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HAD ARRANGED A TEST.

nals-Dr. Funk Doubts "Messages' Because It Was Not Followed.

A code of signals [says the Boston American] to be sent from the spirit world was arranged for by Dr. Richard Hodgson, one of the foremost students of the psychic phenomena, and Dr. I. K. Funk of New York, shortly before the death of the former.

Two alleged messages from the spirit of Dr. Hodgson to Dr. Funk have been received through the mediumship of the Rev. F. A. Wiggin of the Unity Church of this city, but because they do not contain any of the identifying messages agreed upon Dr. Funk refuses to believe them genuine. Dr. Hodgson has been president of the Psychical Research Society of London, and at the time of his death he was secretary of the American branch. He had devoted years of his life to the investigation of psychical matters and was a close friend of the noted medium, Mrs. Piper, many of whose most famous experiments were made under

his direction. Before his death he agreed with Dr. Funk, one of his most intimate friends, that, if possible, he would send messages from the spirit world. So that Dr. Funk would know that the messages came from Dr. Hodgson certain signals were agreed upon.

"Hodgson Must Try Again."

On the evening of January 26 Mr. Wiggin announced that he had received a message from Dr. Hodgson for Dr. Funk. It contained certain statements in regard to the death of Dr. Funk's wife. Dr. Funk repudied it because the circumstances cited ere true in connection with the death t his mother, not his wife.

Now another message, explaining the mistake in the first, has been received by Mr. Wiggin and transmitted to Dr. Funk. This, also, Dr. Funk refuses to believe genuine, because it does not contain any of the signals agreed upon by Dr. Hodgson and him-

"It is up to Dr. Hodgson to try again," said Dr. Funk after he had received the message. "The explanaself. tion of the mistake is very good. The mistake certainly was made, but whether by Dr. Hodgson or Dr. Wiggin I cannot tell. I have received many messages which have mystified me greatly, but I am not yet convinced that any spirit message sent me was genuine.

Agreed on Messages.

"Neither of the alleged messages from Dr. Hodger's spirit that I have received are saits. Hory. In this second message Dr. Hodgson is made to say that the mistake in the previous age was due to the faulty subconsclousness of the medium. No new message of identification is sent, how-

"Before Dr. Hodgson died he and reed upon certain messages of idencation, and he was business man hough to know that we would not accept any other messages as authen-

"If Dr. Wiggin is really in communication with Dr. Hodgson's spirit, why don't they get down to busines and give us the necessary messages?" The alleged message was delivered

Such and Only Such Should Be Sus-Hodgson Had Code to Send Spirit Sig- An Ardent Spiritualist Makes an Earnest and Comprehensive Appeal to Have Advance Along Religious

A PLEA FOR HIGHER AIMS.

To My Many Friends:-After a long and painful illness, lasting about five Lines. To the Editor :--- I have just been months, I am again able to be at work, reading President Barrett's communiand I take this way of informing my eation in your issue of February 3. 1 many friends from whom I received so have been a close reader of your paper many encouraging letters during my for the past year, and I must say I

illness. I will try to answer each one have been forcibly impressed by the personally as soon as possible. narrowness of mind of some of its con-I received an anonymous letter the tributors. I have only been a Spirit-jualist for the last five years, but have other day, charging me with being an enemy to all mediums. I was greatly tried earnestly to expand, grow, and surprised, and will say now. I am a develop spiritually, and I must say, if friend to all honest mediums, and any I understand the teachings and vital points of Spiritualism, it certainly does such coming to our place will receive a warm welcome and will be royally entertained. But only those that will teach us to be broad and liberal-

minded. go under strict test conditions need President Barrett rightly, to my mind asserts that there is a wide difcome-no honest medium will object to that. ference between religion and theology. Taking the many definitions of the meaning of the word religion given in wrote me and wanted to come to our city and hold seances at my home. his article, I want to ask if Spiritualwrote him that we would be glad to ism is not a religion what is it? If to entertain him providing he was willing be pure and clean physically, morally to go under test conditions, and willand mentally, is not to be religious, ing to have two officers of the law at then I am at a loss for an interpretathe first seance. He wrote back he tion of the word religion; and that is what my spiritual guides teach me is had made other engagements-so.

the great object of Spiritualism. From the general tenor of communications I have come to the conclu-sion that we cannot expect Spiritualtrying to rid our ranks of fraud. course it gives a true lover of Spirit-ualism great pain to hear the constant

ism to become a WORLD-POWER until Spiritualists as a whole lay aside, to some extent at least, their positiveness, that faculty of-I am right, and all others are wrong; in plain English, become broad-minded and liberal in the true sense of word; and when we do become so, we will be more united, and instead of a great many small so-cieties run by different mediums as a means of advertisement, we will have fewer places in which to meet, and larger audiences, and we will have times set apart for the instruction of our children in this great philosophy

sustained by Spiritualists of long standing, and I have never heard it and religion. without dissenting from it in my own I have been to a great many spiritsoul. I believe in making a ual societies, and have invariably been struck by the absence of chilmoral character more important than mediumship.

dren. Let Spiritualists unite as the Bapmunications only from high and noble spirits whose teachings can ennoble tists, Methodists and Catholics do, and instruct the children in this beautiful and purify our own character; opening work, and in one generation our cause the door to undeveloped spirits only will leap forward far beyond anyone's with a view to aiding them by our own expectations. I have found by experience that to moral strength: And in the second place let us have no private sittings,

benefit by Spiritualism, one must not attend no seances, and patronize no public test medium unless they are rest at any stage of advancement, but must strive continually to grow in Spirituality and expand morally and willing to go under test conditions and are sure that they make their own mentally, for that is to be our eternal personal purity and truth their first work-to try and perfect ourselves. object in life. We have many such As we become more perfect we will mediums in our ranks, and only such be more able to see our own faults, should be patronized both in public and more able to correct them, which and private. should be our life work-the mastery of self! So I say in conclusion, let up

sypsy queens, fortune tellers, seventh all lay aside our little jealousies and stop fault-finding, have more charity, and above all allow each and every one the right to their respective opinto the cause here. ions, for no two minds have the same receptivity.

JOHN P. PATTISON. Kewanee, Ill.

FROM MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA. The Good Work Being Done There by CHICAGO, ILL., MARCHIO, 1906,

THE DEVIL DISCOVERED. His Portrait Found Imbedded in a

Rock.

I have made a great discovery. I can prove the existence of the Devil, for I found his picture on a limestone; also that of Christ looking up into the heavens, and one dozen angel faces One of them is Moses, or an Egyptian king. If the Devil is a fact-existsdoes it better our social conditions? Can truth hurt us, or is it better to. grope in darkness? There came our grand Dr. Peebles

return. He promptly wrote me that he considered them "of no evidential value." He sent the pictures to one God bless him! He proved the exist-S. W. Fallis of Chicago, who, as he [Fallis] admitted, was in the business ence of bad spirits and showed how they can influence and ruin us, and also how to protect ourselves, Clara Watson and others claimed he

ruined the "happiness" of our beau-tiful religion, and poisoned our lives. Hodgson was convinced that Some wanted to burn him, his books and type. What will they say, if 1 the matter with him. can show them the picture of the very Prince of Darkness made by his majesty, the Devil himself; also the like-ness of Christ made by the same authority. The Devil a great big mon-ster on top of Christ, taking his face, yes, his very eyes, for his nostrils, and surrounded by a dözen angels, also a lion and a bear-all shown on a small limestone 6 x 8 inches. The fact is, you cannot see the Devil near-by; he is only visible at a respectful distance of seven feet. No camera, no human how." being on earth can produce or reproduce a picture like this of the Devil to be visible only at 7 feet. All the camera could catch was the picture of Christ, and only one other angel face. How do all these pictures come on a small bit of limestone Every one who can see them will declare that they are made by intelligences, and not washed together by the elements,

and called freak of nature. This is a great time we are living in. Ingersoil tried to kill the devil, but did not succeed, but on the contrary he raised the Devil by denying See the murders in his existence. Chicago and New York; six murderers in the Helena jail or on trial.

Our clergy are powerless, and crime is increasing. The Christian religion is a mockery, and its priests hypo-crites. It is high time to stop the ignorant on their road to hell and destruction.

I alone with my stone can do more stop crime than all the clergy com-I set the murderers in jail bined. crazy when they see there is a Devil. No law, no promise of a paradise, no blood-washing can stop crime. It is only the fear of the Devil which brings them to reason.

What a terrible religion we are drifting into. Those terrible crimes have to be met with a horrible fact, the Devil, to awaken people from the delusion that sins are washed away by blood, and they are fit for heaven the next day after committing a mur-

der, if they feel sorry: C. A. H. LAUDON. daughters of the seventh daughters, etc., palming themselves off as clairvoyants, which has been detrimental Helena, Mont. There is an excellent field for an THE N. S. A. MISSIONARY.

nerson

honest worker here, and such will find plenty of friends, among the rest, MRS. NELLIE DAVIS.

Where Body of Duncan McGregor

Would Be Found.

Mr. A. P. Roberts, the clairvoyant, has just achieved additional fame by

the confirmation of his prophecy, given

last August that the remains of Dun-

can McGregor, the Marinette capital-

the river near that city. Mr. Roberts

made his prediction in face of persist

ent rumors that Mr. McGregor had

country. Mrs. McGregor' came

Kewanee seems to be a harbor for

SUCCESS OF A SPIRITUALIST.

HONEST MEDIUMS.

tained.

A noted materializing medium

I am glad indeed to see the way The

'fraud" by its opponents, and

Of

pure

Progressive Thinker is coming out and

when to this disgraceful word "fraud"

is added the still more opprobrious

term "filth" it requires some nerve to

say unflinchingly in the face of those

who revile the name: "Yes, I am a Spiritualist."

One of the most pernicious doc-

trines that has ever been sustained by

Spiritualists is that the moral charac-

ter of the medium is of 'no conse

quence. I have heard that constantly

In the first place let us seek com-

draw your own conclusions.

cry of

Day of Allegheny, Pa., in an article A. P. Roberts, Clairvoyant, Told recently published in your splendid pa-

SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY. Its Truth Was' Fully Proven Forty Years Ago.

When Prof. Richard Hodgson, of

the Psychical Research Society, fifteen

or twenty years ago, commenced in-vestigating the phenomena of Spirit-

ualism, he wrote to me for any infor-

mation I might be able to give on the

matter. I at once sent him some gen

deemed conclusive evidence of spirit

uine spirit photographs, which

THE CAUSE IN MISSOURI.

Received a Boom at the Recent Convention of the State Association-President McArthur Seems to Have Created a Healthy Vibration All Along the Line, and the Association

Debate as to the status of souls, of "imitating" spirit photographs, and of course was thoroughly versed and was an expert in the business. Prof. the photos were bogus and that settled Now. I see that Fallis (the expert) has been arrested "for the production of false spirit pictures," a proceeding that should have been instituted fifteen or twenty years ago. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond truly says, January erBates delicately, but definitely, corrected this, saying that negro Spiritualists have no desire for equality and Your correspondent does reassociation with the white bodies, but member and remembers how he con desire to work out their own salva-

tion The afternoon session was conducted by the negro society of St. Louis, which is the first organized among negroes in history. Officers of the ne-gro society occupied pulpit and chancel with the officers of the State Association. A great number of negroes were present.

Souls All Same Color.

In his opening address President the negro membership. "If, as all religions hold," he said, "there is no difference on the other side of the river between the souls of white and colored persons, except in their respect-ive merit; and if the souls of our brethren who wear colored skins in this life are to have no such difference in the other, but are to be received on an equal footing with all others, according to their spiritual attainments, then it is time that we were beginning to anticipate that condition in this life. We welcome you, our colored brethren, into this gathering." T come elicited hearty applause. The wel-

But John the Baptist Bates, speaker for the negro Spiritualists, definitely, though delicately corrected President McArthur. "Every true colored man

is proud of his own race," he said. "We are not seeking association with the white churches. We desire to be allowed to develop ourselves, by ourselves, among ourselves. We are infinite grateful for the courtesy and confidence shown to us by your or-

Lincoln-Was a Spiritualist.

"Abraham Lincoln was a Spiritual-ist," he continued. "So were Long-fellow, Whittier, Garrison and all those movers for abolition who were responsible for our deliverance from slavery. Spiritualism has therefore. delivered us from bodily slavery, and

Some months ago, while considering it will be the only force that can lift A the ridiculously inadequate

Rich Mine.

Through the strange dreams of an ignorant and superstitious Mexican Indian, a Seattle, Wash., man says he has located what he believes are rich mining claims in the State of Sonora. Mr. Fink told his story to a reporter. for the Post-Intelligencer.

"I had made Alamos my headquarters," said Fink, "and from that point I made trips through the surrounding country. I went first to see the prop-erty I had in mind when I left Seattle. This was the Santiago mine, near the town. However, it didn't appeal to

me, so I began to look elsewhere. "In my party were three Americans -myself, an old prospector named McCarty, and an old German, Henry, who was a naturalized American citi-He had lived and prospected in, zen. that country since 1865.

Indian's Strange Dream.

"Then I found what 1 wanted. One night I stopped at the house of an Indian, a half Yaqui, who also had American blood in his veins, and was proud of it. He was a Christian, too, in his ignorant way, and that was where the strange experience hap pened. The Indian, Juan, came to me and said that he had had a dream the night before, that three Americans, one young and two old, would stop at his home, and that the result would be great good to the American and to him also. Then I saw some ores lying around. Juan was the vil-lage blacksmith. He told me that only he and a partner knew where the ledge was from which the ore came. I saw at once that it was valuable ore, and questioned him. Because of this dream he trusted me, and offered to show me the ledge from which the ora

came. "He believed his vision was supernatural, and showed me the location, I found it exactly as he had represented it. The property lies on the east side of the mountain, twenty miles northeast of Alamos. On the west side some prospecting has been done. A little development work on the east side showed up the ore body. It is very rich in copper. The original outcrop gives 20 percent copper and two ounces of silver to the ton, and fur-ther work shows much richer ore."

BRIGHT POINTS IN MOTION.

A Physician's Explanation of the Phenomenon.

In the issue of The Progressive Thinker dated Nov. 4, I have just read a little article on "Bright Points in Motion." in which it is said that they 'consist of swarms of animalcules in' space," and that "the author wishes to ask who has had a similar power of .-- sight?" I have seen them hundreds ;-of times in the dark, after retiring for the night. And for me, the same as for the writer of that article. "these bright points traveled in all directions, right and left, up and down, toward me and from me, in cir-But my explacles and parabolas." nation of these phenomena is very different.

First of all, I observed that these bright points were never seen by ma when my eyes were dry. but only when there was moisture more than

usual about the lids. Then followed

victed Fallis at the time. 'Oh what a tangled web we weave, When first we essay to deceive!" Mrs. Richmond deserves the grati tude of all Spiritualists. If there were no genuine spirit photographs, why the necessity for the production of the counterfeit article? Perhaps this shrewd counterfeiter can

The truth of spirit photoganswer. raphy was fully proven nearly forty years ago, as I remember, when Mr. W. H. Mumler was arrested at the instigation of the New York World, and charged with obtaining money under false pretences, for producing that class of pictures. Mayor Hall of New York, was doubtless very careful that the good Christian people should not be deceived. Judge Edmonds, one of the most distinguished lawyers in New York, and a Spiritualist, deposed that he had two photographs taken. He said: "I believe that the camera can take a photograph of a spirit, for I have seen them." The trial lasted about a week and Mumler was triumphantly acquitted. The journal that reported the trial, candidly stated: "If there is a trick- in Mr. Mumier's process, it has certainly not

been detected as yet." The Progressive Thinker is entitled to the thanks of all truth-lovers

for exposing frauds and shams without stint. Now that Prof. Hodgson is in "the summerland," I hope that he will en-lighten us on this and cognate mat-ters. CHARLES H. MATHEWS. ters. CHARLES H. MA New Philadelphia, Ohio. zanization.

CREDIT TO WHOM CREDIT IS DUE.

Dr. G. B. Warne Pays a Glowing Tribute to the Sunflower Club.

with President Dunakin of the Ohio

Sunflower Club of Chicago.

tire preliminary stage of effort.

lady's detention by sickness.

lars of the expense of the rally.

club voluntarily bore fully forty dol-

It is

20. "Mr. Fallis ought to know that there are people who remember and know exactly how he set himself to produce false spirit pictures. If he as been doing it, it is time for somebody to remember that he knew

Will Work in Harmony With The Progressive Thinker for Honest Mediumship and Pure Spiritualism -Send in Your Subscriptions, La dies and Gentlemen of Missouri. and Thus Keep in Touch With the Movement, and Know What Is Going on.

[as set forth in the Globe Democrat] of negroes in the spirit world between the newly elected state president, Paul McArthur and John the Baptist Bates, speaker of the First Colored Spiritualist society of St. Louis, took place at the afternoon session of the Missouri Spiritualists' Convention. which finished its session at the Temple of Spir-itualism, 3015 Pine street. Mr. Mc-Arthur, in his opening address, said that, as spirits have no color, but are all equal in the next world, "it is high time we should begin to antici-pate that condition on earth." Speak-

In Many Respects It Seems to Have

SPIRITS INDUCE A DREAM, And the Result Is the Discovery of a

hefore à large audience Hall. Another message received was from the spirit of Joseph H. Manley of Maine to a friend named Reynolds, who promptly arose in the audience and identified himself.

The message from Dr. Hodgson, according to Dr. Wiggin, the medium, was to be delivered to Dr. Funk. The substance of it was later telephoned to New York by Dr. Wiggin.

GIRL'S DREAM OF DEATH TRUE.

What Was It, if Not Spirits, That Induced this Little Girl to Have a Vision of Her Tragic Death?-Wise Ones in Spirit Life Forsesaw the Accident.

Two hours before the fatal street car wreck at One Hundred and Sixth street, and the Pennsylvania railroad Sunday night a child distinctly saw the accident in a dream. She described it accurately to her parents, and had not recovered from the terror inspired by the vision when the collision occurred.

The vision of death, in which she herself and two others were killed and eight persons injured, among them her parents, came to May Warfuel, the 11year-old daughter of Jesse Warfuel, 4934 Princeton avenue. Chicago. "My wife, my little girl and I," said

the father yesterday, "had gone to the home of my brother, E. R. Warfuel, in Hammond, to spend the day.

"The little girl became sleepy and lay down on a couch in the diningroom. We were in another part of the house. At 9 o'clock we were aroused by a scream from May. Running in, we found the child lying on the floor

and crying with terror. "'O, I had such a horrible dream, she said. 'I dreamed we were in a street car, and we were run over by a railroad train, and I was under a big heavy thing and was killed. You and mamma were hurt, and everybody was trying for help. I don't want to go home in the street car.'

"I held her close and tried to quiet her, but she was hysterical for the rest of the evening, and soon we started for home. The child begged to be left behind with her uncle, and she was so nervous that I could scarcely keep her in her seat on the way home and I had my arm around her when the crash came. The poor little girl's back was broken, and she never knew, what killed her."

A BEAUTIFUL VISION.

It Occurred at a Revival Meeting Where Spirits Are in Attendance Just as Much as at a Seance of Spir-1.1

itualists. Lapeer, Feb. 22 .- Falling in what appeared to be a faint as she started to go forward to the altar at the re-

vival services in the Methodist Protestant church, Mrs. George Wurgess, wife of a Lapeer (Mich.) county farmer, avers she did not faint, but lapsed into a sort of sleep wherein she says she had a vision some fifteen minutes in length. Speaking, of

her experience, she said: "I saw the Lord [a spirit, simply] standing on a beautiful hillside and children. Among them was my little children. Among them was my little little, who died some time ago. 'I little bear no fruits and they shade only little graves.-Mermillod.

'To the Editor :--- We are having very interesting meetings every Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m., and a fair attendance, in the parlor of the Wulff home, Mrs. L. E. Wulff being the medium. Her guide, Aristotle, the great philosopher, speaks through her, and his lectures are fine. His subject has been for the last three Sundays, "The Last Sunday Increasing Tide," Last Sunday, "The Need of the Hour." Mrs.

Mrs. L. E. Wulff.

Chicago, Ill.

Wulff being a trance medium, gives readings daily. No fraud with her, but good, truthful and spiritual mes-

and man; living in the spirit, being

kind, not nagging nor deceiving; not

living for the almighty dollar, not liv-ing for self or selfish purposes but in

TO THE WORK! TO THE WORK!

Important Notice From the Illinois

State Spiritualist Association.

to spread Spiritualism by holding

one knows nothing .-- Charles Narrey.

lasted thirty minutes.

with his own divine power.

Marshalltown, Iowa.

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Milwaukee in August last, consulted I think the need of the hour is to Mr. Roberts, who told her all the parwork diligently with our heart, soul and truth combined. Seek out those ticulars of the death of her husband, where the remains would be found, and that while important papers who need the comfort and solace of the truth of immortality. The need of the hour is to be en-

would be missing from his that his pocket book, containing \$13 compassed about and within the love, "God-given," for our brothers and would be found on the remains. All these particulars were confirmed. The sisters who are groping their way in darkness and unbelief of the happy clairvoyant informed Mrs. McGregor that her husband had been out in a way of Spiritualism, being engrossed buggy with two men, that when they with the material things of life, their came to a spot marked by three trees eyes being blind and the whole being one of which overhung the river bank, absorbed with the frivolous things of they had thrown the unsuspecting life. The need of the hour is for man into the river, that his remains to work with the angel world for humanity, leading the mistaken out of would be found under a certain group of logs, as soon as the log jam was the paths of error and injustice one to another, where they can see and feel During the present week the log the power of the gospel of love to God

jam was broken, and at the identical spot indicated by the clairvoyant the remains of the unfortunate man were found. One of the peculiar features of the case is that Mr. Roberts has the spirit where one can come in touch ever been within a hundred miles of of Marinette, yet he described the spot accurately. An attempt was made to recover the remains before the log jam broke, so firm was the faith of some of the people of Mari-nette that the clairvoyant had solved

the mystery, and Roberts advised Mrs. McGregor to withdraw her offer of \$1,000 reward, and await the favorable opportunity for the recovery of

SPIRITS INDUCE A DREAM.

And the Result Is a Most Remarkable Invention.

Parlor, Hall, Grove, or District Meet ings. It also aims to establish stated neighborhood circles, charter perma-A Pennsylvania woman,' Mrs. Kate nent societies and aid by counsel and Dymond, has obtained a patent for a visitation all regular local organiza-tions now in existence. Write what window curtain hanger, the idea of which came to her, as she says, in a and whom you want, and when you dream. The earlier calls will be Mrs. Dymond dreamed one night she given priority of co-operation, but it is was putting up curtains to her parlor windows. After the task was finished hoped to reach all within a reasonable me. Address your application to the secin the dream she suddenly noticed the hangers to which the curtains were retary at 560 East 55th street, Chi-cago. H. A. CROSS, They were little brackets fastened. at each side of the windows and were

Secretary. different from any curtain hangers she GEO. B. WARNE, had ever seen. The dream had intense vividness, so that Mrs. Dymond President. remembered it perfectly on awaking Konnessen and a second s She was so impressed that next day the children. All of them were she took pieces of old stovepipe and reproduced with these the dream curdressed in beautiful white and gold tain fasteners. They were-found to Mrs. Wurgess fell again on the fol-

be un improvement and quite practicable. Mrs. Dymond obtained patent lowing night and this time her vision on her invention and is manufacturing the fasteners. "Conversion": Miraculous change from a religion about which one knows little to a religion about which

Never to blend our pleasure or-our pride with sorrow of the meanest thing that feels.--Wordsworth. Within one's self must be the source of strength, the basis of consolation. Marcus Aurellus

per, called my attention to the seemfinancial equipment for missi ing slight he and his society had rework furnished by Spiritualists) ceived at our hands in our last misseveral states to the official boah sionary report, and I wish to explain their jurisdictions, I remarked The Milwaukee Free Press says that

He Rises in The Progressive Thinker

to Make an Explanation.

To the Editor:-Brother George C.

the matter and correct the blunder. I am thankful to Brother Day for calling my attention to it, as I had not discovered it before.

In hastily correcting my manuscript preparatory to sending it to the press, inadvertently and unintentionally ist, would be found under a log jam in left out the good things that I had said about Brother Day and his society and now I ask that you will kindly been seen in different parts of the grant me space to rectify this miser able blunder.

I would not misrepresent any one intentionally, and certainly not one who is doing such excellent work as Brother Day is doing, nor a society of my own organizing; of which I was indeed proud. What was published in the article mentioned regarding it will prove this.

The following is what I supposed I had said, and what I am glad to say now:

Rev. Geo. C. Day has been the pastor of this society (the First Church of Spiritualists of Allegheny, Pa.) for several years past. Under his minis ry and the efficient labors of its board of officers with Brother S. B. Fetzer at president, the members all supporting them, true Spiritualism in Allegheny

is becoming better understood. Mr. Day is not only a good speaker but he is also a good test medium. We witnessed some of his work, and are and to say that his psychometric readings, messages and tests were of the best and in themselves were shown to be genuine as well as comforting to their recipients. It is a pleasure to me to be able to

say this and to correct the wrong fourth Tuesday afternoon at impression my mistake created. E. W. SPRAGUE. the city. Patrons of the latter secure Chessaning, Mich.

HONEST MEDIUMS WILL SUFFER.

All in Consequence of the Falsas Afflicting Our Ranks-Spokane, Wash., Is the City.

May every one of our state associa-tions enlist the co-operation of the women and each of the latter be en-Major R. D. Gwydir, city license inspector, was burnishing in his specta-cles yesterday afternoon preparatory. dued with Sunflower hustle and devoto starting on a hunt today for clairtion, voyants, soothsayers, fortunetellers, mediums who go into trances and those who fail to go into trances, Spir-

> the religion of their parents were pic-tured as slaves in bondage by Rev. B. F. Austin, a former Methodist clergynan; who spoke before the annual convention of the Illinois State Spiritual-

> have inherited a belief or creed from their fathers, who have accepted the credal edicts of others without thought for themselves, are in bondage. The time is coming when the whole world will desire direct communication with the spirits of deceased relatives to guide them through life, rather than the teachings of One who died 2,000

The first test of a truly great man is his humility.-Ruskin,

the colored race iron rry bondage of ignorance. We will become a nation within a nation, and our foster nation will be proud of us. that but it will be by our own efforts that Illinois officers were very hopeful of we must raise our race." Continuing, Speaker Bates arreaching far better results because of its new ally and auxiliary, The Ladies'

raigned the orthodox churches. "Their teachings are the cause of more of the crime of negroes than any That young and growing body is en-

titled to a generous share of credit other agency," he declared vehementfor the success of the Handel Hall "They teach that every sin will mass meeing, just held in Chicago. be forgiven and every blot wiped out. Its members were indefatigable in if only the sinner 'joins the church' labor for its promotion during the enon his dying bed." Their

New Officers Elected.

own reception committee was on duty Paul McArthur, formerly a Methoat every formal session, greeting strangers and seating the audiences. dist evangelist, was elected State Pres-They planned the platform decora-tions, and the treasury of their club ident of the Missouri Spiritualists' Association at the morning session. Mr. McArthur is now a salesman for a not only paid for the very tasty floral typewriter company, having resigned display at the meetings, but also for from his pastorate three years ago. the entire musical talent, whose pro-Appointment of State Missionary on gramme was the finest ever presented

salary, to begin an active campaign the public in the name of Illinois Spirfor new members, was voted unaniitualism. They further assumed the mously at the morning session. The entire expense of Miss Harlow's services for the occasion, but were called new president will announce the seupon with many others to mourn that lection within a week.

BARNACLES IN OUR RANKS.

Pertinent Remarks Thereon by Presnot an easy proposition to hold a ident H. D. Barrett, Before the Mismass meeting for financial profit in souri State Association of Spiritual-Chicago; hall rent alone is one hundred and fifty dollars, to which must ists at St Louis, Mo.

be added advertising, music, expenses of foreign talent and incidentals. z"The time has come," said Supreme President Barrett, "when Spiritualism is strong enough to make war on im-Loyal Illinois Spiritualists can all join with a will in wishing that the Sunflower Club may live long and postors. There has been opposition heretofore to such an attempt among prosper in its good work. Its income our own members. They feared that exposure of frauds would damage and s derived first from membership dues kill the true mediums. But if there is any truth in Spiritualism, nothing of twenty-five cents per quarter, and next from tea parties given every can kill it; and if there is none, then it must die." Adams street, in the business center of

Mr. Barrett told of a fraudulent mea reading from a medium of their dium who had gotten \$1500 from a woman, and another who had prac-ticed for three weeks in San Antonio, Tex., and left suddenly, more than \$15,000 richer. "There are vast afternoon gatherings are attracting \$15,000 richer. "There are vast profits to be made by frauds." he said, "IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE vast PEOPLE WHO ARE DECEIVED AND DUPED, AS MUCH AS IN THE IN-TEREST OF THE DESECRATED DEAD, WHOSE SACRED NAMES ARE USED TO ENRICH SWINDLERS, AND OF OURSELVES, WHOSE RELIGION IS INJURED BY FRAUDS, THAT WE ARE MAKING THIS FIGHT." As a first step in the matter of getting rid of frauds, a definition of the

true medium has been formulated by President Barrett. This test definition follows: "A Spiritualist medium or minister is one who gives comfort, consolation, spiritual advice, instruction in soul-culture and messages from excarnate beings. All other phases of pretended revelation are commercial, and all such are open to suspi-

cion. Any medium who pretends," he said, "to foretell such things as business ventures, the locating of oil lands or the whereabouts of missing husband or lover for money are frauds pure and simple. True Spiritualism has always opposed and will now begin to fight them vigorously. We will endeavor to have city councils refuse them licenses, states refuse to recognize them unless they are sanctioned by our state examining board and the postoffice department bar them from the malls, and prohibit newspapers from carrying their advertisements."

the discovery that these dancing dervishes of the dark were purely optical phenomena; that they were caused by, tiny spherules of liquid matter-water on the eyelashes, which had oozed out from the eyelids and ran together into one, a little larger, and formed a small lens of perfect purity, clinging to an eyelash. This oozing out from the eyelid, of moisture, is first caused by the closing of the eye; this forces it out along the lash until it accumulates enough to form a microscopical drop. Then, on suddenly opening the eyes again, these bright points appear in the dark, and dance up and down, or sweep to the right, or to the left, according to the direction in which the eyelid, and the eyelash holding the lens, is moved with it. If the evelid is lifted slowly, the dervish mounts just as slowly upward. If suddenly, then just as suddenly the little mountebanks mounts up to the utmost height he is canable of rising to, which is limited by the height of the ceiling of the room in which his pranks were played, and by the ength of the segment of a circle through which the lens on the eyelash passes on its upward sweep. The nearer to the outer end of the lash the lens is, the longer is its upward sweep, and the further back from its end, the shorter the sweep, and the lower the mount of the mountebank. This applies precisely the same to motions of the eyelid either to the right or to the left. Whichever way it is turned, there he is before the lens on the evelash: he can be made to dance as quick a step as you please, or to move around to as slow a measure as you wish. A very slight turning of the lens in any direction is enough to cause this nimble acrobat of the air to of the eyeball is sufficient to move the landscape, as it were, to a goodly distance around. He is too delicate creature to be seen by daylight, and requires by law, a background of darkness to make himself visible, and the darker the room, or place he appears in, the brighter and more distinct his appearance, on the same principlo as the darker the background of cloud, for the rainbow, the brighter and more distinct the bow. The phenomenon is caused by the focalizing of dim rays of light upon the little lens on the eyelash, which ab-sorbs the other colors, and reflects only the red rays upon the retina; hence, the "bright spots." I have noticed that they never change their, form or size under the same condi-

tions-which, if they were swarms of living creatures, animalculae, they, would be apt to do.

H. P. SHOVE, M. D.

It is often woman who inspires us with the great things that she will prevent us from accomplishing .- Alexander Dumas.

Love life, but love it not for vulgan pleasures, for miserable ambitions. Love it for what in it is important, grand, divine .- Silvio Pellico.

The most disastrous times have produced the greatest minds. The purest metal comes of the most ardent furnace, and the most brilliant lightning comes of the darkest clouds .- Anon,

years ago."

SAYS OLD CREEDS ARE BONDAGE.

choice then present, for each cup of tea purchased at ten cents. These

many outsiders, even church. mem-

bers, and active missionary work is be-

ing.done by them. Shoppers find there

GEORGE B. WARNE.

itualists, and seventh sons of seventh Former Methodist Clergyman Addresses Convention of Spiritualists 'After the decision rendered in my favor by Justice Hinkle, this afternoon in Handel Hall.

rest and refreshment.

I propose to make these fortune tell-Church members who have adopted ers come up with \$50 a duarter li-cense," said the Major.""I have about 30 on my private list and I believe

others can be found. It is about time the town was getting some substantial revenue out of those of the forecastists' Association at Handel Hall. ers who are telling about the future "Those persons," he declared, "who

shine in the sunlight and the

and the past for a monetary return. Business is exceptionally good, judg-ing by the number who are in it, and they can doubtless afford to give the city part of the profits."-Spokane

Happy are physiciansi. Their successes shine in the sunlight and the earth covers their failures.--Mon-

Review.

ODS.

taigne. The coward sneaks to death;

the brave live on.-Anon.

The official board of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association is ready the remains. to lend a helping hand at all readily accessible points in the Prairie State, where an earnest effort is to be made

H. C. K. W.

who see nothing and know nothing,

dom that has been given them. And

there are some who think that our

dear Lord might have found another

way, and that wait, sometimes with

trembling, lest he should fail; but not

amongius whochave lived on earth

for we know."" And it is our work to

show to all the worlds that his way

never fails, and how wonderful it is,

and beautiful; above all that heart

has conceived. And thus we justify

the ways of God, who is our Father.

But in the other worlds there are

many who will continue to fear until

the history of the earth is all ended

and the chronicles are made com-

"And will that be long?" the little

she would like to go to all the worlds

and tell them of our Lord, and of his

not even our Lord, but only the Fath-

er; and then she smiled and answered

we go back," she said, "it is not as

when we lived there: for now we see

all the dangers of it and the mysteries

which we did not see before. It was

by the Father's dear love that we did

about us while we lived there, for

then our hearts would have fainted;

and that makes us wonder now that

am," said the little Pilgrim, "but

though our hearts had fainted, how

(To be continued.)

LEGERDEMAIN.

Spiritualism, and Our Sacred Cause

To the Editor:---There was given,

Must Boldly Oppose the Same.

"You are a great deal wiser than I

any one endures to the end."

not see what was around us and

were far away.

plete."

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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 pilgrim good to feel the touch of 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 peruse it and feel its thrills of inspiration, and enjoy its uplifting influence.

time a man had learned something it Chapter II.-Continued. After this the little Pilgrim went | was his hour to die.

The people who were listening held

their breath, and a shadow like a

cloud fell on them, and they romem-

bered and knew that it was true. But

the next moment their hearts rebelled

and one and another would have

spoken, and the little Pilgrim herself

plea for the dear earth which she

loved; when he suddenly threw forth

"Oh, dear mother earth," he cried,

'oh, little world and great, forgive thy

son! for lovely thou art and dear, and

the sun of God shines upon thee, and

the sweet dews fall: and there were

we born, and loved and died, and are

come hence to bless the Father and

the Son. For in no other world,

though they are so vast, is it given to

and follow him groning, and make

way through sin and death, and over-

come the evil, and conquer in his

sound of weeping and of triumph, and

the little Pilgrim could not contain

herself, but cried out too in joy as if

And then the poet told his tale.

And as he told them of the man who

was noor and sorrowful and alone.

and how he loved and was not loved

again, and trusted and was betrayed,

and was tempted and drawn into the

darkness, so that it seemed as if he

must perish; but when hope was al-

most gone, turned again from the

his enemies, and fought and con-

quered-the people followed every

word with great outcries of love and

pity and wonder. For each one as he

listened remembered his own career

and that of his brethren in the old

At which there was a great

name."

for a deliverance.

his voice again like a great song.

out again into the beautiful city, feel-"What can a soul do that is born ing in her heart that everything was there?" he cried; "for war is there a mystery, and that the days would and fighting, and perplexity and never be long enough to learn all darkness; and no man knows if that that had yet to be learned, but know- which he does will be for good or ing now that this too was the little evil, or can tell which is the best way. language, and pleased with the sweet | or know the end from the beginning; thought of so much that was to come. and those he loves the most are a for one had whispered to her as she mystery to him, and their thoughts went out that the new tongue, and beyond his reach. And clouds are beevery explanation, as she was ready tween him and the Father, and he is deceived with false gods and false for it, would come to her through one teachers, who make him to love a If those whom she loved best, which s the usage of that country. And lie."

when the stranger has no one there that is very dear, then it is an angel who teaches the greater language, and that is what happens often to the children who are brought up in, that heavenly place.

When she reached the street again. she was so pleased with this thought had almost cried out and made her that it went out of her mind to ask her way to the great library, where she was to read the story of the historian's journey through the land of darkness; indeed she forget that land altogether, and thought only of what was around her in the great city, which is beyond everything that eye has seen, or that ear has heard, or that it has entered into the imagination to conceive.

And now it seemed to her that she was much more familiar with the any to know the Lord in the darkness. looks of the people, and could distinguish between those who belonged to the city and those who were visitors like herself; and also could tell which they were who had entered into the mysteries of the kingdom, and which were, like herself, only acquainted with the beginning of days. And it came to her mind, she could not tell how, that it was best not to ask questions, but to wait until the beloved one should come, who would teach her the first words. For in the mean time

she did not feel at all impatient or disturbed by her want of knowledge, but laughed a little at herself to sunpose that she could find out everything, and went on looking around edge of despair, and confronted all her, and saying a word to every one she met, and enjoying the holiday looks of all the strangers, and the sense she had in her heart of holiday too.

She was walking on in this pleasant way, when she heard a sound that life, and admired to think that all the was like silver trumpets, and saw the evil was past, and wondered that out crowd turn towards an open space in of such tribulation and through so which all the beautiful buildings were many dangers all were safe and shaded with fine trees, and flowers blessed here.

were springing at the very edge of the And there were others that were pavements The strangers all has- not of them, who listened, some seated

any more. "I am slad," the lady said, and gave him her other hand: "but here is a flittle sister who esks me something, and I must answer her. I think she has but newly come."

"She has a face full of the morn ing," the post said. It did the little warm, soft hand; and she was not them. For no one knows except the afraid, but lifted her eyes and spoke to the lady and to the poet. "It is beautiful what you said to us. Sometimes in the old time we used to look up to the beautiful skies and wonder what there was above the clouds; but we never thought that up here in this great city you would be thinking of never were there." what we were doing, and making beautiful poems about us. We thought that you would sing wonderful psalms, and talk of things high,

high shove us." The little sister does not know what the meaning of the earth is," the poet said:

said. "It is but a little speck, but it is the center of all. Let her walk with us, and we will go home, and ly than heaven; it is more beautiful you will tell her, Ama, for I love to hear you talk." "Will you come with us?" the lady

praise him, we glorifwhim, we love his said. name; but there is but one response

And the little Pilgrim's heart leaped to him through all the worlds, and up in her, to think she was now going that is the ery of the little brothers. to see a home in this wonderful city: and they went along, hand in hand, but believe that he will never fail.", and though they were three together. and many were coming and going, there was no difficulty, for every one made way for them. And there was a little murmur of pleasure as the

poet passed, and those who had heard to know?" his poem made obeisance to him, and thanked him, and thanked the Father for him that he was able to show them so many beautiful things.

And they walked along the street which was shining with color, and saw as they passed how the master painter had come to his work, and was standing upon the balcony where the little Pilgrim had been, and bringing out of the wall, under his hand, faces which were full of life, and which seemed to spring forth as if they had been hidden there. "Let

us wait a little and see him working," the poet said: and all round about the people stopped on their way, and there was a soft cry of pleasure and praise all through the beautiful street. And the painter with whom the little Pilgrim had talked before came, and stood behind her as if he had been an old friend, and called out to her at every new touch to mark how this and that was done. She did not understand as he did, but she saw how beautiful it was, and she was glad to have seen the great painter, as she had been glad to hear the great poet. It seemed to the little Pilgrim as if everything happened well for her, and that no one had ever been so blessed before. And to make it all more sweet, this new friend, this great and sweet lady, always held her hand, and pressed it softly when something more

lovely appeared; and even the pictured faces on the wall seemed to beam upon her, as they came out one by one like the stars in the sky. Then the three went on again, and passed by many more beautiful palaces, and great streets leading away into the light, till you could see no further; and they met with bands of singers | there were so many still whom she who sang so sweetly that the heart loved.

possible to stand by and see his de-BOYAL ROAD TO KNOWLEDGE. struction.9 And then while you are

gazing, while you are crying, he will It is Found in the Active Co-opera recover and return, and go on again. tion of Mortal Mind With Spirit. And to the angels it is more wonder-

There is a more or less prevalent ful than/ito us, for they have never idea among a certain class of medilived there. And all the other worlds ums, that the condition of passive me are eager to hear what we can tell diumship is the one really royal road to knowledge. It is the idea Father now the battle will turn, or held by those mediums who-at least when it will all be accomplished; and some of them to use some of them-refuse to read a good there are some who tremble for our newspaper, because their "controls" little brethren....For to look down and tell them thus to do. Books and newspapers would only lumber their see how jlittle light there is, and how minds with useless matter; while no one knows what may happen to

their minds should be kept. vacant, for the sole occupancy of the "conhim next, makes them afraid who and their teachings, which trols" would supersede and render needless The little Pilgrim listened with an and useless all knowledge gained by intent face, clasping her hands, and active thought and the study of Some of such mediums be books. "But it never could be that our come fairly semi-idiotic by long and faithful continuance in this plan. Father could be overcome by evil. Is

None but spirits of such character not that known in all the worlds?" of ignorance. imbecility or perverse Then the lady turned and kissed deception with intent to enslave the her; and the poet broke forth in singsilly medium, would give such foolish ing, and said; "Faith is more heavenadvice.

Mental indolence, concrete laziness, inherent in the medium's mental than the angels. It is the only voice mechanism, prepares the soil for the that can answer to our Father. We reception of such stultifying mandates by unwise or ignorant controls. To sit supinely passive is not the way to grow in knowledge. Wise spirits love a thinker.

Unprogressive spirits want unthinking, unprogressive mediums, passive receivers, not earnest think-

At this the little Pilgrim wept, for It should be clearly understood by her heart was touched; but she said: mediums-and all others-that reflection, earnest thought, is the high-"We are not so ignorant; for we way to living, uplifting inspiration. The highest inspiration is not have our Lord who is our Brother, and he teaches us all that we require one-sided affair, in which the recipient sits in mental indolence, inertly passive, to take whatever may be given-like callow robins in their Upon this the poet rose and lifted up his hands and sang again a great with wide-stretched mouths nest. song; it was in the other language waiting for bug, worm or what-not. Not thus does the human mind which the little Pilgrim still did not open to receive that which is highest, understand, but she could make out best, and most helpful and uplifting. that it sounded like a great proclama-The highest inspiration comes when tion that He was wise as he was good, the mortal in active thought-not and called 'upon all to see that the passive, but in positive and most active attitude, yet receptive comes into conjunction with the thought of high-Lord had chosen the only way: and the sound of the poet's voice was like er spiritual intelligences, and is borne along in upward and onward a great trumpet sounding bold and mental flight by the conjoined forces sweet, as if to tell this to those who of inspirer and inspired working in unison and active co-operation.

"For you must know." said the In this method is mental discipline, mental growth, intellectual develop-Lady Ama, who all the time held the ment, gain in knowledge and capac Pilgrim's hand, "that it is permitted ity. to all to judge according to the wis

Instead of the mind-stunting re sults of indolent passivity, there are the grand results flowing from genu-ine mental effort, in enlarged vision, clearer and broader perceptions of truth, and expansion of mind powers. and increase of spiritual light and strength.

There is an uplifting, strengthen. ng, and spiritualizing element in this receptively active method of inspiration, that is found nowhere else As fire kindles fire to brighter flame, so the conjoined action of the minds spirit and mortal, brings the glow and warmth of higher inspiration

This process of inspirational experience and mental exercise is truly and beautifully educational. The combination of mental factors, discarding or omitting active study and effort on the part of the student medium, constitutes indeed a royal road to knowledge, and mental and Pilgrim[†]orled, ^jfeeling in her heart that spiritual growth that can never be gained by the process of lazy passiv-

love, and how the thought of him It is a sad mistake to harbor the makes you strong; and it troubled her hallucination that "controls" will fura little to hear her friends speak of nish a short and easy railway to the the low skies, and the short days, and acquisition of knowledge, whereby one the dimness of that dear country can loll in the lazy listlessness of mental ease, while the "controls" engineer which she had left behind, in which and drive the train to the destined station. Not thus are lazy souls "car-ried to the skies, on flowery beds of

royal road to knowledge lies not in supine passiveness, but in the blend-ing of mind of mortal and spirit in mutual active co-operative thought. JAS. C. UNDERHILL. Hammond, Ind. A VERY CURIOUS CONCLUSION.

Rev. H. Clinton Hay, of Boston, Mass., Acknowledges That Spirit Return Is a Fixed Fact. But Says "Communication Therewith Is Not Needed."-Swedenhorg and the Great Work He Did.

'As John Fiske said, "The belief in a world unseen to mortal eyes is not only coeval with the beginning of the human race, but is also coextensive with it in all its subsequent stages of development. It is, in short, one of the differential attributes of humanity." Man appears to be the only primate who possesses this belief. The vast majority of mankind are in that unseen part of the universe.

The progress of natural science, with the gradual discovery of the ether, and the nature of heat, light and electrity, and of microscopic and telesconic objects, leads to the rational conclusion that a large part of the ma terial universe is unseen and may still be unknown. As sound is unknown to the man born deaf, and color to the man born blind, so all our knowledge is limited by the sense faculties developed. "Given a new sensibility," as a modern writer suggests, "and there would be given a new universe. We say the dead have passed away from us, but it is perfectly reasonable to conceive of them as nearer to us than

ever, in a closer intimacy than any known to us." Paul said, "If there is a natural

body, there is also a spiritual body. Modern science and psychology explain this to mean that mind and mat ter are distinct organisms, one of spir itual and the other of material sub stances. In our present state of exist ence mind commonly acts in, and by means of matter. Nevertheless, its own specific activities are in its own

world of spirits. Our experiences in this world de pend upon the activity of our sense where they terminate in the body Let the activity terminate in the spir itual body instead of the natural, and the spiritual world instead of the natural world would appear. Then man could and would of necessity communicate with the world of spirits instead of this world ... The senses of each body give communication with

In this way Emanuel Swedenborg

explains his own experiences in the spiritual world. He had spent twothirds of his life in becoming one of the most skillful natural scientists the world has had, when the senses of his spiritual body were opened, and 'he was enabled to extend his scientific in-

some spirit in the unseen world and to

spirits back into communication with

into open communication with, and investigation of, their world. Thus he stood on equal footing with them, and they could not deceive him or take any advantage of him, as evil spirits and those who would gravitate earthward would be prone to do. Therefore he ascended even to the heavens and has described the wonderful things seen and heard there when in the full possession of all his carefully trained scientific faculties. But all this was incidental to his



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their own world.

vestigations from the realm of natural to that of spiritual phenomena. And nere we find the great difference between Swedenborg and all others who have had communication with the world of spirits. Others have sought spirit control—to be controlled by

become a medium of his activities into Swedenborg never did this. He regarded it as dangerous to give up the exercise of one's own free will and rationality. Instead of trying to bring

this world, he went himself, in spirit,

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tened along to hear what it was, and she with them, and some also of the some standing in the great square,--people of the place. And as the little people who were not like the others, Pilgrim found herself walking by a whose bearing was more majestic, and woman who was of these last, she who looked upon the crowd all smiling and weeping, with wonder and asked what it was.

interest, but had no knowledge of the And the woman told her it was a poet who had come to say to them cause, and listened as it were to a what had been revealed to him, and tale that is told The poet and his audience were as one, and at every that the two with silver trumpets period of the story there was a deep were angels of the musicians' order, breathing and pause, and every one whose office it was to proclaim everylooked at his neighbor, and some thing that was new, that the people grasped each other's hands as they should know And many of those who were at work in the palaces came out remembered all that was in the past; but the strangers listened and gazed and joined the crowd, and the painter who had showed the little Pilgrim and observed all, as those who listen and are instructed in something behis picture, and many whose faces she yond their knowledge The little Pilbegan to be acquainted with.

grim stood all this time not knowing The poet stood on a beautiful pedestal all sculptured in stone, and where she was, so intent was she upon with wreaths of living flowers hung the tale; and as she listened it upon it-and when the crowd had seemed to her that all her own life gathered in front of him, he began his was rolling out before her, and she poem. He told them that it was not remembered the things that had been, about this land, or anything that hap-] and perceived how all had been shaped and guided, and trembled a pened in it, which they knew as he little for the brother who was in dandid, but that it was a story of the old time, when men were walking in ger, yet knew that all would be well. The woman who had been at her darkness, and when no one knew the side listened, too, with all her heart, true meaning even of what he himself did, but had to go on as if blindly, saving to herself, as she stood in the crowd, "He has left nothing out! The stumbling and groping with their little days they were so short, and the hands.

skies would change all in a moment And "Oh. brethren." he said. "though all is more beautiful and and one's heart with them. How he brings it all back!" And she put up joyful here where we know, yet to reher hand to dry away a tear from her member the days when we knew not. eyes, though her face all the time was and the ways when all was uncertain. shining with the recollection. The and the end could not be distinlittle Pilgrim was glad to be by the guished from the beginning, is sweet side of a woman after talking with so and dear; and that which was done in the dim twilight should be celebrated many men, and she put out her hand and touched the cloak that this lady in the day; and our Father himself wore, which was white and of the most loves to hear of those who, having not beautiful texture, with gold threads seen, loved, and who learned without woven in it, or something that looked any teacher, and followed the light, like gold. though they did not understand."

And then he told them the story of "Do you like," she said, "to think one who had lived in the old time; of the old time?"

and in that air, which seemed to be The woman turned and looked down upon her, for she was tall and made of sunshine, and amid all those stately palaces, he described to them stately, and immediately took the the little earth which they had left the hand of the Pilgrim into hers, and behind-the skies that were covered held it without answering, till the with clouds, and the ways that were poet had ended and come down from so rough and stony, and the cruelty of the place where he had been standing. the oppressor, and the cries of those He came straight through the crowd that were oppressed And he showed to where this lady stood, and said the sickness and the troubles, and the something to her. "You did well to sorrow and danger; and how Death tell me," looking at her with love in stalked about, and tore heart from his eyes not the tender sweetness of heart; and how sometimes the strong- all those kind looks around, but the est would fail, and the truest fail nn- love that is for one The little Pilder the power of a lie, and the ten- grim looked at them with her heart derest forget to be kind; and how beating, and was very glad for them, evil things lurked in every corner to, and happy in herself; for she had not beguile the dwellers there; and how seen this love before since she came the days were short and the nights into the city, and it had troubled her | and say. 'O my Father, it is enough!' dark, and life so little that by the to think that perhaps it did not exist and it will seem to me that it is not

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at the windows of the palaces and seemed to leap out of the Pilgrim's breast to meet with them, for above all things this was what she had loved. And out of one of the palaces there came such glorious music that every- the little Pilgrim's thought. "When thing she had seen and heard before seemed as nothing in comparison. And amid all these delights they went on and on, but without wearying, till they came out of the streets into

lovely walks and alleys, and made their way to the banks of a great river, which seemed to sing, top, a soft melody of its own. And here there were some fair nouses surrounded by gardens and flowers that grew everywhere, and the doors were all open, and within every-

thing was lovely and still, and ready could we have been overcome? for He for rest if you were weary. The little was on our side" Pilgrim was not weary; but the lady placed her upon a couch in the porch, where the pillars and the roof were all formed of interlacing plants and

flowers; and there they sat with her, It Has Recome a Prominent Factor in and talked, and explained to her many things. They told her that the earth though so small was the place in all the world to which the thoughts of

Feb. 18, at Dixon, Ill., an "etherealiza-tion," seance, so advertised, at the resthose above were turned. "And not only of us who have lived there, but of all our brothers in the other worlds; for we are the race which the Father has chosen to be the example. In every age there is one that is the scene of the struggle and victory, and it is deception from beginning to end. for this reason that the chronicles are made, and that we are all placed here to gather the meaning of what has been done among men. And I am one of those," the lady said, "that go back to the dear earth and gather up the tale of what our little brethren are doing. I have not to succor like some others, but only to see and bring the news; and he makes them into great poems, as you have heard; and sometimes the master painter will

take one and make of it a picture; and there is nothing that is so delightful to us as when we can bring back the histories of beautiful things."

"But, oh," said the little Pilgrim, what can there be on earth so beautiful as the meanest thing that is here?"

Then they both smiled upon her and said, "It is more beautiful than than the most beautiful thing here to see how, under the low skies and in the short days, a soul will turn to our Father. And sometimes," said Ama, "when I am watching, one will wander and stray; and be led into the dark till my heart is sick; then come back and make me glad. Sometimes I cry out within myself to the Father,

Dixon, Ill.

Upon this Ama shook her head, and ease.' A mere passive machine might be said that of that day no one knew.

operated by highest "controls" able to move it, without receiving more benefit than the mill-stones that grind the grain noured into the hopper above them. Mental culture is not acquired as a jug acquires the molasses poured into it. There must must be active mental co-operation with wise instructors, or the ignorant will remain ignorant

And it must be taken into account that there are on the other side as well as on this side, densely ignorant beings, consummate rascals, wilful deceivers, without moral principle, and they take a low and base delight in practicing upon gullible mortals, often pretending to be some noted personage of history. I have a distinct rec-ollection of one who took it upon himself to write me notes under the name of "Aristottle." As I took no stock in his genuineness, he soon ceased his attentions. I had no doubt that the real Aristotle in spirit life----''Fog-

land" notwithstanding—knew how to correctly spell his own name. There are conscienceless rascals in the borderland of spirit life, as there are on this side of the line. Why should there not be, when there are constantly passing over those who have schooled their faculties during their earthly lives in rascality, vice and crime, in disregard of all dictates of morality and human rights?

idence of S. S. Sills, corner Third street and Madison avenue. The me-I would be glad to believe, as some do, that the animal propensities that dium was a man from Galesburg, make men and women more debased whose name is Pembroke. He had a than brutes are shed when the body is man with him whom he called his cast aside in death. Allowing even helper. I attended with three of my friends, and I can assure you we went that there is an "objective mind" or "brain mind" and a "subjective" OF home completely disgusted. It was a spirit mind, in man, it is evident that these are intimately connected during A small candle was placed in a cigar earth life, that they mutually influbox, which gave a feeble light; but by that feeble light we saw more cheeseence each other, and each molds the other in degree to its own nature and cloth and other paraphernalia than we characteristics. The "subjective have seen in our twenty years of Spirmind" takes on the mental and moral itualismil w The sp-called medium and his helpcoloring of the "brain mind," and vice versa. And this coloring, characer took, turns in parading the circle, teristic of the animal "brain mind," is and personating our spirit friends. I carried into the spirit world. The

failed to recognize anybody but the mediumeand abis confederate, and proofs of this are multitudinous, in the work of returning spirits. those two we recognized plainly. Two There can be no doubt that the overcoats that hung up in the cabinet, minds of those gifted with inventive they would not allow us to inspect. Of faculty, while giving their closest and course most of the paraphernalia was actively earnest thought to the studyconcealed in them. Two illuminated trumpets were caring-out of some invention, in many instances are aided by spirit sugges-tions and mind-leadings to the solu-tion of problems that culminate in ried around the inside of the circle. My three friends and myself plainly saw the medium carry them around. wonderful inventions for the benefit of humanity. Their active thought He dropped ope, and stooped and picked Haup. R Once in backing into the cabinet he and study prepare their minds for the reception of spirit instruction.

Passive Indolence might have wait ed till doomsday, without avail. stumbled over somebody's feet, and nearly fell to the floor. One in the

circle said that was because he was in It might be thought that in the insuch a deep trance. They had a large stances in which solutions of math-music box, which, they claimed the ematical problems, and problems in spirits wound up, and kept running. in dreams, were instances of passive recipiency; but in all such cases it I think, Mr. Editor, the readers of The Progressive Thinker should be no-tified of this man Pembroke, so they will be found that the minds of the can be on their guard when he visits other towns. We have a home circle in Dixon, and that is good enough for recipients have been engaged in active, earnest thought, seeking the de-sired solutions. Such instances are not evidence in favor of mere pasme in the future. We love The Progrossive Thinker, and PURE SPIRIT-UALISM, and wish you everlasting success in giving the truth to the world. WILL W. CHARLTON. sivity, but really prove the co-ordinate active mentality is an important factor in producing the result. Thus it would seem that reason and

experience join in affirming that that 10 conts

discovery of the science of correspondence. By "correspondence" he mean the relation which he found between things as effects. To illustrate: A thought is a spiritual cause of a word or deed as a natural effect. Sweden borg found this law of correspondence is a key to a spiritual meaning everywhere existing in the letter of the sacred scriptures which makes them the Word of God. So he was

not asking, What do spirits and angels say? but What does the Lord say in his Holy Word? For he soon learned that the Word of God is the source of all wisdom to angels and men. When the deeper meanings of that Word can be reached, divine truth itself is known, communication with the Lord himself, the Creator and Savior, is established. Then all other communication with either world has a safe test and guide. But direct communication with the world of spirits, although possible is not needed until after the death of the earthly body. H. CLINTON HAY.

THOUGHT WAVE PICTURES.

Dr. Veeder to Demonstrate Photographic Discovery at Academy of

Science, Pittsburg.

Dr. M. A. Veeder of Lyons, N. Y., who claims to have successfully photographed a thought wave, has been in- and thinkers of the world, giving the vited to demonstrate his discovery before the Academy of Science, Pittsburg, Pa. He will bring with him the dence of the continued existence of the same committee who watched his wonderful psychic experiment, and who will testify to the result attained. Among the committee is the Rev. W. N. Webbe of Lyons. The other members were William Holloway, H. R. Russell and Harold Webbe, all of Ly-

Mr. Russell is a photographer, and the experiments were conducted in his studio. The committee and Dr. Veed-er, standing around a table, placed the

tips of the fingers of their right hand underneath a 4x4 photographic plate prepared in the ordinary manner and Maced in a plate holder. The fingers of the experimenters' left hands lay on the top side of the plate.

Previous to assuming this attitude they had agreed to fix their minds on a common object, a ball of surgeon's gauze thrown down on the floor. The position was held for a few seconds.

When the plate was taken into the dark room and developed, although it had not been exposed during the experiment, there at the exact spot where the finger tips of the experimenters had centered was an object clearly photographed, of the size, shape and general appearance of the ball of gauze on which the attention of the experimenters had been fixed.

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SYMPOSIUM.

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 materialize them, and bring them back to earth, and continue doing so indefinitely?

This SYMPOSIUM is teaching Spir- Spiritualists have commenced in itualists an IMPORTANT LESSON. earnest to investigate Spiritualism, Those who are expressing an opinion and it makes the fakes and insatiate therein are LEADING LIGHTS in our gullibles shudder. Artificial toggery, Many of them are in close dirty wigs and dresses illuminated ranks. touch with the denizens of spirit life, with phosphorescent paint will not do and what they state will carry great in the dark cabinet. One business weight with the intelligent and house in this city which has grown thoughtful in our ranks. On the ros- rich by furnishing toggery of various trum they are teachers, and behind kinds to mediums to deceive the pubthem as inspirers are the wise sages lic, will have to close its doors for of spirit life. want of patronage. HONEST MEDI-

The time has arrived in our ranks UMSHIP AND A PURE SPIRITUALfor action! action!! ACTION!!! ISM will effectually do the work.

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IS IT POSSIBLE?

disbelieve them. J. Clegg Wright, Who Is in Close Touch With the Spirit World, Expresses His Opinion in No Uncertain Manner.

Scientific investigation of the pheclear to the intellect of man that benomena of Modern Spiritualism should answer all questions as to the genuineness of the manifestations in the seance room.

mere a priori statement can Any have but little value.

There are certain rules laid down shrouded this beautiful future from science for the investigation of all man behind the onaque walls of matnatural phenomena, among which is ter, giving but fitful gleams and doubtond that a scientific fact is capable of domonstration at any time and place" when the necessary conditions are present. CANT AND GRAB. Let us be kind to honest mediums.

The phenomena claimed to have taken place at a seance are that certain articles of woman's apparel were is built. dematerialized, and at another seance

rematerialized and photographed. The first inquiry is, what of the wit-

tee to furnish all the "white," or any other colored dresses, shoes and dolls by the dozen, to any medium who, under test conditions will put them out of sight, and afterwards bring them to light again, perfect as when first delivered, Where is the spirit that wants a

"white dress"? Where is the medium who will submit to test conditions? I expect I shall have to wait with Brother Hale a long time before the "white dress" is called for.

J. S. LOVELAND. Los Angeles, Cal. HE DOESN'T BELIEVE IT.

Thomas Grimshaw, One of the Leaders in the Ranks of Spiritualism, Ex-

presses His Opinion. To the Editor :--- You ask if I dare take a leap in the dark, and express my views regarding the wonderful phenomena said to have occurred in the presence of a certain materializing medium.

My opinion is that it is a fake. have seen many things in Spiritualism that have made me careful in the use of the term impossible, but it strikes me as exceedingly improbable. I hail from Missouri, and would have to be shown; even then I would be slow to accept. It may be possible for spirits to temporarily materialize forms, (I believe it is) clothing, flowers, etc., but there is no evidence that any of these forms were permanent. Then again matter may be passed through matter, but in such cases the work is done instantaneously, Spirits may even cause articles to disappear; but that a spirit can dematerialize an object, take it to his or her spirit home, keep it there for days or weeks, then re-materialize it: 1t's too much-I don't believe it.

I am very busy just now, but I hope this discussion may turn to a consideration of the principles involved in the building of genuine materialized THOMAS GRIMSHAW. forms. THO St. Louis, Mo.

MOSES HULL TAKES A PLUNGE IN THE DARK.

Not Knowing the Medium He Freely Expresses an Opinion.

To the Editor :--- You ask for opinion on the dematerialization, the materialization again and then another dematerialization again of that white hat and other "toggery."

In this case I know of no better argument than is found in substance in Hume's irresistible against miracles. 1. Our experience is that people sometimes falsify.

2. That there are people who will lie. 3. But in all our experience there

has never been a miracle, such as a de-materialization, then a re-materialization again and then another de-materialization.

I can only believe such claims when Therefore experience teaches that It is easier to believe them than to men and women are more liable to be mistaken, or even to falsify, than that My piety regrets and my devotion weeps that Infinite Intelligence did a suit of clothes is to pass through all

yond the duration of this sad and who are prepared to believe anything clouded life is another where the sun providing it is big enough. I fear that that story will require to be enis always bright, where the heart is never sad; where the teardrop never falls and where babes never die. How sad to me that Infinite Intelligence

HOW WE LEARN.

Great truths are dearly bought. The ful echoes to the acute scientific brain. common truth. Amid fraud and religious fog, Spiritualism is crucified ON A CROSS OF

day to day. Comes in the common walk of easy On the facts they give, Spiritualism

our way.

When mediumship is dethroned,

chance the bowl:

LETTER FROM G. H. BROOKS. lotes and Thoughts Connected With

His Work in Milwaukee,

I have fully intended, long ere this, to write to the ever Progressive Thinker, that does so much for us thi. of the work I am doing here in Milwaukee but ere I am aware of it, time slips away, passing into weeks, and many things are neglected for want of time. I did not think when I opened my meetings in October, Sthat Manuary would find me here; but here I am and liable to remain for the rest of the season.

From the first the meetings, have been well attended, and by a thoughtful, intelligent class of people who are interested in the unfoldment of spiritual truths, who have outgrown the church, or whatever movement they were allied to, and have attended with their souls yearning for spiritual food. I have had, from the first, free admission. While the meetings have not, perhaps, yielded me as much as they should have done had I charged the usual door fee, yet I feel that a better impression is left on the public mind and a greater good done by the free admission. I have never been in harmony with the door fee or the workings of a society that weighed your worth by the sensational manner of presenting high spiritual thoughts. by what was taken in at the door. have always felt, and still feel, that our movement must take a step in advance, and those who are connected with the society be willing to make sacrifices and lift our Sunday meetings onto a spiritual plane where they

belong. Milwaukee is one of the places where I have worked more in our cause than in any other city, and those who are among my strongest supporters are those who have known me for years: the friendshin is to-day as strong as ever, and they are always present at my meetings, thus making the work beautiful by the law of understanding. ¹ After my address of the evening is

over, I always close the meetings with nevchometric readings, which as a rule are full of interest. Besides my Sunday evening service, there is held from week to week a social in the home of some of the friends. Sometimes I spend the entire evening giving readings; then, again, we have a cinch narty or a musicale. At the close of each month a party is held in the hall, which is of benefit in more ways than one, and is well attended. Thus we vary the gatherings and try to make them of interest, so the friends will feel they have a most interesting and social time. It has always been my aim, at every place I ever spoke, to build up the social life, to get our people acquainted with each other, to visit each other in times of prosperity as well as adversity, for I fully recognize that this life is full of trouble. People seldom come into Spiritualism unless trouble has brought them, and they come with their souls under the shadow, and need the sunshing of our philosophy and the love of our people, thus helping them to gain the mastery,

and the soul to assert itself. ""-Whether the work has been appreclated and understood, I do not know; but I feel that that is a part of the teacher's life-to help uplift the world by love and pleasant greetings. Much I should like to say along this as well as other lines, but can now only say this, I shall be glad when we shall spend our time more largely in the spiritual thought, looking for the high and beautiful, and not trouble ourselves, so much about what, other people believe, or what they do, for we shall yet recognize the fact that when the soul comes into the possession of truth, error, discord and darkness fly away. There are various meetings held in

different parts of this city, and one German society owns its own temple, but how well their meetings are attended and the character of their work, I am not altogether familiar with, but have heard some things about which I may, some day, have Bred of the smile, the jest, persomething to say (I should like to mention many by name) of the work t tells no tales of daring or of worth. done and kindly interest taken, but I Nor pierces even the surface of a have not the time. But I feel that I must mention one who is well known to the readers of your most valuable paper by her poems and other writ-ings; I refer to Mrs. Mary E. Van Horn, of 555 Fifth Avenue, whose life has been full of care and sadness, and now in her declining days is growing blind. I want all who know her and those who have been uplifted by her poems, to sit down and write her a good, happy letter. I tell you there nothing that cheers one so much when in trouble like a good, hopeful letter, full of the spirit of good thoughts. Mrs. Van Horn has been a Spiritualist for many years, and has done much to help the work along; so L trust that out of the great heart of the public whom she has sought to help will come hopeful, cheerful letters, full of the spirit of good things. J send my kindest thoughts and best wishes to one and all, in the hope that each day and hour we may all feel the need of helping our brother more, with kindly smiles, cheerful wishes, and the spiritual thought that does so much for mankind. G. H. BROOKS. Milwaukee, Wis.

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION. Brief Account of the Proceedings at

Its Recent Session.

The Temple of Spiritualism of this city where the National Convention was held during the World's Fair, was opened this week to the state convention, Wednesday and Thursday, February 21 and 22. The forenoons were given to business sessions, but afternoons and evenings elaborate programs were rendered. Also a ban-quet each evening, in lieu of restaurants, was served in the temple par-lors, and highly appreciated. Prof. Thomas A. Greenwood, assist

ed by Miss Ida Gross and others, rendered a fine musical program at each session.

Following are the speakers of the convention: Harrison D. Barrett, C. Fannie Allyn, Mrs. K. T. Hary, Dr. Herman W. Faber, Rev. Theresa Al-lon, Paul McArthur and J. B. Bates. Spirit messages were given by the following: Mrs. I. Burger, Rev. Laura Jones, Mrs. Nelson Armstead, Mrs Sarah Anderson, Rev. Theresa Allen Rev. Mrs. Price, Mrs. K. T. Hary and

Rev. Mrs. J. C. Stevens. Missouri has placed herself on record as one of the first states to enact legal proceeding against fraudulent

mediumship. Members of the retiring state board and others hore the expense of this public trial in which two hundred dollars were expended in lawyer fees alone.

But their decision, ratified by the N. S. A., has given us a purer Spiritual-ism in Missouri. Other states fall in line. Funds were contributed at the convention to reimburse the treasury which this trial depleted.

The colored people under the auspices of the colored Spiritualist so-

ciety here were given one whole ses sion of the convention, and acquittee themselves in a manner which did them great credit. Rev. J. E. Bates, their speaker, is a man of culture and education, and the two mediums who followed him with tests did good work,

At the last session of the convention there was congregational singing from Mrs. Mattie McCaslin's little book of imitable inspirational poems. Also President Barrett ordained Mrs. K. T. Hary and Mrs. Laura Jones.

Following are Missouri's new state officers: President, Paul McArthur; secretary, W. F. Fereleman: treasirer, Mrs. K. T. Hary; editor-at-large and press agent, Rev. Thomas Grimshaw; vice-presidents, L. F. Beauvais, Mrs. C. C. Stevens, M. Pierce, Mrs. L. Jones, Mrs. E. F. Wallace, C. O. Renicke. Trustees, H. R. Gates, F. W. Goethe, R. Shackelford, Mrs. D. Cadman, C. A. Gilbert and Mrs. J. Cornelius. Several of the officers are from Kansas City.

I cannot include all the names of our entertainers at the various sesaions, but all were appreciated. MRS. M. McCASLIN.

St. Louis, Mo.

THE HOME AND THE BALLOT.

Their Respective Relations Pointed Out.

'The home ideal of to-day is the best the world has yet known, and it will continue to develop as larger freedom and broader culture come to all who share its life.

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It is not a question of whether men wish women to have certain privileges or opportunities, or whether all wo men agree in desiring them, but whether, in the performance of the duties women undertake, they need these privileges in order to obtain the best results for themselves and their vocation. Suppose that the sphere of woman's service is limited by the

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WORDS OF CORDIAL GREETING. They Come From Lake Helen, Fla.,

From Mrs. Laura G. Fixen, a Rising Star in the Ranks of Spiritualism. To Friends and Co-Workers in the Illinois State Spiritualists Association, Greeting:-I regret that I cannot be with you at your gathering, and enjoy the inspiration of your deliberation and the pleasure of your companion ship.

I am, however, with you in thought, wishing for you a blessed season and that you may be baptized with the spirit of Love, Work and Sacrifice.

During the centuries of the past superior souls have worked and fought lived and died true to their vision of help to their fellowman; but among all the scintillating stars sent to the world to redeem the race from the thralldom of ignorance and superstition, Spiritualism supersedes them all

It has been the Star of the East to each mortal who has been guided by its glow, and in thousands of homes the family altar has been erected-Healing songs just published, and not to worship the Trinity, but to wait Fannie Allyn rendered one of her in- for the tiny rap, bringing its message of greeting and joy from the dear ones on the other side of the Divide

> Beloved, that rap has sounded its message to each of us, and no roar of thunder could have impressed us

stronger than this tiny small voice which convinced us that our dear ones lived. Our ears have heard, our eves have seen and our investigations have proved to us beyond a doubt, that the loved ones who went home are among the immortals and are among us to guide and comfort.

Great as our hopes have been, we have found the realities still greater; high as our inspirations have lifted us, we have found immeasurable heights

beyond, waiting to be reached. What manner of men and women ought we then to be? What manner of men and women is it possible for us to be? Have we even an approxi-mate.conception of our own possibili-

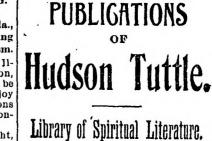
ties? Have we correctly measured our responsibilities, or what our influence might be with the skeptic, if our our lofty philosophy. What though we as little children stumble over the slippery stones in our path, are not the everlasting arms around us to help us on our feet again?

The hosts of heaven shall serve us. its great inspirers guide us, its mighty that are not answered in its pages, forces sustain us, and no good thing shall be withheld from us. Let us, then, start the coming

year with a new courage, because of our stronger convictions. Let us not be satisfied with our vic-

tories of yesterday, but let each day be a new revealment unfolded to our souls' consciousness. Let us live up

as we sow.



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these transformations. not make honest men and women to You will discover by this that on the live on earth, and further, why did In-finite Intelligence neglect making it case mentioned I am either an agnostic or an unbeliever. I know good, honest, intelligent men and women

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On the testimony, I do not believe that such events ever happened.

The testimony is weakened in the much PREVALENT face of so FRAUD AMONG THE SO-CALLED MATERIALIZING MEDIUMS. I would say, investigate such phe-

nomena these witnesses claim to have THE SPIRITUALISTS AS A WHOLE. occurred in their presence. Apply proper methods of investiga.

EASILY HUMBUGGED OF ANY CLASS OF PEOPLE WHATEVER. If not genuine, the fraud will tion pear. My mind is in the attitude of dis-fair illustration of this position. appear.

belief-PROFOUND DISBELIEF. If In this episode, we have, apparently, I saw such phenomena every day for weeks, I would have the greatest diffi-puted medium, playing the deception culty in believing. I would not deny, part, and the attendants, the credu-but the probability of some defect in lous guilibles, eagerly SWALLOWING part, and the attendants, the credumy power of observation; some over-sight in investigating the method and Or, it may be possible that the whole my power of observation; some overconditions; some practical deception affair was a gotten-up cheat to im pose upon the credulous public. beyond my power of knowing, would stand in the front ground of my doubt thousands will accept it without thought. The balance of my judgment a doubt of its validity. would be that the manifestations were Back in the time of the Davenports,

fraudulent. Supposing that there did happen the

Von Vleck and Fay we had specimen performances of substantial dematerializing and rematerializing of cloth phenomena claimed.

Then I would have to disband my Then I would have to disband my ing. One of Fay's TRICKS was the belief in the theory of evolution. I tying of his hands by the spirits with would have to disbelieve the facts of a most formidable knot. Then they chemical science. I would have to would partly dematerialize his coat give up the order of nature as human or vest, so as to take it off, and by experience sees it to-day. I would the reverse processes it would be put have to believe in a miracle. I would on while his hands were securely tied. have to believe that Christ turned When invited to witness this wonderwater into wine; that Aaron's rod ful feat, I was stupid enough to noturned into a serpent. I would have tice that when the light was turned on to believe that old political lie that and the garment exhibited, it was al-Constantine saw the cross of Christ ways whole. Somewhat angered I de-in the sky, and the declaration, "By manded that the garment should be this ye conquer." I would have to left in its dematerialized condition so believe all the lies of ecclesiastical frauds in the ages past. I would have we could see it: and I offered to furnish a pile of vests if they would to believe that Christ was a medium. thus left, and then put together again I would have to believe that a dead but the performing spirits would not acept the challenge. They worked in

the

man can be brought to life again. would have to believe that a virgin the dark. can be a mother, and all the idiotic rot Some time after this, I sent some out of which the religions of the world young men to Fay's performance, who discovered that his tying was an OLD

have been made. Superstition haunts the human TRICK KNOT, by which he could slip mind. Men are eager to believe the one hand out in a moment, and pull wonderful, but science says stop. of or put on his coat or vest. That

Give proof. Before I can believe, my spoiled his business. The readers of The Progressive mind has to undress itself of all that t was ever taught, and that science Thinker all know that \$1,000 has lain It was even thight, and My reason in bank here in Los Angeles, to be has ever demonstrated. My reason in bank here in Los Angeles, to be world readjusted to other and more paid for one materialization. Now, I with Tables of Ephemeris from 1830 to untainkable postulates bas to be turned upside down and the make one proposition: I will guaran-bas to be turned upside down and the make one proposition: I will guaran-mail \$1.50. has ever demonstrated. My reason in bank here in Los Angeles, to be

there is no light; the heavens are black with no summer-land in sight. The scientific method alone will save and bring to man abiding truth. J. CLEGG WRIGHT.

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amazing credulity of the people.

ARE THE MOST CREDULOUS, MOST

Great truths are greatly won. Not J. S. Loveland, the Octogenarian, Exfound by chance, Nor wafted on the breath of sumpresses a Lucid Opinion on the Submer dream; ject Under Consideration-Fay's But grasped in the great struggle of Old Trick.

Can a spirit dematerialize " a nice Hard-buffeting with adverse wind white hat"—"a white dress"—"a pair of white shoes"—"a pair of white stockings"—"a scarf, fan and doll," and stream. Not in the general mart, 'mid corn and wine: take them to the spirit world, bring

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No

soul.

Not in the merchandise of gold and and dress up as a spirit with them so that Not in the world's gay hall of mid-

a photograph could be taken? Or can night mirth; Not 'mid the blaze of regal diaspirit realm and then returned to earth again? NO! MOST EMPHATdems:

But in the day of conflict, fear, and CREDULITY AND FRAUD are the grief, When the strong hand of God, put wo potential influences now retarding

progress of a genuine Spiritforth in might, ualism. There has been a strong pro-Plows up the subsoil of the stagnant test against fraud; but it would be comparatively powerless but for the

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bined May yet reveal the truth outlined.

And if. whate'er-that truth may be, I can but learn its face, Perhaps through Life's deep mystery I may some purpose trace.

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And whence War? Go read your Bible, good Christian brother, and find long chapters with a "Thus saith with the remark, she did not wish to read farther; that it lowered her opinthe Lord," instructing his favored peoion of God whom she had been taught ple to war on other peoples, and to to adore, so he lays aside the presave nothing alive but virgins! These were allowed to be held for purposes cious volume, and strives to forget what the book taught him. Hume, and too vile to be designated by the term Smollet, and Gibbon, and Grote were slavo

reared in the church, but broke away It is false, a base, shameless lie, to from it as they became learned. Most make the Eternal Father responsible of the Liberals, like Voltaire, and Volfor these hellish acts; and the book ney. Paine and Ingersoll, started life so dishonoring God should not be prein the church. Voltaire published a sented to the world for its glorification translation which he rendered, of Ec-We mean every word clesiastes and the Songs of Solomon. we write. The period is passed when Says his biographer: the stake, the fagot, and dungeon may "Though he pruned the licentious be employed to crush those who exlanguage and imagery of the original, pose the true character of that book;

the work was burnt by the authorities as immoral and indecent. In this instance Christians condemned their own books and burnt them as obscene. On another occasion Voltaire ex-

posed the vices of the clergy of France. The authorities, under priestly influ-ence, decreed the destruction of his

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he had to flee to escape a similar fate. To conclude we copy Voltaire's idea of Bibles and Gospels:

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Lars Wilkins died when the steam-"in the morning I was awakened by ship Valencia was wrecked, one of the the ratile of bolts being withdrawn. victims of that terrible disaster on the started up in surprise, for I was in northern coast, but in the dreams of strange room, and a woman I did not Miss Mamie Wheatley he still lives, know was bending over me. My father and in her sleep the girl hears him called to me and I was happy then. call to her for aid. They say that I was found by a police-

When she hears him shout to her man, that I ran as he tried to catch across the water. Miss Wheatley, me, and that they locked me up in the whose home is at 149 Juniper street, Receiving Hospital. I do not feel sick rises in her sleep and without waking to-day. I am very nervous, that is she starts away in response to the plea all."

for help. Twice, controlled by this "I had a similar experience a week weird somnambulistic influence, she ago. Then I was found by friends on has been found walking and running Ninth and Mission streets and reabout on the streets at night, clad only turned. I hope that I won't see it n her night dress. On the night of again. The third time might be much the wreck, she says, the vision first worse. On the night of the Valencia appeared to her, but at that time she wreck I saw, or rather I dreamed that did not leave her bed, so far as she is I saw, Mr. Wilkins for the first time. aware. The second sleep-walking At the time I did not know that the experience recurred before daylight ship had been wrecked. Along about yesterday morning, when the girl was midnight, I was startled from my found by Policeman Furman at Elev- steep. Mr. Wilkins was in my room, enth and Mission streets about 4 and, as I raised myself on my pillow o'clock. Here is the strange story as he came forward and touched me on

"On Sunday night I went to bed words that he uttered on Sunday told by the girl herself: about Mr. Wilkins, who had stayed boat!' He then went around the room, with us nearly two years, and who was scattering bones, and pleading that a very good friend to the family. In come and help him and his friends. every corner of the house there is awoke with an awful shrick. M some little trinket or gift to recall his mother rushed into my room, and I memory. I must say that while he told her what had transpired. She was with us I never cared much for said that I was only dreaming, and she took me into her own bed. "It is this thought that makes me In the whole field of psychical re-

sad whenever his unhappy fate is re- search, which has been carried on with cited, and I often think that if he a great deal of zeal in this country, no sweet and gentle to him. Last night of this case could probably be found. as I went to sleep I was dreaming of The authenticity of the two sleepwalking incidents cannot be ques-

"I do not know in what predicament tioned. my feverish fance was picturing him, dream, or vision, on the night of the but all of a sudden I started from my wreck, and which is alleged to have pillow, and there at the door of my awakened Miss Wheatley before she chamber. Wilkins was standing. knew of the disaster. is, however, the "He looked alive, and there was one of chief interest to the promoters

nothing about him that was peculiar of research along these lines. except the strange, sad look of pity scientists of very high standing would on his face. As I watched him he regard it as entirely possible that the stretched out his hand towards me, mind of the Valencia victim could and I could see that his lips were mov-

ing: "Mamie, oh, Mamie! Save mel and in the manner stated, but they Get me a boat, he said, and then he would not accept any theory of direct beckoned to me to follow him. He mental influence occurring after the waited at the door until I brushed by man had died. If, at the time of the him. I did not look into his face as first dream, said to have been experi enced on the night of the wreck and "Down the stairs I crept in my before the news was received here

night-dress. There was no time for Miss Wheatley and her mother had es-The wreck had just happened, tablished a record which now would delay. and although I did not see him in the leave no room for skepticism or doubt. water, nor did I behold any ship, I un- the case would have been one of the derstood that he needed help immedi- most remarkable in the history of psy-

LIKE DADDY.

interpreted by his mother.]

Only came one month ago To this world of doubtful joy

But I think I'll stay awhile-

Everyone gives me a smile,

Daddy's eves are very blue:

Daddy's hairs are very few

Nothing seems so very bad:

And they say I look like Dad.

Mine are just as blue 'tis said.

On the front part of his head:

Fut for that, of course I'm glad

If I'm going to look like Dad?

So are mine, as scarce can be,

What's the use of hair on me

Mother wanted me with curls.

But that wasn't in the plan.

Curls are only made for girls

And I want to be a man

Just like Daddy, big and strong;

Since like Daddy now I look.

Pink and white is Daddy's skin:

Well. I've got one right in view.

Then, like him, I'm always good

Never cross, and never bad, Sleep and smile as bables should, Just because I look like Dad.

My dear, Daddy says each day. "Prettlest boy on earth is he." Funny thing for him to say---

Not polite. It seems to me.

Now when mamma says it o'er,

For I think she loves me more.

He and IF wilf always try

Price 10 cents.

Just because I look like Dad.

Daddy loves her, so do I, And she calls us each "Her Boy.

Just the givenher sweetest joy

That it's nice to look like Dad.

"Talmagean Inanities, Incongruities

I don't mind, it makes me glad.

Mine is pinker, whiter, too,

And the dimple in his chin----

Fast I'll grow; it won't take long

So from him I pattern took.

m,a little baby boy-

know:

This highly gifted medium is seriously thinking of leaving the United States, having received an urgent appeal to visit Russia, the domain of the Tsar, from persons extremely high in authority. She is a most wonderful medium, and in that foreign land she will make an impression that will prove of lasting good to our cause. We most cordially congratulate the lady on this acknowledgment of the high esteem in which she is held by foreigners who are seeking light on occult subjects. She will keep the readers of The Progressive Thinker informed as to her future movements.

The New York Herald, of February Mrs. Pepper is finishing her second 26, has the following:

year as the pastor of the Brooklyn

Mar. 10, 1996.

The Rev. May S. Pepper, pastor of church, and although she has encountthe First Spiritual Church, of Brook- ered opposition of the most bitter nalyn, is considering an offer to go to ture, the confidence of her followers Russia to take up her mediumistic has never wavered, and she has built work there, and she has planned to up a large church. She stands high in give up her pastorate on June 1. Her the world of Spiritualism, and reprecontract with the Brooklyn church ex- sented that religion at the Parliament pires at that time, and she said last of Religions held at Portland, Ore., night that unless there was a change last summer.

in her plans she would not renew it, In her sermon last night Mrs. Pepbut would accept the Russian offer. per declared that the Rev. Dr. Isaac K. It will be as a private medium Funk had been misquoted in the rerather than the pastor of a church port of his address before the Presbythat Mrs. Pepper will go to Russia. terian ministers, in which he declared She said last night after her service that he had never received absolute that it was work of a semi-political na- proof of messages from the spirit ture, but would not go into details, world. She declared that he had told other than to say that persons high in her that he had been misquoted, and Russian affairs were interested in that she in fact knew that Dr. Funk having her go there. She will live at had received many messages that Moscow if she goes, as she now ex- could have come from nowhere but pects to. from the spirit world.

Spontaneous Spirit Phenomena

SPIRIT POWER AND INFLUENCE. he asked for a light to go to the stable

Spontaneous Spirit Phenomena Are Children of Earth.

corder, England: stories. first visitations occur. It is a truism to re-

Some well have influenced the mind of the San tical enough for most up-to-date peo ple.

loved Welsh ministers, who has but recently entered "within the veil." In one of his circuits he had a counvolved a long and steady drive

strange about it, and he took a box of matches from the table by the bed-

he had always been accustomed to He also told that on another occasion, going to preach some special ser-

mons for some other denomination be guest in a large and old-fashioned country house. As he was about to retire for the night his host remarked that his lamp was well filled with oil, Afterwards he imagined reading. there had been another reason for giving him plenty of oil, and was inclined to wish he had left his lamp burning. got into bed.

He was just falling asleep when he was aroused by someone entering the room, passing over to the old chest o drawers, and apparently searching for something. This did not trouble my friend in the least. He thought probably someone wanted something for morning, and had imagined him to be asleep. So when the visitor had left the room he settled himself to repose again, but was disturbed in exactly

When it happened for the third time / About half-way between this chapel he began to think there was something and his home was a gentleman's house, house side, and got one all ready to strike in and lown r case the mysterious visitor should reow of the trees which skirled his garturn. In a few seconds it entered the room den, evidently enjoying an after-supper cigar or pipe. He would always again, and as soon as it seemed to be nod to the Methodist preacher, fairly engaged in its search. Mr. Jsometimes they would exchange "Good night." deliberately struck a match, and the figure instantly disappeared! So accustomed had Mr. J--- be-He jumped out of bed and ran out come to the sight of this gentleman, as relieving the monotony of his long into the corridor. Nothing was to be drive, that he was as sorry as if he had seen or heard, and he resolved to find lost a personal friend when he heard his host at once, and ask for an explanation. His bedroom was the only that he was dead. Some strange stories began to be one in that part of the house, but after circulated concerning the old gentle- a little difficulty he found his way, and man's former dwelling. It appeared told his story. The gentleman looked that the property had not been left as troubled, but after a little hesitation the relatives wished, and there were said that his son had died in that the will, room some twelve months previously unfortunate disputes over The story, as it came to the ears of from typhoid fever, and that the ser Mr. J---- and his wife, was that every vants and others affirmed that he often morning all the doors, however secure- came back to his old bed-chamber.

to put up the horse for the night, as Occurring the World Over, and than that of the moon or stars. He That, Too, Apparently Without the did not tell his wife at the time what Presence of a Medium, Thus Estab- had happened, but related the story lishing the Fact, That Spirits Can to his colleague, and often afterwards Make Their Presence Known to the to his children, from whom I had it.

The following collection of experiences appeared in the Methodist Re- (Primitives, I believe), his lot was to There are ghost stories and ghost Many are explainable, and as such cease to be spiritual. As Methodists we possess records of in case he might want to sit up late strange things which cannot be explained away, and must be believed. Now-a-days few instances of spiritual

mark that we are living in a high- However, such was not the case, for he pressure, hurry-along time, when was tired, and hastily undressed and pressure, hurry-along time, when most people are so busy that we may believe that they have a great deal of overwork to get through before the end of each year. It is a practical age, too, and ghosts are not prac-However, the stories I relate were told by an eminently practical

man, one of our well-known and welltry appointment which always in; the same manner.

off of the CREDULITY OF IGNOR-

Look out for the articles under the

SPIRITUALISM. reading them, unless you want to re-But no sooner was SPIRIT RE- main in benighted darkness, prefer-

We propose to let a FLOOD OF will not, of course, read The Progress-One place in this city has done a ive Thinker, and will remain in the lucrative business in furnishing mate- darkness of credulity until their intelneeds of the hour is astonishingly So prominent a part is LEGERDE- large and conclusive, and in many Four of them will be from the pen of UMSHIP AND TRUE SPIRITUALISM.

and we hail with joy the services of the best thinkers and ablest scholars in the Christian pulpit in calling attention to these wrongs which human language is too feeble to denounce with the vehemence the subject de-

hook which was publicly burnt, and

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> as impossible for this simple and eternal religion to produce evil as it would be impossible for Christian fanaticism

The titles of a series of discourses

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rial and instruction to those who wish lects are quickened. Those who want "TO PLAY" mediumship. Its illus- the light, the glorious UNTARtrated circular is in our possession, NISHED LIGHT, will aid most strenuand is gotten up in fine, artistic style, ously to extend the circulation of the and the suggestions are diabolically paper. The educational process we ingenious, and also interesting in con- have commenced will continue. The nection with the study of human cre- data we have on hand to illustrate the dulity.

MAIN playing to-day in connection cases astounding. THE PROGRESSwith the phenomena of Spirit Return, IVE THINKER LEADS in prosperity. especially at various camp-meetings, It LEADS in the search for the absothat we will soon publish several com- lute truth. It LEADS in its efforts to munications under that heading. sustain and promote HONEST MEDI-

Where Is Sambo?

In ante-bellum days it was said of a Southern planter, much given to has not the means of verification at drawing the long bow, that he always hand, but it would appear by the folappealed to his body servant to confirm his narration; and Sambo, well the founder of Methodism, in the secup in story telling himself. would vouch for the truth of the master's mons, declared: yarn, and add such explanatory points as seemed necessary to make the fiction appear probable. On one of God,' after all that has been said of its these occasions the master said he and | being common to all men in all ages Sambo were in the forest stalking for and hations, it does not appear that deer. A giant buck, with great ant-deer development of the beasts of the field. lers, head erect, came trotting towards He has no knowledge of God at all; him, when he raised his rifie, fired, neither is God in all his thoughts. the animal made a bound and fell to Whatever change may afterward be the ground dead. On examination he wrought, whether by the grace of found the ball had passed through the God, or by his own reflection, or by found the ball had passed through the animal's forefoot, left ear and head. 'Sambo, isn't that so?'

Sambo stammered for a moment, but recovering himself, he affirmed: claim, that there is no supreme mind "It am strickly true. You see it was to guide and direct the vast machinery jes' dis way: As Massa drew up his gun to shoot de deer felt somethin bitin' his ear, so he dropped his head an' put up his foot to scratch, and Massa fired, wid de result den stated."

As soon as master and slave were alone the latter averred: "Massa mus' make yo' stories more consistent. It was de hardest act of my life to get dat foot, ear and head in range for de bullet. A few careless stories of dat sort and de people won't b'lieve anyt'ing you tell, even if I swear to

Query: How would Sambo have reconciled these passages of the divine word?

"I [Jacob] have seen God face to face.'

to face.

"The Lord talked with you face to Me."-Numbers 14:14. And the Lord said to Moses, Exodus. face."

33:10: "There shall no man see me and live." Which is truth? Where is Sambo?

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Wesley Said It, Not Us.

The Progressive Thinker regrets it lowing clipping from an exchange, that ond volume, page 309 of Wesley's Ser-"After all that has been so plausibly

written concerning the 'innate idea of education, he is, by nature, a mere atheist.' However much we may repulse the

claim, that there is no supreme mind of the mighty universe, the idea is in finitely superior to that of a vacillating. repentant, jealous God, the author of evil, such as is presented us in

the Old Testament scriptures.

As the Poet Saw It.

By education most have been misled; So they believe because they so were hred. The priest continues what the nurse

began, And thus the child imposes on the

Dryden. man.

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see the anxious seat: the rush to secure a front place; the weeping candidate for glory highly agitated on his knees, and the zealous evangel, joined by class leaders, and the good sisters, kneeled around, and each doing his level best with loud voice to gain the ear of Heaven. The Progressive Thinker wishes the

evangel great success; for so soon as the hypnotic spell is broken the neophyte will begin to think, provided he has brains, and whether he leaves the church or not with which he has become connected, will build up a new faith more in harmony with Truth.

Cursing the Wrong Personage.

Evil is defined, "morally bad; contrary to divine or righteous law; wrong and wilful; sinful and depraved."

Now open to Isaiah 45:7, and read: "I make peace, and create evil. I the Lord do all these things. Amos 8:6-"Shall there be evil in

a city, and the Lord hath not done

Thus, instead of the Devil being responsible for the evil in the world, and particularly in cities, according to this inerrant Bible, it is the "Lord"

who does "all these things." That is the character the Christian's Bible gives the Lord, and then they curse the other fellow for it. Is that right? Is that as it should be? The author of evil is the one who should receive the curses, according to our philosophy

But God is not the author of avii. The representation that he is, is another error of the inerrant record. We regret the necessity of correcting so many misrepresentations of that "sa-

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Oh what chuma we three shall be, Always happy, never sad, And I guess we'll all agree ersing the vast wilderness of Alaska and the Yukon territory to the Behring Sea, where two continents almost touch.

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well as instructive.

chical phenomena

"I opened the door and was out on Miss Wheatley is an exceedingly the street. He was in front of me pretty girl of fifteen years. Her hair "I opened the door and was out on new, beckoning from the dim distance. is luxuriantly abundant and falls in We hurried along over the pavements. fine delicate ringlets over her brow is luxuriantly abundant and falls in I was not conscious of the cold, nor and she has large blue eyes. Mr did I experience any sensation that I Wilkins was a man of middle age, a can remember. When the spectre druggist by profession .-- San Franleft me, I cannot say. cisco Examiner, Feb. 27.

SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY.

The account of the

Colorado Springs, Mar. 1 .--- It is [Soliloguy of Robert Payson Fugitt, claimed an Astral artist can photo-Washington. D. C., March 1, 1906, as graph anything you have lost. It is asserted that he is a wizard in a dark room, and claims that photographs of the "dead" can be taken as well as Filled with strange things I don't the living. By photographing the "astral" finger of a man who had lost that member in an accident several months ago A. K. Cutting of 428 Colorado avenue, Colorado City, who dabbles in photography .and .occult science, believes he has proved scientifically the theory of the ancient Persian philosopher, Zoroaster, that man

has a dual or astral body. Cutting to-day called Joseph Murphy, a brakeman, formerly of Quincy, Ill., but now a resident of Colorado City, into his office for the purpose of proving his discovery. A few months

ago Murphy lost the forefinger of his right hand in an accident at Quincy. The men went into a dark room and Cutting asked Murphy to place his imaginary finger upon a highly sensitized plate. After a few minutes the plate was developed, revealing the clear outlines of the missing finger. Although fairly overwhelmed by his discovery, Cutting feels sure of his ground.

He believes he has proved beyond doubt the theory of theosophists, that man has a dual body existing in some sort of finid form, which . becomes a counterpart of man when released by the death of the body. Cutting made his first experiment last Saturday when he reproduced a picture of his dead father on a photographic plate by simply holding the plate to his forehead and concentrating his thoughts on his father.

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ly fastened the night before, were Mr. J— was convinced in his own found unlocked and thrown open, and mind that on each of these occasions one special time it was stated that all he had seen a spirit. the horses and vehicles about the Some revival services which had place were found at the bottom of a proved highly successful had been distant field, the stables and coach- held in one of the remote country houses remaining closed and locked. places in Wales. Some ten or a dozen nonses remaining closed and becau. places in wates, some ten of a closed Mr, J—— and his wife smiled at young men were returning from one these stories, and remarked that it of the evening meetings. They had to

was probably very human, not spirit- pass over a part where it was said a ual agency which effected these great and bloody battle had fought in bygone ages. But the -, minds of these young men being full strange things.

But shortly afterwards Mr. Jreturning as usual from his distant of the scenes of holy excitement which appointment, and nearing the house they had just left, their thoughts were of which these uncanny stories were from these legends, and as they told, was surprised by his steady, so- walked they sang together one of the ber-going Methodist parson's horse rousing revival hymns. But soon they shying violently and refusing to go on. were startled by a sound which rose Coaxing and sterner methods were in above their singing, and seemed trying vain, so the minister got down to lead to drown it. They stopped and listhe beast. To his surprise it was trem- tened; it was a sound as if numbers of bling violently, and turning his eyes heavy chains were being dragged to the side of the road Mr. J---- was along and thrown over a precipice. horrified to behold the figure of his With one accord they ran to the place old acquaintance calmly and medita- from which the sounds proceeded, but tively strolling along as beforetime. nothing could be seen, nothing could

i have said that he was a practical now be heard. They continued their man, but his nerves were not proof journey and started the Songs of against this shock. He always con-Zion once more, when the diabolical ed that he did not know how he noises began again, and were kept up fess got into the trap, and how he drove (though they would not stop singing) home, but his wife was surprised when until they reached the village.

which it has lived for nearly twenty A New Thing in History.

There is no use in antagonizing centuries. facts. The dominant religion is mori- no new thing. It must have happened years ago, becomes a general remark which we live." to-day.

Maurice Maeterlinck, in a late issue of the Atlantic, Monthly, makes this have no successor. Spiritualism, with suggestive statement:

"We have arrived at a stage of hu- is here to stay. It will overwhelm man evolution that must be almost un-precedented in history. A large por-tion of mankind—and just that por-become the universal faith of the tion which corresponds with the part world. The fake element, by which it that has hitherto-created the events of is now cursed, will disappear with the which we know with some certainty- corruption which inclued fraud to stay is gradually forsaking the religion in progress.

The writer erred in supposing the old creed-bound superstition would its facts in regard to a continued life,

A day to Bert

"For religion to become extinct is

observer knows this; and thurchmen and the analysis of the end of the Ko-are as conscious of it as any. A fall- man empire made us assist at the ing body increases in speed each mo-ment of its descent, so as to be almost into one that was building; they left invisible as it nears the earth; and so one religion to enter another, whereas

bund-death struck. Every practical more than once in the night of time, observer knows this; and churchmen and the analysis of the end of the Ro-

with the disintegration of a religion; we are abandoning ours to go nowhat was scarcely noticed twenty-five where. That is the new phenomenon,

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War a Companion of Slavery.

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An Inquiry.

But slavery, gross, horrible, damn-able as it was, and crushing out every they, generally, are careful not to be virtue, as it did, blighting human haptray their clients. niness for thousands of years, had a It is they who are the best versed powerful auxiliary in grim-visaged War! It was a companion, and aid to in history who are best qualified to Captives made on the field | trace the origin and rise of any faith. of battle, were formerly enslaved, and The average child, soon after entering the practice continued down to modern times. So late as the desolating wars between England and Scotland Christian captives, chanting the name of Jesus, were transported to Barbadoes, and were sold into slavery by the Christian conquerors in England. Deny it who dare!

And whence War? Go read your Bible, good Christian brother, and turned the book to her grandmother find long chapters with a "Thus saith the Lord," instructing his favored people to war on other peoples, and to save nothing alive but virgins! These were allowed to be held for purposes too vile to be designated by the term It is false, a base, shameless lie, to make the Eternal Father responsible for these hellish acts; and the book

so dishonoring God should not be presented to the world for its glorification translation which he rendered, of Ec and guidance. We mean every word we write. The period is passed when clesiastes and the Songs of Solomon Says his biographer: "Though he pruned the licentious the stake, the fagot, and dungeon may

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We can hear the call for mourners; see the anxious seat; the rush to

The Progressive Thinker wishes the

The Spirit World. Rev. May S. Pepper

It Is in Close Touch With This, and Its Vibrations Are Constantly Being Felt.

"Alliof an sudden I started from my pillow, and there at the door of my chamber Wilkins was standing. He looked alive and there was nothing about him that was peculiar except the strange, sad look of pity on his face."-Miss Wheatley, the somnambulist roams abroad in her sleep in compliance with vibrations from the Land of Souls, illustrating in a marked degree the potent psychic influences, startling the world to-day, proving the truth of Spirit Return, without even the intervention of Mediumship. Mrs. Addie L. Ballou says: "I enclose a clipping from to-day's Examiner, Feb. 28, showing the trend of the occult forces, and also the liberality of the press."

Lars Wilkins died when the steam- "in the morning I was awakened by ship Valencia was wrecked, one of the the ratile of bolts being withdrawn. I victims of that terrible disaster on the started up in surprise, for I was in a northern coast, but in the dreams of strange room, and a woman I did not Miss Mamie Wheatley he still lives, know was bending over me. My father and in her sleep the girl hears him called to me and I was happy then call to her for aid. They say that I was found by a police When she hears him shout to her man, that I ran as he tried to catch

across the water, Miss Wheatley, me, and that they locked me up in the whose home is at 149 Juniper street, Receiving Hospital. 1 do not feel sick rises in her sleep and without waking to-day. I am very nervous, that is she starts away in response to the plea all. "I had a similar experience a week for help. Twice, controlled by this

veird somnambulistic influence, she ago. Then I was found by friends on has been found walking and running Ninth and Mission streets and re-about on the streets at night, clad only turned. I hope that I won't see it in her night dress. On the night of again. The third time might be much the wrock, she says, the vision first worse. On the night of the Valencia appeared to her, but at that time she wreck I saw, or rather I dreamed that did not leave her bed, so far as she is I saw, Mr. Wilkins for the first time. aware. The second sleep-walking At the time I did not know that the experience recurred before daylight ship had been wrecked. Along about yesterday morning, when the girl was midnight, I was startled from my found by Policeman Furman at Elev- sleep. Mr. Wilkins was in my room enth and Mission streets about 4 and, as I raised myself on my pillow, Here is the strange story as he came forward and touched me on

d by the girl herself: the shoulder, saying the selfsame "On Sunday night I went to bed words that he uttered on Sunday rather early. We had been talking night: 'Mamile, save me! Get me a about Mr. Wilkins, who had stayed boat!' He then went around the room, with us nearly two years, and who was scattering bones, and pleading that I a very good friend to the family. In come and help him and his friends. I every corner of the house there is awoke with an awful shriek. My some little trinket or gift to recall his mother rushed into my room, and I I must say that while he told her what had transpired. She was with us I never cared much for said that I was only dreaming, and she took me into her own bed.'

"It is this thought that makes me In the whole field of psychical resad whenever his unhappy fate is re-search, which has been carried on with cited, and I often think that if he a great deal of zeal in this country, no could come back again I would be record of more interest than the story sweet and gentle to him. Last night of this case could probably be found. as I went to steep I was dreaming of The authenticity of the two sleep

walking incidents cannot be ques "I do not know in what predicament tioned." The account of the my feverish fancy was picturing him, dream, or vision, on the night of the but all of a sudden I started from my wreck, and which is alleged to have pillow, and there at the door of my awakened Miss Wheatley before she chamber, Wilkins was standing. knew of the disaster, is, however, the chamber, Wilkins was standing. "He looked alive, and there was one of chief interest to the promoters nothing about him that was peculiar of research along these lines. Some the strange, sad look of pity scientists of very high standing would on his face. As I watched him he regard it as entirely possible that the stretched out, his hand towards me, mind of the Valencia victim could and I could see that his lips were movhave influenced the mind of the Sar

ing: ""Mamie, oh, Mamie! Save met and in the manner stated, but they Get me a boat,' he said, and then he would not accept any theory of direct He mental influence occurring after the beckoned to me to follow him. waited at the door until I brushed by man had died. If, at the time of the him. I did not look into his face as first dream, said to have been experienced on the night of the wreck and "Down the stairs I crept in my before the news was received here.

night-dress. There was no time for Miss Wheatley and her mother had es The wreck had just happened, tablished a record which now would and although I did not see him in the leave no room for skepticism or doubt. water, nor did I behold any ship, I un- the case would have been one of the derstood that he needed help immedi- most remarkable in the history of psy-

This highly gifted medium is seriously thinking of leaving the United States, having received an urgent appeal to visit Russia, the domain of the Tsar, from persons extremely high in authority. She is a most wonderful medium, and in that foreign land she will make an impression that will prove of lasting good to our cause. We most cordially congratulate the lady on this acknowledgment of the high esteem in which she is held by foreigners who are seeking light on occult subjects. She will keep the readers of The Progressive Thinker informed as to her future movements.

Mar. 10, 1908.

The New York Herald, of February Mrs. Pepper is finishing her second 26, has the following: year as the pastor of the Brooklyn The Rev. May S. Pepper, pastor of church, and although she has encountthe First Spiritual Church, of Brook- ered opposition of the most bitter nalyn, is considering an offer to go to ture, the confidence of her followers Russia to take up her mediumistic has never wavered, and she has built work there, and she has planned to up a large church. She stands high in give up her pastorate on June 1. Her the world of Spiritualism, and reprecontract with the Brooklyn church ex- sented that religion at the Parliament pires at that time, and she said last of Religions held at Portland, Ore., night that unless there was a change last summer.

in her plans she would not renew it, In her sermon last night Mrs. Pepbut would accept the Russian offer. per declared that the Rev. Dr. Isaac K. It will be as a private medium Funk had been misquoted in the rerather than the pastor of a church port of his address before the Presbythat Mrs. Pepper will go to Russia, terian ministers, in which he declared She said last night after her service that he had never received absolute that it was work of a semi-political na- proof of messages from the spirit ture, but would not go into details, world. She declared that he had told other than to say that persons high in her that he had been misquoted, and Russian affairs were interested in that she in fact knew that Dr. Funk having her go there. She will live at had received many messages that Moscow if she goes, as she now ex- could have come from nowhere but from the spirit world. pects to.

Spontaneous Spirit Phenomena

SPIRIT POWER AND INFLUENCE. he asked for a light to go to the stable to put up the horse for the night, as he had always been accustomed to

Spontaneous Spirit Phenomena Are Occurring the World Over, and then that of the moon or stars. He That, Too, Apparently Without the did not tell his wife at the time what Presence of a Medium, Thus Estab- had happened, but related the story lishing the Fact, That Spirits Can to his colleague, and often afterwards Make Their Presence Known to the to his children, from whom I had it. Children of Earth.

The following collection of experiences appeared in the Methodist Recorder. England: There are ghost stories and ghost stories. Many are explainable, and as such cease to be spiritual. As

Methodists we possess records of strange things which cannot be explained away, and must be believed. Now-a-days few instances of spiritual visitations occur. It is a truism to remark that we are living in a highpressure, hurry-along time, when most people are so busy that we may well believe that they have a great deal of overwork to get through before the end of each year. It is a practical age, too, and ghosts are not practical enough for most up-to-date peo

something. This did not trouble my ple. However, the stories I relate friend in the least. He thought probwere told by an eminently practical ably someone wanted something for man, one of our well-known and wellmorning, and had imagined him to be asleep. So when the visitor had left \int loved Welsh ministers, who has but recently entered "within the veil." In one of his circuits he had a counthe room he settled himself to repose again, but was disturbed in exactly try appointment which always in, the same manner.

volved a long and steady drive. About half-way between this chapel When it happened for the third time he began to think there was something strange about it, and he took a box of and his home was a gentleman's house, matches from the table by the bedside, and got one all ready to strike in

He also told that on another occa-

sion, going to preach some special ser-

mons for some other denomination

(Primitives, I believe), his lot was to

be guest in a large and old-fashioned

retire for the night his host remarked

that his lamp was well filled with oil,

in case he might want to sit up late

there had been another reason for giv-

ing him plenty of oil, and was inclined

to wish he had left his lamp burning.

However, such was not the case, for he

was tired, and hastily undressed and

He was just falling asleep when he

was aroused by someone entering the

room, passing over to the old chest of

drawers, and apparently searching for

As he was about to

Afterwards he imagined

country house.

reading.

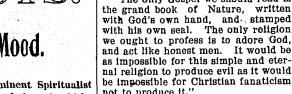
got into bed.

off of the CREDULITY OF IGNOR-Look out for the articles under the

pose the true character of that book;

wayning from unseen sources, etc., all They will interest you. They will edreading them, unless you want to re-But no sooner was SPIRIT RE- main in benighted darkness, prefer-We propose to let a FLOOD OF base and rotten imitator stepped to LIGHT flow in on Spiritualism. Those will not, of course, read The Progress-

SPIRITUALISM.



on the journey of life. is presented with a Bible by a loving mother, and is instructed to study its sacred pages, because it is the Word of God, fault less in every line. He reads for a time, and absorbs it all. If he stops to reason, like the little girl who re-

with the remark, she did not wish to read farther; that it lowered her opin ion of God whom she had been taught to adore, so he lays aside the precious volume, and strives to forget what the book taught him. Hume, and Smollet, and Gibbon, and Grote were reared in the church, but broke away from it as they became learned. Mos of the Liberals, like Voltaire, and Vol ney, Paine and Ingersoll, started life in the church. Voltaire published a

lucrative business in furnishing mate- darkness of credulity until their intelrial and instruction to those who wish lects are quickened. Those who want "TO PLAY" mediumship. Its illus- the light, the glorious UNTARtrated circular is in our possession, NISHED LIGHT, will aid most strenuand is gotten up in fine, artistic style, ously to extend the circulation of the and the suggestions are diabolically paper. The educational process we ingenious, and also interesting in con- have commenced will continue. The nection with the study of human cre- data we have on hand to illustrate the dulity.

So prominent a part is LEGERDE- large and conclusive, and in many MAIN playing to-day in connection cases astounding. THE PROGRESSwith the phenomena of Spirit Return, IVE THINKER LEADS in prosperity. especially at various camp-meetings, It LEADS in the search for the absothat we will soon publish several com- lute truth. It LEADS in its efforts to munications under that heading. sustain and promote HONEST MEDI-Four of them will be from the pen of UMSHIP AND TRUE SPIRITUALISM.

Where Is Sambo?

In ante-bellum days it was said of a Southern planter, much given to drawing the long bow, that he always hand, but it would appear by the folappealed to his body servant to confirm his narration; and Sambo, well the founder of Methodism, in the secup in story telling himself, would vouch for the truth of the master's mons, declared: varn, and add such explanatory points as seemed necessary to make the fiction appear probable. On one of these occasions the master said he and Sambo were in the forest stalking for deer. A giant buck, with great antlers, head erect, came trotting towards He has no knowledge of God at all; him, when he raised his rifle, fired, neither is God in all his thoughts. the animal made a bound and fell to Whatever change may afterward be the ground dead. On examination he wrought, whether by the grace of God, or by his own reflection, or by education, he is, by nature, a mere animal's forefoot, left ear and head.

atheist." 'Samho. isn't that so?' However much we may repulse the Sambo stammered for a moment claim, that there is no supreme mind but recovering himself, he affirmed: 'It am strickly true. You see it was to guide and direct the vast machinery jes' dis way: As Massa drew up his of the mighty universe, the idea is ingun to shoot de deer felt somethin' finitely superior to that of a vacillatbitin' his ear, so he dropped his head ing, repentant, jealous God, the auan' put up his foot to scratch, and thor of evil, such as is presented us in Massa fired, wid de result den

stated.' As soon as master and slave were alone the latter averred: "Massa, you mus' make yo' stories more consistent It was de hardest act of my life to get dat foot, ear and head in range for A few careless stories of de bullet. dat sort and de people won't b'lieve. The priest continues what the nurse anyt'ing you tell, even if I swear to

Query: How would Sambo have reccircuit in the second face to as an Event in Life." By Lilian Whit-ing. One of Miss Whiting's most sugonciled these passages of the divine word?

face.'

"And the Lord spake to Moses face gestive, intensely interesting, spiritual to face."-Exodus 33:11.

"The Lord talked with you face to ful spirituality. Price \$1 face."-Numbers 14:14.

And the Lord said to Moses, Exodus 33:10: "There shall no man see ne and live." Which is truth? Where is Sambo? This pretty volume contains fifty-seven

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One place in this city has done a ive Thinker, and will remain in the cure a front place; the weeping candidate for glory highly agitated on his knees, and the zealous evangel, joined by class leaders, and the good sisters, kneeled around, and each doing his level best with loud voice to gain the ear of Heaven. evangel great success; for so soon as needs of the hour is astonishingly

the hypnotic spell is broken the neo phyte will begin to think, provided he has brains, and whether he leaves the church or not with which he has become connected, will build up a new faith more in harmony with Truth. Cursing the Wrong Personage. Evil is defined. "morally had: contrary to divine or righteous law; wrong and wilful; sinful and de-

praved." Wesley Said It, Not Us.

the Old Testament scriptures.

bred.

began.

man.

As the Poet Saw It.

By education most have been misled:

So they believe because they so were

And thus the child imposes on the

books. It is laden with rich, thought-

"Death Defeated; or thePsychic Se

-Dryden.

Now open to Isaiah 45:7, and read: The Progressive Thinker regrets it "I make peace, and create evil. I has not the means of verification at the Lord do all these things." Amos 8:6-"Shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done lowing clipping from an exchange, that it?' Thus, instead of the Devil being reond volume, page 309 of Wesley's Sersponsible for the evil in the world, and

particularly in cities, according to "After all that has been so plausibly written concerning the 'innate idea of this inerrant Bible, it is the "Lord" God,' after all that has been said of its who does "all these things." being common to all men in all ages That is the character the Christian's and hations, it does not appear that Bible gives the Lord, and then they man has naturally any more idea of curse the other fellow for it. Is that God than any of the beasts of the field. right? Is that as it should be? The author of evil is the one who should receive the curses, according to our philosophy

But God is not the author of evil. The representation that he is, Is another error of the inerrant record. We regret the necessity of correcting many misrepresentations of that "sa-



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"I opened the door and was out on Miss Wheatley is an exceedingly the street. He was in front of me pretty girl of fifteen years. Her hair now, beckoning from the dim distance. is luxuriantly abundant and falls in We hurried along over the pavements. fine delicate ringlets over her brow, I was not conscious of the cold, nor and she has large blue eyes. Mr. did I experience any sensation that I Wilkins was a man of middle age, a can remember. When the spectre druggist by profession .--- San Franleft me, I cannot say. cisco Examiner, Feb. 27.

SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY.

room, and claims that photographs of

the "dead" can be taken as well as

the living. By photographing the

that member in an accident several

months ago A. K. Cutting of 428 Col-

orado avenue, Colorado City, who

dabbles in photography .and .occult

science, believes he has proved scien-

tifically the theory of the ancient Per-

sian philosopher, Zoroaster, that man

Cutting to-day called Joseph Mur-

phy, a brakeman, formerly of Quincy,

III., but now a resident of Colorado

City, into his office for the purpose of

proving his discovery. A few months

ago Murphy lost the forefinger of his

right hand in an accident at Quincy.

The men went into a dark room

and Cutting asked Murphy to place his

imaginary finger upon a highly sensi-

tized plate. After a few minutes the

plate was developed, revealing the

Although fairly overwhelmed by his

discovery, Cutting feels sure of his

clear outlines of the missing finger.

ground.

has a dual or astral body.

"astral" finger of a man who had lost

Colorado Springs, Mar. 1 .- It is [Soliloguy of Robert Payson Fugitt. claimed an Astral artist can photo-Washington, D. C., March 1, 1906, as graph anything you have lost. It is interpreted by his mother.] asserted that he is a wizard in a dark

I'm,a little baby bov-Only came one month ago To this world of doubtful joy

LIKE DADDY.

Filled with strange things I don know; But I think I'll stay awhile-Nothing seems so very bad;

Everyone gives me a smile, And they say I look like Dad. Daddy's eyes are very blue;

Mine are just as blue 'tis said. Daddy's hairs are very few On the front part of his head;

So are mine, as scarce can be, Fut for that, of course I'm glad. What's the use of hair on m If I'm going to look like Dad?

Mother wanted me with curls, But that wasn't in the plan. Curls are only made for girls And I want to be a man Just like Daddy, big and strong; So from him I pattern took. Fast I'll grow; it won't take long Since like Daddy now I look.

Pink and white is Daddy's skin; Mine is pinker, whiter, too, And the dimple in his chin-Well, I've got one right in view. Then, like him, I'm always good; Never cross, and never bad, Sleep and smile as bables should,

Just Decause I look like Dad. My dear, Daddy says each day. "Prettlest boy on earth is he." Funny thing for him to say-

Not polite, It seems to me. Now when much a says it o'er, I don't mind, it makes me glad, For I think she loves me more,

Just because I look like Dad. Daddy loves her, so do I, And she calls us each "Her Boy."

He and B will always try Just the givenher sweetest joy

Oh whatichuma we three shall be, Always hanny, never sad, And I guess we'll all agree

That it's nice to look like Dad.

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valking up and down under the shadcase the mysterious visitor should reow of the trees which skirted his garturn.

den, evidently enjoying an after-sup-per cigar or pipe. He would always In a few seconds it entered the room again, and as soon as it seemed to be nod to the Methodist preacher, and fairly engaged in its search, Mr. Jsometimes they would exchange deliberately struck a match, and the figure instantly disappeared!

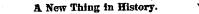
'Good night." So accustomed had Mr. J-- be-He jumped out of bed and ran out come to the sight of this gentleman, as come to the sight of this gentleman, as into the corridor. Nothing was to be relieving the monotony of his long into the corridor. Nothing was to be drive that he was as soury as if he had seen or heard, and he resolved to find drive, that he was as sorry as if he had lost a personal friend when he heard his host at once, and ask for an explanation. His bedroom was the only that he was dead.

Some strange stories began to be one in that part of the house, but after circulated concerning the old gentle-a little difficulty he found his way, and man's former dwelling. It appeared told his story. The gentleman looked that the property had not been left as troubled, but after a little hesitation the relatives wished, and there were said that his son had died in that unfortunate disputes over the will, room some twelve months previously The story, as it came to the ears of from typhoid fever, and that the ser-Mr. J----- and his wife, was that every vants and others affirmed that he often morning all the doors, however secure- came back to his old bed-chamber. ly fastened the night before, were Mr. J---- was convinced in his own found unlocked and thrown open, and mind that on each of these occasions one special time it was stated that all he had seen a spirit.

the horses and vehicles about the Some revival services which had place were found at the bottom of a proved highly successful had been distant field, the stables and coach- held in one of the remote country houses remaining closed and locked. places in Wales. Some ten or a dozen Mr. J---- and his wife smiled at young men were returning from one these stories, and remarked that it of the evening meetings. They had to was probably very human, not spirit- pass over a part where it was said a ual agency which effected these great and bloody battle had been strange things. But shortly afterwards Mr. J---fought in bygone ages. But the

But shortly afterwards Mr. J----, minds of these young men being full returning as usual from his distant of the scenes of holy excitement which appointment, and nearing the house they had just left, their thoughts were of which these uncanny stories were from these legends, and as they told, was surprised by his steady, so- walked they sang together one of the ber-going Methodist parson's horse rousing revival hymns. But soon they shying violently and refusing to go on. were startled by a sound which rose Coaxing and sterner methods were in above their singing, and seemed trying vain, so the minister got down to lead to drown it. They stopped and listhe beast. To his surprise it was trem- tened; it was a sound as if numbers of bling violently, and turning his eyes heavy chains were being dragged to the side of the road Mr. J—— was along and thrown over a precipice. horrified to behold the figure of his With one accord they ran to the place old acquaintance calmly and medita- from which the sounds proceeded, but tively strolling along as beforetime. I have said that he was a practical now be heard. They continued their

man, but his nerves were not proof journey and started the Songs against this shock. He always con- Zion once more, when the diabolical fessed that he did not know how he noises began again, and were kept up got into the trap, and how he drove (though they would not stop singing) home, but his wife was surprised when until they reached the village.



which it has lived for nearly twenty

There is no use in antagonizing centuries. "For religion to become extinct is facts. The dominant religion is mori-bund--death struck. Every practical more than once in the night of time, observer knows this; and churchmen and the analysis of the end of the Roare as conscious of it as any. A fall- man empire made us assist at the ing body increases in speed each moment of its descent, so as to be almost into one that was building; they left invisible as it nears the earth; and so one religion to enter another, whereas with the disintegration of a religion; we are abandoning ours to go nowhat was scarcely noticed twenty-five where. That is the new phenomenon, years ago, becomes a general remark with the unknown consequences, in to-day.

Maurice Maeterlinck, in a late issue of the Atlantic Monthly, makes this have no successor. Spiritualism, with "We have arrived at a stage of hu- is here to stay. It will overwhelm man evolution that must be almost un-precedented in history. A large por and crush all opposing religions, and tion of mankind and just that por. become the universal faith of the tion which corresponds with the part world. The fake element, by which it that has hitherto-created the events of is now cursed, will disappear with the which we know with some certainty- corruption which incited fraud to stay, is gradually forsaking the religion in progress.

death of paganism. But until now men passed from a crumbling temple

The writer erred in supposing the its facts in regard to a continued life,

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ing his thoughts on his father. "Social Upbuilding, Including Co-op

ture of his dead father on a photo-

graphic plate by simply holding the

plate to his forchead and concentrat-

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erative Systems and the Happiness and Ennoblement of Humanity." By E. D. Babbitt, LL. D., M. D. This comprises the last part of Human Culture and

He believes he has proved beyond doubt the theory of theosophists, that man has a dual body existing in some sort of finid form, which .becomes a counterpart of man when released by the death of the body. Cutting made his first experiment last Saturday when he reproduced a pic-

Who Are the World's Greatest Educators?

A Discourse Given through Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, Chicago, Sunday, January 28, 1906.

"My son, get knowledge and wisdom, but with all religion everywhere, which it does not seem possible to break open a bank safe. Whatever dynamite can thy getting get understanding."

'Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

Technical education is sometimes the great barrier to getting understanding. There was eminently an age of great learning in Greece, but it was not an age of great goodness or exceptional understanding. There was an age of great learning and art in Italy, when Michael Angelo and his compeers rose to the heights of such perfect art, but among the people, and even among the learned, there was not an exceptionally high standard of morals or of spiritual exaltation. The Elizabethan age in England was an age of commanding cultivation for that period and condition of time, but with all the virtues of "Good Queen Bess"-who was very cruel-it was not an exceptionally virtuous age.

You are living in an exceptionally intellectual period of the world's history. Probably there never was a time when over all the "enlightened" world, as it is called, that which is commonly called education was at so high a standard asoto-day. The United States of America takes the lead in her system of public schools. Even her universities more than compete with those of foreign lands. We are not particularly proud just now of the morality of your publie men.

Great knowledge of men and things and methods certainly does prevail, but the proverb is not followed of getting "understanding"; from the standpoint of "wisdom" it does not seem to prevail. At the same time undoubtedly there is a larger percentage of virtue in the world to-day than in any other given period of time. But it takes a very clever man to be a burglar. The man who would employ similar talent as a machinist would undoubtedly excel. May be he would have to work harder, and there would not be the same element of adventure. It requires an exceptional order of gigantic intelligence accompanied by genius to be a multi-millionaire. The reason that there are not more multi-millionaires is, that there are not many geniuses in a generation or century of time, these are culminations. The intelligence of the masses is not unfolded proportionately to that which is called their education.

Now what is called their education?. Intelligence means the awakening of that which is within by affording facility of expression; that is real education. While the schools have largely improved, there is still an oppressive thought in the world that education means largely what you learn in books, and that which will pass a certain crucial or critical examination, more or less lapsing by custom.

If a man proposes a trip in search of the North Pole he does not encumber his excursion with all kinds of things only valuable in the tropics; he does not take with him in his outfit more things than are reasonable. He must be, comparatively, a good navigator; he must be a good mathematician, and must be able to understand his position at any given point by his compass and chart; he must also have courage and endurance and broadmindedness. If he is too technical it will hamper him. The man who goes out on an exploring expedition by rule wholly will find nothing. But if he goes out like Columbus to find something he has dreamed of, having only the physical and mental adjuncts necessary to enable him to fulfill that dream, that vision, that prophecy, he will then succeed.

There are two kinds of educators in the world today-those who adhere very largely to the technical and classical schools; and those who have been either enconsciously imbued with the spirit of knowir indergarten is not only a child's sys-

m for the whole world, and it means

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the bringing the of that which is within, and giving a person the means wherewith to make it practi-You can see within the last twenty-five years cal. that this system has more or less pervaded the German schools, or the system adopted for the Kinder- lock, some one has the intelligence to open it. The

that include the practical commonwealth, where

Most of times and places the children are ground out through the same mill at the public schools, and must be, notwithstanding the excellence of the teacher or the instruction after the plan of the world.

they may seek or require.

mind is lumbered up, it is measurably hampered; wherein, at last meeting, Schiller and Goethe led the children must dabble in this or the other thing before thought of the world in the little court at Weimar, they arrive at the age to know what their peculiar there were periods of the flowering out of the enlightidea or tendency will be. Poets in the blacksmith shop and plowing in the field, or with the precious volumes they loved to read secretly hidden away in the

attic, illustrate the old-time idea, that every boy must toil in a certain kind of labor-because of the need of money, in fact, to bear forward the family, perhaps. Like your own Whittier and Longfellow, all those who started as New England poets. The only poets born in this country were those who had been farmer boys. Your dreamers and laborers in other directions are not numbered: the violinist that wants to play, but when the certain fingers of want were upon which surely would have been forgotten? him his playing had to be surreptitiously introduced. It is not so very much more than half a century ago of education are being more and more abandoned that "fiddling" was forbidden by the descendants of and the idea is to equip the intelligence of the intelli the Puritans. It was with great horror to many when the bass viol was first introduced into the choir, so an that when the time comes, the mechanics, mathematold-fashioned parson who very much objected to it, ics and language may be called into play, the faculsaid, when there was a little talk in the choir about ties into exercise. The only value of words is to ex-the hymns to be sung, "When you get through with press ideas. If there are no ideas to express, the lanyour fightin' and fiddlin' we will have a little singin'."

That was his idea of music in churches. Now you attend a church, a distinctly fashionable church, your friends, or among your acquaintances who talk and you have a sacred concert-and therein there is a difference between then and now; the church has been educated in every direction, at least the long doctrinal sermons are not preached to the majority of the church members now. What they get in its place must depend. Sometimes it is music, sometimes it is a sensational sermon, sometimes it is a great flow of nspiration.

Harvard, Yale, all the colleges and universities, from lack of the spiritual method, which need not be time there will be a fraternity of nations, and it will called theological, are blossoming out into foot-ball and athletic sports, and you will see a great deal more sal language that perfect expression of ideas will about that in the newspaper reports than you will of come: the Anglo-Saxon; or it may be the language as the learning of the schools. We have had a rest from spoken and taught in this country is nearest to a unithat of which Emerson was the fruition. Notwith- versal language. standing the narrow limit of the educational curriculum of his age, Emerson was the full flowering out of bles and words will be so adjusted that there will be the protest against it. All the liberal clergymen in- no need especially for rhythmical verse; for poems, cluding William Ellery Channing, Theodore Parker, Thomas Starr King and others are the result of other harsh points of sound might be rubbed off to the exand deeper things.

To-day there is only one proposition possible as the sequence to that which is usually called education: the ever-increasing tendency to technical knowledge in certain directions which will make a treadmill of of any slander in a song, even though music is somethe lives of those adopting it. Technicality in me- times perverted to unhallowed purposes. The barbed chanics; technicality in chemistry; technicality in illustrative art; technicality in whatever branch is taken up. This becomes like Europe, then we have simply those who know that one thing and nothing else. The great genius of American progress was, ploy their best and highest ideals in teaching; who-"Americans could do anything," could turn their

demands of the hour. The pioneers were the best educators; they were obliged to DO THE THINGS THAT WERE NECESSARY, and they found out the We have told you this anecdote before: that the father of the one who stands before you lived in the West; a college graduate, who tried to be a minister, but could not make his home in the East on account of his health, came west and took a little farm. He owned a cow and a calf of course; one day his calf's head was caught between the boards of the fence and seemed to be choking to death. He tried in vain to extricate it. He had learned in some of his books that "that which goes into a certain place can come out through the same place," but he could not pull the calf's head through that place, so he called upon Mr. Scott to help him. Mr. Scott went over to his place with him, and quickly knocked one of the boards of the fence off with a stone and the calf was free. The college educated man was astonished; he had not thought of that way. That is the difference between the pioneers' way and the way of education, or those who rely wholly on books. Of course, there are plenty of graduates who have a little common sense left when they come out of the schools, but not so very much.

to have at the present time without sectarianism. It do in one direction it hirely can do in another. For would be possible in a system like that of some of the one who is skillful enough to make an impregnable gartens borne forward to greater practice, where gods do not vouchsafe their intellect to the gods alone. "love and home and the children" are the theme of Mercury, as a god (who is also the presiding power on "love and home and the children" are the theme of Mercury, as a god (who is also the presiding power on the students' song. In Germany and those schools the planet Mercury) is gifted in these clever devices of art, science, mechanical skill, thievery and comprinces' and peasants' sons know no difference in merce. Read it in your books. That is what they their rank or position; where the object is to equip the say. It is certain that the intellectually endowed, the mind with whatever the intention of the spirit is in intellectually quickened will find an outlet somewhere.

If people have advanced enough to belong to a school like that of Plato, being taught by conversation in the groves. If there was luxury enough to own a grove, it was only luxury to the class who could listen The opportunity cannot be given for studying the per-sonal peculiarities of the child or student. The idea earn his daily bread with his hands that he could afearn his daily bread with his hands that he could afis, to equip the mind with certain essentials and then ford to teach in that way. So in those wonderful ilet the students go forward to any especial training lustrations and conversations, and assembling of kindred souls, either in those days or in the days of Mich-The truth is, there is too much book learning; the ael Angelo, or in that wonderful period in Germany enment of the age in certain gifted minds, who were geniuses also.

But the average human being must be cared for meanwhile, the one who is a million embodiments away from being a genius must find work. You do not provide for geniuses; you do not provide even for those that are talented, they can readily pick up the knowledge that is needed for any especial work. Humboldt could readily learn a language after he was eighty years old, to bear forward a necessary work. Why hamper him with that when he was a child

The truth is, the hampering systems of the methods gent child with the methods of doing things, in order guage is valueless. Frequently it is a good suppresser of ideas. You may have a few talkers among a great deal but say nothing, that talk is simply words." As said before the value of language is to express ideas. Of course Memnon, who was individually impressed with the letters of ancient language, invented them to express ideas. If there ever is a universal language; it will be when ideas are so universal that people can use that one language with perfect, simple harmony to express the brotherhood and sisterhood in the family of nations. Perhaps in that not be until that fraternity seeks and finds a univer-

By and by sounds will be so harmonious, and syllarhymes and metre were arranged in order that the pression of the higher lemotions. But when we have no harsh points of criticism, of envy or revenge, when there is no need of any slander, the language will be perfectly musical. You do not often hear the notes wires and satires of society are very rarely embodied in songs; be it satire here, be it criticism there, these are exceptional in song.

Whoever will make it possible for teachers to emever will make it possible for teachers to know in the hands to anything and learn with experience and the adaptation of their teaching what is to be given, and what withheld, and whenever the public at large shall be sufficiently interested and keep education out of partisan politics and local squabbles, these will make the schools illustrate the principles of living. Then by and by, whoever will make it possible that children do not have to go to school but are always in school, for the school is life, whoever can answer the questions as they rise from infant lips every day will be the greatest of teachers. The mother, over-burdened with domestic cares and the duties of providing for the family cannot do it. The father, perhaps, with his many hours of daily labor cannot do it. But by and by the time will come when the first question asked by infant lips will be answered by those nearest and dearest. The mothers are the great teachers of the race after all. The fathers are the great exemplars. Sometimes, unfortunately, the boys follow them almost to the letter; sometimes swearing, drinking and smoking. Of course that is a part of the boy's life; he may not do it later, but the little boy wants to be just like his father. The mother loves, works and teaches. The future children will not be sent away to school because the mother has no time, and the father has no time. By and by the home, the neighbors and society will be the school ; you will not have more institutions of schooling then than you shall have talent. The masses of the people in the cities want the schools but cannot afford to send the children. Indeed we sometimes think the poor-houses and systems of charities are object lessons, for you become proud of the poverty. Now the time will come when you will not have those institutions. Every state will provide employment for those who will, and can and wish to work. The aged and infirm will be provided for. There are very beneficent institutions; there will be beneficence by and by that will not need any institutions; there will be knowledge, and for all the knowledge there will be "understanding?" There will not be any. schools, schools and iffstitutions will be considered excrescences; but there will be more education than there is now. There will be growth; that legitimate growth that comes from the knowledge that the parents are the guardians for all the needs of every particular child. The great garden of life is here to be idea can speedily find realization, which will not only cultivated. We have listened especially to the small be the status of education but will offer to humanity child, the "prodigy" dyou have made monstrosition of them one way or another. The small in intellect and in size are being grushed, execrated and expunged to see what can be done in "the survival of the fittest." cation; the other mind included the perception of the means of acquiring money to continue their college a misnomer. By and 'ly equality of opportunity will Competition in schools, as in finance, is take the place of size, we will not have giants in any direction, neither, dwarfs. Those will be the true educators who teach and illustrate that the child does not need so much book learning, so much technology. It needs to grow men-tally and spiritually. The "Nature studies" are a step. How many of you can answer the questions children can ask about fod or the soul, or death or the treme. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN THEOLOGICAL for all these unemployed hands to do something, and thirty years? and who else can answer as well as future life? Even after listening here twenty-five in the universities, though many of our most magnifi- the way provided so that when they come out of the tion so a question can be answered if it is asked upon cent institutions of learning are dominated by sectar schools or colleges they will find a jisce. For rather the great mysteries of birth and death of the human the neck of some great but unpopular truth. -Loring rish influences. We believe in the pervading spirit of than be idle in order to find a place, they may learn life which the child does not understand. You do not Moody.

want them to find it out in books or the mistaken Eye Glasses Not Necessary. prejudiced, but the truth concerning it. When this truth is abroad in the world; when children breathe it in your atmosphere; when it is in your food and in your drink ; when the spirit of it imbues the home and your children are not afraid to answer to what they

your drink; when the spirit of it imbues the home and your children are not afraid to answer to what they know about the other world, what they know about the spirit being the pervading life here, then there will be true education, then all the departments of life will be included according to their importance. You know more about Plato than the masses did in his time; you know more about the poets than those who read their rhymes for the first time; you know more about music than did the musicians of any past period of time—that is the world does. So the world is growing into this great expression day by day, until at last the children will learn to talk and breathe it; people will know that to work and play together not knowing which is which will be the great education and privilege of childhood. If you go out for a walk, how many questions can you answer that the children can ask in natural his tory. There are teachers, perhaps many of them, who go out with their scholars who can answer many of the questions from books. If you go out at night,

of the questions from books. If you go out at night, who can answer all their questions about the stars? If you could, there would be no need of astronomers. Who in the home can answer the questions the child will ask about chemistry?

By and by, when the time comes to take up an especial technical course the mind will be equipped and ready to take it up for an especial purpose. Teachers there are in households, in schools, in churches, in academies and colleges, who imbue the whole of their associates with the divine spirit of imparting knowledge, not ostentatiously, not pedantically, not with the thought of knowing more than they do, but because imparting is as natural as to receive, and the fountain that overflows continually receives the pure water.

So in the light of this larger and more perfect knowledge you will by and by conclude that it is not a system of education that you need, but it is the spirit of getting knowledge and wisdom and "with all thy getting get understanding" and know how to impart it to others.

DO ANIMALS HAVE SOULS?

Much Evidence Extant to Indicate They Do-A Professor of the University of California Says: "Let a Man Pause Before He Crushes Out the Life He Can Not Give Back."

I would not enter on my list of friends, Though graced with polished manners and fine sense, Yet wanting sensibility, the man

Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm."-Cowper.

Prof. Geo. H. Howison, head of the department of philosophy of the University of California, startled his class in ethics recently by declaring that not only do animals reflect and reason but that every living thing is immortal, if man is immortal.

It is now very generally admitted that animals do eason.

Prof. Howison supposes the case of a cat that wants to get a dish of cream on a high shelf. It is far out of her reach, but she jumps on a chair, thence to a table, thence to a nearby cupboard, and at last reaches the cream in this way. HOW DID THE CAT KNOW SHE COULD DO THIS? Not by instinct as the old philosophy had it. The cat reasoned the thing

Moreover, it is plain that some animals are more intelligent than others. Some have a better quality of gray matter in their brain than others. They are better thinkers. There are more convolutions or WRINKLES in their brains. The more wrinkles in any brain-man or animal-the more brain force. As to immortality of animals the argument, of course, is by analogy. Science does not undertake to say that any soul is immortal, but philosophy steps in to say that all life is from one source is alike; and that if one life is immortal, all life must be immortal.

hat if one life is immortal, all life must be immortal. In Cowper's day such a declaration would have een an absurdity. Cowper shrank from the man "A Wanderer in the Spirit Lands,"

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out Cutting or Drugging.

ber five and six glasses, and now he can go to school and do all his work and study without glassos. I. R. Holdbrock. Deputy County Clerk, Fair-fax, Va., writes: "Actina" has cured my eyes so that I can do without glasses. I very seldom have headache now, and can study up to eleven o'clock after a hand day's work at the office. Actina is not a drug or lotion, but a small pocket battery, which can be used by old and young with perfect sifety, as it is impossible to do any harm with Actina. Every member of a family can use the one Actina for any form of discase of the Eye, Ear, or Throat or Head. Actina will last for years, and is always ready for use. Actina is sent on triel postpaid. If you will send your name and address to the New York and London Electric Association, Dept 8420, 620 Wainut St. Kansas City, Mo., you will receive absolutely FKEE a valuable book, Prof. Wilson's Treatlse on the Eye and on Diseases is Goneral, and you can rest assured that your eyes can be cured, no matter how many doctors have failed.

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This thought may have been presented to your minds in the past few weeks, especially in the past. two or three years by the passing on of prominent people connected with the educational movement. There is no greater mistake than to call Dr. Harper a great "educator." He was simply a most stupendous organizer of ways and means. In other words, he was a good college financier. He knew exactly where to go for the money, which others do not always know. There were two things that aided him: He appealed to sectarianism and he appealed to the idiosyncrasics of the persons who aided him. It is NOT A GREAT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, whatever its departments and ramifications are, that can be governed by any sect, denomination of religion, or theology. It cannot be great, however many great men may gravitate there. They generally gravitate out again to a larger center. Some professors, as you may know, have gravitated out of the Chicago University. But the fact that a man in the midst of all the probably would not become one just by going through financial possibilities of this age should have been able to grasp those financial possibilities to the bearing forward of a stupendous work, like the Chicago University, proves what is possible by a mind gifted in that direction with a large and liberal education

mean. But many of you will lovingly and reverently refolding of the individual and collective minds and spirits of children of all ages. With all the rever-Dr. Harper, we know that the affections of this city people. and of all who knew him-and one never more completely dominates with the mind than with affectionably the latter's influence wrought a greater change in the public schools and the higher departments of those schools than any other mind ever did in this community.

tion. as it is called, is to be purely intellectual, then our friends, or enemies, in the Catholic church have public opinion introduced that will be compulsory, we every argument in favor of parochial schools.

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Of course you know what Elbert Hubbard says that these universities are institutions for creating imbeciles. But, of course, if one is not an imbecile he college.

But the proposition is: shall the enlightened people f this country adopt that method of mere technical education or knowledge, or shall there be a larger conception that consists wholly in the incentive to do and a liberal perception of what education should in the beginning, in what are known as industrial schools, i. c., schools that demonstrate. In that de-

gree we believe in Christian Science; we believe that call a far different nature-Col. Parker, who was an every step of progress should be "demonstrated." If educator in spirit, whose primal thought was the un- it is mathematics, demonstrate it mathematically, then there will be something to do as well as to learn, and the result will be that which will not require football ence that is paid, and the tribute to the success of for an outlet for the growing young boy or young

Farms and workshops are places where form and followed Col. Parker into the other world. If we be the status of education but will offer to humanity may make a comparison, and we do it with all re- a more intelligent class of laborers. Some farmer spect: One represented the great possibilities of ex- have employed college students and have found a muternal power, power concentrated in wealth that may tual benefit. Students working their way through be used to carry forward the liberal branches of edu- college find in the summer's interval in this way the principles of what true education should be. Prob- course. If this were followed out in all branches how much better it would be for those who must after a while go to the workshop or farm.

Then the large and seemingly ever-increasing class of young people who will fly to the cities; young boys Let us see, briefly, to what we must turn. If educa- whose fathers have a little fortune so they do not need to do anything. There must be some kind of

do not mean compulsory in the sense of jails or the We have carried the absence of religion to the ex- police, but in a moral sense, in an intellectual sense, TRAINING in public schools; we do not believe in it These who must needs earn their daily bread to have

who would go out of his way to step on a worm because of the MEANNESS OF MAN who lacked mercy, not because the worm might be immortal.

To-day science teaches the immanence of life in all things and philosophy declares the sacredness of all life.

Shall we go back then to the Hindu's idea that animal life is so sacred that man has no right to take that ife, even for food?

However that may be, the doctrine of the sanctity of life in all things is a growing one-and a needed

Let a man pause before he crushes out the life he cannot give back. How does he know? HE MAY BE RELEASING AN IMMORTAL SOUL BEFORE TS TIME.

He is gentlest who gives even the worm a chance to ive. He is greatest who is most merciful to all of God's created things .- Daily News, San Francisco. Cal.

DRIFTING.

His form was bowed and his eyes were dim; The beauties of Nature were naught to him ; His face was furrowed by strife and tears. And bore the sad impress of wasted years; While the storm-wrecked bark he sought to guide Was drifting, rudderless, with the tide; Drifting, drifting far out from the shore; Wave washed and rudderless evermore.

Years in the past, when his life was new. When ocean was calm and the skies were blue, And music re-echoed its softest strain In the dreamy murmurs of Love's refrain; He launched his boat, and blithesome and young, The peans of hope were the songs he sung, As drifting, drifting beyond the bar, He mounted the waves for an isle afar.

He freighted his barque for the Isle of Souls. Unmindful of shallows, rocks and shoals; Forgetful that tempests arise and sweep The slumbering surges from caverns deep; Till broken, rudderless, rudely tossed. By wild waves shattered, the anchor lost, He is now drifting beyond the bay, To the fateful shadows not far away.

-U. D. Thomas, M. D.

A main difference betwixt men is whether they atend to their own affairs or not.-Emerson.

I know of no great men but those who have rendered great services to humanity.- Voltaire,

Precept is instruction written in the sand, the tide flows over it and the record is gone. Example is graven on the rock.-Channing.

There is no slander in an allowed fool, though he do nothing but rail: nor no railing in a known discreet man, though he do nothing but reprove .- Shakspeare. It is well to consider a little whether in our zeal to suppress one form of immorality we may not be

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Sarah Stone Rockhill writes: " received the Petersilea Letters, and I am very glad that you have given that book as a premium, for the important information contained in the book cannot help but do good. want to add my second to the motion of Alex Caird for a fraternal order of the Spiritualists. If we cannot live the life without an order, then let us have the signs and grips, and all the rest-sick benefit, insurance, etc. How well I remember the early days etc. of Spiritualism, over fifty years ago, what a sweet, fraternal spirit pervad-ed the lives of all who had felt-the light of the new truth. We knew that the loved ones gone could read our inmost thoughts as an open book, and we wanted to be one with the loving

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desiring her services will make no

mistake in securing her services. She

is always willing to give messages whenever an invisible requests her to.

She also would like to make engage-

ments with camp-meeting associations.

Her address is Mrs. F. V. Jackson, 112

Mrs. Nellie S. Baade is still at Ham-

llton, Ont., lecturing to increasing au-

diences. She is doing a most excel-

Union street, Jackson, Michigan."

lent work there.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mission Chapel (old 77) had a fine meeting in the afternoon and good ALWAYS GIVE YOUR FULL NAME conditions in the evening. Close at-AND ADDRESS WHEN SENDING NO-TICES AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR tention was paid to the lecture. It was followed by messages by several PUBLICATION, OTHERWISE THEY visiting mediums. Then our speaker WILL FIND THEIR WAY TO THE WASTE BASKET. Prof. F. M. Stoller, answered through his psychic powers the many personal questions asked by those present. All

ere satisfactorily answered." 8 days. He then returns to Toronto to lecture in St. George's' Hall, Elm street, March 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 Mrs. Snow writes from Battle Creek, Mich.: "The last two Sundays, reb. 18 and 25, our society was very at 3 and 8 p.m. Sundays at 3:30 and fortunate in securing the services of Rev. B. F. Austin, who gave us four of After that engagement he proceeds immediately to San Francisco the best lectures we ever listened to from which point he sails on the There was large and appreciative audi-ences. Next Sunday W. J. Colville 'Sierra," for Sydney, Australia, where he is advertised to open a protracted engagement April 22. It is consewill be with us, which will be another rare treat." quently impossible for him to accept any more offers in America.

cents.

R. Haeger writes: "Sunday, Feb. 25, afternoon and evening, at Temple Light and Truth, 370 Wabansia ave-David Kaplan writes: "I am very glad to be one of your subscribers. It nue, near Robey, the services were s a pity the paper is not in every very interesting. In the afternoon American home regardless of religion. we had the pleasure of having with us admit that I am partly a skeptic, as Rev. A. Ries, who with our pastor, Mrs. Th. Loll, lectured and gave tests. I have seen too much of the kind of Spirfitualism written about in your paper, and was never fortunate enough to see it by a true medium. I In the evening, the time set for opening of concert. Spiritualists from far and near filled the chairs. We had as was very much pleased with the article speakers for the evening, Mr. Wm. Arby Mr. J. Clegg Wright. I have had some of my friends read it. Some of nold, a well known local medium, Mrs. Gantner, Mrs. Korbus, Mrs. Abraham, them got angry; others agreed with and our pastor, Mrs. Th. Loll, who opened services. .. Message bearers for Emily P. Beebe writes: "I wish to nform the readers of The Progressive

The Ingersoll Edition.

the evening were Mrs. Gantner, Mrs. Bins, our pastor, Mrs. Loll and Mr. Wm. Arnold who gave messages written by spirits under test conditions, all messages being recognized." The Independent Church of Truth,

corner 47th street and Grand Boule vard, will hold its anniversary services, Sunday, March 25. An excellent program will be arranged, and a hearty welcome to all friends is extended as this is to be Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley's farewell Sunday, as she begins her spring and summer engagements the first Sunday of April, by serving the First Spiritualist Society of Columbus, Ohio. The so-ciety there is making grand preparations, under the leadership of Elizabeth Harlow, to celebrate the 58th anniversary of Modern Spiritualism.

G. J. Foster writes: "While in Se-Chas. M. Harrison, late of San attle I saw in the church notice, 'Seat-tle Psychic Society, Alki Hall, 1420 Francisco, Cal., is now in Ohio. He dropped into a meeting held by Mrs. Demorest, at East Liverpool, Ohio, and Second avenue, 3 p. m., lecture, tests and spirit messages by Miss Rice.' I speaks approvingly of her work. went there and found the hall crewd-ed. Miss Rice speaks from inspira-Dr. W. O. Knowles has been lecturing during the month of February at. St. Joseph, Mo. . He has open dates, tion and takes her subject from the audience. Although she has been lec-turing only a little over one year, she and will respond to calls from societies or camps to lecture and give tests. is one of the best on the rostrum. Her Permanent address 247 Coade avenue, test work was wonderful. I predict for her a bright future as a test medium and speaker."

Frank T. Ripley goes to St. Joseph, Mo., for two months, March and April. He has May and June open, for en-gagements, and will lecture and give Thos. S. Kizer of Decatur, Ill., sends us each year a large club of subscribers. He never tires in the good messages week evenings within fifty work. miles of that city. Address all letters Brother Arnett writes from Alexan-

dria, Ind.: "I want to thank-you for your stand for right, honesty, purity

TOPIC FOR THE PROGRESSIVE LYCEOM. The edition containing the cele brated address by Col. Ingersoll on March 11, 1998;="Gentleness Be-'The Devil," has received widespread attention. Orders are still coming speaks Esavery," for it at the rate of about 2,000 each Gem of Thought:---week. The lectures by Mrs. Longley,

"Be kind and be gentle to those who Judge North and Mrs. Cora L. V. Richare old, of mond, and the poems in the same For kindness is dearer and better paper will also be read by at least than gold." 200.000. Orders will still be re-Be kind to the young, ceived at one cent per copy. No order They give promise of much good; Be kind to the old.)

Well,-just, because you should. 11 1 J. W. R.

THE FROGRENEIVE THINKER

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THE HOME BEYOND.

When the shadows 'round me hover, And the light of day has gone When the twilight hour grows darker, As the hush of night comes on; Then I see the angel faces

Of the ones who knew me best;-In that home beyond the river They have found eternal rest.

Once again I see, though dimly, Those foved forms I knew so well: Once again the smiles familiar, Come again their joy to tell, And they whisper, softly, gently, As they vanish in the air, Of the home beyond the river And the raptured beauty there.

Some of these, well known since childhood.

Bring to mind a bitter pain; Til the glow upon their faces Speaks of happiness again. And though strangers sometimes enter,

With the ones we loved the best. From that home beyond the river, They bring peacefulness and rest,

So when Time shall bring the evining, And my sun shall set no more, ind I see the heavenly faces Smiling through the golden door; will gladly heed the summons Of the ones so tried and true, And some day, beyond the river, I will beckon, dear, for you.

EDNA JOHNSON WARREN. Rutland, Vt.

Thoughts Build Immortal Forms; From the material point of view, All is matter, and thought is but a form of atomic energy."

"In this view, of the case thought is material; as matter is indestructible, it follows that thoughts are indestructible and everlasting, Why, then, un-der proper conditions, might not thoughts of others be recalled and be made manifest? This opens a way to account for all the phenomena of Spiritualism without calling in the spirits of the departed. As a phonograph records speech and makes, it heard years after, the original utterances, may there not in the psychic realms exist laws which will provide for a resurrection of thought forms long after the originating brain has mouldered in the dust?" "Piwhat the writer has to say about thoughts, but do not see that it accounts for all the phenom-

ena of Spiritualism, Thoughts are a refined form of matter, more refined than electricity. The brain of man and his whole pervous system are continually generating thought force and this indestructible and intelligent energy of thought becomes molded into a concrete form in the very organism that gives it birth,

and when the body dies it is this intelligent body

By Carlyle Petersilea. Oceanides, We can now supply the friends that have long wanted these books. Price of "Oceanides," 50 This most beautiful story of the experiences of a young wife and mother taken from her home on earth cents; "Mary Ann Carew," \$1. to her home in the spirit world, is told in such a realistic way, that one is carried away with the sweet beauty TRYING HARD TO DEFEAT IT. Bill Relative to Licensing Clairvoyants. Tuesday, March 6, 10:30 a. m., in our people appreciated his work is evidenced by the fact that we have reclairvoyants, mediums, astrologers, lengaged him for the month of March, etc. to buy a license before engaging On Sunday, March 4, Mr. Edgerly in work along their respective lines. House Bill No. 801 provides for this will begin a two months' engagement with the First Spiritual Church of measure and is to be heard at the time Baltimore. Md. and place named above. Our society has been generally prosperous this season. We have had with us besides Mr. Edgerly, Mr. and Mrs.

As Mr. George A. Fuller, as presievery one work by himself. It is to membership of our Association. be hoped that the desire to be heard i During the month of Apr that sterling Spiritualist, Mayor Thompson, of New Bedford, has vol-

remove it if once it becomes a law .--Banner of Light.

A DESIRED COURT RULING.

Belief in Spiritualism Not Evidence of

late Mrs. Elizabeth S. Cundy of this city, for her little estate of some \$6,000, seems to deserve more than passing notice by the ruling of Judge Grant, with reference to Mrs. Cundy's belief in Spiritualism.

confined to two sisters, Caroline G. White and Amanda O. Simes, also of this city.

gue in these cases that a Spiritualist, by virtue of his faith, is "of unsound mind," that these worthy ladies seemed willing to place their de-ceased sister on record as being "irresponsible," and to this end proceeded o disport themselves with testimony to the effect that their sister had visits from her deceased father and mother. And that the spirit of her husband came and talked with her, the language of the communication be-

It is to be hoped that the willingness of these ladies to write their sister down as "unbalanced" was born of their fine sense of justice rather than an inordinate desire for the \$6,000.

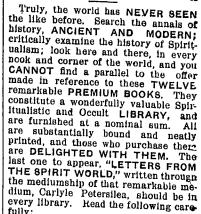
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First Spiritual Society of this city. I would not take the matter up, except to right what if left alone would he come a blemish and injure a society which has done, and is doing a faithful work. To be sure it has only nineteen voting members. Is that anything to be unhappy about? Oregon can show many Spiritualists who heard the first word of Spirit in the First Society. Should a mother

and father of a large family be dis-heartened and given to whining beout into the world and grow? Should the First Spiritual Society be denounced because the "nest"

Secy First Ass'n of Spiritualists. Washington, D. C.

AN OPTIMISTIC VIEW

Of Spiritualism in Portland, Oregon

To the Editor:-For some time

there has been a little controversy

over the Spiritualistic work

ciety, a division of the First Society Then we have the Ministers' and Medi-

ten by the First Society. BENJ. F. ATHERTON,

Mrs. J. W. Yates, a faithful wife and

sister, one ever ready to help all who

President.

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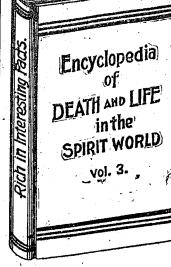
At the funeral Mrs.

MRS. G. W. MORRIS.

COR.

The little bud had but a brief

Mar. 10, 1906,



WASHINGTON, D. C. The Good Work Going on There. To the Editor :-- It gives me pleasure to report the successful engage-

ment of Oscar A. Edgerly with the First Association of Spiritualists of Washington, D. C. He served our association during the entire month of February in his capacity as trance speaker and message medium. We found his spirit guides to be of a high order; the lectures given were elo-quent, logical and convincing. That

Probate and Chancery Committee Room, at the State House, Massachuetc., to buy a license before engaging

dent of the Massachusetts Spiritualist Association, has been furnished by this Association to lead the opposition to the measure, we would suggest that anyone wishing to speak against the measure furnish Dr. Fuller with his name, so that the work of opposition may go on orderly and with more telling effect than would be the case did personally will not permit anyone to crowd for this privilege, but rather leave it to Dr. Fuller as leader to make his own choice of speakers and apportion the time. We understand

unteered his services on this work.

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self appears to be of more use, refrain, and help those giving the argument, by careful attention and well-centered

Now is the time to resist this attempt while it is green—no one can tell what labor may be nécessary to

Insanity.

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For so long has it been safe to ar-

ing sworn to in some case

[Obituaries to the extent of ten lines only will be inserted free. All in excess of ten lines will be charged at the rate Be that as it may, after the attempt and her visions of fifteen cents per line. About seven words constitute one line.]

fully:

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cause the children have seen fit to go is crowded? No. In this city we have the Bible So-

ums' Protective Spiritualist Society, another division, and last but not least, Sister Selp has a New Thought Society. Then comes Dr. Raylin with his Church of the New Dispensationand rumor speaks for yet, another Here are four societies prospering, all offshoots of the First Spiritual Society. The officers of the society rejoice that such is the fact, and that the cause of Spiritualism is spreading in this city of roses. I say, the more societies the better. Let the people go out and build again, for it is by the law of progression that we stand erect and become one of nature's flowers, and to hose that have gone from us we send

this prayer that they may be com-forted and know they are not forgot-

Prof. Caldwell, and the following Sunday evening, Dr. C. A. Burgess. There are always good tests by Mrs. De Loux and others and we shall aim to keep the standard at the best as far as possible. There shall be ne wild guessing so far as we can prevent. Our aim shall be to present Spiritualism in such a manner that sensible people will not be disgusted and leave be glad to hear from any friends who us with the feeling that they do not may need her services for lectures. A care to go any further."

E. R. Fielding writes from Wash-ington, D. C.: "Mrs. Mary T. Longley, secretary of the N. S. A., will be the speaker for the month of March in the Masonic Temple for the First Association of Spiritualists. We are glad to welcome the speaker and her inspirer, John Pierpont. Mrs. Longley will be assisted one Sunday by Miss Susie Clarke of Boston. The auxiliary of this association will give a social tea the first Thursday in the month. Mr. Oscar Edgerly who so higher thought; and this lecture on ably served this society for February, will minister to the First Association in Baltimore, Maryland, for the powers of eloquence and logic. months of March and April. The Ladies' Aid of the Temple League meets at Mrs. Farrows' for a social time. Mrs. Hinkle will give a benefit for her sister, Friday evening. Mr. Emil Nobbe and Mrs. Collins assisted Mr. Edgerly giving readings after the lec-ture the last Sunday in the month. Mrs. Jacquet and Mrs. Julia Warneke are still holding meetings at Woons' Hall. The hall is crowded to hear these workers for Spiritualism. Mr. W. J. Nigh and Mrs. A. M. Zoller are W. J. Nigh and Mrs. A. M. Zoller are Sister Briggs gave a helpful lecture. still holding meetings at Pythian Messages delivered by Sister McIntyre Temple.

North Star Spiritual Union on the evening of February 25. Bro. Warhearts. President Hassmann advised member of the Mission is appointed a all who wished to investigate the committee of one to look after your teachings of Spiritualism to read The wants. Will you be with us? Tickteachings of Spiritualism to read The Progressive Thinker, and pronounced the same to be the best teacher and adviser in that cult. The copies on hand were taken up quickly. May they bring peace and harmony to many a sorrowing soul."

lycoum room at 6 o'clock. Mr. Sol-linger spoke in German at 7:30 p. m. After giving farewell lecture in Cleve-land, Wednesday, Feb. 28, Mr. Col-ness of acting as judge at a masquerville went to Battle Creek, Mich., for ade,

Colville is now in Battle Creek, Mich., lecturing, where he will remain for a short time, his addres while there being in care of Mr. Wheelock, No. 25 East Van Buren street.

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, one of our ablest lecturers has lately arrived in Chicago from California, where she has been actively at work: She will portion of her time is now taken, but

nerals. Address, her sate No. 4227 Berkley avenue, Chicago, Ill.

J. C. Craig, secretary, writes "The Research Society of Clyde, Ohio, was. on Sunday, Feb. 18, given a rare treat in the way of a lecture by Hon. A. B. French, whose eloquence and logic has been heard in many states from the lecture platform. Mr. French was one of the earlier teachers of, the 'The Progress of Religious Ideas,' in-dicates that he has lost none of his .His lecture was a masterpiece, and was one of the very best ever heard in this city. and church critics while they listened to the tearing to shreds of their idols, were free in their praise of the thought advanced. It is a great loss to the platform that Mr. French has been compelled by his business to

Ferd C. Suhrer writes: "At the Ris-ing Sun Mission, Sunday afternoon

retire from lecture work, but we trust

emple." Wm. Hassmann writes: "A large lectured in the evening. Tests by the audience greeted the members of the guides of Charles Thompson. - March North Star Spiritual Union on the 11, the well-known Dr. J. MacFarland will lecture. His subject, 'Creeds.' necke, one of the visiting speakers, Elaborate preparations for the cele-held the audience spellhound for over bration of the 58th anniversary of a half-hour. He seemed to be very Modern Spiritualism, Sunday, April 1, much pleased and surprised to see the are being made. We will have an ar-hall packed with investigators and ray of talent that will include some of skeptics, and remarked that the North- the most popular workers in the field. west Side certainly was awakening Our choir is already rehearsing special from deep slumbers, and realizing the truth of spirit return. Bro. War- annual mask ball will be held upstairs necke was followed by Sister Lestzger, in our large hall, Saturday evening, who gave some very touching remarks March 17. Another chance to enjoy about selfishness of mediums, and also our hospitality. The ladies will serve messages to weary and downcast an excellent lunch as usual, and each

> OBITS The annual masquerade ball of the Chicago Spiritualists League, Satur-day evening, March 3, was a success financially and socially. Three hun-

ets 25 cents each."

W. J. Colville has been lecturing in | dred persons were in attendance, and w. J. Colville has been lecturing in Cleveland, Ohio, during February to large and constantly increasing audi-ences in the Spiritualist Temple. On Washington's Birthday exercises were tory to all. The only noticeable critextremely interesting and the attend- icisms were the lateness of the supper ance very large. He lectured at s hour, for which the League manage and 8 p. m. Supper was enjoyed in ment was not responsible, and the fur-lycoum room at 6 o'clock. Mr. Sol- ther fact that each masker did not se-

of life, and truth in all phases of mediumship, as well as in social and pri-vate life. May you live many years to proclaim this grand doctrine to the world. How you can furnish such a paper as The Progressive Thinker at the price you do, and then almost give away such grand and beautiful books, and live, is beyond me. I have all the books but the Seers of the Ages, and I would not be without them for many times their cost."

Mrs. McCaslin writes: "C. Fannie Allyn is about closing her three months' engagement here with the Church of Spiritual Unity, St. Louis, Mo. Her hard and efficient work has not brought the returns it should have done, but her bright presence will be sadly missed. Her beautiful inspirational poems were the wonder of all at the State Convention. A gentleman remarked to the writer: 'She is one of the brightest jewels in the crown of Spiritualism.' There are three active lyceums here, all well attended. Two of them were crowded-out of the state convention on account of its lengthy program, but the Sunflower drill un der the leadership of Mrs. E. B. Price, was a pretty feature."

HAND US OUT FACTS.

"There Is Nothing That Assimilates With Old Mother Nature,

that he will be heard from again." Like Facts." To the Editor:-In looking over the past, is it not simply wonderful to contemplate the vast influence that error and bare-faced assumption have had upon the history of this planet?

Sometimes it seems as though people would believe anything in preference to truth. I presume the explanation is to be found in the fact that a vas majority of humanity are absolutely unsatisfied without "miracles," "won ders," "signs," etc., too numerous to mention. In view of all this, I don' see how you can do anything better than you are now doing, which is practically the same methods used by old "Bob" himself, viz., to hold up error in the light of human reason, then punch it so full of holes that it wouldn't make even a good skimmer. and then defy any-man that has ever the slightest element of what is called "horse" sense to ever after believe it even of he wanted to. So keep banging away, and in the meantime just hand us out the usual supply of facts. There is nothing that assimilates with old Mother Nature like fact. We do

not want anything but fact, but we want a good deal of that. E. E. BEEMAN.

"How to Train Children and Pa-Mrs. Elizabeth Towne takes rents." 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-five cents could not be better spent than in Price 25 cents

thought force. character of the personality, that is the record of all his thoughts and feelings. It is this intelligent "spirit" body, woven of thoughts, that certain sensitives see and from which they receive detailed knowledge regarding its state of existence.

It is in conformity with the law of polarity that thoughts like atoms are attracted to and organized around centers, thus building thought bodies in the realm of more refined force as material bodies are organized in this part of the infinite universe which is

visible to our senses. If the psychic realm holds single thoughts, it take no stretch of the imagination to conceive of its holding bundles of thoughts, or spirit forms

composed of thought energy. So all the evidence used to prove

that thoughts are material forces helps to convince us of the tangibility of spirit personalities living just be yond the range of the physical senses in realms where all forms, whether of men, of scenery or of animals, are composed of thought substance, evolved from the grosser forms of matter. WALTER DEVOE.

"GOD IS LOVE!"

Get thou in love, and live in love, That state where angels have their birth:

To be in love, to be in love, Sweetens every joy of earth. To be in love-the angels' love?

Take thou away all else beside; Leave that one boon-that "gentle dove,

Let me but have the true, the tried. And once in love, to live in love

Forever! just to linger there; To be in love, on earth, --- in love,-Can soul e'en find d'a realm - more fair? s ... or

To be in love, pure wisdom-love; Sweetens moth, and evening's sigh; To be in love, the Christ-like love, Ah! thus to live and thus to die.

God's sweetest child pa-divinest Love Dwelling where deaven's waters

lave, Would all the world were deep in love, Each, from the cradle to the grave.

Council Bulfisi Iowa

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took a hand. Judge Grant held that "The fact that the deceased believed

in Spiritualism is not ground for disallowing her will. "Many persons who believe in Spir-

itualism are perfectly sane.

"From the evidence it appears that Mrs, Cundy was of a determined char-Present." The text, "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep." She spoke on the lines of our belief, causing many acter and had been perfectly capable of managing her own estate, and it appears that she had sufficient mental strangers to ask for more light and capacity to dispose of her property by

will as she saw fit." . He allowed the will.

A few decisions without reference

the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Levy Keegan, at their home near Sherwood, to the approval or disapproval of or thodox communities, and interested Ohio. relatives, will do much toward breakstay here in this mundane sphere, uning the bigoted ruling of some years til it was called again to return to the back that held, "The fact of a person holding a belief in Spiritualism is prima facto evidence of insanity." "Home of the Soul," where its in-structors will be those who have passed from this lower life and are learning the secrets of that higher Now that the force of this precedent is broken, such undignified narrowness life, and in turn will aid and instruct ought never again to be exhibited by others, who, like this little one, comes a Massachusetts court. The broader minded for many years

helpless and dependent, after their short span of earthly experience, are now ready to go up to "Nirvana." have smarted under the humiliation of this partisan ruling and they should The funeral was conducted by Fred D. salute with gratitude Judge Grant, whose broader interpretation will go Dunakin of Cecil, Ohio. far toward wiping out this disgrace Henry R. Camp passed to spirit life, for broader Massachusetts .--- Banner Feb. 22, at his late residence, Ander-

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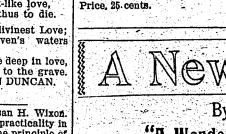
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NOTE-The Questions and Answers have called forth such a host of respondents, that to give all equal hearing compels the answers to be made in the most condensed form, and often clearness is perhaps sacrificed to this forced brevity. Proofs have to be omitted, and the style becomes thereby as-sertive, which of all things is to be dep-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 wait his time and place, and all are treated with equal favor

NUTICE .- No attention will be given anonymous letters. Full name and ad dress must be given, or the letters will not be read. If the request be made, the name will not be published. The correspondence of this department has become excessively large, especially letters of inquiry requesting private an swers, and while I freely give what ever information I am able, the ordi-nary courtesy of correspondents is expected. HUDSON TUTTLE.

R. S. Thompson: Q. What is the address of Edwin Markham, and what was his early life?

A. He was born in 1852, at Ore-gon City, Oregon; removed to Califor-nia at the age of five years, and in blacksmithing, and was a herder of cattle and sheep. His address Westerleigh, S. I., New York.

Critic: Q. Is science infallible? A. This correspondent explains the intention of his question in the fol-"Science claims to be lowing note: the demonstrated, rational interpretamary factor; the universe taken as a tion of the phenomena of the uniliving whole; a spirit-pervaded organverse, yet within the last twenty-five ism, then will the foundation of a coryears it has undergone an almost enrect comprehension of the two worlds. tire change, and a change so great that it amounts to a revolution. There which are one, the material and spiritual, be laid. seems no guarantee that in the next twenty-five years the front will not again be as completely changed. The

definition of science that applies is that it is a continuous substitution of new theories for the old."

Those who have studied the textbooks of science, become impressed with the infallibility of their state ments, and come to regard them as the impregnable foundation of knowl-edge. In after years of digested large and intelligent audience that asthought, when many of these demonstrated propositions are no more ary 17, at the Progressive Spiritual than guesses, or at best working Church, 222 E. Maryland street, to hypotheses," the very base of science listen to the profound and logical disseems built on a quaking bog ready to sink into uncertainty. The textbooks have to be revised at least every ten years, and twenty-five makes them thought and the encestness in which obsolete. Yet the substratum of he expresses it, goes direct to, and facts that have been accurately observed remains. The new aspect such ent who is hungry and yearning for facts receive from the light of ad- spiritual food. yanding knowledge, and the concluions-theories-drawn therefrom,

are ever changing. The answer depends on the defini tion given to science. Perhaps no word in the language is more loosely used for more abused. It is in the earnest and lovable characters that mouth of every charlatan, from the has ever stood upon the spiritual rosexploitering college professor to the trum here. Her husband, Mr. Thrond-

demonstrated truth. Apply this defi-inition to the vast accumulation of books, writings, and speeches, labeled with that name, how little remains! I has ever been my pleasure to listen

A SUCCESSFUL MEETING. speculation is limited only by the activity of the scientist's fancy. Held in St. Paul by the Minnesota

There is a constant succession of surprising "discoveries," put forth, not by ignorant pretenders, but by professors high in the ranks of learn ng; not from the unlearned, as would

To the Editor:-We have just closed the most successful three days' mass-meeting that the Minnesota be inferred, but from leading lights in science have come the crass theories of microbe inoculation and toxin and anti-toxin cures for disease; the pois-State Spiritualists Association ever held. People came from all over the on-cure for diphtheria, fevers, canstate, and we had large audiences at all the meetings; we turned people cer, rables, etc. Not from the un learned the heralded discovery of the away Sunday night; could not get into X-ray cure for cancer, tuberculosis. These discoveries have demanded the the hall. The signs are splendid; the dead are living and the cause of Spirsacrifice of hecatombs of victims to itualism goes marching on.

prove their folly. The Pioneer Press spoke as follows Not from the unlearned the exciting of the meeting: statements of the marvelous character "Not every one can become a spirit of "radium" and its cure-all proper medium. The office of 'message bearties, and its overturning of all preceding' is a gift, not an acquisition. The medium must have a 'sixth' and 'seving ideas of matter and force.

These are samples of the countless enth' sense with which ordinary mortals are not gifted. These spirittheories which have been heralded by noted scientists, which, had they been suggested by those not bearing the hall-mark of science, would have been laughed at as vagaries of ignorant egotists and quacks. cld explanation of the phenomenon of and came from this low class of spir-If the books on science were sub-

message bearing was given by F. E. jected to the critical blue pencil, can-Orvine, secretary of the Minnesota celing every passage not proven, cut-State Spiritual Association. ting out all that is speculative, how narrow would be the remaining mar-This exposition was brought out in

an open discussion yesterday aftergin! And should the writings called "popular science," be subjected to the noon at the meeting of Spiritualisis in Odd Fellows' Hall, Fifth and Wasame treatment, the search for unbasha streets. A woman who is not gifted with the "sixth" and "seventh" marked passages would be more arduous than that for a needle in a mountsenses inquired how it was that many alnous stack of straw. Science is truth, and the truth never changes. There may be vital changes in its understanding, and its interpretation by fancy leads to conpeople after years and years of study

could not see spirits. Mr. Irvine said that if the power did not develop in the student after three to nine months' study it was no use trying. "Only very finely organfusion and doubt. In the field of speculation, there is, of course, swift ized natures can attain unto the office changes and unrest, for little is known of message bearing. Better study how to heal your friends by the laying and beyond is the "unknowable." Really in this field speculation is as rampant as it was with the old "philon of hands." was his advice. At the morning session yesterday

osophers and succeeding metaphysithere was much interest in the discus-sion of "Soul Development," led by J. cians who counted observation of facts of no value, evolving their sys-P. Whitwell,

State Spiritualist Association.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press said: About 300 Spiritualists of the state gathered at Odd Fellows' Hall, Fifth and Wabasha streets, yesterday after-noon for the final afternoon session of the midwinter mass-meeting. Mes sages were received by the mediums. The address of the afternoon was de-

> apolis. Mrs. Lowell said that God represents everything on the earth and that all our blessings and advantages are due solely to him. She stated that the Spiritualists are in advance of others in that they have made greater progress toward the spiritual side of life. God will aid those who petitioned him in a worthy cause, but God was not directly appealed to. The peti-tioner first communicated with his

entreaties.

cott acted as the interpreter, receiving ting them to those in the audience.

few minutes in receiving messages from the departed.

the ladies auxiliary. F. E: IRVINE, Sec'y.

PHYSICAL MEDIUMSHIP.

. 01 A Correspondent Replins, to Some Shall We Recognize a Sixth Sense? Criticisms.

The struggle of the race toward at-tainment is becoming more decided as

To the Editor: I by youn most valu-able paper, No. 846, Brother H. F. Lit-tle of Seattle, Wash scrittclises some of the positions which I took in an ar-the or state of the seattle, which bound the waves of the took which becoming, and new cen-the state of the seattle, which becoming and new cen-the state of the seattle, which becoming and new cen-the state of the seattle, which becoming and new cen-the state of the seattle, which becoming and new cen-the state of the seattle, which becoming and new cen-the state of the seattle, which becoming and new cen-the state of the seattle, which becoming and new cen-the state of the seattle, which becoming and new cen-the state of the seattle, which becoming and new cen-the state of the seattle, which become a state of the s ticle which appeared in your paper of ters with their attendant vibrations becember 9. I dia not suppose all would agree with me, or would not have written the article steferred to. are being established every day. places where a few years ago all were groping in darkness, to-day we find

A STABLE BASIS.

The things upon which we all agree nuclei of thought emanations. need no discussing; it is those things Now, in order that we may have a upon which we differ that need to be brought to the attention of the peostable basis or groundwork on which to rear the psychic structure (for that

ple. Others take some exceptions to my position on physical phenomena. They struct, few knowingly, the masses unis what the scientist, seer, Spiritualist, all take especial exceptions to my statement that the controls of all maknowingly,) it is necessary to inquire somewhat about the facts by which this new or old condition has been terializing mediums were from the lower plane of spirit life, or were ushered into being, or re-discovered-and in making inquiry along these ual senses are entirely independent of the material senses. The brain of the wish to be understood to claim that medium can see without the use of communications received through lines it is essential to preface our remarks by making a few general stateeyes and hear without ears." This lu- these mediums necessarily originated ments.

The evidence of material things can its, for those spirits which are yet on the earth plane are the only means only be demonstrated by one or more of the five special senses, if the eviwhich some of the spirits who are on dence is to be received by a court of inquiry composed of ordinary humans, because the laws of this nation recoga higher plane have of communicating with their friends yet in the flesh, and they sometimes use them as the nize no other avenue by which tangibest means presented to them for the ble proof can be demonstrated as to their existence. purpose. Sometimes this is satisfactory, but more times it does not satis-

Then, again, the evidence of sniritthrough the psychic forces operating through the subjective mind of man. fy the better class, either on this or As it is a known law that like attracts like, and birds of a feather flock together, the people on this side Therefore, before any legal court can render a decision in our favor, in the of life have to trust to the same class of beings that those on the spirit side absolute, a new sense, that of perception, must be added to the world's recof Aife do in order to get any physical gnized senses.

phenomena. Hence unless the most rigid preventives are used, and the Now, what proof have we of the exstence of the psychic sense I have most exacting test conditions required, either the medium or the control will fool you, first one and then the other. termed perception? Let us examine a little of the vast amount of acknowledged phenomena which scientists The medium may come to you prehave demonstrated and proven in the tending to be one of your departed field of Soul.

The race has found in all ages, in all friends, or the control may claim to be some very high and nefined spirits, places and in all conditions of existbut can give you only the most use-less communication or a conglomeraence enough psychic phenomena to form the basis of the supernormal, or tion of nonsense and foolishness; and as termed by materialists, religious I wish to say that no physical medium thought, or worship. This has been or the control is to be depended upon varied as the changing conditions and environment of nations have taken place, and to a great extent this has while practicing other phases of me-diumship, for the condition required been influenced by national ideals. In for physical manifestations wholly unfits them for the higher phases of meother words it has been colored by the diumship. By physical phenomena 1 conditions through which it has been mean the moving of gross material observed. Mediumship again.

substances without any physical con-But what is a medium? An avenue tact, such as materialization, moving tables, chairs, trumpets and any through which intelligence is conveyed to the mind, either individually or other ponderous body by the spirit collectively speaking. In the above without the hand of the medium or will be found the reason of the tenany other physical body touching it. dency of the earlier races to worship Now let me state my position again something, and this "something" has o that I can not be misunderstood. I varied from a mere trinket used as a claim that all physical mediums somecharm, through all the various modes times give fraudulent manifestations, of manifestation from the atom to the therefore one person may go to a Oversoul.

physical medium and get some genu-ine manifestations,⁰ another person may go to the same meddlim and get Humanity has always been ready to worship that which it could not comprehend. When a knowledge and unnothing but fraud; "one will declare derstanding of their deity was made known to them their object of worthat the medium gives genuine mani-festations, while the other will as positively declare that the manifestaship passed away. And so it will be until the Absolute is attained, be that now or in the distant future. But what have we now?

tions are fraudulent.⁶ I, said there should be no quarrel between them, as both are right, for all physical medi-A huge mass of undigested evidence gathered from all quarters of the globe by the Brother Little asks, how shall we deal with the honest investigator, and psychic research societies of two continents, and countless other similar sosuggests that my diet would repel rather than attract, and that the in-vestigator would go² away sorrowing. My answer is that truth will never cieties and indiividuals; all of which tends to establish proof of the sense of perception. Is this mass of evidence to be ignored and consigned to oblivdrive away sorrowing an fronest and persistent investigator. "The facts which I stated in that article should ion, or are we to use it as the basis of further investigation by accepting its conclusions?

be known by every one who under-Now as to what this "sense of perception" is, I will define it as a purely then they would never be disappointintuitional attribute of the mind ed, and will continue their investiga-tion. The fact that Spiritualists have which enables one to know of things, the existence of which he at the time recommended physical mediums to the has no material proof.

outside world just because they got is it necessary for the race to go some genuine manifestations has back to prehistoric times to prove its driven thousands from embracing existence to-day? Read what Dr. Isaac K. Funk has to

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completely captivates every soul pres-On this occasion the church was wholly inadequate to accommodate all who came. The regular speaker, Mrs. Anna Throndsen, on this evening, gave messages and all were instantly recognized. She is one of the most

street fakir. Science is knowledge, absolute, always present to assist in harmonizsen, is a very fine vocalist, and he is

the Bible.

messages were the invocations, solos and congregational singing.

sum was donated by the different ly- takes to investigate Spiritualism. ceums for the purpose of sending a missionary throughout the state. The children's lyceum was held

St. Paul, Minn.

tems out of their own internal consciousness. It is assuring that in this When the phenomena of the world are studied in the light of the spiritual philosophy, instead of from the dark, material side; when in every phe-nomena mind is recognized as the pri-

livered by Mrs. S. M. Lowell of Minne-

message to the throne and added their Our departed friends are constantly with us, she said, and if given the chance will present themselves to us and help us. The Bible is repiete with

way to understand the belief is to read Mrs. Asa Talcott of Minneapolis then gave spirit messages. Mrs. Tal-

the spirit messages and then transmit-Following Mrs. Talcott, Mrs. Alice Wickstrom and Mrs. E. A. Sauer spent

Interspersed with the lecture and

During the afternoon a considerable

from 1:30 to 2:30 o'clock. At 7:30 in the evening a supper was served by

spirit friends, who in turn carried the

messages of Spiritualism and the best

Nine-tenths of all that passes for science is no more than speculations which have little more to support them than the names of their promulgators. Take for instance the theory large audience with as much composof matter. It may be, perhaps, ac-cepted as demonstrated, that light, heat and electricity are manifestations of force by means of vibrations or waves in an ethereal medium. Mathemathics lends its aid to this conclusion. Applied to the atom, we are told that it is a whirligig dancing with inconceivable velocity, and the kind of dance it performs makes the difference between the elementary bod-When they dance a cotillion it ies. When they dance a cotillion it that occasion Mrs. Throndsen was at makes iron, and a schottish is for Columbus, Ind., and Mrs. Crane, the gold! So certain are some of these scientists that this is true that they in a second the atoms execute. It is mathematically certain! True? Why it is all conjecture, and there can be no mathematical and there can be madiate and the second no mathematical calculation, because there is absolutely no data on which it can be based. The problem would be somewhat like this: Nail a culed. In my humble opinion he is a humbug. I enclose you an "ád" he horse's shoe on with eight nails, how many steps will be take in a minute? All the exploitered theories of atomic vibrations, change of one element into another, have no more support than dreams.

No one has ever seen an "atom," no one ever can. All that is said of it, of the manner molecules revolve around each other when elements combine for their formation, is pure conjecture which to-morrow may be replaced by others equally speculative.

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fort to give some tests. He gave two,

and his manner of giving them was

just about as antic as those he ridi

has in the daily papers. You will see by it that he is the only "it," the real

thing! He tells you how to win the

man or woman you love, and how to

make your husband or wife be true to

you; and how to overcome all your en-

emies, and how to develop personal

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tise in the manner set forth by the

unites the separated and never fails.

dollar. Why don't such humbugs lo

cate the gold mines and oil wells for

themselves? Everybody who has sense enough to pound sand in a rat

hole, knows that such people are hum-

He says he "locates gold mines, oil

Only think, he will do it all for one

buried treasures: positively

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Mexico, and later banished from Mexico by superstitious officers who believed that she possessed superhuman a meeting held February 10, at the Progressive Spiritual Church. On power and was responsible for an attempt to incite a revolution, has just died an exile in Clifton, Ariz. With the death of Santa Teresa, of vice-president of the society, made a short address which was well received.

the saint of Cabara, as she was known in Mexico, passes one of the most wonderful characters of the past generation. A few years ago in the little pueblo

of Cabara, in the hills of Sonora, Mex-ico, Teresa Urrea, a plain-faced Mexican girl of lowly parentage and about eighteen years of age, began to attract attention of her people by her alleged wonderful healing powers. She claimed that she was endowed with power to heal the sick and afflicted and went among the poor people of her town demonstrating her power. It was claimed that she accom

plished some wonderful cures in the cases of people supposed to be incurably afflicted and wrought such apparent wonders in this line that her native people made her a saint, and from that time on she was affectionately known as Santa Teresa.

During the time that she was attracting so much attention revolutionists were at work trying to incite an

insurrection in Sonora. - Santa Teresa was accused by the officials of the state of being the controlling influence that was stirring up the revolution, and threats of banishing were freely made.

The sainted girl protested her innocence of any connection with the revo-lution, and she found a few champions among influential citizens of Mexico, some of them public officials. Among these was Lauro Aguirre of this city, then a captain in the Mexican army. Banishment was the punishment meted out by the government of the state of Sonora to Capt. Aguirre for his defense of the saint of Cabara, and he came to this city, where he has

since edited the Spanish paper known as La Reforma Social. Santa Teresa was also banished, and in the year 1894 came to El Paso, where her fame as a divine healer had

preceded her. She set up a small tent in the southeastern part of the city. and the Mexican people flocked to see her in great numbers. The blind, the lame, the halt, the afflicted in every form crowded around her tent to receive the healing touch of the alleged divinely appointed hand.

There are many Mexicans in this city now who believe that Santa Te-resa was really possessed of some kind of healing power, and claim that she wrought cures that were nothing short of miraculous. What this woman accomplished in

the line of healing, was done, no doubt, through spirit power.

When an outsider goes to a physical nedium who is recommended by a prominent Spiritualist, and gets nothng but fraud, and that is the diet they have been getting from a large

ums are capable of giving either.

Santa Teresa of Cabara WroughtWon majority of Spiritualists, and that is derful Ourcs Among the Natives of the kind of diet that repels and disgusts investigators, whereas if they had been instructed by Spiritualists to Sonora-Exiled From the Land, Found Refuge in Texas, and Finally expect fraud from all physical mediums where fraud was possible, they El Paso, Tex.-Santa Teresa, once would either have put the medium unsainted by the people of her native town, Cabara, in the state of Sonora, der such strict test conditions that they would have got the desired proof

piritualism.

of the truth of Spiritualism, or if they had got only fraud they would not have laid it up against Spiritualism.

Brother Little says we receive that which we invite, but I would add that if we expect the invitation to be ac-cepted we will have to invite those near our moral plane of development. Those who are progressing always at-tract spirits higher than themselves, those who are receding always attract

spirits below them, who will help them on the downward road. My brother also speaks of Dr. Hare

and other scientific men drawing intelligences even more intelligent than themselves. That is strictly according to the law of spirit communion these were progressive' men. it was them that attracted these high intelligences and not a physical medium. and if when they had a physical medium in charge they made such condi-tions that fraud was impossible, as in always should be, then physical mediumship would be of some use to the But while investigators are world. sent to physical mediums for proof of

Spiritualism, without understanding this, it would be better for Spiritualism if there were no physical me diums.

Brother Little gudtes what I said about mediums being forced often against their will to possoas a spirit This is true, but where the medium is forced by a control to appear as a spirit the medium's, moral develop-ment will always be found to be in harmony with the moral development

of the control. My prother seems to especially object to" my " using the word often in connection with the medium appearing as a spirit: did he ever know with all of the hundreds and I guess I might say thousands of cases where the pretended spirit has been grabbed and gamasked that it was not the medium. Is think the word can be properly used in this connection. I would like to ask my brother if he knows pf a materializing medium of any note who has not been caught perpetrating fraud upon his audience on some occasion where any

real attempt has been made to test I could tell you of some of the do-

ings of a number of jour very best physical mediums, which would fully illustrate that what I have said in regard to them is only too true. But some have gone to the land of spirits, and I do not like to rake over the coals anyone's character. but I think it is the duty of Spiritualists to make known the law of physical phenomena as far as possible. Inspiration is one of the grandest phases of medium-ship, and has done and is doing more for the permanent, building up of Spiritualism than all the phases of

physical mediumship put together.

say on this all-important subject, in his phenomenal production, "The Widow's Mite": "An immense gain "The has been made in this; we know in what direction lies the way to safety. scientifically considered, the way that leads upward: that way is the subjective mind, an open door to the inner world, the world of inexhaustible growth and intelligence; an open door consciously to the few, unconsciously to the masses. Never did the lines of science and those of Christ's teachings converge as they do to-day and at this

point. Now, perception is only one of the many attributes of the subjective mind, but its importance ranks among the first, as it leads out into the Great Unknown and there makes known the existence of other attributes, cagni-zance of which must be taken before we can attempt to explain the laws underlying all psychic phenomena.

The fate of the race to-day rests in the hands of earth's thinkers, and we are at the turning of the roads; we must continue in our progress ward and outward, or enter a period of mental chaos that will put to shame the Dark Ages of the past.

The field is open and the way is plain, so let each one of us through concentration seek the uplands of the Subliminal Self through the avenue of the subjective mind, there to discover the truth which alone is capable

of freeing the race from Error. DR. JOSE MONTOYA. Lexington, Okla.

DO THEY LOVE US OVER THERE?

Do they love us over there In that other home so fair? Where no thought can be concealed, And each motive is revealed: Where they know our inner life, With its weaknesses and strife; In that home so pure and fair, Do they love us over there?

Do they love us over there? Once they burdens had to bear: Struggle on as we do now, Tired heart and aching brow; Ah! perhaps they clearly see Higher selves for us to be: Farther up time's winding stair. And they love us over there

Do they love us over there, Hear each oft unuttered prayer? Know when shadows lie most deep. O'er life's pathway rocky, steep? Know how weary, tear-dimmed eyes, Look beyond these darkened skies, Longingly to shores more fair, Where they love us over there. ALICE M. WARREN.

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While Spiritualists look upon physical mediums as messengers of the most high, and continue to place them upon the Spiritualistic rostrum to teach morals, Spiritualism can have no standing among the better class; but when they are properly used and the law of their mediumship is fully understood, their mediumship may be made a blessing to mankind. JAMES L. DOW.

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arriting soups, which move matter and there. All the gold was not deposited thither, the victims of winds and cur-rents, uncontrolled. The student of souls will discover, that what all the world is We are new to the truth, but the rld is We are new to the truth, but the The truth is old. Truth comes to us vamoreover, that what all the world is seeking is anchorage and help. The soul is in quest of strength, and We have the spectacle of men and women laying hold of everything, from sea-weed to solid rock. The world is full weed to solid rock. The world is full of remedies for the ills of the inner life, and out of these remedies will come some day a better doctrine of brought to light hitherto have been brought to light hitherto have been, big ware trying to live. No doubt popular thought is giving attention to rial universe. The next page of prothe deeper problems of the soul and gressive revelation will reveal striving to understand the laws of uni truths. Not since the beginning weakness and strength. The thoughts of the Christian era has there been so which pass over our soul-skies like much soul in things. "Spiritual things clouds filled with rain or glowing are spiritually discerned." clouds, filled with rain of growing are spiritually discorned. Fully, with light, are subjected to the most searching scrutiny. Our conscious-ness is being dissected and we have the soul within us finds the universal relowship of souls. our emotions are turned inside out and counted and weighed, and all be- of the soul, and ethical results must cause we are trying to understand naturally follow. More light is ourselves to the end of better living. break from the life within, from the The relation of our bodies to our souls church and the Bible, and the many The relation of our bodies to our souls church and the Bible, and the many -or, more accurately, spirits-is mansions of the human mind. Be pastudied with the hope of finding the true basis of physical health.

The loosening of old beliefs, which held men with a grip of steel for centuries, has sent numbers out upon the sea of life drifting. Many have we discover truth, and in every truth the sea of life drifting. Many have thrown the old charts and compasses overboard. They have gone with the outworn dogmas. But man is a re-death. Doubt is herter than ligious animal. He will believe something. It is important that he find the truth. The weakness of this gen-eration is that it has not put any-thing in the place of the things thrown away. Changing faith is not easy. It is important that he find away. Changing faith is not easy. the uncertain, troubled waters. The Many a man has thrown aside his end of life is the discovery of God.

mother's Bible and has never but for thousand the quest. anything in its place. He has dropped the quest. What the ancients did on the plains they built a wall that all the creeds into the sea, but what What the ancients did on the plains has taken their place? Nothing but of Shinar when they built a wall that a soul hunger which must be ap-peased. Weary of earthly things, we done. It is the old, old story, this done. It is the old, old story, this turn toward the higher things of the building of the Tower of Babel. spirit. This is the distinct thing gohas been the labor of the human soul. spirit. This is the distinct thing so has been the labor of the labor for spiritual things. Ennui is the tutions, movements—what are, these disease, and the divine the cure. It is but the means by which we shall stand a great hour when a man finds himself nearer the infinite. and stumbles on his soul, discovers

and stumbles on his soul, discovers the eternal within him. Many are the pagans about us. There are more to the population in America than in to the population in America than in China. A pagan is a man who does not know himself, his soul and its same thing. There is a fundamental not know himself, his soul and its same thing. There is a fundamental food; a pagan is one who worships the unity in human faith. There is one wrong thing, who follows the wrong anchor for the ship of the soul. being: Fancy the drifting, rudder anchor is God. It is not a book or a less soul on the sea of life in danger neem or a fancy. Neither is it a creed. less soul on the sea of life in danger poem or a fancy. Neither is it a creed, of rock and reef. Everybody seems to a theory or a system. It is the living be looking for an anchor in these God.

days of restless longing. And many are the anchors for sale! Some of paper, some of straw, some of cotton; anchors pulled out of junk shops, an-chors made to order, anchors brought days of restless longing. - And many iors made to order at hors brought power, but in the thing to which th

tient. We do not know very much

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every spirit merely because he is di-

vested of his physical encasement. Far from it. He must be an alchem-

ist of high degree indeed, be he in or

out of the physical body, to perform such marvelous feats. Death's trans-

ition does not add this quality. John Jones, a dolt today, will, the

day after his demise, be naught but

a dolt. | Should it occur to some of my real-

ers, with whom I have not had the

pleasure of an acquaintance, to re-quest me to give "a specimen of my, ability" in the disintegration and in-

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Lyman C. Howe, and it is hoped an

But it is passing strange that so

and prophets of the dim and distant

ages, preceding and including the Jewish hierarchy, were only mediums

inspired as to-day by an ever-active in-

to inaugurate a reign of peace on

earth, and good will to men-a reign

of unity of purpose, equalitly of rights

and opportunities, and a real-not sham-fraternal brotherhood, found-

ed on that law which includes all law,

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Bible records remember that in those

days of dense mental darkness, ignor-

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movement.

to the writer,

of human history.

I do not claim space in your columns to debate the sincerity or earn-estness of the opinions given by my respected friend regarding the dema-terialization and materialization of physical things, nor do I wish to be understood as disregarding the expe-riences of Brother Cross. I am quite familiar with the experiences he relates, in which he figured a few years since, so conspicuously. It is a lamentable thing that the

phenomena of materialization and dematerialization are exceedingly rare, and come within the observation of very few individuals; yet I must diligently contend for what I know to be a truth.

I will not attempt to elucidate this him, I wish to state that I make no fact by wearying you with a narrative involving numerous cases wherein pretensions to occult powers of any, sort. What I have given in the pretactile and ocular demonstrations are concerned, knowing as I do how superceding lines is written down with the abundant are the witnesses who are solution of a much-vexed question. HERBERT A. HARRELL. ready to arise and take oath that they

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timate and positive elimination from the ranks of Spiritualism of fraudulent mediums and their pernicious practices. It is said that 10,000 people are

convinced by ocular demonstration where but one is convinced by philosfenders, among whom stand conspicu-ously Loveland, Tuttle, Clara Watson, ophy; but, in your experiences and in nine, how about the permanency of the phenomenal convert? army of true seers of the exalted mis-

Is it not true that he is constantly sion of Spiritualism, just now unknown on the alert for new and repeated demonstrations and for fresh proofs? clear a thinker as Mr. Loveland does not clearly perceive that the seers

At times, such as the exposure of fraud and deception upon the part of some noted medium, who had hitherto borne an excellent reputation, and who had been the means through phenomena, of converting hundreds of people, does he not say to himself, "I wonder, after all, if the whole fabric terest and purpose of the spirit world is not woven of legerdemain, trickery

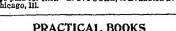
and deception?" Let us take up the attitude of the Spiritualist whose convictions are based upon both the phenomenal and philosophical evidences of dematerialization and materialization. He has the added weight of science to support his conclusions. He knows, from the spirit spheres since the dawn having familiarized himself somewhat with optics-with the laws governing the deflection of light; with illusory rectinal impressions; with mind-infused objective images, etc.-that his ance and superstition, the thunderbolt deception is easy to accomplish when the sensorium alone is brought into

oped ancestors the evidences of the displeasure and wrath of a great God, play. If this philosophical chap of ours and every voice from space was the voice of an unknown deity. brings to bear his knowledge of the Accepting the foregoing as a proper molecular hypothesis and holds conelucidation of a great principle so mysterious to many, we may readily spicuously before his mind the fact that all substances are the resultant perceive that the records of the much of a varying combination of the ultimisunderstood old Book are standing mate atoms of the physical plane, it is very clear to him that an objective proof that the spiritual disclosures and illuminations of the past fiftything-a thing that is visible, tangible eight years are identical with those of and ponderable-being a congeries of nineteen hundred years ago; with the man Jesus as the central figure. Had not that effort of the arisen atoms, molecules and cells, can easily he decomposed or disintegrated. Thus he has made quite apparent to himself a condition that is a scientific ad-mission of the existence of its opposite, of its complement, namely, com-

friends of groveling humanity been turned from its exalted purpose by the beastly lust for human . power and mortal glory, this generation might be It is a highly intelligible concept enjoying the beatific vision of the in-

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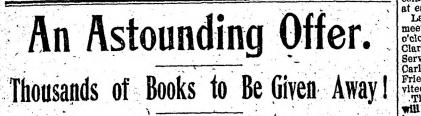
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