

## SPIRITUALISM-Progress, the Universal Law of Nature: Thought, the Solvent of Her Problems.-SPIRITUALISM

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#### A SPIRIT MESSAGE.

#### HAUNTED BY DEAD MOTHER,

Presenting Some Reflections on the Birth of the New Year.

The year of 1905 is very near its close

at this writing. It has but a little over one hour to live, as you of earth would say. You realized as the sun sank behind the western hills, and as the shadows of the approaching night came silently on, that before the curtain of night was raised again the death of the old year and the birth of the new would have taken place.

How many, as they entered their chambers to retire, and long before this hour have passed into the peaceful condition which comes with normal eleep, fully realized that the year of 1905 was soon to dle and the new year born and ready to greet them? They feared nothing from the change

which was so soon to take place, for they knew a year was only a time limit as measured by man; only a brief period in their earth life.

They believed the sun will shine just as brightly for them in the coming year as in the past; that rain and the dew will moisten the earth, and that all of nature's laws will be safely and wisely

Friends, try with all your power to bring yourselves into a condition to look upon the death of the material body with the same calm assurance as you do upon the death of the old year. This is the condition which we of the

spiritual world are trying so hard to bring about, and to prove to you on earth in every possible way, that we do live, after the change called death.

When we have fully proved this fact to you (and this knowledge is being acpeted to a much greater extent than it was even one year ago), then will the belief and knowledge of eternal life have gained the victory over the King of Terrors.

It may require a long time to bring about the great work we are anxious to accomplish, but we will have the patience and the work will be done, but with a great portion of the inhabitants of earth the progress may be slow as they will hesitate to accept the testimony of the most eminent mediums of the day.

They cannot accept the truths so freely given to them.

We (earnest workers for the advancement of the great cause of Spir-itualism) do unite in sending our best wishes to each one who is inclined to accept our teachings, and who will take the time to read our testimony through earthly mediums.

. We unite in sending to the readers of The Progressive Thinker the best wishes for the coming year.

The Progressive Thinker is like the Star of Bethlehem. May its celestial-light guide you to the manger of peace, ye, truth and spiritual understanding for which it is intended.

Follow in its light through the night entry life for it leadeth you to wis-

the solution of the good work you have priceless reward. We send to the whole world our

Mo.send to the whole world out Happy New Year's greetings. Lo! a mighty chorus of voices fill the air with, "Peace on earth, good will to men."--Received by L. M. Cobb, at Grafton, Mass.

Suggestions Made as to

Believes the Apparition of His Dead Parent Is Punishing Him Because He Cursed Her for Leaving Most of Her Property to His Sister-His Wife Confirms Report of Mysterious Doings in Their Household-Tables and Chairs Upset.

Because he cursed his mother for er supposed injustice to him fsays the Chicago Tribune], Frank Swullus, 1596 West Thirty-ninth street, Chi-cago, believes he and his family are haunted by her spirit.

When the mother of Swulius died last February she left most of her property to her daughter. The son thought he had been treated unjustly, and his anger over the matter caused him to utter violent execrations against the dead woman, Shortly afterward the strange apparitions, accompanied by uncommon noises, took possession of the Swullus residence.

#### Convinced He Is Haunted.

At first the son and his-wife treated the visitations as imaginary and tried to forget the "spirit" because they did not believe in what are termed "ghosts," but as the apparitions increased the number of their visits Swullus' conscience smote him and he became convinced that he was haunted because of the unkind words he had spoken against his mother. One night recently a shadow passed between Swullus and the lamp in his room. He looked up and saw what he declares was the form of his mother. Mrs. Swullus also saw the apparition. Since then tables and chairs have been moved to and fro and the water was turned on and off at the sink when nobody was near.

#### Bothered While at Work.

Until two weeks ago Swullus was night watchman in one of the war-houses of Swift & Co., at the stock-yards. But the avenging spirit haunted him there, too, so he sought a position on the killing floor of the Swift plant.

"I-am convinced that there is more to these apparitions than I first thought," Swullus said. "I know I haven't imagined the things that have happened recently." Mrs. Swullus corroborated her husband's story.

The mother of the haunted man was Mrs. F. Kujawski. She lived with her daughter, Dr. F. Reenstrom, at 1003 West Thirty-first place.

"My mother was always kind to all of us," said Dr. Reenstrom, "and if Frank is followed by a specter it is because his conscience troubles him. He sees her in his own conscience and then he believes that he is being pursued.'

THE PRODIGAL DAUGHTER.

Some Reflections in Regard to Her Status.

As far as this world is concerned there is no mercy or pity for the re-turning prodigal daughter. The son may wallow in' the mire and filth of pollution, feed on the husks of sin and infamy, and he will come back clad inbecoming raiment' and knock at the door of society; he is eagerly received within the portals; marriageable misses smile and simper sweetly in the face of the moral leper, and fond mammas are



### "Hark from the tombs, a doleful sound?" A voice comes from the silent ground-

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EXPLANATION OF DREAMS. We Never Die-Even in the Sleep of Death We Live, Move and

## Have Our Being.

Often, in the nightly trance of our senses we drift into the mysterious, uncharted land of dreams. It is a land of lights and shadows, of hopes and de-Bpair, where the pleasures, sorrows, and emotions of daily life follow us with a vague and strange intensity. We see, as if awake, feel, or seem to feel, as if in conscious life, experience the intensity elevation of love home the joyful elevation of love, hope, and veneration, or the poignancy of mental anguish, fear, and horror. Un-der the strange spell of the unknown part of ourself, whether inferior or su-nerior to the workedaw part we struke perior to the workaday part, we strug gle and debate, argue and declaim, en i treat, weep, laugh, cry, sing, perhaps swear, as when awake. Sometimes we awake with deep regret, as from part-ing with cherished friends and hallowed associations; and sometimes we start up in shuddering terror, as if es-caped from the clutches of a demon, and lo, the sun is shining and the birds are singing, and-"Thank God, it was

only a dream!" It is a sacred and mystic land, this land of dreams, sacred from the impu-dent, exploring probe of the scientist. Even that great and gentle analyst and exponent of human nature, the immorbard of Avon, shrank from explorang its jealous preserves. Many and marvelous are his eulogies of sleep: "Innocent sleep! Sleep that knits the raveled sleeve of care; the death of each day's life; sore labor's bath, balm for hurt minds; nature's great second course; chief nourisher in life's feast." But nowhere in all his rich treasury of thought has he left us an analysis of the meaning or scope of our dreamsthose strange things that come and flit in the cloudiand in which the soul struggles towards the mysterious tul-fillment of its creation. Intangible and elusive, they mock at us, and flit like specters at the crow of the cock. Vain to attempt in our realistic waking hours to pluck out the heart of the mystery, futile and silly as to listen with the ear of flesh for "The footfalls upon the confines of another world." Some one has said, "Dreams are but the children of an idle brain." Idle and befogged must be the brain that gave birth to anything so vapid and illogical. There are cases wherein the influence of dreams on some of the world's mas-

ter minds have affected the destiny of nations, the fate of empires. Even scripture has set its solemn seal on their occasional portentous warning. What "idle brain" produced Jacob's ce-lestial ladder, and Pharaoh's fat and lean kine, and the dream of Pilate's

WE NEVER DIE. EVEN IN THE SLEEP OF DEATH WE LIVE, MOVE, AND HAVE OUR BEING. "Even in our ashes live their wonted fires." Hamlet feared not death, if death end-led all. Is the dream a reflex or premo-nition of the good or evil to come when we shall have shed our fleshly raiment? Since we are dreaming of dreams and setting more vague in our blind attempt in questioning the mysterious forces which impel and propel us towards the shadowy land, the suggestion naturally arises: Why may not dreams such as afflict "Poor fools of nature, who shake so horribly withal and have thoughts that are above the reaches of our souls' -why may not our dreams, with their oftlime thraldom and sufferings, be an illustration, or rather exemplification of what theologians formerly denominated hell and modern erudition with gentle classicism spells hades? Whence pomes the glad sense of redemption from a dreamland inferno, to which we had been condemned perhaps for unwise and untimely consumption of lob-When call a untimely consumption of lob-ster salad or Welsh rarebit, and where we had been suffering torments? Whence, too, our regret and disap-pointment in awakening from a pleas-ant dream? The pleasant dream is the prown of life. It leads us by roseate paths into "green pactures thereide the paths into "green pastures, beside the bill waters," where we are environed with noble and beautiful people, among whom we are at ease, and joy-fully contented, with "a peace of mind that passeth understanding." "Is this a dream? Then waking would be pain. Pray do not wake me, Let me dream again."

TO DRIVE AWAY LONELINESS. Writer Says Every Mortal May Store

His Mind So as to Add to Happiness,

Not long since a woman of culture [as set forth in the Chicago Record-Herald] remarked that she was "never When this remark had taken lonely." the proper hold upon me I realized how

true this state might be to others of the human family and how desirable such a condition is as a factor in human happiness.

Especially is it true that mortals must live more and more within themselves as age approaches and must in an ever-increasing ratio draw from the store of earlier impressions the pleasvers of life. The question with us when young should be, therefore, as to whether we shall prepare for the most happy and desirable condition of never. being lonely and of always being men-tally alert and vigorous, by reason of living upon the delightful impressions received when the mind was in its most receptive condition, or whether we shall be content to look into the fu-ture with nothing of value in that storehouse and must depend in age on dozing in the chimney corner and be ever lonely.

I am sure, apart from the consola-tions of religion, which all do not have, there is no factor so great in all the world to prevent loneliness as a brain whose every recess is filled with the beautiful thoughts and choice language of those great authors whose works live to bless mankind. And I know of no factor that exerts so potent an influence in giving us the means to arrive at the most desirable condition of living happily within ourselves when from necessity we may have others to cheer us as the library, whether it be private or public. Its stores enable all to lay by memories fit to save them from an unhappy future of solitude and to endow them with that blessed spirit which, as Pope says:

"Warms in the sun, refreshes in the breeze,

Glows in the stars and blossoms in the trees, Lives through all life, extends through

all extent, Spreads undivided, operates unspent; Breathes in our soul, informs our mortal part,

As full, as perfect, in a hair as heart, <sup>1</sup> As full, as perfect, in vile man that mourns.

As in the rapt scraph that adores and burns. Chariton, Iowa. THOMAS GAY.

LINES OF HEAVEN.

Oh if upon some fair and fadeless land, Where jasper seas their wavelets gleam and roll,

Neath wondrous soft light of a spirit To find the one true love mate of the

Boult

Could this be aught less than heaven. Oh! traveler lone, o'er earth's desert

waste, Once in the "many mansions" pure and free

Forever love's immortal joys to taste?

Art thou, dear soul, preparing for that sphere, To augment the store of that lov'd' one's bliss?

We are such stuff as dreams are made And our little life is rounded on a sleep.'

Cause.

The world needs Spiritualism in its

purity. Millions of earth's children are groping in spiritual darkness, hungering and thirsting to know where truth is to be found. Let each one of us go forth with a will and tell the glad tidings of great joy to human beings everywhere, that God is no demoniacal, inhuman, disgusting, ignorant or treacherous being, beneath the brutes of the field and animals of the forest, such as the creedal dogmas of the churches would have us believe; such as they have been frightening humanity with for centuries.

Spiritualists should . do their duty, and declare the whole truth, instead of trying to compromise with error; and what else are they doing when they try to establish creeds by which to rule Spiritualists as the churches do their

own. If Spiritualists will do their duty to themselves and to others, instead of following in the old worn-out by-paths of creeddom, they will establish a plan whereby the truths brought to earth by angels (progressed spirits who have overcome the lusts of the flesh and their earthly desires), will be proclaimed to earth's people, freed

from all dogmatic teaching. They will see to it that these so-called co-operators with the angel world, who fail to realize any higher purpose in Spiritualism than a means of making money, are barred from their nefarious practices of deceit and dishonesty in the name of Spiritualism. Spiritualism means humanizing hu-manity, lifting the people up morally and spiritually, enlightening them in regard to right living and their duty to themselves and others. It means not only the immortality of the soul, but it means that, instead of praying to some imaginary being whom we are ten million-million times glad to learn never existed, we are to purge ourselves of all wrong doing, by overcom-ing all imperfections from our lives living pure, honest, upright, chaste and loyal, doing our whole duty in regard to everything, not only to ourselves

but to everyone else. MAGGIE NORTON. Springfield, Mo.

A CURIOUS PHENOMENON.

Occurring in the Presence of a Little Boy Four Years of Age.

Our grandson, within a few days of four years, is very sensitive, yet a healthy child, not afraid of anything. He gets up once or twice nearly every night; alone in the dark. He has been night, atoms in the gark. No mis been staying with his grandma the past five months. His mamma having been ab-sent, came home a few days ago, and slept with her child. A few nights ago he got up on his knoss in bed, wiping one hand on the wall. His mamma woke and asked him what he was do-Awoke and asked him what he was do-ing. He said he was wiping the blood off his hand, and when asked what made it bloody, he stated that it was made bloody on that baby, and de-scribed what he saw—the shadows of tares negroes! The room seemed to have be full of shadows, but the three contracted what he saw bits the three when you conquer your enemy by. When you conquer your enemy by. force, his better part remains uncon-to the Boor, and hit it with a stick guered.—Chinese Bage.

very gracious and kind, "feeling it their womanly duty to encourage the poor fellow to do better and settle down now that he has sowed his wild oats." But the repentant daughter! Oh, hush! Breathe not her name within the precincts of society; keep her out, push her downward, hurry her onward to the suicide's grave and after having appeased your righteous indignation return to petting the dear boy who has made a start to come back to the path of rectitude. Ten to one he never comes back. He knows he can wade up to his eyes in sin and keep his place

In society. / But how is it with the poor prodigal coming to God? He receives all alike. A broken and contrite spirit and a genuine repentance is all he asks. has only one code of morals for all demand of the son a full and complete surrender of sin, and just the same re-quirement is made of the daughter.

All this prattle about women being sweet angels of purity, and it is so much worse for them to be wicked than their brothers, is a silly and dangerous doctrine. It upholds men in the idea that it is not half so sinful and ruinous for them to curse, lie, drink, and act the demon generally as it would be for their wives, sisters and then so-clety (?) steps in and completes the ruinous delusion.

In the eyes of God impurity means as much in the eyes of one of his sub-jects as another, and the ambassadors of the most high have a right to say a wicked man is bad, but a wicked woman is worse. It is false; they are good or bad according to the degree of sin, and without reference to sex.

We hear someone say "A man who is an infidel is bad enough, but, oh, it is so much worse for a woman to be skep-tical on the subject of religion." Yes, from a human standpoint it may seem worse, but, human judgment is not always a safe criterion, and people who always conform to society's laws regardless of higher moral obligations

are apt to go astray. It is the duty of parents, teachers, the press and the pupit to teach purity, truthfulness and morality to all alike, and to insist that the boy cultivate a high sense of honor and self-respect as well as his sister, impressing his mind with the fact that the penalty of disobedience will fall as heavily on one, as on the other. God hastens the day when society will throw the same restraint around about men as guards their sis-ters. It is right it should be so. MRS. E. B. BRADSHAW.

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The other shadows seemed to be throwing dishes and among them was the shadow of a black hog. The three that were abusing the baby started to carry it upward, and when they got it on a level with the bed the boy reached out to catch it and got his hand bloody, and while wiping it the shadows and baby reached the ceiling and disap-peared. On being asked the size of the baby, he said it was the size of Hildred,

a little girl one year old. W. P. BRITTAIN. Martinsburg, Iowa.

The higher the wisdom, the more in comprehensible does it become by ig-norance.-Herbert Spencer.

"Our loved ones lost have all been found!-Not clothed in garb of earthly taint, Illumined with phosphorus paint; Not decked with wigs and whiskers, made On earth to win and gain a trade For fakes at peep-shows on parade; But clothed in spirit from their deeds, And fed according to their needs In Soul-Land's greener, fresher meads."

A sound comes up from every grave; From those interred as king and slave; From cringing coward and from brave From every closet, dark and dank, -Of high and low in human rank; Of optimist and silly crank; Proclaiming—"Life! Eternity!" Proclaiming—"Truth! Fraternity!" Proclaiming—"Love! Maternity!" Proclaiming—"Death to Fraud, and due Allegiance unto all that's true On earth and out beyond the blue." B. WARE. 

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that the original depositions are in the Bodleian library of a most remarkable case of this character.

A girl named Anne Walker was supposed to have been sent away for her good by a substantial farmer. Some time afterward an apparition indicated, and there found the spirit had miles from Portland, 18 from Biuffton, appeared to a neighbor, with its head all bloody from wounds, and tell moriand tract called the Hill of Christer This is a fine farming country, with the moriand tract called the Hill of Christer This is a fine farming country, with the spirit has a fine farming country, with ing him that she had been murdered tie. by the farmer and an accomplice. Her body, the apparition said, had been buried in a spot which she described, and she begged the man to whom she appeared to bring her murderers to jus-tice. True enough, the body was found in the place mentioned and the men were brought to trial. The sensa-tional character of the case was inten-sified by one of the jurymen declaring; that he saw the child of the dead wo man "sitting upon the shoulder" of its father, "the farmer. Both the culprists were hanged. I There are shoulder" of its caused the marter of the readers of Scott are familiar. Soon after the "45" an English soldier wandering near Brae-mar met a violent death. Hawks do buried in a spot which she -described,

HANGED ON SPIRITS' TESTIMONY. That Spirits Return to Earth Has Been Proved in Thousands of Dif-ferent Ways. The testimony of a "ghost" would not now count for much in a court of law, but the day has been when it has sufficed to hang a man. It is 'stated that the original depositions are in the Parlow in the day in the stated that the original depositions are in the Parlow in the day has been when it has sufficed to hang a man. It is 'stated that the original depositions are in the Parlow in the day in the original depositions are in the Parlow in the day has been when it has sufficed to hang a man. It is 'stated that the original depositions are in the Parlow in the day has been when it has sufficed to hang a man. It is 'stated that the original depositions are in the Parlow in the day is the construction in the stated that the original depositions are in the Parlow in the day has been when it has sufficed to hang a man. It is 'stated that the original depositions are in the Parlow in the day has been to far the the provided in the the original depositions are in the Parlow in the day has been the has the original depositions are in the Parlow in the day has been the has the original depositions are in the Parlow in the day has been the has the original depositions are in the parlow in the day has been the has the original depositions are in the parlow in the day has been the highlander promised, but the did not keep his word, and a second and its Numerous Advantages Pointed Out.

justice. The Highlander promised, but did not keep his word, and n second and its Numerous Advantages Pointed Out. third time the spirit appeared, and up-braided him for his breach of faith. Pennville, Ind., formerly Camden, is Alarmed at last and no longer daring to a nice little town of about 1,000 popula-delay, the man called a companion, tion, located on the C. B. & C R. R., 10 went to the spot which the spirit had miles from Portland 19 from Binffrom

le. first-class gravel pikes. The famous The story of the Highlabder came to Twin Hills (gravel) being only 2½

the ears of an anti-Jacobite, who miles from town. caused the matter to be, brought to There are enough There are enough Spiritualists in the

Vain for the ordinary mortal to try to recall the elusive and bewildering dream for purposes of narration. We may soar into that cloudland as an aeronaut may venture towards the upper heaven, only to return chilled to the marrow, benumbed and dazed by the awful infinity of the unreachable; for it is written for our mental limita-tions much more than of the solution of our physical problems: Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther. As sleep is the sister of death, so

may our dreams be the sister of what follows death. In this contemplation we can but prescribe for our groping selves the faith defined by the Apostle Paul: "The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Vast is the amount of man's energy

expended in unsubstantial results for final good, aimful yet futile, as the ant toils restlessly while all else is inaction, only to have its ephemeral mound swept away by the next gentle rain. Like that indefatigable little toiler, silently and persistently fulfilling the cause of its creation, must we poor mortals go on working and dreaming and conjecturing. Up the adamantine bill of the hereafter we may gaze with clasped hands, in mute wonder and hope, keen to the prospect that some time the search of the soul for the true shall be a sublime reality, that there

shall be a merger from our lot "Upon this bank and shoal of time," to an eternal reckoning, which cannot be amiss, since the Omniscient has made the calculation of our immortal manifest destiny. But the more we try to unravel the mysterics of our being, he attempt to gain the secrets of the Almighty, the deeper do we flounder in topeless depths of speculation. When even the physical facts of our being are too deep for human doctors and scientists, when to them, even in this advanced age, the facts of our birth and death, evolution and development are

but phenomena, how may we, anthill toilers, hope to find light or truth as to our spiritual future being by re-searches in the mystic borderland of areams? Then let us work and weep and suffer and bravely bear the burdens which we are destined to carry, with faith deep, broad, tender, and un-questioning, till at length we may hap-

Dost thou cause heart's around to grow less sear,

As thy steps near those bright realms from this?

Strive ever! take heaven with thee to that Land; All of earth, perisheth here below,

But Love's pure name for aye, with

God may stand, While happy angels through those mansions go.

Thou may'st dwell near heaven on this earth;

And oft from sorrow's bitter cup drink deep, From a sweet soul crushed all native

mirth .--But angels o'er thee their fond vigils

keep.

For that which looks to man as merest chance,

Shows plan, and love, o'er a thousand years ago, That he, or she, God's glory should ad-

vance. Though they in earth's humblest

homes may grow. WILSON DUNCAN.

Council Bluffs, lowa. .

A STRANGE OCCURRENCE.

An Illustration of Occult Influence.

Between 8 and 9 o'clock, while read-ing, my eyes became tired and I closed them for rest, when immediately a beautiful green lawn appeared plainly

before me, studded here and there in a Sunday suit of mixed flowers. I often have such visions. Now the strange part: While admiring this lovely scene a well dressed young lady, a spirit, advanced and jestingly looked at me and laughed. I asked, "Who is this?" She then vanished.

I had made a pair of pincers out of a solid piece of wood and nicely embel-lished them, laying them on a bureau in an adjoining room, hardly dry from varnish.

Early in the morning I discovered the pincers were missing. There was no one in the house but myself and daughter. After she went to work, I made a thorough hunt for the pincers, all to no purpose, and I became worried as I had put considerable work on them. About 9 o'clock I went to my room,

and, lo! to my surprise there lay the pincers in the very place I put them 24 hours before. Now did that pretty young lady take them? It is plain that other than human hands had to do with this. Those who know me will give this statement serious attention. Chicago, Ill. JOEL PEFFLEY.

plly pass perhaps from a dark dream here to a joyous awakening in an eter-ral Uaradise.—Jarvis Blume, in \_the Chicago Tribune.

The misorable have no other medicine, but only hope.-Shakspeare.

J. Trounson writes: "The last two issues of your grand paper are so superlatively good that I want to congratu-late you on the good work you are doing."

Mrs. Allce Baker is now located at No. 169 Floyd street, Suite 1, Dallas, Texas, and will answer calls to lecture.

### THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

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# A Little Pilgrinn.

This is a charming narrative illustrating the beauty grandeur and sublimity of the spirit side of life, the realms of souls, the immortal spheres of existence. Margaret O. W. Oliphant is the author. And while it has been read by millions in the past, it will prove refreshing and soul-inspiring to our readers to again light, and that her foot scarcely peruse it and feel its thrills of inspiration, and enjoy its uplifting influence. 

in the air there was a sound such as

those who hear it alone can describe,-

a sound as of help coming and safety,

like the sound of a deliverer when one

is in deadly danger, like the sound of

a conqueror, like the step of the dearest

As it came nearer, the fear melted

away out of the beating heart of the

Pilgrim. Who could fear so near him?

haste; and the calm and peace which

the little Pilgrim had seen in the faces

of the blessed were but reflections from

the majestic gentleness of the counte-

nance to which, all quivering with hap-

piness and wonder, she lifted up her

eyes. Many things there had been in

her mind to say to him. She wanted

to ask for those she loved some things

which perhaps he had overlooked. She

wanted to say "Send me." It seemed

to her that here was the occasion she

Oh, how many times had she wished

to be able to go to him, to fall at his

feet, to show him something which had

been left undone, something which per-

haps for her asking he would remem-

ber to do. But when this dream of her

life was fulfilled, and the little Pilgrim,

l'neeling, and all shaken and trembling

with devotion and joy, was at his feet.

lifting her face to him, seeing him,

hearing him-then she said nothing to

him at all. She no longer wanted to

say anything, or wanted anything ex-

cept what he chose, or had power to

think of anything except that all was

well, and everything-everything as it

It seemed to her that all that she had

ever hoped for was fulfilled when she

met the look in his eyes. At first it

seemed too bright for her to meet; but

next moment she knew it was all that

was needed to light up the world, and

should be in his hand.

had longed for all her life.

beloved coming home.

what she did.

Chapter I.-Continued. was need for faith. Young Margaret, "I knew you were coming," said the who had been kneeling by her, rose up malden; "when my mother has wanted | too and stood among the lilles, waiting, me I have seen you there. And you her soft countenance shining, her eyes were thinking of her now; that was turned towards him who was coming, Upon her there was no cloud nor doubt. how I found you." She was one of the children of that

"Do you know, then, what one thinks?" said the little Pilgrim, with land familiar with his presence. And wondering eyes,

"It is in the air; and when it concerns us it comes to us like the breeze. But we who are the children here, we feel it more quickly than you."

"Are you a child?" said the little Pilgrim, "or are you an angel? Sometimes you are like a child: but then your face shines, and you are like-You must have some name for it here: there is nothing among the words i know." And then she paused a little, heart out of her bosom to meet his comstill looking at her, and cried, "Oh, if ing. Oh, never fear could live where she could but see you, little Margaret! That would do her most good of all," Then the maiden Margaret shook her lovely head. "What does her the most

good is the will of the Father," she said. At this the little Pilgrim felt once

more that thrill of expectation and e.we. "Oh, child, you have seen him?" she cried.

And the other smiled. "Have you forgotten who they are that always behold his face? We have never had any fear or trembling. We are not angels, and there is no other name: we are the children. There is something given to us beyond the others. We have had no other home."

"Oh, tell me, tell me!" the little Pilgrim cried.

Upon this Margaret kissed her, put ting her soft cheek against hers. and said, "It is a mystery; it cannot be put into words; in your time you will know."

"When you touch me you change me and I grow like you," the Pilgrim said "Ah, if she could see us together, you and me! And will you go to her soon again? And do you see them always what they are doing? and take care of them?"

"It is our Father who takes care of them, and our Lord who is our Brother. I do his errands when I am able. Sometimes he will let me go, sometimes another, according as it is best. Who am I that I should take care of them? I serve them when I may."

"But you do not forget them?" the Pilgrim said, with wistful eyes.

'We love them always," said Margaret. She was more still than the lady who had first spoken with the Pilgrim. Her countenance was full of a heavenly calm. It had never known passion nor anguish. Sometimes there was in a farnot aware what guided her, but yet turned her face in the appointed way without any doubt. For doubt was now gone away forever, and that fear that once gave her so much trouble lest she might not be doing what was best. As she moved along she wondered at

herself more and more. She felt no longer, as at first, like the child she remembered to have been, venturing out in the awful lovely stillness of the morning before anyone was awake; but she felt that to move along was a detouched the grass. And he whole being was instinct with such lightness of strength and life, that it did not matter to her how far she went, nor what

she carried, nor if the way was easy or hard.

The way she chose was one of those which led to the great gate, and many met her coming from thence, with looks that were somewhat bewildered, as if they did not yet know whither they were going or what had happened to them,-upon whom she smiled as she passed them with soft looks of tenderness and sympatny, knowing what they were feeling, but did not stop to explain to them, because she had something else that had been given her to do. For this is what always follows in that country when you meet the Lord.

that you instantly know what it is that he would have you do. The little Pilgrim thus went on and

Her breath went away from her, her on toward the gate, which she had not seen when she herself came through it. having been lifted in his arms by the he was! Her soul was all confused, but it was with hope and joy. She held great Death Angel, and set down softly out her hands in that amaze, and inside, so that she did not know it, or dropped upon her knees, not knowing even the shadow of it. As she drew nearer, the light became less bright, though very sweet, like a lovely dawn, He was going about his Father's business, not lingering, yet neither making

and she wondered to herself to think that she had been here but a moment ago, and yet so much had passed since then. And still she was not aware what was her errand, but wondered if she was to go back by these same gates, and perhaps return where she had been.

She went up to them very closely, for she was curious to see the place through which she had come in her sleep,-as a traveler goes back to see the city gate, with its bridge and portcullis, through which he has passed by night. The gate was very great, of a wonderful, curious architecture, having strange, delicate arches and cano pies above. Some parts of them seemed cut very clean and clear; but the outlines were all softened with a sort of mist and shadow, so that it looked greater and higher than it was The lower part was not one great doorway, as the Pilgrim had supposed,

but had innumerable doors, all separate and very narrow, so that but one could pass at a time, though the arch in closed all, and seemed filled with great folding gates, in which the smaller doors were set, so that if need arose a vast opening might be made for many to enter. Of the little doors many

were shut as the Pilgrim approached; but from moment to moment one after another would be pushed softly open from without, and some one would come in.

The little Pilgrim looked at it all in it everything was clear. Her tremwith great interest, wondering which of bling ceased, her little frame grew inspired; though she still knelt, her head the doors she herself had come by; but while she stood absorbed by this, a door rose erect, drawn to him like the flower



charged to the 'world of spirits," but rather to the insatiate greed and ignorance of those still in the body. False training and false philosophy are largely responsible, operating both in the past and present."

In The Progressive Thinker of De- | 'out of a job," and made to assume the cember 9, 1905, is to be found an article role of materialized spirit.

by Brother, James Dow, of Manhattan, Kan., on "Physical Phenomena," and in it he raises a number of important We are trying to draw the line to the extent of commending that which is pure and reliable, and not to encourage issues, and makes several statements that class who deceive even though "unthat are somewhat startling, if one asconscious," while so doing, much less sumes them to be correct a class who both consciously and in-To most of these, perhaps a majori tentionally "steal the livery of heaven in which to serve the devil." ty of Spiritualists would readily assent, but some of them seem to the writer,

We need not be vindictive or revengeat least, to "differentiate" from generful. We can constantly hold to that ally accepted conclusions. Now, were it not a fact that some of charity that covers a multitude of sins, but we are not justified, if it can the statements thus made have an im- avoided, in furnishing a CLOAK TO BE portant bearing upon the attitude that USED AS A COVERING OR SHIELD Spiritualists in general, are taking, with FOR VIOLATED LAW.

reference to physical phenomena, and the ease with which it is counterfeited, I don't believe we are justified in the ease with which it is counterfeited, apologizing for - wrong-doing because as well as how to deal with the fraud some medium "averse" to being misled, and fraudulent, it would not be worth occasionally stumbles, or because he while to take valuable space in The or she gives the genuine at times, and Progressive Thinker by way of discuss AT OTHER TIMES THE FALSE. for Brother Dow's favor is plain,

It seems to me to be just that we inand to the point. But we have not yet sist that the medium shall rid himself settled the question of how we shall or herself of this liability, and we all dispose of the fraudulent manifestaknow about how it can be accomplished tions, and their originators, and so some will still "have to be shown." We should at once let it be known that no "professional psychic" can PRAC To quote Brother Dow, speaking of TICE FRAUD, and then charge it up to "materializations," he affirms that 'some claim them to be genuine, while the "guide" or "control," occasionally or as a rule, and escape public odium others declare them to be only fraud." or suspicion, and the healthy, robust Now, both are correct, and there manipulator (and we know several of them, and they draw their principal sus-It would seem to the writer that if tenance from Spiritualists themselves) we are to dispute (not angrily of should at least be compelled to stand course) about anything, right here is a on their own footing. A covert under good place to begin. If we are expect- standing of our own philosophy de good place to begin. If we are expect-ed to draw spiritual inspiration from mands and justifies this attitude. a great truth, and from its most despi-Now, Brother Dow's attitude towards

able imitation, and from the same genarrant fraud is too well known to need definition from me; none, probably, more earnestly assires its eradication eral source' at one and the same time, we must certainly develop a power of or would do more in a legitimate way be at tained by long practice, and in the meantime more or less of disputation to remove it.

What strikes me from his definition of the case, is the fact that the classes referred to are guite likely to "take But Brother Dow explains by saying, substantially "that we are compelled to rely upon spirits of a low moral and unction to their souls," rather than to receive the restraining influence which our he would so gladly exert. THE TRUTH NEEDS NO COVERphysical phenomena, and should ex-

pect fraud where fraud is possible." ING. "Truth wears no mask, bows to He also affirms that "the higher class no human shrine; seeks neither place of spirits who have become more re-

nor applause; she only asks a hearing." Seattle Wash. R. F. LITTLE.

#### Mind, Soul and Spirit.

putation. For instance, how shall we deal with the honest, and ofttimes sor-To the Editor:--My last two articles published in your excellent paper, have brought me a number of letters from rowing investigator, when he inquires as to the merits and benefits of modall directions, the majority of which ern Spiritualism? He is in need of ascompliment the clear expression of those deep subjects, and give me words sssistance, and needs conclusive eviof encouragement, and I thank the writers thereof

We apprehend the dlet suggested by Brothen Dow would repel, rather than Regarding the last article in No. 842, attract, and like one of old, the inveson Soul and Spirit, one letter from tigator would "go away sorrowing." Brother Dow also says that "scientific Boston, Mass., accompanied by advertisements indicating "educators," research has shown that people who fnsists that "mind, soul and spirit" in man are one and the same thing, and if were spiritually minded have been able to materialize just as they were leaving the body, and while hovering between the physical and the spiritual, but never this is not clear to me, to consult a good dictionary.

#### O ye gods!

Has Modern Spiritualism no better He attempts to explain the appear nessage to give than dictionary definiance of fraudulent manifestations, and to remove anxiety from the minds of tions? Man will never know himself as he worthy people as to the real status and is, so long as he borrows his knowledge future usefulness of Spiritualism, are

Tell your soverign," said the Zamorin thus, and does not enter the inner life certainly commendable, and his article of himself and all that is. that in this country there is plenty of above noted is worthy of careful study, cinnamon, cloves, pepper and precious That which I have given out thus far but for some reason we cannot quite agree with him upon the above stated been taught by my spirit teachers, and stones. What I want in exchange are propositions, as well as some others have seen, heard and had confirmed by

gold, silver, coral and scarlet. Now you may go." Unon leaving

CHRISTIANITY IN INDIA. III or The Touch of An Angel How the worship of les Christna Was

trade between India and Africa, where the spices destined for consumption in

Europe were exchanged for gold and

their Savior and God.

the shore of India.

but dimly seen in the darkness.

sailors, appeared at the court of the

Zamorin. Addressing the dignitary he

artfully said that the king of Portugal

having heard that there were Chris-

tian kings in India, of whom his Majesty of Calicut was said to be the

better gift, and that if De Gama wanted

to make the sovereign a present it

Upon being admitted to another audi-

ence with the Zamorin, when a similar

intimation was made to De Gama, he

said the Zamorin, "I hear you have a golden image of Mary." De Gama re-

plied, "That is only of wood, gilded."

replied that he had no gold.

must be of gold.

and what was her naval power.

said.

#### BY CARRIE E. B. TWING, Changed to That of Jesus Christ.

Her deficatory lines are sufficient to show the spirit of the book as well as the suthor, it reads, "Because my own children are all under the tender care of the angels, and my heart is y dedicate this book to the ohlidren of the sungry for the love of the young. I most loving world." This book is full of soul elevating and stateseting thought. Price, cloth, \$1. For sale at this office. In the year 1498 Vasca de Gama, a Portuguese sailor; made his way around the cape of Good Hope and reached the bay of Melinda on the east coast of Africa, at 3 degrees south latitude. Me-linda was an Arabian city, the center of

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STANDARD BOOKS, own Maryamna, the mother of Christna,

The Portuguese saw in them a means to accomplish the end they had Cloth Binding, 50c. Each. n view, which was to obtain a pilot to the coast of India. Accordingly they

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Data of Ethics. By Herbert Spencer, Jesus Christus into India, which had Fairyland of Science. By Arabella B. Buckley. This book is written in such a pleasing manner that young as well as old can understand it. Illustrated degenerated into that of les Christna. The Portuguese were conducted to a large Indian temple, in which were many painted images, some with great protruding teeth, others with four Origin of Species. By Charles Dar-

arms, and faces so frightful that they win. Descent of Man. By Charles Darwing began to doubt whether it was indeed

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Zanoni. By Bulwer Lytton. A row mance by that most wonderful and mys-tic writer, after a long residence in the said their prayers standing while De Gama and his companions, who thought East and an exhaustive study of occul it was an image of the Virgin Mary, fell on their knees and prayed. But

one of their number as he kneeled Any one of the above valuable books "If this be a god, I, for one, worcan be obtained for 50 cents, a miracle ship the devil," at which the rest of the of cheapness. sailors smiled. De Gama, with twelve attendant

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including scientists of world-wide re-Gama of packages of olive oil, honey, pute, making a volume of great value. sugar, hats and scarlet cloth, for which 588 octavo pages. Price, cloth. \$2. he hoped to receive a present of equal or greater value. The subordinate official laughed, saying that the poorest merchant who visited the port offered a

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"But."

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Mother.

to the sun. She could not tell how long seeing look of vision, sometimes the it was, nor what was said, nor if it was simplicity of a child. "But what are in words. we in comparison? For he loves them

more than we do. When he keeps us from them, it is for love. We must each live our own life."

"But it is hard for them sometimes." said the little Pilgrim, who could not withdraw her thoughts from those she had left.

"They are never forsaken;" said the angel-maiden.

"But oh! there are worse things than sorrow," the little Pilgrim said; "there is wrong, there is evil, Margaret, Will not he send you to step in before them, to save them from wrong?"

"It is not for us to judge," said the young Margaret with eyes full of heavcoly wisdom; "our Brother has it all in his hand. We do not read their hearts, like him. Sometimes you are permitted to see the battle-"

The little Pilgrim covered her eyes with her hands., "I could not-I could not: unless I knew they were to win the day!"

"They will win the day in the end. But sometimes, when it was being lost. I have seen in his face a something-I cannot tell-more love than before. Something that seemed to say, 'My child, my child, would that I could do it for thee. my child!""

"Oh! that is what I have always felt," cried the Pilgrim, classing her hands; her eyes were dim, her heart for a moment almost forgot its blessedness. "But he could; oh, little Margaret, he could! You have forgotten, 'Lord, if thou wilt thou canst-""

The child of heaven looked at her mutely, with sweet, grave eyes, in which there was much that confused her who was a stranger here, and once her heart. Some of them waved their more softly shook her head.

the other with a low voice of awe. "Our Lord, who died-he-" "Listen!" said the other: "I hear his step on the way."

.The little Pilgrim rose up from the mound on which she was sitting. Her soul was confused with wonder and icar. She had thought that an angel might step between a soul on earth and | and that I will!" with such fervor and sin, and that if one but prayed and delight? She could not have told, but prayed, the dear Lord would stand be- yet she knew. The first thing was that tween and deliver the tempted. She she had yet to wait and believe until had meant when she saw his face to all things should be accomplished. ask him to save. Was not he born, neither doubting nor fearing, but know-Gid not he live and die, to save?

The angel maiden looked at her all ond was that she must delay no longer. the while with eyes that understood all but rise up and serve the Father acher perplexity and her doubt, but spoke | cording to what was given her as her not. Thus it was that before the Lord | reward.-

came to her, the sweetness of her first blessedness was obscured, and she ter rapture, she rose from her knees. found that here too, even here, though and stood still for a little, to be sure in a moment she should see him, there which way sho was to go. And she was

was suddenly pushed open close by her, and some one flung forward into the blessed country, falling upon the All that she knew was that she told ground, and stretched out wild arms as

him all that ever she had thought, or wished, or intended in all her life, although she said nothing at all; and that he opened all things to her, and showed her that everything was well, and no one forgotten; and that the things she would have told him of were more near his heart than hers, and those to whom

she wanted to be sent were in his own hand. But whether this passed with or without words, she could not tell. Her soul expanded under his eyes like a flower. It opened out, it comprehended and felt and knew. She smote her hands together in her wonder that she could have missed seeing what was so clear, and laughed with a sweet

scorn at her folly, as two people who love each other laugh at the little misunderstanding that has parted them. She was bold with him, though she was so timid by nature, and ventured to laugh at herself, not to reproach herself; for his divine eyes spoke no blame, but smiled upon her folly too. And then he laid a hand upon her head, which seemed to fill her with

currents of strength and joy running through all her veins. And then she seemed to come to herself, saying loud out, "And that I will! and that I will!" and lo, she was kneeling on the warm. soft sod alone, and hearing the sound of his footsteps as he went about his Father's business, filling the air with echoes of blessing.

And all the people who were coming and going smiled upon her, and she knew they were all glad for her that she had seen him, and got the desire of

hands as they passed, and some paused "Is it that he will not then?" said a moment and spoke to her with tender congratulations. They seemed to have the tears in their eyes for joy, remembering every one the first time they had themselves seen him, and the joy of it; so that all about there sounded a concord of happy thoughts' all echoing to each other, "She has seen the Lord!"

Why did she say, "And that I will! my way.

ing that all should be well; and the secsun.

When she had recovered a little of

though to clutch the very soil. This sight gave the Pilgrim a great surprise; exceptions as to its application. for it was the first time she had heard any sound of pain, or seen any sight of trouble, since she entered here. In that moment she knew what it was that the dear Lord had given her to do. She had no need to pause to think, for her heart told her; and she did not hesitate, as she might have done in the other life, not knowing what to say. She went forward and gathered this women who have crossed the border. poor creature into her arms, as if it had is as illogical as the purported inter-ference as taught by our orthodox been a child, and drew her quite within friends. the land of peace; for she had fallen across the threshold, so as 'to hinder

any one entering who might be coming after her. It was a woman, and she had flung herself upon her face, so that it was difficult for the little Pilgrim to see what manner of person it was; for

though she felt herself strong enough to take up this new-comer in her arms and carry her away, yet she forbore, seeing the will of the stranger was not so. For some time this woman . lay moaning, with now and then a great sob shaking her as she lay. The little Pilgrim had taken her by both her arms, and drawn her head to rest upon her own lap, and was still holding the hands, which the poor creature had thrown out as if to clutch the ground. Thus she lay for a little while, as the little Pilgrim remembered she herself had lain, not wishing to move, wondering what had happened to her; then she

clutched the hands which grasped her, and said, muttering: "You are some one new. Have you come to save me? Oh, save me! Oh,

save me! Don't let me die!" (To be continued.)

HOPE. Life holds no woe for me. I know

full well, However evil things may seem to me to-day.

Some future joy is certain to dispel The clouds that lower darkly o'er

No night e'er was whose darkness did not fade: -

No storm e'er raged whose course was not soon run;

and so my soul, by troubles undismayed. Doth simply wait the coming of the

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contained in the article in question. It seems to me the real solution of fraudvorking, as well as my and general experiences. ulent manifestations of any phase or

My conscience tells me to affirm the truth as I know it, as a result of being grade, is found largely on this side the 50 taught.

The rule is, I believe, that we re-A number of times in the past while ceive that which we invite. This is a being taught lessons on man material natural law, with, of course, the usual and spiritual, I have been privileged to That FRAUD AND GRAFT ARE AT PRESENT SO GENERALLY PREVAsee the entire mechanism of man in action, and I therefore know that soul and spirit in man's wonderful composi-LENT, should not be charged to the tion are not one and the same thing, "world of spirits", but rather to the inbut are, of necessity, interactive. satiate greed and ignorance of those still in the body. False training and

Man is a living dynamo. The brain is the battery, the brain cells magnets, false philosophy are largely responsiand the entire ganglionic system ble, operating both in the past and presserves as lines through which soul substance passes to and fro in ex-To attribute our weakness and failchange, and spirit is active through the ures to the co-operation of bad men and soul and soul substance.

The brain is also the home of the spirit and seat of the soul from which it spreads all through the nervous sys-But, as before stated, we have honest

doubts as to the accuracy of some of to which the silver cord is attached The golden bowl so often referred to. Brother Dow's statements. The one through which the vital supplies of life quoted above as showing the results of are carried, is located in the top brain. The writer of the letter referred to The investigations of Dr. Hare, the affirms that mind, soul and spirit in great electrician, Professor Wallace, man are one and the same thing. This and Professor Crookes, and many other is not true. The mind being resident eminent scientists, called into play a in the brain, represents consciousness, range of intelligence and spiritual pow reason, memory, etc.; yea, the entire outfit of the brain, all these, represent er on the part of the disembodied very the powers and principles inherent in hausted every resource known to the the immortal soul quickened by spirit scientific world, inventing even the and unfolded, strengthened and made most complicated and evenly balanced useful by contact with external condimechanical appliances in "testing" the tions and nature's soul-life. accuracy and genuineness of the phe On one occasion, four beings were brought before me. Two I knew to be

nomena, and were compelled to 80 knowledge themselves matched by the men of earth; the other two from what intelligence of those on the other side, is called immortal realms. These men and while evidence of deception and in of earth were acted upon by the other accuracy were sometimes proven, suftwo, and soon they became so intensely attainment active in thought that their souls fairly and purity of motive was obtained to flowed out and returned and thus they cause these eminent men to unhesitatlabored and learned. I saw it in this ingly endorse the phenomena and the manner, that the psychic system in man and in space is fibrous in nature, Will Brother Dow kindly give us the for as these men were deeply en-

scientific gvidence he refers to? grossed in thought, these soul fibres, We will neutra and not her broth from Broth-er Dow: 12"Materializing mediums are like fine wire-like threads went out in silvery sheens, and so came en rapport often forced while in an unconscious not only with the souls and minds of condition to present themselves to a credulous<sub>18</sub> audience as materialized Universal or Over-Soul. the two immortals, but also with the

spirits by their materializing control, even when the medium might be averse spirit acting as flashes of light The scene was dazzling, wonderful, through this output and exchange of It is to be noticed that Brother Dow it is to not noticed that brocket and I cried out, "Oh! how wonderful is the idea of a somewhat general prac-man!" He can dissolve even as the tice, and accomething to be expected. Now, while admitting the possibility Grand Supreme Model after which man and all that is is fashioned, and reof this, and even its evident probabilisolve himself again. Truly man as to

as to his material composition, he is the practice," it is rarely, in my opinion, outgrowth of all that is beneath him in the kingdom of form-life and manifest-The trouble with all these statements

I will not explain further here, but will add instead, a lesson given by a spirit on Personal Sunshine. rule, and enlarging upon them as such. We all want, "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," and

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to process. It becomes a practical question, then what should be our attitude towards "Science, and the Future Life." By those unfortunates who, with or with James H. Hyslop, is one of the most valuable acquisition to the literature

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erected at a convenient spot on the coast above, a cross and image, modestly taking possession, in the name of his spiritual and temporal sovereigns, of all of India, and calling the place Santa Maria.

Soon after an Italian renegade boarded his ship and told him he was in the service of a Mohammedan priest, the sovereign of an island called Goa, about twelve leagues distant. In return for this information De Gama seized his informant, subjected him to torture, baptized him by the name of Jasped De Gama, and compelled him being now a Christian, to betray his master's secrets. Thus was begun the Holy Inquisition of Goa.

A few years later more ships were sent from Portugal to India and the island of Goa was planted with papal establishments, among others the Holy Inquisition. And the worship of les

Christna was changed by fraud and torture to that of Jesus Christus. The natives were told that their ritual and liturgy, since the remote days of St. Thomas had become corrupted and needed a thorough reformation; that their images were inartistic and must be replaced by the works of European

artists. Some of the "Christian" clergy were burned at the stake after the estab-lishment of the papal system on the coast of Malabar. The clergy had married wives, had owned but two sacra-

ments, had neither invoked saints nor worshiped images, nor believed in pur-gatory, had refused to pray in Latin, and had used their ancient language,

the Syriac. The natives had never heard of the Christian pope until the advent of the Their les Christna was Portuguese. the eighth avater, Buddha being the ninth. The Portuguese added the ter-minal "us" to les and a like terminal to the first syllable of Christna. And I affirm without fear of successful contradiction that the name Jesus Christus is a comparatively modern one-that there is no proof of its existence long before the revival of learning-that Christus is not a Latin word, much less a proper name—and that it was coined by cloistered monks at the revival of learning, or at least not much earlier.

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The Question Before Spiritualists is this: Can a Spirit dematerialize a white dress, a white hat, a pair of white stockings, a scarf, fan and doll, and convey them to her home in spirit life, and then at will ma-terialize them, and bring them back to earth, and should hear him regardless of his or her continue doing so indefinitely?

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THAN I AM AT THIS WE ING.

As to whether it is possible, I will

not say it is not, but this I do not hesi-

was said that solids were dematerial-

preposterous-absurdity of the most

questions asked. First, was the me-

inet thoroughly and systematically

searched? Third, was the medium so

nor feet were free to aid in the mani-

festations? Fourth, was the room or

entrances thereto so sealed that it

would be utterly impossible for con-

federates to enter? and fifth, did the

sitters themselves do all of this search-

ing? . I should want these questions an-

I do not know who this article is hit.

ting, nor have I anything to take back

from this opinion. To what has already

been said, let me add, my faith in the

phenomenon of materialization-to say

nothing of dematerialization-is rudely

shaken, for in ten years only twice

have I seen in public seances what

could not be easily duplicated. I have

seen so much that is fraudulent in that

line that I am firmly convinced the

greater portion of that which is given

out as materialization, is fraud, and

that the people who flock to its stand-

By all means let us get at the bottom

of these things. Let us keep at the in-

vestigation of all phenomena until we

have unearthed such phenomena as will

vincibly upon the rock of genuineness.

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swered beyond a doubt.

#### SUCH MANIFESTATIONS.

"No More Dematerialized Than I Am. They Bring Reproach on the Name of Spiritualism-A Trenchant Communication From Hudson Tuttle.

It is such "manifestations" that bring To the Editor:-Your most interestreproach on Spiritualism and the blush ing communication relative to the seof shame to the faces of those who adance in which so many garments, invocate it. Such "manifestations" are cluding shoes, scarf and doll, were desimply jugglery, and as such may pass materialized (?) has set my mind once for clever tricks, but when claimed to more at work trying to solve the prob-

be of spiritual origin by those who en- lem: gage in this business as mediums, the "Why is it that people are so easily most despicable of crimes is committed, gulled?" Of all the people on the face

and the severest punishment deserved. of the earth who should keep slient Whoever this medium may be, there about the gullibility of orthodox brethis no excuse or palliation. Not only are ren, I am beginning to think it is the the most sacred affections played upon Spiritualist. I can express myself in for sordid gain with remorseless heartno other way than to say: I BELIEVE lessness, but the character of a great THE ARTICLES REFERRED TO cause is disgraced, and made a byword | WERE NO MORE DEMATERIALIZED and mockery.

It seems that it would be unnecessary to meet such charlatan claims with serious argument. If one spirit requires tate to say: Every instance that has material clothing, all do, for they are come under my observation wherein it all subject to the same laws and condi-

tions IF A LADY'S SUIT CAN BE ized in spiritual seances HAS ATERIALIZED." AND TAKEN PROVED TO BE A FAKE-unless TATERIALIZED, AND TAKEN PROVED TO BE A FARE-unless BEED SPIRIT WORLD, BROUGHT some chemical had been used to cause BACK AND "REMATERIALIZED," the disintegration of the article-and WHY CANNOT SPIRITS "MATERIAL- that requires time. Instantaneous de-IZE" GARMENTS AND NOT BE materialization of a whole suit of OBLIGED TO BEG THEM OF THE clothes! The idea seems to me to be CIRCLE?

If they can do so, and instances are pronounced type! many where yards of lace have been I have said I would not say that it the people; that with the doctors ex-"pulled out of nothing," and tarletan ga- was not possible; that's because love, why should not the charitable would not make so arbitrary a statespirits proceed to CLOTHE THE ment upon anything that might be-NEEDY, and thus bring Spiritualism to speak a step in advance, but I have no reluctance in saying I DO NOT BEthe comprehension of the most material thinkers? LIEVE IT EITHER POSSIBLE OR Never has there been a bit of cloth | PROBABLE, for it appears to me to be unreasonable to say the least. thus made. Never will there be, for it is contrary to the laws of spirit and If it is possible to dematerialize garits possibilities. To claim it has been ments, shoes, rings, etc., then it is posdone, is simply evidence of ignorance sible to cause the dematerialization of or rascality. human bodies, and the first thing we It is strange, indeed, that the mountewill know the report will come that bank and wonder-worker should be some one stepped into the cabinet at held in evidence of Spiritualism. The the request of the control and was seen sooner they are cut off and reliance no more ever after, because he demateplaced on demonstrations of a purely rialized, and was taken bodily into the spiritual nature, the better for the spirit realm, soul and body. One fact in nature, very patent to cause. all of us, is that before entering the Spiritualists complain of persecutions of mediums. When such barefaced spirit realm permanently, man must sever the connection between spirit deception is practiced, and they support the actors, and affirm such is Spir- and body; in other words the physical itualism, they cannot expect approval element must have been cast aside. It is my opinion that the spirit who hy right thinking people. When medidematerialized these articles was the ums advertise in the daily papers, as the most wonderful in the world, with medium or some confederate; that the fortune-tellers, sons and daughters of spirit home to which they were taken seventh sons and daughters, "born with by the control (?) was the home of mea veil, estrologers and fakirs, they dium or confederate. Before I would must expect to be ranked with the believe such a gigantic proposition I would want to have the following crowd in which they appear.

Then when we can say to all the world, "Come on, investigate and know the truth," we will have placed Spiritual-Dr. J. Duncan Quackenges Declares It's Easy to Live On-Member of Learned Societies and Studen of Occult Says That Approach of End Increases Sugism in an impregnable position, and then only. Yours for progress and knowledge all along the line. gestibility and Sick Will Obey Imper-WILL J. ERWOOD. ative Order to Live-Tella How He

### WILL J. ERWOOD.

He is Meeting With Great Success in Indiana.

Those who attended the lectures given at the First Spiritual Church, Elwood, Ind., by Will J. Erwood, of La-Wis., were highly enlightened crosse. by his able and scholarly discussion of the -various topics. His masterly handling of religion and theology last evening was perhaps one of the finest lectures ever heard in this city. He showed by numerous quotations that other countries besides the Hebrew and Christian nations had their revelations and inspirations as well as a Savior, and that their principles of religious faith preceded our own, and in some respects were far superior. He however, spoke highly of all religions, but censured strongly the dogmas of

creeds and the fanatical tendencies of the theologians of all creeds. He read extracts from Bnddha, Zoroaster, Confucius and many other leading lights in the religious world who existed many years before the Christian era, showing that we had no monopoly in true religon, and that to be a true Christian and a godly man a knowledge of all religions of the world help us, Mr. Erwood is a pleasant and forcible

speaker, and sincere in his belief, which he makes clear to the dullest hearer. His efforts will result in much investigation in the religions of the world, -especially the Zend Avesta, which contains the ancient Oriental religion of India. The house was filled to overflowing

and the speaker was the recipient of many congratulations after the service preconceived opinions on the subject. G. E. RUNYAN, Pres.

### A FEW THOUGHTS. Cogently Expressed by Mr, Hoffman.

Mrs. Mary T. Longley's lecture in No. 843 is worth its weight in gold. Mrs. Cooley is at Forty-seventh street and Grand Boulevard, and is

doing a grand work. Lately we have had a great many murders. The preachers, according to the papers, delivered sermons, ad-

vising better police protection-as if more police, the less criminals-not once giving the cause of their becoming criminals, or how to overcome the difficulty and make better men and women.

Is it not through their teachings that we have so many thieves and murderers, holding out the inducement and promises that no matter how great the sin or crime committed, if they are sorry for it and ask for giveness it will be forgiven.

We find many of our best speakers stick to the bible teachings, taking their texts from it, giving as a reason that it proves Spiritualism. I do not consider that necessary, as we have evidence sufficient at the present day to prove all that is necessary.

If it is necessary to have a book, why not publish one of our own that is clean and truthful from beginning to end-something uplifting? There is another subject 1 wish to

call attention to. We had a death lately of a man of world-wide reputa--Marshall Field. Is it not a tion fact that when a man of reputation gets sick and calls in our best physicians, he very seldom gets well? His sickness is published daily in the papers over the world, and he is subject to thought waves and suggestions of

condition was equivalent to a death sentence. Attending physicians had withdrawn from the case, considering it beyond the pale of hope. As I looked

it:

t the girl an inspiration came to me. I took her by the hand, learned her first name from the nurse, and said with great incisiveness: "'Adele, where are you going? You cannot die: come back: you have work to do on earth; come back at once.'

"In answer to my summons the up-turned eyes resumed their natural angle and became riveted on mine, A voice that for days had uttered only the ravings of delirium now spoke coherently.

the life of a choir singer.

Imperative Tone the Thing. "'It is too late.' it murmured.

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"'It is not too late,' I rejoined. 'Do not dare say it is too late. Stay where you are. Assume immediate control of your physical functions, get well. You

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-Told Her to Come Back to Life and

New York, Jan. 80,--fir. John Duncan Quackenbos, a member of the London Society for Psychical Assearchi, fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine,

and a member of the American Associa-tion for the advancement of science,

announced his latest discovery in hyp-notogy to the Entertainment 'club at

Orders Dying Girl to Live.

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She Did.

are going to recover, "All this I said in an imperative, forceful tone. A change for the better supervened. Gradually the mental mist cleared away, the physical strength re-To-day the young woman is perfectly well, filling an important po-sition in the choir of an uptown church." . ....

LETTER FROM KANSAS

Indicating What is Going on in that State-The Good Work Continues There.

To the Editor:-For the first time this winter this corner of Kansas and Missouri is in a snow bank. We have bad a delightful winter "and this snow blanket is anything but pleasant.

The 7th of January 1 visited and filled my regular firsts of the month Sunday engagement with the Pittsburg society. A storm came up and the au-dience was small but appreciative, and Monday night a large circle and a very successful one in tests; was given by the guides through myself as medium. Owing to the short time I was there the friends arranged for a redention for me the following Friday afternoon. This was given by the Sunflower Club of ladies, an old organization which has been doing good work in Pittsburgh for years;"also a circle arranged "for Friday night at Brother" and Sister Patterson's. These dear and faithfu friends of the spirit world have been earnest workers for years, "both at Pittsburgh and in their old home at; Epringfield, Mo. Brother Phtterson has been sadly afflicted for the past year, but patient under all his trials whether of body or mind. He puts his trust in the care of the spirit world, and received many comforting messages from loved ones gone before. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

of that week, accompanied by Mr. Sco-velle, I lectured the three nights at mind classes of thinkers from a Hindu philosopher down to a common, every-day Sniritualist and I found Brother Bow ers' old-time Spiritualism quite refreshing after the maze of other "isms." We visited the Appeal to Reason of fice, and stood with open mouth, ears and eyes, while its editor, Mr. Wayland, thoughts should be pure and true, so showed us through the vast vast build ing with its tons of paper, and ma visdom in choice. chines of all descriptions needed in such an immense business; a paper which has broken the world's record in its trust edition: Our meetings were successful in drawing a large audience and as there is a desire for my return, we judge the people were pleased with the lecture and tests. I arrived home Saturday morning, and resumed the Joplin work Sunday night. A large audience was in at tendance and the society is delighted with the outlook for farther success this year. Joplin is blessed with three You are a part of the whole, so love societies, each doing a good work in its own way. Mrs. Alice Sheridan has resigned an Denver, Colo. pastor of the east Jonlin Society, and Mrs. Cuddyhack is now in charge. Mrs. Sheridan is a noble worker in the spirit al cause, and we hope after a much needed rest from years of suiritual la bor, she may again become an active lecturer and medium. Her successor is well worthy to fill Mrs. Sheridan's place Mrs. E. J. Weston, pastor of the First Spiritualist Church, who took charge of it when ill health compelled me to give up for a while, is lecturing at City and holding parlor meetings Sun-day nights, at the home of Mrs. E. J. Stiles, in Joplin, president of the Interstate Psychic Club, which was organ ized as an auxiliary a to the First paid. The Silver Link Circle is composed of a number of Spiritualists, members now in bank. of all three societies." M We hope to have Sisters Bryan and Jaquet with the Spiritual JoResearch Church in the near future. Their work in the spiritual field is a unique one, and every true Spiritualist should as sist them in their mission tooclean up the Spiritualistic doorward.<sup>4</sup> We striving to press the Anterests of The Progressive Thinker, and I in this cause sacrifice our own wishes, which are selfish, inasmuch as we®would like to keep our own copy? but Meading it through and through lowith Whow and then taking a copy opisome of Brother Wilkins' good poemsidwe kiss it good bye, and send it along to some other hungry soul. hungry soul. SARA C. SCOVELL. "The Present Agenand Finer Life;

### HELPFUL THOUGHTS.

Called Out by the Publication of Cap-Illustrating the Necessity of Right Thinking, and the Excellent Resuits That Flow Therefrom.

It is helpful to think of ourselves as a seed of all possibility planted at con-ception; a seed individualized by the Creator: a seed which it is our duty to care for tenderly and help it to expand until it becomes a very god in love, wisdom and power. We are that seed. Now let us work

with it along natural lines. Let us see how nature uses the elements in pro-ducing the perfect plant or tree. First, the seed is planted in the

ground, good soil being required for est results. Second, water is essential that the seed may absorb and expand.

the Waldorf-Astoria to-night. This is Third, sunlight is necessary to fur-At the moment of death the quality of ish warmth which quickens the germ suggestibility is at its maximum. Dr. Quackenbos told of one case in to life and expression.

Fourth, the air is requisite for the which a suggestion from himself saved many elements which it furnishes the seed through absorption. Now, according to the quality of the various ele-"In June last." he said: "I was called ments, earth, air, fire, and water, of to the bedside of a young woman who which the seed makes use, so will be the result.

had passed through a series of illnesses, culminating in pneumonia. Her Now that we have a symbol of nature's way of growth, let us study it and incorporate its methods into our own being. First, what do we wish to become? Like the architect we must create a mental ideal of just what we wish to construct. We have all time in which to build, so why not hold an ideal endowed with such love, wisdom and power as will make a very god?

A good environment in which to live s most important, for we are a sensitive plant and absorb from all the ele-ments around us. We want our ideal to embody only the best.

It is possible through proper food, ex-It is possible through proper toos, we ercles, bathing and right thinking we can build a strong, healthy body. body corresponds with the soil

which the seed was planted, for a good healthy body is required as a basis for clear thought and capacity for work, and much thought and work are required in order to make our ideal, a realization.

Next we must develop a strong will, for will is that quality which decides, or is the power of choice, so to speak. This is an important quality, for we have all the best and worst in the universe from which to choose. Will can best be developed by doing our full duty, even the disagreeable thing which we know we should do.

The question of right and wrong, best and worst is largely a matter of education. Our minds starting at zero, we need to fill in knowledge from books and contact with people. Wisdom will come from right use of what

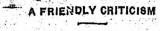
we learn; thus experience will be born. We have seen that thought is the

material we are to use in building our ideal character. Will decides quality of thought, and education teaches the nature of thought and a variety from which to choose; so get education; get knowledge; get wisdom; get power.

Man has two minds, an outer and inner, or properly speaking a subjective mind and an objective mind. The objective or outer mind deals with the ev-idence of material senses; it must be shown. The inner or subjective mind deals with the soul side of our nature. It has to feel. The subjective deals

It has to teel. The subjective deals with our emotions, intuitions, and the finer sentiments of love. It has been written: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," and this is as true to day as in the long ago. A man is the sum of his thoughts. Education gives variety. Will the power to choose and wiredom Will, the power to choose, and wisdom shows the result of our choice.

Any thought which we accept as true becomes a living part of us, and helps to build our ideal. The inner mind is constantly open to suggestions of the outer mind, and these suggestions persistently repeated to the inner mind are accepted and become part of the body, mind and nature of the individual. The inner mind does not discriminate or prove, it merely accepts as true that which is persistently held in the outer



tain Billingsley's Lecture on Thought.

What we do not know or have any conception of, is to us as if it did not

exist, or at least, it is utterly ignored. Not knowing this, we become assertive, and often dictatorial and positive in our assumptions. This has become so common as to make toleration of opinion a virtue. We find it impossible to bring others to our conscious sensations, so we make a virtue of necessity; being content to enjoy our own opinions, and allow others to enjoy theirs.

But this way of doing does not ad-vance others. We set forth our opinions for others to view, and they theirs for us to view; it is of no value: but like little boys who think their pocket-

knives are the best, so we think our opinions are the best, and hold to them. We do not know when, how or where we get them-they are ours-that sat isfies us, and we are very sensitive when they are opposed.

sprung up a crop of New Thought the-ories in the form of Suggestion, Christian Science, Mental Science, Occultism. Theosophy and the like: in all of

which there is a mental power manifest-ed in various ways. That there is an impelling force that gives rise to human activity, is everywhere evident; but what it is, is the unsettled question. It ever there manifests itself in that state is mind known as conscious sen-rations. Thought is a special conception in regard to some particular thing; but the thing must exist before it can be thought of. The question is, what is the thing thought of? When we think of it, we will discover in every mental operation a sensing of reality of what we think, and a more or less degree of interest in what we think.

in That interest has its rise in what we feel; that is to say sensation is life, and consciousness is the awareness of life. Sensation is feeling, and desire in regard to special interests, is the source

from whence flow all mental activities; it is that in which we move and have our being; the Ego the esse in esse of our being; the Ego, the esse in esse of Thought is a conception of the seeming of reality, having its rise in consciousness; but there could be no con-sciousness without something to be conscious of. The only thing we are or can be conscious of, must have its

rise in sensation; for there can be no consciousness without sensation. That sensation in its wholeness, is a concern for our well-being and that of those we love. Well-being is well-feeling, and well-

feeling is enjoyment, happiness. Therefore our only aim in life is enjoy-

ment, happiness; in other words, it is desire, persistent and irrepressible, ever seeking satisfaction. A careful examination of this subject will disclose the fact that feeling gives rise to the seeming of reality in what

is felt; but that seeming is no proof of its being reality. The difficulty lies in the fact that the cause of the seeming is not understood; but to the reasoning mind it may be made clear that it has ts rise in the feelings. They are in us;

things outside of us cannot think for us. As we have our own feelings, we must do our own thinking; that is the conception of the seeming that has its rise in our feelings. This we call thought, and think it is a power, a

cause, when to the reasoning mind it is an effect; no effect can be its own cause. We are all harping on the "Power of Thought." Power there is, but it is

not in the thought. When the delusion of the seeming being reality was dis pelled by ocular demonstration, a hitherto barrier to physical science was re moved in regard to the geocentric the

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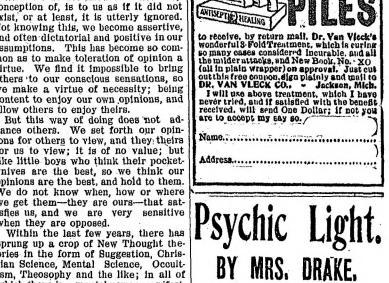
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If Spiritualists do not draw the lines sharply between the genuine and dlum searched thoroughly by competent the false, then it will be drawn for persons-I mean persons not in the methem, and having failed in their duty, dium's employ. Second, was the cabthey ought not to complain.

The tricks of Kellar or Herrmann e as valuable evidence of spirit power thoroughly secured that neither hands al such "dematerializations" and "materializations" of garments, and in character precisely the same. There are Spiritualists who declare these magicians must be mediums! Tricks so simple when the way to do them is understood, so simple that they are silly. To those who do not understand them, they are most mysterious. The "palming" of money and cards to the uninitiated, is inexplicable, but the "palmer" would not wish an audience to sit both in front and back of him. All conditions are made by the tricksters, and disturb them, and there is failure. Those who attend the show of "magicians" or these "mediums," sit helplessly, to receive the wonderful performance. They have no means of knowing the means by which they are being imposed upon. If at every seance they would insist on test conditions, and if tefused leave the seance-room, fraud would be heard of no more.

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perimenting on him, is it not enough to kill a well man, let alone a sick one? J. G. HOFFMAN.

A PLEA FOR THE HOME CIRCLE A Method to Kill Commercial Frauds

To the Editor:--Please send me ten copies of the special edition containing Col. Ingersoll's lecture on "The Devil," and also containing other lectures of STILL MORE IM-PORTANCE. That old big devil has been dead a long time but what troubling our cause most is these little devils that are showing their impish heads here and there, dressed in all kinds of toggery, and that, too, in the name of "spirits," and under the banner and guise of Spiritualism.

Yes, here in our little, modest city of Lansing, occasionally one gets knocked down and dragged out of our ranks, which it is hopeful may give others warning who are practic-

ing the same nefarious deception. I think this little, petty, dishonest commercial side of mediumship does more to feed and nourish fraud and deception than all else combined. Let us return to our sacred home circles, and commercial frauds will die of themselves: they must have something to feed upon, or death is their portion. In the name of all that is just and right, let our Spiritualists take warn-ing. Go back to the sacred HOME

CIRCLE, which will draw to us our nearest and dearest friends and comwho will bring with them nanions, those higher conditions which ever make for purity, justice, harmony and love. Yes, and that which is ever and anon unfolding the divinity within. Lansing, Mich. S. J. BLISS.

THE PREMIUM BOOKS.

The Highway to the Temple of Wisdom.

To the Editor:-It is one thing to read those books, and another thing to understand them and make practical application of their contents. I do not pretend to understand all I read, but so much as I can appropriate and use is just that much gained.

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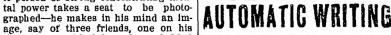
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Christian brother writes, that while it is true Jesus was reported, Luke 14:26, as saying:

"I any man comes to me and hates not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, yea, his own life, he c ... inot be my disciple;" yet he did not n san 'intense aversion, the lack of 1 .ve, to detest, to abhor, to feel hatred, as the dictionaries define the word; but he meant he must love Jesus more than his nearest of kin."

How does out critical friend know this? Who authorized him to wrest scripture from its plain meaning, and give to it quite another? to set aside the plain words of Jesus, as recorded by inerrant Wisdom, and make it convey an opposite idea? It is a habit of the priestly class to make Bible language convey the idea the preacher wants, not what it says.

Does not the law of evidence apply in this case? "A party shall not be allowed to alter, vary, or explain a written instrument. The parties have deliberately reduced their agreement to writing, and neither shall be permitted to show, by parole testimony, that something else was intended than the written instrument expresses. Any other rule would en-

courage perjury." The fable of the satyr is in point: A traveler, belated, weary, cold and hungry, applied at the door of a satyr

The Twentieth Contury Upheaval in nent literary men, like Prof. Hyslop Spiritualism is creating a VIBRATION Dr. I. K. Funk, Prof. Larkin, the great all along the line as never before. It scientist, and hundreds of others, are is an era of caudid criticism and re- stepping to the front, and while they search. To be an honest, conscien- all meet more or less fraud, they are tions seeker after the truth, and at still patiently seeking the truth, and the same time a FRAUD-HUNTER, is will at last surely find it. Yes, this now regarded as strictly legitimate. UPHEAVAL IN SPIRITUALISM has In fact, without the gentle, consider- done a vast amount of good to our ate and humane fraud-hunter, ever on cause, and it stands before the world. the alert for the truth, Spiritualism to-day in a better light than ever be-

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Old Theories Give Place to the New. It is true old-time philosophers taught the universe was hastening to ifornia philosopher, is suffering badly an eternal smash-up; that the sun from ill health. He writes: was cooling off; that the orbits of terrific pain in my heart. It upset ev-ery other organ, destroyed my appeplanets were lessening, and eventually will fall into the sun, and that only ruin will mark the site of rolling worlds.

back. Perhaps I may crawl around This idea is an inheritance from the | for a few months; anyhow my work is remote past. It is akin to that now done here. I began an article day or two before the attack, and it died in the 'bornin',' statement of "our Lord," that "the sun shall be turned into darkness and "Our friend Hodge writes from an the moon into blood;" or that other

Oakland sanitarium, that another attheory, that all shall be destroyed by tack of his foes has left him helpless a universal conflagration. this time.

Two of Our Grand Workers Sick.

Charles Dawbarn, the eminent Cal

"A week ago I went down with

"Good luck to you and yours. I have given you the best I had, and you have paid it back with interest." Since astronomy has been reduced to a science there is no indication of the shortening of the paths of the Let us hope and pray that these two planets; no abridgment of light and eminent lecturers may recover their heat; no promise of an end; on the health, and continue their grand work contrary our ablest philosophers now of uplifting humanity, for many years repudiate the idea of either a beginto come. To accomplish that end ning or an end. Matter is eternal, aleach one should at once concentrate ways has been and always will be. upon them their healing; unlifting Change is ever going on but destructhoughts. Both have done an excellent work for Spiritualism, which will

Light and heat are not emanations he long remembered after they have from a sun of flame. Heat is not passed to the realm of souls. continued by bodies falling into the sun. The nearer the approach to the Gross Exaggeration. sun the lower the temperature. The

It is just as well not to place full highest mountains are crowned with trust in the press reports of great reeternal snow. The deepest valleys on vivals in progress, and of the multithe earth show the greatest heat. More than fifty years ago a learned tude of converts made, if the state-English writer maintained our light ment made by the evangelist. Rev. and heat are electrical; that because Reed, now operating in Rockford, Ill., of the friction produced by the rapid passage of light through the atmosis an illustration. He is reported in here caloric is produced. Flashes of the Morning Star of that city as sayight during an electric storm tell in

a small way the source of illumina-tion; but it remained until quite re-"He [Rev. Reed] tells of a place where he commenced a series of cent years, with the invention and meetings and the day following the inpractical use of the dynamo in gener-ating electricity, to furnish an object itial service the papers came out with big headlines stating that a great relesson to show how the thing was vival had been inaugurated; eighty people converted the first night. The done on a magnificent scale. The whole solar system is a grand

facts in the case were that when , he dynama; every planet, asteroid, and comet, each revolving around the cencalled for those to arise who would like to lead a better life, eighty per-sons responded. He then asked them tral orb, completes the circuit. It matters not how near, or how remote, to tarry after the meeting and gather about the altar. Just twelve stayed, and out of that number one little colthe planets having atmospheres-and all are believed to have-then the heat on the surface of Neptune may equal that of Mercury. And so long ored boy made a decision for Christ, as the mighty natural dynamo shall

Emotional Revivals Out of Date

for amusement was not be

PARSON BEAT THE DEVIL.

Hole.

That an able minister once beat the

Satan disappeared through a rat hole,

ALEX CAIRD. M. D.

will be generated. Reports come from neighboring sun itself is now believed to cities where revival meetings are bebe a cold body. It is of the same material as the earth, and it may be in-habited by animal life with intelliing held, that though the ablest evangelists are employed, and the speakgence equal or superior to man. ing exceptionally good, no enthusiasm

Judge Daniel K. Tenney, of Madican be awakened. In one city, with son, Wis., has lately brought out a more than 40,000 population, the 100 no ges h unwar bound in cloth, entitled "Eternity of leading daily says: "Attendance is althe Earth," wherein these subjects most wholly limited to church mem-are discussed more lucidly than in any bers. Not five per cent in the audibers. Not five per cent in the audiother publication we know of. At ences are other than churchmen. Just the small price of 75 cents it should why a greater awakening has not rebe in the hands of all our readers. sulted it is difficult to tell."

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# Midwinter Mass Meeting

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Illinois State Spiritualists Association, Will Gonvene at Handel Hall, 40 Randolph St., Ghicago, February 20, 21 and 22.

The annual convention and mid-winter mass-meeting of the Illinois State Spiritualists Association will convene Can you sustain a lyceum at Handel Hall, 40 Randolph street. Chicago, Tuesday evening, February 20,

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tite and left me ten years older, with Send your society's annual per capita all my work done. It is liable to come by duly accredited delegates Snd your society's annual per capita

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as well as the state. Give name and address of each officer and trustees.

How many meetings have you held since March 1905? meetings when the association is not they atand by whom, and how were tended?

Is your society free of debt? What mediums have worked in your field and with what success?

Instruct your delegates how to acl and continue all day Wednesday and upon the proposed amendment to the Thursday, Feb. 21 and 22, 1906.

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Proposed Amendment to the Consti-

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ing of the association, or by a majority vote of the official board at any of its

How many circles have been held in assembled. The payment each year your neighborhood, of what phases, thereafter of one dollar to the secretary

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tution reads as follows

Spiritualists, resident in this state, and come members of this association upon making application in due form; accompanied by the sum of one dollar, and pledging compliance with its Constitu-tion and By-laws, provided they are accepted by a majority vote of the active members present at an annual meet-

food; also, it indicates the out-

working of the true spirit of re-

form in the ranks, and the far-

reaching influence and excellent

While here, it is needful to act well

It is in our own hands to do honest

For here we can blunder and miss

Or, missing the right road, to lose

EACH ONE A WORK TO DO.

If It Is Not Accomplished the Spirit

Will Have to Return to Earth, to

To the Editor:-Do not worry

about our cause, as the little leaven

which the old pioneers sent out has

Spiritualism has already entered the churches, but-they feel that it is

not quite popular enough yet, but by

and by everything in that line will

adjust itself to the new conditions.

The truth of the matter is. like all

new, things which have come to the

leavened the whole lump.

Do It. Says a Medium.

H. E. POMEROY.

our part,

work.

Mazon, Ill.

life's true goal,

our own soul.

of the association, shall continue their rights of membership in the association.

Recorded by the English Society for Psychological Research. One of the most remarkable stories carried on the records of the Society for Psychical Research in England, concerns a, man named S. R. Wilmot, who was crossing the Atlantic on the steamer City of Limerick when that ship was overtaken by a storm lasting

A MOST REMARKABLE STORY.

nine days. Wilmot's story is as follows: "Upon the night following the

eighth day of the storm the tempest moderated a little, and for the first time since leaving port I enjoyed a re-freshing sleep. Toward morning I dreamed that I saw my wife, whom I muscles, which produces all our feelhad left at home, come to the door of my stateroom. At the door she is the first thing to die. It becomes seemed to discover that I was not the extinct before the animal life ends, only occupant of the cabin, hesitated a little, then advanced to my side, death. stooped and kissed me, and after gent-

ly caressing me for a few moments quietly withdrew. "Upon waking I was surprised to see William J. Tait, my fellow-passenger, whose berth was above mine, but not directly over it-owing to the fact that our room was at the stern of the vessel--leaning upon his elbow

and looking fixedly at me. 'You're a pretty fellow,' said he,

'to have a lady come and visit you in this way." "I pressed him for an explanation, which he at first declined to give, but at length he related what he had seen while lying wide awake in his berth It exactly corresponded with my dream.

"The day after landing I reached my wife who had been for some time visiting her parents. Almost her first question when we were alone together was: 'Did you receive a visit from me a week ago Tuesday?" "My wife then told me that on ac count of the severity of the weather Col. Ingersoll on "The Devil"

she had been extremely anxious about me. On the same night on which the storm had just begun to abate she had lain awake for a long time, thinking of me, and about 4 o'clock in the morning it seemed to her that she went out to seek me. "Crossing the wide and stormy sea,

NO. 843, In 10 Copy Orders, Only 1 Cent Each. Send in your orders at once. she came at length to a low, black steamship, whose side she went up and then descended into the cabin, passed through it to the stern until The rapidity with which this

she came to my stateroom. "'Tell me,' she said, 'do they ever have staterooms like the one I saw. special edition is being ordered where the upper borth extends farther back than the under one? A man was indicates the enthusiasm, the in the upper berth, looking at me, and anxiety of Spiritualists for brain but soon I went up to the side of your

berth, bent down and kissed you and then went away." MID-WINTER MEETING

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IT IS DELIGHTFUL TO DIE.

Feb. 10, 1908.

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### we suffer to die?

He is Simply Ignorant.

"The man who denies the Phenomena of Spir-

skeptic; he is simply ignorant; and it would be

itualism to-day is not entitled to be called a

a hopeless task to attempt to enlighten him."-T. J. Hudson, "Law of Psychic Phenomena," p.

La Lecture, the famous French paper, [says the Chicago Examiner] outs this question, and Dr. Necker, the eminent specialist of the Parisian hospitals, answers with a big, round NO.

"I have observed and noted with the greatest attention and care, says, "all the phenomena of that, the most important act of life that is called death, and I can affirm that it ings, both physical and psychological, and consequently there is no pain in

"Death, like sleep, is an absolutely inconscient and painless act. Nobody can remember the exact moment he fell asleep, and no one has a notion of the exact moment when he dies.

#### No Physical Pain.

"In some cases, when the brain is clear enough to permit the patient to think and reason, the man about to die realizes his position, but even then he is only able to have a very faint and nebulous idea of what happens to him. His mind is too confused to make deductions that would necessarily cause intense moral pain.

"As to physical pain, there is none. "When a person becomes so ill that he is about to die, no matter what the direct cause of his condition might be -in other words, when a man is about to die a natural or violent death, the atrophia of physical sensibility is so complete, that he would not feel any pain, even if he be pinched or

slashed or in any other way hurt. "It is logical, therefore, to think that if previous to reaching the agonic or pre-agonic period he was suffering from any pain, it had disappeared, for there can be no pain where there is an absolute absence of sensibility.

"I am acquainted with the case of a man who jumped overboard from a steamer in midocean, with the object, as he afterward testified, to find out what the feelings of a drowning man were.

#### Tried to Describe Sensation.

"He struggled desperately for two or three hours, and during that time, he said, his sufferings, both physical and mental, were intense; but, then, with the approach of death, all feelngs disappeared. His brain worked still, but it had been so weakened that while he had a notion of what happened, it was so faint and imperfect

that he could not fully realize his position. He was picked up and saved when he was, in his own opinion, 'more than dead.'

"A little child had his two legs cut off by a train. He was broukier, the hospital and, according to the bulance surgeon, he did not co

of any pain. He only begged the doc-tors that his legs be not amputated. conversed with him for a few minutes of indifferent things and to all my questions the child answered with per-

fect accuracy. Suddenly he looked at me and said:

plied the child, 'but I feel all over my

"'How good this is!' "'What?' I asked. 'Nothing,'

ody something that is very nice.

for a night's lodging, with food and The stranger was welcomed warmth. and seated, when he made a great ado, and blew on his hands. The table was quickly spread with the best the humble quarters afforded to which was added hot tea and fruit. The guest turned out a saucer of tea and blew upon it with his breath. "Why do you blow on your tea?"

inquired the host. 'To cool it.'

"When you first arrived you blew on your hands. Why did you do do that?'

"To warm them."

"Get out of my house. No one who blows hot and cold with the same breath shall find shelter here."

What would the wise old satyr have done with the Bible, had it been presented to him, with the claim that Jesus meant love for himself when he used the word hate?

Christian brother, think of this matter\_read and tremble:

"If any man shall take away the words of this book, God shall take away his part out of the book of life!'

Hebrew Historians Not to Be Trusted.

Professor Delitzsch, in the service of the Pennsylvania University, one of the oldest and most substantial literary institutions in the United States, has spent several years in explorations on the site of ancient Babylon, one of the most famous cities of antiquity." He returned to America several months ago, and lately gave a course of lectures in New York in regard to his discoveries. Of course he labored in his lecture to avoid the discussion of religious subjects, but there is an extract that shows he is a thinker of the progressive stamp:

"The Chaldean magic and astrology passed to Egypt, and to Greece, and has come down to our times. The long stay of the Jews in Babylon and the settlement of Samaria and other portions of Palestine by Babylonians explains how so many Babylonian ideas entered into the minds of Many religious ideas we ascribe to the Old Testament existed much earlier in Babylon and are found in these records. Plenty of Bible phrases occur word for word in the legal documents We find in Babylon inscriptions God appearing in a dream, or interfering in person, or speaking to man. We find prophets, and the legend that man was made of clay and moistened by the sweat of the maker. We find the conception of life after death nobler than the Hebrew view, and ideas of a hell of drought, and a paradise of waters."

Without quoting the Professor verbatim further, it is proper to state, he found the reputed father of history, Herodotus, unveracious, just what Prof. Sayce wrote of him several years ago. He added: "The Hebrew historiaus are not to be trusted," just what The Progressive Thinker has loaintained for:a long time.

A Parallel Case Related.

continue action so long light and heat

The

'It would not be so "difficult to tell," if our brother of the press would stop The present state executive of Misto comprehend the facts. The evansouri became prominent while officiatgelists have been overdoing the busiing as state's attorney. He found frauds in every department of governwolf!' lieved when the ravenous wolf came. ment, state, county and municipal, so was torn to pieces for want of that and set himself to work to bring the aid, had he not previously practiced a offenders to justice. Though violently deception, would have come to his re-

opposed by politicians the people, by lief. A myth of ignorance, as is the hell of the churches, yet it was foran overwhelming vote, made him governor-a reward for his integrity, and merly a good drawing card on the sua desire that he should continue his perstitious. In those localities where intelliservices in a more influential position gence is the most widely diffused, and to secure honesty in the discharge of has become very general, there official duties. His name has become calamity howlers are the least suca tower of strength because of his cessful.

zealous labors to suppress wrong.

The Merchants' Association of Boston, on the evening of January 20. gave a banquet, at which Gov. Folk Satan Disappeared Through a Rat was an invited guest, as well the most distinguished speaker. Among the good words he is credited with devil and drove him out of his house saying, we find the following, which

we trust those Spiritualists who are through a rat hole, is written history of the aucient town of Topsfield fearful the exposure of fraud medi-Mass. The hero of this fight with Sa ums will injure the cause, will considtan was Rev. Joseph H. Capen, and its er at their leisure and lay to heart. cause was a servant in the parsonage We quote:

On one peaceful Sabbath during the witchcraft period, the minister "No state can be injured by the enforcement of law. No nation can be hurt by exposing wrong-doing, either preached in Salem village. During his discourse he had a premonition that something was wrong at his Topsfield public or private. If any business is hurt by an investigation, it shows home, and he returned to it as speed something has been wrong, and it ily as possible. He found his fears to should be hurt. There is no secret be true. Satan was about, and had should be hurt. There is no secret be true. Satan was about, and had remedy known for evils of this char- tempted the household servant to They cannot be cured by read a book forbidden on the Sabbath acter. They cannot be cured by read a book to black the wicked book hiding them. The disgrace is in submitting to them by indifference-net and defied Satan to take the unhappy maid. He threw one-half bushel o in their correction.

What is true of state and nations, in regard to the exposure of wrong, is flaxseed upon the floor and boldly told no less true of social and religious soseed by seed, before he could read th cieties. The individual who obtains book backwards, and thereby undo money by false pretenses, if prose-the wickedness of the servant, he cuted as he should be, is made to do could have her for his own. Straight service to the state. Is he less guilty way the minister began to read, and because he personates spirits, and the read with such skill, though back thereby rebs the people? wards, that he beat the devil, and then he drove him from his home.

A Thoughtful Child.

and for many years after doubting "Grandma, I have always had such one could see the rat hole as proof of an exalted opinion of God, I will not the tale .-- Lynn (Mass.) Item. read the Bible any more, if you don't The above shows that ministers used the same methods (incantations) mind.

Thus a little girl who had been pre- as the less educated savages sented with a copy of the sacred volume by her grandmother with instructions to commence with the beginning Every man is a consumer, and ought to be a producer. He fails to make his place good in the world, unless he not and continue the reading at her leisure until the end was reached. She only pays his debt, but also add some thought as she read, and was soon thing to the common wealth .-- Emerson surfeited. \*

BOD

The force of his own merit makes The true man is he who does the truth and never holds a principle on his way; a gift that heaven gives for him, which buys a place next to a king. which he is not prepared in any hour to Do what good thou canst unknown; quences of holding it .- F. W. Bobert at be not vain of what ought rather to be felt than see .- William Penn.

SPIRITUALISM.

It Is the Broadest and Truest Ism of Any.

Send 1 and 2-cent stamps or silver, as you choose.

To the Editor :--- Spiritualism is perhaps, the broadest and truest ism of any, and to me it is scientific, beit does not separate the sheet cause from the goats, but holds that God' mercy and love never fail. The ele-ment that is striving to establish a priesthood, is just as worthy of sup port as any sectarian or orthodox sect, and their object to meet the legal requirements that have resulted under the influence: of this narrow, orthodox dominant class, is undoubtedly the same. It brings perquisites and legal standing, and obviates paying license that otherwise the dominant orthodox element will surely force them to the

gay. Well, this is in line with the gospel of the Nazarene, and I believe he was the greatest medium that has ever demonstrated a superior and controlling spiritual power on this planet. But as a freethinker, I look at Na

churches, they do not understand it, or know how to handle it. There ture and her laws. I reason that the INFINITE INTELLIGENCE can make are ministers who preach through inno mistake, and then conclude that I spiration, but they do not know it. am incompetent to reconcile all these and if a Spiritualist were to tell them seeming contradictions which are, no of it they would have a good old ecdoubt, all notes of harmony in the diclesiastical fit, and the spirits knowing vine plan.

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about God,

it, hide it from those "wise" heads and reveal it to babes who have be-So I relinquish the impossible task and sing a little narrow song, in line come as little children, rendering with my orthodox education: them able to enter the kingdom of

- Take Care of Your Soul. This world is a dark place in which we now live, And life may seem worthless befor we get through; It is not important what creed we be man. But very important what course we

The things most important pertain to him to be careful of an accident, and explaining to him how hard it was to the soul, if you would be happy, to virtue be finish one's work on earth after leav ing the body. He said that each mor-No one can be happy and lose selftal is given just so much work to per-form during his life, but if he did control-od: Let principle govern your actions not accomplish all that was given, he had to return to finish the task. I believe in working for the spirits Some pedble billid churches and talk but I do not believe in letting them

monopolize us to the detriment of our Profess to ba Christian-but note own work. I believe that we are on how they live, If you observe dissely and think there own work. I believe that we are on this earth for a purpose, otherwise we would not be here, but I do not think that purpose is to give our whole life and attention to spirits. If is fraud, all Remember As Christ-like to love and forgive

Don't think for a moment your soul here on earth. LOTTIE COLLEEN Jacksonville, Fla. Your first care at all times while

The progress from deepest ignorance As character is the most. important to highest enlightenment is a progress from entire unconsciousness of law to thing, And Christ is a teacher whose prethe conviction that law is universal and inevitable .- Spencer. cannot be careless and expect to The arena of the new standpoint of

missionaries of the Mrs. Laura L. Crawford, Mrs. Jennie Duffus, Mrs. Mary Stein and Rev. John "And he died." It is known that the sensation felt D. Boyle, all of Detroit; Mrs. Amanda a mortal wound inflicted with a Coffman, Grand Rapids; H. L. Chaprifle bullet is that of a light blow. man, Marcellus; Mrs. Lou Abbey, Fen-In many instances, when the wound, ton: Judge Calkins, Jackson, and Mrs. while dangerous, is not necessarily Matilda Wisker of Detroit. There will mortal, the blow is felt in another part of the body. The writer himself be christening and ordination services on Sunday.

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER.

It is Expressed Very Briefly, But With

Of the 105 counties in Kansas, 85 are

houses and 37 have not a criminal case

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without a pauper, 25 have no

Just the opposite has happened.

we can argue from history.

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is another illustration of the fact that

"it is idle to argue from prophecy when

When a bill was introduced a year of

two ago to take municipal suffrage away from the women of Kansas, no

vonder it was voted down almost unan-

THE BROKEN CHORD.

Once when the angels were singing

Their anthem of love and praise

In creation's earlier days,

Its note of sweetest intense,

Down to the world of sense.

It chose for its place of abiding

The aspiring soul of man,

Man's dream of love began.

Deep in his soul it is stirring.

Unto love's distant star.

When the angels have replaced it .

And the heart of the Infinite.

-Carolino Renfrow in the Woman's

And the broken chord is complete

That drop of immortal leaven,

And since that holy coming

When the morning stars were rising

They lost from the chord of the sev-

And it fell through the gateway of

ALICE STONE BLACKWELL.

imously, and "amid a ripple of amuse

a Thunder of Potency.

the state.

all.

was shot in the liver in one of the battles of the Cuban revolution and This is expected to surpass every other meeting of its kind ever held in felt the pain, a very slight pain, under the right eye. It was only after sev-A cordial invitation is extended to eral hours that he discovered his mis-RENA D. CHAPMAN, Becretary M. S. S. A. take.

Call Death Delicious.

Death by hemorrhage, according to the most famous medical authorities. is "delicious," as is death by hanging. Buffon declares that death is specter that looks from the distance far more horrible than it really is.

Lucano's last words were: "If men only knew how good it is to die they would not struggle so hard to live."

The famous Jesuit, Francisco Suaon the docket. In Kansas, women have rez, of Lisbon, said just before he had full municipal suffrage since 1887. died: "I never thought how sweet If during these eighteen years women death was.'

had neglected their homes for politics, William Hunter, one minute before as the opponents of equal rights prophhis death said to his friend Combes, who stood at his bedside: "If I had esy that they will, half the men in Kansas would have been brought to the the strength to hold the pen I would poorhouse by lack of thrift and domeswrite about the sweetness of death." lic industry on the part of their wives. Pestalozzi's last words were: "My and the rising generation would have God!' gone astray and filled the prisons to overflowing for want of motherly care.

Gazzotte said: "I die as I lived; rue to my God and to my king. Anna Moore: "What happiness!" Oliver Cromwell: "I am saved!" Walter Scott: "I feel that I am

coming back to my senses." Lord Byron: "It is time to sleep." John Russell: "I've finished with ime. Now comes eternity."

Munzer: "Long live the kingdom of Jesus Christ!"

Tasso: "In Thy hands, oh, Lord, I place my soul!"

Jeanne Gray: "My God, take my soult"

Joan of 'Arc: "My Jesus!" George VII.: "Is death only this?" Caesar: "Tu quoque, Brutus?" Lamennais: "We will meet again." Haller: "The heart does not beat ny longer."

Napoleon: "Force, head of the army!

THE MODERN AND ANCIENT.

Pure Christianity and Modern Spiritualism Are in Perfect Harmony.

L. P. Wheelock in No. 845 of The. Progressive Thinker, declares there is not a shade of sameness in Modern Spiritualism and Christianity.

Probably his disgust at the nonsensical claims of orthodox churches; has caused him to feel that way. I detest the foolish . claims made by, many professed Christians, as much as Brother Wheelock does. But true pure Christianity and Modern Spirit-

ualism are in perfect harmony. We should not let the folly of riestcraft; or even the crudities that lave crept into the bible, blind us to Man's soul will have reached the king the tender purity and grandeur of the principles set to vibrating by the

humble Nazarene. Duluth, Minn. JOHN T. DOW.

settle and balance all accounts while

they had done their work they would The same God that made you made not have to come back, so do not let us neglect all other duties and make Believe in his love and all evil re- the same mistake, but let us try to

And draws the soul with its longings

While the angels are reaching earth-

Man is uplifting to heaven.y That note of celestial music Yearns for its home afar

sing he song of redemption when this science is that of the pupil's own mind-mimer Gates.

heaven within themselves, there to enjoy the unseen visitors who come to sup with them, but the time is fast approaching when all men will under-stand that the kingdom of heaven is not meat or drink, but the words

which proceed out of the mouth of Last evening a spirit spoke to my husband through my organism, telling A Brilliant Letter from a Prominent Scientist, One of the Most Noted Astronomers of the World, and Yet Skeptical in Regard to the Claims of Spiritualism-We Give Him a Fair Hearing.

Am Editor at Large

"I live amid such an unutterable congeries of grand things, always in view day and night; surroundings of such matchless beauty, that several travelers have told me that they would like to come here to die: within an environment so splendid, that minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years, roll away into duration, filled with such intense happiness that I wish they were slower and longer. A blessed peace that actually 'passeth all understanding' is mine all the passing hours."

I have long known that trouble was then, the blessed hellotropes, the great coming to the whole United States blooming hydrangias, flaming poinset from having an editor running around tias with the little wistarias and violets. at large. Congressmen get at large sometimes, and woe follows; and now comes my good brother, Hudson Tuttle, from up in the Berlin Heights region in effete Ohio, and says in The Progresstve Thinker, No. 839, p. 5, col. 5, and line No. 67, counting from the top, that "by my own words, know nothing" of Spiritualism. This is because I have

read all of Brother Tuttle's writings for years. He cannot write a scratch without my reading it. I count him as one of the ablest and most logical writfors in the country. I wish to make a statement to the

thousands of readers of The Progress ive Thinker, now that Brother Tuttle has shaken up this solid granite pile, Echo Mountain, as by an earthquake. At the age of eleven and one-half

years I began the daily study of astronomy, and have continued it until this day, December 25, 1905, with one exception. At the age of thirty, I did a thing which, if it had been told me a year before that I would do, I would have deemed it impossible. At thirty 1 came across a book on Oriental Philosophy, and it had an occult cast of reasoning and religious. I was so fasci nated that I sent for another. Past be lief, I dropped astronomy and mathe-matics and kept on reading things Oriental. I kept it up six years and eight months, ten hours per day, and

traced every historic religion on earth ancient and modern, back to its origin To do this I had to make constant study of the evolution, expansion and growth of that inscrutable, insoluble and majestic wonder, THE HUMAN

I read hundreds of works on ps chology, comparative philology, guistic archaeology, comparative relig-ions, occultism, ancient magic, ancient and esoteric mysteries, such as those of Eleusis, Samothrace, Crete and Ar-

Egyptian religion was explored, and hedged in by gigantic peaks, saw the Mesopotamian, in the light of recent actual rising of the stars out of stone; excavations and translations of archaic literary remains. But the most | fascingting of these researches were mighty bulwarks and dissolved the vathosons de on the origin of the relig-ions a par own ancestors, the Aryans, in the original home in Central Asia, 800 miles east of the Caspian Sea, and 400 north of the present city of Lahore, India. This was a mine of mental India For the origin of what we now believe, say and do, was discov-The entire study was that of pred. mind. One could "watch it grow." turned. Now turn the telsco That vast, intricate, elaborate and Milky Way when it is rising.

Great trained banks of cypress enclose yards and gardens, flower laden, all so beautiful now here in December, that I have seen tears of emotion flow from startled eastern eyes upon their first vision of botanical splendors. I look upon these every day in the year,

BUT WHAT OF THE NIGHT? Human speech is inadequate and words powerless to begin to tell of sun-

set glows, when colors are splashed over this paradise, this wide area of golden fruit and maze of flowers, mag nolias and eucalyptus, and thrown on the mountain in careless floods, or streaming into the deeps of the canvons when their mouths are turned toward the solar globe. Nor pen, nor tongue can hope to convey to the mind of a distant reader any idea of the su pernal glories of the celestial vault in the great telescope, as mountain dark-

ness draws on apace. Beyond all conception is the falling of the shades of night amid the colossal mountains. Canyons are cut out of view, in the blackness of Egyptian darkness. Giant facades grow dim and at times nearly invisible; and then brain cannot assimilate the beauty of the rising of the stars and planets out of notches, stones, trees and foliage of this wondrous mountain-clad horizon.

BATTLE OF CLOUDS.

If the reader would study the older chapters of the Rig Veda, and also the early Aryan Hymns to the Maruts, he will get a far better description of mountain risings of the stars, than I am able to write. These primitive poems are intensely interesting, and of ligh value in the analysis of the mentality of our own remote ancestors in the far and away uplands of Central Asia. I can only take time to say here, that the religion believed by the reader if he is of Aryan descent, is largely based on the fact that his progenitors

and giant wars among the clouds on the horizon when the sun came up out of pory masses into oblivion. 'I have watched these battles of clouds

hurled by terrific winds against peaks, hour after hour, and have seen how it came to be that the Vedic hymns sing of the storm gods in raging war. AN ASTRONOMICAL TELESCOPE

inverts every object upon which it is turned. Now turn the telscope on the Milky Way when it is rising. The imanything"; "must bring figures to bear"; "You can't reason with him"; "can't be made to feel the grand complex science, modern mentalism, agination of the greatest poet that ever has its roots in the primeval Aryan lived cannot picture the wondrous

brother knows, was not made against one lots of anything genuine; for I am in the midst of a life-long search for the genuine. I am so destrous of seeing, one even, true psychic phenome-non, that in the absence of railroads I would walk from here to Chicago to see it. I used the two dreadful words, "horrible mediums." I feel that I had allegitimate right to, for I HAVE BEEN ROBBED AND DELUDED BY THE ONES TO WHOM THE TWO WORDS WERE DIRECTED. THEY HAVE WILFULLY DECRIVED ME IN CHI-CAGO.

GENUINE PSYCHIC PHENOMENA. The English Mechanic was founded in 1842, and is one of the leading sci-entific journals in the world, and is mailed to perhaps more postoffices in every nation on earth than any other science magazine. I have written

much for it. Now how glad I would be to publish throughout the habitable earth, any genuine psychic phenomena whatever. Hundreds of visitors from every part of the world, at the observatory, and hundreds more by letter. have asked me to write about mental phenomena. I have promised that I would, and now here renew the prom-

ise, that the first genuine psychic phe-nomenon I see, will be acknowledged in 200 newspapers and magazines. Five million people will hear of it, and the science of mentalism advanced. But positively, they must be real, the true. I cannot take any more risks whatever of again finding myself in the presence of fakirs. My entire life training has een set on a mathematical basis; and of course, nothing whatever but facts count. But when a physical scientist gets hold of a demonstrated fact, he nakes the earth ring with it. Thus if I should happen to stumble upon a hitherto unknown lact, 1 would hasten to a elegraph and send the news to Washington and London. Every academy on earth would hear of it within twenty four hours. Now if the human body

contains any entity that will live after the body dies, it is due to all humanity that trained scientific men at once do these things: Find if such an entity exists. ľ.

2. Find all that is possible regarding its nature 3. Find if it will exist after the

body dies. 4. Find if what we do here can af-fect the entity after the death of the

5. Publish the facts learned in all anguages spoken by mankind. I do not offer any apology for the use

of the word "horrible"; it is not necessary. All true Spiritualists know that I did not mean them; but those only who so fearfully deceived me years ago. Of late, for a number of years I have not tried to see phenomena for fear of fakes. BUT NONE CAN TELL HOW ANXIOUS I AM TO SEE THEM AND PUBLISH BROADCAST.

#### SOME OBJECTIONS.

Here is something that might interest Spiritualists. I have been with scientific men all my life, and have asked many why they did not bring their skill and training to bear upon psychic in-vestigation. Here are the usual re-plies: "I fear being sold," or "de-ceived." "I do not like to investigate in the dark." "They will not let me make an accurate scientific investiga-tion." They are afraid of mathemati-They are afraid of mathematicians." "Wait until they root out fakirs." • "I do not want to become a nervous wreck." "I do not want to run risk of obsession." "Wait twenty-five rears until Spiritualism purifies itself." And I have as good a right to use the word "horrible" as my good friends, the Spiritualists, have to say these naughty things of me: "That mathematical iceberg up on the hill"; "that cold scientist of Echo Mountain"; "the man who will not listen to the spirit of the vast mountains"; "the man who will look at the splendors of wheeling suns,

and not feel the moving of the spirit within the galaxy"; "the man who will look at the rising and setting sun on scenic splendors, and not feel the action of spirit behind it all"; "the frigid mathematician who will not believe

slower and longer." A blessed peace sion, Mrs. Nellie Whitcomb presiding at that actually "passeth all understand-ing" is mine all the saysing hours. I feel that there are writings on the the table, doing the honors of same in a most creditable manner. The table was

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bountifully supplied with fruit and the delicacies necessary to the occasion, and from the larder was brought a sup-ply of the substantial necessities to giant facades of granite; glyph on the colossal mountain walls; cuneiform script on the sides of the canyons, all inaccessible to man; sculptures on dislant peaks; engravings on cliffs and crags, and esoteric tunes more inscrut-able than those of ficient Druids, on petals of flowers, wings of the blessed humming-birds, buzzing in the sunfrom those present a social shine, and on the leaves of trees. And able entertainment to all. there are readings in the giant floor of stars; carved letters formed of stars; were much appreciated by the invited guesta.

curious handwriting in script formed of twisted and bending lines of suns; and whole words in the Galactic deeps. I have gazed upon; these celestial splendors for years, and yet have no proof that there is within my frame any entity, thought, affection, emotion, longing, yearning or love, that will still ive on after the body dies. It is as hopelessly impossible for me to get a trace of proof as it would be if I lived

#### at the North pole of the earth. BROTHER HUDSON TUTTLE

N. S. A., of his work done in our city while serving the First Church of tells the exact truth when he says Spiritualism. know nothing about Spiritualists of Pittsburg. have about forsaken all hope of ever knowing. Every effort has ended in tated the First Church of Allegheny discomfiture and at times in dismay again with the N. S. A., which is true, and chagrin at defeat and failure. How but the same would have been done ever, I am willing to make one more had we not received a visit from him. trial to secure a trace of proof that man has anything within, by what-ever name called, that will survive He goes on to state our society had met with difficulties and was unable to keep up its dues with the N. S. A., and had become negligent, which when his body dissolves; and if I can only secure the postoffice addresses of any persons able to show me this thing, statement is incorrect, and we desire to correct the same and give our reato tell me of the soul, so that I can know, I will call upon them, if they son why our society did not renew its charter before with the N. S. A. It live in the United States. If I see true and sure, I WILL MAKE WAITING MILLIONS HEAR ABOUT IT. All was not on account of our financial inability, but from the fact of being chartered under the state laws of good and true readers of The Progress Pennsylvania, and feeling that, we ive Thinker instinctively know that my were fully protected from that source. severe words were not intended for them; and Mr. Tuttle knows it. My After having had some conversa-tion with Brother Stevens on the subremarks about asylums for the insan ject of the N. S. A. charter and the were based on p. 278. Great Psychological Crime, where the author says, that friendly relations it would bring about between the two societies, our society in one of the largest asylums, 58 PER took the matter up and decided to re-

CENT WERE THERE BECAUSE OF INSANITY DUE TO SPIRITUAL-ISM. Farther down it reads: "IT IS REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT MORE THAN 50 PER CENT OF ALL THE INSANITY OF THE UNITED STATES IS THE DIRECT RESULT active work of the state missionary. OF THE MEDIUMISTIC PROCESS." When I wrote the article for the English Mechanic, I was all worked up over a horrible case of obsession that I personally observed wherein an aged of debt, with a fairly good bank acmother many times started to write letter to her son in a distant state. For several months, every time she would begin the letter her hand would write as follows: "My dear son ...... my son, my first born .... oh! I cannot ..... my son ..... I hope ..... and so on. The blank spaces were filled with the most awful lan-

as I feel that Brother Sprague has not done justice to it in his report. I do not feel that the report of Brother guage. oaths and obscenity. She could not help but write these borrid words; Sprague would encourage this society and had to give up all attempts to write or any other to active work for the to her son for a long time. Again, Mr. Tuttle says: "It is not

Sprague that in the future he be a lit-tle more careful in making his retrue that 'statesmen tremble in the presence of Spiritualism.'" I did really make a break there; I meant policemen. ports. They tremble in their shoes here in Los Angeles, when they try to collect licenses from mediums. I keep hear ing all about it, and then I am ·all

wrought up again; and Brother Tuttle knows I had in mind policemen. I wish I could get hold of a new late accurate and true work on Spiritualism. I believe I have read all of any note that have been published, and now I am hungering and thisting for the last one out. And then Mr. Tuttle went on dreadfully, saying that if "honestly investigate I will change my views." In thirty years' research, I have always approached study of mind honestly; and could not by any means whatever, be tempted to draw near the vast mystery in any but an honest frame of DOGAR L. LARKIN. Lowe Observatory, Cal. BUFFALO, N. Y.

ing. If ever a speaker and medium What the Ladies of the First Spiritual

A GLANCE AT THE MISTY PAST. | world of awful conflicts, trials and dis appointments.

Bedford, Iowa.

The Divine plan would be very im-Knowledge Has Had Its Ups and perfect without the principle of present Downs in Combating Error in All and future progress for all children of men and women. Periods of the World's History-A Vivid Portrayal. All the tribes and nations of man

refresh the needs of the inner man, and have been out upon the great ocean of I believe that all persons who read eternity, sailing in life-boats, toward the same goal and destiny of infinite at the same time there was dealt out The Progressive Thinker and approve repast of its teachings, regard the Bible as a love and perfection. W. S. FRANKLIN. which enlivened the state of affairs to sacred history, on account of its age. It gives the customs, beliefs, superstithe extent that it brought into existence a very pleasant, harmonious and enjoytions, prejudices and ignorance of the The hospi past centuries, among the Israelites and talities and courtesies of the occasion the ancients of other nations.

Eye Glasses Not Necessary, The more we study the principles of, life in humanity, the more we are con vinced that it started low down in the Eye Sight can be Strengthened, and all

score of human existence. All life is a mystery, although many heories are given as to its origin and The Pastor of the Church at Alledestiny.

N. H. EDDY.

CORRECTING A MISTAKE.

gheny, Pa., Makes an Ex-

planation.

To the Editor :-- I notice in your

new our charter again.

count. At the time we renewed our

charter we paid our five dollars for

N. S. A. I would suggest to Brother

THE CAUSE PROGRESSING.

GEQ. C. DAY,

Pastor.

tion for the National as a donation.

Buffalo, N. Y.

Human experience and human devel opment are subjects worthy of study by all intelligent persons.

It is not strange, when we come to reflect, that progress among the differpaper of January 27th, the report made by Bro. E. W. Sprague of the ent tribes and nations of the past ages has been slow.

Knowledge has had its ups downs in combating error in all peri-ods of the world's history. He makes mention of having rein-

Reformers and scientists have had to suffer death and endure persecution and imprisonment while promulgating new ideas and theories in advance of cublic sentiment. Leaders in advance of the people are most always unpopular. If readers of history will come down in their reading and observation to the period of time when Jesus and his apostles started a new and spiritual religion, they can behold the fate of such reformers against the old ideas, customs and systems, It is well for us to refresh our memo-

ries at times on past events, and compare them with modern history that we can read every day in our great daily newspapers. All the people in Christendom are fa-

miliar with the narrative about the crucifixion of Jesus for the so-called peresies that he taught the multitudes who heard him. According to the record, all of his

chosen disciples suffered death by It was the fact of my conversation with Brother Stevens as one of the martyrdom as well as himself. They had traveled far and wide to teach the trustees of the National, and not the doctrine of the new dispensation among the ignorant classes of people. It is solemn to read the fate of Jesus and his apostles. We learn from the

I further desire to state as pastor of the First Church of Spiritualists of history of their deaths that Matthew Allegheny City, that I have been serving it for the past six years, and 1 am more than proud to state that it was killed by the sword in Ethiopia. Mark died at Alexandria, after being is in a flourishing condition, and free dragged through the streets of that city

> Luke was hanged on an olive tree in Greece.

John was put in a cauldron of boiling the same, and took up a good collecoil, but escaped death, and was ban shed to Patmos. I make this statement to set our society right in the eyes of the public,

Peter was crucified at Rome, with his head downward. James was beheaded at Jerusalem. Philip was hanged against a pillar in

Phyrgia Bartholomew was flayed alive.

Andrew was bound to a cross whence he preached to his persecutors until he died. Thomas was run through the body at

Cormondel, India. Jude was shot to death with arrows

Mathias was first stoned, and then be

leaded. Barnabas was stoned to death, by

Paul was beheaded in Rome, by Nero

They all died for what was then the

The history of the world has ever been filled with woe, and awful tragedies in the name of God and religion Belief has caused the past history of nations to be filled with bloody wars, and hillions in loss of life and property Popery ignorance and superstition nave been the demons of destruction through all the ages of mankind. Life on this mundane sphere

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Good Words From Oscar A. Edgerly, Jews at Salonica. To the Editor :- On Sunday, 28, I conwith a sword. cluded a very successful engagement with the First Church of Spiritualists new religion. of Pittsburg, Pa. This is an organiza-tion that one can well be proud to work for, or be connected with. Owning a

beautiful church building in the very have in all parts of the country, called upon to speak in the past in all kinds of places, from a barn chamber to a

ualism is making as evidenced by the fine buildings our societies are secur-

best section of the city, they have the facilities to do a mighty work for our cause. To one who has worked as

country school house, it is indeed gratifying to mark the progress that Spirit-

made to feel at home and at case, it is

WITH SOOTHING, BALMY OILS.

mind. I found this at the expiration of almost seven years of arduous, pains, a room with it; throw down ten bush-taking and critical research. Then els of diamonds, rubies and opals, and taking and critical research. my astronomical studies were resumed, turn on an electric light. A faint idea with strict attention to observatory routine, in Illinois, and then I came to this far larger and much more important observatory, in this wonderland of the world, Southern California, "the field of view, literal heaps and piles of diamonds. tlessed."

#### CENTRAL POINT OF ALL GREAT RELIGIONS.

teles cope greatly magnifies this motion, and inverts. Here is the startling, all absorbing, mind-controlling effect; the I found that all religions of the giant belt of stars, the galaxy, seems to be pouring floods of stars into the awful

world are nearly alike. The differ-ences are less than coincidences. The center around which they all revolve, depths of the canyon! And the entire like nlanets around suns, is this one nocturnal skies are strewn with such wonders of Nature's magnificence, that fact: They agree that there is a vast unseen spiritual world, intangible, unthey have not even been observed yet by all the astronomers of the world, known to the senses, yet real and pow-The literature of man rests on since the invention of the telescope. THE SPIRITUAL WORLD.

to me?

this fact. I have examined at least one thousand theories about this other world, and perhaps half of them are prehistoric, and were in daily thought centuries before simple religions be-came embodied in brain-destroying hierarchies, that have crushed man like the wheels of the juggernaut.

Since coming to this wonder spot of the world, to this lovely mountain, rising in splendor up out of paradise, a paradise, a wilderness of fruit, flowers and living green, all spread out in a panorama as beautiful as the vale of Cashmere in India, I have had dear blessed communion with nature in her most splendid and magnificent modes And hour by hour, by day and by night, for nearly six years, I always have looked at the most beautiful objects, for there is nothing else to see. I hope the reader will not be disgusted with these merely personal matters, since they are inserted here for the purpose merely of making a point in reply to my esteemed friend, Mr. Tuttle.

#### MOUNTAIN LIFE-A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE.

hundreds of articles for the great news-papers of the United States. Surely I live on a peak in the center of a Mr. Tuttle has seen some of them: if so vast amphitheater of mountains; and he knows that they contain a coloring these enclose Echo Mountain on three of mental things. I read book after book on mind and mental phenomena. or rather arcs of concentric circles, to the east, north and west. Peaks, I was not aware that I had published so summits, crags and cliffs rise like senmuch on mentalism, until about a year tinels in all these directions. Many are ago when I began to receive vast addia hundred miles away, and their artistions to my mail. Hundreds of new tic shapes and forms are submerged in thought, occult, esoteric and Spiritualtints, dreamy tints, of violets, blues and istic books, papers, magazines, and let-ters poured in much to my amazement. reds, and at times grays, mixed with purples. But words fall lifeless in any Some letters tell me that I am in "psyattempted description of that vast area. chic danger" living on a mountain. Others tell me that I am in an "occult place," and that I am "surrounded by 900 square miles in extent, extending southward to the sea. It looks like a hess board in living green, and now it unseen influences." If so, I am totally is December 25, and the climate is like unaware of them, and the "spiritual world or universe" is utterly unknown. the middle of May in Chicago. Below is a scene of animation and hurrying to Thousands of men, women, and fro. girls and boys are gathering vast heaps mental power, and see exact scientific mental phenomena. And this mystery cf oranges and lemons for shipment east. The trouble is to secure cars; deepens. I am within a complex maze and have you in Chicago witnessed an orange smothered paradise, bathed in wondering why Nature withholds all psychic phenomena from one who so the soft sunshine, with orange flowers shough for all the bride's on earth, earnestly desires to behold, and who has studied mentalism, and every kind with never fading roses, the year of religion, so many years. through, by literal millions? These grow up the sides of the houses, over the roots and hang down on the other And carnations by the acre ex- to make an argument against my franfield to places out near the sea; and the attack." This attack, my good

hymns of nature"; "can't feel the spirit of the world"; "lives in the most gloscene. Take black velvet and carpet rious and beautiful spot on earth and cannot see the blessed spirit within" "cannot believe that any entity exists but matter"; "he thinks blind force of the stellar floor, the background, the base of the universe, may be had. runs the universe"; "he does not fall I often see regions so rich that they in love with the mountains, plains and contain 40,000 stars-all suns-in one sea": "he thinks that there is no purpose in nature"; "he will do anything rather than believe in a mighty spirit-

windrows, torn into wisps and spray of

glittering gems of all colors and splen

dor by actual hundreds of millions: and

here amid this wondrous scene of earth

and sky, on this distant mountain, alone at midnight, away from human

beings in a silence and solitude so in-tense that, with a slight addition to im-

agination, one might think he heard the

axis of the earth turn: in this wonder

ful place of sweet communion with na

ture, I am unable to detect one hint or trace of information that there is such

thing as that sphere called from al

antiquity, and by millions, the spiritual

world. And why will not Nature speak

IN PSYCHIC DANGER.

half of my study has been on the exact

physical and mathematical sciences

and half on mentalism. I have written

Now, Mr. Tuttle knows that I have an

HE HAS BEEN ROBBED.

Mr. Tuttle says: "It is not called for

Since coming to this observatory,

The earth revolves on its axis; the ual universe within the physical."

WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE SPIRIT WORLD. These and a hundred more are kindly told to me here, by people from every part of the world. Then, when they

get home, they mail hundreds more that they did not think of while pres-And they do not offend; I ent. used to them from away back. Only one of the above hurts: "He does not fall in love with the mountains, plains and sea." But I do. And I would in-For myriads of guns in the Milky stantly love the beauties and wonders of the vast spiritual world, if I only Way are piled in colossal heaps, banked up into effulgent terraces, raked into

could possibly see it myself, or have somebody show it to me, tell me where to look, point it out, or do anything that I might behold. Another does not feel just right. "He will do anything rather than believe." How wrong this is. I will believe at the exact instant that proof is had; I will not pretend to

believe, but actually will.

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of glyphs from the Temple, pilaster, pylon and pillar, from tomb. ohelisk and gateway, from corridors leading to subterranean labyrinths along the Nile, along the Ganges, Indus, Jumna, Tigris and Euphrates, and from the literatures of Greece. Rome, ancient Celt and Teuon and from the runes of the Drulds; repeat, every phase, type, kind, quality of thought, theory, hypothesis regard ing the human soul, mind, or entity within, by whatever name called have been examined carefully; and now they come along and say that I cannot see the wonders of mountains, flower-laden plains and tossing sea; nor in the speechless marvels, glories and beauty

lelescope. I live amid such an unutterable congerles of grand things, always in view day and night; surroundings, of such travel

ers have told me that they would like

intense desire to explore the human of the midnight sky, with vision in-creased a thousandfold by the great

matchless beauty, that several

to come here to die; within an environ-ment so spiendid, that minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years, roll away into duration, filled with such in-

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Society, at the Temple, Prospect and Jersey Streets, Are Doing to Heip Sustain the Interest of Spiritualism. Mrs. Amanda Coffman, who has been

serving the First Spiritual Society in Buffalo, N. Y., at the Temple, Prospect and Jersey streets, during December and January, has labored very earnesty to inspire an interest in Spiritualism. She also worked hard to gain a financial achievement for the society. One of her plans was to hold a two-days' fair trusting that a surplus of funds might be accumulated to replenish the

treasury. She communicated her plans to the ladies who have an interest in the welfare of the society; among whom vere Mrs. Nellie Whitcomb. Mrs. Dr Matteson, and Mrs. Chas. Johnson, who is president of the Ladies' Aid Society. They all worked with a vim. Mrs. Whitcomb had an independent booth, so did the Ladies' Aid Society. There were other attractions to further inter-

est for the fair, and in one of the church parlors there were arranged sev eral booths for the mediums, they giv ing readings, and it was surprising r to see the great rush for that line of attraction. Each one in every and all de-partments of the fair did well their part of the work in the interest of the fair. Many beautiful and attractive articles adorned the tables; the most of them were sold to a good advantage. The fair would not be complete with

out some popularity being attached to it, hence the race for the most popular lady was put in motion. The contest-ants were Mrs. Nellie Whitcomb, Mrs. Heaton, Miss Oleson and Miss Hussong They started the competing race to see who the winner should be, but with all the efforts put forth, Mrs. Nellie Whitcomb was the victor. .. She received, at 10 cents per vote, sufficient to result in over \$90, and took the laurels in the shape of a most beautiful bouquet of flowers, which were presented her as being the most popular lady of the fair. There was a door prize, every ticket having a number; the same was put in a box, with name on ticket<sup>8</sup> and at the close of the fair it was ruled that the 15th ticket drawn out of the box by the young lady appointed to do the same. was the one to take the prize. Number 761 was the lucky number.<sup>11</sup>Miss Sarah Tibbs of 250 West avenue, was the winner. The fair was an exceptional success. Much credit is due to Mrs. Con-man, Mrs. Whitcomp, Mrs. ppr. Matte-son, Mrs. Johnson and their co-workers or, assistants, for their very carnest ef-forts put forth to achieve the success that was attained. The proceeds of the fair were \$307, of which Mrs. Nellie Whitcomb turned into the coffers of the treasury, \$174.39; \$92 of this was voted Mrs. Whitcomb as the most popular lady of the fair. Mrs. Dr. J. H. R. Matteson and her

daughter, Mrs. Nellie - Whitcomb, are ever to the front in whitever they undertake to carry out, and Sunday, Jan. 28, the officers of the First Spiritual Church and a few friends were invited to Mrs. Matteson's home: 248 North Division street, to share the hospitalities of the same, and at the close of the morning service at the Tomple, Mrs. Matteson, Mrs. Coffman and the invited guests repaired to 248 North Divsion street, to partake of the sumptuous re tense happiness that I wish they were past and entertainment of the occa-

while serving the Pittsburg Church With Mr. C. L. Stevens presiding, and with the cultured audiences that assemble every Sunday, there is indeed ev crything to induce inspiration and a perfect reciprocity between the two

worlds If the success of an organization depends on the executive ability of its management, then I am sure the Pittsburg Church is bound to succeed, fo never was any society blessed with more able leaders than are constituted by Mr. C. L. Stevens, president, and his executive board of the F. C. O. S.,

That the people appreciate the work of my guides, I feel assured, as I am informed that the church will assign me another month's engagement during the season of 1907.

On Sunday, Feb. 4. I am to begin a month's engagement with the First Asences of a missionary of the cross, and it is a wonderful experience, not ensociation of Spiritualists, Washington, D. C. O. A. EDGERLY. D. C. dured by modern ministers in' many

#### Reunion of Old-time Spiritualists, in Vincennes Hall, January 10.

The recent reunion of the old-time he missed some of the tragedies and responsibilities of life, but he led a Spiritualists was an event that will ong be remembered as one of the most successful and interesting services ever given. Vincennes Hall, the home and head-

quarters of the Spiritual Alliance Society, was thrown open to the veterans and their friends, and at both afternoon and evening services were so largely attended that it was almost impossible to accommodate the great crowds. Many were obliged to stand.

One of the most impressive features of the program was the eloquent remarks of one of Chicago's oldest Spiritualists and mediums, namely Mrs. Gage. For the past forty years this grand inspirational medium has stood by the growing truths of our cause.

the conflicts and battles of life, it is Many an eye gave vent to tears as well for mortals to ask the unseen this noble soul related the bitter exforces of a high order, for assistance, periences and cruel persecution she had to tolerate at the unmerciful guidance, wisdom, knowledge, strength for every day and trial. hands of the early Spiritualist perse-The experiences of all lives of men cutors.

Another excellent number on the program was a solo, by Brother Coe, entitled "The Old Musician's Harp." The opinion of all present was that it was produced as well as Mr. Williams could have done.

There were many faces missed, one particularly, namely Mr. Longhurst, who no doubt-was present in the

spirit to enjoy the spiritual feast. Much of the success of the reunion is due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. O.

B. Wilson, who has the reputation of always succeeding in what she underakes. The grand day of spiritual blessings

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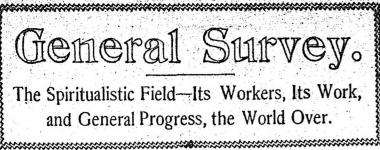
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principles of progression, and unfoldment of all the races, through time and

### and women is discipline, and it is in-tended to prepare them for a higher and spiritual life, if they only give heed Humanity cannot appreciate happi-

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KEEP COPIES of your poems sent to If we have not space to use them.

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Mrs. Mary Esther Aron writes from Arapahoe, Nebraska: "I am located perholding successfu manently here, Spiritualist meetings every Sunday evening. My many friends in Chicago will be glad to learn of this,"

Virginie Barrett writes from 320 W Jefferson street, South Bend, Ind., that she would like engagements.

W. H. Mitchell writes from St Joseph, Mo.: "Rev. W. F. Peck of St. closed a month's labors in this city last night. He is a forceful, eloquent, logical speaker, and is doing great good for the cause."

A., gave a very entertaining dramatic recital at the First Spiritual Church last evening for the herefit of the last evening for the benefit of the day." church fund. Her program began with a recitation of a poem by Virentitled "Christmas, 1776." spirited poem and was very well given Thomas Paine. The lyceum joined the services, with lesson sheets and number was the "Maryland Yellow every child and many adults, gave a Throat," which was faithfully illus quotation from his writings. Brother trated by the whistling of the bird. Grimshaw gave an eloquent address. Mme. Richings is very successful in Mr. Symons, our president, made a her initiations of nature in the strut and crow of the rooster in his dialogue Johnson' from the unseen side, spoke with a duck, in her own composition through Mrs. Jurgens excellently. of "Fine Feathers Make Fine Birds." Mrs. Detloff and Mr. Amberg gave

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Gertrude Baker writes: "On the lates of Jan, 25 and 26, under the auspices of the Indiana State Associa on of Spiritualists, we had with us at Sheridan, Will J. Erwood, who demode of speaking has much to do with impressing his sound logic on the

minds of his hearers. Ignorance backed up by prejudice has all to do with retarding the progress of the land. lectures, we feel encouraged to hope the seed was not sown in barren soil." again.

Gustav Willms writes: "Sister Lets-ter was with us again last Sunday this office, for they will not be returned evening, and welcomed by the mem bers of the North Star Spiritual Union, and their many friends. A large audience was present. The lecture given by Sister Letster, subject, The ing great work among strangers and skeptics of the Northwest Side. We invite all who are interested to be with us Sunday evenings at our hall,

1546 Milwaukee avenue." Mary E. French of Clyde, Ohio, rites: "Rev. Dell A. Herrick served writes: our society the first and second Sunlays of January, to fine audiences His lectures were argumentative and logical, impressing one with the fact. there is a nower behind the throne stronger than the throne itself." Inspiration, to me, is a beautiful phase of psychic unfoldment, without which we cannot be great. In order to enjoy a truly inspirational lecture we

C. Fannie Allyn, one of our most efficient workers, writes from St. Woodward Cloud, of this city. Louis, Mo.: "On Sunday, January 28, ed "Christmas, 1776." It is a our church kept the memory of

A Prize Masquerade Ball will be given by the First German Spiritualist Society, Saturday evening, Feb. 17, at its hall, corner of Ashland avenue and Thirteenth street. Go and take your friends and have a good time. Admission 25 cents.

W. J. Colville has just delivered a course of lectures in Boston, also in Hartford, Ct., which have been very largely attended. The new book, "Universal Spiritualism," which he is now writing, is expected by March 81. After its publication the author expects to go via California to Australia and New Zealand.

Mrs. A. H. Sullivan writes from Mc Keesport, Pa.: "With a membership of less than twenty, a charter was ob tained from the N. S. A. in June, 1904 and meetings have been conducted ever since in Postoffice Hall, every Sunday evening, and Wednesday afternoon, with Richard Tischer of

Homestead as speaker. His earnestness of manner and eloquence brings large crowds to the meetings. His efforts have been rewarded by an increase in membership of more than double that of one year ago. The tests given by such well-known mediums as Mrs. Gillard, Mrs. Zopfie and others, have been well received. Our Ladies' Aid has also been doing much good work under the leadership of Mrs. Gillard, assisted by other local

mediums. Though our Aid member-ship is not large, yet they are all willing workers, and our treasurer's report shows a surplus of more than \$275, and we hope at no distant day to have a meeting place all our own. Many of our members are readers of your paper and hope it will long continue to spread the truth broadcast." A. Turbett writes: "There will be a euchre party on Thursday, Feb. 8, at Mrs. Dexter's, 1000 N. Halsted street.

Everybody welcome.' Cyrus F. Allen writes: "I think The Progressive Thinker is the best paper published of its kind." Harry Bastian, formerly a resident

of this city, and a most excellent materializing medium, greeted us at our office yesterday. For the last thirty years his residence has been in Eng-We were glad to meet him

Dr. F. O. Mathews, the medium passed very suddenly to spirit life, Jan. 28. at his home, West Delvan av-enue, Buffalo, N. Y. He had not been well for several weeks. The family heard a noise in the room where he was and found that he had fallen to the floor and expired.

Sunday, at the Spiritual Mission Chanel (Old 77) our meeting was well attended in the afternoon, and in the evening we had a crowded house, and judging from the questions asked, they were very intellectual. All seem to enjoy the fact that they can have a personal question answered by our speaker, F. M. Stoller, who is a fine We had psychometric readsychic. ing from visiting mediums and your correspondent, the secretary, Mrs.

Maggie Henry. Will Mr. H. G. Wilder, now of California, formerly of Illinois, write to A.

E. Smith, Grand Junction, Colo.? "The Henrietta L. Lichtig writes: tea party given by the Sunflower Club, Tuesday, Jan. 9, was the largest attended of any heretofore given. Ladies find it a pleasant place to meet old friends and have a message from spirit friends. It is a general wish that the ladies of the Sunflower Club will continue them. The next busiess meeting of the club will be held February 13. Let there be a full at-

tendance." C. G. Holt writes: "During my visit at Lilý Dale camp last summer I'received through the mediumship of Georgia Gladys Cooley the most convincing spirit message that I have ever had, and I have been an investigator for a number of years. Remaining in Chicago over Sunday on my way to my home in the West, I decided to attend a Spiritualist meeting. On looking over the notices in the paper I found that Mrs. Cooley was holding meetings at 47th street and Grand Boulevard and I decided to attend. The subject for that night was 'Thomas Paine,' it being the anniversary of his birth. My experience had been that all our best speakers did not present the phenomena, and that our best mediums did not make public addresses. In this case I agreeably surprised, as the lecture given by Mrs. Cooley on this occasion was equal to any I have ever heard The subject seemed to call out all her inspirational power, and was handled in a masterly manner. It seems hard to realize that such a great man, one who did so much for this country

A gentienen writes to this office, choosing the following for a subject: "The Mission of Andern Spiritualism, and a Few, Werts About Mediums." The closing page of his article is miss-ing. Will he please send his name and address to this office, in connec-

tion with the above subject, so that the omission can be supplied? E. W. Sprague and wife, N. S. A.

Missionaries, are sorking in the state of Michigatofor a time. Societies and ndividualse wishing their services Address should write them at once. them at 835 Third avenue, Detroit, Mich. 30 W. J. Colville Has just completed a

very successful lecture season in New England, where he spoke to very fine audiences in Boston and Haverhill, Mass., and in Harfford, Ct., during last monthal. At present he is in Cleveland, Ohio, Tlecturing Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, till Feb. 25 inclusive, at 3 and 7:30 p. m., in Spiritualists Cemple, 235 Fullerton street. All letters, etc., may be addressed there. O. Merritt writes from Genoa, Ill.: The First Spiritualist Investigating Society of Genoa, Ill., held its regular monthly meeting in O. F. Hall, Tuesday, Jan 30, with Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley as speaker and message bearer. Although the evening was cold and disagreeable, there was a good audience, some driving nine miles to attend. Mrs. Cooley was at her best, and gave one of the finest lectures and the best messages ever given in Genoa. Subject'of lecture: "Prove all Things, and Hold Fast That Which Is Good." About one year ago we About one year ago we organized the Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin Circuit Association, the object being to have the same speakers take in all this territory. Mrs. Cooley is filling appointments in the circuit in furtherance of the design of the association, going from Genoa to Rockford, and from thence to Belvidere, which will take nearly the entire week." 1.1 1:11

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

### To the Spiritualists of Michigan.

The Michigan State Spiritualist Association will hold its mid-winter convention in Detroit, on Feb. 9, 10 and 11, in Colonial' Hall, on Sixth street Colonial Hall is a new, spacious, well lighted hall, which will accommodate 2,000 people. We are anticipating a grand rally of the people, notwithstanding the lateness of the announce ment. . We are late in getting pro grams out: which could not be avoided. Dr. Geo. B. Warne, our grand na-tional missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. E: W. Sprague, Amanda Coffman, Brother Chapman of Marcellus, and many others of our best state work-ers, as well as Judge Calkins of Jackson, Rev. Laura Grawford, Mrs. Mary Stein, Rev. D. Rurroughs, who will see to it that the musical program is a success. Our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. White are among the workers from the Detroit field, as well as other tried and true workers in the mediamistie line, whose name I have not now in my recollection will be present and make the occasion instructive, Marmofilous, and soul-in-spiring. " JUEIA M. WALTON. JUEIA M. WALTON. President M. S. S. A.

TEMS'FROM CALIFORNIA.

Illustrating the Good Work Going on There. 1/31. SC . ----

Los Angeles was the home of Mr Stephen D. Dye, our lamented brother who nassed over the crystal stream al most immediately action his "return from the N. S-A, convention. Mrs. Esther Dye, his widow, feels the loss of her beloved companion severely, but being an active woman, with a good share of business'as a magnetic healer, she bears the sorrow in a commendable manner. Saturday evening, Jan. 27, she had

at her home a delightful social gathering, the party being made up of sev-eral eastern friends of Mrs. R. S. Lilnito

#### LAKE HELEN, FLORIDA.

At the First Church of the Soul, De-Notes of Work at Southern Cassadaga Camp.

Some time has elapsed since my las letter was written about the happenings of our little city amongst the There have been many new pines. arrivals and several departures, some not to return, because of business interests: some have gone to Cuba for a time, others to the automobile race now in full force at Daytona. But when the curtain rises on the real be ginning of the camp season, all who can return will be here. Among those whom business called

away was Dr. Charles Haines of Ohio, who had just begun his work here as a physician who would make the South his home. He promised to return as soon as his business matters

North were settled. Also Dr. Bodifield of Cleveland, O., was called home to patients who needed his services and are unable to come south.

The last Budington excursion brought an addition of fourteen to the camp. The cottages are nearly all rented

upon the grounds, but Mr. Emerson Bedell, just outside the gates, has a four-tenement building yet unoccupied as it is but just completed.

There are still some good rooms at cottages, and Hotel Cassadaga, Brigiam Hall and the Spencer House have rooms that are desirable.

have had beautiful weather, We rather too warm some days, but the evenings are fine. Imagine us with loors wide open, looking at the moonlit landscape and listening to Vicepresident Kellogg's fine phonograph, with records that make you stand up to listen to "The Star Spangled Banner," sit quietly while we listen to "Pass Me not By," and "Saved by Grace," and shout with laughter as we hear the song story of "The Preacher and the Bear.'

George Van Slyke of Lily Dale is a most efficient superintendent of the grounds, and has mastered the mys-

teries of our spark engine so the tank is kept well filled with water. Mrs. Laura G. Fixen is occupied in the interests of the City of Light Assembly, therefore we see but little of her, but she assures us her strenuous labor will not claim her attention the whole season.

J. Clegg Wright began his class work Monday, Jan. 29, and will con-tinue through the season. There is promise of a large attendance. His wife and adopted daughter will spend the winter with him.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is busy at work and desires to thank those who have already remembered us with things for the bazaar, for which we will receive more means by which we can have our grounds beautified.

President Hilligoss has been working hard to make this a "city beautiful," and with his assistants has placed some trees and over a hundred rose bushes in the "Ladies' Rose Gardens." There was a beginning of a fund given for it three years ago, which has been added to by donations and in various ways. The three Miss Hedricks with their - cousin, George Vonderheide, gave a benefit for the benefit for the rose garden fund, which netted a nice sum. They furnished the music and also a beautiful program. Mr. V. was obliged to return to college in Cincinnati, the next day. There are meetings held every Sun-

day. January 7, Mrs. Laura Cum-mings of Springfield, Mass., -gave a very beautiful address upon "The Majesty of Silence." It was like a poem in itself, but the thoughts given prought us face to face with our own natures, and called out stronger resolves to understand what the "Silence' had in store for us.

On Sundays, the 14th, 21st and 28th, Mrs. Wheeler's guides addressed large audiences, and on the 21st and 28th, Miss May Hedricks of Brooklyn, N. Y., followed Mrs. Wheeler with

descriptions of the pictures she saw, see and find it to do. Then we should practice those which were every one recognized. The testimony of the guides came not so teachings here now in our everyday

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troit, Mich. On January 28, Dr. Julia M. Walpresident of the Michigan State ordained Spiritualist Association, ordained Laura Lee Crawford, who has served as pastor of the Church of the Soul. The hall was most beautifully decorated with nalms and floral pieces. and decorations were used freely and artistically to make the scene beautiful. Five children dressed in white, preceded the candidate, who was also robed in pure white, with their arms

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laden with flowers, to the extempore altar, where the candidate took the beautiful and solemn obligation of a minister of the holy Spiritual Dispensation The hall was crowded to its utmost

capacity but the large audience lis-tened with reverent and hushed interest to the earnest adjuration questions of the president, and the low and affecting response of the candidate. A beautiful musical program was rendered. Terse and interesting remarks, conveying the most harmoni-ous thoughts, and congratulations were tendered Mrs. Crawford by nearly all the prominent workers of Detroit. The most of the halls had been closed that evening to show the kindly feeling that existed among the

mediums and speakers. Hundreds were turned away for lack of room, and murmurs of "the most beautiful. ordination services that I ever witnessed" were heard on all sides at the close of the service Comments upon the rites favorably to

Spiritualists were made by many who were not Spiritualists. - Thus the good work goes on.

JULIA M. WALTON.

SOME HELPFUL THOUGHTS.

By One Who Is in Love With th Beautiful Cause of Spiritualism.

After over forty years' experience with Spiritualism in its many phases, from the A B C raps to a positive knowledge of their return, yet feel that I am ignorant of much that I would know, and yet the realizing of that ignorance leads me to wish for more knowledge of that life beyond this mundane sphere; and is it possible that those beautiful, pure, loving spirits that can ascend so high that they can feel the loving influence of those that are still higher? Can they come back to earth and mingle with this world's likes and dislikes. hatred and malice, and not be contaminated with its influences? It seems as though there must be a dividing line where things pure and things im-pure cannot mingle without impairing

those pure and living angels. Is it possible that my loving angel mother can and does come to me and with her loving, soothing hand stroke the forehead of her eldest son, and call me by my pet name and say, "No

no, Homer, not so, but this way,' and then in her loving, gentle way tell me what to say? Yes, I know there has been for years a something influencing me to put away my vindictiveness. 'No, no, Homer, be more considerate of others' thoughts and feelings, for you are mortal and do error. Then be considerate of others' errors and mistakes, and when possible so to do,

help them to see the way of truth and happiness, and in so doing you will better your condition as well as theirs." But the question I wish you to an-

swer is this: How is it possible for the pure and loving spirits to mingle with us of this gross and impure world, without being contaminated? Milk and water can't be put together with out spoiling both. Or, maybe I have it, those in the higher spheres teach those in the lower spheres and so on. down to earth; for I believe the future

that when we discard

is an endless progression, and for us to advance we must be doing some good always and at all times when we

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In her old-fashioned songs, "The Laird o' Cockpen," "Lord Lovel," "The messages. At 7:30 Paul MacArthur ovel," pleased all with an earnest speech. 'Bryan O'Lynn" and "Rise Mourners. Mr. Gilbert followed with a strong, ' she showed her mastery in dia-Rise.' logical address. Mrs. McCaslin and Her greatest successes were in Dr. Hughes interested us, and Mrs. lect. her character sketches, in costume, of Allyn made remarks and gave an im-"An Everyday Boy" and "A Naughty promptu poem on 'The Skeptic's Monument,' subject suggested by Mr. Nourse, faithful friend and worker in Girl." Piano selections from Wagner and other composers filled the interludes between the recitations. The the lyceum, who is also a teacher and evening was highly enjoyed by an aphealer, Mrs. Bezeman and Miss preciative audience.-The Baltimore Grosse gave interest and pleasure by their sweet singing. We parted feel-American.

ing we had been one in spirit with friends both sides of the mystic veil. First Spiritual Temple, South Side Turner Hall, 3125 State street. Meetings every Sunday evening at. 8 From your subscribers, I hear many o'clock. All are welcome. Mrs. Luwords of praise for your work." L. P. Wheelock's address is at Madcille De Loux, pastor.

John A. Toren writes: "The meetison, Wis., instead of Moline, Ill., as

ings of the Society of the Psychic announced. Forces at Wilcox Hall, 361-363 East Hattie G. Hattie G. Webster writes: -"The first Forty-third street, are well attended, social of the year was given by the and growing more interesting. Dr. J. officers and members of the West Side O. M. Hewitt, permanent lecturer for Church, on McDowell street, Columour society, addressed the temple bus, Ohio, and an enjoyable evening members of the Independent Order of. was spent. The net proceeds of the the Mystic Brotherhood, on Sunday same were twenty-five dollars, the evening, January 28, his subject be-ing 'Mystics of the Ages.' A large the church. 'We expect to give the majority of the members were in atmajority of the members were in at grandest social we ever gave, the tendance as well as a number of strangers, and all evinced their pleas- grand flag drill and song for which ure by the hearty applause accorded they are famous. We hope soon to Brother Hewitt at the end of the dis- have our lyceum reopened. Our so cials are one of the means we employ course. Mrs. Ada Zazelle was present and gave a number of psychometric to let the outside world know what readings which were fully appreciated. we are doing, and those who come to Mrs. Isa Cleveland's guide, 'White them, and receive a hearty welcome, Star,' performed her work in the are sure to visit our religious meetusual convincing manner by giving ings, and when they come once they come again and again to receive new such messages as are always understood and recognized. We extend our life." usual invitation to all strangers and E. R. Fielding writes from Wash-

ington, D. C.: "Mr. and Mrs. E. W: skeptics." W. J. Elmo writes: "The Spiritual Alliance Church at 3514 Vincennes have finished the month of January in avenue, is having large audiences evthe interest of the First Spiritualist ery Sunday at 3 and 8 p. m. Plenty Society. There has certainly been an of good tests and messages by va- awakening among the Spiritualists, of good tests and messages by va-rious mediums in the afternoon, and a and many converts to Spiritualism selected program in the evening. made under their ministrations. The Prof. H. S. Fraser has returned from consecration services for the members the South, and is assisting Mrs. Elmo in lecture work and giving messages. Our socials and dances held every February. He is a trance speaker and Saturday evening, are well attended a message bearer. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague entertained the Auxiliary and enjoyed by all. A cordial wel-come to the services is extended to all come to the services is extended to all of the First Association, at the resi-who are anxious to learn more of the dence of Mr. and Mrs. Collins. This growing gospel of Spiritualism."

W. D. Noves writes: "Our January son. Several mediums were present month at Madison, Wis., was a suc- to assist them--Mrs. Longley Stevens, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. White and Our public services were the largest ever held there. We held two large mid-week parlor meetings at Baraboo, Wis, and were entertained the light. The Temple League has for its speaker for February, Mr. W. J. Nigh, and Mrs. A. M. Zoller gives by those staunch, true Spiritualists, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pratt, whose home messages after the lecture. Mr. A. Terry is the message bearer for the is always opened to visiting Spiritual-We go from here to Beloit, Educational Society. Mrs. Jaquet is speaker at Woon's Hall, and Mrs. Wis., for the first Sunday in February. All mail addressed to General Delivery, Baraboo, Wis, will reach me."

Columbus Wells writes: "There is Mrs. C. Lee writes: "I feel as no such thing as creation. The earth though I cannot get along without your valuable paper, The Progressive is undergoing changes all the time, Thinker. My eyes are so poor I can but the atoms of land and sea remain harly see to read, but will get some the same. Sometime in the remote one to help me, and the book I always past the atoms of this earth were wanwanted it, and I can read it on bright dering in space. What caused them to come together and make a planet days.

Mrs. C. Lee writes that she is more or world? My conclusion is, that this Mrs. C. Lee writes that one of our premiunt world was always a world, and will always remain one." hnoks lately received.

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were very impressive. Oscar Edgerly

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Julia Warneke, the message bearer.'

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could have received such treatment from people who call themselves Christians. Sad to think that it Christians. should be left to this late day to do him justice, and we still send missionaries to convert the 'heathen.' The spirit messages following the lecture were splendid, and fully recognized. Such workers should receive our earn-

est support and be encouraged in every way." Dr. J. M. Peebles writes: "During

January Moses and Mattle Hull have been speaking here in San Diego, Cal. to large audiences."

A. Haegar writes: "Sunday, Janu ary 28. Temple Light and Truth. 370 Wabansla avenue, gave its monthly concert. Mrs. Korbus and our pastor, Mme Mrs. Th. Loll, gave lectures. Celli, Miss Kouly and Miss Huneman gave vocal and instrumental recita tions, and Rosenstiel Sisters, Winkel man Sisters and Boldin Children gave recitations on various instruments The message bearers were Mrs. Binz. Mrs. Gantner and our pastor, Mrs. Th. Loll. That our concerts give satisfaction is seen by all, seats being filled and the smiling faces when they

go home." The Psychical Research Society, an organization of Spiritualists, last night ordained as its minister Mrs. Glen C. Stephens. The service was held in the Athenaeum rooms, Ninth and Locust streets, and was conducted by Harrison D. Barrett, president of the National Spiritualist Association. An opening address on "Spiritualism, and What It Is," was made by Mr. Barrett. In the course of his address he said Spiritualism was the antithesis of materialism: that all persons were Spiritualists who believed in a hereafter; that Spiritualism taught eternal progress. He declared that it was very easy to commune with the unseen, although sometimes the process is a failure owing to our own wickedness. He denounced the wearing of mourning garb. Follow-ing the talk the ordination services were held. After the asking of many questions all were seated except Mrs. Stephens. She stood erect, for several moments. Then she closed her eyes, stretched both arms outward and

lapsed into what was called a trance. Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. E. J. Shackleford of the Progressive Spiritual church are the only ordained ministers of the faith in Kansas City .----Kansas City (Mo.). Times. Geo. A. Letford, the drummer medium, has some open dates between

June 27 and July 15, for camp work. His address is 275 Michigan avenue, Chicago, Ill.

prominent Spiritualists of this city. Mrs. Lillie is still giving her elo-

quent-addresses to audiences that are gaining in numbers. On Sunday evening, Jap. 28; her theme was Thomas Paine, the Hero Emancipator." With masterly ability she por-trayed the many virtues of this great and good man. Four other speakers participated in the exercises, among them Prof. J. S. Loveland and the cel ebrated Dr. Tanner, both of whom were eloquent on this occasion. Three or four different meetings

were held in this city in commemoration of this event. Every year new admirers appear at these meetings, those who have thrown off old preju dice and emerged into the true light of this great man's history. His life and works show that he was an ihspired medium and one of nature's truest children.

John Slater is still in Los Angeles Moses Hull is to give a lecture one evening this week.

Last fall an association of Spiritual-ists was organized for the purpose of securing land and fitting it up for a camp-meeting. Seventeen acres within the city limits, have been des Seventeen acres ignated for that object, and work has already begun to get it in readiness for use as a place of meeting during the summer months. It is to be owned and controlled exclusively by

Spiritualists. It is to be regretted that the large number who belong in our ranks in this city, have not before this date erected and owned a beautiful temple dedicated and used by them exclusively for their many purposes. Such a scheme has long been considered and desired by Mr. Dye and his co-work-ers, and it is to be hoped that such a consummation may yet be reached in The rapid and imthe near future. mense growth of this city, the pro-gressive nature of many of its leading citizens, Had the demand for such place of meeting-would seem to be good reasons for anticipating such a desirable result.

FREEMAN W. SMITH.

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rents." Mrs. Elizabeth Towne takes the position that in many cases it is the parents that need the training more than the children, and advises parents to look to themselves. Twenty-fiv cents could not be better spent than in buying this little book. Anyone that has the care of children should read it. Price 25 cents.

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could not be disputed. She is a young girl who has a future of great work before her, unless the circumstances of life interfere.

On last Sunday afternoon, President Hilligoss introduced to the audi-ence Hon. Alonzo Hubbard of Vermont, Mrs. Ida Spalding, a speaker from · Norwich, Ct., Mrs. Stumph, a minister from the New York State Association and one of the missionaries of that state, particularly among the Germans, and Mrs. Laura G. Fixen, vice-president of the Illinois State Association and manager of the City of Light Assembly; also J. Clegg Wright who had but recently arrived on the grounds.

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Miss Elton E. Hedricks, a wellknown astrologist of New York, will give forecasts of the future from knowledge gained from a scientific study of this subject.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 24th, Mrs. Carrie Pratt of Boston, a wellknown psychometrist and medium, favored the Ladies' Auxiliary with a se-ance which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Pratt has rare tal ents, both in psychometry and clair-voyance, and is always helpful with her gifts.

Sunday, February 4, the regular camp session opens. CARRIE E. S. TWING.

The Cause in Los Angeles, Cal. To the Editor:-Last Sunday morning it was my pleasure to attend the forenoon meeting of the Progress-ive Spiritualist Association that meets at 119 1/2 South Spring street. The meeting resolved itself into an experience meeting; and many were the wonderful tales told along spiritual lines. A matronly-looking woman gave he testimony. She was about to leave Chicago for California, and was sitting by the fire with her friends and relatives, when suddenly she looked up and saw her grandmother, whom she had left a few days ago in a neighboring city in the best of health

spirit life, January 19, 1906, aged 21 years. Hers was a beautiful spirit, When she had recovered from her surprise, she heard the words, "Mark the time." The form then immediateappy, cheerful and kind to family ly vanished. The time of the evening and friends. Born from the realm of The next morning the spirit she was educated in its truths from earliest childhood. The banks was noted. family received a telegram announcing the sudden transition of the of beautiful flowers were silent tribgrandmother at the very hour she aputes of the love and esteem in which peared to her grand-daughter in the city of Chicago. she was held by, family, and friends Rev. I. W. Pope officiated at the fu-The Progressive Society here has

neral, giving a clear expression of the philosophy of Modern Spiritualism, which seemed to be well appreciated. wide-awake members, and all join with their beloved medium, Mrs. Vlasek, to make the cause of Spirit valism a glory to themselves' and the spirit world.

The society has an interesting lycoum, but there is a lack of teachers. It is lamentable that a place of our population cannot bring forth a few. earnest souls who would take an interest in the children

The Sunshine Club, an auxiliary to body. A very able and impressive adthe main society has had several so-cials lately that have netted some dress was given by her. funds for the temple that is expected to take shape in the not far distant. the Life and Times of the Nazarene LOUIS LYONS. future. and His People." Through the medi-

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earthly body for our spiritual body, we can go on teaching, those who have not been so fortunate as to see the way of eternal life and progression, as we have, and thereby be doing our holy mission of helping one another, and do as we would be

done by. Oh, what a beautiful, beautiful thing it is to be the open door be-tween the seen and unseen, what a holy mission that is, to stand and clairvoyantly see and read for mor-

tals here what our spirit friends wish to show and make us understand, and f there is a crime, an ungodly crime. it is to have that power to do so great a good and then abuse it. Thank heaven and our spirit friends that it is being purified. Jesus said, "Go ye into the highways and by-ways and

words constitute one line.]

preacher for final services.

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C. E. HAMILTON.

M. L. POPE.

Miss Hedwig Eyredam passed to

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NOTE-The Questions and Answer we must be unknown, instead of pridhave called forth such a host of re-spondents, that to give all equal hearing ourselves on their favor, we would know that we were being made sport of by deceivers. ing compels the answers to be made in the most condensed form, and often

clearness is perhaps sacrificed to this forced brevity. Proofs have to be omit-ted, and the style becomes thereby assertive, which of all things is to be deprecated. Correspondents often weary with waiting for the appearance of their questions and write letters of inquiry. The supply of matter is always several weeks ahead of the space given, and hence there is unavoidable delay. Every one has to walt his time and place, and all are treated with equal TAVOR

NOTICE,-No attention will be given monymous letters. Full name and adercised as on all other subjects. Errors dress must be given, or the letters will the name will not be published. The correspondence of this department has of the method, ignorance of the communicants, and intentional deception. become excessively large, especially letters of inquiry requesting private an-swers, and while I freely give whatover information I am able, the ordi-Gary courtesy of correspondents is ex-HUDSON TUTTLE. pected.

Doctor I. K. Funk: Q. What is the clear, rational explanation of these in-consistencies—an explanation that shall clear all doubts from a "sane" mind concerning the spirit-identity process?

A. In my reply to the question, "Is Doctor Funk a Spiritualist?" I said: "Doctor Funk has remained neutral, members will experience a delightful exaltation and sense of spirit presence continuing with remarkable persever almost as satisfying as the most start ance his researches. We presume he ling phenomena. In response to the circle on this side, continues this course to keep more in touch with the churches." In his "Open Letter," he appears to quite misunderstand my meaning. It was not because he is insincere or wanting on the other the spirit friends will form another, for they are as anxious to in courage of his convictions, as the answer as a whole, emphatically shows. The idea was that by keeping in touch with the churches he could exert more influence and gain a wider hearing, and this without in the least compromising his convictions. Not one of his carp-ing critics appreciate his position, or the honest courage he has shown.

His investigations have been for the one motive of gaining the truth for liable control. which he has made the greatest sacrifices, feeling that to demonstrate imwhich has a great influence on the com mortality is the highest achievement to munications. A long experience, and which the mind of man can aspire. Of somewhat wide observation, has made course Spiritualists would prefer a it clear that there is a large number of spirits bitterly opposed to the estabclearer sounding note, but admit that his course may be the wisest. No one lishment of communication between the for a moment questions the sterling honesty of his purpose.

Now I am glad I did not make a the belief of its possibility. clearer statement, and that he misinterpreted, for it has called out a full and free expression and presented the diffi-culties in the way or the ry investigator and would-be believer, with a torccful clearness which not only justifies him in taking his position, but presents the

profound problem awaiting solution. During fils investigations, Dr. Funk has cons hed various mediums and the result way it many cases been unsatis-factory is heodore Parker communiverse for here and there a truth! "cated through one medium and through another denied all knowledge of the first. A spirit described the inhabit ants of the planet Mars, and another said that planet was uninhabited. One This Patriot and Freethinker Monored spirit affirms and another denies that are animals in the spirit world. Some inform us that there is no one in the spirit world who believes that there

THOUGHT PHOTOS? IT'S EASY. ments would it he wise to coaclude that there were no people on the other side, or if there were nothing could be gained by conversing with them? All Picture of Every Mental Strain Possible. Scientist Says-Sit Quietly he contradictions and discouragements Think Hard-Plate Will Read Your would only make us more eager to ob Mind, New York Experimenter tain a more perfect method of gaining information through the wall. We Asserts. would not for a moment doubt that under such difficulties a friend might be identified, not by giving a "test" but by many communications all tending to express his individuality. Nor would

There is one point not mentioned

THOMAS PAINE MEMORIAL.

at Columbus, Ohio.

it aroused Miss Jones to a determined

It took her several years to gain

For the services at Columbus, the

Miss Harlow delivered the address

The First Spiritualist Church of Co-

Photographs of thoughts and mental impressions will soon be as common as cabinet portraits, according to Dr. A. M. Veeder, a scientist of Lyons, near Rochester, N. Y., says the Chiwe expect infallibility or revelations in cago Tribune. He believes he has solved the problem of photographing science, or affairs beyond the known

capacity of the one with whom we purbrain waves. ported to communicate. If names of Dr. Veeder last evening invited a distinguished men were given, to whom sibility of affecting a photographic plate by a purely mental process. In a similar manner we stand on one

side of a wall and on the other are all Thought Appears Dimly on Plate. those who have passed from the earth life, carrying with them all the charac-It was found that all of those who assisted in the experiment were cateristics of that life. Pressing close to that wall are the multitude of the least pable of exercising supersensitive powers that are ordinarily latent. This having been shown, a plate from developed and most earth-bound. The first lesson in Spiritualism is that the package which had not been spirit awakens exactly as it left this opened before was put in the holder life. Hence it is that the same methand laid on the table, the shutter beods apply to the identification of a ing closed. Each person placed one spirit that would to an earthly friend. hand about four inches above the Assurance must come from collation of plate, with the other hand under the plate and table, and were requested many communications and "tests." Discrimination and reason must be exto fix their minds on a named object.

After an exposure of about one minand conflictions arise from imperfection ute the plate was taken into a dark room and developed. It was found that a spot had formed about the size In our desire for communion with of a silver dollar, which, it developed, was what the persons participating in the higher world, we must make the conditions as perfect as possible with the experiment had in mind. The our knowledge. A private, home circle, harmonious in the earnest prayer for precaution taken was such that there was no escape from the conclusion that the picture printed on the plate the coming of those departed, dear to the members, is the ideal, and should was an impression of the thought in the minds of those interested. meet at an appointed time and place.

When such a circle meets the pulsa-tions of thought as from the transmit-It demonstrated, Dr. Veeder says the fact that persons in a certain state ting instrument of the wireless teleof sensitiveness of the mind, which graph, reach remotest distance, and are has been fully identified, are able to responded to by the spirits invoked. A circle may be held under these produce an impression on a rapid photographic plate without direct conconditions, at which not a single "manifestation" is received, and yet the tact.

#### Mind Must Be Sensitive. The experiment, Dr. Veeder stated.

cannot be successfully performed by sheer effort of the will without the peculiar sensitiveness of the mind, evidence of which was secured in the case of the five persons participating

communicate as we are to have them. in this experiment. Promiscuous and undesirable controls Dr. Veeder believes that the fact that brain waves or something of that are thus prevented from interfering for the spirit circle will not allow such to approach. The unguarded circle, sort are capable of producing photo-graphic impressions is not unreasonpromiscuous in choice of members, not able and is of remarkable interest in many ways. Whether the mind can project itself outwardly on the prinonly opens the door for the entrance of any and every one on this side, but on the other for the coming of any spirit that may desire to do so. Mediciple of wireless telegraphy for considerable distances remains to be ums who give seances to all who seek them, place themselves outside of reseen. He says his experiments would indicate that it is among the possibilities.

### TOO MUCH OF THE IRONIC.

A Comprehensive Criticism From California.

To the Editor:---I was interested and somewhat amused with the artitwo worlds. They hold a similar position as many do in this life and hate ticle in your issue of January 13, over But all experience gained by promisthe signature of G. W. Norris. I had cuous circles, and through mediums holding seances reckless of the laws not read the article by Mr. Severance upon which Mr. Norris comes down so and conditions of perfect and reliable eavily, but think it could not have justified such an expenditure of irony. Probably it denounced those creeds control, must be sifted by reason and common sense; the rubbish blown away. Spiritualism in this does not which under the name of religion endiffer from other affairs. What mountains of chaff are left in the acted the massacre of St. Bartholomew. the tortures of the Inquisition, the hufields for a few bushels of grain! What man sacrifices at Druidic altars, and wild, mess of error the churches train ancient Mexican temples, the burning at the stake of Servetus and of hundreds of other victims of religious

bigotry and intolerance. Doubtless Mr. Norris in spite of his religious zeal would agree in this view. The fact that a man views with ab-

ity with which the pages of history

horrence a religion which is responsible for the cruelties and the inhuman-

## A SPIRIT-MESSAGE.

#### Chips From the Ather Shore. th ....

The spirit is not born; 4t is the infinite life that never dies.1.jiIn man it is individualized: becomes the holy

atom life within lifes . Each soul possesses this atom of supreme; conscious-The outward bodysgrows and develops, so also theignner self. The body is the outward sign of the invisible spirit, the thought life,

These atoms of odivine spiritual growth never lose relationship to the infinite One; breather the the of the soul within, and dyaw from the innumber of friends to a photograph inite, throbbings and bulgar inform the in-gallery to participate in an experi-life divine. The realm of the created ment intended to demonstrate the pos-lifes beyond death's touch. The internal spirit is the power that controls the external.

Life is only a station along the endless journey of spirit. Souls reflect the glory and light of the Infinite presence,

Through sacrifices, trials and temptations you will find the true growth

and strength of spirituality. All that harasses and perplexes will in time be made clear. The troubled waters of life mortal will be calmed, and thy soul find harmony in the beyond.

Let the true light which you are receiving, guide your soul to rerfect peace at the final summing up/ Turn from the outward sympols to

the spiritual that giveth life; life is a manifestation of the spirit, but with feeble vision you fail to see the white light of life eternal. Ever obey the voice within.

At the gate of celestial glory, universal love and compassion will vibrate every atom of thy soul. From the heights you will perceive and know the truth. Sympathy and love will fill your being spiritual. Within yourself unfold the spiritual condi-tions which belong to you. Put from you all impure and unclean desires. Let your destiny as revealed, help you on to greater efforts, to nobler sacri-fices. Around you shines the halo of immortal life. With unfaltering steps move on in life's strifes and tur-

moils Let the spirit within speak the

highest ideals of thy soul.

#### Bible Spiritualists and Christian Spiritualists.

The moral teachings of the Bible, in a general sense, are all right. I do not think that it would harm a few of our so-called fellow Spiritualists to closely follow the Golden Rule found therein. I observe that the terms, "Bible Spiritualist" and "Bible Christian," are not similar, that is, they do not mean the same thing. The latter applies only to those persons who pro-fess to be the followers of Jesus Christ. The former is a person who has seen and realized what is spirit. This knowledge once observed and experi-enced is never forgotten. He becomes more directly interested in spiritual things than he ever could on simply receiving them by faith, because he knows them to be true. It is true that Jesus never wrote a word which has come down to us, and that which has come, may, or may not, be correct in every detail, and we know, that much that he taught is found in the books of Moses, written long before Jesus came. We admire, however, his theme and laws of love. Now as to formulating doctrines, for the belief of our members, I observe,

that the various religious organizations, the Methodists, Baptists, Universalists, Catholica and others, douthat from the Bible, and differ, widely in their declarations. Is it not left to the Spiritualists to do the same?

J. L. MUSSINER. Williamsport, Pa.

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#### INDIANAPOLIS, IND. The Cause in This City Still Surging Ahead.

To the Editor: -- I wish through the columns of your paper to correct an impression that the Spiritualists at Indianapolis are dead.

Sister Helen Stuart-Richings, in her eulogy of Bro. Frank Schmid, seemed to leave the impression that the society was no more. Brother

Schmid was, I believe, a good man He had money at his command. It was, I understand, his intention in a few years to start in anew and boom the cause he loved so well.

No, we are not dead, but after the severe blow of the high tide and gathering up the fragments, a few ladles who had no money, but a good supply of faith in the cause they loved so well, banded together at once, and step by step they carried on the work. By their noble efforts the hungry souls are fed.

We have with us Sister Anna Throndsen and her good husband, and they with untiring effort, are cheer ing the sorrowing, feeding the hun-gry and giving sight to the spiritually blind.

We all have our faults, but the most unpardonable fault I know is unforgiveness, and I feel like Bobby Burns. "Wad some power the giftle gle us, to see oursel's as ithers see

Brother Will J. Erwood was with us a few hours yesterday, and gave us all a new inspiration, and left for Sheridan, Ind., for a few meetings. He will be with us again later on. May his work among us instill in all who hear him to bury the hatchet, and work heart and hand for the unfolding and uplifting of this ~most beautiful inspiring truth. Take cour-age, toilers in the vineyard of spiritual progress; fail not, falter not, weary not in the work that brings so much of peace, love and joy, to the sorrowing one of earth.

### MRS. MARTHA WOOLSEY.

#### NOTES FROM A WORKER.

The "Spirit" That Wanted Diamonds.

To the Editor :--- I was greatly pleased to read Eva Cassell's article on the dematerializing of white garments, and greatly amused, especially wherein she speaks of spirits taking a white elephant. I say with Mrs. Cas-sell, "Why not?" Just as reasonable to think they could and would, as to suppose they would request gowns of white, etc. This particular case re-minds me of a medium who, some years ago, visited a city in the northwest, and where I, too, was stopping. In this case the supposed medium was a young man. The "spirits" came one by one from the cabinet, and finally a beautiful young girl (whom I with two or three others rec ognized as a young girl of said city) stepped out of the cabinet, looked around and then exclaimed, "Oh, mamma!" Then after a second she said: "Mamma, darling, we wear our diamonds and other jewels in spirit life, and I would like mine." Then that heart-broken mother, took off two beautiful diamond rings and handed them to none other than this young girl confederate. This was many years ago, in the time of my early investigations, and yet the show with its nefarious work goes on. But thanks to The Progressive Thinker and its many true workers, the curtain

has risen to drop no more. I hope soon to be able to wing my flight into fields of labor, and go on in the good work.

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is a God, and others that he is believed lumbus, Ohio, observed Sunday, Jan in more than here: A spirit informed 28, the birthday of Thomas Paine. Doctor Funk that an intimate friend This occasion was one of great interwas dead, and another that his friend est, as at the service there was on exwas living. In the face of all these hibition the famous wreath which becontradictions and confusion, he asks: longs to Miss Elizabeth Jones of Phil-"What is the clear, rational explanation adelphia. Pa. of these inconsistencies-an explanaiion which should clear all doubt from Thomas Paine has been so dread

'sane' mind concerning the spirit- fully neglected by all Americans, that identity hypothesis?" Investigators since the advent of

action, that she would, if possible, Modern Spiritualism, have met these gain the right to decorate his picture perplexing difficulties. In their reon Memorial Day, the same as all the search they have unexpectedly had the other pictures are in Independence foundations of their belief almost Hall swept away. A great deal of this mis-understanding has come from the old this privilege, but at last it was and entirely erroneous views of the nature of spirits. It has been the belief that spirits were all-wise and infallible. They possessed the gift of pronhecy for ten years, by Miss Jones. and were as pure in moral teaching as

Now the first lesson in Spiritualism is that the spirit awakes in the spirit world exactly as it left this. It has Fair in 1904, where it hung on Paine's gained nothing, lost nothing. There are in this world weak, idiotic, false, demen and women paid it homage. At ceptive, lying, mischievous, debased, in the close of the Fair the wreath was great majority over the good and intelreturned to Miss Jones. ligently informed. The same ratio holds on the other side. 28th. Miss Jones loaned Miss Harlow

If we were on one side of a wall and the wreath, and it was the center of the inhabitants of the world on the attraction on the platform where it encircled a large picture of Mr. Paine. other, now could we identify a friend who came to the wall. There are hun-The platform was most beautifully decorated in silk flags, flowers, and dreds of millions of human beings any one of whom might assume the name of pictures of Paine and mottoes from that friend. Should anyone desire to his works. The music was patriotic gain our attention, he might take the in character, and Miss Gray, the soloname of some distinguished man. If ist, was at her best. The church was we attempted to learn what mankind full to overflowing, many having to believes, one would tell us that God stand. Several orders of the city were was a myth of the past, another that he represented and the Red Men's league was a trinity; another, a unity; anwas present in uniform. other that he did not know. Some would affirm that there was a literal of the evening. She prefaced her lecture by reading extracts from fiery hell, and others that hell and devil were fairy tales.

Paine's works, showing him to have If we asked for a description of the been a firm believer in the God of Na earth, an Esquimau would describe it as ture and also in the immortality of a realm of ice and snow, whale, seal The lecture was a historical man. and fish for food. A man from the toraccount of his life and work, and a rid zone would tell us of the burning rid zone would tell us of the burning measurement of his character and its sun and fruits of many kinds which worth. This was certainly appreciserved for food. If asked: 'Do you ated by the large audience, for loud have snow on the earth? Does the applause greeted the speaker as she ated by the large audience, for loud water become hard as glass, and the trees lose their leaves?" this torrid took her seat.

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of a personal God and be a virtuous man and a good citizen. Such doubt does not connote the belief that chance rules the universe, or that a kaleidoscopic arrangement of atoms

has brought nature into its present form. The presumption is that matter and its laws are as eternal as they are pitiless and inexorable. The era of human existence on this fragment of the universe, as compared with the vast epochs of its duration, must be trief. It is but an unimportant inci-dent in its history. From a globe of flery mist it has gradually attained it

present stage-to again become unin-And she had a laurel wreath made for habitable for organic life, and finally the occasion. This wreath has been placed on his picture every year now return to a state of fire mist. As Shakspeare puts it: "The cloud-capped towers, the As the Louisiana Purchase was suggorgeous palaces, the solemn temples, ested and argued for by Paine, Miss

the great globe itself, yea, all which it Jones sent this wreath to the St. Louis inherit, shall dissolve, and leave not a wrack behind " picture in the rooms of the American Secular Union. Here thousands of Man with all his aspirations-after

he knows not what—his ideals of the unattainable, ever the slave of his sensual desires and needs, will forever disappear from the face of the earth. Then, one may ask, "cui bono," ' un less by some miracle of evolution

which I do say is impossible, his consciousness survives "the wreck of matter and the crash of worlds." WM. C. Duarte, Cal.

CURIOUS EXPERIENCE.

Haunted House-A Watch Placed in a Churn by the Spirits.

To the Editor: --- There is a place in this part that the people say is haunted. Everyone knows that very strange things happen there, but no one can explain. Detectives have been there to try and fathom the mystery, but failed. Things would move about there with no hands to move

them:

There would be writing on slates in a room locked and guarded. One night there were three detec

tives watching; one was watching the family sitting room with his feet high up on a chair, and the chair was taken from under him and carried into another room.

writing a letter one night and stepped into the kitchen, and when he back there was some writing on his letter in a very heavy hand. No one in the room but himself. The writng consisted of warnings, telling him

and when he went to get it, it was not

in the churn of buttermilk. At last his wife refused to stay there any longer. I would like to know why a spirit

ments. I would be pleased to have some of the readers of The Progressive Thinker send me their cld papers. They would be new to me. MRS. S. F. ALLENBAUGH.

Bronson, Kans., R. F. D., No. 3.

The San Francisco (Cal.) Examiner A philosopher, dominated by truth

says: "The presents received at Christmas, alone and bound by no ism, creed or schism, who has searched the realm of 1905, by William Emmette Coleman, one material science and discovered the rehundred and seventy-two (172) in numlation of its facts to the principles of ber, will be on view at his residence Spiritualism; a polished lecturer with the Newberry Hotel, 418 Sutter street a good command of language, who can San Francisco, Cal., on Sunday, January present his conclusions so clearly that 14, 1906, from 12 m. to 5:30 p. m., and even the untrained intellect can comfrom 6:15 to 9 p. m.-no later. prehend without difficulty-this is the

"They can be seen in the front room lescription that best fits Professor W. upstairs in the cottage next to the M. Lockwood, who has just concluded synagogue, in the rear of the main an engagement with the New-Thought building of The Newberry.

"You are cordially invited to come to us a and see them.

stranger, but in one brief month he has "N. B .-- There will be no postpone made a host of friends, all of whom ment on account of weather, unless there should be a very heavy storm, will long remember and be benefited by his teachings; and it is the earnest rendering travel disagreeable or imprac desire and expectation of the officers ticable. In that case the exhibition will and members of the society, that he te postponed to the next following will return each year to refresh our Sunday on which there is no heavy memories and offer us yet other truths. storm. Should there be light or moder the results of further investigations. GEORGE B. FERRIS. ate rain there will be no postpone ment.

The foregoing document, scattered broadcast yesterday in printed copies, proved neither a practical joke nor an advertisement in disguise, but was exactly what its face recited—a serious invitation to a serious affair, extended Thinks That Another Attempt to Asby the recipient of the 172 presents, William Emmette Coleman, whose per On the night of Tuesday, Jan. 16, I fect seriousness will not be doubted when it is stated that he has not only had an experience that can only be called a dream-vision; for it partook written books with titles like "Essened and Therapeutae," "Spectrum Analy isis" and "Parallelisms Between Bio of the characteristics of both. While asleep I heard a terrific explosion that logic and Philologic Evolution," seemed to deafen me; and shake the but earth, and I awoke to see a large palace-like structure being blown up has been for twenty-six years a clerk in the Quartermaster's department in the from within, followed by flames Phelan Building.

Then I heard the The retreat of Mr. Coleman is at the words, "The Czar! Russia!" and I top of a steep and winding stairway. felt that another attempt to assassi-Here he, lean, spare, spectacled, gray nate the Czar would soon be made, haired, thin featured and long figured lives in two or three dim-rooms with three hundred photographs of his friends on his walls and twentytwo thousand volumes on his shelves. Here he studies Hinduism, Buddhism, Sanscrit and Pall literature for pastime in the evening. Although William Emmette Coleman has written many books and articles on psychic and scientific Fair one, 'tis mine pit to rejoice that you and I are very poor; contented, I attune my volce to gladness that we subjects, his heart has not withered in the blighting atmosphere of cold ab stractions. And in feeling a sympathy are obscure. 'Were you a princess, or a queen, were I nolls, or a knight, our every action would be seen illum-ined in the calcium light. The stam-mered words in which I made of my for the needs of humanity and in dem onstrating the everlasting reality of the source of supply, he has lived such a life that at sixty-two years, one hun dred and seventy-two presents and loving messages came to him from all proposal such a mess would in hold letters be displayed, together with your dulcet "yes." Your hee, your weight, your glove, your shoe, your talents, and your taste in hats, the points of the world on Christmas Day.

The little room where the exhibit took place was filled with friends of Mr. Coleman during the afternoon and

evening.

be set down-with our chance spats "After Her Death. The Story of a Summer." By Lilian Whiting. No mind that loves spiritual thought can fail to be fed and delighted with this My working hours, my fads, my bets, my growing bald spot, and my ties with all my income, and my debts would be shown forth for any eyes; Beautiful spiritual thought, comthe time and length of all my calls the full report of all our talks would bining advanced ideas on the finer and ethereal phases of Spiritualism, leading be made known—our feasts, and balls, our auto rides, our idle walks. the mind onward into the purer atmosphere of exalted spiritual struth. A Ah, happy we! You are no queen, no princess-just a simple girl; I am no book for the higher life. Price, cloth; prince of regal mien; we do not set \$1.00.

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The old man who lived there was

to leave the place. Once he put his watch in the sew-ing machine drawer, and locked it,

there. Several days after he found it

does not want anyone to live there. It is said an old man was killed there years ago, and no one can live there in peace now. There are plenty of witnesses to the truth of my state-

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Dr. R. E. Coon Desires Some Information From President Barrett.

To the Honorable Harrison D. Barrett :- Pardon me for aking the same liberty you have taken, in using my name before the public. As you have made some statements in regard to me and my work through the columns of The Progressive Thinker, it is but fair for me to ask you some questions, which I hope you will not feel is done for any selfish purpose on my part.

In the first place, I will ask you if I understood you in your answer to Professor Loveland's queries, when you say that I am in no way connected with the National. What I want to know is, if a man that has been ordained under the laws of Oregon, or any other state in the Union, and recognized as a minister of the gospel of Spiritualism, is it not a fact that he is indirectly connected with the N. S. A., and if not, then what protection does the state association have, or its local workers, or its ministers, if there is no connection between the state and National.

Fürther, I wish to state to the public that I am not a missionary of the N. S. A. directly, but indirectly. I thought that it was right to say to the public that as a local worker and a regular or dained minister of the Gospel of Spiritualism, I was privileged to work for the whole cause, anywhere and at any time I did not say that I was the mouth-piece of the N. S. A. or any of its officers, and I will now ask pardon of the N. S. A and its officers for stating that they constitute a Christian organization, if this will make it right, for I do not want to offend any one of my brothers and sisters. I wish to say also to the public that, as Brother Barret said he happened to know all about my qualifications and ordination, for he was there. That is perfectly correct. According to the usages of the N. S. A. the ordination was of a three-fold nature, and I will further state that he took part in my ordination himself, and performed the most sacred part of itthat of delivering the charge. Rev. Harry J. Moore performed the ordination and Rev G C. Love extended the right hand of fellowship for the Clackamas County Religious Association, whose pastor I am at present, and also the state of Oregon, as he was then the state president.

Brother Barrett, in delivering the charge which made the ordination complete, and in keeping with the usages of the N. S. A., said, while placing his hand upon my shoulder: "Brother Coon, at no time or place or under any circumstances whatever will you be privileged to attack a church, society, institution, lodge, or any kind of order that has for its object the uplifting of humanity, nor will you be allowed to attack a preacher, priest or pope, or any public person who is trying to make humanity better." This was right, and I did not object to it. And again, he said to me: "You will also remember at no time or place will you be privileged to take part or to indorse any kind of deception, fakery. false doctrine, or anything whatsoever that savors in the least of decention. be it whatever it may, even if it is for the government. If it is not just, you must not indorse it, and if you do, you will be accessory to the crime and meaner than the real culprit."

This is right, and I did not object to it. How well I kept this charge may be better, judged by quoting from the little article at Pendleton, which reads as follows: "It was especially notice-able that Dr. Coon did not attack the churches or any thing else calculated to Ifit up humanity, in any way. On the contrary, his kindly manner toward all things calculated to make humanity better greatly enhanced his plausible arguments." This certainly does show that I have kept the charge.

I will now thank Brother Barrett for passing one of the greatest and best compliments that could be passed on any man, and that is this: "Dr. Coon is

The President of the N. S. A. Makes a Comprehensive Explanation. Bear Dr. Coon:-Your queries have been placed before me for considera-

REPLY TO DR. COON.

I am greatly surprised that you tion. should feel at all put out over my erences to you, as they were all kind in spirit and fraternal in feeling. You and your friends had seen fit to refer to me on many previous occasions, to which I made no objection whatever, for I believed that you and they had only kindness and good will in mind for

me When Prof. Loveland asked for an ex planation, he was entitled to a court eous reply, and as you had figured in the first premise, you of necessity had to be mentioned in the last one. I meant you no ill-will, and thought I was speaking the sentiments of fraternity and kindliness of heart when I wrote my response to Prof. Loveland's searching, yet considerate questions. I did not mislead you nor the readers

of The Progressive Thinker in any degree, so far as your personality is concerned. I said that you were not and never had been a missionary of the N. S. A. Your ordination as a minister of our gospel in Oregon does relate you in-directly to the N. S. A., and I did not intentionally disclaim that relationship. All legally ordained ministers of the Spiritualistic faith are related to the N. S. A. when their papers have been properly filed and attested in due form. There is a direct connection be tween all State Associations and the N. S. A. Only state associations now have the power to confer ordination, save in cases of societies that were organized as religious bodies (church societies) and chartered as such under the laws governing corporations not for profit. There is no disposition on the part of any officer of the N. S. A. to disfellow-ship you in any way whatsoever. You are held to be an earnest, honest man. trying to do your part to uppuild the religion of your choice. When you have proved yourself unworthy of this trust. you will be told so in plain terms, and the nublic will likewise be informed as to the change found in you. Until then, every one of your co-workers will have

a kind word for you and a warm hand clasp to go with it as an earnest of his good will. There is plenty of room for honest

sincere workers upon our platform. The N. S. A. welcomes all such in all loyalty of soul and will do all in its power to sustain them. We want more organizations and an ever-increasing number of people who attend our meetings. Every man and woman is expected to prove his or her worth. "By their works shall ye know them," applies to the workers in our faith as much as it does to the clergymen of other denominations. Go on, Brother Coon, do all the good you can, stand by the truth as it appears to you, and fight the good fight against wrong-doing with all your might. You will then not lack for friends, nor for words of encouragement from the N.S. A.. or from any other body of reform-

ers. You will be received into full fellowship next August by the Society that ordained you qualitatively last year. No one has spoken a word against you or sought to undermine your influence. You can wear any label you see fit, and no one will say you nay. You are asked to be true and loyal to everything that makes for righteousness. It is only when one attempts to fit his label upon some one clse, that trouble is likely to occur. If Spiritualism is to you only a branch of Christianity, you have a perfect right to hold that opinion. objection comes when you say that all

others hold the same view. We need not multiply words, for we now have a perfect understanding of the matter under consideration. N. S. A. officials are your friends and no one wishes you any ill. We are all in search of the truth itself, hence should not stickle for terms or labels that are often used solely to conceal one's thought. There is truth in the

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SPIRITUALISM IN INDIANA. The Cause on the Top Wave of Success ful Advancement.

To the Editor:-With your permision the writer is pleased to record the work being done for the cause of Truth in good old Indiana. Some time ago, the state association was fortunate in securing as missionary, Will J. Erwood, of Black River Falls, Wis., who is now touring Indiana and doing effective work for the cause he so honorably and ably represents. The first meeting for the state was held in Rochester, Jan. 11, and was continued each evening until after Sunday, Jan. 13.

Although the society at this city is small and had held no meetings for a number of months, the church was com-fortably filled at each session with representative people, notwithstanding two religious revivals of the orthodox persussion were in progress. Mr. Erwood has the happy faculty of winning friends to the cause as well as personally, and his lectures are appreciated and accepted as a consequence. We G. Lester Lane, D.M., D.O. We hope to have this young man with us

again, as his efforts among us are pro ductive of good. The next place visited was Peru, In-Address him at No. 872 Huntington Ave., Boston Nass.

diana, the home of our state president, E. A. Schram. Glowing are the ac-counts given of Mr. Erwood's meetings in that city, and Spiritualism is alive and Spiritualists awakened to the call

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assisted in the work by Will V. Nicum, of Dayton, and Miss Elizabeth Harlow, of Columbus, Ohio. A more able trio of earnest exponents of our philosophy

Letters Answered

Medium,

JAS. NEWTON, 438 Dorr St., Toledo. O. good, active part you are taking to weed out could not have been brought together, The Mediums' Home School those cursed tares from our midst. stood; How illogical Mrs. Cassell's reason Erwood explanatory, laying the founda-As nations rise and fall, creeds come tion, Miss Harlow, logical, rearing the structure scientifically, and Nicum crowning all by his esoteric teaching of world, so also can stoves, furniture, and go-Each church is but a monument of woe. world, so also can stoves, furniture, houses, etc. Now this is about as logspiritual development. , with star heart Every meeting was largely attended ical as this statement: You can lift and of intense interest. The music dishes, handle the broom and the pots. was furnished by Misses Minnie Men-You ought to be able to lift the stove, manly part; But love of truth will raise the living You ought to be able to lift the stove, denhall, Carrie and Adelaide Mickler of etc. There is a limit to strength. head The articles were taken into the Chesterfield, and a coterie of young people of the Muncle society, and was cabinet, and then disappeared. Where were they taken? Only a few days ago **Psychometrist and Business** success of the meeting is bean article was taken from its cause of the work of President Schram, place, and no one about the room but 195 Darimouth Street, Boston, Mass. Near Copley Square, Room, 5-6. Sittings Daily, 10 to 4, Evening by appointme: Public Circle, Fridays, 3:30; Sundays 7. myself and daughter. I thoroughly "Spiritual Songs for the Use of Cir-searched the room, and it could not be found. Twenty-four hours afterwards, alist Gatherings." By Mattie E. Hull. Secretary Carrie Mong, and Treasurer Lon Swenison, together with the assistance of each member of the local society. The collections were large and there it lay at its usual place. Where Price 10 cents. Can Be Engaged for Funerals LET US START YOU WRITE TO-DAY. Big Profits. DON'T BE 3 J. C. F. GRUMBINE, HARD (Specialist in Occult Sciences), Oliest part: Hill' Stan, Boston, Mass. UP. SPIRITUAL MEDIUM New, Quick Process= and Psychometrist. Chairwoyant descriptions, spirit messaros (namet often given), character delméations, diagnosis o physical, mental and psychic condition, with ad-vice on mediumship and all affairs of life when desired. \* Full Reading 81.00. Two ques-tions answered, 25 cents.

proved the people were glad to donate was it taken? is the question; not neo toward the upbuilding of Spiritualism essarily to the spirit world. Neither

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my daughter nor I pose as mediums, lu Muncle Mr. and Mrs. Zack Mong were the host and hostess to the speakers and a making it appear more difficult for spirits to move objects. January 25, I took the article referred to to Georgia number of friends and it can be truth Gladys Cooley, and after a very satis-factory sitting, I presented the same to the guide. The first remark made was: fully said a more genial company never gathered around the table than those entertained by those hospitable people. "The spirits have been monkeying with this." After several remarks Their guests were made to feel they were at home, and each speedily took

advantage of the generosity extended about it, she said, "Take care of it. They are not done with it." Mr. Erwood next lectured at An-This derson, and from there goes to Elwood, proves to me that spirits can and do Alexandria, Evansville and the towns move and secrete articles, and return of southern Indiana, speaking at South them at some future time. J. PEFFLEY. Bend and again at Peru and Rochester Chicago.

on the return trip to his home. The state convention convenes in March, and we hope to have the work on the move all over the state before

ment of Spiritualism in Indiana.

OCCULT INFLUENCES.

Articles Removed by Spirits and After

wards Replaced.

Rochester, Ind.

Pray if you will, but prayer never can that time. Let all secretaries of Indi-Produce one useful thought in mind of ana societies report the progress of the work accomplished in their locality, as man. Kneel to the great unknown, but learn it lends encouragement to others to

make greater effort for the advance to know That man is never raised by bending

MARGUERITE MILLER. low. Ask God to give; but learn that useful hands

Are ever more valued than God's commands.

That one poor cot on earth is valued high

PRAYER.

Above the greatest mansion in the sky. Sing! sing ye host! your God perchance may hear.

I have been cognizant, more or less of spiritual manifestations since 1850 Your long-sought Christ on earth may yet appear; Your God may speak; Christ conde-

This was before fraud was practiced in its name. I have seen and experi scend to giveenced much of later years. I have seen gross impositions, and I think no have To ignorance the pow'r to think and

live. one feels more hurt than 1 do about Faith in a dream produces nothing it. and I thank you. Mr. Editor, for the

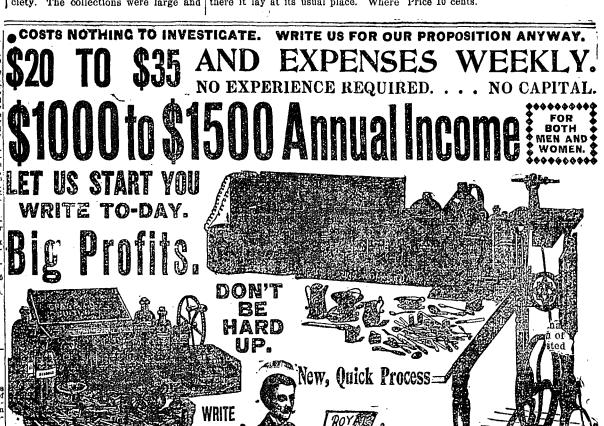
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honest man. would rathe an honest poor man in this world than a dishonest millionaire, and I will try to keep this reputation the balance of my life. In this matter, I feel that I should not be honest if I had not written this article.

l ask one more question of Brother Barrett, and all the officers of the N. S. A.: Do you want honest men and women in the field? If not, I am willing to resign now, and I will not be offended if you will release me from my obligation to your cause and my cause as well, for I shall never give up Spiritualism whether I work for the National or not. I shall always be a Spiritualist. If I was empowered now to do so, I could organize societies, churches or temples, at Pendleton, Baker City, Grant's Pass, Goldhill, Ashland, and many other places. Do you want more membership, more strength? It is left to you to say. I await your an-I was ordained twice under the California state law, once as a local minister of the gospel of Spiritualism, and last as an evangelist and mission ary of the Gospel of Spiritualism, and I have worked seven years for this glorious cause, and I have never received pay for my work from any so-ciety whatever. I thought I would have more protection by coming into the N. S. A., but if you do not need any more honest workers, I will go back to my old field of labor where I will be more than welcome.

As a parting word I would say to the N. S. A. and its officers and workers. we need more charity, and less criticism Yours for a Spiritual Spiritualism,

REV DR. R. E. COON, Spiritual Evangelist.

Spokane, Wash.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

B. Frank Schmid and His Will.

To the Editor:---Mr. B. Frank Schmid, who was president of the First Spiritual Church Association of Indianapolis, Ind., for a number of years, very suddenly passed to the higher life, Dec. 27, at Colorado Springs, Colo. Miss Lizzie Harlow officiated at the funeral, which was held at 2 p. m., January 2, 1906, at his late residence, 1740 North Capitol avenue. Miss Harlow delivered one of the most eloquent and touchingly beautiful discourses I have ever listened to.

His will, which has been admitted to probate, makes his sister, Miss Lillie Schmid, a most estimable lady, executrix. The beneficiaries of his will outside of his family, which consists of a son and daughter, are his sists of a son and daughter, are his sister Lillie, and former housekeeper, Regina Obergfoll. Then because of past kindness and advice given, the following friends are to receive \$250 each: Mrs. E. Barnett, Alfa Boguelle, each: MFE. E. Barlow, Catherino Spees, Elizabeth Harlow, Catherino Spees, Amanda Coffinan, Georgia Gladys Cooley, Anna L. Gillespie and Ada Horman. The German Lutheran Orphan Asylum, Flower Mission, Free 7 Kindergarten, Door of Hope and Rescue Mission, are named for \$400 each. The managers 'of the institutions. named as beneficiarles of his will un-

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truth, and its followers should use ey bible; there is good in Christianity; there is good in Shintoism, but we ought not to be so greatly overawed by names as to be unable to go in search of truth in all fields of investigation.

Principles are everything, because they are eternal. Individuals often count for but little because they are the instruments through which principles are worked out for the good of others. They may be ground to powder, gibbeted, burned at the stake, and subjected to social ostracism for the sake of principle. True men and women never hesitate to face one and all of these conditions, provided they can, by their blood, seal the truth of what they advocate. "With malice toward none, advocate. "With malice toward none, with charity for all" the N. S. A. seeks to do its work. Brother Coon, there is no platform of greater depth than this, and I do not believe you will object to our national body because it stands thereon.

Wishing you a full measure of success in all good works, I am,

Fraternally yours, HARRISON D. BARRETT, President N. S. A. Kansas City, Mo.

during his earth life broached the subject to them.

...The will has fallen like a chilly, wet blanket upon the Spiritualists of Indianapolis.

The general impression seems to be one of surprise , and disappointment because they thought he would have left at least a small amount to the Mediums'. Home, or the cause in gen-eral, if not a dollar to the association of which he was the honored president

twelve or fifteen years. No interest in the First Spiritual Church was ever owned by the First Spiritual Church Association. Indi-

vidual members owned stock in it. I understand that Mr. Schmid had Price, 10 cents. bought up most all the stock, and his "Right Living interest in the First Spiritual Church he leaves to his sister Lillie. I understand that the Ladies' Aid of the church paid \$400 or \$500 for

sidewalks, street improvements, etc. I was told by one of the trustees of the teresting and more easily comprehend-First Spiritual Church, who is a stockholder, that he understood that Miss Lillie Schmid was going to make over the interest she owns to the trus-tees of the First Spiritual Association. The Progressive Spiritual Society is

holding meetings every Sunday at 3 and 7:30 p. m., in the G. A. R. hall, 222 East Maryland street. Mrs. Anna Throndsen, who has recently moved here from Louisville, Ky., is the reg-ular speaker. The hall is well filled every Sunday evening, and the audiences seem to be greatly interested in the lectures and readings given from the platform.

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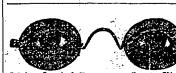
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