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### Whence Comes the Power?

"A full-form figure of my arisen son, encircled in a halo of light crossed my room in midnight darkness, while I was fully awake."

Doubtless it is a truly spiritual, po- Among other things, even Prof. etical-mind that shines through an ar- Flournoy reached such a conclusion ticle of Dr. Morrison (see The Pro- after the phenomena he witnessed gressive Thinker No. 859); but in through the famous Geneva medium. spite of sincere admiration I must beg Relating them all in his book, "From permission to venture a few remarks India to the Planet Mars," and vouchfor general consideration, in the in- ing for the genuine mediumship of terest of truth, based on facts and Miss Smith, he volunteers his astonlogic; truth, always blazing so boldly ishing conclusion as a climax, and from the banner of The Progressive then steps aside to rest upon his lau-

I fully endorse the Doctor's views know better. and advice in regard to materialization, since it evidently offers the dently calculated by invisible guests strongest temptations for fraudulent to invite questions to be answered by •performances. I never attended any; them? Can it be the sleeping medimy spiritual knowledge rests on personal experience and the study of Spir- often plainly denote personages in the itualistic literature. The Progressive spirit world of widely diverging char-Thinker leading always. Only one acters, experiences and endowments? phenomenon ever came to me that resembled materialization, but was identified? called "etherealization" by the late Dr. Hodgson with whom I correspond- cal powers of an otherwise ignorant ed, being at the time an associated man, they simply show that it must be member of the American branch of an intelligence superior to his own the Society for Psychical Research.

full-form figure of my arisen son, en- individuals they were on earth, their circled by a halo of light, crossing my room in midnight darkness while I quickened. May not spirit mathemawas fully awake.

Morrison says: "The more thoroughly the limit of our ideas of possibilities, we examine occult power, the less we and may not such spirits control some are convinced of its spiritual origin."

Strange! The majority of investigators reach the opposite conclusion. Dr. Morrison points to the mysterious cosmic forces that "run out in physical and mental channels." This, he concludes, after saying that we "absolutely know nothing about these

can we fathom occult powers, but we pressions long since recorded on the find distinctions that must lead us to brain." different conclusions.

The power that moves the universe is to all appearance a forever acting natives with regard to trumpet speakmechanical power, calculable, but un- ing: Either it is what it claims to be, changeable. Occult power defles or it is a humbug. Why taking so mathematics, and acts according to much pains to create "scientific sophthe wish and whim of some intelli- istries?" gence commanding the power.

- To the question, "Whence the nower?" we must add-another one, "Who er Spiritualists to place our feet upon wields the power?" Is is the medium the foundation of eternal truth;" but entranced, or sitting quietly near the let us arrive at such truth fairly and moving material objects? Then it squarely. could, indeed, be only his or her sub- | Finally, again: "Were I an artist."

sions a thousand times more miracu-

responsible for any kind of phenom- where is our Spiritualism? ena, seems downright preposterous.

Are not most of the phenomena evium? Do not the answers or messages Are not those personages frequently

rels, undisturbed so far by those who

As for the phenomenal mathematithat solves those problems. Spirits Said phenomenon consisted in the declare that, though being the same senses and perceptions are immensely ticians arrive at a degree - of profi-But to the principal question. Dr. ciency in solving problems that pass ignorant but mediumistic mortal?

What about painting mediums, musical mediums, etc?

Can the crude automatic cosmic force produce the sublime creations of masters of art? Oh! common sense, where art thou?

One more strange idea: "Probably your wife's talking through the trum-Sure enough, we do not: neither pet is only the reproduction of im-

> To the writer's mind, and to many others also, there are only two alter-

Finally, dear doctor, I heartily agree with your appeal""to all broth-

conscious self, as some wise scientists etc. No doubt you are, Brother Morproclaim, while plain, common sense rison, for your pen-brush has created wonders at the assertion, and laughs. a wonderful Utopia for us to admire; Is it not astonishing what a circui- but may the dear artist not soar too tous road some scientists describe in high to remember the fact that he deoccult research, to arrive at conclu-spoils our sublime philosophy of its "magna charta" for his perfect world, lous than the simple belief in spirit if he shifts the source of the phenomena from Spiritualism to some other To make an unknown psychic power to be hunted after? For, withquantity, termed subconscious mind, out the basis of genuine phenomena,

#### A PROPHETIC VISION.

Rancher Foresaw Death in Well-Wrote Letter to County Clerk Stating Fears-Four Days Later He The highway to wealth is a perilous Was Killed by Blast and Body Found by Neighbors.

Coulee City, Wash .- Four days be fore death overtook him, Ben Smith foresaw his end and committed his fears to paper. Smith was a home steader, eighteen miles north of Coulee. On May 11 he addressed a letter to the county clerk of Douglas county stating he feared his end would come before he was through with a well he was digging. The note left directions for the disposition of his effects and

was left in his cabin.
On Tuesday the violent death that Smith foresaw overtook him. Two heavy blasts were heard from the well he was sinking and, as the settler was not seen about the place for some days, neighbors investigated the mat-The well was partly full of water and this being drawn out Smith's dismembered remains were found at the Both legs and an arm were

torn off by the explosion. A broken ladder gave the clew to the man's death. It was evident that after lighting the fuses he started for the surface, only to be precipitated to the bottom of the shaft by the collapse

#### SLEEPING, NOT DEAD.

Ye silent men, who to the country

The last full measure of devotionlife— Ye fell asleep with the tumultuous

Around you swelled in fury, like the

Which breaks upon the rocks which prove its grave.
Today, around you all the air is rife

With wailing cries from bugle and from fife-The voice of that dear land you died

to save; Nay, ye have never died—ye livetoday In every soul which joys that it is

free; In that fair flag with which the breezes play, With every flashing star undimmed,

unlost; in all our hearts, which clay like vours shall be Before our land forgets what free-Ninette M. Lowater in N. Y. Sun. own. - George Ellot.

#### THE PERILOUS ROAD.

"You Must Pay in Coin You Have Given to Him."

All paved with the skulls and the

Of victims who fell by the tyrant's sharp goad. And left there their murmurs and groans

To tell of their sufferings day by day That pilfered their vigor and life away.

The pathway that leads to the "million" stake. Is haunted at every turn By echoes from myriad hearts that

Because of the mandates stern That fetter them fast from first to

A miserable pittance to earn! The greed of the monster who enters that race And strives for the coveted goal

Will hesitate not, nor slacken pace That threatens the peace of his soul, But rush straight ahead with a menac

ing tread.
Regardless of cries from the "quick or the dead."

Oh! inhuman monster, your brother to crush By weight of your strong iron-rod;

And out of the mortal his spirit to push By dint of your merciless prod!

Stern Justice will say, for this you must pay In coin you have given to him;-The grouns and the tears, and harrow ing fears Will fill your sad cup to the brim.

### A. H. REYNOLDS.

GOOD ADVICE. There's a right way and a wrong way Our lives to live, There's a short way and a long way Our help to give. There's a good way and a bad way For everything. A merry way and a sad way-

Don't sigh, but sing."

Truth itself; according to Locke's fine saying, will not profit us so long as she is but held in the hand and taken upon trust from other minds, not wooed and won and wedded by our

### A GREAT MOVEMENT.

#### The American Institute for Scientific Research-Its Field of Labor.

If you have the means at your command, contrib-| Dr. James H. Hyslop has been apute to this Great Movement now being inaugurated by Prof. Hyslop. It will lead you into new fields of asked to give references, and shall thought. It will be a potent agent in establishing in and addresses of two persons of good every nation, and among eminent literary men, and leading Divines and Statesmen, the Grand Truths of bership has been adopted which is de-Spirit Return. Join it! Contribute your spare dollar, and thus aid in disseminating a fuller knowledge of sons will be members of the Sections, Spirit Returns than at present exists. The world following are the five types of privineeds The American Institute for Scientific Research. | leged members: Founders, Patrons, Fellows, Members and Associates.

The American Institute for Scien- For preliminary organization the tific Research now succeeds to the sum of \$25,000 was asked for and was work of the Society for Psychical Re- finally pledged. But the ill health of search in this country and means to extend the field of investigation into \$5,000. This sum has yet to be se-Abnormal Psychology. This latter cured in order to save the \$20,000. field, however, will represent an inde- It is hoped that all who are interested pendent section of the Institute. The in the work in this country will see immediate work to be effected is the to it that this small sum is promptly reorganization of the investigations in obtained. The dissolution of the psychic research in the United States. American branch had made it neces-The American Branch of the London sary to act at once in the work of re-Society was dissolved a few days ago organization and the fund for doing in deference to plans formulated by this is imperatively needed. It will the American Institute for Scientific be several years before the member-Research. The Section of the Insti- ship fees will even pay office and clertute which is to take the place of the ical expenses. The investigations and body just dissolved will go under the publications cannot be carried on name of the American Society for Psy- without additional means. It is the chical Research. The institute itself intention to appeal and to work for a is merely a board of trustees which large endowment, but for the immedishall serve as custodian and disburser ate wants of the undertaking the small of endowment funds to be used as sum of \$5,000 will suffice to save that subsidies for the different Sections of which has already been pledged and the Institute and such individuals en- to carry on the work for a few years gaged in similar investigations as this on a small scale while; adequate enboard thinks qualified for the work. dowments are sought. The smaller The American Society for Psychical sum must be obtained at once, and it Research will have its own independ- is hoped that publications may begin of \$200.

The American Institute for Scien- The Institute is merely to protect tific Résearch has been granted a per- both fields. petual charter by the State of New York. Its primary aim is to organize tute has not been completed, and will and subsidize investigations in Psylits present members are Dr. James J. chical Research and Abnormal Psy- Putnam, Harvard University; Dr. Michology or Psychopathology. The In- pot J. Savage, New York; Dr. R. Hestitute proper will consist merely of a ber Newton, Easthampton, N. Y.; Mr. board of trustees, who shall act as C. Griswold Bourne, New York; Mr. custodians and disbursers of the endownent funds. They will not direct. Menander Dawson, New York; Mr. ly supervise investigations of any Charles L. Bogle, New York, and Dr. They will only see to it that individual men or bodies of men shall be qualified to receive such aid as the Institute shall see fit to grant in behalf of work under its protection. The American Society for Psychical

SAVED FROM THE DISASTER.

Letter From Mrs. Rose L. Bushnell-

DonnElly.

ordered have reached me safely. "Ah

rinziman" came last. I have read it.

both night and day. It is one of the

most intensely interesting books that

has been my pleasure to read for many

years. You, I am sure, will realize a

We are the loosers of about \$25,-000. My own individual property was

not touched by fire, but the quake did

some damage to it. I have been look-

ing for this disaster for over two

years. At last my mother in spirit life said: "My dear child, go South."

My health was not good at that time

so it seemed the proper thing to do. I

went, and then business called us back

for a few weeks, and we had but just

arrived home two days before the

shock came that devastated our proud

city. - I felt all the time while there.

that I must hurry away. It seemed

as we boarded the cars, that the hurry

was not so great. My husband had just shipped his valuable horse, my

own carriage horse also, in time to

Oh! I can never tell you fully of the

dreadful calamity; the sorrow and the want it is responsible for. I ask those

who believe in certain things, "Why their God was so unmerciful to his

I was fearful that the precious Pro-

gressive Thinker would not be able to

reach us through all the dreadful sur-

roundings, but it came promptly. An-

More than ever am I sure that San

Francisco will yet go down. I will

never trust it, as dearly as I love the

sweet memories that cluster around

precious dust of my-darlings rest there

in their golden niche, and flowers are

blooming over the spot where once

we rambled in the sweet days of their

companion's life; but I can never see

the same again till I am at home

Rose L. Bushnell-DonnElly.

The greatest of faults I should say

is to be conscious of none,—Carlyle,

my soul while I sojourned there.

Our city of seven hills is struggling

very large sale from it.

to rise from the ashes.

save the rig.

over there.

To the Editor:-The three books I

board as soon as it has been properly completed. The Council of the American Soci-Research, which will be a section of ety is also in process of formation. the Institute, will be organized as an Some time will be required to complete it. At present it comprises the names of Professor W. Romaine Newindependent body, with a separate council which will have power to direct its affairs. The reason for the in- bold, of the University of Pennsyldependent organization of the society vania; Professor-H. Norman Gardiin this manner is that it is most dener, of Smith College, Northampton, sirable to have the work of psychic re- Mass.; Professor W. R. Benedict, of search and psychopathology conduct- the University of Cinclinati; Dr. Wesed wholly apart from each other, as ton D. Bayley, of Philadelphia, and the fields are more or less distinct. Dr. James H. Hyslon, New York.

pointed secretary and treasurer.

Applicants in special cases may be then be expected to supply the names standing in the community.

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Associates-shall have the privilege of being enrolled in one Section of the Institute: of receiving only the Journal published in that Section, and shall pay an annual fee of \$5. A person may become a Life Associate upon the payment of \$100.

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It is intended that each Section iam S. Crandall, New York; Mr. Miles shall have its own publications. There will be an annual volume of Proceedngs and a Journal for each Section James H. Hyslop, New, York. The as formed. The Proceedings will last five named persons are the inconsist of detailed reports and discorporators, and will resign from the cussions connected with the work of the officers and Councils. The Journal will consist of matter which may be considered as the "raw material" for investigation, and will be issued only to members of the Sections.

All communications and inquiries regarding the Institute and the American Society of Psychical Research should be addressed to Dr. James H. Hyslop, 519 West 149th street. New York.

JAMES H. HYSLOP, Secretary.

#### FREED FROM FATE.

As a feather from the wings of Fate. Every changing breeze beguiled me. ran the scale from earth to heaven My soul within me burned with wrath And, blind with hate, I could not And the pace from peace exiled me. A raging hailstorm beat me down, And slimes of despond defiled me From scenes of strife I went that day,

wrought me;

. me.

letters

God.

She uprighted the waterlogged ship

And on Life's deep sea embarked

'Faith. With Knowledge' in shining

Unon my brow then remarked me:

With a new born hope ensparked

Love, Hope and Faith inarched me

me. So one by one from the hands of Fate,

Now with Soul's hand at the helm

As proudly I glide over the sea.

The rocks I can defy
When Love's bright beacon guides

best intelligence in the pew believes it.

It is the pew leads, not the pulpit.

The preacher always preaches the gos

O. V. LABOYTEAUX.

Though adverse winds may belie,

The Fates I over whelm

Reading, Mich.

And thus from the spirit power of

Dame Despair now lent her filthy hand From turmoil and from heavy care Till the weight of dross aniled me and sought the quiet forest way All down this course on the wings of And tried to nurse my anger there

But all my comrade trees were calm, Beast of prey and leeches fought The flowers and ferns spoke of . me, And beat me back from the ray of peace, And o'er my soul there fell a halm light

The hand of Hope would allot me. But Love, from her throne, in mercy That bade the angry-tumult cease And, wearied with my walk, at last looked On the wreck King Fate had I flung myself upon the ground; My bitter thoughts away I cast; My fettered soul grew free, un And in her radiant, gentle way The folly of drifting taught me.

bound. The leaves were whispering to me, Sweet birds were singing in the boughs:

FOREST WAYS.

With arching branches over me.

wandered down a forest path

The board of trustees of the Insti-

The demon cares began to fiee As sun and shadow kissed my Full length upon the earth Llay

And through green branches saw So all my hatred passed away, While tears bedewed away

put a flower in my breast When I went back to town more. and peace has been my constant gues Here in the mighty tumult's roar.

Through all the hot and sultry days, Beyond these walls that grimly frown, I see those quiet forest ways. I hear the bluebird and the thrush, I see the cool, green branches wave And in my soul there comes a hush

Here pent within the garish town

As sweet and soothing as the grave —Will Reed Dunroy. We often have to pay the penalty, in our own persons, of what we call oth-ers to account for.—An in. Nurture your mind with great thoughts; to believe in the heroic

lation.—Marcus Auxilius.

Theology is no longer a question of the skies. If God is anywhere He is here, and the way to honor him is to work for his children, work for humanity. And no preacher, no matter how orthodox, now dare dissent from this proposition, simply because the

pel the people want. The people who pay, get the goods they demand.— Elbert Hubbard. thoughts; to believe in the makes heroes.—Distabli.

Within one's salt must be the source of strength, the basis of consobe silent is the first answer to calum-marcus auralius.

Elbert Hubbard.

To persevere in one's duty, and to be silent is the first answer to calum-my.—Washington.

### Really a Modern Miracle.

Spontaneous Phenomena the most convincing—No. Fake Work about the same—She was painfully sick. dangerously so, and the Spirit Came and Cured Her. Really a Modern Miracle, one that in ancient times would have been Ascribed to the "Lord."

To the Editor.—The following accompany that the spinal cord was afcount of a remarkable cure is taken fected. from the Springfield, Mass., Republi-

I believe this is a case of direct spirit guidance and spirit aid. You will were Drs. Blowyer, Freeman, Dand-note that Miss Tahse declares "some ridge, Catterhorn, and Langdon, sevunseen spirit visited" her and instructed her exactly what to do; further, that through following this advice to the letter she was speedily restored to health. At the same time Miss Tahse gives the credit for her re-covery "to the Lord alone," without as much as "I thank you" to the kind and watchful spirit friends who were, at least, the instruments through which

the cure was performed. The fact that one limb had become shortened naturally leads to the conclusion that some displacement of bone resulted from the accident, while local paralysis of the member would indicate this displacement caused unnatural pressure upon the motor nerve at, or near the snine.

While the spirit friends of Miss Tahse must have fully understood from the start the nature of her case physical and psychical conditions, to aid her. Some peculiarity in her environ-

ments at the time, coupled with temporary increase in the vibrations of her spirit aura, from causes not mentioned, presented the "opening" which her spirit friends had long awaited. She was at once put under spirit control and "COMPELLED TO ACT AGAINST HER WILL." She "was ordered to take an ice-cold bath,'

tions that were extremely painful to Without doubt the strange motions and contortions of limbs and body were especially favorable to a reduction of the displacement, and consequent relief from the undue pressure on the motor nerve of the affected

made to exercise her arms and hands

strangely and "to go through contor-

also correct the functional impairment of the young woman's vision. Had some physician performed

DEMONSTRATION OF SPIRITHEAL-ING, the editor of the otherwise liberal and progressive Republican makes no mention of it.

WM. VAN WATERS.

Springfield, Mass,

REMARKABLE CASE OF HEALING.

Miss Tahse's Amazing Cure-Cincinnati Woman Visiting in Springfield, Mass., Throws Away Her Crutches and Glasses After Six Years of Par-A remarkable case of restoration to

perfect health from what seemed like permanent invalidism has occurred hereafter superfluous. this week to Miss Louise Tahse of Cincinnati, O., who has for the past year been a guest at the home of Mr. stairs. and Mrs. Frank A. Sherwin of 441 Summer avenue.

The case bears a close resemblance to the healing miracles and had it occurred 19.00 years ago would undoubtedly have been generally regarded as such, but medical science attributes a logical reason for the sudden transformation. For some six years Miss Tabse has been an invalid, and physicians have given her little hope that she would ever regain the use of her the limb was paralyzed from the hip

most in an instant and with it unimpaired sight, although the eyes had she was suffering from paralysis. been affected since Miss Tahse was 12 alone and says that the suffering large number of friends yesterday. which she endured while the change Dr. Lynch does not, however, be was being wrought in her was most excruciating.

Miss Tahse was until six years ago

accident which left her in such a condition that no less than 25 doctors of all schools and healers of all cults declared her incurable.

While about to cross one of the

principal streets in the city she stepped into a noose in a rope which was being dragged behind a truck team. The noose closed up on her leg and she was dragged several hundred feet before the team was stopped. For some time afterward a fatal result from the hip down and it had of a suit brought against the truck He lives on Cass street.

Among Cincinnati physicians who pronounced her case one of paralysis induced by affection of the spinal cord

ridge, Catterhorn, and Langdon, several of whom are said to be wellknown specialists on nerve diseases.

Miss Tahse recovered \$10,000 for her injuries.

For five years after the accident Miss Tahse took but two steps, and spent most of her time in a wheel chair. By remarkable force of will she kept house for her brother in Cincinnati until about a year ago, getting about the rooms in her She had been for many years an intimate friend of Mrs. Sherwin, who is the wife of the roadmaster of the Boston and Maine railroad. About a year ago she came to this city to visit Mrs. Sherwin, and has since remained here. She was unable to sleep when she came here, but she has gradually improved so that she has gotten about considerably with the aid of crutches and her chair. She has never been free from pain, however, since the accident, and has been under the constant care of Dr. Charles F. Lynch. She has also consulted the local oculists regarding her eyes, which were said to be affected with a. nervous

#### Visited by a Spirit.

Her sudden recovery had its beginning Sunday night, when she was ta-ken ill. Miss Tahse claims that she was then visited by some unseen spirit which seemed to compel her to act against her will. Her hands were made to move in queer fashion and she was forced to go through contortions which were extremely painful The spirit ordered her to to her. take an ice-cold bath and then to don an immaculate gown. After this she was ordered by the spirit to go through further motions with her hands and body, and then rest for a While the "spirit was still upon time. At midnight Sunday she awoke her" it was possible for this power to and the spirit was still upon her and ordered her to exercise further with her hands.

After another rest she awoke about cure one-half as remarkable, or had the afflicted party received equal benefit in apparent answer to fervent on the roof of the pigzza just outside prayer, it would have been deemed of her window. She stood out on the of sufficient importance to warrant extract for for several minutes and waved. tended editorial comment; but being a her hands on high, feeling that Christ was to walk up the ladder with her.
. She awoke from this delusion and returned to her room and slept until morning. She was apparently in the same condition in which she had been for the past two years when she During the morning, howevawoke. er, she became delirious, and it required the combined effort of Dr. Lynch and Mrs. Sherwin to control

> During one of these delirious moments she rushed from her bed and, hurled her crutches from her, saying that never again should she use them. At the same time she threw off her glasses and declared that those were

The amazed onlookers allowed her to walk about for a time and go down The delirium continued at intervals during the day, although Miss Tahse can now remember many incidents that happened during the

Monday night she slent soundly and when she awoke yesterday morning she was perfectly lucid and without an ache or pain. She can walk up and down stairs and run about the yard almost as actively as before she was injured.

In the transformation the crippled left leg, it having been thought that leg seemed to have been stretched, as it was formerly shorter than the right limb, but is now exactly the same The marvelous healing occurred length. Miss Tahse said last night Sunday night and Monday, the use of that she never had any expectation of the limb having been restored alleg and she is firm in the belief that

Naturally she was most happy over years old. Miss Tahse credits her her regeneration, as she called it, and sudden receivery to health to the Lord she received congratulations from a

Dr. Lynch does not, however, helieve that there was anything miraculous about the healing. He is inclined to believe that there was never in charge of one of the largest candy any affection of the soinal cord. If stores in Cincinnati, but met with an there had been, he said, nothing short of a miracle could have accomplished the restoration. He regarded it as a type of hysteria, but said he had never seen or heard of a case which had been suddenly restored to health, or of a case where health had been regained after such a long period. He had known two or three other local cases in which recovery had been made after what appeared to be paralysis. One of these was of a named Coughlin, who was injured in was anticipated, but her remarkable Tait's coal yard in 1899 by a fall. constitution pulled her through. For He was in the hospital for a long time, more than eight months she was in a and the evidence of paralysis was hospital in Cincinnati. It was early strongly confirmed by the fact that a seen that her left side was paralyzed nail could be driven up to its head into from the hip down and it had been the paralyzed part without feeling. generally supposed by the many phy- In about two years he regained the use sicians who visited her in the course of his limb, and is now as well as ever.

#### SPIRITUALISM.

World of Science.

Spiritualism is the successor of the mediaeval occultism and of the older cepting its manifestations, studies metaphysics is founded have been the phenomena of induced sleep and has given many of the data for the anolest pythonesses, that they are pos-

ality and telepathy. And it has shown that the prodigies, diabolic and divine. recorded in all early religions were not so fabulous as the critics fancied. At all events science admits that there is a force—call it psychic as Crookes does, neuric with Baretz, vital with Baraduc or the odic force of Reichenbach—a force which can be measured and described, which leaves its mark on the photographic plate, which emanates from every living being, which acts at a distance, which saves or defished up. Like magnetism, it has stroys. Plato knew it. Great wizdrawn the attention of physicians to ards like Cardan made use of it. The ards like Cardan made use of it. The charlatans like Cagliostro blundered

Do not confine your children to your

#### Its Manifestations as Viewed by the

magic. To-day science. without acthem, and in these troubled waters almost all the facts upon which the new, study of hypnosis and suggestion.
The mediums, who believe, like the

upon it. The scientists have the last word.—Everybody's Magazine. sessed by foreign spirits, have served own learning. They were born in antor the study of the change of person other time.—Talmud.

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bangings, and creakings continued just

Now let me interpose for a moment

servant in the house, no boy or girl—nobody but the gardener and his wife.

They were never afraid of the noises, and at last came to take no no-

tice of them, At night they would

hear doors downstairs clattering and

echoing through the house, and they

would turn over on the other side in their bed and say, "Drat them doors;

"One evening," said the

was-when I was shaving myself be-

t as plain as I saw my own-I said

again, when over my shoulder in the glass appears the same face as wicked

as before, and looks at me till I could

one's shoulder, in the glass which re-

quick on his feet, upright in his carri-

age, swift in his movements-such a

man as we take to be typical of a color

sergeant in a regiment with fine tradi

tions. He was glad to be done with

his story, and turned impatiently to

his spade-work as one who would

make up for lost time. Not a credu-

Now, whatever may be the explana-

tion of this vision in the looking-glass.

can relate a story which the reader

will assuredly rejoice in-firstly, be-cause it can so easily be explained, and

secondly, because it calls for no drag-

ging in of heaven. FOR IS IT NOT TRUE THAT SINCE THE CREATOR

TURNED MAN OUT OF A GARDEN.

KEEP THE CREATOR OUT OF NA-

A lady of my acquaintance arrived

one day on the landing of her house,

and passing on towards her bedroom

saw, as she had often seen before, the

family nurse emerging from the bath-

room on her way to the night nursery.

the day nursery, seeing her mother pass by the open door, called to her to

night nursery." he"No, mamma, she isn't," answered the child; "she is in

the garden with band E."."
And at that moment, dressed in her

outdoor costume, the nurse made her

appearance in the hall below and pro-

ceeded to climb the stairs with all the

equanimity of an acclimatized mortal.

A minute after one of the children in

lous or gossiping man,

TURE?

evil and inhuman in its verity.

chest and forehead!

servant in the

### Letters From the Spirit World.

Written Through the Mediumship of Mrs. Carlyle Petersilea.

ence, and he says: "Write, write!"

me a visit to-day, for I sense the near,ness of my friend in the air." Now I had not the slightest reason to think spirit photography, Spirit forms, tothat my friend would come to visit gether with spiritual scenery, will me on that particular day, or any soon appear upon the photographic other day, for that matter, for the ac plate, for it will soon be discovered quaintance was but of recent date, that a far greater sensitive plate can and yet I could sense that particular be made. This is also close at hand friend nearing and nearing my home,

and material hearing is but a spiritual mosphere, and many understand the through my wife.

true as telegraphy; both work or vi-

or desires, for every thought, wish or another as I can her. desire vibrates the ether; and there will be thousands of receivers to catch these thoughts and wishes.

tions from others.

left the earth life. Some of you this difference, it will be operated by know and every heart be made glad. spiritual beings and by them alone, great question will be forever settled: "If a man die shall he live again?"

it and who still doubt.

Christians will say they have never

for any especial sect, but for each and tions he could easily add afterward. of; kings and rulers will disappear; spiritual beings? topple and fall, and the silly prattle of future. the Savior and his atoning blood will Now, all ought to know that

ments that the spiritual world has thoughts are spoken. made use of; but, as time goes on, most astonishing things will be revealed to you-things that I am not

able now to tell you through my wife. What man will care to be a king or olic Conspiracy Detected and Exposed. emperor when obedience and honor will be no longer rendered him? What man will care to be a politician two for 15 cents. when his every secret act will be revealed, every motive of his mind laid and 2. An occult library in itself, a bare? What man will care to be a taught by Adepts of Hermetic Philospriest, when all that he has believed to ophy. Price \$2 per volume. be true will vanish away like smoke before the wind; as the light of truth will penetrate every nook, and corner

of the earth? Some of the old Spiritualists may

I feel the presence of my dear hus- the eminent Robert Hare, Crookes and band, and he says to me: "Write, others. Yes, to a certain extent; a write!" Now I feel his presence; sure forerunner of that which is to be perhaps a better word would be. I in a far more perfect form. Robert sense his presence. But I cannot see Hare is one of the foremost spirits enhim with my material eyes, and I say: gaged in this great invention, but "Am I sure that he is really with me there is a very large band, and all the in a spirit form?" I sense his pres- great minds that have left earth within the last hundred, or fifty years A short time ago I said: "I know and less, are deeply, very deeply, inthat a friend of mine will come to pay terested in this invention; and the climax is soon to be given to earth.

Thère is to be a great advance in This letter is instigated by Robert

until the door bell rang and there Hare and the band of spirits with stood my friend in the material form. whom he is associated, together with Now the question arises: If I could the grand and exceedingly bright soul sense the nearing form of my friend before mentioned. But they do not long before the actual presence was control my wife directly. I stand as visible to my material sight, ought it a medium between them and Mrs. not to be evidence that if I sense the Petersilea, and personally take the presence of my spirit husband, he is control. Their power would be more than she could bear; and it is the I sense the words, "Write, write!" same way with most mediums.

When I first entered this life sensation caused by the vibrations of could not have been a medium for this the air, or rather the ether, for it will exceedingly bright band; but, now, soon be known that it is really the they are able to make themselves ether that vibrates instead of the at- known to me and tell me what to say

I am very glad, you may be sure, to Telepathy will soon be an established be thought worthy of such a great fact before all the world, just as trust. My greatest desire is to serve Marconi's wireless telegraphy is an the higher powers always; and how established fact; and telepathy is as exteedingly thankful I am that my wife is still left down on the earth for a short time longer, to be the instru-The time is not far distant when no ment that I can so easily make use of. one will be able to conceal thoughts It is very doubtful if I could control The more advanced spirits here with

whom I come in contact, do not want the great truth of spiritual com-Telepathy, like telegraphy, has al- munication wrought into a sect or ways been a great truth not well un- cult. They do not like to hear people derstood. There is a transmitter and say, "Our glorious cause," "our beaua receiver within the brain of every tiful philosophy," "the advancement living being, birds and animals not of our cause," but it should be said: exempt, and one has only to listen at- | "All the world desires to know the tentively to catch these thought vibra- truth." Have we the truth and nothing but the truth? Truth belongs to I have said in a former letter that I every creature that lives upon the was growing very powerful and bring- face of the earth; it belongs not to us ing other spirits to my aid. Some of personally more than another. When these are exceedingly lofty and grand, one tries to narrow truth down to the I have one soul here with me now who limits of a particular sect or cult, she is almost too bright to look upon by will escape, for truth belongs to every eyes like mine that have so recently creature in the earthly world as well as the spiritual world, ONE MIGHT might like to know the name of this AS WELL TALK OF WIRELESS soul, and he tells me that the people TELEGRAPHY BELONGING EXCLUof earth would not know him by a SIVELY TO A SECT OR SOCIETY. name if he were to give it; but this he | The great truth of wireless telegraphy says: "We have long been at work belongs to the whole world; it is a within the soul realm, inventing a ma- great universal truth; and this is chine somewhat like the one Marconi what is soon to take place with spirit has given to the lower world, but with communion. All the world shall

no particular medium heing needed. form I often saw music in the air, and descent of the stairs and was out in This invention is to be given down heard it as well, but dared not menthrough a medium, or great sensitive, tion it to my pupils or ordinary people. one even more so than Marconi, or Ed- for fear they would think my mind | beds, and received from them every asison. This invention will astound the was becoming unbalanced; and really whole world; and a sensitive is now I did not quite understand it myself; being prepared for the work; then all yet I knew that Beethoven heard his that they must have imagined the the lower world will know, and the best music in the air, after he became stone deaf; and he often said that he saw it as a whole at the same time. Many Spiritualists will say that they | Mozart invariably saw his music in the have known it all along. They have air, or as we now know, the ether; never had a doubt of immortality, but and more especially when walking in there are millions who have doubted the park with his wife; and often when he had no paper with him he would write it out on the white cuffs doubted immortality; but there are at his wrists; for if he waited to get millions of people who are not Chris- home, it would be lost to him. Much of his best music was written in this This great invention is not designed way; the theme at least; the varia-

every individual that lives upon the Now is it not evident to all, that if earth. Do not say the prophecy is a the brain can register sounds made wild one, for I know whereof I speak. only by spiritual beings, as well as We are only waiting for the sensitive register sights seen only by the spirit to be prepared. Laugh at nothing, for within a man, and these sights caused you know not what great things are only by the vibrations of musical in store for you. When this shall sounds from spiritual beings, is it not have been accomplished, wars will evident, I repeat, that an instrument cease; capital punishment will be can be invented that can receive and if incredible, assertion that "the two abolished; murders will be unheard register sights and sounds made by

man will not dare to wrong his broth- Well, whatever one may think on er man; trusts and combines will the subject, such will be the case, and flourish no more; the churches will it is not so very far from you in the

thoughts are things, or that thoughts I wish that this prophecy might be form things, which amounts to the preserved within some archive until it same. I know that many have is fulfilled, for I think my dear wife, scouted this idea, but allow me to tell through whom I am now writing, will them it is true. Here in the spiritual be here at the time of its fulfillment. world nearly all that we have are Some may ask: "Well, professor, thoughts that have become things to what new truths will this instrument us, and it will not be long before reveal to us?" Not very much, at thoughts will become things to the first, beyond what your best mediums |earthly world. If musical sounds can have already told you, for their take on beautiful forms, thoughts can brains have been the sensitive instru- do the same, and especially if the

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### Spirit Visitations.

It continues to be a patent fact that Spiritualism as an organized body has no mortgage out or title in fee to the manifestations of spirit powers or their visitations to the earth plane; but organized we are in a position to enlighten the world as too the true value The universe is vaster than human exof the manifestations and their true source:

It is manifested in thousands of dif- once too sacred and too inconceivable. ferent ways and circumstances. The Reader, confess that if a child rewhole world seems to be aglow with turned to you from the grave, looked incidents connected with Spirit Re- at you with eyes that you could under-turn. Everywhere the Occult Forces stand, and made you feel by its pres-are at work as never before. There ence some sympathy existing between word "supernatural" runs to our lips are men and women in the world to- you and the spiritual world outside of day who are more sure of the life be- vision, you would not shout of it from youd the grave than of anything else, the newspapers or readily submit your-The "ghost story" which all desire has self to the cross-examination of "psybeen their own experience. They have chical experts." Many interesting inseen their dead. But seldom will they cidents set forth in The Strand Magaspeak of these revelations; they are at zine.

When Dr. Johnson expressed regret lock all the doors, and jam, so that that John Wesley did not take more they could not budge, all those which pains to collect evidence concerning had neither look nor fastening, the Seward, with an incredulous smile, as inconsiderately and irrationally as warranted by Boswell, "What, sirabout a ghost?" To which we have the great man's answer thus set down to say that here was no case of the by Boswell: Johnson (with solemn ve. discredited Poltergelst. There was no hemence)-"Yes, madam; this is a question which, after five thousand years, is yet undecided; a question, whether in theology or philosophy, one of the most important that can come before the human understanding.

In some such frame of mind as this would now invite the readers obliging consideration of certain ghostly stories which have left more than a why ever won't they let a person ghostly impression upon my own sleep?" Nor were they in the least mind; not disbelieving them because dismayed in the morning to discover they are occurrences outside of his that the doors were all firmly latched own experience, nor yet hastening to and bolted. "In a word, they got inascribe the mystery of these tales to ured to harmless noises in the old the infallible machinery of ghosts, and house, and soon took no notice of there ending the matter. No; but, them. leaving the whole subject to the exploration and decision of science, I would ask him to agree with our exwould ask him to agree with our of the were invited to that night. My wife question is one of the most important had gone on affead. Well, I saw the that can come before the human un- ghost-or whatever the blessed thing derstanding, and to listen with a tolerant, open, and humble mind to well-authenticated evidence for a larger It came right up behind me, all of a science. For my own part, I tell the sudden, tooked over my shoulder, and stories with no definite theory of ex- made a face at file that was enough to planation in my mind, but nevertheless persuaded that the present nor-less persuaded that the present nor-in hand—and there was nothing there. malities of life are not the bounds of I said to myself ayou must be dream-human experience. The reader can ing, and then, forgetting for the motug me to the side of a hundred hynotheses, but not over the line of biglooking at the in the glass—and I saw

It happens that one of my most in-to myself, It was a reflection, or some-teresting stories flows naturally out of thing of that soft, and taking up the an experience not, perhaps, of a sen- glass I calfied it to another part of sational nature. But let me, like a the room, and started on my job again. cunning writer of fiction, conduct my I had got fresh lather on my face, had reader into the chamber of horrors given the razor another turn on my through the little, half-open postern of strop, and was just beginning to shave

I was staying in a house once with two little girls of eight and seven. One morning they came running out of a feel the swent bursting out on my room on the ground floor, where they had been sitting in a single...armchair reading a book before breakfast, protesting that a horrible tramp had come to the window, made a diabolical face at them, which they imitated (with great destruction of their beauty), and, after lifting a minatory finger, had passed on down the garden path to the back of the house. I was in a room immediately over the library in which they had been sitting, and ry in which they had been sitting, and had picked 'em up from the chest of had heard no sound of footsteps on the drawers, and looking as white as a gravel path; but their tale was scarce When I was with you in the mortal out of their lips before I had made the the garden at the back of the house. There I found the gardener and his boy placidly at work upon the flower surance that no tramp had shown his face round the corner of the house.

It was not until I told the children tramp that any theory of a phantasm occurred to my mind. But they were so pathetic in their protestations that he had come to the window and interrupted their reading, and were, more over, both so exact in their description of his steeple hat, his malevolent yellow face, his black eyes, and his bent back curved under the load of a large pack clutched in its place by a yellow hand against the breast, that I was driven to think that these two fresh and healthy country children had indeed seen with human eyes one of those phantoms wearing mortal shape which sometimes visit, it is said, these

pale glimpses of the moon. With this idea in my mind-and impressed that both children, in the midst of their reading, should have seen the same figure-I presently sought out the gardener, referred the occurrence again, and inquired of him whether there had ever been rumor concerning the haunting of the

He laughed away the supposition young ladies must have been dream-

"No," he said, "there's no ghost here, and I hope there never will be. I've seen one, and that was enough to last me my lifetime."

Now, as a curious collector of ghost stories, I am well informed that the effect of a ghostly visitation is not, as do some trivial service. "Ask nurse," it is too frequently thought to be, of a the mother replied: "she is in the terrifying nature. On the contrary, we are told by people who have seen ing alarm, as they expected, a quite scientific curiosity consumed their being, and they studied the ghost with all the cool detachment of an inter-

Wherefore, finding before me a vigorous, deep-chested man, with clean eyes in a face baked brown by the open heavens, who confessed to me, in voice full of agreeable strength and energy, that he had seen one ghost, and that that was enough to last him for the rest of his life, I immediately dragged out of him the story of his phantasm, and found myself at the tress continues the enjoy the robust end entirely of his opinion, that one health which is the delight and envy such experience was enough for a life- of her friends. Therefore there is

time. And this is his story.

He told me that he had once gone with his wife to look after a farm dur- of the brain. The lady had seen the ing the temporary absence of farmer, a relation of his, and that he score of times before, and the spechad cone into the house well knowing tacle so photographed on her brain that there were ugly stories about it. "But," as he said, smiling into the face of heaven, "I was never yet afeared of any man, and I didn't look to be scared out of my senses by a turning leisurely the pages of The banging door or a creaking wainscot." Strand Magazine, we would say that As soon as they got into the house the bangings and the creakings began with disagreeable iteration. The gardener put it down to rate, and his

poker. For one moment let me dwen lovingly upon the word supernatural, which I have honored with inverted ommas in my predecessive paragraph. 'Supernatural' is a term which means bsolutely nothing unless we hold that man has exhausted the infinite fields of Nature. A thing is not natural be-

cause we understand it, but because in its verity it belongs to Nature . Be cause we do not understand a thing, it perience; and even Shakspeare, whose intellect was of a comprehensive nature, and who seems to have reflected upon mortal destiny with a shrewd and ample spirit, suggests to the most ignorant of us that there may be things in heaven and earth which are not dreamed of in our philosophy. ord "supernatural"

like water seeking its own level.

And this caution, which I offer to the reader with all humility, knowing the temptations of a contented gnostithe skentics of the Society, for, Psy. chical Research nor the too credulous enthusiasts of the rational press (whatever those good atheists may call themselves, shall explain . with satisfaction to myself.

A friend of mine was staying at the riverside home of a foreign gentleman living in England. After dinner, on the first night of his arrival, he was sitting with his host in the library, smoking comfortably before the fire, when of a sudden the great German boar-hound lying outstretched between the two men on the hearth, got upon its legs with a snarl, swung off into the middle of the room, and stood

there barking furiously at nothing. My friend looked over his shoulder expecting to see a servant enter the room, and then, turning to his host, he asked with a smile what it was the dog made such an alarming fuss about. His host, who was also smiling, put a finger to his line, signifying silence, and nodded his head towards the dog, as if to say, "Watch him; it is worth your while.

And then my friend saw what held him fascinated till the scene ended. He saw a huge dog barking at Nothing, making little furious rushes at "I came in late, and made haste up-stairs to clean myself for a party we Nothing, and getting angrier and angrier, driving this said Nothing pearer and nearer to the curtained windows. The hound's eyes blazed with fury, his frothing lips disclosed teeth that dripped with the very violence of hate, and the whole lithe body, with the coat roughened by rage, was tense with enmity. To doubt that there was no Thing in front of him, inspiring all this fury, was impossible to my friend, and for the life of him he could not imagine why his eyes failed

As soon as the hound had driven his enemy to the curtains he returned to the hearth, laid himself down again before the fire, but this time kept his head erect, with uneasy eyes fixed upon the curtains.

"He does that nearly every night," said the host of my friend, smiling easily; "It is a great amusement to me, and it is instructive. It shows that animals see the world differently from human beings." "But what does he see?"

"A ghost. - Well, if you do not like the word, let us say an apparition. "'It didn't take me, I assure you, one suinitte to hop my coat on and get down those stairs and out of the house. I widn't want to stop to see Yes, he sees an apparition. I have tried to see it many "time, but" shrugging his shoulders-"I do not fast sufficiently, perhaps! No; I have It came out that the house had long

any more. I was as limp as a rag, and shaking all over like a horse with enjoyed the reputation of being haunted. The new owner had no bemust have made at the party; for I bounces in upon them with my tie and lief in the legend when he took the house, and, indeed, gave up thinking collar clutched in my hand, just as I about it till the hound sprang up from the hearth, almost night after night, and always at about the same time, who saw the vision shall tell the seand went through the extraordinary quel in his own language: "This visi-Cardinal Newman has the startling passion of anger which we have just figure of a man going to a lookingdescribed. My friend was amazed to glass to consult his image, and seeing find his host so callous to the uncanny nothing. Next in alarm to such an influence of such a scene, but he asexperience, I take it, is to behold over sured him that he quite looked forward every evening to the passing of flects oneself, a face inhuman in its the spirit through the room, and was hopeful some day-if he could only The story is of the greater interest bring himself to endure the Simple to me because I know the gardener well and am conversant with his tone Life for a few weeks-of himself seeing the vision. But his chief interest of mind. Few men less likely to lay in the hound, and he spent the rest dream dreams or to see visions ever of the evening in relating legends conollowed the trade of Adam. He is a cerning ghosts which have appeared to man of vigorous thought and vigorous dogs and not to human beings. action, unlike most gardeners, a man

Now the reader may say to himself, if he is in the habit of reflecting as he goes, "These are interesting stories; they tend to confirm what I have always held to be the truth, that there are stranger things in the world than physical science takes account of; but what I should like to be told is a story which proves to me absolutely that personality persists after death—in other words, a properly authenticated story of a ghost seen after death." This is the desire of the world.

There is no longing of the human heart comparable to this passion for light. Everything gives way before it. Christianity carried the whole world in its infant arms because it issued from an empty tomb. same desire is in the breast of humanity to-day; but it lies sleeping, lulled into unhappy and almost frightened slumber by the distortions of a period of agnosticism. Physical science has so enlarged man's conception of the universe that he is afraid to think of himself as other than a mere atom of the dust on which he crawls. But more and more philosophy is adjusting human reason to the new discoveries of science. We find on this earth love, compassion, self-sacrifice, justice; if they are here they belong to the universe. Arrogance could no farther go than to make evolving man the creator of love and justice. No; we must admit love into the universe. And if love—then a purpose and goal. And we find on the earth a desire for life after death: the horror of annihilation (see the later letters of Huxley and Spencer) is all but universal among We cannot bring ourselves to think of ourselves as not being.

Now here as we have said, is a case which the first studd man will explain away for you in the easiest manner imaginable. There is here no need to "hazard a fwide solution," as Sir The hunger of the world for light was its first craving as Thomas Browne has it. The case is plain. The purse was not dead; she did not die; she is not going to die for some considerable time; and the misthrough the cavernous regions of its origin and looked consciously upon the universe. "How came the universe into being? How is it that I stand here—seeing, hearing, feeling, hoping? Lam conscious of myself. I nothing "supernatural" in the matter. I wish to know. Why? What does No; it is merely a case of reflex action this all mean—the universe, the earth, and I myself? To what end? Again, and again, day after day, age after age—why?" And this same passion, dormant to-day after a period of agnostinurse going out of the bathroom a happened to recur on this occasion. Therefore to all ladies who are in the cism, will revive. Again and again it will surge into the soul and demand its satisfaction. It belongs to the eternal verities. Science has its habit of seeing their husbands smoking comfortably in an arm-chair and phases, society its upheavals, art and Strand Magazine, we would say that literature their revolutions; but through all the changes of this mortal when, as must so often happen, the brain repeats the familiar picture durlife men lay their children in the dust ing the husband's absence from home, and women stand at the grave weengardener put it down to rats, and his they are to throw a cushion at the ing. Always—till we have been led wife to the innumerable draughts. phantom and say "Booh!" If that into All Truth by the Spirit of the uni-But when they took the trouble to does not frighten it away let them try- verse-man will desire to know what

is the destiny of his soul,

And there are men and women in the world to-day who are more sure of the life beyond the grave than of anything else. The "ghost story" which all desire has been their own experience. They have seen their dead. But seldom will they speak of these revelations; they are at once too sacred and too inconceivable. Reader confess that if a child returned to you from the grave, looked at you with eyes that you could understand, and made you feel by its presence some sympathy existing between you and the spiritual world outside of vision, you would not shout of it from the newspapers or readily submit yourself to the cross-examination of "psychical

I know many people who have had these experiences. There are more men in the world, perhaps, who have seen ghosts than there are legends of ghosts. But their stories so real to them-would be as little convincing to the world as the ordinary legend. You cannot put to the tests of the police court these sublime experiences. If you do so, you end, as happened to poor Joan of Arc, by burning the vis-ionary for a wicked witch.

Now there is one story of a ghostly appearance long after death which has in it so many convincing proofs of reality that even the hardened skeptic the last shreds of his good name, must admit a value to it. I tell the story here as quickly as possible, and mus ask the reader to believe that the evidence has been subjected to the most rigorous examination, and that the ghost is accepted, even by those who endeavor to give a physical explanation of the story, as unimpeachable.

A young man in America, a commercial traveller, was one day writing out his orders after a morning's suc cessful work among the local merchants. In the midst of his writing with his pen driving rapidly and a cigar between his lips, he experienced of a sudden an arresting sensation that he was not alone in the room. He lifted up his head, and there, sit-ting at the table beside him, one arm resting on the table's edge, young and soft with the bloom of her youth, sat his only sister whom he had mourned for nine years. So real was the vision that he sprang up to greet and clasp her. All the years of mourning were borne away on a wave of transcendent happiness which overswept his soul. Dead for nine years? Dead? No; not dead. It was the long time of mourning that seemed hallucination His reason was suspended. His sister was there at his side.

But as he moved towards her she vanished, and he found himself back in reality, wondering what had hap pened. Had he dreamed? Impossible The ink was still wet on his pen; his clgar still smoked between his fingers. he had seen-call it how he mightsomething that was the express like ness of his dead sister. He had seen it with human eyes. He had seen it in the midst of commercial work. broad daylight. At midday, with the sun pouring into the room.

When he questioned himself the reality of the vision was strongly imthing he had noticed in his sister's face—a blood-red scratch on one of her cheeks. This disfigurement was vivid and so certain in its effects upon from his consciousness the conviction that he had, in some mystical way, seen his dead sister in the flesh. Every article of her dress—the comb in her hair, the brooch at her throat, the stuff and color of her gown-al were indelibly imprinted on his mind but clearest memory of all, strongest and most convincing touch of reality, was the red scratch on the spirit's face Now, most remarkable confirmation

of this visitation was to follow, and he

tation, or whatever you may call it, so

impressed me that I took the next train home, and in the presence of my parents and others related what had occurred. My father, a man of rare good sense and very practical, was inclined to ridicule me, as he saw how earnestly I believed what I had stated; but he, too, was amazed when later on I told them of a bright red line or scratch on the right-hand side of my sister's face, which I had distinctly When I mentioned this my mother rose trembling to her feet and nearly fainted away, and as so she sufficiently recovered her self-possession, with tears streaming down he face, she exclaimed that I had indeed seen my sister, as no living mortal bu herself was aware of that scratch, which she had accidentally made while doing some little act of kindness after my sister's death. She said she well remembered how pained she was to think she should have, unintentionally, marred the features of her dead daughter, and that, unknown to all, she had carefully obliterated all traces of the slightest scratch with the aid of powder, etc., and that she had never mentioned it to a human being from that day to this. In proof, neith er my father nor any of the family had detected it, and positively were unaware of the incident, yet I saw the scratch as bright as if just made. strangely impressed was my mother that even after she had retired to rest she got up and dressed, came to me,

daughter in the better world." Now the testimony of this witness is undeniable, and it has been received by those who refuse faith in the psychical verity of the ghost. There is no question on that then, is the "explanation?" We are asked to believe that the mother, sitting at home, and dwelling on memory of her dead child, of a sudden came into telepathic communication with her son, and his brain received the image of hers. For one moment let us consider this

had seen my sister. . A few weeks la

ter my mother died, happy in her be-

lief that, she would rejoin her favorite

explanation, remembering Byron's remark about Coleridge's metaphysics: "I wish he would explain his explanation."

The daughter had been in her grave nine years. Are we to suppose that the memory of this child was so vivid in the mother's mind that she could transmit, unconsciously, to the mind of her son many miles away, and know that I do not know. I know that | transmit it so definitely that he should see the child with a disfigurement of which he was unaware? Was the mother thinking of that sad mark? Then, why was not the image reflected on the son's mind the vision of his sister in her coffin? She was sitting at his side; she was dressed in every detail: her arm was resting on the table. Could the mother-however earnestly she was reflecting on that memory-fling so natural an image over all those miles? Further, let us remember that the son was not in trance, not even in a mood of idleness invorable to the recention of such

thought-waves, but that he was busily (Continued on page 8.)

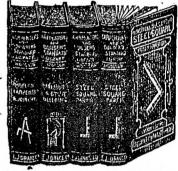


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an integral part of modern civilization. Rogers, THE ABNORMAL CRIMINAL He may be well regarded as one of CLASSES [IN SPIRITUALISM AND THE SAVIORS OF MANKIND, as he OUT] COST THIS NATION MORE ferrets out the evils of society, expos- than five times as much as the total ing them to view, and demanding a expenses of the federal government. reformation. What would the world How can that criminal class be held in be to-day without the CRIME HUNT- abeyance, or exposed without the un-ER? It would be in the hands exclu- ceasing activity of the CRIME HUNTsively of the criminal class. The ne- ER? It was he who discovered who cessity for the existence of the CRIME was the father of a child born in an HUNTER is rendered more apparent asylum for the insane in this state, every day.

During the past year more than brutal to the lowest depths of hell. deaths they would have caused can only tain extent many of the camps, be guessed, but be sure the number They have often polluted the roswould have been very great. The trum. chief reasons why meat was conand fruit and vegetables were rotten, giving bogus tests.

animals to this market.

CRIME HUNTER is not a necessary yet.

The Binghamton (N. Y.) Republi- did not have enough money to pay his can says:
"It took the jury in the O'Leary pay a month's rate for advertising. He was broke, and it was an easy matcase yesterday afternoon about thirty minutes to decide that Patrick O'Leary ter for him to sell the diamond in Al-[the medium] was guilty of the crime bany or Saratoga.

of grand larceny in the second degree, hamton to this very minute has been thereby convicting him of the theft of the diamond from Mrs. S. L. Smith on March 12 under the pretense that he him and acquit him, and if you do you was going to "charm" it with a tendollar gold piece by ptting it in a so-lution of alcohol and loadstone. "The case went to the jury at 12:58

m. and the jury immediately went to dinner. Returning shortly after two o'clock the case was taken into consideration by these twelve good men and true, and at 2:45, about fif-teen minutes after it was announced seen in my years of practice.
"This is too thin; it won't deceive that the jury was ready, the verdict of "guilty" was recorded by Clerk The state demands, for the protection of the public, for the protection of the

One of the lawyers for the prosecution spoke as follows at the trial, as set forth in the Evening Herald of Binghamton, May 18: Mr. Curtiss began his address at

11:26. He explained that the present trial is one brought by the People of the State of New York, and that Mrs. Smith is not the plaintiff, but a simple witness. It is not an action for recovering her diamond; it is an action for grand larceny, and the duty of the Light, Love and Purity, will legerde-jury is to decide whether Desdmond main Spiritualism be banished from received the diamond from this wo- our midst? man and failed to return it. If so he guilty. If he did not receive a diamond he is not guilty. Mr. Curtiss said in part:
"It often occurs that the conduct of

a person is more convincing than the spoken words. She says she gave him her ring, worth \$250, but worth far more than that to her, because it was difficulties, but I have read the papers her engagement ring.

"She was not concerned over the loss of fifty dollars, but when he subjects of legerdemain and fraudulfolled to return her ring she sent for lent mediumship. It is hard to bett. Would she have sent for an lieve that so much willful fraud is or empty setting? Never. Her actions can be practiced under the pretense that morning are plainly corroborative of mediumship, BUT WE HAVE IT of her testimony. That diamond was what was worrying her.

"It was foolish for Mrs. Smith to go TOWN. ONE AFTER ANOTHER

to this fortune teller. I don't take COMES IN, REAPS A HARVEST any stock in such foolishness myself. OFF THE UNWARY AND FOOLISH, In common law it is a crime to engage AND IS OFF TO OTHER FIELDS in such business. But, we are all look- UNDER OTHER NAMES. One such ing into the future with anxiety, we all is in town now, holding forth. I enhave our suspicions. How many of us close his advertisement, as it contains are there that would not sooner see his picture. We, of course, hold the moon over our right shoulder than aloof from all such, but if we try to our left? "It is religion and the faith of re-

ligion that is the cause of superstition. Why then condemn the thousands of men and women who go to fortune tellers. Although counsel may condemn we cannot indicate the phase of human character that the great Creator has implanted in human frames, that prompted this woman to go to this man who claimed to have almighty powers-to this 'Pat' O'Leary. this 'Pat' O'Leary who left his pick better for it, because more correctly and shovel and added a professorship understood in its relative practices, so to his name.

ardly to steal from innocent women services thereto.

and girls.

The CRIME HUNTER has become factor. As set forth by Elmer E. the mother being an imbecile-an act

7,000,000 pounds of diseased meat, ... Indeed, the CRIME HUNTER is an fish, poultry, fruit and vegetables have ABSQLUTE NECESSITY, and without been kept out of the markets of Chi- his constant vigilance the human race cago, to which their owners were would deteriorate. In Spiritualism hurrying them. But for the vigilance he has become an essential factor-inand activity of the health department, deed ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. its members being typical CRIME For many years the fakes have fas-HUNTERS, they would have been gold tened themselves on our ranks like to citizens and consumed. How many vipers. They have invaded to a cer-

They have sown the seeds of suspidemned were tuberculosis, "lumpy cion all through our ranks in consejaw," hog cholera, immaturity, and quence of using artificial toggery to emuciation. Fish was stale or tainted, represent the angels of heaven, and

It is even found that meats con- But gradually the victims of fraud demned in other cities have been sent and crime are seeking the protection to Chicago and sold here, as a regular of the law, and demanding the punishbusiness. But this infamous traffic is ment of the swindlers. Maybee, the not as thriving as it was, for the city materializing medium, was sent to the authorities in their Fraud Hunting work house in Detroit for carrying on have been so active that shippers a work of deception. Two mediums have almost ceased to send diseased are behind the bars in this city awaiting trial. Patrick O'Leary, clairvoy-There is not a single commercial de- ant medium, has just had his trial at partment of business where the Binghamton, N. Y., and the end is not

anybody coming from this vile source.

working girl, the conviction of this

for standing squarely up, by this com-munity and bringing this man to jus-

tice. Gentlemen of the jury, I thank you."

Thus ends the exciting trial of this

clairvoyant medium, and he was justly found guilty. When, O Angels of

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A Noted Medium Deplores the Exist-

To the Editor: -I have been silent

some time, owing to illness and other

tell the people they are not what they

Years ago my spirit guides said that

claim to be, we are laughed at for our

the time would come when this move-

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ment Spiritualism would be TURNED

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man and his punishment.

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slight change in the program, as the

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Board, St. Louis, Mo. At a special meeting of the State Board, the Rev. Thomas Grimshaw; speaker at the Temple in St. Louis. also a member of the N. S. A. Board, submitted to the Missouri State Association a proposition to hold a joint mass-meeting at the Odeon, Corner of Finney and Grand avenue. The proposition was accepted, the mass-meeting to be given, and arrangements made to secure the Odeon for June 14, 15 and 16. We have secured the services of some of the best mediums in the United States and Canada to assist in this meeting; also Dr. Warne of Chicago, the vice-president of the N. All Spiritualists are heartily invited to attend this grand treat of spiritual things, where the philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualism will be expounded by our most able speakers and mediums. I bespeak for this meeting a grand success, as never before in the history of Spiritualism have the people become more interested, and the Missouri State Association is putting forth every effort within its power to advance the cause of true Spiritualism, and to assist and encourage true mediumship, that all men and women may know that the conti-FORTH FROM UNDER COVER. It nuity of life is a fact rather than a would create an ILL ODOR, but after faith.

On May 11, the Temple Lyceum, of which Mr. L. F. Beauvais is conductor, gave an entertainment, which was conducted by Sister Gates, who is certainly one of the best directors in the ranks of Spiritualists in the United Much credit is due herself and husband, H. R. Gates, in making the entertainment the most successful of any that has been given this year. It was not only a treat for the lyceum children, but for the older people as well, and a snug sum was realized tosociation of Missouri has appointed a committee of the whole to arrange for a picnic sometime in July in some of the beautiful parks in St. Louis. The exact date of this picnic will be announced later. We expect also make this a love feast of spiritual things as well as a feast of material things, and hope every Spiritualist in St. Louis may come out and make this a gala day, not only for themselves, but for the departed ones who are interested in the development of higher spiritual civilization on earth.

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## As the Flag Went By.

first, then nearer and nearer.

conceit. And mebbe-I dun'no-but

Soon after this exposition of the

remarks with a story of his repeated

late-"poor father! How he has saved

vested in a new suit of clothes, mean-ing to go, in style;" he told Milly.

"He's a splendid old trump!" I said

We sat talking this sweet May even-

Father!" burst despairingly from

"There, there, honey," he said soothingly, "don't ye git narovus. You

"But, father, what possible slip can there be this year?" Milly persisted.

"Wall," said Job hesitatingly, "I

bout Eilen Rogers—you remember

know there's many a slip-"

ing until we heard the click of Job's

cane as he came pegging back from

tously.

sha'n't go.

Milly's lips.

Ellen, Milly?"

'Poor father!" she said, looking

dear old philosopher's views.

disappointments.

The following Narrative from the Recored-Herald picture-kinder like a deer-graceful way of steppin round, and with them Magazine, Chicago, is not only a pathetic, but soul- sofe brown eyes. I remember when she used ter come a-playin' here with elevating. The grandeur of Spirit Return, and the superlative beauty of good deeds in the walks of life, rate vividly portrayed. Read it and profit by the lesson imparted.

Sprague will occupy the rostrum at 10 which I have no key, a puzzle I cannot sharply, "what is it, dear?" unravel. I am well along in years I was on my feet in an instant, will deliver his lecture at 2 p. m. the following Tuesday. We realize that it takes ALL KINDS OF TALENT, ALL "SORTS AND CONDITIONS" TO and have studied many books and ar- bending over the bed. Job had struggued and discussed with many scien- gled up to a sitting posture, and in his tists and psychologists, and yet I have eyes was that strange far-away look. MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF never found an absolutely satisfactory He held up a warning hand; "Hush!" In securing the service of Senator Tillman we are able to introduce to the audience a statesman who has been bold and fearless in the Senate,

explanation of the strange affair. It he said feebly. "Listen! Here come is, however, my theory that as the the boys!" earthly tabernacle was dissolved, the Then from somewhere the silver spirit burned like a flame, and perhaps blare of a bugle suddenly cut the the vision of Job's soul was reflected night. It was followed by the distant in the mirror of our-subconsciousness. long-drawn ruttle of drums. And as But that's neither here nor there. Milly and I stared desperately at each There are more things in heaven and other, we distinctly heard the tramp, earth than are dreamed of in your tramp, of hundreds of feet, faintly at philosophy or mine. integrity have won the respect, if not

It was the night before Memorial "Who-what is it?" gasped Milly. Day. Job had dozed fitfully all day, I looked at Job. His face was transrousing only for his medicine or a bit figured, shining with an, unearthly of nourishment. Milly sat on one side light. The tramp, tramp, had now of the bed, which, in order to give Joh reached the gate. Up through the all possible air, I had drawn out in the garden came the sound, now accompamiddle of the room. I was napping in nied by the jingling of sabers and the a big chair on the other side. The rattle of accoutrements. Milly rushed windows were open, and only the to the window, tore back the curtain, sound of the stream tumbling down and looked out. The moon was shinover the dam below the bridge could ing full on her garden. I shall never

Suddenly Milly's voice pierced my looked at me.

"Yes," said Danvers as he shifted man that goes by salutes him, and the from his seat on the cracker barrel to flag and the country through him. a chair near the red-hot coal stove in That's a grand idee. Why, if I was Treat's grocery—"yes, sirces, I lay out the reviewin' officer of a big perade, o go to soldiers' reunion Decoration boy, I'd jest blow up and bust from Day sure this year!

A shout of ribald laughter greeted mebbe God sees how envious I might this statement. "He's been a layin' git when I see the Governor or some out ever sence the war ended." bawled General or other a standin' up in a this statement Miles Tanner; "but he hain't never balcony and reviewin the perade—you got no further than this here grocery

Job Danvers bent his guizzical eyes upon Tanner. "Ye may laugh the stumped slowly away to Treat's gro-other side of your mouth, Miles," he cery, and Milly took his place on the calmly said, "when ye see me a march- rustic bench and supplemented his in' in the perade, lookin', somethin' grand."

'Oh, shucks!" retorted Miles, who was the village jester and felt obliged after the gaunt figure, bent a little to live up to his reputation, diall the now as he walked painfully toward perade you'll ever be a marchin in, the village—the old wound in the Job, will be the one ter Kingdom thigh had been troubling him again of

Another roar of laughter greeted and scrimped each year in order to go Miles' brilliant sally. Eyen so made the disappointed."
loungers in Treat's grocery laughed at disappointed."

"What happens?" I asked sympa-Miles' brilliant sally. Even so had the to Memorial Day reumon, only to be Joh Danvers' plans for years Even so had he accepted their ralliery with mild forbearance. For years he had planned to attend the soldlers reunion proudly, "you do not know father. He on Memorial, Day in a neighboring is always finding some one who, he city, and each year had been disappointed. It had come to be a proverb in the village: "You'll do it, year Job Danvers goes to the reugion." Of the very finding some one who, he city, and each year had been thinks, needs the money more than he needs the trip."

The year before Job had put by sufficient funds for his outing and had in-

I had settled in the village of Clamberton as a fledgling physislan. was a little bleak backwoods place in But one day in walked his nephew the western part of New York state. Frank Mathews, son of his favorite Here among the usual village types I sister Susan, long since dead. Frank met and became interested in Job was an ambitious boy, anxious to have Danvers, a man of about sixty-five, an education and get on in the world. gaunt and spare of frame, with a pa- His father, a tight-fisted old man tient face and kindly eyes. He was an scouted the boy's desires and was de old soldier, scarred with many marks termined he should be content to grub of battle. He lived with his only along on the wretched farm, their child, a daughter in a little cottage on home. The boy's heart was set on a the outskirts of the village, just at the term at the normal school. He had a foot of a high hill. A stream ran colt his father had given him, and he brawling before his place, and just be- had raised it with care, intending to low made a sudden turn, plunged un- sell it to pay his way at the normal. der a bridge and swept on down over a One day his father sold the animal and dam. The rushing of the water made cooly appropriated the cash, despite a pleasant sound. The humble cottage was transformed into a bower of beauty by morning glories and scarlet runners and golden nasturtiums, and of injustice. Job listened to his story, the little garden plot before the house and then without one word went to was a mass of bloom, for here sweet his little hoard, and bringing it out brown-eyed Milly Danvers tended her placed it in the boy's hands, telling mignonette and portulaca, her pansies him to go on and get some schooling as for Miles Tanner, he suddenly and candytuft and larkspur and a host and not mind his cranky old "pap." of other old-fashioned flowers. It took me little time to discover that she her-

again? How could you—after all tangle of sweetness.

What enchanted hours I passed in "Wall, honey," he replied mildly, What enchanted hours I passed in that little old garden, helping Milly "I jest couldn't help giving Frank that weed the beds and water the rose-money. Why, he sat there and looked bushes and dhallas! Job had fash- a me with dead sister's eyes. I see ioned a rude rustic seat which stood her again jest as plain as I see you under a huge elm just outside the cute little thing—we allus played to-front door, and here he was wont to gether—somehow I couldn't do nothsit, sunning himself, pipe in hand, ing else than ter give the boy the watching Milly and me with his kind- cash. ly, indulgent smile: Dear old Job! see him now in his battered hat and with enthusiasm. "But what about ancient army coat, puffing away and this year, Milly? He is going sure this directing operations by well-defined time, isn't he?"
advice. "Oh, I hope so," she replied doubt-

advice. his old army friends on Memorial Day. sacrifice himself again—that's father." "Does seem as if the Almighty hed some special grudge agin my gatherin' with the boys," he said, although not complainingly, for Job Danvers was the village. Slowly he limped up the which I have no key, a puzzle I canever as patient as his great namesake. "Fer years I've tried ter git ter Buffalo to jine 'em; but everytime I lay by my expenses somethin comes ker-slap and upsets my apple-cart." 'Too bad!" I sympathetically inter-

business better'n we dod Mebbe He sees that if I was ter go ter Younions every year I'd git dretful pompous and th "You, Job?" I shouted with laugh-

ter "Yes," he said gently looking at me

with his slow side glance. "I'm only human. It's kind of pomp, ye know, boy, ter be a-marchin' in a big perade, drums a-poundin', sabers a-jinglin', horses a-rarin' round, and Old Glory—"he paused and touched "his hat "he paused and tolched his hat reverently—"Old Glory a flying ter the breezes. It makes every feller in the percession gol-blamed proud that's what it does. He says for himself: "I helped do it, by hookey! I fought and bled and died fer my country." I'm a hero—that's what I am—a hero, by jiminy pelt! and all them folks there on the sidewalk a-gawkin' at me knows it and admires me, fer such.' So you see, boy, how easy 'tis ter git and vain. So mebbe dun'no-but-mebbe that's the reason

God allus lays a stumblin'-block in my "Then there's envy, boy," he said— "there's allus envy creepin in. I know what 'tis ter be envious. I never see no reviewin' but that I kinder en- from Milly.

And now I come to a mystery to drowsy senses. "Father!" it cried her aunt Malviny Slocum," he explained to me. "She lives up North trembling.
"Yes, she come back to Malviny'sstreet, in that old red house with a horse block in front. I dun'no," he added reflectively, "what on earth Malviny wants with a horse-block. She hain't never kept no horses and she discourages visitors. Mebbe, though, she thinks it looks tasty and stylish. Have you met Malviny, doc? Wall, boy, you've escaped a lot. She's hard, is Malviny-hard as nails-dretful pious and God-fearin', but colder'n the She don't want Ellen there with her babe. Guess she'd have turned her out inter the street if it with her babe. hadn't been fer the speech of people."

'Wall," he resumed after a moment of silence, "Miles he was a-sayin' that Ellen hadn't no other place ter go ter; that she would go out West ter lowy to live with her sister, if she had the money ter get there with. She'd like ter go away and begin life over again fur away, ye know, from the tongues of folks. Ye know folks's tongues can be awful cruel sometimes

'And so," broke in Milly with a half sob, "you are going to give her the money you saved?'

Job coughed again in deprecatory fashion. "I hain't a-goin ter give it ter her, honey," he said gently; "fer I've been and gone and done it alforget her face as she turned and Milly broke down, and hiding her

face on his shoulder wept bitterly.

"Now, now, honey, don't take on so." Job expostulated. "I know ye want yer old pap ter go off on a lark and raise Ned along with the boys; but jest listen a minute, Milly. When I went inter Malviny Slocum's house an hour ago, what did I see and hear? I see a poor broken-hearted girl a holdin' of a little mite of a baby in her arms and a-cryin' over it in a sort of hopeless way. And I' heerd a golblamed sanctimonious old she-dragon iest a-layin' her tongue ter every abusin' and cruel word she could think of and a-heapin' of 'em on that poor girl's head. I jest walked in and says I: 'Ellen, there hain't no need fer ye ter stand such inhuman and terrible abuse as that. Here's money enough ter take ye ter lowy ter your sister. Walf, honey, if you'd seen her face as she looked up at me through her tears
—why, I got more comfort out of it than I ever could out of lookin' at the Governor, or even General Miles. So.

fer I hain't." But Milly had thrown herself into his arms and was crying over him and kissing him and telling him he was the best man that ever lived; which I do not think was far from the truth.
"What did you say to Malviny, father?" Milly at last asked when she

you mustn't feel I've given up much,

had recovered her composure. "Wall, now, honey," apologetically, "I don't believe you'd better ask about that. It mightn't sound well in repeatin', and it might," here he poked me in the ribs, "scare the doctor so he'd run like a whitehead." He laughed softly. "But I'll say this: I didn't talk to her like no bloomin' church member-

Toward the end of May Job's wound, which had troubled him through the month, became badly in flamed, and he took to his bed with a high fever. I attended him carefully, and at first had no special misgivings as to the result. It was this week that, chancing to be in Treat's grocery one evening, I heard the loungers discussing Job's failure to attend the Memorial Day reunion. As briefly as possible I told the gap-

ing crowd what Job had done with the money he had saved for a year. A great silence fell on the uncouth throng. One or two men got up and slouched out without a word. I saw tears in the eyes of big Jim Treat, and

sprang to the top of the cracker bar "Father," Milly said afterward, "how could you give up your trip "Job's a hero!" he yelled, waving his old brown woolen cap. "Three cheers fer him!"

And they were given with hearty

good-will. When next I went to see Job, to my amazement I found Tanner's big hulk

blocking up the doorway to the sick man's room. "I was jest a-sayin', doc," he stated sheepishly, "that if Job wants anythin' done he has only ter holler and I'll get a-goin'.' Milly was at his bedside day and

night. His eyes constantly followed her about the room and then turned to me with wistful significance. I un-It was here that once in the cool of fully. "I pray nothing will prevent derstood what was passing through a soft May evening he told me of his Still, if he should hear of any unfortunate person who needs money, he will hand, asked him if he would give me his little girl. He smiled and nodded with evident satisfaction, and soon thereafter fell into untroubled sleep. And now I come to a mystery garden path and sat down beside us, not unravel. I am well along in with a heavy sigh. "Tired, father?" asked Milly solici- and argued and discussed with many usly.
"Oh, not much," he cheerily re- I have never found an absolutely sat-

sponded. "I've been a-hearin' about isfactory explanation of the strange polated.

"Wall, I dun'no," returned Job.
good-humoredly—"mebbe it'st all fer
the best. I calkilate God knows His York, and decorations -- a hull arch of was reflected in the mirror of our subflowers on Main street—and speeches consciousness. But that's neither and fireworks and politicians. The here nor there. Governor, he'll be there with his staff, things in heaven and earth than are and General Miles and the Lord knows dreamed of in your philosophy or who besides. By gosh! it just mine. warmed up my blood ter hear about It was the night before Memorial it."

Day. Job had dozed fitfully all day,

"Father, I am so glad you are going rousing only for his medicine or a bit at last!" said Milly, laying her hand of nourishment. Milly sat on one affectionately on his arm. "It will side of the bed, which, in, order to add ten years to your life." add ten years to your life."

Job turned his face aside and coughed delicately. "Wall, little girl," he replied, gently patting her hand, but not looking at her, "I dun'no—you can't tell—but mebbe I bling down over the dam below the sha'n't go." bridge could be heard.

Suddenly Milly's voice pierced my drowsy senses. sharply, "what is it dear?" I was on my feet -in an instant.

bending over the bed. Job had struggled up to a sitting posture, and in his eyes was that strange far-away look. He held up a warning hand:
"Hush!" he said feebly. "Listen! heerd somethin besides reunions "Hush!" he said feeb down ter Treat's. I heerd 'em tellin Here come the boys!" Then from somewhere the silver

blare of a bugle suddenly cut the I heard an inarticulate murmur night. It was followed by the distant from Milly.

Job waited a moment, then went Milly and I stared desperately at each

tramp, of hundreds of feet, faintly at first, then nearer and nearer.

Who-what is it?" gasped Milly. I looked at Job. His face was trans figured, shining with an unearthly light. The tramp, tramp, had reached the gate. Up through the garden came the sound, now accompanied by the jingling of sabers and the rattle accoutrements. rushed to the window, tore back the curtain, and looked out. The moon was shining full on her garden. shall never forget her face as she turned and looked at me.

The feet were on the stairs now, in the room, marching round the bed. Job sat, bolstered up by the pillows I had hastily thrust behind him, his hand to his forehead as he continually acknowledged the salutes of those unseen comrades.

"Ha! there you are, Tommy O'Neil!" he muttered. "It does my heart good ter see you once more. Still the same old cock of the walk, eh, Tom? And the Lord save us, it's Bill! Do you remember that day in the trenches, Bill, before Chancellorsville? And Jocky Graham! Hoot, mon, do ye ken Gettysburg? there's Captain Terry and Smith and Lieutenant Tyler! proud, gentlemen, that you should visit a poor old soldier. And here—here-come the colors!" With one last supreme effort Job Danvers proudly irew himself up and raised his hand in final salute as the invisible flag went by.

Round the bed, through the doorway, down the stairs, the garden walk, the road, over the bridge, dying away into silence, went the sound of the

We buried him on Memorial Day. And all the village turned out to do homage to the humble hero as he marched in the parade to Kingdom Come.—Edith Sessions Tupper, in the Record-Herald Sunday Magazine.

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Rev. Ezra Stiles, a distinguished Presbyterian clergyman, and president of Yale College, who died in 1795, thus eulogizes one of his parishioners who was captain of a Guinea slaver, spending his life in buying negroes in Africa, transporting them to America, and selling them in the open market, a crime against humanity which was not closed in this country until 1808, when it was prohibited by our national Constitution.

Think of it, Christians engaged in the slave trade until less than one hundred years ago, and eulogized by the clergy. Now Rev. Stiles tells of the captain of a slaver, with probably 1,000 slaves stifled for breath in the hold of his ship:

"God had blessed him with a good Estate and he and his Family have been eminent for Hospitality to all and Charity to the poor and afflicted. At his death he recommended Religion to his Children and told them that the world was nothing. The only external blemish on his Character was that he was a little addicted to the marvelous in stories of what he had seen in his Voyages and Travels. But in his Dealings he was punctual, upright and the Oynment, the disposition to tell marvelous Stories of Dangers, Travels, etc.), in all other Things he was of a sober and good moral character, aggeration in story-telling."

The only blemish on this stealer and trafficker in human flesh was "exaggeration in story-telling.

How was it possible this Christian man, preacher and teacher, could declare this sea captain engaged in such a nefarious pursuit "a good moral man"? Open to Genesis 10, and read from verse 18 to and inclusive of 25. In short:

Noah drank of wine and was drunken. His son Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of the old man, and told his brothers about it. The ancient wine-bibber, whom the Lord had made captain of the ark, arousing from his deadly stupor, said: "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be to his brethren. And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Shem, and Canaan shall be his serv-

Christians interpreted Ham, and of course his posterity, as black, and Shem was white, therefore the black man was decreed by Capt. Noah to perpetual servitude.

The Pope, the great head of the Christian church, issued a bull authorizing the enslavement of these black heathen; so good moral and God-loving Christian men invaded Africa with cargoes of whiskey and New England rum, involved tribes in war, and bought the captives made by each party, paying for them in distilled damnation; the products of the good deacons at home, and thus our own loved America was peopled with stolen blacks deprived of every natural right, their posterity having increased to now full ten millions. And who were they who led in mak-

ing war upon this infernal system inaugurated by a drunken natriarch confirmed by God, not denounced by Jesus, but affirmed by all Christen-Why Thomas Paine, first by an article in the Pennsylvania Magazine and again in 1780 in drafting the emancipation act of Pennsylvania, while he was clerk of the Legislature strengthened by the influence of Benjamin Franklin, and later by Thomas Jefferson, all Deists whom the church denounced in the bitterest terms

Slavery, the slave trade, and the inciting of wars in Africa for the capture of negroes, originated with, and were productions of Christian Wickedness, and as such they should be held up to public execration for those acts. The Deistic leaders in the Revolution as Washington, Jefferson, etc... emancipated their slaves at death, but Christians clung to the cursed institution until the emancipation proclamation of a Spiritualist president And Spiritualists were haters of slavery from the beginning.

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# Sowing the Seeds of Truth."

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How strange are the changes that come into the lives of many.

Tis over a year since I spoke to my riends in the dear old United States, through the columns of The Progress ive Thinker; a year so full of labor and changing scenes, that the days weeks and months have gone by with such rapidity, that I was not conscious of their passing until the appalling disaster at San Francisco reminded me that I was far, far away from the land of my birth, and those who are akin by blood, my family, and that my native state, my people, were passing through a night of darkness.

How little we know of the laws that rule this universe. Man builds solidly, firmly, permanently, or so he thinks but in the Great Silence is a power, a will, whose laws he is only dimly conscious of, and which with one breath turns into confusion and chaos all that were to man things of beauty and admiration. How soon have they been destroyed! How quickly has come death and desola-

tion! The poet says: "Back to earth again flee ancient and holy things." into the elements go all that man constructs upon this mundane sphere. How much better if he would lear

to build for eternity, where earthenter! Were it not for the dim but pure light that comes from the land of souls, we would seek to lay the bur-

den of mortal existence down. that light we learn the need of keeping on, no matter how chaotic, how dark or how depressing may be the condi tions of earth life (all are necessar; experiences), we must, as Walt Whit man has written, "Ever in darknes marching, on in the ranks, the un-known road still marching!" March ing, some of us think the road familiar, but when a calamity confronts us we realize how little is our wisdom how small are we, how great is God and God's laws!

In learning how to live, how much of life is missed! How often the emotions of the human heart sweep in torrent waves the banks of mortal sciousness, while the warring waters carry away all that are sacred and holy in our temporal existence. If we have commenced to learn the true lesson of life as shown in the light of the soul, we go bravely on, feeling that all is well and not one grain of mustard seed is lost.

Blanco White's sonnet becomes an inspiration to higher living and nobler

"Mysterious night, when our first pa rent knew Thee from report divine, and heard thy name Did he not tremble for this lovely

This glorious canopy of light 'and

Yet with the curtain of translucent

Hesperus with the host of heaven And, lo! creation widened in man's Who could have thought such dark-

ness lay concealed Within thy beams, O sun! Or who could find While fly and leaf and insect lay re-

vealed, That to such countless orbs thou mad'st us blind? Why do we, then shun death with

anxious strife? If light can thus deceive, wherefore not life?'

And thus is the deeply thoughtful work of mortal life, knowing "what is. is best." recognizing that all is law, finding that what takes place is for the good of the larger number, and that

I am back in Wellington, N. Z., after an absence of eight months. My travels took me to Sydney and Melbourne (Australia), Hobart (Tasmania), and ministry, but I feel the time has come Dunedin, Christchurch and Wellington (N. Z.), and I may well feel that I have visited most places of interest in high plane, we must recognize the

this part of the globe. In Melbourne Spiritualism is making rapid advancement, and has been greatly aided by Mr. T. W. Stanford, BE ABLE TO PLACE SPIRITUALISM brother of the late Senator Leland BEFORE THE WORLD, CLEANED greatly aided by Mr. T. W. Stanford. Stanford, of California. The position OF ALL THE FILTH THAT IT HAS he has taken and the published results BEEN DRAGGING WITH IT. of his seances with Mr. Chas. Bailey,

mediums it has ever been my privilege to meet.

Mr. Stanford is doing all that a man of wealth can do to give to the world the knowledge which he possesses of Spiritualism, after an investigation and belief in Spiritualism of forty years. Would that we had a few more like him! It is his greatest desire to endow a Chair of Psychology at the Leland Stanford University, so that the phenomena of Spiritualism will have a fair and unbiased investigation at that seat of learning. I find myself hoping that the late disaster to the beautiful buildings at Palo Alto will not interfere with his plans. My reference to Melbourne compels me to speak of a few of the noble workers in

that city. Mr. W. H. Terry, former editor of the Harbinger of Light, is still same staunch and faithful worker that he was when at the head of that valuable paper, and is doing much to aid in the work of truth. I spent many happy hours at his beautiful mountain home, some miles out of Melbourne, at Fern Tree Gully, where the tall gum trees sing one to sweet repose. Mr. Otto Waschatz, the president of

the Victorian Association of Spiritualists. Is a tower of strength and faithfulness, whose every effort is to place our teachings upon the highest plane He is ably supported by his good wife who finds no task too hard that will help the cause they both love.

Mr. M. Bloomfield, the hard-work-ing secretary of the V. A. S., to whom I owe much for the earnest and conscientious manner in which he made all arrangements for the debate which was held in Melbourne, and the constant attention which he gave to every detail when we yisited Sydney.

Mrs. M. Redfern, editor of the Messenger, an up-to-date Spiritual paper, and a public speaker, is working nobly against many odds, and her faithful-

Mrs. Annie Bright, the energetic editor of the Harbinger of Light, is putting before the reading public the best there is in Spiritualistic literature. Mrs. Rising is Melbourne's oldest and most faithful medium. When it

meant more to be a Spiritualist medium in that city than it does to-day. it was her proud privilege to uphold the Miss E. Ninge's "Progressive Book Shop" is well known throughout the

colonies. I might name others prominent in the work-in fact I feel that were I to go on enumerating the faithful and true in Melbourne, so much space would be fequired in your paper that more interesting matter might be crowded out. The five months I spent in Mel-

bourne, were, without question, the happiest I have ever spent as a public Three weeks in Sydney, and here I

met noble men and true women laboring for the upbuilding of Spiritualism I was two months in Christchurch where the Spiritualists have a nice meeting-place,-at one time the Ger man church. They are led by Mr Bathed in the rays of the great setting flame, Fabling, a young man whose heart is in the work, and a worthy number of

I am now serving the Wellington society for four months. From here I shall go to Gisborne, and then to Auckland.

In looking over the past year's work I trust it will not seem like the utterances of an egotist if I say, "I have served my master faithfully, and trust that my itinerancy will be fruitful of much good!"

Mr. McLean, president of the society in Wellington, is anxious to test the "settled speaker" plan, and hopes that in the very near future such a method can be carried out. His idea is to pay a speaker and medium about man and woman made strong for the \$1,500 per year, and place him (the speaker) upon the same footing as a minister of orthodoxy is. The system, hoping that all might be love also, we hope, can be adopted ere long, for when COMMERCIALISM is taken out of Spiritualism, and our teachers paid a living salary, there will no longer be an incentive to produce fraudulent manifestations.

In the past we have avoided a paid when to keep our phenomena pure and our philosophy and religion upon a need of paying, educating, and guarding out teachers and mediums: THEN AND NOT UNTIL THEN, WILL WE

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#### Not a Creditable Example.

King David is presented to us as a man after God's own heart. Pupils Naboring to maintain and advance its in Sunday-schools are expected to take empire. It grasps every opportunity him for an exemplar. The Lord was to invade the rights of others. Faildispleased with him for virtually murdering Uriah to get his wife, but in all else he had the approval of that ergy. No human right is free from heavenly functionary.

II. Samuel 12:29 tells us David gathered all the people together, and went against Rabbah, and fought against it and took it; then he took their king's crown from off his head, and put it on his own, and brought forth the spoils of the city in great abundance, but, note, verse 31:

"And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brick kiln; and thus of Ammon.

He who should lead in battle in our day, and should copy David's acts would be universally execrated. It was the cruelty of a barbarian people, whose savage acts should be forgotten. Instead, though the Bible abounds with equally abhorrent acts, Sundayschool children are asked to contribute pennies to place in the hands of heathen copies of this infernal record, and it is claimed millions of copies are

sent out annually. The influence must be to instruct the reader to follow the example of these terrible atrocities, instead of cultivating the nobler virtues. How can we hope to see humanity at its best when such soul crushing acts are blazoned on nearly every page of a book claimed to be inerrant which is in everybody's hand?

No story is the same to us after the apse of time; or, rather, we who read gogues, and it cannot succeed. it are no longer the same interpreters. George Ellot.

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assaults to-morrow with renewed enits touch. It's principle ambition is to gain control of childhood and youth. and mold them to its will, thus enslaving mind in its very inception, making it ever after its co-laborer to tyrannize over those who will not will ingly submit to its unreasonable decrees.

A conference of Bigotry's votaries, usually known as clergymen, recently assembled in New York, to plan a new campaign. For years, ever since our free public school system was inaugune did to all the cities of the children rated, preachers have sought, under the pretext of teaching good morals; to secure control of those steppingstones to the future, and make them serve as highways into the church Plan after plan failed, but govern ment with a heavy hand barred suc

> The new proposition is for all schools to suspend afternoon sessions on Wednesday of each week, and require the pupils to assemble in the churches, such as the parents shall direct, and there be taught religious truth, otherwise pernicious bigotry, under the direction of the pastor.

cess.

A Boston journal says: scheme has this in its favor: it is cordially approved as an experiment by men of all faiths." If that statement times; but it is not true. It is a project of designing religious dema-

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The Destruction of San Francisco Forefold by Mrs. Maud Lord ()1.

Drake. The spirit of prophesy has not died

out of the inniverse. Some may contend that no prophetic utifrance disclosing events of the future has ever been delivered to man. Others may contend that in primeval days God, through personal interviews through priests and prophets, communed with man and revealed to him things that should transpire on earth in other days, or distant years. But these they regard as miracles, and claim that the days of miracles have long since passed; and now they contend that the day of miracle, having passed, no prophetic declaration is given. But from the standpoint of science we may safely conclude that whatever transpires in the universe occurs pursuant to the eternal and unending laws of nature. Therefore, if prophetic declarations were given in the past they may recur in the present. But whenever they are given

eternal law.

The declaration of the astronomer that an eclipse of the sun, or a transit of Mercury will occur at such and such times, and in such and such places, is a prophecy in accordance with natural law, calculated and determined by human intelligence.

Such a prediction is a miracle to the uninformed, and a prophetic declara-

Some of my readers are able to blackboard and instantaneously write down the aggregate sum of all the figures. I have seen men who could do this. I have seen a man who would stand by one while he was writing a column of six or ten figures from top to bottom of the blackboard, and as soon as the last figures were written, he would tell the party what figures to write down as the total sum of the

whole column.
This was not a special providence. The trained intellect of such mathematician was able to group and comprehend the facts and laws of na-ture so as to give an instantaneous result; while the great majority were obliged to plod over the addition, figure by figure, the result was obtained. Now, there is no phenomena in na-

ture, physical or psychical, but that occurs pursuant to the laws of nature; and while there is such a wide margin of difference between an octhey can grasp, and comprehend the

The writer believes it to be possible, and believes also that in these facts a solution of the problem of as yet, to discover the cause of earthprophecy may be found. But be that quakes. as it may, be your beliefs or disbeliefs as to the question of prephecy abundance, but these are, one and all, what they may, Thave a few stubborn the merest suppositions and guesses; tacks the relate, and each reader may but depend upon it, whatever the caus-

account for them; as best he can: country there have been prophetic utgreater or less extent the awful destruction of San Francisco.

But the facts to which I would especially call your attention are as fol-

itentiaries of the several states. If a truthful census of their inmates is taken, if the revealments corroborate past observations, it will be found 95 per cent of the convicts were regular attendants during youth at Sunday schools, where they were taught "church morals."

It will be found the great churches contribute the principal victims to the criminal representation in our penal institutions, Catholics and Methodists supplying the largest numbers, with a large list of priests and preachers who are still desirous of teaching good morals, so have followed their late pupils into the forced retreat of the vile.

The reader will ever bear the fact migrate from. in mind that the great crimes of the world, war, slavery, intemperance and polygamy, were late Christian virtues; that the world's inventors and reformers were the victims of Christian hate til it will soon be positively unbearand persecution continuing down to our own times.

#### A Righteous Verdict.

Talleyrand, the learned Frenchman who shaped the policy of the courts of Europe for à generation, born in 1754, died in 1838, was educated for the priesthood, and in 1788 was installed a Bishop. In his famous letter to ing in its attacks to-day it renews its Pope Plus VII, with practical knowledge of what he was writing about.

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Mrs Drake gave one of her mos eloquent addresses under spirit control. During the course of her remarks a change came over her countenance. A slight tremor seemed to thrill every fiber of her body. She seemed to be standing in the presence of some overshadowing, some iminent danger, and pausing a moment said: "I see a great, a most terrible ca-lamity overshadowing San Francisco and the Pacific coast. I see buildings in San Francisco wrecked.

and falling in all directions, and hun dreds of human beings are crushed in that dire, that most terrible disaster. Now, I see the smoke arising here and there amidst the ruins. Volumes of smoke arises. 'he flames are arising! They increase! They spread with they recur pursuant to natural and curling, lashing tongues of livid fire! They leap from building to building! Now it is a vast ocean of flashing flames of fire; The force cannot be stayed till that fair city is reduced to ruins, to ashes and desolation. now an utter desolation that defies all numan description."

It was hard to believe. I must confess, that such a calamity should so soon befall that fair city, the Queen of the Pacific. As the prediction was out of the ordinary, I made notes of place a column of figures upon the it, but did not believe it would occur in my day, or in this generation. . The time of the disaster was

mentioned, and I felt that it might be possible at some time in the far distant future; but the prophecy was more than two months before its fulfillment.

. The facts are before you, and now my friends, solve the problem as best you can.

In the month of March, Mrs. Drake, while under control, repeated the prediction in my own home; also in the month of March, in the rooms of Dr Park, at 1206 Market street, while under control, she again foretold the destruction of San Francisco by seismic'shock and flery flames. On the 11th of March, 1906, Mr.

and Mrs. Drake were in San Francisco on business. Mr. Drake had an ap-pointment to meet Mr. Bonebrake, of El Reno, Oklahoma, but as Mrs. Drake casional skilled omathematician and and the majority of them as above described, may it not be possible there are exalted spirffs in the realms supernal who are so far advanced that the comparable of the case o saw the destruction of San Francisco

While some of our good ministers facts and laws of nature—that from have said that the destruction of San the causes of future events—they can Francisco was an expression of God's instantaneously see the result that wrath on account of its sins, I believe may happen in distant days and years that God works through cause and ef-

No scientist; no human being is able

es are, they are scientific, and in full We see from the columns of The accord with the eternal facts and laws Progressive Thinker that all over the of the universe. If man could only sufficient data pertaining terances given foreshadowing to a thereto, he could readily compute the time and place of an earthquake as can the astronomer the time and place

of an eclipse. GEO. W. LEWIS, A. M. 1519 Broadway, Alameda, Cal.

ECHOES FROM THE 'QUAKE. A Letter From George F. Perkins.

To the Editor:—Things are getting rather monotonous again. We have not felt an earthquake shock since last Saturday, and hence must turn our attention to the already approaching mutterings of jealous wranglings over the merits, demerits, honors, etc., due the participants in the recent catastrophe; and the distribution of monies, the settlement of insurance claims, land titles, etc., and finally it begins to appear that this is a good country to

The festive real estate agent is in evidence conspicuously in the unlimited raise of house rents and forcing of payments on-mortgages and notes un-

There is a tremendous army of homeless families camped in the available parks in San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley and inland towns. that is being fed from the generous eastern contributions. Just what they are going to do when

the fund is exhausted, and while they are rebuilding the "San Francisco Beautiful," is an open question. It is an overwhelming proposition, and the omniscient optimist will have

his mind taxed somewhat to adjust, things, I am thinking.
Acres and acres of ashes, bricks, stones, twisted steel and iron confront us when we stand on any street of the

burnt district. There is no way of ascertaining how many people were caught in the collapsing of the large tenement buildings that could not withstand the shock, nor the quickly following fire flend. The "Brunswick" was only one of many similar houses. It was supposed to have contained over 200 peo le, among them some ten mediums. Only three or four out of the lot have been heard from.

However brave we may try to be, or scientific in our philosophizing, wful calamity is past description. and man's vocabulary too limited to portray it. After noting the sudden annihila-

ion of hundreds of millions of dollars f property, it brings to our mind very forcibly the folly of living entirely for the sole purpose of acquiring money and property. This affair has leveled things in a few hours more effectively than a century of anarchism or other reforma-

tory movements, lessons of life given to us in a ghastly manner, and horrioly realistic. Shall we profit by it? Oakland, Cal. G. F. PERKINS. "A Conspiracy Against the Republic. "History of the Christian Religion to the Year 200," etc. A condensed state-

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ment of facts concerning the efforts of church leaders to get control of the gov-

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Spiritualism is having an upward tendency. Spirit Return is being manifested in all departments of life, and in all religious sects. The American Institute for Scientific Research, if put in successful operation, will mark a new era in Spiritualistic and Occult Matters; in fact, it will be instrumental in giving Our Cause a wonderful impetus.

MY DEAR FRIEND: IF YOU FOUND "SCINTILLATIONS" FROM ARE NOT A SUBSCRIBER TO THE THE PEN OF HENRY MORRISON PROGRESSIVE THINKER, THEN TEFFT, ALSO OTHER VERY INTER-WE WANT YOU TO READ THIS ESTING MATTER. MR. TEFFT AL-LETTER, FOR IT IS ADDRESSED WAYS WRITES CHARMINGLY. PARTICULARLY TO YOU. THE SIXTH, SEVENTH AND

WE SEND YOU A SAMPLE COPY EIGHTH PAGES CONTAIN A GREAT THIS WEEK AND ASK YOU TO DEAL OF VALUABLE INFORMA-GIVE IT A CAREFUL PERUSAL TION. EXAMINE THE FIRST PAGE, AR-TICLE BY ARTICLE, AND YOU EIGHT PAGES OF THIS, THE WILL FIND IT CHOCKFUL OF IN-TERESTING MATTER.—SOME-ON EARTH TO-DAY, AND THEN

THEN TURN TO THE SECOND PAGE, AND READ THE "LETTER AND THUS KEEP THOROUGHLY FROM THE SPIRIT WORLD," AND POSTED IN CURRENT SPIRITUAL-"SPIRIT VISITATIONS." THEY WILL INTEREST YOU. PAGE THREE IS OF EQUAL IM-

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J. R. FRANCIS, 40 Loomis Street, Chicago, Ill.

### Guardian Angels

They Come Unsolicited and Under Various Condiditions Just as Easily, so Far as Can be Ascertained by Mortals, as by Request and in the Seance Room, and Deliver Their Messages of Love and Upliftment in the Peaceful Sanctuary of the Home, and Out Upon the Star-lit Highways of Life.

A Levitation and Cure. A well-known gentleman of this city, a banker by profession, met me on the street one day recently and said:

"Mr. Harding, do you believe you will live after you die?"
"Yes," said I, "I know I will." 'Well, how do you know?' "It would take too long to explain

the subject, and hand you a copy of the paper. "Most men will not be satisfied without having an experience of their

"Very true," I replied, "but the statements of one whose veracity is known will do much to remove structions and cause the subject to appear reasonable.

Now the peculiar sensation which, attached a seal, so to speak, to my had a perfect view of her chair and all knowledge. The influence never left about it. As we sat in silence I was surmy wife all next day. Of course we prised to observe her feet and all in my case, accompanied conviction, my wife all next day. Of course we prised to observe her feet rising from slept no more that night. It seemed the floor very slowly—not spasmodito me there was no such a thing as cally, but slowly and steadily death; that every object in the house ing up," as it were. Then her limbs was, in a manner vitalized. Everything she touched seemed to possess We were alone in the house, and It life.

called me. "Tom, just look at my hands. not mixing this dough. Some else is using my hands."

Again she said, when sweeping the "Just see this broom; it is merely resting in my hand, but it appears to be doing the sweeping itself."

When I returned to the house some time after breakfast, I missed her from her usual place. I knew her from her neculiar "spell." but said. "They seem as if resting on a

her from her usual place. I knew she was under a peculiar "spell," but opening the sitting-room door I saw soft cushion, and there seems to be a her on her knees at the lounge; tears fluid, magnetism, I suppose, entering were rolling down her cheeks as she at the crown of my head, passing prayed most fervently for forgiveness. Oh! God, my Father, forgive me for opposing that which I now know to happy and resting delightfully. be Thy truth, and with Thy help I will never again condemn anyone's relig-

to her prayers. That was many years ago but she has never violated her promise.

He full space of twenty-five years. himself her guardian angel in various ways. Let me tell of one among many of the so-called "miraculous cures" which he effected, and I hope the floor. She then got up without help, and returned to bed, and as well as I can remember she was up before me in the morning, and got breakfast. to tell of many things done by him, the modus operandi of which none of

us can quite understand, opposed, as they were, to every law of known science Mrs. Harding was very sick. She

had kept her bed so long she wished to sit up for a while. I took a rocking chair from our sitting-room and carried it to the kitchen, and sat it by the side of the cook stove, that being the only stove having a fire in it. I placed a feather pillow on the seat just now, but sometime I will write on and another at the back, and helped her out of bed and sat her in the chair. The chair was an ordinary black walnut rocking-chair, with cane seat and back. Let me further remark that all those remarkable occurrences happened when I and probably she were in a state of mental abstraction or absent-mindedness, and all thoughts of such things far away.

I sat in front of the stove, our chairs about 18 inches apart, and I were straightened out, and the chair began to grow up also into the air. was then set back and so placed she did the house work. She made that the crown of her head was set the bread, and while mixing it she to the north; her head and feet were then on or about a level. Then the chair and its occupant stood poised in one the air perfectly motionless; a mountain rock of a hundred tons could not be more rigid and still than that chair. from one to two feet from the floor.

I thought she might have been unconscious, or in a trance,

through my body and passing out at my feet; but, oh! Tom, I am very

Let me say here that she has always

been very delicate, nervous and sensi-

tive; she is small of stature, and her I closed the door softly and left her | manner resembles that of an innocent The chair remained in that position for about 15 or perhaps 20 minutes.

That great and good spirit whom we note of time. Then the chair began to descend very slowly, and when it remost powerful friend she had for the gained its normal position, her feet were lowered with equal slowness to healed her sicknesses, and proved the floor. She then got up without

> Sturgis, Mich. (To be continued.)

### "FEAST OF FAT THINGS."

Journalist.

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER ALWAYS GOOD, IS NOTABLY SO-THE PAPER DATED JUNE 2, 1906 IT IS A VERITABLE "FEAST OF FAT THINGS." HAVING BEEN A READER OF SPIRITUAL LITERA-TURE FOR NEARLY SIXTY YEARS, AND AN OBSERVER OF "THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES" FOR OVER FOUR-SCORE YEARS, I MOST But no response: all cold and chill GRACEFULLY DOFF MY HAT TO MR. J. R. FRANCIS AND HIS STAFF OF VALUABLE CONTRIBUTORS, ADDING MY FULL CONFIDENCE IN

PRESENCE FOREVER." CHARLES H. MATHEWS. NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO.

MEETING THEM "IN THAT LAND

WHERE THE BEAUTIFUL BEINGS

THAT HERE PASS BEFORE US

LIKE SHADOWS STAY IN OUR

Our enemies speak of us as the hear; we judge of ourselves as we feel -Hannah Moore.

THE RAISED VEIL.

Joy to the world! there is no death. As Set Forth by an Eminent Life individualized in man Hath immortality. I stood beside the wasted form

And saw life pass away:-

The house no longer tenable-

Is all that's left to me.

Life could no longer stay. Where have you gone? Where are you now? For somewhere you must be The empty shell, the silent form

twined my arms around the neck And kissed that long-loved face; Was that farewell embrace. Could I but see you once again:

Oh, that the veil might rise!

To know that you are still the same, My own, my precious prize. crave but once, I ask no more, Yourself, some self to see: Then I will weep and grieve no more

The veil is raised, and lo! I see My loved one standing near! Her loving gaze is fixed on me, And love's old smiles appear. THEODORE SIMPSON.

Vancouver, B. C.

Oh, show yourself to me!

Decay is a swifter agent than growth.

by gossip, by inferior associations and

by weak and unprofitable thoughts,

There is no form of vice, no form of

corruption, no condition of degrada-

tion but what constant association

ence, servility, become a part of the

individual nature which nothing but

Men and women in the higher walks

are responsible for the sins of society.

If those in authority, if the people of

wealth and position, would set the

example of temperance, economy and

honesty, these virtues would become

popularized among the mass and be as

common as vice, dishonesty and in-

temperance are now. Wealth to-day

stands defiant, it defies justice, laughs

at right, and scorns the feeble efforts

that are being put forth to make it ob-

serve the law, obey the statutes, and

conform to the good order and well-

is broken; the aristocracy of birth is

dead; but the aristocracy of the dol-

Christ can ever become a millionaire:

to make any such claim shows either

dense ignorance or flagrant hypocrisy.

The system of weights and measures

which God uses in weighing and meas-

uring the moral and spiritual qualities

of men are entirely different from

ours. Goodness is not practical.

The ideal life and the practical life

never agree. The mind formulates

plans, conditions, institutions and so-

cieties, that look righteous and beau-

tiful, but they are never realized. The

model seems perfect but there is al-

Man, both beautifies and deforms

this world; he builds up and he tears

down. The laws of growth and decay

hold equal power and balance each

other. Strange as it may appear,

with the increase of knowledge, refine-

disease increases, and poverty in-

It is not the anarchist, nor the

deceits," still goes up. The majority

of mankind prefer fable to fact, show

"Good God!" said Napoleon, "how

rare men are! there are eighteen

million in Italy, and I have with diffi-

And vain the knowledge of their van-

Thou dost but chase the shadow of

Rise and go hence; there is no better

Then patient scorn; -nor any help

"I HAVE DONE MY BEST."

As Vividly Portrayed by Will F. Grif-

believe the life that we lead to-day is

That the blooms and thorns along the

believe the causeway stones that

Were meant for us—that we might know—that we might understand

I believe the storms of life's great sea.

Are sent to us that we may see how

believe that every sin-stained soul has in its depths the seed of

And that some day, tho' far away,

count no creed; but I believe that

when the worldly race is run, When all the task, the joy and pain,

That man shall come into his own and

If he can say, all truthfully, when all

"Death Defeated; or the Psychic Se

is o'er, "I've done my best."

'twill see and recognize the light.

the strife and sorrowing are done,

find the long-sought, cherished

very weak we mortals are.

the life that was all decreed and

way were meant for us by the Master's Hand.

bruise and the grief that follows the wrongs that burn

that sometimes send frail souls

fen in His "Creed."

HENRY MORRISON TEFFT

culty found two."

ity:

Way

thyself!

for man!"

Norwich, N. Y.

planned--

right-

"All things are shows,

vent crime.

ways trouble with the machine.

"The aristocracy of the priesthood

death can wipe out.

being of society.

lar is in its meridian."

We profane ourselves by small talk,

### SCINTILLATIONS

#### From the Pen of Henry Morrison Test, Nor wich. New York.

"What an Enigma! What a Strange, Chaotic and Contradictory Being! Judge of All Things, Feeble, Earth-Worm! Depository of Truth! Mass of Uncertainty! Glory and Butt of the Universe!"

as we do their lives, without knowing their true value. A brilliant man of weeds." Goodness carried to excess becomes weakness. It takes to make a full grown man. A slang word sometimes expresses a deeper truth than the most classic sentence. There is more virtue in some persons' of others.

never sinned and repented-never committed an act worthy of being repented of. Life when viewed in all of its terri-

ble realities, its tragic and fearful experiences, is really more to be dreaded than death. There may be more tragedy, more grief, more real experience wrapped up in a single tear, than in the whole history of many an individtheir manner and life than civilized intelligent condition of society. races. "The solitary wild state is al-American tribes have been noted by travelers for their gravity and tacimanifestations of nature, whether in landscape, mountain, waterfall, cloud key-never with joyful note.

It requires no priestly voice or fintervention to make a place holy. The soul's purest worship needs neither hand, the imprint of a foot, the carry it with us, or we find it not." sound of a voice, may be a more sacred The immanent God manifests Himself in all the glory of this world, in every

Whose dwelling is the light of settings suns. And the round ocean, and the living

And the blue sky, and in the mind of

A motion and a spirit; which impels All thinking things, all objects of all thought,

And rolls through all things."

No man is so low or degraded but rules are unchanged. desire for nobler ends, a kinship with the divine purpose. Food, shelter and clothing are all that is necessary for animal happiness. Man's capabilities of happiness, of enjoyment, are balanced by his capabilities of misery and unhappiness. The language has not been invented, the words have not either the gladness or the sorrow, the ror as fact. darkness or the light, which the human heart can endure.

There are certain select souls who never have any commonplace experiful, but grand; events are not dreadful, ful, but grand; events are not useful. but tragic: with them it is never merely excitement, passion, emotion, but their minds are always stirred as a tempest. Yet the vast majority are incapable of deep feeling on any subject-either of joy or sorrow, love or hate, disappointment or fruition. They could never become martyrs for a cause, a principle or a person.

The man that knows little is happier than the man that knows much.

Poverty and wealth, want and satiety, ilve side by side. Great accumulations cannot exist in one person's hands without a corresponding deficit in a thousand others; but riches breed as much discontent as poverty. No condition in life is satisfactory. Our hopes all center in the future. the present is uninteresting. "The promised land flies before us like the mirage. The fruits of the tree of man can conceive. knowledge turn as we grasp them to apples of Sodom that crumble at the ence, otherwise we ignore it. The

The past has a glory all its own. Everything is beautiful in retrospect. them. Even our sorrows become sacred, and we would as soon drop from memory our joys as our griefs. Many of our experiences, as we look

cording to the standpoint from which is but different manifestations of the they are viewed. If a person's fancy same primal element. runs different from ours in style or dress, we call him vain or eccentric; things healthy, normal, and beneficial.

In each life is a mixture of virtue ground of science each separate fact and vice. There is no one person stands in its true relation to all oththat is all good, nor all bad. The ers. "Robert G. Ingersoll liked to richest ore is mixed with more or less think and say that evil is more or less We condemn men's doctrine, accidental, and has an imaginary, rather than a real existence; that only only in name; obsequiousness, obediwhen at bey and in the midst of hosonce said, "Some people would de- tile circumstances is human nature instroy the sun to prevent the growth clined toward what is acqually criminal and vicious."

Everything moves upward. The brawn and muscle as well as intellect most filthy substance may in time become purified, giorified into the flavor of the fruit, or unto the bloom and fragrance of the flower. Science changes, theologies change, divinities profanity than there is in the prayer change. Doctrines that are, fit and proper and satisfying to one age and I pity the individual who has never people are entirely unfit for another shed a tear, neer felt a deep sorrow, age and another people. Formerly a God of vengeance, a God of rewards and punishments was held up before the world, but now it is a God of love.

Some one has said of a well-known author that in his work on dogmatic theology "Two pages are given to heaven and eighty-eight to hell." The old-time preaching was very harsh, commendatory and inflammatory, so was the religious literature; but all ual soul. Our deepest thoughts are that has been modified, and the way the saddest. Primitive people who to heaven has been smoothed and live near to nature are more serious in | made suitable to a more educated and

What is truth to one man is error ways a serious one. \* \* \* the savage to another. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." It all'depends upon our faith, our belief in the doctrine. turnity." The mountain seems sol- in the form, in the symbol by which emn and the hills look sad. All the the desires and aspirations of the grand, the beautiful, the inspiring heart are fed. The heathen, prostrate before his idol, receives the same answer to prayer, as the Christian bowor sky, ever speak to us in the minor ing before his spiritual God. The answer comes from within and not from without. "The kingdom of God is within you," and it is nowhere else located. "Though we travel the world temple nor altar. The touch of a over to find the beautiful, we must

The matter of faith is more or less dedication of a place to the human a natural endowment. Some people heart, than prayers, hymns, and ritual. are naturally credulous; they easily take all statements at their face value, while others analyze, question and disphysical beauty seen, and in every pute every point in the proposition. mental thought and truth expressed. It is a queer notion many have, that. while science changes, society changes, philosophies change, religious doctrines, creeds and formulas must always remain the same; that centuries ago, God revealed Himself Tully, completely, and finally into the world and that He had no further revelations to make known to man. The same religious formulas exist now that have been stated for hundreds of years: men believe them no more, but the

All rules are arbitrary and artificial except what nature furnishes. Too much learning deadens the imagination. The fear of violating some rule, custom or habit, laid down by the critics, is a check on originality. A genius must have a free rein or his work is dwarfed. Truth cannot be too closely defined. Questions answered been forged, capable of expressing by yes or no often convey as much er-

> A certain writer speaking of the doctrine of transcendentalism says: "The principles of transcendentalism are to be felt as religious emotions, or grasped by the imagination as a poetic whole. They are not to be proved, neither are they to be set down in propositions as the articles of a creed. The truth comes to us not when we are critical, not when we are working, but when we are receptive and passive."

Definitions are misleading. We cannot define beauty, poetry, oratory, inspiration, genius, nor religion. Great stress is laid on finalities.

The world is always looking for authoritative statements. There can be no shadow without substance.

Whether Christ is a historical figure or a fiction: whether his life is fable or fact; it makes no difference; the character portrayed is divine, the words said to have been spoken by him are true and the teachings set forth are the highest that the mind of

Fiction must appeal to our experinovelist does not create the men and women he depicts—he finds them in actual life. Shakspeare created no The most trivial things in our lives be- characters; he painted in words that come interesting as we recede from which he saw and heard. He made no originals, he merely shows us those

already in existence. Whatever addresses itself to the universal heart is eternal. There is back upon them, seem more ideal than only one kind of blood, only one kind real, more like dreams than realities. of water, only one kind of air, only Events in life are interpreted ac- one kind of matter; everything we see

All events come and go in regular order. First the egg, then the worm, if his logic does not correspond to then the butterfly. Man is nature's our opinions, we say his reasoning is finest and last expression. Everyunsound; if he is extraordinary adept thing else was made subordinate to on some lines, we accuse him of being this final act in the order of creation; one-sided and unbalanced. A great yet man is only an animal. All his man is first a crank, then a genius. religion, morals and refinements are But the highest philosophy accounts veneering—easily thrown off. When conditions are right, an individual or Thore is nothing abnormal, ugly or de- a people, move backward with more fective in nature. From the vantage placeity than they ever move forward.

### A Remarkable Experience.

Converted From Methodism to Spiritualism—A Soul Divinely Illuminated.

will make it common place and it will cease to be a matter of either aversion or reprobation. When we realize how little people know individually, it Later in my evangalistic tours of the soft ethereal light above me! The is a wonder they act so wisely collectively. The crowd of fawning sycophants, paying humiliating deference to power and authority is every year growing larger. Wealth, not genius will soon be crowned king. Where the fountain is corrupt the whole stream is impure. The heritage of a people stamps itself upon the mind and body of a race the same as it does on a family. A nation of slaves ligious error." can never become a nation of freemen

ens were opened to me, and I saw the but He hath revealed these to us by hosts celestial-myriads!- floating in His spirit."

preaching I came yto Bardwell Ky., whole heaven was illumined—was full where Brother J.B. Crisney kindly of divine glory! O, the grandeur, the and patiently tried to explain to me beauty of that scene! No pen can dethe philosophy of Spiritualism. No! scribe it. I shall never forget it, for I was too set in my ways. I told him it seems to linger with me like a sweet, that he undoubtedly pleant well, but perpetual perfume, possessing my soul his spirits were "imps and devils per- forever. I arose from my knees consonifying his dead friends," and say- vinced. I was converted, and never ing beautiful things only to lure "the so realized before the dignity and wonsoul deeper into the quagmires of re- drous power of the human spirit and the glories of the spiritual world. The Invited, I went to his house, and in words impressed up me were: "Eye his room several of us bowed down in hath not seen, ear hath not heard, prayer, and my prayer was for "the neither hath it entered into the heart devils to be cast out." While thus on of man to conceive the things that God my knees in earnest prayer, the heav- hath prepared for those that love him,

spiritual religion.,

good gifts to your children; how much pared for those that love him, but He more will your heavenly Father give hath revealed these to us by His No man whose life is dominated by the Holy Spirit to those that ask him." I must not forget here to mention the philosophy and teachings of

South of the "spirit rappings," and from faith to knowledge a knowlheard also how they spread over the edge of a future immortal life; of country, and for a time our neighbors progress over there, and of a more glowould meet at night from house to rlous brotherhood here in this presehouse, trying to "raise the spirit rap- ent world. pers," but this work was not then brought to any perfection, being only seem broad enough to satisfy me. My the initial stage of Spiritualism.

At my father's house I could occain my room overhead. Then the sounds would come down the stairs about as fast as a person would naturally walk, and would rap all along the way to the foot of my bed. These phenomena produced untanny feelings in my heart, and many times I covered crushed again by any creed. Though my head with theabed-clothes taking a I have peace and good will to all men, thorough sweat-bath to avoid hearing I like best the keystone in the temple.

ment, and civilization, vice increases, the meantime I read a book by Robert ten two or three thousand years agocreases. It is only one step from Dale Owen entitled, "Footfalls on the a small pond, dammed up and starpoverty to crime. Sin lives upon squalor, wretchedness and unrest. night after this as I tay upon my pil- flowing stream, a present inspiration Presperity dries up the springs of inlow thinking of what I had read, all at embodying the Fatherhood of God. iquity. Doctors cannot diminish disease, priests cannot wipe out evil, neither can courts and statutes, prement I SAW A FORM FLOATING IN rejoice "with joy unspeakable." THE AIR ABOVE ME. I could only highwaymen that the people need see it from the waist upward. It stand in fear of, but it is the men holding high business, social, legislative and judicial positions men clothed with authority in their chosen walks of life. It is the gentleman, not the loafer, that froms a menace to good government and to civilization. that face! That large forehead and As long as the results of successful, villainy are more applauded than the smaller accumulations of honesty and frugality there can be no reformasons in the body, but none to dupli- thodox theology. tion in the morals of the people. A cate that picture so well as Dr. J. M. false man, whether in word, thought, Peebles, whom I had the pleasure of or deed, is a blight on community, a meeting at the Litchfield camp-meethindrance to reform, and a block to progress. But falsehood shows just ing. - I wonder if: the Doctor everas well in print as truth. The old cry "Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy

Time passed, and I read, thought, prayed, and finally settled down in the mer at the Litchfield camp-meeting. belief of angelic ministry, but believed this to be open to us especially only at the moment of our passing from this world to the great unseen: Then our spiritual eyes would be Doctor that he was a man of strictopened, but otherwise angelic visions est moral integrity and highly es-

were, I supposed, few and far between. As for Spiritualism, at this crisis, what was not fraud or evil spirits 1 supposed might be genuine, and it looked to me more and more reasonable as I pondered upon the subject more deeply. I prayed earnestly for light, more light! I was at that time preaching in the South, and one day I passed through Memphis, Tenn., then the home of Dr. Samuel Watson, author of "When the Clock Struck One," and I heard a man prominent in Sunday-school work relating an expose of Spiritualism which took place in the

city the evening previous. "And what did Dr. Watson think of it?" I inquired. Ties

"Oh," said the Sunday-school teacher, "he is prepared to believe everything connected with Spiritualism, no matter how many exposes should be made." I did not quite fancy his method of treating the subject. Later in my evangelistic tours of

preaching I came to Bardwell, Ky., where Brother J<sub>30</sub>B, Gaisney kindly and patiently tried to explain to me the philosophy of Spirffuelism. No! I was too set in my ways. I told him that he undoubtedly meant well, but his spirits were Timbs and devils personifying his dead friends," and saying beautiful things only to lure "the soul deeper into the quagmires of religious error."

Invited, I went to his house, and in his room several of us bowed down in prayer, and my prayer was for "the devils to be cast out." While thus on my knees in earnst prayer, the heavens were opened to me, and I saw the hosts celestial-myrlads!- floating in form.-Chicago Tribune. the soft ethereal light above me! The whole heaven was illumined-was full

To the Editor: For several months can describe it. I shall never forget have felt a desire to give some ac- it, for it seems to linger with me like count of my conversion to Spiritual- a sweet, perpetual perfume, possessing ism, and the reason for it. I was my soul forever. I arose from my brought up a Methodist and became a knees convinced. I was converted, preacher in their conference, thinking and never so realized before the digthat it was the most liberal, and in nity and wondrous power of the hubrief far more broad than any Cal- man spirit and the glories of the spirvinistic form of theology. I received itual world. The words impressed my appointments year by year, empha- upon me were: "Eye hath not seen. sizing in my public ministrations a ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to con-"If ye, being evil, know how to give ceive the things that God hath pre-

Since that time my horizon has that when h child I heard while in the been widening and I have progressed

spirit."

There are none of the churches that soul has drunk deep from the fountain of life. My nature is eclectic and sionally hear at night time, rappings naturally now takes in the best things of the Methodist, the Universalist, the Unitarian, the Swedenborgian, the Quaker, the Shaker and the Salvation Army. They are doing their noble work in their way. I can be bound by no sect, nor can my nature be these strange sounds. But and that keystone is Spirit. I seem to Several years passeds and we had fit nowhere else. Now, to me inspiraand that keystone is Spirit. I seem to ceased "raising" lithe spirits, but in tion is not confined to what was writ-Boundaries of Anothen World," One nant. Not no! Give me the fresh once the wind role, and blow a gust! the brotherhood of man, the present I could hear it sariek and whistle. ministry of spirits and a good, pure Then all was still; and at the next mo- life, and then with the Apostle I can

Now brothers, I want work. I have been an evangelistic preacher glided along with the face turned to- for years, but I have grown up into ward me, grave, sedate—a real the broad liberal truth of Spiritualspook. No word it gave, nor sign, ism, and I want work in the field but soon faded or vanished into the My good wife is as zealous as I am and quite proficient at music calls-give me work, for I long to be flowing white beard caused me to breaking the bread of life to those think of a dignified Roman sen tor. Who doubt the future existence or are Since that time I have met many per- starving in trying to digest old or-

> J. H. COLLINS. Bardwell, Ky.

Accompanying this letter from the leaves his body and appears to sensi- Rev. Mr. Collins are a few lines from tives, as is reported of many mediums! Dr. Peebles stating that he heard Mr. Collins speak several-times last sumand he is an enthusiastic speaker, and himself and family are singers and real workers. Mr. Crisney, a banker in Crisney, and others; informed the teemed by all who personally knew

> We trust that he will find work in this great whitening field of Spiritualism .- [Editor.

> > AN ETHEREAL BODY.

They Say They Have Seen the Ethereal Body, One of Man's Subtler Bodies Interpenetrating the Dense Physical Body."

The Orientals have long claimed to have seen it with a higher vision and the Occidentals are now seeing It by the aid of instruments. In being able to see the skeleton of a live person by Roentgen rays we have gone far to surmount difficulties in making out the shadow of the ethereal body. A hazy, semi-transparent mass rounds the bones in a skiagraph which seems to invite definition by simple methods of research requiring little more than a better understanding of the offices of the different rays of light to give us a glimpse of the man that survives the mortal casement,

The ethereal body, erroneously termed the soul, seems to be a compound of those electric corpuscles of which matter is supposed to consist, with the unknown principle of animal life, and it is obviously a connecting link between mind and matter. discovery of this sort is calculated to revolutionize the mental sciences and correct many erroneous ideas. It particularly is important to ascertain how the ethereal body acts during life. Many doubt the existence of any inner form of this kind. But it is an established belief in the east, especially in India, handed down from ancient days. It is difficult to see how their knowledge could have been so complete, even including the fact that the ethereal body never grew old after attaining maturity, unless they had been able to catch sight of the inner

You are not simply to be kind and of divine glory! O, the grandeur, do, give honest, earnest purpose to it. cret of How to Keen Young." By J. M. of divine glory! O, the grandour, do, give honest Poebles, M. D., M. A., Ph. D. Price \$1: the beauty of that scene! No pen Trowbridge.

AN IMPRESSIVE EXPERIENCE,

Carlyle Petersilea Manifests to His Wife-He Comes Fully Materialized and Affectionately Greets Her. To the Editor:—Feeling that I am in duty bound to give to the world that which I know to be strictly true in re-

gard to the spiritual manifestations of my dear departed husband, is the cause of my writing this article. . Mr. Petersilea, shortly before his departure to the spirit life, said to me many times in the most solemn man-

ner, that if materialization was true, if he should depart first, he would certainly come to me in a materialized form.

We together had attended from time to time a number of materializing seances while he was still in the body; but unfortunately all that we attended were surely fraudulent. I became very much discouraged and finally came to the conclusion that there was no truth in materialization: not so, my dear husband. He said that he believed all things were possible to spirit, and although we had never witnessed a genuine materialization nevertheless he firmly believed that materialization was possible, and then he added: "If I go first, and it is possible, I will surely matelialize to convince you of the truth.' Do not go to any seance. I will come to you when you are alone by yourself; and promise me now that if these things happen, that you will give that which occurs to the world."

I most solemnly promised; yet I did not think my husband would go to the spirit life first.

Well, I waited for many weeks after he departed, but nothing occurred like materialization. He was controlling me to write nearly every day, but nothing like a tangible form appeared. I became more deeply discouraged than ever about materialization being

true; but at last something has oc-

I was alone when two tangible I was alone when the hands were placed within my own. A through me. I did not see the hands, for I happened to be in the dark, but they were the hands of my husband as real as they ever were in life. I pressed them hard, to assure myself that I had not fallen asleep and was dreaming. They were soft, and gave way slightly under my fierce squeezing as though they had no bones within them.

I still held his hands within own, but did not press them quite so hard, and he pulled me with his hands just as he would pull something that resisted, and as he pulled gently. but firmly, I felt that all the living principle within me was being drawn forth from my body. At last I was entirely out of my body about three feet away from it. He still drew me toward him, took me in his arms and kissed me again and again. He then, with a sorrowful look, let go my hands and I sank back into my body; but my body was cold and stiff as though dead, yet soon it was all right once more

Now, this I most solemnly affirm to be true, and I would willingly swear to the truth of it in any court of jus-Of course I cannot prove it to the Psychical Research Society, for I was alone at the time it occurred: but my oath is as good as that of another, and my most solemn oath I give.
MRS. CARLYLE PETERSILEA.

Garvanza Station, No 1., R. F. D., Los Angeles, Cal.

IN BEAUTIFUL CRYSTOLA.

Mr. John W. Ring Sojourning in Colorado-He Expresses His Great Admiration for the Humanitarian Spiritualist, Henry Clay Childs, and Crystola the Beautiful.

To the Editor and Readers of The Progressive Thinker: -- As I had long promised myself the recreation of a summer in Colorado. I grew anxious. air. It startled me! I was thor- has spiritual gifts, and my daughter is in Galveston, and here I am at Cryswith the first indications of summer are.

We intend to make this the ideal spot for the summer, and for the entire year as far as that goes, where our people, and all people who love truth, can come and enjoy the grandeur of mountain nature, the climate, scenery, the water and the birds, and all this the property of a devoted Spiritualist, Henry Clay Childs, formerly

of Illinois This wonderful estate, Cristola, is on the Colorado Midland railroad, up Ute Pass, eleven miles from Manitou All these acres and properties have been accumulated by this veteran Spir itualist, and now that the lights upon he other shore grow brighter to his sight, he looks around to his own, the Spiritualists, to possess that which he has gathered.

There is a depot on the estate as the railroad runs for several miles through

We have a hotel, printing plant store, in fact every necessary convenience for modern living.

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to let The Progressive Thinker read ers know of the ideal camping place for the summer.

Bring your tents and come for a stay in the rockies in sight of mighty Pike's Peak amid the wonderful and majestic beauties of mountains. The first Sunday I was here the col-

ony of inhabitants organized a Lyce-

um. The following officers were elected, and each Sunday afternoon in God's own cathedral we will hold a session of Lyceum: Conductor, Mr. John W. Ring, formerly of Galveston, Texas, and National Superintendent of Lyceum work appointed by the National Spiritualist Association; Guardian, Miss Sarah Ann Parr, of the Home Lyceum, Galveston, Texas. Watchman, Joseph Parr, of the Lyceum, Galveston, Texas; Treasurer, Mr. Auex Green; Secretary, Mrs. George B. Lang, whose husband is manager of the Crystola Publishing Company; Librarian, Mrs. John Petersen of Home Lyceum; Guards, Misses Lina Grace North, and Ethel Parr, and Messrs. Milo Lang and Merel Peterson.

I want those who are coming this way to know of this resort where they can spend a day or longer amid magnificent natural scenery and pleasan company just outside the whirl of the city, yet not far enough removed to be deprived of the conveniences of the

Mr. Childs tells me that he wants the attention of all Spiritualists for these possessions are to be theirs, a gift to humanity; so come, my dear friends, and possess your own.

JOHN W. RING.

Green Mountain Falls, Col.

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## General Survey.

The Spiritualistic Field-Its Workers, Its Work, and General Progress, the World Over.

best subserved thereby. Many of the sentiments uttered in an article may be diametrically opposed to his belief, yet that is no reason why they should be suppressed; yet we wish it distinctly understood that our space is inadequate to publish everything that comes to hand, however much we might desire to do so. That must account for the non-appearance of YOUR article.

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TAKE DUE NOTICE, that all items for this page must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer. It will not do to say that Secretary or Correspondent writes so and so, without giving the full name and address of the writer. The items of those who do not comply with this request will be cast into the waste basket.

KEEP COPIES of your poems sent to this office, for they will not be returned if we have not space to use them.

THIS GENERAL SURVEY DEPART. MENT IS ONLY INTENDED TO CHRONICLE THE ENGAGEMENTS AND WORK OF SPEAKERS AND ME-DIUMS. A REPORT OF WHAT THE VARIOUS SPEAKERS SAY WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED, AS WE HAVE NOT SPACE SUFFICIENT FOR THAT PURPOSE.

W. C. Marshall writes from Denver, "The Psychical Research Society of Denver has discontinued the public meetings in Normal School Building, until September 1, when the lecture course will be resumed with speakers of national reputation. Meantime the society will meet at the home of its pastor, Alice Gehring-Pat-terson, 1434 So. 15th street, on Sunday afternoons for conference and discussion along the lines of Psychology, Advanced Thought, and Spiritual-All persons desirous of joining the society can do so by applying to the secretary at the above number. Visitors to Denver during the coming summer, who are in sympathy with this work, are invited to spend two hours with us on Sunday afternoon,

H. W. Henderson writes from Lawrence, Kansas: "The Lawrence Spiritualist Society is doing a good work with Mrs. A. L. Lull and others who stop on their way through Kansas. Mrs. Hattie Johnson of California, was with us last week; all seem cheerful, and thus the good work pect to have a good ten-days' meeting. With all our old friends and many new Mrs. A. L. Lull, and many more tried and true friends of Spiritualism. the gaining ground all the time. Better people are reading the paper and your

M Severance writes: "Kindly allow value of my vacation." being done by you editorially and otherwise, in combating the rank erotherwise, in combating the rank erotherwise, in Christians' holy (?) man-Cleveland, Ohio, May 25, 26 and 27, Cleveland, Ohio, May 25, 26 and 27, College and College me to thank you for the great good the good work go on! Isn't it the ensuing year: President Fred D. strange, passing strange, how any Dunakin, Cecil; first vice-president, strange, passing strange, how any semi-intelligent man or woman can read and believe all the stuff and nonsense contained in the 'sacred scriptures'? Does it seem possible in this enlightened age that such a thing can My father having been a minister for some forty odd years, and having read the Bible through from Genesis to Revelation myself. I feel that I am in a position to appreciate all that you say relative to the same. You cannot make your statements too strong nor your protests any too forci-Of course there are many people in the ranks of Spiritualism who retain certain ideas inherited by them concerning the Bible, that it is diffi-cult to rid themselves of."

C. H. Mathews writes: "A fairly good audience in the town hall, at Uh richsville, Ohio, was addressed by Prof. Riley, a Spiritualist, on Sunday evening, May 27. A good field for missionary work is Mill Township, Tuscarawas county, Ohio."

D. G. Hill writes: "The Golden Rule Spiritualist Society held its business meeting May 26, in the parlors of Sister and Brother Hill, 705 W. Madison street. There was a large attendance of its members; all business matters promptly attended to all bills paid, leaving the society with out any debts, and quite a snug sum in its treasury. The May party dance was a fine success financially. The regular Sunday sessions of May 27 were as usual, short talks and mes sages in the afternoon, which were most interesting. In the evening Mrs. S. F. DeWolf-Kizer lectured from a most inspiring spiritual standpoint, and held her audience spell bound. A letter from Sister Hill reports her doing a grand good work in Michigan, not only for herself but for the benefit of societies as well. Sister Hill is also the recipient of the new Illinois State Spiritualist Association's ordination. Mrs. Hill remains for an indefinite time in Michigan. Dr. J. H. Randal was elected last evening in the business meeting, assistant pastor to the Golden Rule Spiritualist Soclety. Mrs. Isabelle R. Hall was elected assistant secretary to Flury. Elizabeth J. Jaquet, who has been with us the past seven weeks on its meetings for this season with Rev our platform, leaves to-morrow, the Oscar A. Edgerly for speaker the last 28th, for Sheridan, Ill. A vote of two Sundays in May Mr. Edgerly thanks was tendered Mrs. Jaquet for gave the best of satisfaction. In these her aid to us, not only as a willing days when the instruments of the in-free worker, but for her assistance as visible world are being tried in the corresponding secretary pro tem, for crucible, it is refreshing when those

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the month of May. A vote of thanks was also tendered Mrs. Sexsmith for kindly aid as corresponding secretary.

The Society of Spiritual Unity held a good meeting Sunday, May 27, with good messages for all. Mrs. Kusserow and Madame Josephine, mediums, W. R. Cooper writes: "I wish to say that The Progressive Thinker has been decidedly above par this last term, and I feel sure that the firm stand you have taken in opposing fraud has won many converts to the cause. How I would like to class hands with your Editor-at-Large; he is the right man in the right place—our worthy Hudson Tuttle."

L. G. Brown, M. D., writes from Rockford, Ill.: "The Psychic Research Society of Rockford, Ill., was favored on Sunday evening by the presence of Mrs. E. J. Hanson of Chicago. Her talent and personality are keenly appropriated by preciated by the friends here, and they hope to have her with them again. The meetings are suspended for the vacation, and only occasional sessions will be held until Autumn."

Amanda L. Coffman writes: "Returning from a visit covering a space of two weeks and serving as a period of rest, I feel refreshed from the influence left from the association with friends in Buffalo, N. Y., and Akron, Ohio. In Buffalo, it was my pleasure to meet Mrs. Georgiana Ripley of Toronto, who is the present speaker at the temple. To listen to good things such as she advanced is a privilege that is seldom mine to enjoy, and the time I spent thus rapt in attention explains why so many did likewise. I found the society in a flourishing condition, much credit of which is due to the work of the president, Mr. Richard A. Hoyt. I also attended a servce at Bro. Hulbert's Harmony Circle on Main street, and was furnished a treat in the sound philosophy of 'Uncle Ned.' I was cordially welcomed by all our friends, and made

the honorary guest of many a friendly gathering, one in particular being a birthday party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George I. Allen, in honor of my guide Owenna. On this occasion the parlors and dining-room displayed their pride of the Old Glory decorations, and the tables groaned under their weight of delicacies. Many local mediums were present, and with their guides, each taking part in the program, the evening became an event and passed only too quickly. goes on. At the Ottawa camp-meeting, August 17 to 27 inclusive, we exshared with Mr. and Mrs. Allen, with

R. writes from Denver. Colo. "It whom I stayed the greater part of my time. In Akron I had equally as much people, and with Will J. Erwood and to be grateful for in the home of Mr and Mrs. Kepler. A week in each place seemed a very short time to work will go on in Eastern Kansas as stay where so much was done to enterof yore. The Progressive Thinker is tain me, and the best was none too doing a great work here, and we are good, but my duties were imperative in their call, and I arrived home feel-

> appreciating more ahan ever the C. A. Sollinger writes: "At the Harry E. Boerstler, Columbus; second vice-president, Thos. D. Bellis, Cleveland; secretary, Carl A. Sollinger Cleveland: treasurer, Samuel W. Mahaffey, Conneaut; trustees, Mrs. Elizabeth Schauss, Toledo; D. A. Herrick Akron; O. B. Clark, Ashtabula, and Mrs. Hattle G. Webster, Columbus. National delegate, Fred D. Dunakin, Cecil; alternate, I. W. Pope, land; The next convention will be held

at Dayton, May 1907."

ing better than I have in some time

Correspondent writes: "Memorial services in honor of our arisen heroes were held Sunday, May 27, in the Sec ond Spiritual Church, Thompson street, below Front street. Philadelphia, Pa. The church was prettily decorated with many flags and one large flag draped the altar, over which was hung a large green wreath. The afternoon address was delivered by Mr. Henry T. Greenwood, a G. A R. veteran and conductor of our ly ceum twenty-four years ago. Mr Greenwood spoke in an eloquent and impressive manner, and was followed by Mr. James Wallace and Mrs. Augusta C. Volk with many excellent messages. In the evening Mrs. Volk made a short address, after which she answered written questions. Her work in the evening was nearly all done under trance conditions, and

proved very satisfactory." Mary B. Hill writes: "The first of a series of socials will be held by the members and friends of the Band of Harmony, Thursday afternoon and evening, June 7, at the home of Mrs. Hattie F. R. Peets, No. 874 W. Madison street, near Leavitt. There will be progressive euchre from 2 till 4 p. m.; score cards 25 cents, including coffee checks. Playing commences promptly at 2 o'clock. Six prizes. Everybody expected to bring lunch. Coffe served at six o'clock. Coffee Coffe served at six o'clock. checks 10 cents. A delightful evening is anticipated, as extra artists have been secured. Our pastor, Mrs. Richmond, will be with us. All are cordially invited to come and bring your

Mrs. J. M. Kingman writes from Pittsfield, Mass.: "The First Spiritualist Society of Pittsfield, Mass., closed

friends.'

TOPIC FOR THE PROGRESSIVE

Sunday, June 10, 1906; Kindness Is Dearer and Better Than Gold.

Gem of Thought-

"Be kind and be gentle to those who are old, For kindness is dearer and better than gold."

For information concerning the Progressive Lyceum, authorized Lesson Paper for the National Spiritualists Association, address John W. Ring, Spiritualist Temple, Galveston,

are found not wanting when put to the test as Mr. Edgerly has been. The Pittsfield Society will look forward with great anticipation to a year from now when, if possible, they may again have the pleasure of Mr. Edgerly's services. The society is young, and as yet among the struggling ones, but with great hope and much interest All communications with this society should be addressed to Miss L. A. Abell, secretary, 48 West Housatonic street, Pittsfield, Mass."

Ferd C. Suhrer writes of the Rising Sun Mission: "The friends of President Kirchner were sorry to learn that he was confined to his home owing to a graunlated eyelid, but at this writing is able to be out again. Vice-president Thompson conducted the services. Sunday, June 10, interesting lectures will be delivered by able speakers both afternoon and evening and will be followed by the guides of some of our popular workers. will be our last Sunday at 378 Western avenue. On Sunday, June 17, we will dedicate our temple on Oakley Blvd., between Adams and Jackson, with appropriate ceremony. Services will be held at 10:45, 3 and 8 o'clock, with lyceum or Sunday-school at 2:45. Send or bring the little ones to learn of the higher life." Oscar A. Edgerly writes: "Since

concluding my two months'

engage-

ment at Baltimore, Md., on Sunday, April 29, I have been very busy filling engagements in New England. first two Sundays of May I was with the society at Worcester, Mass. I found their membership to consist of a most genial and progressive people. They are bound to do a good work for our cause in their part of the old Bay State. From Worcester I went to Pittsfield, Mass., a beautiful little city in the grand old hills of Berkshire. I found there a new society, few in numbers, but making up in enthusiasm for what they lack in membership. 'I found that the Pittsfield people held in high appreciation the . philosophy of Spiritualism as well as its phenomena Judging from the general interest manifested by outside people, I conclude that the society is destined to grow much larger during the coming year. While at Pittsfield, I had a most pleasant experience. Through an arrangement made by Mr. Rhodes, a member of the Pittafield society, I most pleasant experience. was invited to visit the Shaker families at Mt. Lebanon, N. Y. I can truly say that I never spent a more interesting two days than I had with these pre-eminently intellectual and spiritual people. I think they are Spirit-ualists in the truest sense of the word. On May 23, I delivered a trance discourse at the assembly room of the North family. I am sure our bnaker friends received the address with as great an interest at it would be received by those who we call our own people. I was pleased to hear; while at Lebanon, so many kind words spoken of our grand old patriarch, Dr. . M. Peebles. He is surely held in high appreciation by our associate workers, the Shakers. I speak at Providence, R. I., on Sunday, June 3. At present my time is all engaged until April, 1907, with the exception of January, 1907. I will be pleased to hear from western societies desirous of engaging a trance speaker.

R. writes from Denver, Colo.: "It has been many years since I sent you a communication for publication, but thought a line from Denver would not be amiss, and that your hundreds of readers would be glad to know what the Spiritualists of our city are doing. Mrs. Nellie C. Noyes of Boston has been holding regular Sunday evening meetings as speaker for the Spiritual Church of Truth, for the seven months. The guide, 'Charity,' through Mrs. Noyes, gave an eloquent address on Memorial Day, which was listened to with great interest. The readings given by Mrs. Noyes are truly grand, and the kind and genial way she has of greeting her friends has won for her a lofty name. Two weeks ago she celebrated her seventh anniversary of becoming a medium. Many of her friends gathered in the parlor of the hotel, where singing, recitations and speaking were given, after which she was presented with many tokens of affection and love by those present. We hope to be able to keep her here a long time, for she is doing a good work which is fully ap-preciated."

Special entertainment has been provided for the opening Sunday, June 17. at Chesterfield camp-meeting. addition to the lectures by W. F. Peck and music by the Remington band and the mandolin club, the Anderson male chorus of forty voices will give a concert in the auditorium during the afterngon. Mrs. Dr. Pierce will hold message meeting after the close of the afternoon lecture. Mrs. Mary E. Lease speaks on the following Sunday, June 24.

R. Mitchell writes: "The Spiritualistic Society Students of Nature, 461 W. North avenue, corner Robey street, will hold an Indian camp-meeting every Sunday evening during June, July and August. English and German speaking. Conference meetings in general. Test given by mediums. A Spiritualistic christening of children, Sunday evening, June 10. Our pastor, Mrs. M. Schumacher, will dedicate them to the spirit by placing beautiful flowers on them; also giving each child a spiritual name. Do not miss these meetings, as many mediums will take part."

Mrs. George Williams writes: "The Ohio State Spiritualist Association held its annual meeting at the First Spiritualist Temple on Fullerton street, Cleveland, O., May 25, 26 and 27. It was largely attended, the visiting delegations being quite large. Most excellent vocal and instrumental music was furnished during the sessions. The services were of a varied and interesting character, and were greatly enjoyed. The ladies of the Temple worked heroically to entertain the officers and delegates, and succeeded nobly. Rev. D. A. Herrick of Akron, will officiate at the Temple during the month of June."

Miss Bessie C. Ellis writes from Battle Creek, Mich.: "Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie of San Francisco, Cal., has just closed a four weeks' engagement here with good success. While here she delivered two lectures a day, and in addition she held Memorial services for the beloved ones across the other

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side of life, and christened six little girls and one boy. If From here she goes to Port Huron, and then to Cleveland to two lectures. Then she goes to New Fork, and back to Ohio, where she had eight weeks of steady camp work. We are doing fine, as we have fifty-two members in good standing, and hope sometime in the near future to have a little home of our own. We had Mrs. Cora Fuller Will lams of Vicksburg, with us May 27 We only have three more Sundays be fore vacation and when we open in September, Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie will be with us with joy to us all."

#### PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

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

Mrs. Olive Carlson passed to spirit ife may 17, 1906, at her home, No. 1 Leverett street, Detroit, Mich., aged 81 years. She was a kind, loving and levoted wife and mother, respected by all for her noble qualities. She leaves a husband and little daughter. They are blessed with an assurance of a life beyond. Services conducted by Rev. Laura L. Crawford,

Alexander Love, a veteran, in his 89th year, passed on May 22, 1906, at New Philadelphia, Ohio. Mr. Love had a strong leaning for the Unitarian church and was a faithful student of the sermons of Rev. Minot J. Savage. "Pope's Essay on Man" was more familiar to him than the Bible, and it is safe to predict that St, Peter will at once give him a front seat among the angels in heaven. It is hoped that he will telephone his continued existence to his devoted son and daughter. He was burled at Fredericktown, Knox county, Ohio, on the 25th.

Mrs. Emma T. Logan, 507 Parish street, Philadelphia, Pa., suddenly passed to spirit life, May 26, 1906. She possessed a full knowledge of the continuity of life, and was a wonderfully kind-hearted woman as well as a good medium. O'Mrs. Augusta C. Volk of the Second Spiritual Church

James Leach passed to spirit life May 16, 1906, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Slechta, Hart-ford, S. Dak., after & lingering illness of paralysis. Fundral services were held the following Friday. Deceased was nearly 73 years old, and leaves a wife, two sons and four daughters, to-gether with a host hof friends, to mourn his loss. He was a Spiritualist for thirty-five years.

Passed to spirit life on May 14, J. K. Moore of Spirimerland, Cal., aged nearly 84. He was born in Oswego, county, N. Y. He became a Spiritualist in 1870, and remained firm in the knowledge the life with the world The knowledge thereof until the end. The hall and tasket were beguttfully draped with flowers by his many friends. Music and services were conducted by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lillie.

#### THE SEASON CLOSED.

Miss Elizabeth Harlow, Highly Appreclated by the Society at Columbus, Ohio, Closes Her Season's Work, With a Profusion of Flowers and a

As the warm days, come and all nature sings forth in its renewed glory, one begins to think of changes which are good for human nature. As is the custom with most Spiritualist societies, they close for the summer months, and the speakers hie themselves away to pleasure grounds and camp-meetings. Accordingly the First Church of Columbus, Ohio, closed a most successful season's work on Sunday evening, May 27.

There is great interest being taken in the work here: We have tried another year with philosophy only, and have success in every way. Those who come to us now, come to work and stay, board of management has decided to try next season in the same way, with the exception of two months, which will be given to phenomena. The undersigned is to return to the church in

September. The Ladies' Auxiliary, which has been organized this year, has done efficient work in every way. It has earned \$200 which it turned over to he working board to help carry on the meetings. Now:its members are planning a bazaar to be held in early winter for next year's work. who has an interest in Columbus is cordially invited to send some little article for this fair. The chairlady of this work is Mrs. Hattie Beck, 138

Monroe avenue.

Sunday afternoon, May 27, the ladies and their husbands gave a farewell reception to their speaker, serving a sumptuous banquet. Just before going to the banquet room we were all called to the parlors, and there in behalf of the ladies, Mrs. Saile presented the speaker; with a beautiful ouquet of fifty roses, and a diamond ring, as a-token of their love and ap-preciation of her efforts during the season. It came as argreat surprise to the speaker, and will always be one of the sacred gams in her life. She loves the people sof acolumbus, and nothing will deter her from using every effort to make the church and what it stands for a true monument to the life and love of him who gave it—

Mr. Barcus. . dis > s It is with a flang of regret we say good-bye, but with anticipation mount-ing high, for welfare to be united again soon. The old board of management did excellent work, and we feel the new one will be its edual. Mr. A. J. Maxson is president; C. P. Parsons, secretary, and W. E. Smith, treasurer. Now for a visit with mother; then camp work, and so the summer will quickly pass away.

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A contributor to The Progressive Thinker says:

"We do not deny the possibility of predicting the future under limitations as a conclusion from cause to effect What we deny is a prescient faculty, either of man or spirit, enabling the future to be foreshadowed, It is time that there be a limitation to the powers granted to spiritual beings and Spiritualism relieved from the odium of fortune-telling, and spirit rection in the common affairs of life."
According to this statement, the

above contributor does not believe in the possibility of predicting future events in nature, or in the lives of persons or nations, except the respective prediction be a conclusion from cause to effect. All right; but where does he in-

tend to draw the line? Is he sure that not all'predictions are conclusions from cause to effect? and does he that would destroy the face of the know all the causes in the universe planet would purge it of its wickedin order to be able to at once classify a certain prediction? No doubt many readers of The Pro-

obliged for further information on this say of New York, admittedly the most subject.

dently he has never studied the science of hypnotism and clairvoyance; if he had, he would know that in the Pacific coast an opportunity was presixth stage of hypnotism—in the deep or dead trance—the mind of a hypnotic subject is omnipresent and omnis-cient; that everything, whether in the past, present or future, is right before more righteous lives to escape the him; that space and time are no bar-wrath of an avenging God. rlers to it; he would know that a hyp-notic subject in the sixth stage is able to answer any question, no matter of proceed to make comparisons and to what nature, and entirely independent urge their audiences to flee from the of his education, that he can talk in wrath likely to come upon them beany language, although he never learned it, that he can see and describe any person you may mention to him, no matter how near or far away strate them; yes, man has a prescient faculty which enables him to foreshadow (foresee) the future, and some day, on the other side of life, he will see clearer still.

The powers of the mind of man and spirit are so great that any attempt by which these great calamities are to set limits to them will prove a mis- enacted. We must cease to study erable failure.

What Mrs. Emilie Strasser and myself have seen and experienced during the last five years is of such a producing these destructive scenes character that we are forced to as- that He may be avenged. sume that almost anything is possible to spirit power.

are such as genuine etherealizations our paths, leaving all to the interpo-and materializations, spirit photo-sition of Divine Providence. graphs, slate writing and tablet writing, flower apportations, etc., although we well know THAT THE VAST AMOUNT OF THE BASEST Whose business blocks tottered in the MIND OF FRAUD IS GOING ON IN wind, whose places of worship, where

at this time. The spiritual press of the day teems with the testimony of people in all parts of the globe, and their testimooning minds a trend of thought which Even our daily newspapers every now the writer does not pretend to know. Spiritualism should be relieved from doubting they are driven from it-direction in the common affairs of

the word "fortune-telling" is not the very-best expression or designation, but whether or not there is any odium in fortune-telling depends entirely on volcanoes. earthquakes and storms what is meant by it; if a fortune-teller is regarded a fraud, then, certainly tions of the earth by which they are there is an odium in fortune-telling. induced but if he is a person giving honest and true advice in regard to the future welfare of his or her children on the earth plane, that a son or daughter, brother or sister on the other side of life still have a deep affection for his sonal Deity, or as to the Indian, a or her parents, brothers and sisters on Great Spirit; to the Chinese a hideous this side, and that our spirit relatives and friends will avail themselves of life. every opportunity to further our ma terial and spiritual well-being and happiness; that is, to give us, whenever possible, good inspirations and good advice, to warn us of danger, and to inspire us, in the hour of adversity and despair, with new confidence and hope by foreshadowing the brighter times, and more fortunate events which the future may have in store for

Why should these spirits not care for our common affairs of life? Are they not our fathers, mothers, brothers; sisters and friends the same

as before? There cannot be any such thing as an odium of spirit direction in the common affairs of life, for it would not seem to agree with the plan of the universe, supposed to be established alist Gathering by the highest intelligence, wisdom Price 10 cents. and benevolence.

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Man has undoubtedly a prescient faculty enabling him to foretell coming

The powers of the spirits, in this and other respects are practically un-limited, and it is their (the spirits') constant endeavor to guide, inspire, advise, comfort and assist us in our common affairsof life as well as in our spiritual development, and man has eason to be thankful for it.

J. H. STRASSER. Minneapolis, Minn.

IS GOD AN AVENGING BEING?

Does the Supreme Being Send His Wrath Upon the People?-These Are Questions That the Editor of the Medford, Oklahoma, Patriot Puts to His Readers. The eruntions of Mt. Pelee and Ve-

suvius and the earthquake and following dreadful fire at San Francisco have been heralded by many as the visitations of an avenging God upon the people for their great wickedness.

If God were an avenging being, inflicting his wrath upon those show Him not and obey not His commandments, the sins of the earth, especially the great cities, are so great that nothing but a deluge or a fire ness. If the great fire at Chicago in 1871 and that of the recent earthquake in San Francisco were the acts ressive Thinker would be greatly of an avenging God, what may we not wicked city in America, or of London, in England, where all manner of not believe that man (or spirit) have crimes stalk abroad at high noon, or the prescient faculty which enables the great cities in heathen lands, who him to foreshadow the future. Eviworld?

> Following the great calamity on the sented and embraced by the great majority of ministers to jority of ministers to "point a moral and adorn a tale" while impressing their audiences with the necessity of

> Taking texts from Genesis of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorah, they cause of their wickedness.

If those ancient cities were a fit comparison there should have appeared to those in San Francisco who the same may be in space or time; served the Lord, an angel or other that he can see into the depths of the earth and locate layers of gold, etc., in short, that nothing can be hidden from his mental eye. These unlimited powers of the human mind are depths of the directul visitation. Not so, as the good and evil suffered alike in San Terancisco, San Jose and other coast ed powers of the human mind are good hypnotist having a good hypnotic subject at hand is able to demonstrate them; yes, man has a process. Surely an all-wise and all-wise allies and country sorrounding.

If we are to attribute to Deity the destruction of cities by volcanoes, earthquakes, tornadoes, etc., we must set aside the laws He has established natural causes and content ourselves with placing upon the Ruler of the universe the great responsibility of

If it were true, and the people could be convinced of the truthfulness of it, We are firmly convinced that in ad- | we could go about our daily avocations dition to foreseeing the future there unmindful of the dangers that beset

It was certainly no consolation to the distressed people of the Pacific they met to offer thanks to God for For the possibility of foreseeing the future ample proofs could be fur- to say to them that they, too, must but this is hardly necessary suffer the wrath of God because they had not been able to stop the wicked-

ny should certainly be of some value, leads to questioning the existence of a and have some weight, unless all of Supreme Being; they cause people to these people are either fools or frauds. doubt the watchful care of One of Whom it is said that not even a spar and then relate instances in , which row falls to earth without His knowlevents have been foretold by clairvoy-edge. They cause people to question ants or mediums long before they hap- an interest in their welfare of Him to pened. Such prophecies are indisputable facts, but whether or not they vine guidance, and in doubting wonare conclusions from cause to effect, der if, after all their efforts to live a he writer does not pretend to know. Christian life, they must suffer the Your contributor also thinks that the odium of fortune-telling, and spir- very attitude that the purpose of such sermons are intended to impress upon What does that mean? Perhaps, the existence of a Supreme Being. them and in the end to even question

Better, we opine, is it that people are taught to believe that these calamitles come from natural causes. That are the results of changes in condi-

Better that we study them from a realistic view rather than a supernatural one, as then we may retain respect and love for the God whom we adore, whether He be as to us a perloss, or a power that pervades all

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Charles L. Waffles: Q. What was the language used by the Egyptians during the six hundred years the children of Israel lived in that country? and did that people use the same language during any part or all of the time they remained in that country?

The ancient Egyptians were of the same race as the Jews, belonging to the Semitic family. This is proven by the sculptures on the walls of their demples and the features of the mummies. Their language was a dialect of the Hamitic, really another name for Semitic. The Copts of Egypt, descendants of the lower classes, spoke this language until about two hundred years ago, when it was superseded by

I do not mean that they spoke the language died with the overthrow of priestly rule in Egypt. Writing was priestly rule in Egypt. Writing was the sacred prerogative of the priesthood—too holy for common people. The written word was alive, had a spirit that could talk; and here in this belief, inculcated by the priesthood, is a full explanation of the wonderful Logos-became a part of the trinity.

The ancient Egyptians labored untheir method was the hieroglyphic, gold. and more suggestive than accurate.

legends, doctrines, and ritual, were, like the "unwritten work" of our secret societies, handed down by memor to insure permanency.

race would have prevented mixture to probably two feet long and mingling with the Egyptian rul- scrawled the figures 8981. ing class, should absorb their beliefs and customs, and the lower class yet more be influenced by their neigh. Waln he repaired to the spot early bors, would be impossible to avoid. In fact so much was absorbed that the "Books of Moses" are indebted for their cosmology, their theology, and the decalogue and connected myth, to the Sacred Book of the Dead, the oldest scripture preserved. All the wonder-works and necromancy of the Egyptian priests, Moses had studied, and on trial surpassed them as an ex-

The Jews spoke another branch of this great language, and had the advantage of having early adopted phonetic characters, instead of picture writing. Hence the sacred tongue was preserved in the writings, though the people spoke a degraded language with a large mixture of words from surrounding tribes.

The glamor cast over the Jewish nation by the reverence for the Bible, has caused the greatest misunderstanding as to the character and civilization of this people. They were not be least removed above the present wild Bedouin clans of the desert They were wandering shepherds, and delighted by pillage and plunder. Their compulsatory residence in Egypt tended to soften and modify their character, and they became set tled and agricultural. They absorbed a share of the splendid civilization of Egypt, but were incapable of being influenced by its refinement or its social life. · Their tribal god represents the cruel, relentless tyranny of their character.

J. J. Hollingsworth, M. D.: Q. Having read your reply to the ques-tion about Symmes, of "Symmes' Hole" notoriety, was he not impressed by spirit control with this insane idea? The question is, does the responsibility rest with him and thousands of other cranks for the wild theories they He earth form lies deep below the advance, or does it rest with obsess-

It is obvious that spirits might impress the wildest ideas, for there are "cranks," ignorant and unreliable spirits on the other side as well as on There is, however, no necessity of calling in their aid to explain the freaks of cranks and fakirs. It is not necessary because they produce nothing beyond their own narrow and intensely egotistical minds. There is nothing in the "hollow globe" theory, which conflicts with every known example and law, in space, requiring in-operation from a higher source. It is lecture and course of twenty-four sucnot desirable to escape the consequence of our own acts. If interfer- D. D. The titles of some of the lecence be granted in cases like this, where is the line between the ideas of the individual and those received from Planning; Attraction; Courtesy; Kindwithout? Ideas can be originated in ness and Tact; Angel Help. Price 25 this mortal life as well as in the next,

and it must be remembered that the cranks in spirit life were first cranks in this

ian minister here says that the docrine of total depravity does not mean that the whole human race is to be considered as totally deprayed, but the total of humanity is deprayed. How is this new interpretation to be

A. What does the "total of human-ity" mean? Total includes the whole; every man, woman and child existing, ever having existed or to exist. All without exception are depraved but not "totally." We are glad to hear of an orthodox preacher stammeringly offer an apology for this horrible libel on humanity and insult to his God.

A. A. Hodge, an authority on this subject in Johnson's Cyclopedia, in his interpretation of the Calvinistic creed, says: "This involves corruption of the whole nature" [the fall of Adam and results] "and absolute impotency of the will to good, is humanity speaking without remedy, and necessarily tends to the increase of depravity and guilt. It is therefore said to be total."

The doctrine is, not that all the hu-

man race have some degree of depravity, but that all are totally depraved, and that this awful condition was brought about by the sin of Adam and Eve. So infinitely helnous is this sin, that man has no hope in his own efforts to extricate himself. The tusbecome excessively large, especially let. tice and mercy of God is not sufficient, only his grace, which means that he pardons sins, just because he has a mind to do so, not from any merit of the sinner!

The preacher who has sought to evade this horrible dogma, is as heterodox as Ingersoll, but does not ap-

parently sense his heresy. Granting the premises of Calvinism the conclusions to which its great thinkers have arrived have the resistless force of mathematics. There is no example of the force of argument and keen discriminations of logic com-parable to the working out of this scheme by its master minds. It is pitiable that such intellectual effort should have been expended on assumptions which have not a shadow of support. Cumulative science has proven beyond dispute that man was not cre-ated, but evolved; that the story of Adam and Eve is a myth; that by no possibility could they have existed, and hence the fall of man is a fancy of the childhood of mankind. Hence all the vast fabric of theology built ancient language, but in the same thereon is a baseless fabrication. modified form that the Italian is a The scheme of theology is a mon-

#### Alaskan Miner's Dream.

My husband, · Albert Sunderland, went from Seattle, Wash., to Alaska, in the great rush of 1898. He landed at Nome June 5 with but little more and divine power given to writing. A than one hundred dollars in his pockbook was a living entity, and when et. He purchased a few of the comimparted by a god, it became a part of monest articles for housekeeping in that God, and hence the word-the order to lessen his expenses as much as possible. In a small tent he set-tled down near the beach and on the der great disadvantages in writing, as 10th of June began to prospect for

He worked faithfully until the 18th The language spoken by the priestly of July of the same year, together with ruling class was the sacred tongue his partner, Mr. Link Waln, without preserved in its purity, and in the realizing much more than enough to defray expenses. On the night of the 18th of July he retired to his tent quite early very tired and discourory from generation to generation, aged. During a restless sleep he The lower classes spoke the same in decamed that I was with him and that a corrupted, ever changing form, for he and I together walked slowly they had no written forms as a guide along the beach toward the south, looking carefully at the earth as we The children of Israel, according to moved on. When we came to a point the custom of those times, were kept about three hundred feet from the isolated, and their arrogant pride of camp we saw upon the sands a board any great extent, but that their lead- inches wide, upon which was rudely

next morning, and could hardly believe his own eyes when he saw the board of his dream with the identical figures upon it. Immediately they began to dig and pan and found they had struck it rich. A claim was staked off and before the season was over they had cleared \$17,962.

When my husband wrote me relating his remarkable dream and his good fortune I was amezed to find that I had dreamed the same dream at the same time, seeing the same kind of board with the figures 8981 upon

The strangest feature of this strange dream is that my husband's share of the clean-up was \$8,981

which, reversed, is 1898. We have no way of accounting for this dream, but that it is true many people in Seattle, Wash., will vouch, and our own people in this city have heard us relate it many imes.

MARY A. SUNDERLAND. Fort Wayne, Ind.

#### MARY.

Clear as the azure of bright sunny skies

Flashes the love light in Mary's blue Golden the sheen of her brown silken

Crowning in beauty her brow, wondrous fair; 🧸 Her coral red lips are sweet as the

Her musical voice in melody flows: The spirit of love illumines her face, And her form divine has angelic grace

Deep in my heart her sweet face I en-Awake and asleep our lives intertwine;

green sod, violets bloom and chaste

daisies nod: When in the silence where spirits

sense her dear spirit close at my Awake and in dreams, on land and on Mary's sweet spirit abides still with

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# Review of Passing Events.

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

gathered by cruelty, they increase by cruelty, and it is fitting that they

should be devoted to cruelty.

What Good to the the Uniters of Chicago was employed in the pathologists, surgeons, and physicians, pursuit of science, meaning the vivia have given their evidence of the ty of that school could have no parallel and yet another started out in New porter says:

"The equipment of the institute is said to be perfect. Every detail for a scientific investigation, from a large gathering of live dogs cats, goats, guinea pigs, rabbits and monkeys, to lated and well kept inclosures, are the cells of many dogs which have been gathered for the first experiments. During the inspection of the building yesterday, they eagerly leaped toward the glass upper panels of the doors, giving wild greeting to those who had visited them. One fox terrier bounded up and down like a rubber ball, even neglecting his food, preferring a kindly and friendly glance of a human eye. In an adjoining room was a lot of monkeys. One of them had been already injected with the virus of so many diseases that he enjoys the term immune. The rest of his life is practically assured to him. He has had in a mild form about ev erything worth having."

In his address on the occasion, President Elliott of Harvard, said that alt ough the work of the school might entail pain to the lower animals, it was the most humane work that could

In the days of the Inquisition, dungeons were prepared in connection with the torture chambers, where men and women were kept until the time came for them to be brought forth to torture. It was to gratify hate and love of pain in the name of religion. Religion, in thy name what suffering has been borne!

In the day of the great universities rooms are furnished for the multitudes of animals kept in store, to be brought forth before gaping students by red-handed professors, to torture such as no fiend of the Inquisition ever devised, in the name of science. Science that is the type and symbol of all that is noble, pure and truthful, which seeks to blend all phenomena in harmony as expressions of one beneficent cause. Science that in its inner courts culminated righteousness of human character, pure and magnanimous as the conception of God; Science, in is humane, what is cruelty? How thy name altars are made racks of tor-ture, thy courts shambles, and the floor of thy temple flows with blood of Only by belleving as laught by the

ducts extracted from the blood of animals made putrid by fever produced by injections of toxins.

#### Equipped for Business.

What is the business? The vivisecstudent. "Most delicate instruments There are the racks to which animals may be bound so firmly they cannot move; gags to force into their mouths that they cannot cry out; electric coils to apply to the nerves, and forceps, hooks, and scalpels to tear and

cut.
The "material" was stored in liberal supply, to be constantly renewed as used un.

What Is the Method of Study? It is illustrated by the monkey "that has had about everything worth hav-He has been made a herald of tribe who fall into the hands of the men sent to the tropics to secure them for these musk-scented professors. He was inoculated with one disease, and after deathly sickness recovered. Then he was given another and antest its anti-toxins, etc., etc.

This merciless process was continued until there was no reaction against the injected poison. What was it for? What was discovered. what benefit to man are these experiments on monkeys?

Again what will come to the foxterrier.so delighted with "a kindly and friendly glance of the human eye?' He was, as his actions proved, a pet accustomed to loving caresses. probably was stolen and sold to the manager of this department of the Institute. He had longed for the coming of his friends, as a prisoner longs for freedom. His release will come To guide them down the village street. when he is dragged to the dissecting table. There a "wonderfully deli-cate instrument" is prepared to receive him. Clasps grasp his limbs, a loop holds his neck, a gag is thrust into his mouth. He cannot move or flinch. The fifty students gather around in the seats, while the dapper professor neatly removes the skin from leg or side, showing the muscles, lifting the arteries and veins with hooks: cutting through the ribs to show the action of the heart; removing portions of the skull to show the brain: or inserting an electric wire to give illustration of the spasms pro-

duced by electric currents.
"Horrible!" Yes, horrible! "Too
shocking to write or to read!" True, but how can such an accursed thing be exposed without shocking words? so shocking to speak of, what must it be in reality? And for what is it meet done? What is gained by a mob of Those dreamers on the village street. students seeing a professor cut a liv-

ing dog into shreds? Not one dog, but scores and hundreds of dogs, cats, guinea pigs, goats college for "work," not for learning Yet happiest are the pilgrim feet, from books. There is to be a constant experimentation. Hundreds of animals will be constantly kept sub-ject to some form of disease, and tox-ins. Every student can have "mate-away. rial" for "study," that is, experimentation. When one crop of students are What joy to tread the immortal shore; graduated, another takes its place and And love, undying love shall greet the "work" goes on and in its infer-

Do they not give anaesthetics? So

"The Rockefeller Institute Begins Its they pretend; but fight of the experiments do not allow of the fine of the inoculations can it be practiced. In other experiments, the value, pro-

longation of the animal mauffering.

section of monkeys in lieu of human worthlessness of such wyperimenta-beings, has been already mentioned. It would seem that the heartless cruel-years of his life in renunciation of the conclusions to which, he had arrived by vivisection. Surgeon General Gordon, York City, with public laudation. It Sir B. W. Richardson, Sir Charles is the Rockefeller Institute for Medi- Bell, Sir Thomas Watson, Sir William cal Research, formally opened May 11, Furgerson, who stated before the with eclat. It represents an outlay of Royal Commission that he did not three millions of dollars; is five sto- know of any advance in surgery from ries high; built "for business"; has a vivisection of lower animals; Dr. Edstaff of fourteen professors, and ac-ward Berdue, who said that he knew commodation for fifty students. A re- of no advance in medicine from experi-

ments on animals, but of many mistakes, are impartial witnesses. "I deny altogether," said Lord Chief Justice Coleridge, "that it con-cludes the question to admit that vivisection enlarges human knowlthe most delicate instruments, have edge." He placed his, objection on been provided. On the roof of the moral grounds. For admitting some-building, in a series of well ventiting is gained to knowledge, is such cruelty justified?

#### Is an Apology Needed

because this subject is brought before the spiritual public? It appears that no other class of people are alive to the great moral issue involved. There is not a leading secular journal in this country that will admit an article reflecting on these institutes. They have only fulsome praise. The professors fill the ears of reporters editors, and the most wonderful things are promised. The college things are promised. doors are closed against the public and no-inarticulate cry of pain can reach the outer world through, the deadened walls of the dissecting ooms. Medical journals publish detailed accounts of revolting experi-ments without comment or disapproval, or rank the red handed torturer among the foremost scientists. When Senator Gallenger introduced a bill into Congress, asking for government inspection of such laboratories, he met a storm of opposition. All he asked was publicity—that the people might know what was done in the dissecting room.

The Humane Association desired room at the St. Louis Exposition to exhibit some of the "delicate instruments," and other object lessons, but President Harper succeeded in making the board rescind this privilege, already granted, and confine the exhibit to a narrow book stall. The humane people wanted to show the public the appliances of this modern in unistion, and if they could not, if nothing could be shown, why was such, effort put ments," and other object lessons, but he shown, why was such effort put forth by the vivisection professors to

prevent them

It is this experimentation that President Elliott, head of one of the foremost institutions of learning in this country, calls "most humane!" If it the innocents.

"Medical" science has become a over the animal world; that man is given; dominion, over the animal world; that man is synonym of remorseless torture, and its now most lauded remedies are pro-

tion from him. Spiritualists as a class believe in evolution and the corollary of the solidarity and unity of all living beings They are humane, and believe in absolute and impartial justice; in pity, tion of animals; experimentation with mercy, and that wrong done to the the toxins and anti-toxins, according least, is nevertheless a wrong. They to the freak or whim of professor or believe that needless suffering inflicton the lower creation, is as reprehensible as though on human beings. The infliction of cruelty, makes cruel men and women, an unfeeling, de-

#### based and brutal people. Its Influence on the Students.

We may deplore the suffering of the animal victims, but the influence on the students is as deplorable. The most feeling and sympathetic will under the influence of the pervading spirit, grow unfeeling and hardened. After gaining a diploma, will the fledged doctor have the sympathy for ing," that has been inoculated with his patients that he should? Will he every disease germ and toxin and antiand proceed with his experimentation what is to come to all his unformate on human "material"? Will he have acquired a correct knowledge of disease and its cure? Will be not trust largely in the innumerable toxins and anti-toxins strained from fever putri-fied blood? Who would dare trust the life of one they loved to the mercy other, Recovering, he had diphtheria or skill of such a doctor? Yet these serum injected into his blood, and are the men who have made the "medare the men who have made the "medafter the fever of that corruption had ical trust" the most grasping and tyrsubsided, was given tetanus serum, to annous of all others and constantly besiege legislatures for laws to make them more secure in their position.

HUDSON TUTTLE, Editor-at-Large N. S. A.

#### THE VILLAGE STREET:

Illustrating Life in Various Phases

hear the sound of childish feet Come pattering down the village

And while the lightsome echoes fly, Fair little ones come dancing by, And rosy light, and pleasures meet,

I sigh to think of coming years, Of happy faces dimmed with tears; The free light footstens, weary grown That walk the paths of lifecalone. Oh! sorrow oft and nain sail meet Those footsteps dancing down the

I see a youth and maiden-fair. The roses bind her skining hair; With smile and pout and airy play, They jest along the pleasant way, . And life, and love, seem nassing sweet While loitering down the village

street.

o f . ∶ of But, O, too surely prin and care Will dim the brow so passing fair. Death will divide and life may seem To them like some allowing nightmare

dream.

O, heaven! what trials vsharp may

I see with footsteps soft and slow, An aged pair with locks of snow; Withered the rose-cheek and the brow and monkeys! Every day! for it is a Where lies life's crown of silver now. That falter down the village street.

away. All the long tollsome journey o'er,

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#### Report of Editor-at-Large.

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"Evolution of the God Idea,-The God of Spiritualism," Harbinger of Light, Melbourne, Australia. Reply to Rev. Knowlton's attack on Spiritualism, St. James Gazette, St.

James, Minn. Sept. 2018.

The Rev. McFarlane came to the assistance of his prother preacher, and this called forth a rejoinder in the same, paper. The editor demanded pay for such lengthy discussions, and the Spiritualists quickly raised a fund to pay for all the space I wanted to use. Both ministers came back with more hate and anger than argument, and received a final reply—final be-cause they retired from the discussion. "Dr. Randall on Evolution and the Bible," Port Huron Times.

"Review of Passing Events, Our Anniversary,"The Progressive Lyceum, Banner, The Progressive Thinker, and Sunflower.

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ty," Banner of Light and The Progressive Thinker. "The Only Guide," Reply in Times-Union, Albany, N. Y.
"Is Spiritualism a Fraud or Truth?"

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ville. Pa. "Ghosts to the Front .-- Prof. Serviss on Ghosts, The Secular Press Yields to the \Inevitable," Banner, The Progressive Thinker and the Sun-

flower Father Sherman as a Revelator,

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Press. "The San Francisco Disaster, What Is It For?" Norwalk (Ohio) Reflector

and Chroniele. "Lesson of the Great Disaster," Banner of Light. In a changed form this was sent to the Harbinger of Light

"The Crapsey Heresy Trial," Banner, The Progressive Thinker and the Sunflower. "Exploiting Ghost Stories," The Ar-

gus, Albany, N. Y. I wish to express my appreciation of the interest of the friends who have sent marked copies and clippings, and earnestly request, them to continue this essential helpfulness

I am respectfully, HUDSON TUTTLE.

#### THOROUGHLY ANALYZED.

The Miraculous Cures at Lourdes, as Analyzed by Goldwin Smith.

A copy of "Les Grandes Guerisons de Lourdes" has been very kindly sent me by an upholder of the miracles whose courtesy I welcome as a proof that we may differ without hostility. The work is elegant, and even sumptuous, giving full accounts of the cases, with flietographs of the patients. Such a work is in itself a tremendous pledge of sincerity on the part of those by whom it is put before the world. For what disaster could befall their church greater than con-

viction of a series of false miracles? Of cases of disease I am no judge; but what strikes me is that these are all cases of disease, and therefore at least open to skeptical investigation Why has there been no raising of the dead to life? Why has there been no restoration of an amputated limb? If pose by miracle, would not the mira-cle have been of a character past doubt?-

I am not skeptical by nature, nor do I put limits to omnipotence. Let me see or be assured that medical experts have seen a raising to life or an amputated limb restored and I shall be

convinced. Of the maladies of which the ourdes votaries are cured many seem to belong to the neurotic type, affordng room, as I suppose, for the play of diseased fancy. Lourdes, we are here told, "offers a vast field for the study of nervous maladies." It is well known to what lengths diseased fancy will go. A lady of a nervous tempera-ment-in a neighborhood where I once lived was possessed with the belie that she was dumb, and could be induced to speak even on her deathbed though she talked in her sleep. I had this from the physian who attended

In telepathic stories the retractive imagination, dressing up the incident, seems to play a great part. May it not do the same in stories of miraculous cure?' The cure of a mortal disease by dipping in the pool of Lourdes would no doubt be as-real a miracle as a raising from the dead or the restoration of a limb; but can we be sure that the disease was realy mortal and that it had not been invested with that character by the delight and piety of the person cured?

To medical evidence, which is given in some cases, I should of course defer if I were assured that the medical man was undlased and that his opin ion was confirmed by the profession. This seems not too much to ask when we are called upon to believe a mir-

I of course cannot with justice deny that I am biassed against belief in miracles, which, if genuine, would confirm a religious faith at variance with my own convictions, and in the form from which I most recoil, that of ultramontanism, with its Syllabus claiming for the Church temporal as well as spiritual power; asserting her right to the use of force, that is, of persecution, and launching defiance against the leading principles of mod-

ern civilization.

Bernadette, an ignorant peasant girl of fourteen, had, as she sa no doubt believed, a vision of the Virgin Mary, who, in a series of interviews, inspired her with beliefs of the ultramontane type and launched her on a religious mission. This was the origin and is the support of Lourdes. If the female figure which Bernadette saw and with which she conversed was not the Mother of God, Lourdes falls, and great will eb the fall thereof.
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#### SPIRIT VISITATIONS.

(Continued from page 2.)

engaged in entering up "orders," and smoking a cigar as he did so.

It is surely less difficult to believe—
especially in the light of our knowledge that the mother died a few weeks later—that the sister, who had great sympathy with him during life, had power given her so to affect the mind of her brother that he was driven home in time to see his mother before she died, and perhaps to offer her the amazing consolation of assured communion with her daughter after death? But let us, in any case, not dismiss lightly a story of such remark alismiss lightly a story of such remarkable interest, but rather hope that science may in time be able to offer us an explanation less unpalatable to our reason than that of telepathic communication between the mother and the

With one other story I will conclude this brief paper on phantasms. And my reasons for reserving till the end of my paper, so picturesque a story I will give at the conclusion of the

A lady named the Countess Eugenie Kapnist was staying at Taita in 1889 with her sister, the Countess Ina. At the house of a friend they met one evening a gentleman, Monsieur P—, who was there among the other invalids of that health resort, dying visibly of consumption. The Countess Ina of consumption. The Countess ina was asked to play some music after dinner, and she sat down to the plane and played Mendelssohn's "Prelude." The first bars were hardly struck when Monsieur P——got up from his seat, advanced to the plane, and regarded the player with the utmost anyiety. At its conclusion he told the anxiety. At its conclusion he told the Countess Ina that she had chosen a piece of music which was the especial favorite of his dead brother, and that she had played it with all the characteristics he associated so fondly with

teristics he associated so fondly with his brother's memory.
He was something of a Spiritualist, and would have it that he had known Countess Ina before—"not in this world," he said, "that is impossible; but in other worlds." He became so enamoured of this idea that he promised her to return after death and manifest himself to her, with the assurance of a life beyond the grave.
The two ladies thought little more of their odd fellow-guest. During

The two ladies thought little more of their odd fellow-guest. During their stay at Talta they saw him walking about with other people, and were amused by his quaint appearance, his reddish fringe of beard, and a peculiar coat the coler of hazel in which he always went clothed. They never became really intimate with him.

In March of the following year they were in St. Petersburg, and on a particular night they took a friend of theirs to see a performance of "Le Marchand de Venise." This friend came from Tsarskoye Selo on purpose for the play, and made the return

JULY LECTURES 2:80 P. M. SEPTEMBER LECTURES 2:80 P. M. for the play, and made the return for the play for the play, and made the return for the play their dresses immediately after the play, drove to the railroad station, and saw their friend off by the train leav-

ing at one o'clock.
On going down the stairs of the station Countess Ina was quicker than her sister, and, finding the carriage waiting for her, got in immediately. The Countess Eugenie was, perhaps, two minutes later than her sister in reaching the landau, at the open door of which stoood a servant waiting to help her in. But as she put her foot

upon the step she paused. She felt that it was not her carriage. And she had good reason, for there on the front seat, sitting in a grey shaft of light, which might have been cast by a lamp, was a man whom she did not know—a pale man, with reddish hair, and clothed in a hazelcolored coat. So long was the Count-ess Eugenie in regarding this person that the servant imagined her dress

had caught on the step and sought to release it. "Are you sure this is our carriage?" she asked of her sister.
"Of course it is," answered the
Countess Ina. "What makes you

doubt it?' At this the vision vanished, and the sister entered the carriage and tok her

Then she told her sister what she had seen, and both ladies agreed that the description of the man was famil-

iar to them. But so full of movemen is a year in a busy woman's life that neither of them could name the familiar face. Some time after, meeting a friend from Talta, they learned that Mon-sieur P—, "that odd man," had

died two days after the appearance of the ghost in the carriage. "A ce nom, la figure pointue et la paletot noisette retrouveront leur possesseur. Ma soeur reconnut en meme temps que moi, grace a ma description precise. At last they could put a name to the

In this story we have a phantasm which should have appeared after death, appearing during life, while the person who had promised the vision was in a dying condition, and at that hour of the night was probably fast asleep. Moreover, the phantasm was invisible to the sister who had received the promise, and was manifest to the sister who had played no share

in the compact. I have saved this story to the end, because, I think, it leaves the reader in exactly the state of mind which is in exactly the state of mind which is beneficial to future inquiry. He knows not what to make of it. It for-bids a theory. It overturns hypoth-eses as fast as they occur. In every particular it contradicts the well-or-dered reasonableness of a nicely-ad-

justed problem in Euclid. And is this not exactly what a phantasm should do? Anthropomorphism must surely lose its congenial conceit the farther man presses towards the secrets of the universe. Into your theory of telepathy of your theory of relex action of the brain, into your nolice-court of logic and your schoolroom of natural causes, you shall never cajole the infinite nor entice the eternal. We know that we do not know, and that at present is the sum of our experience; but we hope that it lies in the purposes of human destiny, unlearning as we go, at last to be gulded into All Truth, so that gradu-

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formation, write Mrs. Mary B. Small, South Harwich, Mass. Lake Pleasant, Mass, Lake Pleasant Camp opens July 29, and closes Aug. 27. For Juli programs address Albert P. Blinn, 8 Grove Place, Norwich, Ct.

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While the society at Peru is not

arge, the members are earnest and eft nothing undone for the success of. the meeting.

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strains of music. MARGUERITE MILLER.
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A Defense of the Los Angeles (Cal.) Camp.

To the Editor:-This is the first time I encroach on the space of your valuable paper. In a late number appears a short article from the pen of Mr. P. A. Jensen. This brother perhaps means well, but obviously harms and injures our camp affairs (if only temporarily), and besides puts a slur on the board of directors (particularly on Brother Spink), of this noble and unselfish undertaking, to gain for all the time and all the Spiritualists of this glorious country of Southern California a home of their own,

they ought to have had before this.

I feel under obligation to reply to said article, a refutation based on facts against perversions. The essence and accusations of Mr. Jensen's article is that the new camp ground has been opened for fraudulent mediums, especially Mrs. Elsie Reynolds. This answer distinctly abstains from dealings with Mrs. Reynolds' mediumistic charaster (pro as well as con); it has been venitiated in full in your valuable pa-

per already. The facts in the case are: Mrs. Reynolds appeared at the camp-ground like the rest of the people, after general invitation in the papers; but very frank as she is she occupied a private apartment in one cottage built on the grounds by an individual, and arranged a meeting (seance). She did this without the permission of the board of directors, who distinctly agreed among themselves to keep the 30 and closes August 20. For full fame and name of the camp above reparticulars address Mrs. Jeannette proach; and that will be followed out conscientiously. But our control does not include private property. We only control the camp ground proper (300 by 400 feet), and the unsold lots. We invite our ill-informed and critical brother Jensen to join hands with us to help to preserve the good name of our grand cause from all contamination in general and particular of our camp enterprise. If such a watchful man as Brother Jensen seems to be, is with us, that will then set at rest the apprehensions of the Anti-fraud Society of Los Angeles, and prevent fraudulent mediums to "snap the finger at them."

Brother Jensen, don't you think, as good Spiritualist, you owe the board of directors of the camp an apology?

I would, if I were in your place.
C. A. NOLTE,
Chairman Board of Directors of the Semi-Tropic Spiritualists Associa-

### **IMPORTANT**

Resolution Adopted by the National Spiritualist Association.

At the regular meeting of the board of trustees of the N. S. A., held at headquarters in Washington, D. C., the following was unanimously adopted at its session, May 9, 1906:

Whereas, certain so-called Spiritualists, for the purpose of making seualists, for the purpose of making se-cure the PRACTICE OF FRAUDU-LENT MEDIUMSHIP whereby an in-nocent public may be DECEIVED AND ROBBED, and the most sacred feelings of human hearts outraged by simulating the forms of and messages from their dead, are seeking to unite all fake mediums, their tools, followers and dupes into a secret oathbound fraternity that will defend their trickery; and,

Whereas, they are wilfully, for their own selfish ends, representing the official board of the N. S. A, as opposed to all physical or other legitimate phases of mediumship; therefore, be it Resolved, That we call attention of all thoughtful Spiritualists to the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by our annual convention of 1901, and which is still the authoritative epression of the N. S. A. upon the question of phenomena, and is heartly concurred in by each member of the present board of the

N. S. A., to-wit:
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