might be of interest to my many Chas A. Thompson gave satisfactory messages to a number. Our worthy friends whom I cannot reach personally Our worthy to know something of my work in a new field. I find many workers here and although I have not yet had the on the inside, and mentioned our bazaan privilege of meeting all of them, I beto be held in May, 1906, in our Temple lieve they are all doing a good work, ac-cording to their methods. I held my MacFarland is our speaker. He is a first public meeting here on the sec ond Sunday in November; the audiualism. Our choir is rehearsing some ence numbered over a hundred. I was new and beautiful selections to add to for a time assisted by my son. H. E.

their repertoire, and other vocal and in-Wheeler, a young man of twenty years. strumental talent has been secured for the evening, which bids fair to be the His thirty-minute lectures, dealing with most successful one yet held by the Mission." scientific aspects of Spiritualism, were greatly appreciated. As his work at the Georgia Gladys Cooley is engaged to University of Minnesota occupied so

much of his time, he was at last forced serve the Baltimore (Md.) society for the months of May and June, 1906. She to give up the lecturing for a time at least. I therefore determined to join has the month of July and the first my meetings with those of Dr. Louis Williams, who had also started indeweek of August open. Societies desiring her services as lecturer and mes sage bearer for that time can address pendent meetings. We have accordingly held two meetings, and are growing At Appleton Hall, No. 9 Appleton street, the First Spiritualists Ladies apidly in strength, so much so, indeed, that we have determined to organize a regularly chartered society. Aid Society meets every Friday. On ready have more members than are required by the Minnesota State Sociebert P. Blinn, of Norwich, Conn., will ty's rules, and shall start out in the new give a benefit for this society. Mr. year with a good, energetic society. Our great ambition is to present the

Blinn is a very able speaker and a large attendance is expected. Come and swell the numbers

IMPORTANT NOTICE .-- The Massa chusetts State Association of Spiritual ists will hold its annual meeting in Berkeley Hall Annex, 4 Berkeley street, days. The subject, 'Can Mediumship Boston, on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1906, at Be Bought?' was masterly handled by 10:30 a. m. Members only will be ad-Dr. P. M. Esser. He proved that me mitted to the meeting. George A. Ful-diumship can only be developed by livtary.

Wishing you, Mr. Editor, and all our friends a happy New Year."... Walter S. Miller writes from San Sister Letzger made a Francisco, Cal.: "On Dec. 6, 1905, Mrs. Lily LeSieur writes from Dallas. the good impression by giving some very People's Church held their annual mem-Texas: "The Truth Seeker's Society of touching remarks, as to being just and bers' meeting, at the residence of their Spiritualists here, is having very interesting meetings. The membership is followed, giving spirit communications, main duty of this meeting was the elecsteadily increasing, and the interest grows, and we feel much encouraged. which were well taken and recognized, tion of officers for the ensuing year. followed by Sister Letzger, who with The retiring board was re-elected to The ladies planned for Mrs. Kayner a her usual rapidness had a message for office with but few exceptions although very delightful surprise on her birthday. Dec. 14, at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris. Mrs. Kayner was preeach one from their respective loved the officers were in some instances ones in the spirit side of life. Sister changed to other duties. Mrs. Gillespie ented with a folding writing desk, and Letzger, who is with the society, will was unanimously elected to again act as be pleased to meet her friends at the above hall every Sunday evening." speaker for the society. The present board consists of J. Shaw Gillespie, other useful articles. A dainty lunch-

eon was served and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all. Moses and Mattie Hull paid us a short visit on their way to El Paso, and Sunday evening, Dec. 17, a large and appreciative audience greeted them, and Moses gave one of his highly interesting discourses, proving spirit return by many quotations from the Bible, interspersed with humorous anecdotes. We listened for two hours and then were sorry the meeting closed. It rained very hard all day

lectures that were advertised for Mon-

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merry-makers, and all had a good time. in Dothan, his servant could see only the host of Syrians sent to take him. with their cirdle of spears surrounding the city, until Elisha prayed 'Lord, open his eyes that he may see.' and behold, he saw the mountain full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha! In this case it was a transient vision, but to Christians now spiritual realities are ever visible to the eve of faith. When we see to what the spirits of the just have attained we see

A. COMFORTING MESSAGE.

'Tell Alfred | Am so Peaceful Here"-Wife Dead But a Day Sends Comfort-Ing Message From Spirit Land to Her Spiritualist Husband-Mr.Underhill's Story.

"Ann Eliza is here with us in our ome. Tell Alfred I am so peaceful. It is peace, indeed."

While the cold and immobile body of Mrs. Ann Eliza Underhill lay in a coffin Tuesday in the undertaking rooms of Cornell & Clement, of Syracuse, N. Y., her husband received the comforting message from spirit land, telling him that all was well with his departed wife. Mrs. Underhill went over to the other side Monday from her home in the Florence flats. Tuesday her funeral was held. "Twas such a funeral as Spiritualists hold. No minister was there, only a friend of the departed woman, Miss Carrie Faulkner read a poem written by herself, and another, the work of

Mrs. Underhill. She also referred to the manuscript left by the dead woman. These told of Mrs. Underhill's experences under inspiration. Mr. Underhill said Wednesday that some day they may be published in book form. The speaker told also of the future of Mrs Underhill on that "other side." Mr. Underhill is a very well known Spiritualist." He told Wednesday how the message came to him from his wife. "Mrs. Olmsteal, a friend of Mr. Under-

hill's who had taken care of her in her illness, was impressed yesterday by my my wife's father, who has been dead about four years," said Mr. Underhill. "The message came to her from my wife's father first. 'Ann Eliza is here with us in our home and then a long

pause, and the next; 'Tell Alfred I am so peaceful. It is peaceful indeed." Mrs. Underhill, according to her hus-band, was the oldest astrologist in New York State, and wasalso a student of psychology. Recently she developed slate-writing. Mr Underhill says that he could hardly believe in slate writing, but now he is convinced. Not long ago

Mrs. Underhill and her cousin, he said received a slate message from the cous in's sister and the cousin was so much affected that she burst into tears. Mr. Underhill's theory of Spiritualism s interesting. " "The foundation of everything is spir

It,"said Mr. Underhill today. "They or the other side can vibrate messages to Death is merely a step from us here. one condition to another a sten higher as one goes from a district school to a high school. On the other side they The new song book. "The Golden take up the same desires as here. We Echoes," by S. W. Tucker, has found its

progress there as we do here. Stenographers There.

"They have stenographers there and heard and sung. They should be heard typewriters as we do here. That is, 1 in every home in the land. Price, 15 mean that when some on the other side cents; \$1.50 per dozen." Monday, and we were much disappoint. ed that Moses could not give two moro

sts.

been sanctioned and promoted by Christian clergymen, who invariably accompanied the army in their incursions to

foreign countries. Now that France has set the example. it is our duty, more than ever, to demand the entire disassociation of church and state. The abolition of chaplains in the army and navy, as a uscless appendage, should be petitioned for earnestly by the people. In short the guarantees of the federal constitumoral instincts and aptitudes. tion should be strictly observed. This we earnestly demand. our intellectual riches, count as noth

C. H. MATHEWS. P. S.-As Washington said, "This is ing in the sight of the angel world; and in no sense a Christian country."

PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

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

ems, together with some of her lectures Mrs. Julia E. Bowers passed to the in full, and selections from others. It higher life, December 10, 1905, at her home, 949 Warren avenue, West De-troit, Mich. She was a kind, loving, is imbued with the spirit of the woman with her broad mindedness and catholicity of thought, the nobility and true devoted wife and mother, respected by all for her noble qualities. Services December 13, conducted by Mrs. Laura humanitarianism that has dominated her life work. The book merits a wide circulation. Price, \$1 postpaid. It L. Crawford, pastor of the Church of the Soul, of which organization Mrs. can be obtained from Mrs. Bowers was a member. She leaves two Box 482, Pacific Grove, Monterey daughters and three sons, who have County, California. been blessed with an assurance of a life beyond. . L. L. C. San Francisco, Cal.

Passed to a higher life. Nellie McFarland, wife of John J. Earle, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Mary Carey, 816 Sandusky street, Allegheny, Pa., on Sunday, Dec. 3. Mrs. Earle was the daughter of Mrs. Mary McFarland, the well-known medium of Allegheny. Mrs. Earle leaves. her husband and baby, her mother and several brothers and sisters who will miss her earthly presence.

Miss Lou Matlock passed to spirit life at Owosso, Mich., Nov. 25, at the family residence, after a long illness of nervous prostration and paralysis, having been operated on three years ago for other troubles. She was 50 years of age and has lived

and the silence. Through a rift in a mass of vapor gleams the silvern splenin Owosso over 30 years. She is sur-vived by her mother, who is in exceeddor of the moon, and the million ripples of the ocean dance, from where the waingly poor health, being quite an old lady, and by Mrs. J. C. Van Camp, Mrs. ters murmur on the beach away to the F. H. Rush, and Miss Laura, who has been the deceased's faithful nurse. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon and was in charge of Mrs. LaGrange, of Detroit, a Spiritualist leader in the state

Mrs. Martha W. Reeves, passed to spirit life, Dec. 3, at her home in Minieapolis, Minn. Funeral services Dec. 6; Mrs. S. M. Lowell and Miss Alice Wickstrom officiating. Mrs., Reeves was a member of the Ladies' Swedenhorg Union, which is an auxiliary to the Band of Peace, of which Mrs. Lowell is pastor. She stood high as a Spiritualist, and was loved and respected by all.

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line where they kiss the stars on the horizon's rim. And the moonlight reveals on the rock, like two angels in a holy dream, the youth and the maiden. the brown hair mingled with the golden tresses, the eyes lit with a gleam of joy above the joy of the earth, and two bosoms heaving with excess of bliss, as bosoms did before man had sinned



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we will not be published. The become excluse, of the arrivally let-ters of inquiry requesting providents is swers, and while I freely give what ever information I am able, the ordi-mary courtesy of correspondents is ex-presed HUDSON TUTTLE. pected. -----

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er-now."

C. E. Toby: Q. It is stated in a tract giving the death-bed utterances of many Christians and infidels that Vol-

many christians and inders that vor the said: "I am abandoned by God ! I shall go to hell! O) Jesus Christ!" And the last , Paine as he writhed in mortal were: "I would give worlds, if I "If lem, if the 'Age of Reason' had hover been published. O Lord, help me! Christ, help me! Stay with me; it is hell to be left alone!" Is this true or all a lie?

A. In the language of Ingersoll it is an "orthodox lie." Over and over the story of Paine's terrible death has been refuted; and proven that while he suffered greatly during his last sickness he died peacefully without a word of recantation. The falsehood was fab-ricated by his enemies, and has been repeated and will be repeated by the religious press and pulpit, for while every one knows it is untrue, it is stock in trade, and Paine. in the language of our strenuous president was only "a filthy little Atheist." Hence he has no rights a Christian need respect.

If death-bed confessions can be so readily concocted as this of Paine, there is every reason to believe that one and all re fabrications.

James Fergurson: . Q. What is the cause of "Indian Summer," and when does it occur?

A. The Indian Summer is an indefinite period, and quite illusive as to date. Any period of a few consecutive days of fine weather, between the middle of September and the first of Decomber is given that name. The ideal Indian Summer comes after the first frosts, usually the last of September, when the leaves change color and begin to fall. The air becomes misty with vapor, or the smoke of forest fires, and a dreary haze falls like a purple vell over the landscape. These October days in their perfection are the most lovely of the year. But they do not always appear. The weeks go by with threatening clouds and frosty winds, and a term of mild days comes into the bleakness of November. With such uncertainty in the changeful Northern limate 11 ndian ummer

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Most Beautifully Suggestive is "The Light Among the Hills," by Mrs. I. L. Lewis, of Bethel, Vt. It is a narrative founded on facts alone, and every and every be classed as commonplace. whoever you are, whatever you are, we But to get to my story: Spiritualist should read it.

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, changed its form, but I did not have Oh, Marah, dear, have you thought long to ponder over a solution. that I was never going to write to you We were awakened one night by

again? I found this letter lying in my vigorous pounding on our door accombox of letter paper when I opened it a panied with screams of "Fire!" Father few hours ago. 1 had forgotten all and I got outdoors as quickly as possiabout it. It seems to me I must have ble, and found our nearest neighbor's lived years since Aunt Laura went from house was burning furiously. We are the Shadow Room was unoccupied. near Mrs. Drury a female figure clothed here. It was a comfort to have Aunt such long distance neighbors here that Helen and Mr. Wilder come to moth- help is not easily obtained, and when

ftalk with them, as of course, they told fire we found only the neighbor who the room during the months she had her for the beautiful girl seen a few you. Aunt Laura's accident which pre- had aroused us and his wife were there cccupied it. vented her from coming to me in my to assist the sufferers. The old couple hour of trial was a grief to me and whose home was in flames had a few must have been to her, but we have to months before taken in partly out of

make the best of what comes kindness and partly for the sake of her or does not come and be brave and help, a homeless and friendless young woman with an infant. We found our neighbors beside them-Mother's illness was very short. She

was taken very ill as it seemed to me selves with grief and terror; the woman mysttery. and we sent for a doctor. He told us and child were in a back chamber of there was no cause for alarm and she the burning building and the stairway would soon be all right. Father said was a sheet of flame. Mr. Groye and he would take care of mother that Father succeeded in getting a ladder,

pight, and as I was tired out with so and placing it beneath a chamber winmuch extra care and work I went to dow, and then they looked in each othbed as usual. I was awakened from a er's face. Mrs. Grove ran toward her and then the light will come. I can tell after the stranger had drank the water sound sleep by heavy knocks upon the husband, shrieking wildly, "Ob, Asa, head-board. While I was staring about don't-don't-" and he hesitated, but me in a half-dazed condition there ap- father did not. Up the ladder he peared before me what looked like a sprang. There was a crash of breaking Thursday John went to the door to angreat sheet of white paper and upon it glass and wood and through the open-

came out the words, "Go to your moth- ing he had made my father disappeared. It seemed to me hours, but it could scarcely have been minutes before he I ran swiftly down the stairs and en-

was lying white and still but when I and for a moment all was swallowed up bent near her and cried "Mother!" she in a swirl of smoke and flame. opened her eyes and looked into mine we call Death.

enable us to draw nearer together than and asked for her baby. I carried the we ever have before.

appears to regret is that I did not try harder to understand my mother better. I know she held steadfastly to what she believed to be right, and I am doing the same thing. I know the motives which actuated her always seemed to her uncovered. The woman opened her deeper, fuller-an abiding sense of that said with force and distinctness, love that is forgiving, tender and longsuffering so that I, forgetful of self, shall always be kind to the unkind, deal by you." She closed her eyes and just to the unjust, and patient with the never opened them nor spoke again. impatient.

their lives are of like nature."

all of us verymuch pleased and gave her a warm welcome.

Aunt Jane and the victim had gone to that seemed divine, and as if in answer establish a home for themselves, and to the entreaty there appeared standing Aunt Jane had left it clean and in perfect order; she also left us in perfect white and in the dim light looked hager's funeral, but I had little chance to father and I get to the scene of the ignorance regarding her'experiences in gerd and inexpressibly sad, but I know

> The next day after Mrs Drury came, | toward the stranger, then pointed to the mother and I told her and Aunt Laura floor and in a voice audible to all said, all we knew about the Shadow Room. "Tell all," and vanished instantly. After we had finished our narrative, Aunt Ann asked Mrs. Drury if she that of the stranger and said, "Heaven would not like to go up to the Shadow bless you, friend, and give you strength Room and see if she could solve the to do what is required of you."

"Certainly," she said, rising, but be-

paused, listened intently, and then turning back said: "The restraining try," he said. power is upon me and we must wait. Something is going to happen very soon, you no more now."

We were' all disappointed, but we tried to conceal it. This was Tuesday. tation told us his story. swer a knock and admitted a feeble old us he had walked up from the station, and mother had him sit down and eat by a man named Fox, who with his wife tered the living room where I found appeared at the window holding the dinner with us, after which she got him

nap. He was a fine looking old man, clean and well dressed. His hair and beard in love, or at least-but I will not make were very white, but his large dark eyes needed nothing. I entered mother's of the ladder gazing at the fiame-lighted were keen and bright, and his voice keep to my story-they fell in love and firm. When the stranger left us to for a time things ran smoothly and they "The time has comes this jevening we

his sleep he seemed, much refreshed Ah. Marah! I cannot write what fol- and said to mother, "Lady, years ago I

she said feebly, "You are a good girl, one thing to be thankful for in myself, Some of the happiest, and some of the Marthy, and mother knows it." A look for I did not fail in that awful moment. saddest memories of my life cluster of surprise and of great joy passed over A strength and calmness that was al- about it. For a number of years I have her face and-she had passed the portal most superhuman took possession of felt a strong desire to return to the me and enabled me to act. Truly real once familiar scenes before, I exchange

I feel thankful that the change came strength is of the spirit and not of my present habitation for another. Of in the way it did, seeing, it had to fiesh and blood. Father is now com- late this desire has so grown upon me come. Life seems very. strange and paratively free from suffering but he that I could scarcely think of anything lonely to me without my mother, but I will never walk again. The young wo- else, and so I yielded to it. Lady, I trust that loving hands will lead her man lived but a few hours. Just before hope you will not think unkindly of an

sleeping child and laid it in her arms, "We will be glad to have you remain Looking at what is now past my one and when I told her it was entirely un- with us as many days as you like, and harmed she smiled gladly but did not if there are any rooms in the house you one thing: My mother, who years be speak. She took one of the soft pink especially desire to visit we will gladly hands into her own and closed her eyes. conduct you to them."

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lounge and the light upon the stand by means of which he lowered it to us. rear him. He told me later that He then made his way back as best he mother insisted that he should remove could through the ever-increasing the light and lie down and rest, as she smoke and flame. I stood at the foot room and at once noticed a semi-lumin- window like one paralyzed, until I saw ous cloud stationary near the ceffing him appear bearing the insensible form take his nap, Mrs. Drury exclaimed: over the bed. I was startled and of the young mother. I saw him step stepped back, spoke to father, took the out upon the ladder with her safely in will go to the haunted chamber and light and went quickly to mother. She his grasp and then there came a crash learn its secret." at it was lying white and still but when I and for a moment all was swallowed up When the stranger awakened from

and smiled. Then with a visible effort lowed immediately afterward. I have was a frequent visitor at this house.

into a light and knowledge that will she died she came to full consciousness old man's whim."

"Certainly not," said mother kindly.

, laid a firm hand upon his arm and l If our thoughts and desires and spir- sank trembling into his chair, For a itual experiences precipitate themselves time not a sound but our hurrled breathinto the material would and determine ing broke the awful stillness of the the nature of the experiences that come room, and noncommittal darkness filled to us, as Aunt Ann says they do, I the room. Then Mrs. Drury spoke in a think, Martha, your thoughts and mine low, intense voice, "Dear spirit friends,

> us-in the name of Love we call you." Her voice melted into a tenderness in some dark material. Her face was

> minutes before. She stretched her hand Mrs. Drury laid her hand gently upon

"The man drew himself up with an "Certainly," she said, rising, but be-fore she had reached the door she "it some one will bring in a light and

will give me a glass of water, I will The lanterns were placed upon the

table near the center of the room and Mr. Dale brought him he seemed to gather strength, and after some hesi-

When scarcely more than a boy, Mr. Hall came to this town and was emman who seemed very weary. He told ployed by a man who lived where Uncle Jack does now. Our farm was owned and one daughter named Lois lived in father sleeping quietly upon the unconscious babe wrapped in a blanket, to lie down upon the sofa and take a the house we now occupy, then newly built. The two young persons, Mr. Hall and Lois Fox, met and fell desperately

remarks of my own or question but were happy as birds in spring-time. One evening when Mr. Hall was coming briskly along the path through the orchard at the back of the house he met Mr. Fox who told him that he must

never enter his house of speak to his daughter again. "I have heard," said Mr. Fox, "that

your father is a convict serving out a life sentence in the state's prison at - and no daughter of mine shall associate with the son of a convict.' "We had a warm time of it," said the stranger. "but I had to return home without seeing Lois. I hung about the premises for several days but got discouraged at last and gave up my job and went to a distant town. I was dis-

couraged, gloomy and filled with anger and resentment at the unjust and unkind treatment I had received. I would certainly have gone to the bad but for

son might make a man who would

be loved and honored by his fellow-men.

and with that end in view I set myself.

resolutely at work. At first my motive

was no more worthy than that of let-

ting old man Fox see what's what, as I

daily expressed my feelings to myself.

but later my nature broadened and

dcepened until my ideal assumed a

-. I felt that she had not made

"One day I found near my own door

a woman who had fallen from exhaus

tion. I took her into my home and

summoned medical aid. The physician

structed my aunt to see that the

stranger was well cared for. Some in-

ner consciousness which I could not ex-

plain prompted me to take this course.

My Aunt told me the stranger called

"She did .not know me and with a

ITo be continued.)

more exalted form.

failure.

John went to the depot with the but- Return to us once more and let us help ter and found Mrs. Drury waiting to you if possible. There is hope for all, take the train. Learning that she had however sinful they may have been, a week at her disposal, he persuaded and there is hope for you, peace for her to come home with him. We were you, happiness for you. Come back to

be only an accident, warm following colder waves. The name "Indian" probably was given because of the deof such "spells" of good eption weather, suddenly followed by storms and bitter frost.

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Arthur Carpenter: Q. What and whence the singular influence wielded by Rev. Sanford of the Shiloh "Holy Ghost and 'Us" society?

A. The influence of this lunatic is not "singular," for it is shared by Dowie and every one of the innumer able pretenders to divine character, from ancient times. The soil for such outgrowth is prepared by the religious training of the ignorant masses. infatuation of "revivals," and so-called its completion. With his success his evangelical work is a different but arrogance grew apace. He orders a similar outgrowth. The narrow ideas three days' fast, from minds of children, taught and empha-However developed in other directions, tion, and ready victims to assertive

whis proselyting. Sanford began his career a few years and become his slaves. Yet there was me to separate for we had grown to o with a conviction that he was to vangelize the people," and with struck at the insincerity of the churches. Dowie was an incarnation of Elijah. To He asserted that he would restore to the judicial mind such an infatuation Christianity the Christ it had departed would be prima facie proof of an unbalanced mind. Not so with those whose minds have been prepared by heredity were attracted by his arrogant claims as a wonder worker! This is the trump and yielded to his hypnotism.

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After my mother's departure I was surprised to find that indefinable Something still remained with me, only it child over to the town authorities, but gave me the impression of having

-----which even minds of children, taught and empha-cluded, and is implicitly obeyed. He understands me. sized in the Sunday-school, and al- orders those whose oppose him to be though the immediate fruitage is not confined in their rooms for days or a Mrs. Lee engaged an experienced wotor the seed sown at a later period. week without food or drink and is man and brought her to me to take care er in the Jerusalem tower, and for six of father and she kept her here at her they remain narcotized by supersti- years it has been kept up without ceas- own expense until last week. To day ing. He commands parents to flog Mrs. Lee called to bid me good-bye. leadership. They are imbeciles in their their children, and they obey. If any convictions; religious dwarfs. A pre- one disputes or disagrees with him, he tender like Sanford finds an abundant sumparily damns them to hell. He written you, are to be married to-mor-supply of material for his purpose. He commands them on no account to use rcw, and start for the far West where assured of his "divine mis- their reason, and it is apparent that they expect to remain. sion" by his success, and strengthened they do not. Subdued by his hypnotic

He first love each other dearly, and also to method in his madness. from, and in every way pattern after myself. I hope I shall never disappoint him. He patterned often to the extent of "casting out devils," healing the must for a long time also that I card of all religious impostors.

Lately he has been tried for causing the death of a boy, son of a member of soon as possible. fast three days without medical treat

ment, although suffering from diphthe ria. He escaped with only a light fine, the judge being more influenced by the technicality of the law than by justice. Just as long as the present "religious culture" continues, and knowledge does rot take the place of dense supersti-tion, "Messiahs," "Elijahs," and the

race of "prophets," will find a followsaying, "Truth is stranger than fiction" nig. The law is severe on those who gain is true, sometimes at least. money by false pretenses, yet where One time Aunt Ann and I were watchsuch pretense is in the name of religion ing a glorious sunset. The enlire western sky was gorgeous with clouds of John Jones and gains money thereby, purple, gold, crimson and flaming scarlet. "If that sunset were painted," said Aunt Ann, "and every color reproduced exactly as it now appears, those who

slaves to his domination, and be free looked at the painting would declare it to go on in his infamous career? Religious freedom may be dear to the American heart, but is this religious freedom? Is there a vestige of freedom For the holidays, all the above, with their possessions and made to depend

If the law has any use or function if ors, whose very claims of divine mis-sion are full and sufficient evidence for Berlin Heights, Ohio. their conviction,

I thought she wanted to sleep and bent "There is, or used to be a chamber over her to see if the baby's face was over the kitchen; I would like, if I may, to go there," said the stranger, in a good and just. My soul cries out for a eves and looked intently into mine and faltering voice.

We all looked annealingly at Mrs. "Martha Weston, I give my baby to Drury, who looked at mother, and nodyou, and as you deal by her so may God ded.

"Sir," said mother, after a little hesitation "you can visit the chamber And so I find myself with a year-old whenever you like, but I feel obliged to

girl baby to be a mother to. My neightell you there is something out of the ordinary about this room-something bors have all advised me to hand the we have never been able to explain, and we have planned to visit the room this I will not do it-never-never! I will love, cherish and protect her, and be very evening, hoping to find a solution faithful even unto death. I have already to the mystery, which seems to fill it" taught the sweet haby lins to say

As mother spoke the stranger grew had got myself established in business, "Auntie," and I know the mother linvery white and grasped the arms of his I came back to this town and inquired chair, but he answered quietly. "Thank gers near her little one and hears and for Lois. I found she had matried Dr. you, Lady, I will wait and go with the As soon as the news reached town

rest of you if you will permit." the marriage of her own free will, but Mr. Hall-this was the name the there was nothing that I could do about stranger gave-spent the remainder of the matter, so wondering and disapthe afternoon wandering about the pointed I returned to my business. farm. About dark we all gathered in never married, but I bought me a good the sitting room, and from there starthome, got my only aunt to be my ed for the Shadow Room, as soon as tousekeeper and helper, and I have Mr. Dale came. John and Mr. Dale adopted and reared five waifs from the beaded the procession, each carrying a city's streets, all of whom are now relighted lantern, one of which they hung spectable and useful men and women. inside the Shadow Room by the door. I do not feel that my life is an absolute

It was very hard for Mrs. Lee and and the other in the hall just outside the door. After John and Mr. Dale folrely upon each other, but it seems that lowed mother and Mr. Hall, next Mrs I am to have no one to rely upon but Drury and Aunt Laura, next Aunt Ann and myself. John, had previously brought in chairs and we arranged ourmust for a long time give up the work selves in a group each side the door. I love so well. Ah, well, when I resume The stranger seemed deeply moved it I shall know more than I do now. and gazed about the room searchingly. therefore can douit better: 'Write' as We sat in absolute silence for some time then Mr. Drury-saidy dit comes to

me over and over that we must sivg that old song beginning "O," no, I'll never mention him." i. tft

herself Mrs. Grove; that she was disin-Mr. Hall, who hadstaken a seat oppoclined to talk about herself farther than My Dear Martha:-I have got the site me, gave a little shifter at Mrs. to say she was homeless and friendless. strangest story to write to you, for the Drury's remark and a look of pain and questions of a personal nature mystery of the Shadow Room has been passed over his face, but he sat in rigid seemed to distress her greatly. One cleared away. I know now that the old silence while the song was being sung. day the stranger asked to see me that As the last strains Hied hway there she might express her gratitude as came a long-drawn, gobbing moan, and best she could for the kindness she was several breaths of icynair swept through receiving. The instant I entered her the room. Mrs. Drury arose and took room I knew here worn and wasted down the lantern and huffe it opposite though she was-it was Lois. the other outside the door, thus leaving the room in comparative darkness excowerful effort I controlled my feelings. cepting near the door.

In a few moments'there appeared a Through all the years I had believed in tallow candle upon the old bureau at her and loved her. For three weeks I the opposite end of the room, and by its visited her twice a day and all that to be much over-done. So in portraying dim light we saw a gray-haired woman could be done for her comfort and happiness was done. The nurse told me real life, the writer must often tone fumbling in the lower drawer. A small stove next appeared and standing by it that her patient seemed to have somea tall dark man. Next there appeared thing on her mind that would give her tic, and too absurd to be believed, for a a small rocking chair and sitting in it no peace by night or day. I took the large portion of humanity are very com- was the beautiful girl with the infant in liberty to call a minister,' she said, 'but her arms. Mr. Hall sprang to his feet: he has only made matters worse and I thoughts, ideals, words and actions nev- "Lois! Lois!" he cried, "O God have wish, sir, you would try and speak a word of comfort to the poor lady." mercy!" fore all the events and congresses of Mrs. Drury who sat beside the man

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The above words stand at the head of a mild criticism by E. W. Baldwin of Clara Watson and myself and our views on the subject of religion; but while Mr. B. asks the question he does not answer it, and we are left in the dark as to what that most elastic of all words really means in his opinion. The word religion is not hard to de

fine, and Noah Webster helps us out when he says, "It is any system of faith and worship-the recognition of God as an object of worship, love and obcdience." This definition is good enough for me, and taking it as the correct one I proceed to remark that the world has four great religious systems, and each and all are systems of faith and worship, resting on a God which had its origin in the mind of mortal man, and who is worshiped for the one

sole purpose of inviting special favors and averting his supposed wrath because of original or acquired sin.

It will be noted in Webster's definition that faith is one of the important words in defining religion, for he does not claim it to be a knowledge, and those who accept any of the four simply have a belief, and beliefs as we all know, may be right and they may be pose of worship and to terrorize the wrong. There is no certainty about faiths, for they cannot be proven; so silly, and in it is seen the remedy for the credulous take for granted what re-all brands of religion and every sysligious teachers tell them, and believe like numskulls who lack the capacity to think or to reason in a rational manner.

Most certainly, Mr. B., I believe religion to be poison to the human mind, for it not only perverts it, but fills it with fear and superstition, and paralyzes its natural activity by suppressing freedom and Jesus also, who never uttered an original saying and who never said anything worth considering that had of thought.

Religion has never benefited the world and never will, for the simple reason that it deals in fancies instead of facts and ignores Nature by going behind her phenomena to create a phantom which is presented as the cause of all things. The likes and dis-likes of this phantom, termed God, are "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and other church hymns, and one could easily presented with such self-conceited assurance by religious teachers, alias priests and preachers, that one would suppose he was attending an orthodox think they were personally acquainted and on intimate terms.

To me it is absolutely nauseating to hear a fellow mortal dressed in priestly robes or the regulation black suit, talk about God, his will, his wishes, and his desires, for in the first place he knows no more about such a phantom than I do, and all his talk is pure assumption, based on love of power and nis desire to control and influence the masses.

All religions run to rites and ceremo nies, and they are considered of more importance than anything else for ac-tions and everyday conduct are held in much lighter regard, as facts prove beyond all denial, under every one of the four great systems.

Canting hypocrites fill our churches. and rascals seek them to plan and plot behind a religious exterior for the ex-ploitation of their feliow man. title of Rev is assumed for effect. If Spiritualism rests upon solid facts those facts are all it needs to become

Religion is a disguise for the most damnable injustices, for it disarms suspicion in the credulous masses, and the people are enslaved by crafty leaders his son Jesus or any brand of religion who keep them in ignorance and by a will be needed to sustain them: so let play upon fear rob them of their money and their labor.

God is the bunko man's trick card, and he plays it with a nerve and a gall that invites astonishment at his audacity when the fact is considered that God is yet to be discovered and his whereabouts revealed.

The Progressive Thinker, from "An In-vestigator," who judging by his article, Religion has made more fools of men than all other causes put together, and no greater fake ever had birth in the is a searcher after the truth of Spiritmind of scheming men. It is the su-preme graft in a world rotten with of this subject I am particularly inter-

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provocation. the Cause of Spiritualism, Science, Morality, Higher Thought, and a Better Life. I have no religion though a direct de scendant of the Massachusetts Puri tans, with ancestors going back to the 16th century, and I want none, for noth-Never Lacking for Life and the Dissemination of Most Important Mind-Food. ing in my nature requires any.

The desire to worship is not in me and I am looking for no God to lay down rules for my conduct. My conscience is my guide and I

Give Us the Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth have always kept on good terms with it, and while I do, original sin, vicarious atonement. Adam's fall, Jesus' rise or any other fol-de-rol presented by re-Spiritualist Meetings. ligion interests me not. There was never a better definition of

eligion than that given by Hobbes Religion is superstition in fashion and superstition is religion out of fash ion."

not been better said by some one else.

I lately attended a Spiritualist meet-

ing where the whole evening was to be

given up to tests, and people went there

hungry to hear from their dead loved

ones if possible. Exactly forty min-utes were taken up praying and singing

churches is as foolish as disgusting.

sent the facts of man's immortality-

Again I say, let Spiritualism pre-

something Christianity cannot do-if it

has them, and let the absurdities of re-

igion entirely alone. If any one wants

them, let them go into the churches and get them; but why they should

when once emancipated from supersti-

Old time Spiritualists were practical

and the churches got many a hard

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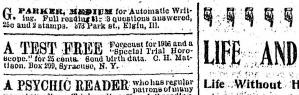
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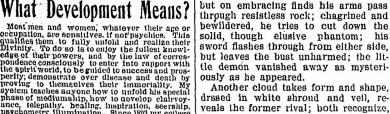
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trate knight, a page places a large wash-bowl with burning alcohol on the stage; the demon, highly elated, pro-ceeds forthwith to swing up into the air, frolicksome, rollicking, roasting himself over a blazing fire; the

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draw swords and work hard to exterminate each other; on finding his antagonist invulnerable, the knight grows desperate with rage, but all in vain: the

WHAT IS IT? is it Optical Delusion, or Mental Blind-

An Octogenarian Relates His Instru ness?

Phenomena are the foundation of phi-In No. 835 of The Progressive Think losophy, both are indispensable to the er I notice what W. H. Burr says on earnest investigator who seeks to pro-gress in his pursuit of knowledge; it is Pessimism and Optimism. . According to his view pessimism goes very much the superficial curiosity-hunter who is ahead of optimism. He claims there is perfectly satisfied with mere phenommuch more suffering and misery than there is of happiness and pleasure. As ena; he knows little and cares less for its laws and philosophy, but ever hunthings are managed I think he is right. gry for phenomena accepts and feasts on them all with equal avidity, impo-

tent in discerning whether they be genuine spiritual, designed to enlighten men, or gross material intended to amuse or deceive for the money that In watching the doings and events

Supposing this was all dong jury. in our ranks I notice several idols which had been raised and boosted high by credulous dupes and worshiped and honey.

make a person drunk. The same amount would pay for a quart of the finest strawberries. So with everything. dragged down again and exposed as Ten cents spent for tobacco and used especially by the uninitiated would frauds by indignant seekers after truth, who revolt against the triffing with cause more than fifty persons to vomit, their most sacred feelings, and thus the which is not a very pleasant sensation. false shepherd is forced to make the The same amount paid for honey would short but fatal step from the sublime make half a dozen children happy white into the ridiculous and sometimes into eating it. See what a great difference oblivion, and his faithful little flock

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In my boyhood days, when Spiritual-ism was whispered only on the sly, and These millions might be used in iurnishing clothing for poor persons who are suffering with cold for the mediums were sought under cover of great secrecy, and materialization was want of proper clothing, and to buy, unknown to people at large, there apfuel for the poor.

cause suffering. The next greatest curse that we suffer from is medicine The juggiery ended with a silent pantomime of a most fascinating little draand doctors. Vaccination is a curs that lies at the door of doct ma, representing a young knight taking leave of his bride, to fight in defense lieve. Thousands of persons of his country. A secret rival now presses his suit for her hand, but rejectthe poisons used by vaccinal sides the ruining of the health d ing, she dies of broken heart through as many more. Thousands are outright by doctors, and thousand persecutions of the yengeful villain. The knight returns bedecked with honhave their health ruined by them. or and hastes to meet his Dulsins, just

One of the best doctors that ever, lived in this country, when asked by his students if he thought doctors Out of a saved more lives than they killed, re-plied that if you included old women and nurses he would say that soothing charm awakes the prossaved more than they killed, but if the nurses and old women were left out he would say that they killed more than they cured. I can't see the sense in employing M. Ds. when the chances are against us.

doctor, it is almost sure death for the patient. 1 am acquainted with a woman doctor who told me that she had treated diphtheria for thirty-five years and never lost a case where she had the patient on the start. Some few instances she had taken who had be doctored beyond saving. (She further said that she had not given a dose of medicine in all her practice for diphtheria. This was some fifteen or twenty years ago, and she is yet practicing. I refer to Juliet Severance.

Many persons are born under very unfavorable conditions. I am one of those unfortunate persons. I was born on the 18th day of August, 1823, under the following conditions. My parents, lived in a new country where there was but little of the land cleared. Their house was a frame, rough-boarded out side, not sided, nor was it lathed and plastered. It had no outside door, only a hed quilt hung up instead of a door. My father was sick in bed all winter. where to initiate with solemn rites a The neighbors made a bee and hauled new converted sister, when lo! the heavens open and clouds form slowly up trees enough for fuel and chopped about one cord of wood. Mother chopped all the rest that she burnt during the winter. We had a fire-place which would burn a cord or more each week. In the spring mother plowed and sowed and planted all the seed for the season. I was born in August follow-

by side into the little chapel. Still deeper enamored, the poor knight's spirit rushes forth to reunite

I think I can show how the matter can be reversed and happiness far out weigh the misery. Tobacco and alcoholic beverages cost the United States over 200 millions of dollars annually. It is all worse than useless. Every particle used is an in-

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away with, and this expense all used to buy fruits, nuts, grains, vegetables for their wonderful powers and abil

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what is a blessing indicated of the amount of hanningss it the strong that the strong the strong that the strong the stro sages even into fools, and to show how easy the eyes and mind of the superficial observer may be deceived I wish to relate the following: lons. These millions

peared in the metropolis of Berlin a stage troupe managed by one Rappo.

There are many other curses which

Take diphtheria and employ a drug

creed and extortion, and in companies, trusts and railroad com- your psychometry is your own develbines pale with insignificance when compared with religion as a money extractor out of the pockets of simple and deluded humanity.

Nothing in the known world works so slick as religion in getting money undor false pretences, and the worst of it is those who blow in their good money harm to themselves and the philosophy get absolutely nothing in return but of Spiritualism. Man, know thyself, hot air.

If any man who has read history enough to know that this old earth has always been a sanguineous battleground between man and man, and afthe next step you should take. Do I hear you ask, "Won't the spir-its help me?" Yes, brother, the kind ter reflecting on the horrors that the last great war entailed, and the conditions that Russia is now revealing, can you atttract to you will help you-up believe in and worship a God supposed to run the world, he is from my stand or down; this is where your free moral point-and I never express opinions agency comes in, for like attracts like. My life has been made better, and from any other-too big a chump to prolonged by guardian angels, and we can become while in the physical form, claim the possession of reasoning faculties.

Religion has produced no end of wars guardian angels to help even those that but has never prevented any, and the have passed out of their physical form, as well as our brothers and sisters that man and his fellows because of religare in their physical forms. For we are spirits now, and fast as we unfold tous beliefs is deep and wide-spread. our spiritual senses we are entering threatened with The Turk is now Christian war-shins because of relig- the spiritual world. lous troubles in his domain; and the A. C. DOANE.

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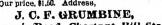
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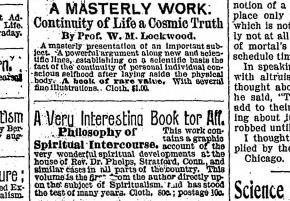
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soaring gently to the ground, file side

hero.

moral in for frauds and dupes to ponder over, but I had never thought of that till very recently, when 1 remem-bered the hush of silence of the massive audience, but at times annoyed by shuffling feet and humming, mumblings I glanced across my shoulder to ascer tain its cause, and noticed a farmer with a boy of about my own age, the lad with eyes and mouth wide open staring at the performance, while the old man, pale and terrified by the dis mal and mysterious sights, was tug ging on the coat sleeve of the boy and ejaculating, "come on and let's go iome."

He no doubt was sure of seeing real ghosts, demons, devils and genuine materializations in the glaring light on the stage, appearing out of nothing and dematerializing right before his open eyes, and would no doubt, if need be, swear to the fact.

The trick is simply done by refiection, but what a harvest it would be to our modern mystery mongers if they only knew how it was done. And our modern mystery hunters would ever be ready and eager to support. defend, and if need be, even die for them. They seem afflicted with a test mania, and want to see something for their money, and paying for, have a right to demand it, and are satisfied with it, and it is nobody's business how it is done, and any fraud that they cannot detect in a thousand years is not a fraud, and should be given the benefit of a doubt at the end, and that settles it.

Noble-minded spirits ever impress our thoughts that materializations are few and far between, not made to or-der for unscrnpulous and money-scheming tricksters, nor to feed the morbid notion of a silly curiosity; they take place only when conditions are right which is not always, and very frequent ly not at all the case, and being outside of mortal's sphere altogether, their schedule time is out of the question. In speaking to an official factotum

with altruistic preface as to what he thought about the exposing of frauds he said, "To expose them would only add to their strength; better say nothing about it, and let the old fools be robbed until they get tired of it." I thought this a strange logic if ap

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ing and mother told me t one sore on my head, and that it covered my whole head with one complete scab. She said that I was the crosses child she ever saw. I think I had good reason to be cross. I was about as completely covered with sores as was old Job. I did not get free from sores until I was 15 fears old, since then I have not been troubled with them. My health has been good since. I am able in my 83d year to do much hard work. I live very plainly. I cat no flesh foods, drink no tea or coffee or alcoholic beverages of any kind. Fruits, grains, nuts, vegetables and honey make my diet. The cost of food is so small that it is not worth mentioning. It is very rarely that it costs me 50 cents a week. More often it falls below 25 cents. I keep a few swarms of bees. In a good season one swarm will earn enough to buy my food for the whole year. In one instance the profit from one swarm was enough to pay for my food for two

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P. S.-I forgot to mention one other matter where much pessimism come in. I refer to appendicitis. Surge are very fond of using the knife, many lives are sacrificed in con quence. What that particular organ for, surgeons do not pretend to know. It must be of use or nature would not have made it. One thing is known, i. e., that when it is removed the person never afterwards has as good health as before. A young lady of my acquaintance had that organ removed, but it ruined her health and made a cripple of her so that she could not walk without crutches. A. H. F.

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