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 The second share show and be set to any pained of the show and the second show and the second		and legends of his aspect were so	they would gladly renounce Judaism	rode around his room, and asks where	Sorrow and pain school the soul for	HARRISON D. BARRETŢ.	And its strange history impart.	moment's nesitation she nicked out a
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 The spectral criteria department of the law of the spectral criteria department of the spectral criteria department of the spectral department		this awful sovereign. Many tried to	Now, I cannot see why Christians	broken to nieces: am keeping it as a	weep, to feed the hungry and to help	Rev. Harrison D. Barrett:	When did its life and work begin?	This George-he was your hus-
 a mark to all mark to all the mark to all the strengther mark		drown the fear in the rush of pust-			the weak and down-trodden.	Dear Sir:-Your letter of the 21st	Where, all these ages, has it been?	band, was he not?" asked the medium
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The king mud of the second from the crucial model with the first ware in the second from the			of mental darkness, ignorance and	We have a man in our state who	of well doing.	blood, lungs, and viscera in general.	We ne'er have found a resting place	the audience. After a few introduc-
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$ \begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$				mathematician' (Euler), spent years in	spiritual excellence and development	were wiser-they called them	There is no better and no worse	"This is but the prelude of the
$ \begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$				inding the prime factors of a cortain		"ghosts." Your watch is composed of	In all the shifting universe."	great glacial movements at the
the door was closed; there was no return to tell those left behind to dre fate that was supposed to theirs. A few, rendered desperate and despairing by the untoward ciraum- stances of their lives, and knowing stances of the true the dreaded castle of the tyrant fuel to approximations, integral cal- toring detorered the image; and for a trifle, pronounced up- of what might be their fate upon en- tering detorered the majority and upon the cross, and did (they say) the historic man Jeass. Were to follow those who had "Deer indled." The terest main the perishable things of life, and to approximations, integral cal- toring detorered the majority and servers the and possibly a containing. No. 2_M the earth was a globe of all to the mass right and in the analy servers the story goes. At any rate more miss- stores mouthent to approach it, and it the soring content to approach it, and it the work to make man discussory being of the down and possibly a containing the to approach it, and it the work to make man discussory being of the down and possibly a containing the to approach it, and it the work to make man discussory being of the down and possibly a containing the to approach it, and it the work to make man discussory being of the down and possibly a containing the theore of the true work of the sand one million grains to each cubic did (they say) the historic man Jeass did (they say) the history can be avaited to make approach it, and lith is to make a necessary did (they say) the history can be avaited to man dil they and to make and did thistory approximations, the can be approximations the capproximations the ca		it was with their lost leved ones, but	first acquaintance with the Divine.	admost. This man borrow it in a mo		substance the man with the muck-	Think you the powers of Nature say,	have been telling us about. Food
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the unseen manipulators—or in our state builded dur- of what might be their fate upon ear h, be born of a more state which we have builded dur- tering deterred the majority from making any attempt to approach it, even to follow those who had been this to make a necessary called. the unseen manipulators—or in our state which we have builded dur- ing our earthly pilgipinage. It is the part of the fighest wisdom of the state and beautify our spiritual life, which is immorial, and becomplete, and all this to make a necessary and the the this to make a necessary and the the this to make a necessary and the the this to the this tot		well knew that the door was not fas-	that curse. He, the God of Nature, or	Problems solved: No. 1-How many	us, at our earthly dissolution, the	able can be harmoniously blended by	My body, you must fall in line	Dr. George B. Warne of Chicago, a
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All sorts of expedients were tried blood atonement, to save sinners, and to placate the dread King; many appealed to God for protection, asking him to go with them when they obeyed the summons; all sorts of sacrifices were offered to God; costly buildings were erected and enormous sums of money spent in the effort to gain the approbation of the Almighty that he might be persuaded to assist them through their inevitable ordeal. If there had been no such King, or if any

unprovable or absurd, you will be damned-eternally damned, but believe only and you will be saved-eterde one could have overcome and throned him, that the dread of his

hour, the other east forty miles per hour. They run night and day a thou-sand years. How far apart are they? Answer given in two minutes. You who think you are mathematicians, try to solve it. You will be some time "figuring it out in your head." The spectroscope demonstrates the "figuring it out in your head." "figuring it out in your head." The spectroscope demonstrates the unity of the material cosmos. We now know that every sun that sparkles upon the bosom of infinity, and sweeps the hereafter will at these reactions from the height land of the hereafter will at the spectroscope demonstrates the spiritual life which will be his birth-right in the "Land of the Leal." But revelations from the height land of the hereafter will at the spectroscope demonstrates the spiritual life which will be his birth-right in the "Land of the Leal." But revelations from the height land of in its measureless cycles through endless cons is chemically the same as our own. May not Spiritualism be the "key stone" to the arch that bridges the visible and invisible worlds dem-

prepared for the grand possibilities of that higher life which awaits us on the In the very nature of things the in-carnate soul can know but fifthe of the but it to me, the saddest feature of re-cent "fraud" discussions is the want of "knowledge on the part of writers, and the uter absence of the real fac-tor in all, phenomena-the bound egotism, or as empiricism by others, tor in all, phenomena—the power or skill of the unseen workers. All phenomena is from or by individual manhord, and it is well that he does not. He will soon epough learn them. Man, in his incirnate state, cannot un-

agents or workers on "the other side" results as in this life according to the skill of the worker and the facility or obduracy met from the inertia of material and the elements present. We are too much like children look ing at a circus presentation-taking Thoughts in Relation to Life Here and the flesh tights, cupid wings and mottled jokers, as the real beings from fairy land, rather than the fac similer they are to the older observers. De-Spiritualism has a higher mission spite all our experience we insist on than to enable people to get rid of the nursery ideals of miracles and working for an honest living. How miraculous beings. do they expect the intelligent to be-What we want and need is less bad lieve that they are exerting themblood, less scoundrel-hunting and episelves in behalf of humanity if they do thet, more charity, more study of phe not practice what they profess to benomena. more common sense, andlieve? If we preach to humanity for more mediums. the sake of earth's gold, there should I am not clear whether an octogena be no surprise that so many refuse to rian ought to make promises involving even try to find anything worthy of clear thinking, cogent writing, and all notice of a spiritual nature. And based upon experiences that are open to any one. But before deciding at all, I should know the scope or purwhen they as a body prove world that they are in earnest in their zeal for truth in its purity, regardless pose of the proposed symposium. of whether the dollars and quarters it is to be a discussion—or a pro and con debate of the "fraud" question, I are rolling in or not, Spiritualism will take its proper station with other have no heart for the task. In my sects. personal experience I have found it When the money proposition is too much the rule that the more facts eliminated from Spiritualism, the fraudulent element that is at present of experience you have to offer, and the more unusual and striking the clinging to it so tenaciously, will drop manifestations you have witnessed, the more your reputation as a deluded off. Money, money, is what the dishon wonder monger and observer-not to est mediums are after, and -while those who are honest should be supmention fool, is enhanced. Thanking you again for the courtported, we have nothing to fear from asy and contents of your letter, this is all I feel at liberty to say at this time. them, for they will never wait for the sight of a dollar to enable them to do Very truly yours, R. T. VAN HORN. 1 their duty. They know the import-ance of spiritual things above those of

feet But when you die, and I swing free, A fraction of infinity,

I know the things awaiting you; My soul's path lies not flush in view.

Wisdom and will and power exist, And God is an economist. He must have ways I have not read How quickened souls survive the dead -Emma Rood Tuttle, in Two Worlds.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Hereafter.

earthly, and realize that we can take

neither money nor jewels with us to

our spirit home; and, by the way, our

snirit helpers tell us we must build for

ourselves by our actions in life. Some

of those who love nice things so well,

need to be on their guard lest they rob

themselves while attempting to obtain

them by other than the common every-

earth to their own as well as others' detriment, are to be pitied for not

knowing any better. Spiritualists will do good in assist-

ing mankind to progress out of their

creedbound condition. rather than try-

ing to ensnare them into some other,

Spiritualists should remember that

when they have proved to the world

the continuity of life and the immor-

tality of the soul, their duty is scarcely

begun, for Spiritualism has a far

higher mission than this to perform. We must remember that, along with

This wonderful message of life, eternal

life, which is brought us by the angel

world, we are continually admonished

that, as we live, so we are. As we

sow, we must reap! Do unto others as we would have others do unto us.

Personal responsibility for actions,

ditions, we must reap the result there-

of; and all this in, through and by Na-

ture's laws which are inviolable, and

The necessity for external govern-

ment to man is in inverse ratio to the

vigor of his self-government. Where the last is most complete, the first is

least wanted. Hence, the more virtue

the more liberty .-- Coleridge.

MAGGIE NORTON.

can not possibly be evaded.

Springfield, Mo, 👳

in the name of Spiritualism.

Those who seek the high seats of

day way of honestly earning them.

MAY 2

SIXTEEN

the platform. In every instance the tests were recognized by persons in the audience. Alderman Smith, one of

power could have been taken from the people, there had not much heed been paid to any God; it was chiefly the fear of the King and the hope of when the call came, that Gods. turned the hearts of the people to God

obscure corner of the kingdom an anangel had appeared; a radiant maiden, bringing to all who would listen, an almost unbelievable story about the dreaded king; she said the old fear that had enslaved them so long was groundless: that the King was no tvrant or revengeful monster, but a kind and loving friend, a deliverer, an emancipator; that his domain on the other side of the door was a beautiful country, of pleasant hills and peaceful valleys, of trees, birds -and sweet flowers, far more lovely than in their own land; that when their friends passed the portal of the castle door all their troubles, their pains and anxieties dropped from them forevermore; that they received garments of purity and splendor, and were met and wel comed by those who, had preceded them: that none were lost or missing; that the infant was taken to the arms of some mother soul, and that the were united with and cared aged for by those whom they had supposed were forever gone from their sight. She told them that it was a land of joyful surprises, of happy reunions, of satisfied longings; a land where every pure desire of the soul was gratified. and every right wish found its fulfillment, and better still, she proclaimed that the terrible door so long dreaded was no door at all; only a thin curtain swayed and moved by heavenly breezes, and that those who tried and really wished, could hear the voices of their own, could sometime catch glimpses of radiant, happy faces, and receive messages of love and comfort

from the heavenly land. But, alas! alas! although a few welcomed the angel and listened to the glad story and hastened to try and get lidings from their departed ones, and were cheered and comforted. many there were who refused to listen or believe; they preferred to still be held in the old bondage of fear; their fathers had told them that the great King was a tyrant to be dreaded, and that the door of the castle was barred against any return; their holy books had taught them, or so they had understood them, that no messages could be received from those who had passed the terrible door, and they would not believe the message of the heavenly angel, even though they heard the voice of mother, wife or child; even though they might catch glimpses of dear faces .long since passed from their presence, they would not believe; the old beliefs and fears were so deeply grounded in their natures that they could not accept the glorious message of truth and freedom: they preferred to believe it all a delusion; the angel a falsifier, a temp tress to lead them away from the be Hefs of their fathers; they turned from the appeals from their own that came from the other side of the curthin, closed their hearts to their cries, and went their own old way: but for

those who could believe and accept the message, what an emancipation; what a loy, what a relief; what comgort and peace; no more dread of the

nally saved. Such, Mr. Editor, are the dogma and dictum of Christianity. But, oh, what a reflection and libel upon the moral divinity or character of the These, then, are some of the alleged

There is a fountain filled with blood

And sinners plunged beneath that

Hence, except you believe that for

which you have no evidence, however

Drawn from Immanuel's veins.

Lose all their guilty stains."

Christians often sing;

flood

At length a rumor arose, that in an mental basic truths with, which the power? clerical gentleman, (well meaning, perhaps) thinks if presented to the lews would convert them to Christianity.

But these are not all, there are others equally absurd and idiotic. In conclusion, I often wonder, in

face of such absurd and unprovable doctrines, the result of ancient priestly knaves, why in this enlightened age there is not among the religious world more divine discontent or more general dissent from an alleged Christianity founded on fiction and fraud, and perpetuated to us by an ignorant and savage ancestry whose system of proselyting, all down the ages (till a little while ago) was that of torture and cruel massacre.

Never were there any other people so persecuted and hounded to death for heresy, as were Christian heretics And never was there such wholesale slaughter for heresy, as was the slaughter of Christian heretics. Fifty millions and more, it is said. were slain, slaughtered and burned alive But thanks to the progress and evolution of the race-especially to the ar of printing and the printing pressand not to the despotic powers of church and state, such appalling martyrdom will never occur again.

No wonder intelligent Jews and others want to keep shy of Christianity.

And no wonder intelligent Spiritual sts and others are shocked at its chap ters of horrors-at the atrocious and revolting deeds done in its name. And, no wonder, too, that intelli-gent denizens in spirit life should exclaim against it and demand that it with all its train of superstitious be longings, be legislated from off the face of the earth in order to give place to something more rational, more helpful, more humane and divine

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tyrant King, no more shuddering fear of the inevitable call, but the glo rious knowledge that it was well with their dear ones, and that happiness, peace, love and joy unspeakable await-

ed them upon passing the portal of the long-dreaded door. May the bright angel of Spiritualism speed her victorious way until the fetters of dread and fear shall fall from every soul in all lands, and the King of Death be known and welcomed as the Great Emancipator. ABBIE A. AVERILL.

Lynn, Mass. .0

There is a very general and most natural."longing", among those who have outgrown the old forms of religlous belief. I myself have more symnathy with the aspiration than hope to see it gratified to the catent of any positive belief respecting the unknown world .- John Stuart Mill.

"Thou shalt not kill." Except by locked exits, subways, explosions, adul terated food, slums, fire-damp, fast to make one another wiser and hap-trains; sweatshops. In short, in the pier than heretofore.—Charles Bradregular course of trade.-Life. ist i

onstrating the intelligent unity of all Where does the power come from? Every other organ of his brain seems latent but mathematics? Is it prob-

able or possible that some great calculator disembodied, occupies so small a part of his brain? We think not. Probably your wife talking to you

No. 3-Two trains start from a de-

pot, one going north thirty miles per

hour, the other east forty miles per

through the trumpet is the reproduction of impressions long since recorded upon the brain. I have in my office a Graphophone Grand, with many rec-

ords and some blanks. The cell structure of the brain may be compared to one of the blanks. It is ready to re-ceive a record. Every thought, every word, every musical note, everything that happens to a person through a lifetime, is faithfully recorded upon the cells of the brain. Mark you, there is no record before birth. There

may be psychical impressions, but no living records. This living record may be produced at any time, or a part of it. To a person who is clairaudient they are audible, and this fact will explain a very large class of psychical phenomena, both among religionists and Spiritualists.

Brother Spiritualists the world over let us place our feet upon the founda tion of eternal truth. Were I an art-ist I would paint or build me a home of immortal beauty, would festoon it with flowers, and fill its gardens and walks with fountains of perpetual vouth. Its quiet retreats would be "Garden of the Gods" where like the

the "Seers of the Ages" could hold their councils. ' This home would be occupied with loved ones and kindred snirits in the

kingdom of eternal progression. Its furnishings would be good deeds, kind acts, and noble efforts for the uplift of suffering humanity. Its labors would not be confined to a favored few, but would broaden out to a world, or universe wide condition. Music, art, poetry, sculpture, intelligence, knowledge, philosophy, would

be its hand-maidens. Its mornings would be filled with tireless activity, its noonday resplendent with noble effort, its evenings consecrated to a calm and hallowed peace. The sublime philosophy of Spiritualism would be its magna charta." Guardian angels with snowy wings would be its ministering serv-ants inviting the weary to repose under its ambrosial bowers. In a rain-

bow arch over this heavenly home would be clusters, constellations and galaxies of celestial spheres and spirit homes, sparkling diamonds upon the bosom of beauty and extending to infinitude. Love would be its atmos phere, its life, its being, and eternal progression its inspiration.

DR. MORRISON. All the religions of the world-are

based upon error; humanity is higher than theology; knowledge is far preferable to faith; action is more effective than prayer; and the best worship men can offer is honest work, in order laugh;

incarnate soul. Enough of heavenly light will be shed upon homan life, to satisfy manking that the soul is incapable of annihilation, and that the survival of the spirit after death is great truth which dan admit of no ied.

With the assurances of the continuity of life, all of the trials and labors of earth become benedictions instead sorrows. CARL C. POPE. Black River Falls, Wis, of sorrows.

AN APPABIZION

Of a Spirit That Was Still in the Body.

On the subject of apparitions of persons at death to living friends, I am reminded to tell you of an incident in my own life and which proves to me conclusively that the spirit does not necessarily leave the body in order to

It happened in my young days. about a year after my father's family had moved from Wisconsin to north-ern Missouri. I had left in Wisconsin one very dear friend whom I greatly desired to see. On this particular day of which I write my longing to see her seemed as if it icould not be denied, but I had no means to make the journey, and as I knew, I was not

likely to have. I was quilting at the time and

bending earnestly to my work, lost to everything except my thoughts of her. At last I struck out a plan by which I thought I should be enabled to make the journey, and I was very happy over the idea of it.

In imagination I could see the little house and myself at the door receiving a joyous welcomer.) A few days after, I neceiwed a letter

from my friend in which the said: "I saw you," naming the day and the time when I had been thinking of her so deeply, "come waiting into my door, as happy apparently as the birds in the trees."

in the trees." Was it not the thought form only which appeared to her? for certainly my spirit did not leave the body; I was all there and not even asleep, only in a "brown study." MRS. A. MATCHLEY. Ferndale, Cal.

TRY AGAIN.

If misfortune throws fon down, - Try again;

Do not give up with a frown, Try again; Adjust yourself, then take your place Enter once more in the race,

With a cheerful, smilling face, Try again. Try again.

Keep on struggling, though you fall, Try again; Giving up will not avail;

Try again: It's the battles of the soul That will give you more control, To that you can reach the goal,

Try again. - BYRON D. STILLMAN. Chicago, Ill.

He alone is a pauper who neither in spires nor yet provokse love Anon.

COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS.

There are times .when my conquering soul

Feels its divine mastership. When I put all obstacles underneath

my feet. And looking far out o'er life's domin-

ions See clearly the meaning and majesty of all.

And in that hour details do not concern me.

But with one swift sweeping glance see and understand. And in such moments what to me

Are earth's trivial disappointments, The clamoring, surging sea of humanity

That tries. and fails and falls, The sorrow, suffering, misery and death, That blot the fair face of nature

And seemingly make of life a hideous • nightmare?

Since my soul is revealed in that quick glance The cosmic life complete and whole,

And I know that all things tend toward the good.

That what appears an endless chain of disasters Is but the process of evolution

That lifts all life to higher planes of consciousness.

LAURA B. PAYNE. Fort Worth, Texas.

Joy is the only thing in the world

more inevitable, more universal than sorrow. Our capacity for happiness still outranks our capacity for grief.

-Bliss Carman.

So long as we love, we serve. So long as we are loved by others, I would almost say we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend. Stevenson.

he most interested in the h nized a woman who came to the me-"Clara."-Milwaukee Sendium as tinel.

rision

A VIVID PROPHETIC DREAM.

philosophy, he said, could make that name as honored as the Quakers, the Shakers, or the Methodists, all of

which had at first been terms of de-

Mrs. Coffman concluded the even-

ing's work with a large number of

mystifying tests, all done in the glare of electric light and without leaving

Mrs. R. Borres Saw Destruction of City Twenty-four Hours Before

Disaster.

Twenty-four hours--almost to the minute--before San Francisco was shaken by the great earthquake shock the terrible scenes incident to the destruction of the city were foretold in a dream to Mrs. R. Borres, a Chicago woman.

Mrs. Borres, who lives with her husband at the Grand Central Hotel in West Madison street, is greatly . concerned over the fate of her three sisters, all of whom resided in San Francisco.

Their names are:

the

Mrs. Howard Black, wife of the one of the members of the board of supervisors.

Mrs. John L. Marks. Mrs. Edward Linden, wife of Captain Linden.

Mrs. Borres Recounts Dream.

The facts in relation to her dream are told in a letter from Mrs. Borres to the Chicago American as follows:

Tuesday night during the early hours I was so restless I could. not sleep. Toward morning I fell into a deep slumber. I thought I was re-. turning to my home in San Francisco. As I emerged from Ferry station, intending to take a Haight street car, I was aware that a great calamity had

befallen the city. "The streets were heaped with ruined buildings and flames were springing up everywhere. People with white, agonized faces were rushing toward the water front. I stood dazed and rooted to the spot.

"Suddenly I saw members of my family running wildly down Market street, making for the ferry.

"As they passed me they declared that an earthquake had tumbled down hundreds of houses. We fled toward the bay, but were driven back by the soldiers.

"Then we discovered that my sister. Mrs. Black, was missing and also another sister, Mrs. Linden.

"Searching for them we became separated and then we struck a heap of dead bodies that were being carried out of a large hotel.

"Alone I continued the search for my family, but could not find any of them.

"I stopped to inquire of an old man, whose only answer was: "'St. Louis is doomed next.

words and thoughts! Every wrong must be made right. And cause and Louis is going to be destroyed. effect, that whatever we make the con

"Then he fell dead in the sand, The next day I was almost sick with fright. My family only laughed at

me. "Then came the news of the terrible disaster: I am afraid more of my, dream is coming true and I will never see by sisters alive again."

If any man is able to convince me. and show me that I do not think and act right, I will gladly change. For I seek the truth, by which no man was ever injured .--- Marcus Aurelius.

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

A Little Pilgrim.

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

Chapter V.-Continued. of mocking cries sounded around me. I followed two of those who pushed "Let him have a little blood to calm their way to within a short distance of him down." "Let the fool have a the stage, and who were strong, big taste of it himself, doctor." Last of men, more fitted to elbow the crowd all came a volce mingled with the aside than I, after my rough treatment cries of the sufferer whom I was tryin the first place, and the agitation I ing to shield, "Take him instead; had passed through, could be. I was curse him! take him instead." I was glad, besides, to take advantage of the bending over the man with my arms. explanation which one was giving to outstretched, protecting him, when he the other. "Its always fun to see this gave vent to this cry. I heard immediately behind me a fellow demonstrate," he said, "and the subject to-day's a capital one. Iet's shout of assent, which seemed to come

get well forward, and see all that's go- from the two strong young men with whom I had been standing, and the ing on." "Which subject do you mean?" said sound of a rush to seize me. I looked the other; "the theme or the exam- round, half mad with terror and rage;

ple?" and they both laughed, though a second more and I should have been I did not seize the point of the wit. strapped on the table too. I made one wild bound into the midst of the "Well, both," said the first speaker.

"The theme is nerves; and as a lesson crowd; and struggling among the in construction and the calculation of arms stretched out to catch me, amid possibilities, it's fine. He's very the roar of the laughter and cries-clever at that. He shows how they fied-fied wildly, I knew not whither, are all strung to give as much pain in panic and rage and horror which no and do as much harm as can be; and words could describe. Terror winged yet how well it's all managed, don't my feet. I flew, thinking as little of you know, to look the reverse. As for whom I met, or knocked down, or trod the example, he's a capital one-all upon in my way, as the others did at nerves together, lying, if you like, just whom I had wondered a little while on the surface, ready for the knife." ago.

"If they're on the surface I can't No distinct impression of this headsee where the fun is," said the other. long course remains in my mind. save "Metaphorically speaking. Of the sensation of mad fear such as I course they are just where other peo- had never felt before. I came to myple's nerves are; but he's what you self on the edge of the dark valley call a highly organized nervous speci- which surrounded the town. All my men. There will be plenty of . fun. pursuers had dropped off before that Hush! he is just going to begin." time; and I have the recollection of

"The arrangement of these threads finging myself upon the ground on the earth. By and by there came of being," said the lecturer, evidently my face in the extremity of fatigue resuming after a pause, "so as to and exhaustion. convey to the brain the most instanta- | I must have lain there undisturbed

neous messages of pain or pleasure, is for some time. A few steps came wonderfully skillful and clever. I and went, passing me; but no one need not say to the audience before took any notice, and the absence of me, enlightened as it is by experiences the noise and crowding gave me a moof the most striking kind, that the mentary respite. But in my heat and messages are less of pleasure than of fever I got no relief of coolness from pain. They report to the brain the the contact of the soil. I might have stroke of injury far more often than flung myself upon a bed of hot ashes, the thrill of pleasure; though some- so much was it unlike the dewy cool times that too, no doubt, or life could earth which I expected, upon which He was one of those who had esscarcely be maintained. The powers one can always throw one's self with a that be have found it necessary to sensation of repose. Presently the mingle a little sweet of pleasurable uneasiness of it made me struggle up sensation, else our miserable race again and look around me. I was he had been caught, and what he had would certainly have found some safe; at least the cries of the pursu- been set to do, and how he had esmeans of procuring annihilation. I ers had died away, the laughter which . do not for a moment pretend to say made my blood boil offended my ears sthat the pleasure is sufficient to offer no more.

The noise of the city was behind me, a just connterbalance to the other. None of my hearers will, I hope, ac- softened, into an indefinite roar by cuse me of inconsistency. I am ready distance, and before me stretched out said. to allow that in a previous condition I the dreary lanscape in which there asserted somewhat strongly that this seemed no features of attraction. was the case; but experience has en- Now that I was nearer to it, I found it lightened us on that point. Our cir- not so unpeopled as I thought. At no precations. They may get me yet. brain. eumstances are now understood by us great distance from me was the mouth | Let me go!"

"And to whom does all that bolong?" I said. "To whoever is strong enough to get hold and keep possession,-sometimes one, sometimes another. The only thing you are sure of is that it

will never he you." Why not I as well as another? was the thought that went through my mind, and my new companion spied it with a shrick of derision.

'It is not for you nor your kind." he cried. "How do you think you could force other people to serve you? Can you terrify them or hurt them, or give them anything? You have not learned yet who are the masters here."

This troubled me, for it was true. "I had begun to think," I said. "that there was no authority at all -- for every man seems to do as he pleases; you ride over one, and knock another down, or you seize a living man and cut him to pleces"-I shuddered as I thought of it-"and there is nobody to interfere."

"Who should interfere?" he said. Why shouldn't every man amuse himself as he can? But yet for all that we've got our masters," he cried with a scowl, waving his clinched fist in the direction of the mines; "you'll find it out when you get there."

It was a long time after this before ventured to move, for here it seemed to me that for the moment I was safe,-outside the city, yet not termediate snace which grew clearer before me as my eyes became accustomed to the lurid threatening light. One after another the fugitives came flying past me,-people who had escaped from the armed bands whom I pit's mouth. I could see too the tactics of these bands,-how they retired,

out flanking lines, surrounded and appeared over the opening which

dreadful in aspect than any I had seen. His scanty clothes seemed singed and burned into rags; his hair. which hung about his face unkempt and uncared for, had the same singed aspect; his skin was brown and baked. I got up as he approached. and caught him and threw him to the ground, without heeding his struggles to get on. "Don't you see;" he cried with a gasp, "they may get me again?" caped out of the mines; but what was it to me whether they caught him again or not? I wanted to know how

my superior strength when no one else did? 'I kent watch over him that he should not get away. "You have been in the mines?"

"Let me go!" he cried. "Do you need to ask?" and he cursed me as he struggled, with the most terrible im-

mars extrantion, which was all the relief that was possible to me. And by and by softecting all my faculties, and impelled by this impulse, which I seemedomable to resist, I gpt up and went cautiously on.

Fear can act in two ways: it paralyzes, and it genders cunning. At this moment lifound it inspire me. I made my plans, before, I started, how to steal glong under the cover of the blightednbrushwood which broke the line of the valley here and there. I set out only after long thought, seizing the moment when the vaguely perceived band were scouring in the other diffection intercepting the trav-

ellers. Thus, with many pauses, I got near to the nit's mouth in safety. But my curiosity was as great as, al most greater than my terror. I had kept far from the road, dragging myself sometimes on hands and feet over broken ground, tearing my clothes and my flesh upon the thorns: and on that farther side all seemed so silent and so dark in the shadow cast

by some disused machinery, behind which the glare of the fire from below blazed upon the other side of the opening, that I could not crawl along in the darkness, Mand pass, which would have been the safe way, but with a breathless hot desire to see and know, dragged myself to the very edge to look down, at

Though I was in the shadow, my eyes were nearly put out by the glare within reach of the dangers of that in- on which I, gazed. It was not fire; it was the Inrid glow of the gold, glowing like flame, at which countless miners were working. They were all about like flies,-some on their knees. some bent double as they stooped over their work, some lying cramped upon could now see on the watch near the shelves and ledges. The sight was wonderful and terrible beyond de-veiling the lights and the opening, consume away with the heat and the when a greater number than usual of glow, even in the few minutes I travelers appeared on the way, and gazed. Their eyes shrank into their then suddenly widening out, throwing heads; their faces blackened. I could see some trying to secrete morsels of drew in the unwary. I could even hear the glowing metal, which burned the cries with which their victims dis- whatever it touched, and some who were being-searched by the superiors seemed to go down into the bowels of of the mines, and some who were punishing the offenders, fixing them up flying towards me a wretch more against the blazing, wall of gold.

The fear went out of my mind, so much absorbed^v was I in this sight. I gazed, seeing further and farther every moment, intp, crevices and seams of the glowing metal, always with more and more Haves at work, and the entire partomifie of labor and theft, and search and punishment, going on and on,-the balled faces dark against the golden glare, the hot eyes taking a yellow reflection, the monotonous clamor of pick and shovel and cries and curses, and all the indistinguishable sound of a multitude of hu-man creation in And the floor below, and the low roof which overhung whole myriads within a few inches of their faces and the irregular walls all caned. Why should I hesitate to use breached and shelved, were every one the same a pandomonium of gold,gold everywhere:

"I had loved many foolish things in my life, but never this; which wasperhaps why I gazed and kept my sight, though there rose out of it a blast of heat which scorched the

While I stooped over, intent on the

Review of Passing Events. | EYE SIGHT

BY HUDSON TUTTLE, EDITOR-AT-LARGE, N. S. A.

"Father" Sherman, a man who would introduce the Inquisition into the United States, if he had the power. He is the unworthy son of a great General, and the worthy representative of one of the most corrupt of all the churches that has afflicted mankind in general. "Father" Sherman belongs to the extreme wing of the Jesuits.

The Velvet Paw Reveals the Talons of owned by the priests. It was assured-Theocratic Despotism--Father Sher- i y halcyon days for Christianity. The priest was everything, the people man as a Revelator. nothing. As for science, nothing was then known that would be called sci-

There is absolute antagonism between the forces of Catholicism and Spiritualism. They are as wide apart as the Nadir and zenith. There is not of the priests of a mixture of poison tween the forces of Catholicism and one principle in which they agree. drugs, incantations and prayers. Phil-One is for liberty of thought, the osophy died with the Greek sages, and other for enslavement; one is for evtheology-yes, theology flourished. It is the opinions of men, and can be ery man to be a law unto himself, is the opinions of men, and free to think for himself, the other for made just as the stronger pleas

absolute self-abasement before the Yes, the 13th century to the 16th priest; one looks to the future, the was the time when the pens of priests other to the past; one would have a were busy forging-manuscripts. government of the people, by the peo- priceless volumes of Greek and Latin ple, for the people; the other would writers were obliterated to allow the have a theocracy with the pope as its writing of driveling monks, of "church head and the people nothing but clay fathers" and revisions of the Holy in its hands. Scriptures.

This statement is confirmed by the Ignorance was supreme. remarkable discourse of Father Sherpriests could read and write. The man, renegade son of General W. T. Sherman, at Syracuse, N. Y., at the church was opposed to learning, and the made thinking a crime punishable with dungcon and fagots. The lords meeting for non-Catholics. Father Sherman is a renegade American, and and barons, unable to write their it has been a constantly noticeable names, "made their mark." fact that such characters invariably out-Herod Herod for the cause to was not a public school, a town library, a newspaper in all Europe. No which they attach themselves. He one dared to speak, scarcely think, in was not satisfied with becoming a opposition to the church. Oh! it was Catholic, he joined the extreme wing a glorious age for the Christian of the Jesuirs, the most crafty, unprinpriest! When thought finally began to

cipled, bigoted and unscrupulous of Catholic orders. awaken, the Inquisition, was insti-He is so saturated with zeal and tuted, and in Spain was so relentless bigotry, he forgets the policy which in its work, that it left the people in

that state of mental lethargy and usually marks the actions of the Jesuits, and reveals the animus and intenslavery which is ideal to Father Sher. man and the pope. The morality of Europe at this cultions of its leaders. He began with a tirade against Protestant ministers. "Implous wretches! Most implous wretches!" "Impious minating time, when Christianity under priestly policy held Europe in ab-"Such ministers of the goshe cried. solute control, may be learned from the startling fact that when some of

pel; I would say your belief is based on broadcloth and beefsteak." the early sea-voyagers returned from "Wretches!" because they do not their explorations believe that the Pope is God's vice-genameless disease, before unknown to rent, and infallible authority. And if Europeans, and in an incredible time it was prevalent over Europe, from they are "wretches," why should they

not be tortured until they confess? serf to noble; from beggar to priest Why should worthless "wretches" be given over by law into the hands of vowed to cellbacy. Yet Father Sherman dares to conthe Jesuits, as they once were, and tor trast this country and insult its sixtytured until they become good Catho-lics, or killed outright that the church five millions of people (not including the Catholics which a priest cannot insult) with its free institutions, its in-

confiscate their estates? might Father Sherman apparently would ventions, discoveries, literature, col-leges, public schools and moral chardearly love to have hold of them with red-hot pincers, or bind them on the acter which is superior to all religions. with the ages of darkness and corruprack. Disappointed in love affairs in his tion!

Catholicism, then the Christian reyouth, his mind embittered and hopeligion, did it foster learning? Did it encourage science? Did it give prizes essly distorted, he leads his furious attacks, which are harmless because the law holds him in check. He can to discoverers? It burned Giordano not at present use force, but he Bruno for declaring there were other worlds inhabitable than this. It kept stretches out the ugly paw of theovet touch displays the cruel talons. It cause he believed the earth revolved is a mistake to show them now-it is around the sun, instead of the movenot time, but the explorant Father is ment of the sun around the earth as so sure of victory, he casts discretion taught by the Bible. It held a cen-sorship over human thought,

books containing new ideas, or in the scream "wretches," to those who hapleast conflicting with the Catholic helief were ordered to be burned with pen to disagree with him, he is longing for the restoration of the torture the heretical authors. It has fought chamber. How he would delight to have the Inquisition restored! How the death, and had not humanity burst loudly he would scream "wretches!" its restraint, all the nations of Europe as he turned the thumb-screws or would now be even more benighted branded with sizzling frons! The than Spain, whose people find their



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all in a manner impossible while we of one of the mines, from which came were still in a condition of incom- an indication of subterranean light; pleteness. We are all convinced that and I perceived that the flying figures come near I'll let you go. Who are there is no compensation. The pride which I had taken for travelers be- they, man? I must know." of the position, of bearing everything tween one city and another were in "ather than give in, or making a sub- reality wayfarers endeavoring to keep smission we do not feel, of preserving clear of what seemed a sort of presswur own will and individuality to all gang at the openings.

am satisfied with it, for my part." in his flight, adopted the same expedi- (for I was stronger than he), and cry was half anguish yet half desire. The orator made a pause, holding ent as myself, and threw himself on ris head high, and there was a certain the ground close to me when he had amount of applause. The two men got beyond the range of pursuit. It mark that anybody had escaped, and refore me cheered voolferously. was curious that we should meet he became gradually a little more 'That is the right way to look at it," there, he flying from a danger which one of them said. My eyes were upon I was about to face, and ready to enthem, with no particular motive; and I counter that from which I had fied. could not help starting, as I saw sud- I waited for a few minutes until he denly underneath their applause and had recovered his breath, and then, aughter a snarl of cursing, which was "What are you running from?" I said. the expression of their thoughts. I "Is there any danger there?" The celt disposed in the same way to curse man looked up at me with the same the speaker, though I knew no reason continual question in his eyes,-Who is this fool? why.

He went on a little farther, explain-"Danger!" he said. "Are you so ing what he meant to do; and then new here, or such a cursed idiot, as like the sound uttered by a-wild aniturning round, approached the table. not to know the danger of the mines? An assistant, who was waiting, uncov- You are going across yourself, I supered it quickly. The audience stirred pose, and then you'll see." with quickened interest, and I with "But tell me." I said: "my expericonsternation made a step forwards, ence may be of use to you afterwards, crying out with horror. The object if you will tell me yours now." on the table, writhing, twitching to get "Of use!" he cried, staring; "who free, but bound down by every limb, cares? Find out for yourself. If and fight those brutes, not fly from which tore my hair and beard,-and they get hold of you, you will soon un- them like you?" was a living man. The lecturer went forward calmly, taking his instru- derstand."

ments from their case with perfect I no longer took this for rudeness, composure and coolness. "Now ladies but answered in his own way, cursing crying out, as I struck' him ' again. and gentlemen," he said, and inserted him too for a fool. "If I ask a warnthe knife in the flesh, making a long ing I can give one; as for kindness," clear cut in the bound arm. I said, "I was not looking for that."

I shricked out, unable to restrain myself. The sight of the deliberate laughed together,-there seemed rest? Strike me you can for I'm wound, the blood, the cry of agony something ridiculous in the thought; down. But make yourself a master and presently he told me, for the and a chief-you!" that came from the victim, the calmness of all the lookers-on, filled me mere relief of talking, that round with horror and rage indescribable. I each of these pit-mouths there was a wild with rage and the sense that T felt myself clear the crowd away with band to entrap every passer-by who al- had no power over him, save to hurt a rush, and spring on the platform, lowed himself to be caught, and send him. That passion made my hands. I could not tell how. "You devil!" I him down below to work in the mine. tremble; he slipped from me in a mocried, let the man go! Where is the "Once there, there is no telling when | ment, bounded from the ground like a police? Where is a magistrate? Let you may get free," he said; "one ball, and with a yell of derision esthe man go this moment! fiends in time or other most people have a taste caped, and plunged into the streets Buman shape! I'll have you brought of it. You don't know what hard la- | and the clamor of the city from which to justice!" I heard myself shouting bor is if you have never been there. I I had just flown. wildly, as I flung myself upon the had a spell once. There is neither I felt myself rage after him, shaking wretched sufferer. interposing be- air nor light; your blood boils in your my fists with a consciousness of the tween him and the knife. It was veins from the fervent heat; you are ridiculous passion of impotence that something like this that I said. My never aflowed to rest. You are put was in me, but no power of restraining horror and rage were-delicious, and in every kind of contortion to get at | it; and there was not one of the furicarried me beyond all attempt to con- it, your limbs twisted, and your mus- tives who passed, however desperate

cles strained." trol. Through it all I heard a shout of "For what?" I said. laughter rising from everybody round. The lecturer laughed; the audience his eyes gold! There it is inexroared with that sound of horrible haustible; however hard you may wards, unable to go back, with a fire mockery which had driven me out of work, there is slways' more. "and in my veins urging me oh!" But presmyself in first experience. All kinds more!" 1 e e

"Not till you tell me," I. cried. sight, some one who had come up by my side to gaze too was caught by the "Tell me and I'll protect you. If they fumes (as I suppose,) for suddenly I was aware of a dark object falling prone into the glowing interior with He struggled up from the ground. a cry and a crash which brought back clearing his hot eyes from the ashes that were in them, and putting aside my first wild panic. He fell in a heap, his singed hair. He gave me a glance from which his arms shot forth wildsternity, is the only compensation. I One of them, unable to stop himself of hatred and impotent resistance ly as he reached the bottom, and his then cast a wild terrified-look back. I saw him seized by half a dozen eager watchers, and pitched upon a The skirmishers did not seem to reledge just under the roof, and tools thrust into his hands. I held on by composed. "Who are they?" he said an old shaft, trembling, unable to hoarsely. "They're cursed wretches move. Perhaps I cried too, in my horror .--- for one of the overseers who like you and me; and there are as many bands of them as there are stood in the center of the glare looked up. He had the air of ordering all mines on the road; and you'd better that was going on, and stood unafturn back and stay where you are.

You are safe here." "I will not turn back," I said. "I know well enough; you can't.

my terror, like a figure of gold, the You've got to go the round like the rest," he said with a laugh which was image perhaps of wealth or Pluto, or I know not what, for I suppose my. mal rather than a human voice. The brain began to grow confused, and my hold on the shaft to relax. I had man was in my power, and I struck him, miserable as he was. It seemed strength enough, however (for I cared not for the gold), to fling myself a relief thus to get rid of some of the fury in my mind. "It's a lie," I said; backwards, downwards. I knew not 'I go because I please. Why shouldn't how, turning over and over upon I gather a band of my own if I please, sharp ashes and metallic edges,

He chuckled and laughed below his breath, struggling and cursing and "You gather a band! What could you

offer them? Where would you find them? Are you better than the rest At this he laughed, indeed we of us? Are you not a man like the

"Why not I?" I should again,

he might be, who did not make a mock

at me as he darted by. The laughing-"For gold!" he cried with a flash in stock of all those miserable objects, the sport of fate, afraid to go forently I grew a little calmer out of \$1.00.

in witnessing Protestant ministers have his first and highest enjoyment malignant hate. Even more than the scenes of cruelty and pain. free thinkers and Spiritualists, but all From Constantine the Great-mur-

would be subjected to his rule were he derer and assassin—to the 16th century; from the time when Roman given the power. This country by its generous laws greatness sank in the ceaseless strife

makes it possible for such creatures as of the church to the invention of print-Father Sherman to express their hat- ing; in all that dismal interval, there red because it is free. He insults ev- arose out of the church not one poet. ery citizen of the great Republic. He not one philosopher, not one historian says in his contention, that Catholic or thinker. History was nothing countries are more advanced than more than lying chronicles, and writings on theological subjects, incompre-Protestant. "The humblest servant girl in Spain

hensible, vague, fanciful, without the has more refined instincts in matters least regard to truth or fact, were of esthetic taste, than the highest most prized. While this moral and American I know in my country. The mental darkness brooded over Europe, Spanish servant has more-real Christhe Arabians, under Mohammedan tian refinement and intelligence than ism, preserved the priceless volumes of Greek and Roman philosophers, any senator or representative in Congress." "The nobles of Spain are poets and institutes, touches, and more noble than anything my country ing; encouraged discoveries, and had had?" "The higher classes in when Europe by sheer force of ex-"The nobles of Spain are poets and historians; fostered learn-Europe look upon Americans as pigs." panding mentality, shook off the in-

Why, Father Shercubus which had clutched its throat "My country!" man has no country. As a Jesuit he for a thousand years, became ready to renounced allegiance to all govern-He is a puppet of the pope, came this legacy of ancient civilizaments. tion. Christianity, i. e., Catholicism sworn by most awful oath to do his -for until the Reformation they were bidding. He has no duty or obligation to the government at Washington. one and the same-the cause of civil-His oath is to Rome. If we object to ization? As well say a swimmer is the Mormons because their first oblisuported by a mill-stone tied around his neck. He may be strong enough gation is to their church, what shall we say of the Catholic who boldly adto bear it up; to support himself and vocates the doctrine held for twenty its dragging weight.

centuries, that the pope is the heaven The series of meetings ended on appointed ruler of the earth and to Sunday with a "military mass," osdisobey him is a sin demanding capital punishment? No, Father Sherman tensibly given in memory of General W. T. Sherman, father of the priest, has no country. He is an alien and his interests are opposed to the liberty really to give prestige to the church. ' A military mass to encour-

this country gives. Again he exclaims: "What civilizaage the fighting spirit; to awaken and tion have we in this country? Is it to keep alive the brute instinct to kill; be compared to the age of Dante? to strut in the bedeckments of war, Have we not a mere smattering of and become skilled in the high art of things here and there on a variety of butchery! It blesses the sword, and subjects? - When America is civilized, anoints with holy oil the shell which then talk to me about Catholic coun-tries." "When Roman Catholicism the body with mortal hurt. Military was in its palmiest days, in the 13th mass is a blessed thing! A Christian century, the arts and sciences, philos- service: The cadets of the Catholic military

ophy and theology flourished as they never have since." school at Manlius were in uniform. It does not seem possible for any and the military organizations of the

man, claiming the least prestige of city attended. There were also the learning or position, to stand before Catholic military companies. Knights an audience of thinking people and of the Cross, Knights of Saint Patrick, brazenly make these assertions. It and Home Providence Cadets.

shows to what degradation of moral Why should the Catholics maintain principles and honest decency the military academies, and drilled bodies For what purpose have 'holy" religion will bring to its zeal- of knights? they at least fifty thousand trained soldiers and officers? Why is it nec-

Of all benighted ages of the world, essary that these should be armed the culminating point of the Dark Ages was the 13th century. Europe with the best weapons, held in secret had passed through the throes of the arsenals? Why more than the Meth-Crusades, which had paved the road adists. Presbyterians, Baptists or across the deserts of Asia with the Episcopalians?

bones of the bravest; yet misguided of If one sect is to have military or her sons to wrest the sepulchre from ganizations and a full equipment of the hands of the Mohammedans. It weapons, all should have and the was tantalizing that the grave of their God could not be visited by the Christ worshipers of the lowly Vesus who tians, without the consent of the infi- commanded that when one cheek was del.... The mother church had urged struck to turn the other.

on the terrible -- work, - blessed and You can read the reports of all this cursed by turns, and her priests had in the newspapers, but you will not loaned money to the chieftains they find one word of censure or warning: When the shattered remnants of the power bubsidized and wielded by the Crusaders returned to their homes, enemies of personal liberty. they found their possessions in the HUDSON TUTTLE, they found their possessions in the Editor-at-Large N. S. A. hands of the church. Europe was

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ever, writes us that Spiritualists of it. should look "exclusively for the good." and "NEVER for the bad!"

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legerdemain in our ranks have been nals. met with determined opposition, until our Cause had become badly defiled.

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INIMICAL LEGISLATION.

Fraudulent Practices Are a Menace to gitimate religious rite or privilege cer-

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wheat. tion has appeared before the ordinance committee and endeavored to secure a modification of the conditions of this ordinance, and below is a brief synopsis of some of the arguments presented.

We fully realize that even if

Gradually Legerdemain Infernalism was thus tricked out of \$250 in money This lady should exhibit sympathy is being brought to the attention of and \$1,300 in jewelry. Another lady, for those who have been swindled, de-Spiritualists everywhere, and there is lately passed to spirit life, was induced ceived, and their tender hearts torn to an awakening all along the line as to give up \$2,000 in bonds to one shreds-they are the ones who need it never before. One good lady, how- Rogers and could never regain a cent and not the villainous tricksters, that she would not have exposed.

> This class never expresses any sym-This lady who suggests that such persons should not be brought to judg. pathy whatever for the deceived, but ment, should not be searched out, the deceiver-charity in abundance should not be molested by fraud. for him or her!

hunters, certainly approaches very But the spiritual atmosphere is near the line of actual criminality, an gradually clearing, in this country and tricks, deception or the practice of aider or abettor to crime and crimi- Europe, and the morale of our cause is advancing to a higher plane.

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Hon. Charles R. Schirm, an Ex-Congressman, and a Prominent Lawyer and Spiritnalist-of-Baltimore, Md., on Sunday evening, Ayril 18, 2996,

Occupied the Platform of the First Spiritual Church of That City, the Speaker for the Evening, Mr. Oscar A. Edgerly, Being Ill. Mr. Schirm Roplied to a Number of Written Questions, and Among Them to the Following.

Q. Why are mediums who practice fraud allowed to exercise their mediumship? This is a practical question and will try to answer it in a practical way. There are frauds in everything Wherever influence, money or power is the just compensation for sincere and genuine service, there will be found the imitator and the fraud. There are frauds in the church; there are frauds in the courts; there are frauds among doctors; there are frauds among business men: there are We may doubt the propriety of at- frauds among mechanics and there We may doubt the propriety of at-tempting to deal with present condi-tions in accordance with the advice of that Teacher, and yet we believe the difficulty of this problem is fairly il-difficulty of this problem is fairly il-

care, all the medium has to do is to be an impersonal something and to have even less attention than an actual ma-mistaken for the mother of them, and bine. This demand upon the medium has brought with it a dread of los-ing prestige and support, and as a re-sult, mediums have resorted to decep-tion.

Again, poverty sometimes induces ner. head and hair and wig over both she represented an aged gentleman, but good mediums to resort to imposition, when they are unable to get anything from the spirit side, and, having once compromised with dishonor, it is easy evidently she was unable to obtain a good description of Gen. Hunt, the former owner of the old historic home in to slip into the habits When the real and the spurious are intermingled or alternated, it is extremely difficult to which the meeting, was held. The faces of the lady spirits were covered distinguish them. The confidence es-tablished through a real and pertinent with gauze and were averted whenever one attempted to get as good a view as communication is not easily shaken. the light would admit of. It covers a vast amount of stuff before ing persons were present and can be we permit ourselves to suspect, and when we do suspect; even after we are addressed for information on the deception so insulting to the intelligence convinced, we are restrained from at-Van Ransalaer, Mrs. Mabel Howard tempting to expose the fraud by three Mrs. C. Schinke, Mrs. Catharine Phil considerations: lips, Mrs. Edith Westfall, Mr. and Mrs

'First, the difficulty of convincing N. P. Glann, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Scott, all of Maumee; Mr. Sydney Phillips, Mrs. Jennette Charles and others of what we ourselves are convinced; second, the fear of the enmity of the medium and her adherents; and third, the natural shrinking from quarrels and publicity." ent give exact address. JOSEPHINE B. SCOTT,

Another evil that leads to a species of fraud is the attempt of HALF-DE-VELOPED MEDIUMS TO DO PUBLIC WORK. It is a source of great cha-grin and embarrassment to intelligent Spiritualists to listen to the twisting, guessing and apologizing of these raw recruits. But nobody likes to say anything, and so the wrong goes on.

There is still another class of people, usually new to Spiritualism, who imagine, as soon as they feel a chill down the back, that tney are mediums, ordained to illumine the world. Mediums they may be, but they do not distinguish themselves between a lightning-rod and an arc lamp." But we take comfort in the fact that every human movement, in its early stages has its crudities, and that everything in the world must be trained to keep h from running wild. SPIRITUALISM IS NO EXCEPTION. EDUCATION, ports, has been very well attended. DISCIPLINE AND CULTURE WILL EVENTUALLY BRING A MORE PERFECT MEDIUMSHIP, AND A MORE PERFECT MEDIUMSHIP WILL BE THE MOST POTENT FAC-TOR IN THE EXCLUSION OF ALL FRAUDS.

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MRS. E. B. ROBERTS, NATA CES. 17 Mindimun. For seven years engaged by 'Psyroom might interest some , of chical Research Society of New York city. Seats \$1 each. feet square. In one corner was As references the following well-

known people, all of high standing, are submitted and I, solicit inquiry from any of them: William Armstrong, Attorney-at-Law, Buffalo, N. Y.

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To the Editor:-W. F. Shaw of Toledo, Ohio, has announced his inten-tion of giving materialization of spirit PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

is at least 50 years old in appearance

is about 5 feet, 5 inches in height, rather dark complexion, with long,

drooping nose, long chin, deep set

mouth, and uncertain, shrinking man-

friend, Mrs. Stickles of Perrysburg, O

A WARNING TO THE PUBLIC.

Alleged Mediums Clearly Exposed in

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Angels of Light, Love and Purity,

How Long is our Grand Cause to Be

Afflicted With "Phenomena" Pro-

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it on these grounds.

the opposite corner, up next to the

ceiling was a shelf and a curtain be-

hind which Roberts placed a small

night lamp. From that curtain

running along the ceiling over to the

cabinet was a string which manipu-

There were others but cannot at pres-

Mr. J. A. Wertz Presents Certain Test Conditions Which Will Prevent Trickery or Deception on the Part of the Medium.

Now that a great many mediums With a muslin band across foreare anxious to convince their patrons that their work is genuine—are willing to sit under strict test conditions in fact, and, moreover, in many instances do give seances under such conditions, the writer has invented an apparatus which promises to meet the requirements of both medium and in-vestigator. We feel assured that it will especially please that class who The follow prefer to give their seances under test conditions. I might mention two or three materializing mediums who always insist upon giving their seances f the circle: Mr. and Mrs. Saunders with their feet in a pan filled with flour, their hands filled with bran and tied fast to their chairs. Now my wire cabinet is vastly supe-

rior to the methods just named. The medium is not required to sit for an hour or even longer, in a cramped po sition as he necessarily would be with his hands in a rigid position in giving seance in the manner indicated above. On the cohtrary he sits inside this were cabinet, with the free use of his hands and feet. The superiority of this wire cabinet over all the test seance apparatuses now in use must be apparent to all. There is no patent on my invention, and all are cordially invited to use it. Its superior merits will no doubt make it popular with the various state and local societies as well as with the mediums themselves. Its use in test seances will supplant all other devices used in-

the test seance room without doubt. And this is how my wire cabinet is To the Editor:-During_ the last wo months there has been an advermade: First, secure 16 feet of poultisement in the Buffalo papers of a try netting with a width of four feet, then cut off four feet, leaving woman-named Roberts who had been strip 12 feet in length. Bring the ends together and fasten them with Bring the giving materializing seances at No. 90 Tracey street, which, according to rebits of wire. This makes a cylinder 4 feet.wide and 4 feet high. Next trim There are two gentlemen in Buffalo by the names of R. H. Hoyt and Geo. I. the 4-foot strip previously mentioned Allen who are investigators along the into a disk, fasten this over the top of the cylinder, and the cabinet is ready lines of Spiritualism. Thinking this would be a good opportunity to pursue for use. In giving a test trumpet se-ance the medium should be seated in the investigation, they proceeded to No. 90 Tracey street, for the purpose the center of the room. The cabinet is then dropped over the medium, and of investigation, and the following account will explain how they sucfastened to the floor with staples-or carpet tacks will answer quite as Before starting they had made up well. their minds that the "phenomena" was

A paper box, or some other light ar-ticle should be placed upon the top of the cabinet. Then place the trumthe result of fake work, pure and simple, and they went prepared to meet net on this box. The trumpet itself You are aware that an undertaking should be coated with a small quantity of this kind requires a great deal of of phosphorus, enough to make it distinguishable in the darkened room. what is commonly known as "nerve" Fraud would be out of the question so far as the medium is concerned. The on the part of anyone who attempts to One never knows what one is to run up only flaw in the arrangement would be against. Should the operators be what is commonly known as fakirs, the possibility of trickery upon the part of a confederate. But this danthey are, undoubtedly always prepared ger may be well nigh disposed of by caution exercised in choosing the

to meet any and all interference with their methods. I might say that these members to form the circle. For a test materializing seance the two men, though not very large in stature, are supplied with an abundwire cabinet may be used in the same ance of the aforesaid "nerve." A short description of the seance manner as in the trumpet seance. The medium is seated in the wire cabine which is to be placed inside of the cabyour readers. The room is about sixteen inet proper in the presence of the in vestigator. From the illustration it small curtained cabinet in which the will be seen that our cabinet is certainly a great improvement, and since medium took her position, she being a woman of medium size. Directly in their cost is of no consequence, and

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that anyone can make one in a few

minutes, we hope to see them in gen-eral use. J. A. WERTZ.

lated a rolling curtain behind the fixed curtain of gauze, by which they Given Through the Mediumship of controlled the light, making the room Mrs. Nellie Davis, Kewance, Ill. light or dark to suit their conven-

After placing this light on the shelf, they proceeded to sing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," after which a small My Dear Mrs. Davis:-Yours re eived through The Progressive Thinker, and in reply will say that the mesweak voice was heard in the cabinet sage is correct in every detail. purporting to be that of a child four We have no mediums here that I

years old, the cabinet control. Then Roberts informed the audience, which can have a sitting. You may send this to The Progressive Thinker and I hope contained about twenty-four people it will help you, for it is correct, and I and friends here are well pleased. that the forces were about to commence operations. He then proceeded MRS. E. BALDWIN. to turn out the gaslight, making the Streator, Ill. vith the exception o faint light in the corner, as explained Mrs. N. Davis:-I want to thank you for the message given through After singing another song, there you by my father. John S. Letford. A friend sent me the cliping. What pacame from the cabinet a stentorian voice that General So-and-So had arper did you publish it in? Would like to get a few copies of it. GEO. A. LETFORD. rived. Very soon a large form 'appeared, which was outlined by phosphorescent lights. He proceeded around the circle, shaking hands with Live Oak, Fla. quite a number, and then retired to Mrs. Nellie Davis-Dear Madam :the cabinet. Roberts informed the audience that this was the spirit that Your message in No. 856 of The Progressive Thinker from Leonard Wheatwould bring others which would appear later. This General was about 5 feet 10 inches, perhaps 6 feet tall, on, is to me wonderful. I am free to confess it is beyond my comprehension. L. O. Wheaton was my father. the medium being an ordinary-sized and the message is typical of him and woman, probably 5 feet 3 or 4 inches correct in detail. How long have you been developed as a medium? I never tall, making a very good impression on the gullible people in the audience heard of you prior to this date. Should you get anything more from who believed in all they saw. Then several other forms appeared. father, please have same published or



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suggestions are carried out, we have only a crude solution of the question. and since other cities may move in the same direction, some Spiritualists may have the time, the wisdom and the disposition to think out and present a better way to deal with this menace to our cause. To the Ordinance Committee of the

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Common Council of the City of Buffalo:-In relation to the proposed ordinance imposing a \$300 license fee for the practice of clairvoyance, for-tune-telling, etc., in the city of Buffalo, it is claimed by those favoring the enactment of this ordinance that it is necessary for the protection of the people from impositions and fraudulent practices of dishonest persons who, it is claimed, flock to the cities for a few days or a few weeks, as the case may be) and through glaring advertisements, claiming marvelous powers, gather in the shekels and depart for new fields for new victims.

That there is much truth in this claim and that fraudulent practices of this character do actually take place. we do not dispute, and no one more deeply regrets these conditions than the Spiritualists themselves; and the organized movement of Spiritualism will welcome any legitimate actions by the city authorities that will weed out these practices being carried on under the name of spiritual gifts.

the movers of this ordinance as introduced, would as it seems to us, reach way beyond the mark at which it is aimed, and would, if enforced, do great injustice to a large body of Spiritualists who are doing honest, conscientious work for the uplift of

the human family. Consequently, as president of the New York State Association of Spirit-ualists and representing the organized movement of this religion, I ask the privilege of presenting a few thoughts from the standpoint of a Spiritualist.

First-Clairvoyance is the spiritual sense of sight and with persons thus gifted, it is just as natural to see clairvoyantly as to see with the physical eye, and while the spiritual or clairvoyant sight is a natural gift, it is a finer, more attenuated sense of sight, and the person so gifted discerns the more attentuated spiritual body and spiritual things which can-not be seen or discerned with the physical eye.

The nature of clairvoyance in this particular respect is so similar to the physical sense of sight that the one can no more be reached and prevented by legislative encatment than the other, consequently it must be the abuse of this gift or the improper use of the word to cover fraud and dishon-esty that has no relation whatever to clairvoyance, that we are to deal with. Consequently the enactment and enforcement of this ordinance as it ap-plies to clairvoyance, without some modifying feature, is hardly a practi-

cal thing to do. Second—Furthermore, the practice clairvoyance is an important part But in heaven's name, dear brother, of the religion of Spiritualism; it fur-· • • nishes proof of the continued life of

difficulty of this problem is fairly 11-lustrated by that parable. And I hope and trust that in the wisdom of this honorable hody. an adequate solution honorable body, an adequate solution. of this question may be reached which will result in at least lessening the evil and at the same time avoid injustice to honest, conscientious, humanitarian workers.

the individual after the dissolution of

the physical body. As such it is a le-

tainly as much as any religious rite or

To forbid the Spiritualists, who are

an organized religious body, the prac-

tice of clairvoyance, or to require of

them a license for such practice, would

be an encroachment upon their con-stitutional rights and privileges, and

I am certain that you gentlemen are

not desirous of imposing upon the

Spiritualists of Buffalo anything of

We are not unmindful of the diffi

culty confronting you in dealing with

this question. For, when money-get-

ting unduly encroaches upon religious

and philanthropic works, as we so fre-

quently see in connection with all re-

ligious and reform movements in this

age of extreme commercialism, any

attempt to weed out the false and the

unworthy and avoid injury to the good and true, is fraught with at least

as great difficulties as those referred to by the great Teacher of 1900 years

ago in the parable of the tares and the

privilege of other religious organiza-

tions.

his kind.

We sincerely hope you may see your way clear to omit the gift of clairvoyance as among the things to be licensed. But should you finally reach the conclusion that this cannot be done and that the ordinance must be enacted without such exemption, we ask for the relief which the amend-ment proposed one week ago, would give by the insertion of the following clause: "The provisions of this ordinance

shall not apply to or be binding upon ordained ministers, speakers and mediums holding license heretofore or hereafter issued by the New York State Association of Spiritualists."

I sincerely thank you for according me this patient hearing. H. W. RICHARDSON. East Aurora, N. Y.

DON'T DISGRACE THE DEAD.

You may be as mean as Satan every night and every day. You may be a greedy grafter, and be

lauded on the way, You may be a stingy viper: to the

So that in so far as the intent and purpose which it is claimed prompts But in heaven's name, dear brother don't disgrace our sacred dead.

You may be a crawling lizard, and pro-

duce a slimy track, You may give your neighbor lashings with your tongue behind his back.

You may bring a cloud of sorrow on each noble human head. But in heaven's name, dear sister

don't disgrace our sacred dead. You may be a whitewashed rascal, or

a sugar-coated fraud, You may be a foxy human, with the

passion of a bawd, You may have your many millions,

from your dupes of commerce bled. But in heaven's name, dear brother, don't disgrace our sacred dead.

You may be a human tyrant, and grind people 'neath your heel, • You may be a sordid banker, with

chance to grab and steal You may be a brazen image of the

hungry hordes unfed, But in heaven's name, dear brother don't disgrace our sacred dead.

You may be a wart of ugliness upon

your brother's hand, may be a hog of avarice within You this earthly land.

You may be a human octopus upon

diamond bed, But in heaven's name, dear brother, don't disgrace our sacred dead.

You may have your wigs and dresses, your false-faces and your lace, You may entertain with peep-shows all who come into your place, .

the ones you have misled,

tractive to those who seek to make a living by their wits.

There are fraud mediums. I regret to say, persons who profess to be mediums, but who are fakirs and trick-

sters, pure and simple. They have no spiritual gifts; they have no real con-nection with Spiritualism or spiritism or anything like them. They are men and women who are preying upon the community for the sake of pelf. They make sport of the tenderest sentiments of the human heart, and laugh up their sleeves at the unsuspecting souls they have duped. To expose this class of vampires and to expel them from the ranks of Spiritualism under whose banner they endeavor to shield their nefarious practices, is one of the most difficult problems with which the National Spiritualists Association has to grapple: and too much can not be said in praise of the efforts of the spiritual press which is lending its aid to that worthy end. This class of frauds is ingenious and insinuating; they affect all THE GRACES OF THE SPIRIT, and succeed often in making friends among honest Spiritualists, and sometimes deceive the "very elect" themselves. This makes the task all the harder, because in all sincerity, many of our good people rush to the defense of

thse frauds, believing they are aiding to exonerate those who are wrongfully accused.

It may be possible THAT A BAP-TISM OF FIRE will yet have to ac-complish the CLEANSING AWAY, the. burning out, of that BAND OF HEARTLESS IMPOSTORS. The time nay come when every professed Spirtualist shall be compelled openly to renounce or espouse the truth as we know it, when suffering and sacrifice will be visited upon the heads of the true and the faithful. Then you may expect these so-called mediums, when ccused of being Spiritualists, to repu-

diate the cause and, with cursing and swearing, say: "I know not the man." (Matthew 26:74.) The fraud is no philanthropist, nor is he a patriot, and when the time comes for the display of moral or

physical courage, he will fiee from the camp and leave the protection of the WHITE AND GOLD FLAG OF SPIR-ITUALISM to the heroism of nobler souls

We have also to deal with a problem that in some respects, is even more diffigult than the one to which I have just directed your attention. We have mediums who have genuine gifts, who sometimes give true- communications and at other times false ones. What they give at one time is from the spirit, and what they give at another time is purely from themselves. This is largely due to the fact that we exact of our mediums to be at all times, as it were; "on tap." We seldom con-sider the time, the place or the conditions, but what we demand is "tests." You may gain the paltry dollar from We regard the medium as a sort of We regard the medium as a sort of ures and possessed of a voice and man machine, created to serve us at all, ner of speaking that suggests insincer-

times. A medium must have no pri-

ship of Mrs. E. B. Roberts whom as per card enclosed he advertises as hav-ing been in the employ of the Psybefore.

chical Research Society of New York City for seven years. Before starting on his tour for the season he arranged for a seance at half price (50 cents) for advertising purposes in Maumee, Ohio. For several days he labored to collect an audience, promising to give full form materialization in the light, figures that were to come from the cabinet across the room to their friends, give their names and converse in ordinary tones and dematerialize in full view. At the same time he obtained an amount of logal history and biography that he deemed sufficient for the purposes. At a late hour 8:30 p.m. (promised at 7 p.m.) Mrs.

Roberts and two young men arrived, Mr. Shaw having preceded the party. As is her outstom the medium did not Hoyt and Allen were located in one corner of the room under the light on the shelf. An Indian chief appeared, and proceeded to shake_hands with a enter the circle until the cabinet was prepared and everything in readiness few friends of a gentleman who helped which required much time and fussiness in preparation. Even after she Roberts lead the spirit around, bring had entered the cabinet (an alcove ing the spirit directly in front of Hoyt and Allen. Allen being armed with an electric torch, placed it directly in curtained off from the sitting room) there was more pinning together and arranging of the curtains before "the front of the supposed Indian's face, forces" were satisfied. Then when settled down to business the perform-ance began. All the light was from and touched the button. The light did the rest! The Indian turned out to be a man who some claimed-was one paraffine candle shut up in a box the medium's brother, and others with a semi-transparent screen ob-scuring the feeble light. The falsetto claimed was her son. Immediately there was a perfect

voice of "dear Rosa" chattered non-sensical directions and explanations, bedlam let loose, everyone springing to their feet and exclaiming, "fake! fake!" and trying to light the gas. and "the General, said to be the Roberts and the so-called Indian used guide," bellowed forth some adjusttheir best efforts to stop them. After able sentences and the forms began to appear. None of the promises were fulfilled and it was the weakest disa short time, some one opened a door which let in light from another room. wore cream-colored cheese-cloth had their paraphernalia all safely drapery, and resembled the pictures stored away, the light was lit floor, had Roberts exclaiming, "Do you want to kill this medium? She is now in a dead faint." At the same time, The audience was requested to sing (presumably while the medium was changing her toggery, but to sing or play softly while the spirit was in view.) It was a ridiculous perform-ance throughout, and all were thor-oughly indignant. Some would not pay and others demailed their money she was yelling at the top of her voice. Rather strange action for one who is in a faint. Then, after denouncing Roberts and back and got it, but; the more timid were shamelessly cheated out of their

The whole outfit neguined for costuming the bogus spirits was easily concealed in the blouse waist and be-neath the garments of Mfg. Roberts. All of the figures refurned to the cabinet to dematerialize and the shadow of the person standing between it and the light concealed the sham sinking through the floor which was done ap-parently by skillful manipulation of the curtains. But a small part of the absurd performance is given there, but been defrauded out of. the name and addresses of the audi-

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ence are given as far as can be obtained, if any desire further information, and a description of the party follows. Mr. Shaw is a portly, fine-Buffalo, N. Y.

looking man of about 55 years, with high forehead, dark hair, good featity. Mrs. Roberts, who introduced one with Roberts, my send direct to me. CHARLES WHEATON. Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Nellie Davis—Kind Friend:— In The Progressive Thinker of April 21 we saw a message from my father through you. We would like to learn more about it; it said something about things "not best to speak of here." I am the son Llewellyn in Iowa, that he speaks of, and we are very much wor-ried about our boy; he has other trouble besides his eyes, and any information we will be thankful to re-

ceive. Spiritualism is new to us and al though we get things at home, we do not understand a great many things and can not be sure of what we get.

LLEWELLYN BALDWIN. Davenport, Iowa.

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A Thoughtful World.

A published address by Gen. Birney, through the kindness of Wm. H. Burr, Esq., of Washington, has just fallen into our hands, which discusses Revelation and the Plan of Salvation, as alleged to have been given to man 1,900 years ago. He states the condition of the world at that time by saying, among other things:

"The most crying evils of that day were slavery of the working classes and the resulting penury, destitution, misery, oppression, and death; polygamy, inseparable from the servitude and degradation of woman; the military domination of the Romans, destroying the civic and patriotic spirit of the Jews and making them ob equious subjects instead of self-réspecting men; the union of Church and State, subjecting the people to the rule of the priesthood, always eager to increase his own income and influence, and to serve the foreign master for the time being. In agriculture tools were rude, and methods of tillage exhausting to the soil. In domestic transportation, the roads were narrow, rocky, and undrained, while the crops were mostly taken to market on beasts should excel. In foreign commerce, the of burden. vessels; though numerous, were small and propelled partly by oars and partly by sails. • They hugged the shores, because the mariners' compass

The Ageorythel New Testas The critical reader is aware there re twenty-two Apocryphal Gospels ertant, ten of which are in Greek, and weive are in Latin. Then there are thirteen Apocryphal Acts of the Apos-

tles. Add to these the Canonical Gospels, and we have thirty-nine of these precious documents, pretendedly furthe Christian religion. Every one of these productions may

be found in our libraries, and all are discrepant, no two of them agreeing in narrating what is presented as inspired truth. Even the canonical Gospels are sadly variant and misleading, so it is difficult, if we accept them as authority, to determine what is truth. The Council of Trent convened in 1545, determined what books

should be received as inspired. It is claimed this was previously done in same cause. Laodicia in 30, but if r why did the later Council repeat the act? It is believed the former council is a fiction, of the same character with the statement that all the books were placed under the table at night, and that the Holy Ghost selected the genuine and placed them on top of the table, where they were found in the morning. The reason for selecting four Gospels is

a collection for the suffering ones on given, "because there are four points the Pacific coast. Even the Salvation of compass and four seasons of the Army has interested itsolf in raising year." Probably this is the best reafunds to relieve the distress. son that can be given. Some writers, Charles Dawbarn, the California Thomas Jefferson among them, desired philosopher, residing at San Leandro, to see the Gospels harmonized, and a

biography of Jesus compiled from writes: them. There is no doubt the churches would be glad if such a production could be made and accepted. But the discord furnishes the base of all the variant sects. Only a God could do such a work to be acceptable, and should he perform the task now, where the inspiration that originally produced the books? Has he grown wiser by observation, witnessing the inharmony his apprentice hand pro-But it is apprehended very few, even Christians of to-day, outside of another. I was caught with ten dol-

the Catholic churches, place any confidence in accrediting the authorship of those books to God. They are human productions, all of them, and betray on very page evidence of man's imper-The first three Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke, indicate there was an older production on which the several writers made frequent drafts. Paul's Epistles-universally conceded by scholars to be older than any of the lospels-are carefully examined, it is believed the idea, if not the language,

to fill in again.

Euseblus' statement recently given that the Pauline Epistles were found in the hands of the Therapeutae of Egypt, as related by Philo, before Jesus had entered upon his mission, then an important question: How was it possible our Jesus was the character Paul was writing about?

Suggestions are always in order, for truth is frequently reached by following them to the end: It has occurred to the writer as very possible that the "Fathers," not of Christianity, but of Catholicism, had selected a goodly number of monks (we will suppose thirty-nine of them), to take Paul's Epistles, and using them for author-ity, write up the history of an imaginary character who was to be located in Galilee, one of the most sordid, ignorant and besotted countries then known; that each engaged in the task, perhaps stimulated with the promise of pecuniary reward, to him who

the skull over the point of injury. This is only one case where we have The reader would do well to examine all of those books, canonical and noted many in the last few months. apooryphal, and observe the Mun-Writers who have been crediting abchausens common to all before he rmalities of brain action to ob sion, or imagined vexing by evil spirits, may be profited by turning their attention in the direction indicated, and, possibly, it may be discovered evil spirits have nothing to do with them. The time was when persons afflicted with enileptic fits, and others with chorea, otherwise St. Vitus dance were supposed to be under the influence of demons. And witches were everywhere who, it was said, had conspired with the devil. But science has scotched many an error inherited coast. I know this, that many highly educated and very able men of this from an uncultured ancestry, as it will many still inbeing.

Sub-Holp for California Sufferersstantial Aid.

HUMANITARIAN WORK.

The Spiritualists of Washington, D. C., have been among the foremost in securing and sending substantial aid to the sufferers in the recent widespread calamity in San Francisco, as nishing the story of the founding of far as in their power. In addition to numerous benefactions they have bastowed in contributions to the general, funds of the city and to personal friends who have lost their homes in the stricken West. Many mediums have held seances and meetings in aid of the destitute. At the home of Mr. F. A. Wood, president of the First Association of Washington, Mrs. Stephen, Mrs. Farnecke, Mrs. Price and Mrs. Longley held a seance on May 1, sulting in the sum of eighty-four dollars for this worthy object. Mrs. Warnecke also secured about twelve

dollars at her Sunday meeting for the M. T. L. This office on Carning of the great calamity, contributed \$25, and we expected to hear at once that the mediums everywhere had devoted the proceeds of a single sitting at least for this worthy object. We expected to hear also that each Spiritualist meeting-in the United States had taken up

many miles from San Francisco,

Our earthquake did little damage ere-just a few chimneys; but poor San Francisco, fighting fire with its water mains broken, was three parts destroyed. W. E. Coleman saved only a valise full of personal belongings. His magnificent library all gone. He spent two nights in the street; he could not get away. The agony seems over now. San Leandro has fed 400 refugees every day. In San Francisco tremendous energy is at work evolv-ing order out of chaos. The banks are all closed to avoid a run. It's rather queer to be living on credit with one

lars in my pocket, which must last till the banks open; but I have abundance of everything needed, so mustn't grumble. My chimney was flung clear of the roof, picture from the wall and crockery from shelves; even books from the book case. I was reading at 5:10 a. m. The shock lasted forty-seven seconds, each long enough for a minute; but frame houses stood. It was the brick that gave way. The new tall buildings with steel frames stood the earth-quake well, but the fire has left nothing but the frames that look all ready

Science to the Front.

Several surgical operations have been performed within the last few, months on persons exhibiting various marked peculiarities of mind, generalincited by physical injuries to the brain, by which they have been restored to their normal condition. The latest case coming under our observa-

tion was that of Spurgeon Welty, a boy of eleven years of age, who was up to all manner of mischief, never good for an hour. The seat of the injury was discovered, and the pressure on the brain was removed, and to the delight of all, though two months have intervened since the operation, the boy has not been guilty of a single mall clous act. So reports Dr. La Place chief of the surgical staff, who per formed the operation by trepanning

SPIRIT RETURN UNIVERSAL. A Question of Law

Now it appears prominently in Old Mexico, at one time the land of superstition, ignorance and bigotry under the malign influence and exclusive control of the Catholic Church. We are glad to know that it has now thrown off the black hand of religious tyranny, and is gradually coming under the benign, soulelevating influence of Spiritualism.

IN OLD MEXICO.

shall one call it stagnation?

State of Vera Cruz.

sibility of the "superphysical"

this phenomenon.

reading.

heard.

ally go about lying. And what do you make of men and Mexico Is Being Stirred From Center women being supernaturally endowed to Circumference by Spiritistswith a more than "Sandow" strength, Graphic Stories Are Told of Occult so that frail ladies can, on occasions, Influences — The Mexicans Are pick up sacks of grain as if they were feather pillows, while a man catches a Greatly Interested.

horse and by sheer muscular exertion As set forth in the Boston Herald, almost nulls him anart, of course rehe Spiritist congress, held in the City fraining from doing so, but not from of Mexico, has been largely attended lack of power? This in central Mexby audiences who were intelligent, Some of the best ghost stories ico. though perhaps moved by a desire of have come from priests who have been seeing some marvel. The incomparcalled into houses to exorcise the spirable Spanish language lends itself to eloquence, and a mere platitude be-I have heard from Catholic clergy,

comes, in its full and melodious syllamen of the noblest character and great learning, ghost stories that bles, something apparently pregnant with the wisdom of all time. It is alequal the most tremendous tales put ways a treat to hear good Spanish, utdown in the books. I care not a fig of Spain for the cheap juggleries of the tered in a resonant voice. One for-gets the subject matter, being carried away on the magnificently flowing sham seance, or the playful tricks of commonplace mediums, but the real billows of the language of the gods. old article of the supernatural has a Mexican audiences like oratory relish which imparts savor to life.

and the band of Spiritists have not I have never been to a new corner lacked applause. It is a notable of Mexico but I have heard the best of ghost stories, fine old stories of anevent in the religious and intellectual history of the country to have the first national congress of believers in Spircestral ghosts, of the hauntings of places where crimes have been com-mitted; of dead priests visiting living itualism assembled here. One could not help thinking what would have ones to rebuke, exhort and counsel, or been the fate of these speakers in the to remind a brother in the flesh of good old times, when the quemadero, some duty unperformed. The rever-end clergy are not such unbelievers as or public burning place, stood at the western end of the city's Alameda. In they may wish the commonplace perthose days the clergy enjoyed the privilege of doing the talking. Viceroys and generals also talked. But editors and preachers of novel doctrines were insinuate yourself into his confidence, and he will begin to let the underdisturbers of the intellectual calm, or world display itself. An old priest knows the marvel world. He has

I have missed, among the speakers been on the inside and the audience at the sessions of the A Mexican gentleman told me, the other day, of a warning given to his Mexican Spiritists some of the noted occultists of the country, men and wo-men of brains, deep thought and wide grandmother during a revolution. Her brother was an officer in the King's The Theosophists do not go army, a gallant young fellow, noted in much for Spiritism, and those have met have apparently looked upon the congress as a sort of mental kindergarten. Theosophists are prot- were seated around the table chatting, ty well scattered over the republic, a when a noise of horse's hoofs was quiet, intelligent, thinking group-alli-The company at table ran to the door ance with high ideals and much contentment. A British friend who has and saw the young officer on his favor lived in India and has a tincture of the all bloody from wound, like a saber eastern wisdom, though not a full-all bloody from wound, like a saber cut. The people rushed to meet him and assist him, when, lo! the vision, the congress. He regards Spiritualism It was for vision it was, faded away. as something quite elementary, comthe day, and the hour, when the young soldier met his death on the field of pared with what he has seen and pattle.

Mexico Has Buddhist Group in the A colonel in the army tells me of his bringing back from imminent death, o life and health. a much loved sister

Nor was, the harmless, necessary who was lying, abandoned by her doc-Buddhist present. There is a group tors, in Pueblo. He was in this city, and he got into telepathic communicahere of Buddhists, with a sort of quiet propaganda going on, which is making converts to that quiet and noble faith. tion with her, and roused spired her with new life, and so cured One good friend, a rich and retired her. This gallant officer, a veteran, scholar, distributes tracts in its behalf. and a man of high intelligence, is a I have heard of a Buddhistic group down in. og near, Jalapa, in the state confirmed occultist now. He has stories to fill a book. One of the bravest of Vera Cruz, and there has been a mysterious rumor of a genuine Mahat-ma, adept, or something of the sort of the brave, he is no timorous seeker after thrills.

One of the noblest young women I near the Guatemalan border. have ever known here is recently de-Of course the Spiritist congress has ceased. She was of a line of warriors set people to talking about occult phenomena, and hundreds of good stories and poets, a lover of all that is beau-have got into circulation. All the old tiful and elevated. Her psychical experiences were many, dating from her haciendas, some of them centuries old, childhood, and her death, as she lay have, inevitably, their ghosts, quite as on her bed attended by close friends does an ancient chateau in France or a manor house in England or Scotland. | was presaged by a loud knocking at a manor house in England of Southand I don't think the Mexicans are very suthe door, a knocking some heard and others did not. In her childhood this DR. CRAPSEY'S VIEW

ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT.

Hon. Charles R. Schirm. President of the First Spiritualist Society of Baltimore, Md., Imparts Information of Great Value to Every Spiritualist.

A careful reading of the Spiritualist papers has convinced me that Spiritualists generally have but a very limited knowledge of the law as applied to questions involving a belief in the phenomena of Spiritualism.

cepted his story. People do pot usu-From time to time I have gathered data, which I decided to compile for

favored.

believers in all faiths.

our press as a meagre but, I hope, usemay be as to the law, but rather excerpts from the decisions of courts and particularly those of last resort. If there are repeated quotations, reiter ating the same doctrine from different sources, such repetition is made for the very purpose of producing upon the mind of the reader an indelible impression whereby he may be fitted to rely with confidence upon his knowledge when called upon to defend our cause at times when special prepara-

tion may be impossible. I would ad-vise the readers of these articles, who There are people of MEDIOCRE MIND AND LARGE VANITY, who are interested in establishing the imagine that they "came into Spiritprestige of Spiritualism upon a solid ualism," through the labors and de-basis in the eyes of the world, to clip signs of ancient, great and learned those parts containing the legal despirits, and that these same spirits cisions-because it has cost many among whom are to be found Jesus, hours of patient labor, digging among Socrates and Plato, are sitting in sollaw books, to collate and digest them. emn council, day and night, preparing and they may be helpful in future lecommunications applicable to the gal contests." most commonplace affairs of these

mortal.

Shortly after the advent of Modern same people. Such people might easily be pursued by a designing Spiritualism, the wills of Spiritual-ists when not made in conformity spirit, representing himself to be with the views of their orthodox relasome great character of the past, to dispose of their property against their own judgment, in the belief that they tives, were usually contested on the ground that the decedent's belief in the phenomena of Spiritualism was sufficient proof of his want of soundare yielding to superior wisdom in their unjust discrimination against ness of mind as well as his incapabilthose naturally entitled to share in ity of excuting a valid will; and this, their estates. SOUND JUDGMENT AND HORSE SENSE can never be too, in the face of the fact that the testators had during long years lived otherwise than a great advantage to active lives, were known as good busiany person in his dealings and confiless people and had accumulated esdences with men or spirits.

tates extensive enough to provoke the In reviewing the case of Robinson cupidity of their surviving heirs who vs. Adams, 62 Maine, 369 (Redfield's Cases on Wills, 367) Judge Redfield did not think themselves sufficiently sets forth the extent to which mere re-The courts. however, have made a ligious opinion is disregarded in conmarked distinction between the relig-

sidering a testator's capacity, as follows: "Mere speculative opinion upon any singular ious belief of a testator and an insane delusion growing out of his belief and

controlling him in the disposition of religious question, however singular his property. This distinction applies not only to Spiritualists, but to the or absurd in the common judgment, will not affect the validity of wills made by such persons. But when a will is unjust and unreasonable to the

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I will illustrate: To believe that and direct them in the affairs of life, of a belief which has no existence, in fact, so far as all human testimony has in numerous cases been held to be insufficient ground for breaking a will; goes, it cannot be maintained." but if the testator imagines that In the case of Gass vs. Gass, 3

spirits have given him information Humprey 278, it was said: prejudicial to his heirs-at-law, and on "No belief as to future re

"No belief as to future rewards and punishments or the principle of jusccount of that supposed information, tice upon which they are to be adminwhich is, in fact, false, he disinherits istered, or other religious creed, can those heirs, then he was laboring under an insane delusion. In the latter be regarded as evidence of insanity, instance, it is reasonable to hold that since there is no test by which their truth can be ascertained, so as to dein the absence of such delusion, he would have made a different will, and termine whether they are delusions or hat the contested will is not really not, and if so, whether they will yield that of the testator. to reason."

Many Spiritualists may not be will-Again, to believe in the Holy Spirit and its religious offices as taught by ing to concede that there is no test by the so-called orthodox churches, is no which the truth of religious beliefs reason for invalidating a will; but if can be ascertained, but for just and the testator Imagines that the Holy practical reasons out of which grows Spirit has urged him to disinherit a the non-interference of the courts, it crippled child, for the reason that the is a good doctrine. child has been marked by its infirmity

(To be continued.)

Denies Physical Resurrection of Jesus.

direct result of that delusion. A bellef in the existence of God, as we all know, is no reason for upsetting a will, and yet, if the testator disinherited his children because he imagined that God had appeared to him and told him to do so because they had refused to join the church, then the testator was

as a child of Satan, then the will is the

acting under an insane delusion, connected with his belief in God, and his will should be set aside.

There may be instances, as applied to Spiritualists, where there is no delusion when it would be undoubtedly right to set aside their wills, on the ground of undue influence exercised by communicating spirits. A will is inful contribution to the cause. I say tended to be the purpose and desire of compile, because these articles will the person making it, and not the will contain not so much what my opinion of another kind, whether incarnate or decarnate. Anybody may properly give advice to a person making a will, just as he may in any other business of life, and the mere advising and suggesting is not exercising undue in-fluence; but to write or dictate a will or any part of it, of another person, without that person's thorough knowledge, clear understanding and unforced sanction, would manifestly improper whether done by spirit or

had not yet been discovered.

'What man needed most in that age was the abolition of slavery; the elevation of the producing classes; the introduction of justice and kindness in the social, domestic, and political relations of men; the substitution of monogamy for polygamy; the cessation of the oppression of weak nations by strong ones; the separation of church and state; and freedom of worship and religion. Man needed better agriculture, improved roads and modern wagons and a knowledge of steam and electric power, with all their ap-plications. He needed the mariner's compass, so vessels might seek distant countries safely for commerce and neonles might know each other for mutual interest and the spread of science. We can easily imagine every sea whitened with sails; every part of the Mediterranean, the Indian ocean the Atlantic and the Pacific filled, with steamships and transports; and all the cities of the world connected by raflroads, and their streets traversed by trolley railways. And why shall we not add the telegraph, the telephone and all the arts and appliances by which science, by long and painful study of the laws of Nature, has added to the wealth, happiness, comfort, morality and civilization of mankind?

"Oh, if these useful things had been revealed nineteen hundred years ago. this world might now be blooming in beauty; the home of just. contented. prosperous and happy families, with ations living in peace and industry, full of gratitude to the Supreme Power of the universe!

"Who will dare say the Supreme Power could not have effected all this, and more? "Who will dare say this earth might

not have been made a heaven? "But none of these things were embraced in the Christian Revelation? Men were left to work out their own salvation, by studying the laws of Nature and in developing science. The Bible teaches no art; it suggests no invention useful to mankind. It is alien to internal industry; foreign to commerce, to good roads, steam navigation, and all applications of science to the promotion of civilization! What, then, does it teach?"

It is a pitiful tale the- author recites as related in that holy book the priests tell us was' inspired by God. Our readers are familiar with the worthless information that man was made in the image of God; that he sinned by doing exactly what God knew he would before he was created; that he drowned the world to destroy the work of his apprentice hand; that the new generations became worse than the preceding; that nothing but blood would placate his anger; that he begat a son and allowed him to be sacrificed as an atonement for the sins of the world; and yet if they don't believe in the sufficiency of that blood they shall be everlastingly damned.

Alas! This has become a thoughtful world, and Gen. Birney is not the only trinker that inhabits it.

ronders his verdict. Perhap the task of writing was finished by the many writers, the productions credited to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, to give them a better reputation, re-ceived the "blue ribbon," and their authors the first, second, third and fourth prizes, according to the merits of the book.

This suggestion is original, but really, has it not some merit?

duced at writing Bibles?

will be found identical with that in

ect authorship.

the Gospels.

End of the World.

A gentleman who experienced the horrors of the California earthquake,

says he thought the end of the world had come, and that the Judgment Day would follow. They both came as much as they ever will come to all who went down in that dreadful catastrophe. `The end of the world by fire was an old Egyptian teaching which Christians borrowed, and it has been constantly expected since the dear

Jesus proclaimed: "There be some standing here which shall not taste of death till they see the Son of man coming in his glory."-Matt. 16:28.

The writer well remembers the me teoric shower of November, 1833, when the atmosphere was filled with "falling stars," the only kind which ever falls. He was told at the time the end of the world had come," and helieved it, for his mother's cousin; the founder of the Adventists, had announced in the Brandon (Vt.) Telegraph, his discovery of "the key which unlocked the mysteries of the prophecies, and the advent was nigh, 'even at the door." But the event did not to-make the world better for having materialize, and never will, for the boundless universe was not constructlived in it, then he is egregiously mised on such a feeble basis.

Not Harmonious.

On the occasion of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, as related by Luke, in chapter 19; the multitude of disciples rejoiced, and in a lourd voice proclaimed, verse 38: "Blessed be the King that cometh in

the name of the Lord: peace in heav en, and glory in the highest." In verse 27 of the same chapter,

Jesus is previously represented by Luke to have said: "Those mine enemies which would

not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before

Is it possible this is an inerant renresentation of the words of Jesus? If so he was not the mild-mannered man the preachers claim him to have been. We hope there is some mistake here, for it does not harmonize with those other words of his: "Love your enemies." If a truthful report of the "Master's" words, then did not the Inquisitors have an example in him for all their bloody acts?

Natural religion to-day means what the most enlightened reason reads in oloth: \$1.50. nature .--- E. P. Powell.

EGREGIOUSLY MISTAKEN.

The Noblest, Purest and Most Exalted "Religion" Advocated by The Progressive Thinker.

One of our contributors represents an editorial writer for The Progressive Thinker as "always violently antago-

nistic to anything that savors of religion." If he includes the worship of a repentant, jealous, revengeful God as savoring of religion, or adoration of anything less than the True God, the

majestic Ruler of all worlds, or the senseless mummeries of priests and their satellites as religion, then he is than donkeys. correct. If on the contrary religion means the doing of good, the observance of truth, the keeping of the body pure, the aiding of humanity, the up lifting of the race, the enlargement of the mind, the avoidance of every wrong and the practice of every virtue, with an earnest effort to aid all in liv, ing worthy lives, and a determination

aken. Incurred God's Displeasure.

The clergy are duite sure the de-

struction of San Francisco evidences the displeasure of God, because of the wickedness of the people. Sodom and Gomorrah went down, say they, because there were not ten righteous in the city. But, sad to relate, NINETY-THREE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES WENT DOWN IN _ THE GENERAL CATASTROPHE AT SAN FRAN-CISCO. Does not this evidence the fact that they who were preaching in those churches were teaching senti-ments of which the great Ruler did ments of which the great Ruler did not approve? Other churches should be on their guard. A letter before us from a friend who writes his wife, liv-ing in Ohio, had directed the return of her son home from Chicago, feeling sure the people of this city are as sure the people of this city are as wicked as were the people of San

Francisco, and that the same doom awaits us as befell our sister city. "New, Testament Stories Comically Illustrated. Drawings by Wetson Hes-ton. With Critical and Humorous Comments upon the Texts." Heston's drawings are incomparable, and exern ciatingly funny. Price, in boards, \$1;

perstitious lady had seen a vision of an old Indian more so than the Highland Scots resiwoman friend, and that was the begin dent in Mexico, or the Swedes. The Highlanders believe implicitly in secning of her communication with things invisible. She was an ardent ond sight, and the Swedes, like all far Catholic, firm in her faith and most northern races, are gifted with "seeing devout. things.'

But to no Spiritist congress can Talk of telepathy has been rife, and come these unexpected visions, these many good tales have been told. A noted occultist here, a foreigner, says intimate and thrilling communicathe Mexicans of the high plateau tions. The wind bloweth where it listeth and cannot be summoned by an or country are far more sensitive and psychic than the Mexicans on either ganization.

F. R. GUERNSEY.

An Opportunity for Phenomenal Mecountry believe in the higher Spiritualism, and are students of occultism, diums.

telepathy, etc. (c. s) If I had not once for three years lived in an old, house very properly and industriously haunted I should A responsible investigator, residing the Cornell students. in Chicago, authorizes us to state, that D. White, Dean T. F. Crane and other he will pay a medium liberally for a have been to-day a skeptic; but seeing seance of any class of phenomena, to and hearing continuously for years bring one into a receptive condition of community were present. be held under test conditions to be mutually agreed upon. mind. It is all very well for rigor-ously educated materialists to deny the possibility of the supernatural.

TAKE NOTICE.

Sometimes they will admit a bare pos-Report reached me from St. Joseph, urrection," said Dr. Crapsey, "is mere and Mo ., that a "Prof." Bishop and a wosounding brass or tinkling cymbal. look immensely wise. But your genuman named Edwards are there, claim-There is no more sense in the talk of ine materialist balks at anything he ing to hold ordination papers from the most men about the resurrection than can't weigh or measure, . and doubts N. S. A. as clergymen of Spiritualism. It ought to be understood by all Spirthere would be in my talking to you any marvel he hasn't seen himself. about different calculus." Now, privately, as privately as one itualists that our National Association may say a thing in a great newspaper, never ordains anyone to the ministry. urrection was tradition and not his I will remark that most materialists In all such cases insist on being tory and must be dealt with accordappear to be no more truly intellectual shown their papers, and if not as reningly, Dr. Crapsey continued: resented and above suspicion corre spond at once with Secretary Longley

GEO. B. WARNE,

A Noble Man Passed to Spirit Life.

We learn from the Port Huron tation to the soul and the spirit. gentlemen, what you see and what you (Mich.) Times that James H. White, a hear, in your normal mental condi-tion, remains in your mind as clearly staunch Spiritualist, a humanitarian rection who has not, physiologically in work and deeds, and a leading busispeaking, seen Jesus. No one has the as when you see a tree, a moving in work and deeds, and a leading busi-cloud in the heavens, an automobile or ness man, was found dead in his bed a nugget of gold in from a Guerrero, at his home, 1233 Water street, at 6:30 o'clock May 2. Mr. White for When an old military officer in the past two weeks had not been in Mexico soberly tells, in common-sense fashion of his finding an invisible the best of health and had complained soul of Peter projected Jesus." steeper in an extra bed in his own beedroom; of his hearing the "thing," shape or what you will, breathe regu-larly; of seeing it under the bed clothes, noting the form of the head of a shortness of breath. On Wednesday evening, however, he felt much better and remarked to the members of his household that he was improving. This morning Miss Hill, his niece of his Master. His betrayal impressed on the billow-then, well, "it gives to think" Not one night, and housekeeper, went to call him and found him dead. Dr. Randall was at but several, was this remarkable inonce summoned and said that death but several, was has remarkable in-yisible sleeper in the general's spare bed. He had time to see, note and assure himself that he was not sub-ject to a passing hallucination. Why had probably occurred an hour before. James H. White was born in Oneida county, N. Y., April 28, 1822. After receiving an academic education he engaged in business in Utica from 1842 to 1844 when he moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., and engaged in mercan-tile business. In the same year he returned to New York and located at Yonkers, remaining in that place for going to bed in a gentleman's house, to two years. Since that time he has been a resident of. Port Huron where the annoyance of the family. Occultists will have no trouble in explaining his business has been farming, real estate, insurance and banking. A very grave and upright Mexican

gentleman, a Catholic and a scholar, who had recently died, told me that in "The Spiritual Significance, or, Death as an Eventtin Life." By Lillan Whithis house the spirits turned his furniture all sorts of ways in the presence ing. One of Miss Whiting's most sug-of his wife and daughters and himself. gestive, intensely interesting, spiritual said: books. It is laden with rich; thought-As they were all normal people; not at all of the wonder-seeking sort, I ac, ful spirituality. Price \$1.

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tion exists the like of which we can-Tells Cornell Students Ninc-tenths of not attain, albeit it be predicated on Talk About It Is "Sounding Brass" Talk About It Is "Sounding Brass" one hanging on a cross. Jesus, --Not Physical, He Says-Story Is mighty man of old. call Him what you Tradition and Not History, Preacher please, divine, yet He was one of us Asserts, and Must Be So Dealt With and needs us almost as much as we need Him. We help saints and proph--Savior Will Never Come-Minisets of old to achieve perfection by our ter Holds Degrading the Idea That kind words, our noble deeds and our Perfection Exists Which Human Be- tender thoughts. You cannot put on ings Cannot Attain. the righteousness of Christ like a garment over your own unrighteousness. Sage chapel, Ithaca, N. Y., Was The cross is a small price to pay to crowded when the Rev. Dr. Algernon

attain perfection, even as our. Father heresy is perfect." ended lately in Batavia, preached to Dr. Crapsey declared that the ob-

.) we shall wait forever. The day will

President ject of God is to achieve a perfect uni-Schurman, former President Andrew verse. The means to this end is a sacrifice of the present to the future, prominent members of the university of the gayety of innocence to the so Dr. Crapsey spoke on "The Resur-briety of sanctity, of the lower to the higher. The power to make sacrifices resurrection, and asserting that it that formes of the sacrifices of the sacrifice briety of sanctity, of the lower to the dent forces of man. Dr. Crapsey traced the growth of Jesus from in-"Nine-tenths of the talk of the resfancy to divinity, attributing his spir-

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itual growth to sacrifice

To the Spiritualists of Illinois.

The official board of the Illinois State Spiritualists Association, desirous of encouraging societies that wish You must remember that in studyto become affiliated with the state asing the resurrection we are dealing sociation, thereby receiving official with physical facts in a physical world. recognition, may secure a We are dealing with the great myscharter without the payment of the regular fee, provided application for charter teries of the spirit, seeing Jesus not with the actual eye but with the souls is received by the secretary on or beof his followers: He was a manifesfore the last day of June next. "No one can deal with the resur

H. A. CROSS, Secretary. 560 E. 55th street, Chicago, Ill.

San Francisco Disaster Foretold.

has no knowledge of physiological facts. Peter did see Christ, and talk with him. The spiritual world Paris, France.-The catastrophe in San Froncisco has aroused an emotion in France which has not been came to him the real world. The equalled since the Martinique calamiy. The newspapers this morning are Dr. Crapsey pointed out that Christ filled with all the news obtainable of appeared to Peter because his mind the catastrophe, adding comments of was in the physiological condition extreme sympathy for America in her Lord. affliction. The prophecy of Madame Peter was heartbroken with the death de Thebes, the famous French palmist, lay in her year book for 1906, is much this commented upon as foreshadowing the disaster. She said that the Spring, which would see a crisis in nature in both hemispheres, would bring a physical convulsion, an unforeseen shock

and great calamity, during this season in the United States.

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"Have we any personal relations ith Jesus?" Dr. Crapsey asked. with Jesus?" "Have we acquired His conception of life? If not, the resurrection means nothing to us. Are we committed to Do we believe in the His cause?

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S. Crapsey, whose trial for

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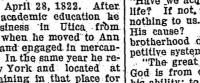
right to treat of the resurrection who

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Spirits Turned Furniture of Mexican at Washington, D. C. All Sorts of Ways. Anybody can deny, protest, kick and be obstreperous and call all believers in the supernatural, or "superphysical," visionaries and dreamers. But

Heredity and Environment. Their Effects Upon Humanity for Good or Evil.

A Lecture by Spirit Campbell, Formerly a Scotch Presbyterian Minister, Through the Trance Mediumship of Mr. Oscar A. Edgerly, Sunday Evening, Feb. 11, 1906, Before the First Association of Spiritualists, of Washington, D. C.-Specially Reported for The Progressive Thinker, by Walter P. Williams.

"But I have to refer to this hour of dissolution. I remember it so well. Weakened by physical disease, knowing that the hour was approaching, my daughters and my wife standing beside the bed, I was conscious of their grief; I could see the tears falling over their cheeks, I could hear their convulsive sobs, and yet I could not stay the hand of the despoilerthe hour had come."

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentle-) yond the limitation of the concepts or Mr. President, Lades and dental beliefs of humanity no matter how ex-is with pleasure that I, as the con-is lited they may be educationally; but trolling, intelligence, holding under when I look on the reverse side, I^odo trolling, intelligence, holding under my psychological influence the medinot believe there is any absolute evil. um to-night, make an effort to give to Evil is but expressive of a relative you an expression of my independent condition. So when I look at a man thought. On previous occasions dur- at a nation, or at any condition that ing the present engagement of my me- I am prone to describe as evil, instead dium it has been my pleasure to par-ticipate with you in listening to the would rather say that the person, the lterated thoughts that have been nation or the condition is less good given by my colleagues through his than I should like them to be, and that instrumentality. To-night, while that negative condition may be anti-Instrumentality. To-night, while that negative condition may be anti-pleased with the opportunity of en- doted, and that that negative tendency deavoring to further the interests of a which may bring about a condition of stagnation may be overcome by effort, at the same time it is with a degree of by endeavor, by education, by the dishesitancy that I assume the responsi- semination of knowledge, which quickbilities of the position which is de- ens from the negative conditions and volving upon me, because I realize the stimulates either individuals or nalimitations of the experiences that I as tions into activities that hurry them an individual have had with the along as it were toward the develop-teachings I am dealing with on this ment of the good or toward the positiveness of that which is contained in occasion

In fact, ladies and gentlemen, I feel the divine. I make this explanation for the rea that I must, acting on the precedent established by my friend and co-worker who controlled the medium of this subject—heredity and environson that in the process of my analysis this morning, make just a little expla- ment-if it may seem that I express nation. I desire it should be underthat which might be considered pessistood that as a denizen of your plane mistic. I do not want that that should of existence my knowledge was ex-tremely limited as regards Spiritualyou to realize that I am an optimist in belief that out of the negative condiism, and I feel that I do not go too far in revealing the position that I tions of a lesser good there shall be have occupied in the past, when I say evolved the greater good, a more glo-that i believe, had Spiritualism been rious approximation ever nearer to called to my attention when I still that which is worthy of being desigdwelt in the material plane I should nated by the term Divinity. have considered it my duty to strenu- How do we find humanit How do we find humanity condiously oppose it. I should have contioned at the present time? You are sidered it a movement calculated to a component part of what is termed christendom and find around and about you a diversity of beliefs, shadinterfere with existing institutions. I should have regarded it as an unwelcome innovation; I should have conings of opinion, dogmatic presumpsidered it of a character to interfere tions that lead to a chaos rather than with the inherited conservatism which to a harmonium, and yet it has been it was my pleasure to most strenuousalleged that Christianity might suply advocate, consequently I have to ply that which could bring humanity make this confession, that my conver-inder the bonds of a divine unanimity sion to Spiritualism is post mundane, in action; that leve, being the fundasion to Spiritualism is post mundane, mental tenet of pure Christianity, should be calculated to harmonize the that my knowledge of it has come entirely from experiences that have been human race at least that portion of mine since I have become a denizen of the higher plane of existence, and am the race subject to its influence-but free to say that I appreciate the con-ditions to which I have attained; in fact I fairly revel in the broader libfact I fairly revel in the broader lib-sand years of the reign of so-called both of conscience and action that has come to me since I have been taught mass as representative of Christian bo by ministering spirits of the higher lief, rather than a harmonious, homospheres of spiritual existence. geneous, closely associated body of You can better understand why I people.

Now, upon what do these methods of government and new and make this explanation and confession conditions depend? I say they denovel ethical arrangements that would when I say to you that for over forty pend upon an unfortunate heredity, as fix a different' relationship between man and man. You had an environyears I occupied a Presbyterian pul-far as the race is concerned, it when dwelling among men. From In looking into the retrospect we pit when dwelling among men. From ment that allowed you to grow withthat pulpit I enunciated that which I see there have been conditions which out fear or favor until it became a then believed to be true, and I have established that which has imposed fundamental stone in the foundation the satisfaction, of believing that I upon present generations an unfortu- of government that man should have lived up to the light I then possessed, nate heredity. Let us hastily exama vested right to /seek for happiness but I rejoice to be able to confess that, ine something representative of that and to worship God in accordance with the dictates of this own conscience. freed from this narrowing entangle-ment, I come back now simply desir-moment to criticise adversely the ment, I come back now simply desir-Thus do we see the effects of en ous of utilizing this medial nature teachings of the Nazarene; I do not that allows one to mingre, even though decarnated, with the affairs and con-in the life of Jesus there is aught to vironment and of the impulse of a good heredity in the mighty growth that your nation has made. And so ditions that exist in the material criticise; win fact. I believe that if the world. Actuated by a zealousness gospel as alleged to have come from ours-Spiritualism-could have its world. Actuated by a zearousness gosper as alleged to have come from born of higher knowledge, desirous the Nazarene, could be operative in that humanity should be freed from all of its purity, could find fallow any incubus—any narrowing condi-tions—such as limited and dwarfed contaminated by the negative influ-my growth, I come, urged perhaps ence of evil, that the greatest good advent. not but what its underlying principles and its phenomena that existed through all time, coincident with humanity, but, under the old through the solicitations of my spirit- could come therefrom. . In fact I beual associates. lieve that embodied in the teachings I am not very well acquainted with alleged to have come from Jesus there cause the environment was against it. your usages, and if perchance I do is the very quintessence of divine spir-Where there were only the school of not conform to all of the requirements ituality well adapted to the wants of the castle and the school of the monthat might be expected of a speaker humanity but at the time those teach-from your rostrum, I trust that you lings were given, when they were beastery there could be no 'tolerance, and there had to be fanaticism, and will give me your kindly indulgence, coming prevalent in the world, human there had to be bigotry, but through realizing that I cannot claim any selfishness was in the ascendency-higher position than that of a fellow selfish tendencies—the desires for perthe influences of a better heredity and a more desirable environment student with you, seeking as best I sonal aggrandizement on the part of can to appropriate from the mighty those who were in places of powertolerance came to exist, fanaticism was curtailed as regards its power, and bigotry was less presumptive in its undesirable sway. So in 1848 realm of the unknown something that may be added to the commonwealth of metrically opposed to the best interits undesirable sway. So in 1848 Spiritualism could make itself manihuman knowledge. I am not pre-sumed to conform strictly to the line of procedure that might be expected We see this best exemplified when lest as an objective force, and with the more desirable environment an ag one who would endeavor to build we contemplate the advent of Chrisgressive movement could be estab up from a pivotal thought a concise tianity into the imperial city of lished, which under further evoluup from a pivotal thought a concise tianity into the imperial city of lished, which under further evolu-dissertation. I can only hope, at best, to come before you as an object lession, endeavoring to compare the con-ditions that dominated my life when on the earth plane with those condi-ciation with publicans and sinners to zations, or where you can establish a ciation with publicans and sinners to zations, or where you can establish a tions that are mine through a divine the royal purple of the imperial court ' nucleus from which may emanate heritage on the spirit side of life, and of Rome, established an apostolic suc- / your instructions as an aggressive, possibly thereby be enabled to illuscession and thereby usurped the preoperative force to further qualify the trate some of the fundamental prinrogatives of the people, declaring as a influences of bigotry of - intolerance teaching, that the only channel way and of fanaticism, and so allow that through which the inspirations of high heaven could reach the earth was the rise again in all its divine majesty. ciples of this great philosophy that you are possessed of that gives the promise of eternal progress for all human beings, that takes into considerachurch hierarchy, and, at the same So much, then, have I to say relative tion the inherent possibilities of all time, we have to comprehend that to the genaral influence of heredity human souls, and if by thus being an there was an inalienable union of and environment on the progress of and environment on the progress of object lesson I may to any extent give church and state, and this monarchical the people at large. a graphic illustration of this philosogovernment and hierachical church Now, I want to deal with this ques tion more specifically. I want to en-ter upon the method of procedure phy then I shall feel that my coming were setting up millstones between has not been entirely in vain. which the mass of humanity was As you are aware the subject that ground, scholastic attainment only has been assigned me this evening is allowed to the sacerdotal branch of an expression of "Heredity and Envirhumanity, the priests and only those onment; Their Effects Upon Humanity allied closely with the church allowed high educational attainment. for Good or Evil.' and environment, and incidentally to I have come to the conclusion that Those were conditions that laid the basis for an unfortunate heredity; those were the conditions that estabshow the progress that a spirit may heredity and environment are very make when freed from the limitations largely responsible for the conditions of inherited bonds and come to a re-alization of its divine prerogatives. If with individuals, and I believe that it ignated in human history or at least mymethod is not in conformity with becomes a practical duty to try as the history of Christianity as the dark general usage, please bear with me, best we can as teachers seeking to benefit humanity, to learn how to eliminate the influences that come conditions that were established by course, I would desire that you uneliminate the influences that come conditions that were established by course, I would desire that you un-from the past that are of a nature to this presumptuous usurpation of the derstand it is with no intention of bebring about evil results, and, at the rights of the people by the system of ing egotistical—it is only with the same time, I believe it is a duty for sacerdotal priesthood. But it is not hope that by such a method thoughts us to seek to learn how to augment, to | necessary for us to go further in an may be impressed that otherwise strengthen, to enforce any impulse or analysis in that direction than to say might lack emphasis. tendency that makes for good. Howit was essential that these conditions Now, then, it devolves upon me to ever; I am satisfied, in contemplating should be ended in some way, and I say, in the first place, that my father inherited conditions and taking into want to say I have come to the con- before me was a Presbyterian preachconsideration the diversified influences clusion that the same sources from His father before him was a er. that are derived from environment, which come your present inspirations Presbyterian preacher, and even my however these conditions may be, that were utilized in the later years of the great-grandfather was predisposed all men be made alive." altimately we are making for the so-called dark ages to give inspiration most kindly to accept Calvinistic the - Ah, but how little could I realize I to individuals that should stimulate ology. I have further to speak of the good. In fact, I-cannot conceive of an ab- humanity out of the passivity of that domestic .conditions obtaining in my solute evil. I can conceive of an in- indesirable stagnation that had come home in Scotland, where I was born, comprehensible good beyond the limi- to exist, and so I may presume that a belonging to the clan Campbell, a famtations of any concept of mind-be- Bruno, a Voltaire, a Spinoza, or per- ily noted, I think you will agree, for lity; there was no susceptibility in my

chance a Calvin or Luther were inspired from sources beyond their ken; they were utilized in their time to counteract the directly inherited conditions that had come from the ages just previous and so good was ac-complished by the work that they did in antidoting these pernicious conditions that had come to exist whereby through the liberalizing influences of their example and of their teaching a qualification was made of the educational conditions, because in the darker times of the so-called dark ages there were practically but two schools: one was the school of the castle, the other the school of the

monastery. The monastery had its monk, who educated humanity, who prescribed what the scholastic- attainments should be, who qualified all branches of education and who jealously guard-ed the presumptuous claims of the hierarchical church; and so the monk was licensed to dictate to humanity. and if humanity in general did not take kindly to such dictation then the graduate of the castle was called upon. He would go forth with cross-embla-zoned shield, with tempered Toledo blade, and he would lead by force of arms, backed up by the civil govern-ment of an absolute monarchy, any who did not supinely and willingly submit to the dictation of the monk, to the inquisition, the fagot and the stake.

Consequently the two schools relened, and humanity was plunged into the darkness of undesirable ignorance, but, as I have said, an in-

spired Bruno, an inspired Volney, an inspired Voltaire, an inspired Spinoza and many more who are worthy to be mentioned in the category but who may not be enumerated at this time, were those who taught, threw the weight of their higher inspirations against the undesirable inheritance be emphasized in your minds, I want that had come from the immediate past, and so limited and curtailed its powers and established the possibilities of a broader condition of human freedom, of a grander liberty, hoth in political conditions and in the conditions of the human conscience, hence out of this influence as an inheritance came your country, came your institutions, founded upon the immediate heritage of the agitators of France, of the agitators of Germany, of the

agitators who dared to be innovators and to throw the gauntlet of their defiance in the face of the conservative powers that held control. Thus do we find evidences of good for humanity coming as a heritage. Then we may consider hastily, if you please, the influence of environ-

ment as a fostering cultivator of the good that you inherited from that which a Paine gave to you, from that which a Patrick Henry, a John we do not find that to be the case. We Adams, a George Washington inheritcies were not so keenly feit, where you could establish new and novel

their adherence to the Freshyterian faith. I speak of my father, he being an ipheritor from his parents of a pre-disposition to take kindly to their teachings. My father belleved, I am convinced, most absolutely in what he taught. He believed that in Adam all men died, and that in Christ alone could men be saved from death. His

could men be saved from death. His whole life was characterized by belief -not with the belief that he pos-sessed, but the belief that absolutely bossessed him. [] Having spoken of my father I would

-my mother. Slig was a woman in all that that divine word expresses, pre-eminently intuitive, womanly in every way, charitable, loving, pitying, merciful, kindly. That was her na-ture. In the early days of her married life she yielded to the stern influences of that environment which was engendered by the very presence of my father; she yielded to the influ-

ence that he exerted, and while I now believe that even in that environment in Old Scotland she at heart was a Universalist—she believed in the great goodness of God that would inleed make it possible for all human God.' souls to know redemption, but she felt to yield her personality to the inluence of her husband. She be-

lieved, as she had been taught, that the twain must become one, and so his influence dominated her mind.

Under these conditions I was born. The consequence was that the predisposition toward belief was stamped indelibly upon my nature prenatally. I was born with a predisposition to accept the teaching of my father with never a thought of questioning, be-lieving it would be absolute sacrilege, and that to question would endanger my soul's salvation-to dare to critiise would mean eternal damnation. That was my position, so as I grew older and came into years of understanding I could but take kindly to the suggestions of my father relative to what my education should be, believing it was right because father said so. So I graduated, as he had done, from the Presbyterian schools, and followed

in his footsteps. Now, then, I have to speak of an-other. A few years after my birth, while I was obtaining an education, my father was appointed to a profes shorship in one of the theological schools in Scotland, consequently he became absorbed in his work, his influence was less and less felt at home than it had been formerly, he devoting almost all of his time to the duties devolving upon him in his posttion: So the conditions at home were to a degree changed. My mother was freed from that constant psychological surveillance, that held sway over her, and in that freedom her natural tendencies begun to manifest themselves. Her greatest joy was found when, butdened with some ffering for the sick, she made her way across the moors of old Scotland to some humble cottage3 side, to the bedside of the sick and the suffering, and by kindly ministry aided them, and as she wandered afield out in the countryside she learned to appreciate the music of nature. I verily be-lieve the time came when she thought

that God spoke to her in the hum of the wing of bee, in the carol of bird, in the rustling of leaf, in the babbling of the brook-everywhere she saw the mighty impress of the will of God, and, under those conditions, another child was born-my brother. We loved him more than words

can describe, and heigrew and after a time began to manifest the peculiar proclivities that came in time to dominate his life, and my father and I concluded that he was strangely perverse. We sought, as soon as he at-tained to the years of understanding, to lead him to a comprehension of the necessity of saving his soul. We la-bored with him, but as I say, we thought that he was strangely per-verse. He had an inheritance from the maternal side; he was stamped with the conditions that obtained be-

dissolution was about to take place. The presence of death was there, and that brother of mine was dying; that brother whom I thought was perverse; that brother whom I thought to be under the influence of evil forces, who had given way to false philosophies; and he was about to die, and I said, "Now I shall test the utility of his sophistries; I will stand there and I will see him die, and yet I will urge him to the last to realize the error of

his ways; I will beseech him, before it is too late, to seek salvation," for I believed in death-bed conversion. are to die? Dost thou know that thy hours are numbered, and thou art to be called hence? Listen to me, before it is too late; accept the Savior, confess thy sins; give up a hope that we shall meet you sometime and some-where. Ah, brother, listen before it is too late. Make thy peace with

Then his eyes looked into mine. saw the love-light shining there, and I saw peace and seeming contentment shining from those eyes, and he said: "You ask me to make my peace with

God. Why should you think that there is any enmity between God and me? You say that I am about to die, and what signifies that? Yes, I am about to die-I know, that I am about to die, and I rejoice in it, for, brother, canst thou not realize that I am simply going to graduate from the primary class into a higher class? Canst thou not realize that the mufflers are to be taken from my ears, that the scales shall fall from my eyes, that having known the minor strains of music I am now going to attain to the major strain that I may know God's music? Canst thou not realize that here I have looked through a glass darkly, that when the great consummation of the change termed death shall take place, then 1 shall see clearly? I have sought by my investigations and my analyses of the phenomena of nature to learn some-

thing of God's eternal mysteries, and now, having finished my primary studies, the Great Teacher of the universe says to me, 'Come up higher, and so, responsive to the call, I am going." So he died, and I believed in all

the sincerity of that which possessed me that he had gone to eternal per-dition. I believed that he was one elected to be damned, for my creed provided for such, and I had no manner of doubt but what here was a manifestation of that which I had een taught, and which I was predisposed to believe by that which had been stamped upon me before I was born into the world. How men may be mistaken! But

believed it, I say. Now, then, I have to follow my

story, and it may seem to those who now little of Spiritualism a very strange thing for a man in the illustration of his thought to refer to the event which eventually must take place in all human lives, that even which you designate by the word death, and yet I had to approach that hour, and I remember it well. Ah, memory can never be effaced from human consciousness. One of the greatest sophistries of this time, held by scientists, is that when the brain disintegrates, that memory is obliterated. Such is not the truth.

As an interpolation here, I want to say that if you do not desire an avenging Nemesis to follow you in spirit life, do not acquire undesirable memories, for memory many times is the Nemesis that lashes the human soul into agony on the spirit side of life. Cultivate in your lives desirable memories, and thus escape the possibility of the imposition of suffering derived

from und sirable memories. But I have to refer to this h

But there he stod, radiant and glo-rified, and he said, "Brother, thou are tired, come to me," and then I RESTORS could go to his arms, I could rest my tired head upon his protecting breast, and then I first knew the meaning of the teacher when he said that those who may become inhabitants of heaven must become as little children. Yes, as little children, freed from their vain presumptions, humble, leaving behind them their alleged attainments, conscious of the truth as it comes home to them. And so it devolved upon me to become an humble student at the feet of him whom I had

ever been ready to criticise. Ladies and gentlemen, realizing that I as well as you stand in the very presence of the living Oversoul, I am ready to assort that that which .

have iterated through the medium is absolutely true. Thus from my own experiences, so often had, we find it an So I stood there and I saids exemplified fact that the line of hered-"Brother, dost thou know that thou ity may have its effect still out and beyond the limitations of this material world, for I necessarily had to unlearn much that I believed to be true. That brother of mine, in having followed along the natural lines here was ready to take up the line of investigation and study over there, for he was not bound, he was not crushed under the heritage of that incubus that had-blackened and dwarfed my soul, so it

was essential that I should profit by his teachings, and, not only that, could not enter into an environment such as he enjoyed in the spirit life, because I had not attained to it, through the unfortunate limitations to which I had been subject.

So the hands of the spirit teachers, of the higher life pointed backward. and they said,"You must make repa ration, you must expatiate the evilthat is, the negative conditions that you established. You must reach back into earth life and by efby striving, by labor, fort, expa tiate the conditions that have devolved upon you through your false method of living and your adherence to false Thus it is, ladies and gen belief." tlemen, that I am making an effort to carry out the work that has been as signed me, and I believe that it is nec essary that humanity should take into deeper consideration these influences

of heredity and environment. I believe it is essential now. with the broader knowledge that humanity has attained to, that you no longer should listen to that false declaration that there is a necessity that men shall be born again; but, rather, listen to the clear enunciations of thought that come from the inspired ones on high; that it is more essential that men should be born right the first time, and

in being born right the first time there would be no further necessity either for a figurative birth or any other con dition that might properly be described by those terms. I want to say, however, that I be-lieve the influences that are entailed

upon humanity by heredity must necessarily be temporary in nature, they cannot be eternal, they are eventually overcome, but if you overcome them in

he beginning, if you have sufficient knowldge to antidote evil tendencies at the very start, then you will save

humanity from suffering that they must otherwise know by experience. I remember very well, shortly be fore I passed to spirit life, a circumstance that tok place in the State of Massachusetts-many of you will remember it. I refer to the experiences of Jesse Pomeroy, who was a murderer, and whose mother confessed in open 'court the fact that she had associated with her husband in his vocation of slaughtering lambs and calves. and that on occasions when he was overburdened with business, she had even entered the slaughter pen and there seen the flowing blood from the slashed throats of lambs and calves,

and that, too, even while she was preparing to be a mother. Her boy was born and associated in that same environment where he constantly saw the slaughtering of animals. Prenatally in his very nature there was mur der-the seeds were planted which

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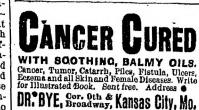
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fore he was born, even as I was stamped with the conditions that ob-tained before I was born. So in his perversity he seemed to manifest that which to us were strange traits.

He enjoyed going afield with hammer and chisel to delve in the quarit was possible that this movement of ries, go down into the coal measures, and there hunt out the fossils of past ages; to go to the royal observatory at Edinborough, then to come home all characterize its intricate power, have filled with enthusiasm that was begotten by his experiences there, and then to talk what, in the holy preregime, there was no possibility that cincts of our Presbyterian home it could have a successful growth, bepantheism; to speak of God in nature. This began to instigate in the mind of my father and myself an earnest desire to lead to his conversion, to bring him away out of his perversity to a realization of the fundamental truths of religion as we considered them, and then to have him meet our arguments in this wise: He would

say: "Brother, you go to the Kirk. You enjoy it; you are confined within its four walls, and you say that you have God's word there before you upon the desk, and you read it for in it you think you have eternal life, and you talk to those who sit before you, who occupy the pews, and you enunciate over and over the presumptions that you have drawn from your interpreta-tion of that alleged holy book, and so to you the little Kirk over there with its stone walls is the temple of the living God. Let me tell you where my temple is to be found. where I come into communion with my God. make my way out there to the highlands. I place my feet upon the apex of a sky-piercing granite peak, out before me the tempestuous waves of old ocean, back of me is rising the thunder cloud, across the heavens the ightnings flash, the' thunder revererates, and above my head the orbs tion more specifically. I want to en-ter upon the method of procedure that I announced at the inception of my remarks; that is, I propose to use my own experiences as an object les-son to illustrate the forces of heredity speaks to me in the unfolding rose, in and only includent line of the order of the order of the speaks to me in the unfolding rose, in the up of the order of the order of the order of the speaks to me in the unfolding rose, in the order of the order of the order of the order of the speaks to me in the unfolding rose, in the order of the order of the order of the order of the speaks to me in the unfolding rose, in the order of t the carol of bird, in the intering rose, in the carol of bird, in the hum of the bee, in the babbling brook in rustling leaf. God speaks to me everywhere, and the wide topography of this mighty land of ours and the mighty occors snak big prefer ocean speak his praise."

ocean speak his praise." Thus he would express his opinion, and what could I shy? "I could-but say: "Thou art approached by the tempter, that tempter who as a roaring lion goes about in the down the earth seeking whom he may devour; he entices you by the beauties of nature, or he beckons you away from that salvation which you can attain to only when you accept Christ and realize that through, the shedding of his blood your sins may be cleansed away; you must realize that in Adam all men died and in Christ alone can

was looking through a glass darkly There were scales upon my eyes. My very comprehension, my very under-standing, was qualified by my hered-

dissolution. " I remember it so Weakened by physical disease, know-ing that the hour was approaching, my daughters and my wife standing heade the bed. I was conscious of their grief; I could see the tears falling over their cheeks, I could hear their convulsive sobs, and yet I could not stay the hand of the despoilerthe hour had come.

So I passed out. I can remember every pang; I can remember every sensation. I never shall forget them, if I exist for a million years, but I do remember the superadded agony, because of the fact that even after I had left my physical body and could see it there before me an inanimate object, conscious that I was pos-sessed of such life and vitality as I had never known, that I was a living conscious entity, and yet, freed from the body I could turn to my wife, I could still be conscious of her agony and grief, the sobs of my children, could approach them, could put my arms around them, and I could hear

my wife say, "Oh, he has gone to his reward, the spirit has gone to God who gave it; let us hope that sometime we shall meet him at the open gates of the New Jerusalem. So ye Spiritualists, thrice blessed are you. I say thrice blessed are you because when you leave your mortal

friends, they are conscious of the possibility of your return, they know that you can come. My wife, intuitive, sensitive, might have been a medium, and yet I had schooled her by my influence, I had schooled her by my teachings. I said the spirit goes to God who gave it and there can be no return: So I could not penetrate the psychological influence I had woven around her and could not make her know I was there, so I had to turn conscious I could give her no away consolation, and so turning away and freeing myself for the time being from the attractions of home I began to contemplate the possibilities of new experiences; and in my vain presump-tion, in my self-righteousness, in. my cultivated egotism, I thought that I should now wend my way to the pearly gates and that I should hear the behest, "Enter in, good and faithful servant, to enjoy the blessings preared for you by the Lord," and thought I should give my meed of praise before a great white throne.

Then one approached me-a guide -and I said: "Thou wilt guide me home?" And he said: "Come with I went with him, soon to be me.' confronted by a concourse of people; and above them all was one radiant and glorified, and I, even as John upon the isle of Patmos, felt impelled to fall on bended knee and give worship to this glorified form, for I said, Thou art an ambassador, delegated by my master to give me welcome to the lovs of heaven." and so in humbleness I bowed before that glorified. form, only to hear the words spoken: "Brother, look up; brother, look up." Then I dared to raise my gaze to that face and there beheld the wellremembered lineaments of him whom.

well.

We can well ask where does personal responsibility begin and where does it leave off, when we contemplate conditions such as these? His truly is reprehensible, is undesirable in its conditions as they exist. I claim that my life was just as per verted as his life, in a way, with a pernicious belief that has nothing in com mon with the eternal truths of God, and that I as well as he, must be subjected to the cleansing processes of the purgatorial state before we can

know the higher happiness that comes to one in a natural heaven. The Catholics are right in speaking of pur gatorial conditions, for there is the necessity of freeing human souls from the dross that is imposed upon them by the evil influences of undesirable heredity and undesirable environment.

But I believe, ladies and gentlemen, as an optimist, that even the spirit of a Pomerey, or a spirit dominated and conditioned as I have been, may sometime and somewhere know full redemption. You may go down into the diamond mines and from amid the ed.

dirt and slime select an angular, opaque pebble: You are not an ex-pert, and while you are looking at it some one says to you, "What is that worth?" You say, "it is only an uncouth, angular, opaque pebble, and I don't think it has very much value.

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humanity—a Jesse Pomeroy or a Rev. Campbell, as you please—al dominated by ignorance and undesir-able heredity, they may know the friction of the lapidary wheels of eternal experience, lapidary wheels that cut with the diamond dust of God's divinest inspirations and upon these very wheels shall be brought out facet after facet of the human soul, its opaqueness shall be lost, its angularity shall be eliminated, and no matter how degraded and how dim it may be, sometime and somewhere it

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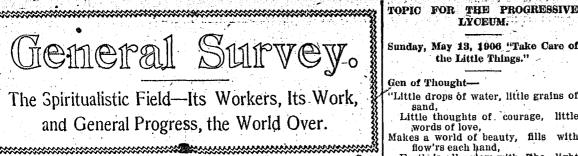
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Wm. Emmette Coleman writes: "In the great fire in San Francisco, Cal., I lost my large library and practically charge is made that Northup was not everything else I had in the world. Many of the other Spiritualists have lost their all."

Mrs. Arthur Howe, who was in the San Francisco disaster, writes from Los Angeles, Cal.: "Everything is a complete wreck, and all we own in the world now is a small grip with just enough clothes to take us through a week's convention in Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. We are with Mrs

Dye, and will remain for a while." Correspondent writes: "The Chicago Spiritual Alliance Society, holding services at 3514 Vincennes avenue, Vincennes Hall, are favored at all services with large and appreciative audiences. On Sunday last we had with us Mrs. L. A. Beel and Prof. H. S. Fraser, test mediums. Plenty of tests at all the services. A cordial in-Records a sector of the service of the

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all the sunshine possible; be kind to Burgess, delivered a very logical and most sensible talk followed by messages from his guides. Two new members were enrolled on our books Next Saturday at the home of Mrs. Hill, is our regular sociable, and next Saturday week is our May dance. Next Sunday, our speaker will be for then, take care of our mediums.' the evening, Nora E. Hill; the 13th of May, Dr. George B. Warne will lec-

sages, either by the speakers, or me dium members of the Golden Rule."

Thos S. Kizer writes from Decatur Il.: "We had Brother and Sister Sprague with us again on April-18, 19 KEEP COPIES of your poems sent to his office, for they will not be returned public. Brother Sprague has a way of expounding spiritual truths that one, though intensely orthodox, could 'THIS GENERAL SURVEY DEPART must admit that his arguments are

Asserting that Stephen Northun who died in June of last year, was a believer in Spiritualistic mediums and guided in affairs of life by spirit guides, and that the hallucination affected his mind, Cora May Foster, his daughter, has asked the superior court to set aside his will. By the terms of the will the daughter who seeks to have it set aside receives a house and lot in Buffalo, N. Y., and \$2,000 to be paid her at the discretion of the executor of the will. The mentally sound at the time of his death, due to his belief in Spiritualism.-Chicago Chronicle.

Emma J. Owen writes: "On Sunday and Monday, May 13 and 14, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, N. S. A. missionaries, will hold services at the Morris Pratt Institute, White water, Wis. A most interesting season is anticipated. These meetings precede the Morris Pratt Institute Association annual meeting, which is to be held on Tues day, the 15th. Members and friends who intend coming to the annual meeting should certainly come in time to attend Mr. and Mrs. Sprague's meetings, and remain to enjoy, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 16th and 17th, the W. S. S.A. Mass-meettests at all the services. A cordial in-brooks, assisted by other talent called there to attend the M. P. I. A. annual meeting. All these meetings will ful other mediums to visit us on meeting five days with interest and profit. All nights as new forces bring new friends are cordially invited. Let no thoughts. The Progressive Thinker, one within reach of Whitewater fail to which is for sale at all our meetings, attend the entire series.' should find its way into every home. Ernest C. Cools writes of the First Arthur S. Howe, president of the California State Spiritualist-Associa-Spiritual Union, Norwich, Ct.; "For the first time in its history this society tion, and editor and publisher of the decided a year ago to try the experi-Occidental Mystic, writes from Los Angeles, Cal.: "Our entire home, perment of having a settled speaker, and we secured Albert P. Blinn of Boston. sonal effects and printing plant of the Mr. Blinn is not a test medium, but 'Occidental Mystic,' of 506 Hyde street, San Francisco, was destroyed by fire; but we, aided by the Spiritualhis inspirational discourses have been practical, educational and inspiring, and assisted by his wife who is an unists of California, hope to soon comtiring worker in the cause, he has mence its re-publication. Our sub-scribers will kindly send to us at made a great success. Occasionally during the season we have had a test 1127 W. 18th street, medium give messages after Mr. their names and addresses, and date of expiration, if possible. All, re-newals, new subscriptions or dona-Blinn's lectures, and while he was away in December and March we had Mrs. Kate M. Ham, Mrs. A. J. Petten-gill and Mrs. Kate R. Stiles. Our tions towards assisting in the work of re-establishing the 'Occidental Mystic' meetings have never been better atwill be gratefully acknowledged. Extended than during this year; our lychanges and friends will assist ceum is in a thriving condition; our greatly by extending this notice by the ladies' auxiliary, the 'Helping Hands,' editors.' has doubled its membership, and our Della B. Platt writes: "Mrs. Marian financial condition is better than ever Carpenter, a true worker and fine lec-turer, was with us a few Sundays ago. hefore. Consequently we have retained Mr. Blinn for another season, Following her came Dr. J. M. Peeble and are anticipating next season a most profitable and successful year. that veteran worker in the cause, and we truly feel that we have been well Our meetings will not close till June entertained. Now we have with us this year.' that grand worker, Mrs. Anna L. Gil-S. S. King writes: "The First Spiritlespie, who gives us fine Spiritual words of truth and wisdom. The ual Society of Hamilton is in a very prosperous condition. Having start 13th of this month we are to have a christening at the merning service, and a flower memorial in the evening ed with seven members a little over two years ago, we now have a mem bership of about seventy, with many for our loved ones gone before.' Mrs. Ripley of Toronto adherents. Jacob Norvall, the healer, writes from Los Angeles, Cal.: "Jacob W. was practically the mother-medium of our society. We have had the honor of Norvall, Jr., sold his business in Orehaving her with us several times. gon and was enjoying himself in San She has just finished a month's en-Francisco for a short time. He, met gagement with us. Sunday evening with Prof. Sabig there, a Hindoo, and her controls gave a grand-lecture to a medium, and was told to leave.inside well filled hall of intelligent people, of three days or he would meet with and after the lecture some of the pa-rents brought their children to the

LYCEUM. Sunday, May 13, 1906 "Take Care of the Little Things." Gen of Thought-"Little drops of water, little grains of

sand, Little thoughts of courage, little words of love. Makes a world of beauty, fills with

flow'rs each hand. Earth is all aglow with "the light above. J. W. R.

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his spirit guides into an eloquent forcible and convincing speaker, scien-tific in his arguments and positive in his assertions, deduced from personal experience. Trance mediumship of that kind proves to be a blessing and should be encouraged by all possible means: If mortals would furnish the

very best conditions for their medi ums, they would receive better results in every way. Mediumship is like a tender plant that must not be exposed to the cold, plercing winds of human cellebroes at the state of the state o selfishness, as it will droop, wither and fade away in loneliness, want and despair, the fruits of neglect and wrong treatment. Give mediumship

it, encourage it and treat it with forearance and patience if you want it to thrive and develop in all its beauty of heavenly inspiration. Mediumship is a gift from heaven; without it this world would be a bleak, barren desert without hope and without joy; let us,

Ferd C. Suhrer writes: "On Sunday afternoon the Rising Sun Mission had for its speaker Sister E. Briggs, who asked for questions and received the following: 'How can we best help earth-bound spirits?' and 'Was the destruction of San Francisco an act of satisfactorily as was evidenced by the All Descriptions, complimentary remarks, Brothers Thompson and Jones did their share of work in volcing messages from the other world. Dr. J. H. Randall was our speaker for the evening, his lecture being helpful and instructive. It was gratifying to note the presence of such noted out-of-town workers Mrs. DeWolf-Kiser of Des Moines. Ia. Mr. Chas Peterson and mother Michigan, and several prominent Spiritualists from Aurora. Sister Susie Thompson pleased her friends by giving up to her guides and delivering test after test to the expectant ones who felt decidedly better for having attended the Rising Sun Mis-Mrs. E. Briggs will again be sion. with us on Sunday afternoon, May 13, and Dr. J. H. MacFarland will

dress us in the evening. Our bazaar will attract hundreds of strangers and make them acquainted with Spiritualism and its blessings. Are you not proud of being a Spiritualist? Every Spiritualist in Chicago is interested in the success of our bazaar as it means a permanent home for the dif-fusion of Spiritualism in Chicago. Donate what you can in articles, money, or good, helpful thoughts and help us help others."

Wm. Hassmann writes: "With gratitude the members as well as the friends of the North Star Spiritual Union at their Hall 1546 Milwaukee avenue, welcomed Sister Lester Krueger Sunday evening, April 29, after having been confined to her home for a couple of weeks on account: of being sick. She is still yet a little under the weather. She bravely faced the storm, and the lecture she gave on 'How Children Can Be Trained to Practice the Golden Rule,' was beautifully demonstrated and well worth while for every parent to bear in mind. Sister Miller gave some splendid readings from questions. She is a very good and true test medium, and

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Dr. Beo. B. Warne spent the greater part of last week at Bloomington, Ill. in connection with the James T. Crumbaugh will, which distant relatives are trying to break in the Mc-Lean county court, Should the at-tempt succeed the testator's home town of Lergy will lose a Spiritualist church and a free public library.

E. W. Sprague and wife, the N. S. A. Missionaries, are engaged to serve at the following named camp-meetings the coming season: Haslett Park, Mich., August 2 to 7 inclusive; Clinton, lowa, August 9 to 14; Delphos, Kans., August 17 to 26; Winfield, Kans., August 28 to Sept 3. Last Monday they went to Beardstown, Ill. for three or four days. They organ ized a society at Macomb, Ill., consisting of 32 members.

we hope that she will be with us again ip the near future. We also invite from Fort Worth, Texas: "We had a delightful time the other evening and I got so enthused it caused me to write these few lines, that way out in Texas we can get spiritual manifestations, though we do wear 'horns' sometimes. Thursday evening, April 26, Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner of Dallas, who tímes. is a speaker of that society, came over was packed and the most of the people were skeptics. She gave all tests except two, which took her about three or four hours on her feet. Her work was grand. She convinced everyone there was something in this truth. She was to return to Dallas that night but the people kept her over here until Saturday. Oh! such a noble char Los Angeles, acter, may she reap a hundred fold for her faithful and good work. She will ever be remembered in the hearts of the people. I was just talking to Mr. stating not to write him at San Fran-

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Rev. Albert P. Fitch, pastor of the a man a renewed blessedness? Do Mt. Vernon Congregational church, you think that God has kept His blessings for this world only in the blessings Beacon street, at the morning service at that church yesterday, preached on of life? I say to you there is blessing "The Blessing of Death." Mr. Fitch in that thing which we call death. dwelt on the great good which has "First of all I will have you note been accomplished by death, and the this solemn fact: there are some great

omnipresence of the spirits of the de-parted. He took his text from the 15th plished by death. Ever and ever all verse, chapt. 12, of the Acts: "And history of mankind shows that to acthey said unto her, 'Thou art mad,' complish some consummate act it has But she constantly affirmed that it was been expedient for a man to die. The

ever so. Then said they, 'It is an an- faith for which men die, by their gel.'" Mr. Fitch first dwelt on the persecu- ways growing out of death. Death has tions of Herod and the many Chris-always been the world's greatest bless-tians who met death at his hands, and ing. the great significance of their deaths "There was John Brown, a strug-

to the church.

gling woolen dealer. He could not do anything for the slaves until he died "It was a disheartened church for Herod had stretched for his hand," said the preacher. "To James and for them. The day he died emancipation was assured. Has there been any light in the world, any act of heroism, Peter all the disciples turned, and now one of them had received baptism and any great revelation that so effects as had perished by the headsman's hand. the death of one? Abraham Lincoln But I would have you see that even was never the power in these United here the death of James and the im- States before his death that he was prisonment of Peter had all done their after. His death was a power in work. So stricken to the heart was itself. "Nor is it simply the rare souls that the accuser of James by his unswerv-

ing faith in Christ, that he then and bless the world when they go over there before the tribunal declared his What is it we find always? To see faith, and accused and accuser went the splendor of faith, the heroism of devotion, and death is the great enforth to death together.

lightener of these things. It rends the vell of prejudice. As a man lies "Each Christian, so the church be-lieves, is in the care of a spiritual bejug. There is a higher one that in death you begin to know h guards our life. I think many of us the essence of his character in death you begin to know him, and ing. when we come to our supreme crisis yealed to you. And by his death you are overawed with the solemn sense and the world come to know death. Death makes us a string of high and that it is not we, but that spirit who enables us by some benificence to holy hopes. The dearest blessing in dominate the storm of passion. Sure- death is the communion of saints. It ly the belief of the church in these makes us believe that heaven is not a Hebrew city, but a reality. guardian angels is beautiful.

"I think there is no more touching "We should take death for what it subject for us as we grow older, and is and bless God. It is an enlarging as one by one go those whom we love, of powers. It is the taking of the than this comunion between the spirits scales from the eyes. It is adding one that live there and the spirits that live more to the cloud of blessed. spirits here. Is it the physical presence which who encompass us about. They are makes men dear to us? No, it is the not gone, they are here to-day, part of meart to heart that that makes men this atmosphere. Then shall we not but the hand into the hand. True live as in the sight of God and God's comfadeship here is invisible, it is in- saints?"

G. L. Benson writes: "On Sunday THIRTY FIVE MAY 5 evening we attended the meeting of GOD, MAN AND THE EARTHQUAKE

Mrs. Mary B. Hill, known as the Moon Lodge, and there found the house filled. I saw there for the first time a Spiritualist baptism. Certainly the ceremony was very beautiful and impressive. It was the baptism of a young man, and the words of hope and encouragement which were given, not only to the young man, but to all who were present, were those which would

S. A. Sherman writes from Stevens Point, Wis .: "I delivered the funeral address of Mr. David R. Rodgers a few-days ago in this city. He was a I have delivered prominent citizen. about a dozen funeral addresses of some of the most prominent people in

Frank B. Henderson writes: "I find my time for renewing is drawing near, and you have been pleased to remind passenger train-but that was all the me of that fact. I have kept the fact steadily in view. It is unnecessary to remind me on such occasions, for your loss of my subscription can never equal my appreciation of the absolute need of The Progressive Thinker. just can't do without it.'

come to naught-the people helped ev- ciation. ery one his neighbor, except the

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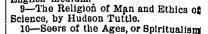
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in the manifestation of things spirit-Mrs. ual to attend the meetings. May Elmo, pastor."

H. D. Morgan writes: "Sunday, April 29, closed the services for the season held by the First Association of Spiritualists of Washington, D. C. Rev. Nellie S. Baade, who has ministered to the association during April, held a ver pleasing consecration service Sunday evening, which Mrs. Baade will later on report in detail. Mrs. M. J. Stephens gave a benefit sefor the San Francisco homeless ones May 1. She was assisted Mrs. M. T. Longley, Mrs. J. Warnecke and Mrs. M. A. Price, which netted with the contribution sent to Mrs. Stephens a goodly sum."

W. H. Mitchell writes from St. Joseph. Mo.: "I cannot close this note without thanking you for the noble work you and The Progressive Thinker are doing for the grand philosophy of Spiritualism. Long live you and your noble paper, to stand up truth against fraud, superstition and ignorance, all of which will ulti-mately land in a hell of their own making. There are a great many Spiritualists in this city, and some good mediums, but not near the harmony I would love to see among Spiritualists.'

N: H. Eddy writes from Buffalo, N Y.: "Sunday, April 29, Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn of Boston, closed a month's engagement with the First Spiritual Church of Buffalo, N. Y. Her lectures and poems have been given from subjects handed up from the audience, and they were very able discourses. Mrs. Allyn is a bright and intellectual woman. She has a very pleasant facility of inspiring and interesting her audiences. Her labors have been satisfactory, and we await her return in 1907, when she is expected to serve our society for a month or two.'

Mrs. H. H. Howe writes: "The Psychic Research Society of Rockford, front, where Mrs. Ripley while under Ill., are entertaining their audiences control gave the most impressive bapwith some of the best talent in the tism of flowers to the dear children, spifitual ranks. We have had since that our society has ever witnessed, the first of the year, Harrison D. Barand Monday evening after a parlor rett, Dr. G. B. Warne, Georgia Gladys Cooley, Mrs. E. J. Hansen, Ella J. being presented with a hand-bag con-Cooley, Mrs. E. J. Hansen, Ella J. being presented with a hand-bag con-Bloom, Mrs. D. L. West, Mrs. Burland taining a purse of gold representing and others. May 13 we are to have the golden opinion that we have of Harrison D. Barrett again for an af- her. We have also invited her to her. We have also invited her to ternoon and evening. Those wishing come to us on her return from Eng-land. We have engaged Mrs. C. F. to can bring their lunch and join the picnic party in the dining-room ad-joining the hall. May 29 we are to have a sociable and dance. Admis-Allyn of Boston, Mass.; Mrs. G. E. Clark of Syracuse, N. Y., and Mrs. Travit of Hornelsville, N. Y., to follow up the good work already done here. sion twenty-five cents. Collins' Or-We will also have the grand opportu-nity of hearing Bro. B. F. Austin, the chestra."

Elizabeth J. Jaquet writes: "It was my privilege again to unite with the first of July, our Dominion Day."

Golden Rule Society on Paulina Henry Scharffetter writes from street, both with its afternoon and Baltimore, Md.: "Oscar A. Edgerly of ovening meetings, which are always Lynn, Mass., has just completed a two well attended. In the afternoon, months' engagement with the First Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Spiritual Church. His mediumship Jaquet gave short talks and meshas given entire satisfaction. All his sages. Mrs. Sexemith was our musi-clan for the atternoon, as Mrs. Cole detures were of the highest order was absent, but the evening brought dive audiences. Of unassuming, geher beaming face in our midst, and we mial demeanor in his normal condition, were glad to have her with us. In the Brother Edgerly develops upon the that period. Address me at No. 2 evening our good brother Dr. C. A. platform under the direct influence of W. Congress street, Chicago, III."

injury. He left just the day before the disaster, to join me in this city.' R., Mitchell writes: "The Spiritualistic Church of the Students of Nature at 461 W. North avenue, had a treat April 22 from Sister Fravel, with her beautiful spiritual instructions. Sister Kirchner surprised our society with her convincing tests. Dr. O. E. Miller and sister will be with us May 13." Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie writes from

Battle Creek, Mich .: "The meeting of last Sunday, April 29, was largely attended and a warm welcome tendered the writer. It has been nine years since last lecturing here. Many changes have taken place, but also many- familiar faces met me. I am slowly but surely regaining strength

and courage, and with the help of the unseen ones feel that I will be able-to carry out all plans for the season's work.

W. J. Howes writes: "My wife and I will be going on our vacation the latter part of May, and will be in the vicinity of St. Paul, Minn., and Rush City, Minn:, for about three weeks and would be pleased to hear from socie tles respecting engagements during that period. Address me at No. 2108

cisco; that he was going to leave there for reason he was at a seance and one of his spirit friends told him to leave the city for it would be destroyed, which he did. Oh! if we had the proper conditions our friends on the other sidé could communicate with us and save us a world of sorrow."

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The Progressive Sunflower Lyceum No. 1 held its eighth meeting Sunday afternoon, April 29, at 523 Belmont avenue, with a membership of 39. showing a gradual increase each Sun-day. Each member takes an active part. Mrs. Helen Webb, the superintendent, thinks before closing time for the summer months she will enroll 50 membersne: After Lyceum service the Daisy Club met; it is an auxiliary to the lyceum, which the children look forward to with great interest. Mrs. Webb sends out her best thoughts to all lyceum workers, wishing them suc-C688. 4) EL

Maggié Hénry wittes: "At Spiritual Mission Chairi (Oid 77) we had a very fine meeting. Our speaker, Prof. F. M. Stoller, took his subject from the audience. That seems to be pop-ular with our audiences — new ideas or thought are brought out by some of ular with our audiences—new ideas or thoughts are brought out by some of the questions asked. The lecture was followed by spirit thessages by Madam Lucile De Lorx and others. All are invited to attend on meetings. We especially invite "Heptics and stran-gers." gers."

The Daisy Club, auxiliary to the Sunflower Lyceum No. 1, held its first outing, May 8, at Mrs. Webb's home, 515 Greenleaf avenue, Rogers Park Miss Helen Layman, president, assisting as hostess. After spending a pleasant time in Music and games, the children were served with ice cream and cake, after which they went to their respective homes, to meet again Sunday, May 6.

Mr. Peter Eckler, one of the leading free-thought publishers, of the United States; lately passed to spirit life, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Wisconsin State Spiritualist Association held Its annual convention in Milwaukee, April 22-24, at Lincoln Hall.

Sunday, April 21, the local socie ties held an afternoon and evening

Both meetings were well attended. Mr. Brooks acted as chairman. All and gave us a test seance. The house local mediums as well as Mr. W. J. Er- and strength, never a present help in wood, Mrs. C. McFarlin and Mrs. Coffman, spoke encouragingly of the advancement of Spiritualism. The lec-tures given by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond during the convention were received with much appreciation.

The work of Mrs. Coffman as test medium, was well received. The following officers were elected

for the ensuing year: Rev. Geo. H. Brooks, president, Wheaton, Ill.; Mrs. Catharine McFarlin, vice-president, LaCrosse; Mrs. better from an old friend and Spiritual-ist of this city who moved to San Francisco last **y**ear. This letter was received two or three months Mehrtens, Milwaukee, and Mrs. Julia Smead, Milwaukee.

atres, all have swelled the fund, even The convention was a financial as churches and Sunday-schools have forvell as spiritual success. gotten the heathen for a moment and

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have given provisions and clothes, bar-

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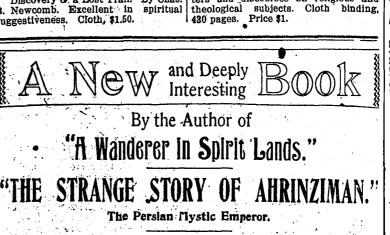
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Levi Wood: Q. Was the Leland Stanford University founded by the advice of spirits?

'I will answer this question by giving in full an-editorial on the subject, from the Kalamazoo Telegraph. I do so for the reason that this journal has not been over partial to Spiritualism, and hence its endorsement indicates the wonderful change which recently has been shown by many representative newspapers and magazines. Moreover, the article gives a full

and fair presentation of the subject, leaving nothing to be asked for.

While at Lake Pleasant camp, I met Corinth. It flowed from many fissures of the rock and from early times at-tracted attention. The flow of water Mr. and Mrs. Stanford. They came on a hasty visit for the purpose of consulting the spirit of their son, was in the high tide of Greek civiliza-through Maud Lord. Mrs. Tuttle and tion increased by cutting into the rock, had the pleasure of sitting in the and the torrent was received in a mar-I had the pleasure of sitting in the and the torient was reserved after the direct held for their especial benefit. ble basin. It was named after the That was before the world had any in- nymph Pirene, who in the beautiful That was before the world had any in-timation of the building of the great myth dissolved in tears after the death of her son, slain by Diana. It Mr. and Mrs. Stanford university. desired to converse with their son, in heart to heart communion, but even was here the winged horse Pegasus, was seized by Bellerophon. as it came more they wished to learn his desires to drink, before attacking the Chimaera. It was held sacred by the anand have his advice on the great work which was to be his monument. If it be asked: "What has Spiritualism cient poets, to the muses, and the coming of Pegasus to the spring, is the done for the world?" let the Kalamapoetic way of speaking. Later the abundant, sparkling stream became a zoo Telegraph answer: 'Every great undertaking has for

symbol of knowledge, and to acquire its vital principle the concept of a learning was to drink of its waters. masterful mind. The outward form No other draft so inspired the poet, or in which such ideas find expression may be obliterated. But not so with sharpened the reason of the sage. the ideas. They survive everything THE EXCELLENT WORKER, except the conditions that compelled

their birth. Leland Stanford, Jr., University at Palo Alto, Cal., was more than the concept of a masterful mind. It was the last grand passion of a strong men who violated custom by having his greatest passion in his old age; it was the brain and heart-child of a woman bowed with grief, and if this man and this woman were right, the university was established and its great buildings reared in obedience to the expressed wish of their only son-a son from the connection with the Wone-who died at the threshold of manhood woc Camp Association, he now has no and whispered from the land of spirits | ties to prevent him from accepting enhis wish that his parents should bevote their enormous fortune to the of the recent convention of the Wis-

consin State Spiritualist Association, creation of a great university. 'Leland Stanford, Jr., University your correspondent has arisen to the will therefore survive the shock of position of "high private in the rear earthquake, because the idea that gave rank," as Geo. H. Brooks, that excel-

in this state, will rally to the support The cornerstone was laid in 1887, and the university was opened to students in 1891. of President Brooks, and aid in carry-ing out the plans he has outlined for

"The university was thus fairly on its feet in 1993, when Senator Stanthe ensuing year. Relative to his own work the writer ford died. But the events of the next few years showed that the troubles of would say that he is contemplating a trip through Indiana, to begin very soon, and would be glad to hear from all the points therein that desire a the institution had just begun-finan-cial troubles that Stanford never-

dreamed would appear. "Possibly it was merely fate trying visit from him while en route; also the latter part of August, and early to show the world the fiber of Mrs. Stanford, but, at any rate, the United part of September, he will he in Kanpart of September, he will he in Kan-sas, and would be glad to hear from societies and localities where there is a desire for a visit from him while in that vicinity. Being a sort of "free hance" now, i will be glad to correspond with any so-nerts, the most remarkable of many States government began suit to recover from the Stanford estate millions upon millions that were claimed to be

due the government as interest upon a loan made to aid Stanford to build the Central Pacific. The instant the suit was brought the Stanford estate a part of the coming fall and winter Falls, Wis., for the present. WILL J. ERWOOD. Address me at Black River was tied. up. The university was in imminent danger of being compelled to close its door for lack of money to

IMPORTANT 'NOTICE.

Mass-Meeting et Whitewater, Wis., May 16 and 17.

"Mrs. Stanford never said anything at Whitewater, Wis., for two days, folabout her intentions, but one day she lowing the annual meeting of the Mor-ris Pratt Institute on the 15th. There is called the trustees of the university together and gave them \$3,000,000. to be a good program offered to the She had sold her gems, friends. Mr. and Mrs. Hull will then "Then began the good luck of the university that lasted until last Wednesday morning. The govern-

ment lost its suit against the Stanford to be carried out has not yet been arestate and the \$30,000,000 originally devised to the university was released. And when Mrs. Stanford died about a year ago, she gave to the university the last dollar that remained of the Stanford estate, about \$6,000,000, will do all they can to make it pleasmaking its total endowment \$36,000,ant for all who come.

000. "Inside the quadrangle at Palo Alto are buried the ashes of the man, I forget to say in the proper place, that Mrs. McFarlin will also be pres-ent, also Dy. Mehrtens and wife, Miss Louise Loebel, secretary of the state the woman and the boy whose existence made the university possible. society, and others.

The man and the woman were strong This is the first mass meeting since in many ways, but in no way so much as in the strength of their love for to be followed by many others through the state.

and at all others to be held in the state. I will try and do my best by the friends. One and all who can, should attend the Whitewater meeting

and enjoy the feast of things. I will keep up the meetings in Milwaukee for the month of May, and assist one Sunday in the afternoon at Dr.

Hedgerson's meetings; one Sunday afternoon at Dr. Fred Mehrten's, and large attendance; so you see we are to keep the ball rolling.

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Spiritualism Is Advancing the World The Part It Is to Play in Perpetuating Over, and Occult Experiences Are Becoming Common.

, The Lyceum of the Philadelphia Spiritual Society held unique services Four investigators of spiritualistic henomena related their personal exin Independence Square, on Saturday periences to a large audience in the afternoon, April 21, 1906, by planting salon of the Royal society of British an Oriental Plane Tree in memory of

their late arisen leader. Wm:-R. Mc-

perts, the most remarkable of many extraordinary expendences related. In December, 1884, said Mr. Spriggs, Mr. H. J. Brown, J. B. Melbourne, het two conciliants also presented the tree, the only one of its kind in the square, to the society.

lost two sons in a yachting accident. They had sailed away in a boat and services of dedication. Each carrying sor heard of the accident, was able to not returned. Under control, he (Mr. Spriggs), who had myt known the boys or heard of the accident, was able to inform their mother of their fate, de-sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

There is to be a grand mass-meeting Whitewater, Wis., for two days, fol-plained that his body had been eaten of Philadelphia's great heritage of

by a shark, but said that of his young-er brother would be discovered. Washington, Franklin, Jefferson and Later came confirmation of the Paine, and the place of Philadelphia news received from the spirit world. in the history of colonial and revolube home. Mr. Hull is to assist. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond and others are expected to be there. The program spot described by the medium. On for the month, who spoke briefly of

to be carried out has not yet been ar-ranged in full, but I can assure all in Hobson's bay, It was cut open, and roundings, and the sentiment which Thursday evening there is to be a social, one of the kind you read of. The school and friends of Whitewater curlos in his possession at the time of the children the great herces upon the tender will do sult they are the post who have done things, and the commemoration of the tender will do sult they are to be a social.

of the past who made it possible for the accident. The hands of the watch—an Eng-lish lever—bointed to 9 o'clock, the joy the privilege of a liberty-loving very hour mentioned by the medium people. After Miss Florence Clarke, a bright

nine days previously. In regard, to this growsome narramiss of 9 years, recited Wadsworth's "Lines Written in Early Spring," and tive even the Psychical Research So-This is the first mass meeting since the convention in Milwaukee, and it is to be followed by many others clety, observed Mr. E. W. Walls, who presided, could not find a flaw in the evidence. the Master Henry Shope with a spade to

Mr. Spriggs' control was a spirit break up the soil around the tree; Your humble servant, the writer of this, wishest the friends everywhere to arouse and let us all work with a will. I shall be present at the mass-meeting, had materialized himself in Mr. Hearv M. Shope, leader of the lyceum, dedicated the tree. Strik-ing the trunk with a rose, she said: "I had materialized himself in Mr. How dedicate this tree to commemo-Spriggs' bedroom, and in answer to rate the memory of Wm. R. Me-questions had stated his name. Glenn." Mrs. Shope is lending all her ener

Admiral Osborne Moore, a more recent convert to Spiritualism, who had gies to make the lyceum a success, for been diligently pursuing his investigations both in New York and England, declared that a certain admiral under whom he had served thirty years ago. and who was now in the spirit world, under its branches, and tell of the had made himself, known to him at pleasant occasion, and will keep in

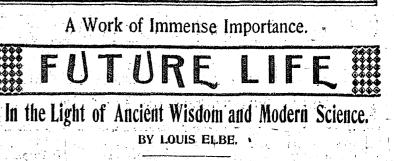
benefit of the state society, and the book were printed with "The Horace prospect now is that there will be a Browne Memorial Prize" and the college arms. Unknown to any one but pendence Hall, saluting the Liberty herself, she took one of these forms, Bell as they entered, and gave the flag herself, she took one of these forms, folded twice, to a seance and held the salute as they left the building.

Twice attempts went made my materialized hands to draw the paper from her fingers. The third time she of the past, and especially she spoke stretched her hand forward a little to them of Thomas Paine, whose bust

There are many Robert Hales, who ave done their utmost to, bring to those who have sufficient dollars to enhave done their utmost to bring to light who is the real "Aunt Betsey;" yet after the exposes made private and postors.

word. In truth we get very little

Brother Francis, make a clean sweep of all the chaff that now rests



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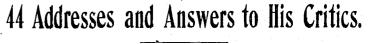
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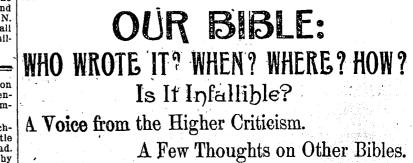
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she realizes how much the planting of this living monument means to the children, and how they would look back in after years and live over again the last Sunday we are to hold another union meeting at Severance Hall, af-ternoon and evening, and all the friends are invited. On Saturday evening the 26th, all the societies in Milwaukee are to give a party, for the Dulwich college. Exbels to insert in a Mad made himself, kilowh to him at had made himself, kilowh to him at had made himself, kilowh to him at heast twenty times. An interesting incident was related by Mrs. W. P. Browne. On the death had instituted a mightorial prize at Dulwich college. Exbels to insert in a heat state scalety, for the book wore printed with "The Hornee".

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showing the children through the Hall, Mrs. Shope particularly pointed out the faces of some of the great men

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etc., let us

existence still lives. It will live lent worker from Wheaton, Ill., has even though the man and the woman stepped into the presidency of that as who expressed the idea are dead, and sociation. In this change much wis-most of its fifteen buildings are in dom has been shown, as Bro Brooks. ruins, with a resultant loss of over is a man of wide experience and versa-\$4,000,000, because the need of a tility. A strong board has been great place of learning for the youth elected to assist him in the work. of the land still exists. "'A broken heart will run through Farlin, of Plainview, Minn., and Miss Among them are Mrs. Catherine Me-

many editions,' said Oscar Wilde, speaking of books. Leland Stanford, Louise Loebel, who is the new secre-

tary. The writer closed, just before the Jr., University's greatest strength lies convention, an extensive missionary trip in this state; during this trip in the fact that it was founded on two broken hearts. The Stanfords had an only child-a son-who bore the name Coffman of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mrs. served the association as test medium. of the father and was the idol of the mother. When this boy was a toddler Stanford was engaged in his great un-She is an excellent clairvoyant and clairaudient, as well as trance medidertaking of building the Central Paum, and her work was well received by the many to whom she ministered. cific railway. The work dragged, and Stanford went to take command. She was also the test medium at the Away into the mountains he went, and in 239 days he built 530 miles of convention, and did some very touch-

railway. In this time he was home but once. And that once was to see this boy who had fallen ill. "In 1884 the boy was sent east to

college. The parting was not without a fresh pang on the part of the doting mother, who disliked to see her boy go far away. But it seemed best that he should go, and she gave him up. Little did she knew that she was giving him up for ever. He came back in a baggage car-dead.

That was the real birth of the university whose buildings have just he had been told that she was "in fallen. Always inclined toward Spir-itualism, the Stanfords now became he has of her now is that he will not devotees to it. Only their feet touched the earth. In thought and in soul they were millions of miles awaywith their son in the land beyond the stars. And one day they came back to the earth with a mes

Bage. . "It was a message from their son. This son, they told their friends, de-sired them to build a great university for the sons and daughters of other parents and to bestow upon it all of their fortune. "That settled it. They never ques-

lioned the wisdom or the lack of wisdom of the proceeding. It was enough for them to know that their. son wanted them to do this thing. And straightway they proceeded to do ture was, only those who had the priv-

"The grant of endowment was made the next year after the boy's death-in 1885. It conveyed to the univer-ity about 90,000 acres of land in Calfornia. This grant included the Many other good people were there, Palo Alto ranch of 9,000 acres in Te- but as the State Secretary has unhama county and the Gridley ranch of doubtedly written a full report, I need 22,000 acres in Butte county. Two not mention them in detail. I will

ing work there. As the speaker of the occasion we had the incomparable Cora L. V. Richmond, whose presence acted as a mag-

net for the people. This lady needs no encomiums from me, but as I believe in giving our flowers while the worthy ones are still in the body, I wish to say-what is already widely known—that Mrs. Richmond's work is incomparable. The writer knew Mrs. Richmond, when he was a little fellow, going to the Catholic church. He was mightily afraid of her, because be able to hear her as often as he

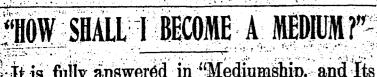
would like to. Brother William Richmond was present, and we enjoyed his companionship very greatly.

All in all, our convention was one of the best and most harmonious that the writer has ever attended in the good old state of Wisconsin. The genial president of the Illinois State Association, Dr. Geo. B. Warne, spent a day with us, and greatly cheered us on our way. The way this excellent worker has grown in the last

couple of years is a marvel. Then we had that dear young man, A. J. Weaver, of the Morris Pratt Institute with us. What a jewel his leclege of listening thereto can under-

stand. The school was well represented by Brother Weaver and Secretary Emma J. Owen.

Many other good people were there. and a half millions in cash were also simply add that it is my strongest hrown in, making the total endow- hope that the Spiritualists everywhere



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he seekers of truth, viz., Spiritualists who have for years accepted materialization as given by the many charlaens fall. tans who have made their pretensions

as being materializing mediums. The "white dress, shoes and doll" the Mr. and Mrs. Gullible's generosity.

are investigating Spiritualism, but it has brought forth sentiments and tes-

thus putting on their guard those de-sirous of only truth.

diam the only barnacle that weights are simply in the work for all the our ship of Truth? Are there not revenue there is in it. others, far more destructive in their dealings with human kind?

The materializing mediums are at The materializing meaning are the writer's observation by a personal least harmless so far as their exhibi-tion goes, they at least develop pa-interview of the recipient. She had sought spiritual comfort. This was

tience, if not common sense, for who has not set for three long hours or the message: "I see the former wife more in some closed, air-tight room, breathing and rebreathing the foul, contaminated air of a dark seance room, for just this message: "I am glad to greet you-must go nowwill have more strength next time. Come again. (One dollar, please.) Whilst in this we are minus one dol-lar, yet the exhibition, and the pleas-

ure of having embraced and kissed some supposed spirit, has made many of us soar skyward, so long as the de usion lested.

All of the materialized spirits (supposed) as produced from the cabinet, that, which is the großser part of us, that it was ever the writer's fortune to Now, I ask, is such a demonstration greet, at least made no pretensions at solving life's troubles and sorrows, ualism, or to our material benefit in for others, as is the case with many life? Is it not a libertonieur departed for others, as is the case with many professing clairvoyants, who assume

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to be able, through their guides, to able to defend themselves against take the web of an individual life and weave and unweave it'at will, in their pusiness readings (also at one dollar per head). Then we have the locater of mines, who has caused more, financial and mental wreckages, than all materializ-ers combined, if this were a possibil-

ers combined, if this were a possibil-ity. Many call upon them and their Not guides to just locate one mine (we from the spirit world, though given in were. They are curing c will not be choice—gold, silver or cop-per) for the sole benefit of our and best of seekers of fruth, really baths and medicines had us the from the searchight of true inves-"Moses" and his school (including his can bear the searchight of true inves-faithful wife Mattie) so that their tigation. For much is but the emanaclosing days of life's activity might be spent in the quietness, of a restful fome shelter. Would this be asking too much, of either medium or the spirit world, whom these two have so faithfully served?

Then we have to contend with the wonderful developing medium, who has been instrumental of more lunatica.

ucators, who dare speak what they know to be a truth, though the heavunmolested on our floor of Spiritualism. After material toggery has Let organizations and camps cease been sufficiently aired, such as the

to court the marvelous, and shield and white dress, shoes, doll, support the true, honest workers. have had a two-fold mission. First, Let mediums seek to be taught by nothingnesses of the mental phases, be some mortal was made the richer by such able and experienced men and they from spirit or mortal, and openly bring to the surface these vapory women as Moses and Mattie Hull, denounce any individual who shall be Second, its publicity has aroused not Hudson Tuttle, Lyman C. Howe, Prof. only doubt in the minds of those who Loveland, Mrs. Lillie, and the many the mouthpiece to bring destruction Loveland, Mrs. Lillie, and the many

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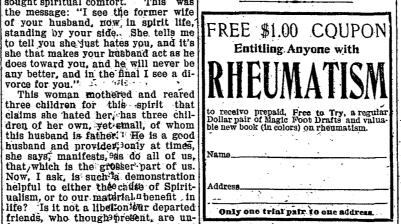
vorce for you."

by their advice in the home life. other bright lights in our ranks, not In conclusion, I desire to say "hello" over the distant phone of forgetting the president of our Natimonies from those who by careful tional Association. Brother Barrett, and studious investigation are willing who is such an able, exponent of our to aid in turning the searchlight on these wrong-doers, who have for years who have given their lives to the seektime, to the friends in the eastern clime, whose memory I hold dear. Changes have come to each of us, some to our loss, whilst others are for our betterment.

ers and counselors, if in search of truth, than all that can be gained by This latter has been my lot, and I greet each of you from my home in The question arises, since all true attending public circles, or having spiritualists are desirous to have our sittings with mediums whom you ranks purified, is the materializing meknow not, and who, in many cases, this beautiful City of the Angels, and a clime wherein all can feel themselves in an earthly paradise of the gods.

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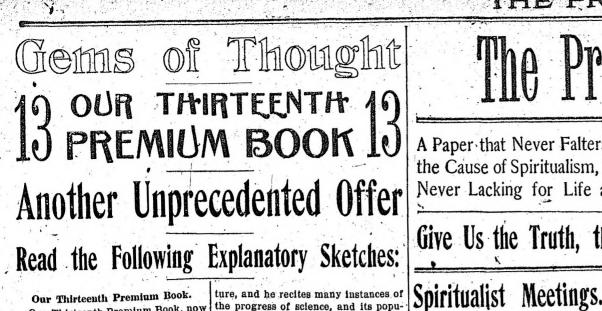


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Mrs. M. T. Longley,

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