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The Sin of Excess of Goodness

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"FINALLY THE RELIGION OF THAT THE SPIRITUAL HEART OUTER SIGN AND SYMBOL HAD WAS DYING, THE INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPED INTO A COMPLEX MUSCLES WERE FULL OF DETERI-SYSTEM OF RULES AND SACRI- ORATION, WORSHIP HAD ALL BUT FICES, AND KNEELINGS AND RIS- PERISHED, FAITH WAS DEATH-INGS THAT BROKE FAITH DOWN STRICKEN, LIKE THIS IRISH ATH-BY ITS VERY BULK. IN OUTER LETE, AS OVER-EXERCISE OBSERVANCE THEY WERE OVER- RUINED THE YOUTH, EXCESS IN MUCH RIGHTEOUS, ONE DAY RELIGIOUS FORM DESTROYS THE JESUS TOLD THE PHARISEES SOUL."

Last week a handsome youth, [as set forth in the New York Sunday World] built like a giant and known much." on two continents for his medals gained in athletic contests, was de-tained at Ellis Island, with all the probabilities that he would be deported to his old home in Ireland. Murphy came to New York as a first-cabin passenger, and brought with him his silver cup that he won in the walking race, the medal he received for a run-ning contest, and various tokens that published his career as an athlete. But, strangely enough, when the youth passed the examing physisian there was something in his pallor and walk that attracted the attention of the United States Marine Physician, who ordered young Murphy to be sent to Eilis Island for careful physical exam-

The board of physicians reported that in over developing his heart and his speeding muscles he had atrophied other muscles of his body and worn the heart out by compelling it to force the blood through the great, thick hunches of muscle in the legs and arms. It seems that there is a type developed called "the over-ath-letic type."

His excess ruined him. By forcing all the blood and food to one part of the body he slowly robbed the other organs. Yet all the time Nature was storing up her penalties. At last the retribution has come; the sword of Damocles has fallen. Nature whispers "too much." The two hundred mile run has ended in a hospital. That is a brief resting place in sight of the graveyard.

All Excess Fatal.

The world is full of examples of ex-Men over-emphasize a good thing until it becomes an essential evil: The wise man said even of goodness, "be not overmuch righteous." Moses saw that it was a good thing to keep the Sabbath for brooding song, prayer, worshin, family love! Being a good thing, the old He-lifews straightway began to extend the inw. until they would not wear shoes on Sunday lest they thresh out the grass seed in walking across the lawn. They would not kindle a fire to warm the broth for a dying invalid, lest they

break the law of work. Moses said to a man who had stolen some sheep that it was a good thing to sacrifice one of his own lambs as an outer sign of his inner sorrow, and also to send home all the sheep he had But, it being a good thing for a bad man to sacrifice a lamb to show Beside the model of which he dreamed. that every sin costs something, in a little while the Hebrews became so overbrew king killed 20,000 sheep and His days of toil, his nights of care; burned them, and every time a rainstorm came up the Hebrew farmer began to say: "How many sheep must I kill to keep God from sending a cloudburst to the hill-side?" Prayer events of the day, so; running to an A prayer burst forth from his sorrow was a good thing in reviewing the excess the Prarisees began to make long prayers on the streets, and carry around a cane on which they cut i notches every time they said a prayer

Finally the religion of outer sign and symbol had developed into a comnlex system of rules and sacrifices, and kneelings and risings that broke faith down by its very bulk: In outer observance they were overmuch right- With heavy heart and looks forlorn; One day Jesus told the Pharisees that the spiritual heart was dying, the intellectual muscles were full of déterioration, worship had all but perished, faith was death stricken, like this Irish athlete. As over-exercise ruined the youth, excess in religlous form destroys the soul.

Intellectual Excess.

Not less ruinous is over-intellectual development. Not all knowledge is Much culture, of equal worth. fleed, is overculture and represents a mass of selfishness. We have no criticism for the scientist who spends his whole life studying grasshoppers and has discovered 3,841 species of these long-legged creatures-some day his knowledge may help us to destroy the locusts that threaten the corn-fields.

But what we do object to is that form of selfish culture now found so frequently. How many scholars are pulling down their blinds, closing their doors and withdrawing themselves from the vulgar crowd? One of them said to me the other day: only want a little handful of select He sneered and scoffed at the ignorant multitudes. He has had travel, leisure and opportunity. He has old paintings and rare missals; he has marbles and curios, he prides himself on his first editions and rare bindings; but he has built a about his house that not a breath of the perfume from his garden may be permitted to go forth to bless any

working man who passes by. Able financially to give up work, he lives and breathes for his own study and culture. Meanwhile his affections have dried up. All sympathy with the poor has perished. His interest in the problems of democracy and the common people has waned to the vanishing point. His intellectual polish is as as a mahogany finish. His culture is as clear as crystal but as cold as ice. His intellect has absorbed everything. Exentially he is dying in all tha makes a man, to be a man. This stricken athlete over-developed his body; this scholar has over-developed mind. He showed me one of his books bound in calfskin going back to the fifteenth century, but the poor More man himself could be stuck up on the . No story is the same to us after the man himself could be stuck up on the No story is the same to us after the tain before his stains, and to display shelf, for he is just as dry as his old lapse of time; or, rather, we who read his perfections; to bury his weak vellum, and a tear from either the it are no longer the same interpreters. pigskin or the human skin would be George Eliot.

hard to believe them, and as far as I can I want to show how I am though of in my own city and town where I am best known, so that all readers of my letters may be induced to have confidence in the truth of my statements, and that the editor and other newspaper men may also deem me reliable.
I send you an article from the Michigan Democrat, Sturgis Times, reported by Thos Collar, secretary of the Harmonial Society. There is also a report of our marriage anniversary in the Sturgis Journal, the Republican paper, different verbally, but similar in substance. It is most important

Financial Excess.

In riches also men need to listen to Nature, who whispers "Be not over much rich. Manhood means all much rich. Manhood means all-round character. But there are busi-ness men who have converted everything in life into gold. To get money they have denied worship on Sunday; to get money they have denied them-selves friendship; to get money they have denied the eye color and the ear music; to get money they have even denied themselves justice and an approving conscience and converted heir very sense of right into gold. They know that an over-supply of food in the stomach means poison; they do not seem to know that an over-supply of undigested millions means death. Their unspiritualized possessions and unassimilated millions are as hideous as a tumor on the body.

itors overwrite. Authors who become

THE ANGEL'S PROMISE.

The sculptor wrought on the marbl

Frome early dawn till the shades of

So poor and incomplete it seemed

But all his hopes were centered

And now he thought with a throb of

That all of his labor had been in vain

For none could see in the worl

The grand ideal his soul conceived.

That night an angel, in mercy sent,

And as he worked the statue grew

More beautiful and fair to view;

For every stroke to form and face

Added some new and subtle grace.

Wherein are their homes eternal,

That will prove our soul's salvation,

Here to form those homes in heaven

That unto mortals all are given.

Those "munsions in the skies."

And whisper words of cheer.

That will urge us, now and ever,

Our angel guides appear,

On to every new endeavor

Ever adding to the lustre

Of the jewels that will cluster

Round our crown so bright,

That our thoughts and deeds

By that glorious soul unfolding

Into principles of right.

If we offer right conditions,

We'll receive those admonitions

From our loved ones ever near.

That will lighten every burden;

Giving unto us hope's guerdon,

And by seeking that vibration

We will gain the grand fruition Of the soul of intuition,

Of the streams of inspiration

To dispel all doubt and fear.

That unto the soul doth flow,

That we yearn so much to know JOHN WESLEY HOWLETT.

The wedding-ring is the old token

acepted by the woman when she gave

her pledge of bandage.-J. Howard

That the soul can realize.

Giving truths and consolation

Over that marble figure bent;

'O God," he cried, "I have done my

white

sighed.

pain

achieved

good.'

successful over publish.

a hospital and a grave.

Presentation of gifts to the aged couple was, by the request of the ladies, made by Rev. Sheldon, who in a Meanwhile, by excess, the athlete ruins himself physically and comes to few appropriate words congratulated Over-developthem on the length of time they had ing his intellect, the scholar becomes lived amicably together and the posa mere intellectual dagger and sword. session of numerous friends in the city of Sturgis of all denominations. Over-developing the acquisitive faculty, the practical man ruins his life. Mr. Harding replied, thanking the The sin of the hour is excess. Women overdress, men over eat and over-

We thank you all.

large number of guests present, in the name of his wife and himself, saying:
"Dear friends, I thank you for your drink. Automobilitats overdrive. Edpresence here to-day and for the nice gifts you have presented, but we are speak too long and too often. One even more grateful for the kindness of drop of aniline is believed to leave one heart which suggested this outward speck of red in each drop of water in manifestation of your love and respect. You have made me happy; we shall never forget this day, the sixti-Lake Michigan, which is a figure full of suggestion, A little travel, a little conversation, a gentle friendship, a simple style, unobtrusive and quiet eth year of our married life, and when our mortal bodies are laid below the manners, a few books, a small house sod our gratitude to you will not be buried with them. We shall take it full of love, a song, a prayer—and the heart is full of peace. Too much with us to a higher and better world, excess stands for the tropics: too little where we expect to live in the future. -that excess stands for the arctics of

The Venerable Thos, Harding Desires the Confidence of People in Giving an Account of Remarkable Spirit

Many of my statements are so ex-

that the reader be caused to have con-

fidence in my truth for some things yet

to be told will be hard to believe; but

I am honestly trying to advance a

God and his agents, without reward

Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary.

The ladies of the Harmonial Society

and other citizens of Sturgis joined in

v surprise party on the sixtleth anni-

versary of the marriage of Thos. and

Minnie Harding, of Sturgis, Mich., on

Thursday, June 14, at three o'clock p. m. They arrived in carriages

bringing baskets of good things. The

The table was spread for nineteen persons and by request of Mr. Har-ding, Rev. Geo. F. Sheldon of the

Presbyterian church,)offered thanks and prayer for the bountiful feast

meeting was a very enjoyable

THOS. HARDING.

of any kind on earth.

Sturgis, Mich.

traordinary (also what I have yet to tell about), I fear readers will find it

Manifestations.

povery; somewhere between lies the Then Mr. Harding was requested to temperate zone and the golden mean, give a reading from one of the old poets of 100 years ago, which he used where joy and peace have set up their tents. And, lo, all the happy ones who dwell therein have harkened to to recite when a school boy 70 years these words: "BE NOT ANYTHING OVERMUCH."

When his old house recently taken down was spoken of in conversation he repeated one of his poems which referred vaguely to the many wonder

That Old Corner House. There's a little red house on the cor-

Which has echoed my footsteps for Fell over the landscape far and wide, years, So dear to my heart that we never

shall part, For it witnessed my smiles and my tears.

There's a room in that house on the corner, Made dear by a last recognition

When I sat by his side, 'till the dear fellow died,

With my heart bending low in con-

There's a voice in that house on the corner, Which speaks in accents old,

And the lives of the past, return at To meet in the family fold.

There's a friend in that house on the Who has loved me from childhood till now.

The sculptor came in the early morn. Mistaken and what not, we forgave and forgot, But his eyes were dazzled, his brain And we'll love on while time will distraught. allow. By the wonderful change the night

From the floor of that house on the had wrought: With rapturous joy his bosom corner. Ascended our prayers to the skies, swelled And the angels drew near, to our suf-As the glorious image his eyes beheld;

And there on the wall, just over his And brought to us heaven's replies. head. In letters of gold these words he read: There are memories thronging that "When the workman hath wrought the best he could, corner.

Too sacred to mention to-night, Whatever the work God makes it But gentle and true as the heavenly . -Our Dumb Animals. They will calmly unfold in the light.

Ah! despise not the house on the cor-INSPIRATION. Although old-fashioned, battered Yonder from those realms supernal.

> For it did what it could to confirm the Never turning the bad from the 'Tis a poor little house on the corner,

But we smile in the face of the scorner: For faith is still there and there's hope in the air Of that little old house on the

corner. The company departed about seven o'clock after much enjoyment, social intercourse and happy reunion of

friends.-Michigan Democrat, Sturgis,

STARS AND SOULS.

I stood at the open window, And looked upon the night, And saw the westward going stars Pass lowly out of sight.

Slowly the bright procession Went down the gleaming arch. And my soul discerned the music Of the long triumphal march:

Till the great celestial army, Stretching far beyond the poles, Became the eternal symbol Of the mighty march of souls. -Our Dumb Animals.

It is a noble and great thing to over the blemishes and to excuse the failings of a friend; to draw a curnesses in silence, but to proclaim his virtues from the house top.—South.

Thoughts of Other Days.

Ideas Advanced Fifty Years Ago by Spirits. That Are Still in Voque.

AN ADDRESS TO THE WORLD.

Communicated From Spirit Life, Through the Mediumship of John Murray Spear, in the Year 1856. How sad to the contemplative mind the present condition of the inhabitants of this earth! Almost every person, town, clique, class, and nation seeking his or its individual inter ests, separate from the good and in terest of all. "Mine" and "thine" are written in legible characters upon all things. There is no common weal, no deep and abiding interest in man as man, irrespective of nation, complexion, or sex. Hence yast outlays are requisite to sustain a few millions of

people.

That which man needs now to know is, how best to combine his individual interest with the interest of others, and how to render labor attractive,

and consequently agreeable. It is felt to be wise to present, in a brief form, an outline of certain essen-tial requisites to peace and brother-hood, which, when understood and observed, will tend in a large diegree to unite man to his fellow-main. In en-tering upon a subject of such broad extent, there are many minor points which cannot in the nature of things be presented. To touch upon all would require a volume rather than a brief

Man has certain natural wants. Unless these wants are supplied, he is a restless, unousy, dissatisfied being. He wants the following things!

1. Soil on which he can stand, and

to which he has a clear, incontestable, permanent right. 2. He wants a comfortable and convenient shelter erected on that

3. He wants certain essential sustenances and comfortable garments. 4. He wants what may be justly termed, in its broadest sense, a home. 5. He wants around him within convenient distance agreeable and at-

Looking out now upon the world as spirit world is a product of this it is, it will be readily discovered that almost everybody is deprived of one.

Let us seek to give the tree (huand some of nearly all, of these essentials, and it is because of a lack of for something which he has not se-fruits of goodness, virtue, peace and cured. Could these natural wants be happiness that shall be universal. supplied to man, individual contests sectional strifes and national wars would not be. All efforts to promote universal peace and good will among mankind will, in the very nature of

things, fail, until man's natural wants are supplied. Ordinary trade must sponer or later be superseded; free, generous and just co-operations and intercommunications will take its place. fore, however, this result can to any considerable extent be actualized, it is needful to thoroughly educate a few intelligent minds of a business cast. But present to these the bold thought of abolishing trade, and naturally they will ask, "How can we live? By what means can we obtain sustenance for ourselves and those dependent upon The answer unequivocally liest moment to organize a new

that society must change its relations very generally. On a broad view, the grand thing to be done is, at the earcondition, to engage in a yet higher form of labor—the labor of construction, of introducing new ideas, of bringing out new inventions, of applying new mechanical forces thereby giving man more time for mental improvement, moral and religious instruction, and general individual and social growth. There should be, then, on the part

of the working people, a looking for that glorious morning dawn, when a new social state shall be constructed, wherein persons can associate, labor in groups, be the owners of soil, be interested in new inventions, and have time to acquaint themselves critically with the arts and sciences. Unquestionably there is many a man to-day earning his bread by the sweat of his brow, who, give him time surround him agreeably, bring out his dormant powers, might become a statesman, philosopher, an inventor, Many a poor woman, who may this night ply her busy needle in yonder wretched garret, in different circumstances light be come an able teacher, a use ful florist, a distinguished pomologist charming artist, but now, alas, after day, and night after night, she plods on through a busy but uninvit-ing life. Is she a widow? Arbund her are her tender offspring, she drops the tear of sympathy as sha beinds over the cradle of her babe; bardly has she nourishment at her breast to supply its daily wants. As those chil dren start out in life, she cannot fol-low them, and there is no father's eye to watch them; dangers tompta-tions numerous, are thrown in their path, and often they become inmate of the jail, the prison or the periten

Society, as at present organized makes its criminals, and then pin-ishes them with an unsparing hand the present; and so will de be in the future, until heaven shall be in the blessed portals, and send down to man streams of wisdom, love and truth, nabling him to see the causes which

crush him to the earth. crush him to the earth.

This brief paper can only hint at his hands when he was much younger steps to be taken. These hists, it is to that he could have received then hoped, will find their place its the benefit three?

minds of some human persons, who will be willing to give their time, wealth, talents, to aid in inaugurating

on this earth a better state of things

a society wherein the interest of one shall be the interest of all, wherein

men shall like brothers live, and wo-

men like sisters dwell,—providing for the young, and preparing them for high and useful positions. The hour has come when the spiritual movement is to test persons. Test after test has been demanded of the spirit world, and has been given. Now we turn the tables; now we asl for tests of fidelity to principles.

The above passages I have quoted were taken at random, but are given verbatim. Though they were given to the world fifty years ago, they are still quite up to date, and deserve se-

rious consideration.

I hold that no man owns a square foot of the earth, for if he did, could take it with him to spirit life when he journeys there. On the contrary, speaking from a material standpoint, the earth owns us, for, sooner or later we have to surrender our bodies back to mother earth.

For mankind to permit the earth to become an article of merchandise, to be juggled and gambled with by land speculators, is selling away the rights of man for dollars and cents. In this age of improved machinery

one man is a small factor in the factory or on the farm, and the co-operative effort of many others is neces sary; and as I hold that equity and justice are impossible under a system of private ownership of the means of subsistence, which permits labor like the land to be made a commodity for speculators, I therefore renounce the time-honored institution of private property, which is largely responsible for the injustice, poverty, misery, rime and consequent degradation of the race.

Russia to-day is suffering because of this same evil. Shall we co-operate with the spirit world in their efforts tractive society or neighborhood;
6. He wants certain surroundings which shall tend to promote his health, mental growth, and affectional do you realize that a far greater evil unroiding.

7. He wants to be entirely free chattel slavery? Our fathers gave from fearful forebodings in respect to their lives to abolish negro slavery. any future life to which he may be shall we, their children stand durch destined. any future life to which he may be destined.

Give him these in a light, pure, broad sense, and he is thighe enjoy ment of what is absolutely especially to his purest and divinest condition; the purest and divinest condition; the seventh, and to that extent he is the seventh, and to that extent he is the week of its father and mother, unsatisfied, longing, istruggling; to obtain that which he has not. The intelligent reader should closely examine these points as a whole, that it may be seen not only that they embrace the essentials, but that all and each are needful.

Shall we, their children, stand dymb while the lives of our white children is of its father and mother, and many children have to work for twelve long hours a day, with a few minutes for lunch. The spirit world has long been demanding a more harmonious social order among men than exists to-day. As a tree is known by its fruit, so, likewise, the

Let us seek to give the tree (humanity) the best possible conditions and environments for its growth, these that man preys upon and de-physically, morally, mentally and spir-vours his fellowman. He is reaching itually, so that it may bring forth the

> To the Editor:-- I desire to thank you for publishing my quotations a few-weeks ago. I have also quoted the above passages referred to from the same source, and would be pleased to have you give them space in The Progressive Thinker. ALBERTO C. FISHER.

New Haven, Conn.

THE BEST TIME IS NOW.

As Exemplified by Dr. John C. Wyman.

Full oft modern writers and speakers To the fair "Golden Age" of the past, And from their remarks we justly in-

That they look with contempt aghast On the present era, with its bustling While to the crude past they "kow-

When they should be happy "these latter days," For the best of all times is NOW!

How blind are the eyes that to centuries flown Look back, like Lot's wife, of old, Seeing only the bright of the ages,

then known. When not all that glittered was gold: They refuse to admit the shadows

dark, That impartial historians allow; And they long to be back in Noah's old ark. When they ought to rejoice in the NOW!

But in spite of bitter harpings and Which these "disgruntled" avow, The world still wags on," throughout the years. And most all are content with the

NOW.

For they know full well that the hest of the Past Doth forever the Present endow: They believe that things are bettering

So they're glad to be living NOW! The moral, methinks, any average mind Will clearly and readily see,

Which is, to accept the conditions we find. And believe them "as good as can

Yet, if some need improving, then off with your coat
And work with perspiring brow, Doing all you can to more fully promote

NOW! DR. JOHN C. WYMAN. Andrew Elliott regrets that The Progressive Thinker dld not fall into

The welfare of the HERE and

Guardian Angels They Come Unsolicited and Under Various Condi-

ditions 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.

Moral Lessons Taught by Physical | but I dare not endanger her life by do-Manifestations.

Saint Paul says: "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory," and I | you have, I promise you you shall not add, "through the Christ of self-de-

In the early days when we were young we used to gather wisdom from down than my human reason again spiritual manifestations. In those lays unselfishness was the rule, selflove the exception. Three dollars a must do something at once, but the year were freely paid for publica- doctors are in their beds now, and she to the breeze, but, alas, times have to visit her. All I could think of was changed. Mediums were not jealous to dash a pitcher of cold water in her of each other then. Speakers entertained hearers by discanting upon the to get it, she (who lay as dead to all theme which high and wise spirits appearance as a log of wood) was had inaugurated, and all worked together to enlighten and uplift a skep- menced a more sensible conversation tical world. They did not then try to with me than she often did in her nordistract the attention of their hearers she said: "Now, chief, we had two by introducing so-called "reforms,"

corner," which taught me how foolish is my wisdom compared to the high

Mrs. Harding had been subject for many years (indeed, I think from childhood) to a very painful disease of the kidneys. When it used to come on, I felt instructed to lay my hand on the part affected, and it would take

One night she lay on her bed crying with pain, and although much exercised in mind I felt no disposition to der influence, and told me to go to the drug store and get a certain narcotic powers. medicine, mix with water, etc., and administer it to her. It was then late in the evening-

man. When she had taken it, she lay quite still. She was influenced again. "Give her more," said the controlling power. "Give her all you have."
"You must excuse me," said I." "I have got quite a supply so as to keep some in the house to give her when

never wake up again."

But the spirit persuaded, and pleadpositively refused to do so. 'how long do you know me?'

"Oh! a long time," said I; "in fact, several years. 'Did I ever tell you a lie?" "No, indeed. You have proved yourself a truthful and noble friend,

ing as you say."
"No, no, chief. White man lie; In-

dian no lie. Now if you give her all

He pleaded so strongly that I became, as it were, psychologized, and I gave her all. But it was no sooner gave her all.

asserted itself. "Good God, I have killed her! tions which flung the banner of spirits might be dead before I could get one face. When arising from my chair turn a natural fact into a religion, nor mal condition. Among other things reasons for wishing you to give her which had nothing to do with the that over-dose. One was to cure you their ability to return and bless.

Let me tell of another wonderful own mind is mixed up in this; or is it cure effected in our "old house on the all her own mind and no spirits at all.

mind is talking to you?"
"Oh!" said I, "I acknowledge defeat, for I now feel satisfied that she is about as dead as she ever will

"Another reason." 'that she has always been more or less of a doubter also, and we never could obtain full control; but now away the pain for the time, but it she can't help herself, and we can cure would return at intervals, and beyond giving immediate relief I could do but anything for her, but leave her combletely in our hands; if you do so you

will find her better in the morning. This occurred before the circumstance of the levitation mentioned in do anything for her. In the midst of a previous letter, for she had profited ber sufferings she spoke to me un- by experience, and at that time had abundant faith in the controlling

When the spirit had finished talking, and I had promised not to interfere, she was gently laid back in her perhaps ten o'clock, so I had to hasten bed and remained to all appearances to find stores open. I gave has what has utterly lifeless as before. I sat by I considered a good dose even for a her bedside for about an hour, when When she had taken it, she my she begin to stir, and was placed in still. She was influenced again, a slitting posture again. Her stomach became awfully sick and she vomited. All I did was to place my hand under her forehead. She discharged all the poison, apparently, and a quantity of offensive matter beside. He was a true guardian angel. Then she was she is again attacked, so I dare not true guardian angel. Then she was give it all to her; if I do she might laid back again, and when it was coming on daylight, seeing that she was sleeping nicely, I concluded that she

to bed. Blue Jacket was right; she was cured permanently of that dreadfully painful disease, which had been so long troublesome.

THOS. HARDING.

Sturgis, Mich. (To be continued.)

FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI.

It Is Surging Ahead Finely in the the Workers Present-A Remark-

received by this time the report of our press agent concerning the joint mass-meeting held by the N. S. A. and the State Association, at the Masonic Temple Odeon, June 13, 14 and 15, hence I shall not go into details con cerning the same. My purpose is to render to the visiting talent publicly as well as privately our appreciation for the grand work they did for the cause and for Missouri while here We are in hearty accord with the sentiment so often expressed by our spirit friends, "To voice our love and

appreciation now, and not wait to deliver them at the funeral obsequies. ims made by the N. S. A. could not have been improved upon. Little Mrs. Ripley came to us a stranger in a strange land, as this was her first appearance in this part of the country, but if the expressions of the many were delighted with the lecture and messages given through her mediumship may be taken as a criterion, it will not be her last. Her many new

success and happiness. It was also the first appearance in St. Louis of Sister Isa Cleveland of Chicago, and our Chicago fellow Spiritualists may well be proud of her. As I sat on the platform listening to messages given out by her Indian control to an audience composed of (to her) entire strangers, but many of whom I knew well. I could not but admire the directness and accuracy of her work. Don't stick too close to many places that are hungry for the hand, proud of the cokind of spiritual consolation you so ably administer.

Our good sister, Mrs. G. C. Ste-

phens, and her husband, Dr. Stephens of Kansas City, Mo., were also with us, and the splendid work of her control. Dr. Duestrow, impressed and convinced many a doubting mind as to the truth of spirit return. On the second night of the Mass meeting we were surprised and delighted at a (to us) new phase of her mediumship She was controlled by a number musical spirits successively under the direction of Campo, and gave us a de-Stephens is not familiar with in a normal state), and ranging from bass to tenor. It was a wonderful perform-ance, and puzzled and set thinking our skeptical friends. I venture to prophecy that the work of our good

will hear more of her remarkable me-

As for Dr. Geo. B. Warne, vice-president of the N. S. A., it is hardly necessary for me to tell the Spiritual-Great Work—A Glowing Tribute to held up the banner of pure Spiritualists of the United States how well he ism while here. He has done this so able Musical Medium in the Person ably and so often in so many places of Mrs. Stephens, of Kansas City.

To the Editor:—You have no doubt for the pioneer work he is doing from the pioneer work he is doing from an unselfish devotion to the cause. When the history of our movement shall have been written the name of Brother Warne will stand out prominently as one who held up under a hot fire from the opposition, the banner of pure, clean, honest Spiritualism. Go on, Brother Warne; every lover truth, every believer in spiritual Spiritualism is with you, and is crying God speed you on and up.
Brother W. F. Peck, president of

the Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association, was down for a lecture on the opening night, but unfortunately received a telegram announcing the passing over of a near relative and was unable to do more than give us a short talk. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to this tried and true without paying a tribute of praise to he has of the continuity of life may be a solace to him in this his hour of affliction.

I cannot close this hurried report without paing a tribute of praise to the unselfishness of my dear friends but warn friends join in wishing her and co-workers in St. Louis, Sisters Klara T. Hary, Laura M. Jones and Brother Thomas Grimshaw. first mentioned insisted on being entirely eliminated from the programme, and Brother Grimshaw consented under pressure to speak for ten minutes, as they wished their visiting brothers and sisters to have full opportunity to be heard by the people of St. Louis. It is by and through such acts that we may grow and expand spiritually, and I feel proud of the cojealousy has no place among us. PAUL MCARTHUR.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Directed to the Spiritualists of Minnesota.

Mr. Henry Hegdahl, a regular ordained minister of the Minnesota State Spiritualist Association, is doing missionary work, and is open for engagements anywhere in Minnesota. lightful musical entertainment, both cleties and parties wishing his serv-vocal and instrumental. The vocal less can correspond with F. E. Irvine, consisted principally of elections from Secretary Minnesota State Spiritual-Italian opera (a language that Mrs. lists Association, No. 904 Hastings, avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

Where philosophy is ignorant it is morally obliged to say to others and. to itself: "I do not know; I doubt, I hope, nothing more."—M. Gurau. When men grow virtuous in their diumship. The camps will do well to old age, they are merely making a saccept this tip, as she would be a drawing core and a tredit to the heat.

"Only a Thin Veil Between Us."

Illustrating the Grandeur and Beauty of Spirit Return.—An Address to the Readers of The Progressive Thinker, by J. C. Craig of Clyde, Ohio, Which Will Be to Them of Special Significance and Importance.

THE ORTHODOX GOD WHAT HE IS CLAIMED BY IT— OTHER, BROKE ONE OF THE COMMANDMENTS AND

"GOVERNMENT LAND FRAUD": ANOTHER, "BIG- LIGION, OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT.

ALL GOODNESS? IF SO, THE BIBLE IS REFUTED. HIS WIFE WAS GIVEN A DIVORCE; ANOTHER, HIS he is in the lowest or highest walk in life, poor or rich, ig-THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH! HE SO, THEN I FIGHT OVER CREED, AND ARRESTS FOLLOWED, chief alm of man is the glory of God;" to "we believe, ac-MOUTHPIECES ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS OF CONNECTION WITH THE EXPOSURE OF THE STAND-NEWSPAPERS. I WILL NOT GIVE NAMES, AL- ARD OIL METHODS. THEY ARE ACCUSED OF USING not the men of the Christian faith," but all men exist THOUGH I HAVE THEM, BUT WILL ONLY CITE A THEIR CALLING TO ASSIST IN SALE OF THAT COM- for man, or allowed the contract of the HIS CHURCH." THIS WAS AND EMINENT DIVINE, KETS AND CLUBS TO PUT DOWN SUNDAY, BASE-ANOTHER, "UNNATURAL OFFENSE'; ANOTHER, BALL," AS IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO UPHOLD RE-

new lights, higher thoughts and new revelations from the business in our study of the science of life? seemingly unseen world, the world that is and always has been somewhat obscure to the physical eye, but with the dawn of each new day the clouds are seen to rise and beyoud the mist we see more clearly, and the eye penetrates further into the great future.

Some time ago there was to me a sense of the ridiculous in the thought of spirit return, and spirit communication was like a fairy tale and an occasion of ridicule when the subject was mentioned in myspresence. But time works wondrous things, and the experience of others has, to a degree, been my experience, and as each day glides into the unredeemable past there is a brighter-light and a stronger proof of that which I once ridiculed, and Lam now convinced beyond all doubt that this life, with all its trials and tribulations, is only the commencement of a GREAT-ER AND HIGHER LIFE—SPIRIT LIFE, WAS

We have been living upon a plane of ignorance and been bound by the ties of superstition, which has been drilled into us from the moment we have been able to retain in memory a sentence long enough to be lisped as a prayer to the great and unknown "Father of Time." "As the old birds crow, the young will learn," and with the superstitious prayers and devotion of our parents we have been parrot-like, and, too, we have swallowed the worm without considering whether or not it was an angle worm or a glow worm, because it was brought to the nest by the parent. But when we arrive at the age of self-reliance, and lay aside the business cares and duties sufficiently long enough to give thought to our creation and our future, when we study self and its possibilities and probabilities, and lay aside prejudice and superstition, we first find ourselves in the dark alone, but with effort and thought I do like to exchange ideas with people who have ideas of we are aided in our desires for knowledge for truth by their own. nature itself. When we compare man as we see him, and life as we see and feel it with the mysticisms of the bible, our eyes are opened and each new thought is like tidings from a shipwrck, and our friends are constantly sending back messages of safe arrival at a foreign port.

Children when reared in a home where the idea of God has been taught them by theology, without thinking for all human," do I hear you say? themselves, are not to be blamed for scoffing at the idea. Wes, I answer, but he who do of spirit return. They have learned but one thing, and cantdo no wrong, and the man who stands before the people that is they must love God through fear of his avenging, ple teaching such doctrine must be so filled in order to jealous disposition, and they professito love him because teach. they are afraid he will punish them hereafter, and possibly some of the hairs of their heads will be placed on the right side of the calendar.

It is the fear of the orthodox God, rather than the love of him that has caused the people to cling to the old some bottomless pit filled with fire. They do not dare to Testament, if at all according to the teaching of the cause the minister used that expression. They have been of his mouthpleces according to the reports of newspaglimpse is given, it is only by his Satanic Majesty, and that | will only cite a few instances of the public charges: which the church does not teach, is not for them to know.

in business and carry it on as their forefathers did? They natural offense"; another, "Government land fraud"; anwould soon be applicants to some charitable institutions, other, "bigamy"; another, "murder self-confessed", an- and to her I said I was feeling queer. I had been keeping upon distorted history; a myth without a foundation; a and were they to use the same methods in business that other, broke one of the commandments and his wife was my experience prior thereto to myself, and as I rested my will -o'-the wisp without even a swamp, and only a conera our courts would be over-burdened with insanity guns and knives to bed with him—divorce; another, heard, and gave her a long message from her father, whom ION, BUT IS A SCIENTIFIC TRUTH DEMONSTRATED.

As evenings come and go the world is being flooded with, ters of antique superstition and keep pace with progressive

We are making greater strides than many people think and each day are getting farther away from the ideas of soul as our forefathers believed, and the thinking people, as a class, are absenting themselves from the church and studying the new discoveries in nature. When they listen to the sermon given by the ordinary minister, they find no justice and equality. It is true some stand by the church for business reasons, and others because they have a belief in the prayers they were taught by the parent in infancy but slowly and surely the numbers dwindle.

The efforts of the church, church combinations, etc., remind me of a man who embarked in business. . He collected all his money and faced the public. After a short time he began to lose money, and when told by his friends to close out and save himself from utter destitution, he replied: "I can't do it. I have been brought up in this business and will remain in it until all is gone, and then having paid taxes into the county, I will make the public keep me." He went broke ere long, and his friends assisted in paying for bills they had no benefit in; and some day the church will go broke, and the "superanuated fund" will be overtaxed to care for the aged, and the mines and shops will call loudly and lustily for the younger leaders to appear in overalls and with dinner buckets, while the followers will feel like the dinner bucket after meal time

I have no time to waste on the man who holds to a pofaith. I have no breath to spare on a person who holds to any religious faith because his grandmother so believed.

·We are told that only those who embraca religion and converted to that faith we will know it.

We are told that when our souls are filled with the 'Holy Ghost," we can do no wrong. Alt seems to me that worship Christ are to be saved, and as soon as we are

... Yes, I answer, but he who is filled of the Holy Ghost

Now, let us look over the daily newspapers for the past six weeks and we find enough of the wrongs of the ortho dox ministers to fill a book.

It makes me ask myself this question: Is the orthodox God what he is claimed by it—all goodness? If so, the

What would these same people do if they should embark CHURCH.' This was an eminent divine, Another, "un- would get messages and was kept awake late at nights. were employed at the beginning of the so-called Christian given a divorce; another, his wife charged him with taking head on a piece of furniture I told her of the words I This is a progressive age, and why not shake off the fet-creed, and arrests followed. Several had their names in around in a stupefied manner I would hear raps on the DAY.

ard OH methods. They are accused of using their calling they came from the spirit world to make us know that the

Freethinkers are incapable of wrong. We only claim to single word. be human, and are not filled with that unseen power that I assure you I was troubled, and as the writings with my sanctifies us in WE TEACH PURITY OF THE SOUL, love fingers continued, and the voices I seemed to hear increased, for human kind, and the only way to get that burity and I became seriously troubled lest I should lose my mind.

enough to concede that there is the possibility of a higher attainment of the soul in every person, no matter whether

We are able to meet the Church Trust formed at Dayton. Ohio, a few weeks ago, which changed its creed from "the the service of man, " and to go some farther and say that

The above cliange does not effect all churchmen as evidenced by the reputed remarks and prayers of an evangelist who has been sojourning in the city of Norwalk, Ohio, who agreed to meet the writer of an anonymous letter, with the "Word" of God or double fists," and asked God for the "visitation" of death and fire" to cleanse the city.

Pretty deastic measure for the Father to adopt to re gain the love of his own children!

Norwalk must be a bad place; yet through such nonsense and such appeals to the fears and cowardice he gained several hundred followers who. I presume, wanted to be spared when the Angel of Death appeared with his battle-ax and flaming sword. Wait until they have regained moral tourage and think over the three thousand dollars they gave him for invoking such a visitation. I solace—nothing that appeals to their understanding of wonder what will be their looks when they come to and discover: their fatness."

Almost as powerful an appeal was made recently in Ohio by a minister, who said of the non-paying members of his congregation: "THEY DESERVE TO BE HELD BY A STRONG ARM OVER HELL,"

Perhaps they are looking for some modern-day miracles, tiera - la etate t

Then there was a D. D. in Pittsburg who made himself lamous by hisdiscovery of "Hell" and his lectures thereon. and now his wife sues him for divorce, as she does not like

This is bringing hell home, is it not?

Is this the proof of their religion? If not, why not? The earthquake in San Francisco furnished many a the ologian with a text to show that God was sore on that city, and was evening up old scores. Perhaps they had not read the latest report of the great number of churches which were destroyed, but let us not mention that.

I was one of those many who slept in the church cradle and was taught to believe that any departure from its rules and teaching was fatal, and that spirit return or the litical faith for the sole reason that his father held that thought of it was blasphemy, hallucination, ignorance and what not: but in 1902 I received my first introduction to truth, at the Pacific coast; it made me think, and again in 1904 Liberar to make a few investigations, and while l gave to some thought I could not get over my early teachings, all began to conjure up reasons for the phenomena worship Christ are to be be saved; and as soon as we are and to give myself explanations, but they would not down. When I went to church I would think of the doctrine of spuls lost because the body had not been baptized by some man, who was no greater or better than his fellows men; men who had no more love for human kind than the ordinary man, and this thought would come to me each time as I listened to the sermon. At last many of the doctrines would be thrust upon my mind in the same way and Libegan to think how ridiculous they were: at least they so appeared to me, and the more I thought of those things, the further away from the church I got.

"In the month of February, 1908, after having given unsteady, and when I took a pen and commenced to write would be ashamed to send the letter; as my letters bore religious superstitions and ideas. They are afraid to study bible is refuted. Is he the God of the Old Testament, and the resemblance of handwriting of from two to four difform an idea of a bottomless pit; it means something, be- church! If so, then I can account for the actions of many and when I undertook to use a pen my hand would cramp world. and I could not write what I wanted to. Later with a taught that life after death cannot be revealed; if any pers. I will not give names, although I have them, but pencil my hand wrote messages from different persons is sufficient for this time. in the spirit world. After a short time my finger would "Corrupting the MORALS OF THE YOUTHS OF HIS be used as a pencil when I had retired and in that way I

burning his church." Two had a fisticult fight over I never knew, and from others, and when I would look AND CAPABLE OF BEING DEMONSTRATED EVERY

the pagers in connection with the exposure of the Stand- furniture, and so would my wife, and they told me that to assist in agle of that company's oil to the members of messages given through me were not hallucinations. We their congregations. One advised his flock to "use mus- were told to place our hands on a stand, and it would be kets and clubs to put down Sunday base ball," as it was raised, but instead of raising the stand I BEGAN TO the only way to uphold religion, or words to that effect. | SPEAK GERMAN, AND THEN FRENCH, neither of which Now do not understand me to infer that Spiritualists and language do I speak of my own accord, or understand a

It worried me and I began to take long walks and to do We see God everywhere, in every soul, and are broad everything imaginable to throw off that feeling and to clear my understanding.

What a relief to me it was when I no longer heard those disturbing voices-not even a rap, and I congratulated myself that I had escaped an insanity charge: I heard no more for several weeks, and then I would get a word or two, and then it ceased.

In June I attended a trumpet scance, and was told that I would be an inspirational speaker, and who my guides were, one of whom told me his history, and upon investigation, I found him to be correct in every detail, even as to whom he married and his politics, and have letters from his relatives to prove his existence in earth life. The other guide gave his name, but said that when the proper time came he will take me to his old home. The above was also told me by my own tongue. At the state of

There was silence again, and during the summer I went to Boston and other places, hoping I would get some light on my case, but none came, and after returning home, and on the last Sunday night in August, 1905, while calling at the home of friends it was suggested that we turn out the lights and see if we could see spirit lights; but instead of and continued until I had no dry clothing on me.

I said, "I hear voices," and being requested to tell what heard, I stood up and made a short address, after which I gave each person a message from one or more spirit friends, of whom I had never heard, and answered many questions. This continued from that time on, and I frequently gave messages to many friends, when again I became a "doubting Thomas," and wondered if I were not recalling something I had heard in the past.

In December I sought an engagement in a city where I did not know the people, and after giving an inspirational lecture I gave messages, described spirits, people's homes, and each was readily recognized. In giving these messages I was taken down among the audience and went to the person to whom I was giving the message.

Will some person who can always give a reason for this without ascribing it to spirit power, tell me where I got my information? I am just as much interested in learning the source as anyone. This did not come to me just once, but I have been in a number of cities where I knew no person, and gave my messages, and nearly all were rec-

nation, and the person receiving the message must be in the same mental condition; their minds must be off balance, yet many are well educated and successful in busi-

Is it evil?

I hear no evil.

I did at times at the beginning of my development, from

I am not hypnotized, and when I lecture or give messages I am fully awake and an aware of what I am saying. It is the same to me as repeating a message as it come over the telephone. One learned man said it was mental telepathy, and I at once gave him a message with name and cause of transition of a school-child. After studying several minutes he admitted that telepathy was not the

It was a struggle for me to give up my childish fancies, and as the sportsmen say, "I died hard," but I, with bowed head, answer to the indictment of ignorance—guilty!

I confess that I know so little about things generally, yet I will refuse, so long as I exist here, to acknowledge ignorance of spirit return. It is not faith, but it is knowledge. I do not read but little on Spiritualism, and a child ten years of age can read all that I ever have in two days' themselves for fear of making a misstep and landing into it seems to me he must be the same for the Old and New ferent persons, generally mixed up with me and ladies' time, with ease, on this subject, but I get much while sitting quietly and listening to the instructors in the other

I have only given an outline of my experience, and that

Shall I go back to dogma?

One night as I had finished my bath, I called to my wife, it, for church creed is, at best, only a faint hope based jecture as to its ending, while SPIRITISM IS NO RELIG-J. C. CRAIG.

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As I am now in the spiritual world, and can read the mind of any one with earth are more so.

The most of the Scandinavian perwhom I desire to come in contact, or in the Scandinavian people. One great reason for this has been my connection, musically, with Ole Bull. Our friendship commerced on the scandinavian people. One with very little meat. They are also friendship commenced on the earthly plane of existence and has deepened and ripened here in the spiritual

cannot. One great reason is, that he did not and does not speak the English language very well. Another great reason is, that Mrs. Petersilea is not a musician and consequently cannot enter into close sympathy with the great violinist; but with me it is quite different. I not only can speak his own language fluently, but as musicians our souls are closely united; we are in perfect accord-en rapport, as the French call it.

Now I can control my wife as easily I can myself, for she is the other messages from the great master, Ole Bull; for there must be mediums in the spiritual world as well as on the

earthly plane. Now, this is what Ole Bull tells me, and what I myself also find to be true He says that the Americans do not understand his people very well, but that they are highly spiritual in their natures, and nearly all would become Spiritualists if they were made to understand about it. The people, as a rule, do not understand English very

Letter From Carlyle Petersilea. hungry for the great truths of Spirit As I am now in the spiritual world, ualism. No people on the face of the

those whose aspirations attract me, I ple are very intelligent and progressive. Their brains are large and vigorous, partly owing to their cold cut description. After three days mate, their fish and vegetable diet, in this place, a steamer must be At last the North Cape was reached, with the spirit of Ole Bull in particular, the feels a deep interest in, and love for his people. He understands

and ripened here in the spiritual spheres.

Now, there are many of the Scandinavian people who have implored Ole Bull to control Mrs. Petersilea and write to them personally, or rather, to them as a race or people.

Ole Bull is not able in his own personality to control Mrs. Petersilea; sonality to control Mrs. Petersilea; but one could easily see that the sun shines brightly at midnight—the sun shines brightly at the ease encroach—the worder the sun slight mist, look—the sun shines brightly at the occan.

And now, at least, that part of the occan.

Now a climb up of the occan.

Now a climb up occan.

Now a climb up occan.

Now a clim born and reared. Not far from this year, being in August, and for two town were some weird, wild, romantic days and nights Mrs. Petersilea sat falls, such as one does not see in any other part of the world. Seated in a small and very comfortable wagon—the curious name of it is now quite forgotten—behind a couple of the beautiful, spirited, little Norwegian o'clock. After it had reached its zeponies, the ride to those falls through it began to sink, gradually cirponies, the ride to those falls through with an it does in America at four or five than it began to sink, gradually cirponies, the ride to those falls through with a sink gradually cirponies, the ride to those falls through with a sink gradually cirponies, the ride to those falls through with a sink gradually cirponies, the ride to those falls through with a sink gradually cirponies, the ride to those falls through with the wild and hilly region.

> quite vanished. You may say that spirits ought to know that this is simply in the seem-remember it. Yes, spirits do; but ing, for it is the earth that is moving the medium is one of the poorest in and not the sun. the world through whom to give At last, after about three days, we names. We can stamp scenes, visions, reached the last town before the

well—that is the common people. Of pean plan, also an old cathedral that being under the sea. Some of the has for saley and the passengers buy course this does not apply to the more must be visited, but it was far from mountain tops were entirely covered all that she has to sell.

them sparkle like so many rays emit-

ted from a diamond. Here were the Norwegian pines in their full glory and stateliness. The town also boasted a great lumber yard where the pines, after being sawed, were taken by the steamers, and other

and other large places.
Some have written about the loneliness of these Northern regions; but Mrs. Petersilea did not find it so, but the romantic scenery was beyond description. After three days spent fairies dancing on the green.

the wild and hilly region was extremely delightful; and those little
ponies can never be forgotten, although the name of the wagonette has

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waste to the West. West, circling as it did so, and rising gether with the photographs of the again in the East. Of course we all Laplanders that their reindeer; but

and ideas, but technicalities, dates and North Cape, and here a stop of one or names we cannot give through her. Why?

houses, and one or two nice hotels, ing countenances of many of the pasBecause those organs in her brain Some may talk of loneliness, but to sengers were photographed, together them.

In one of the towns, before reaching ous. The ordinary houses were ranged the North Cape—where there would be no more night at this season of the year—the nights were quite short; mountains, and these hills were simple was a fine hield, on the Europhy ply the tops of mountains, their bases pan plan, also an old cathedral that being under the sea. Some of the re so small, we as spiris cannot use Mrs. Petersilea it did not seem so in

perhaps—and men were at work upon a thriving town, romantic and beauti-it repairing some parts that had at ful, where fish and lumber were the ing as though there was hardly room exports. Mrs. P. did not sleep well at enough to turn around. It looks as The interior was grand and beauti- night for the hotel shook like a bowlful; the windows of richly-stained full of jelly as the tide came in, as all had been rent asunder, leaving a great glass, and the clear, cold light made the low land here did, and she thought chasm, hundreds of feet deep, where that the hotel ought to be on the side | the sea boils and surges through, and of the mountain as most of the other houses were.

on either side are millions of birds nests, and the air is black and thick

Now, at last, we start for the North Cape, and as we sall along at mid-night, but in the bright sunlight, we sight never to be forgotten. Cannon see Norwegian lads and lasssies were fired to start up the birds, but dancing on the green, forming sets the noise of the countless wings just as you do in halls, and dancing to drowned even the thunder of the cantheir hearts' content, while some splendid violinist played for them some wild, weird music, in quick-step

very hardy and long-lived, as well as the North Cape, stepping at the vari-cleanly in their habits.

Laken that would continue on toward a high, large promontory, extending the North Cape, stepping at the vari-cleanly in their habits. why, one thinks of the North Pole, cleanly in their habits.

Mrs. Petersilea, when traveling in Europe, visited the North Cape, where dises, but one could easily see that Arctic ocean lies stretched out before

> flowers are blooming brightly, looking but by white Norwegians or Scandinahotels; doctors; dentists, stores, photographers, and so on; and the smil-

with the Lap and his reindeers.

the highly educated, and until quite lately the hotel. It stood on an elevation by the sea, while others were only a long scene more and I am done with the people have not emigrated largely evertooking the sea, and was four short distance out of it. How many this part of my letter. Now we steam there is much in the Lutheran church to America; but they are all, both in hundred years old. It was built of years will it take to cover these toward bird cliffs; and this is enough to be admired; but the old ideas are America and in their own country, great blocks of bewn stone—granite mountains, who can tell? but here was to make the stoutest heart quake, nearer right, for It was believed that

though a high mountain of solid rock with flying, frightened birds, so many wings making a noise like thunder: a non's roar. This was awful but not beautiful. Some one may ask: Well what has all this to do with Spiritualtime; and it made one think of the ism? It has very much to do with fairies dancing on the green. them thoroughly. There are very few drunkards or criminals in his land, and many of the people cherish a belief similar to that of the Spiritualists; not in all things the same, but very much like it. Of course the Lutheran church has sprung up, as one might say, recently compared with the age of this race and country. Ole Bull's own mind, he tells me, and as I myself understand him, was tinged with the weird belief of his ancestors, and was almost identical with that of a Spiritualist. He often told me, when in the mortal form, that the spirits of the dead whispered his musteamer as at lies anchored awaiting sic to him, that the spirits of the the return of the passengers. We also wind also sang it to him, that he could hear the woeful mourning of the unhappy souls. He tells me that when he was a mere lad he used to take his to-the grand water-fall and try to imitate the these fowns on the route are thriving towns interinabled by Laplanders but by white Norwegian and try to imitate the sound of the rushing water; then, again, a bird would carol, and he must but by white Norwegian and the sweet notes of the control of the sweet notes of the control of the co thus of all nature; the sighing wind;

vians. The real Laplander takes the the rustling of the leaves on the trees place of our Indians. Here we find the rolling thunder; the swift flash of lambs; the lowing of the cattle; there was not a sound in nature that he did

loves his people and he says to them: "The old belief in Odin, and the spirits of the earth, air and water, is more nearly right than the new; although

truth could not be given. And now let me tell my people, for

not try to imitate on his violin; and it was such habits as these that made

the great Odin permeated all things, and that the tree Igdrosil—which simply meant the great tree of life or the within all things strikes its roots deep into the earth, but the branches grow until they reach up into the heavenly or spiritual world; and a better representation of the

they will believe me, as they know that I would not tell them falsely: The germs of all life whatsoever, first exist within the ether—and I here mean the spiritual germs. These germs are attracted into matter, or rather, they being the attractive or magnetic force, cover themselves with matter according to their kind. germ makes but one circle on the material plane, and I mean by this that the male parent, being the positive force, attracts and holds the germ of the child that is to be, and this germ never creates any other germ, it remains true to itself throughout eternity. If the germ proves to be a male child, it, like its parent, attracts and holds other germs, from the ether or the air, call it which you will, but it is really within the ethereal sea or the ether-just as the parent did before it; but of course the parent, like the child, may have had many other children: some of these male children some females; but the perfect germ, before being breathed in, is both male and female within one germ, and as the perfect germ enters the blood of the male parent, it commences to germinate, and as it does so the female is thrown off, or out into the ether: this. then, becomes oblong, consequently it remains nearer the surface of the earth that it may the more quickly enter the lungs of some other male to become incarnated within matter as quickly as possible.

Now, this is true of all life whatsoever, be it fish, insect, vegetable, tree or flower. Blossoms are but lungs to hold ethereal germs. Some object and say it is the pollen of flowers, but the ethereal germ has covered itself with pollen or material substance. Now life makes but one circle on

the material plane, that is the germ, when it is obliged to cast off the mate rial covering, remains true to itself it never becomes any other but itself and, as I said before, when at any time it is obliged to throw off its mate rial covering, it again enters the ethe real world, or the ether, and it is now ethereal, and appears just like itself as far as it has developed.

(To be continued.)

OUR OWN ROSTRUM.

A Lecture Delivered Thereon to Our Readers on "Life, Consciousness and Intelligence Throughout Nature, by Ashbel G. Smith, of Painesville, Ohio.

ED TO SHOW THAT PLANTS AND TREES ARE TORY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA." CERNED AS WELL AS MANY FORMS OF HIGHER OR- TO HAVE ENDORSED ALSO.

SOME YEARS AGO THE EDITOR OF "GREEN'S DERS. "FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL," PROFESSOR FRUIT-GROWER" READ A PAPER BEFORE THE DODGE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID, "IT HAS BEEN AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AT CLEVE- HELD BY THE MOST HIGHLY CIVILIZED AS WELL AS AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AT CLEVEBY DEGRADED SAVAGES THAT PLANTS HAVE SOULS. Soning part. Can this be so when we consider the wonLAND, OHIO, ENTITLED "CONSCIOUSNESS OR INTEL* * THE DOCTRINE OF SPIRITS IN PLANTS IS derful intelligence of our domestic pets and animals, the THE VEGETABLE KINGDOM," IN WHICH DEEPLY IMBEDDED IN THE INTELLECTUAL HIS-

NOT DISSIMILAR TO ANIMALS, THAT THEY ARE SEN- MANY VIEWS OF PLANTS WERE THROWN UPON TO PAIN AND COMFORT, AND HAVE A SUFFI- THE SCREEN, WHOSE GROWTH HAD BEEN INFLU- ises, who points the game or patrols the flock and cares for DEGREE OF INTELLIGENCE TO SEARCH AF- ENCED BY LIGHT. THE SENSE OF TOUCH WAS straying lambs; who loves his friends and never forgets a TER FOOD, SUNSHINE, ETC. MORE RECENTLY PRO- ALSO VIVIDLY SHOWN, AND THE REMARKABLE DODGE, THE EMINENT BIOLOGIST, OF HABITS OF CERTAIN PLANTS OF DEPOSITING THEIR PLACE A PAPER ENTITLED "THE PSYCHIC AC. ALSO SHOWED THAT NERVE STIMULUS WAS IM-OF PLANTS" ILLUSTRATED BY AN ELABO, PARTED FROM ONE TO ANOTHER OF MANY SMALL RATE SET OF STEREOPTICON VIEWS BY WHICH HE ORGANISMS IN PLANT LIFE, MORE COMMONLY IN AIMED TO SHOW THAT PLANTS WERE SOULS AND BACTERIA. THESE CONCLUSIONS WHICH MAY IM-THAT THEY COULD SEE AND FEEL IN: THEIR PE- PRESS US AS MORE OR LESS HYPOTHETICAL; DAR-CULIAR WAY, SO FAR AS THEIR NEEDS WERE CON- WIN, THE GREAT APOSTLE OF EVOLUTION, IS SAID

the earth is the matrix from which an visible most be suppose that Nature is as potent in the production of its surface, and whatever genera or species are projected, germinal forms and processes as that she vivifies and gives each and every individual life is fed from her nourishing them growth when formed, albeit millions perish for lack breast. Time was when it was believed that the earth was of genial environment. a great plain, bounded by the horizon and resting on the is silent as to deeper foundations upon which the turtle ocean, the solemn forest within whose gothic shadows re-appear in the east each succeeding day.

With the common accessories to the study of astronomy, we are now able to show and demonstrate beyond cavil or doubt that the earth is relatively but a speck among the throughout the blue and measureless firmament, a little sister among her overgrown relatives of the planetary family. We may not doubt it had a beginning as an entity, as a rotating body, a bubble among the infinite ethers, not created, but formed from matter and forces that inhabit and fill the elemental abysses and through which it now swings and travels with marvelous speed and pre-

Other theories as to its origin, structure and position have in more modern days been argued and have a limited and credulous following; among them is the so-called hollow globe theory, which is scarcely less absurd than the Mosaic traditions involving numerous impossibilities and extravagant assumptions. The latter theory has in recent times found a zealous advocate in Lady Blount, a titled English woman. She is reported as being a clever person and ever ready to defend the opinions advanced in the Mosaic account as against those of Copernicus and the

Lady Blonnt edits a journal called "The Earth" and has followers in several European countries. The society of which she is the head is known as the Universal Zetetic Society, and their main contention is against the "assumption," as they are pleased to term it, "of scientists who hold the earth to be globular in form." That such strange conclusions should obtain in the face of modern discovery is hardly to be believed, but humanity is by no means homogeneous in its opinions and we must accept things as they are.

But theories and beliefs do not by any means controvert demonstrable facts.

The old geocentric vision has been enlarged.

It is the province of science to investigate and deal with phenomena, to cast light into dark places, to observe . Nature embraces whatever is. things and elucidate the laws of their existence; in brief! to evolve knowledge; but it must be admitted that with all the existence of anything or condition as supernatural is of certain plants of depositing their seed in fertile places, that life which is of all life centre." of its wonderful advancements, science is quite frag- manifestly illogical and misleading; even when the term is and the Professor also showed that nerve stimulus was im-

whatever realm or department such discoveries are made, infinitude of so-called space with its countless millions of the great apostle of evolution, is said to have endorsed growth and continuance. But the fact and presence of the intellectual horizon of mankind is enlarged and beau- inhabitants who, having dropped their loads of earthly ills also. tified, and though moving in waves, progress is steadily and toys at the shining gateway of Nature's great transiforward towards a livelier consciousness and a higher intellectuality.

As a safe basis from which correct deductions can be life-forms is germinal in both essence and structure, there- them reverently. fore all forms of individual life in the relative order of being and development originate primarily in the contact of the laws or principles of nature, which are manifest in the before the birth at Bethlehem, says:

The earth is the matrix from which all visible life pro- elemental affinities, for it is quite within the realm of logic

The various objects and forms within our limited vision, back of some mythical monster as a turtle, but tradition the trees and flowers, the singing brooklets, the surging might rest, but over this undefined expanse of land and countless summer birds chant and chatter their matin water the life-giving sun-shed his grateful rays by day and hymns, the timid flowers that spring hard by the lingering became submerged at evening in the western seas only to snows, while gentle rains feed and fructify the earth for to them. No sharp dividing line shuts out the lower orthe awakening jubilee of spring, or when the earth grows chill with autumn frosts that nip the meadow-queen and gift of reason; and he who puts up this frail distinction as paint the falling leaves with wondrous coloring, and with definite and final deceives himself with mere assumption. the harvest past, the fruitage dropped and the weary multitudes of larger orbs that flash and scintillate sleep and awaits resurrection in the coming spring—these world wrapped in crystal covering, retires in its annual of instinct. and a thousand similar pictures often elaborated and sung in verse, are referred to as NATURE, and man is a part of it and akin to all that is.

> disintegration, and dominate all things organic and inorganic, we are accustomed to speak of as 'Nature's law. and ever was. We recognize them in results only, and these are but the continued amplification of cause and effect, since every efinfinite pulse of life throbs on without des-SATION.

All forms born into external visible life bear within them the unerring prophecy of ultimate dissolution and growths. disappearance, and that any organic body may live; something must die, even as "The falcon feeds upon the finch, the finch upon the fly, and all life feeds upon death.

The common postulate of a beginning or of an original and final creation is wholly untenable and unworthy of belief. It had its origin in barbaric ages, in the childhood of our race, and has been perpetuated and taught along down the more or less thoughtful, civilizations, even to our own day. Primal causation is beyond our grasp and must forever so remain, for the FINITE CAN NOT FATHOM IN-FINITUDE from which it sprung.

Whatever exists to-day is the product of that which has always been, and one may say of himself without vanity or ostentation, "countless ages have labored that I may be." I am the culmination of all existences, the complex glory of the restless energies of the measureless universe."

All processes of decay and disintegration are also processes of life into other forms, and death is only the synonym of TRANSITION INTO NEW LIFE.

There can be nothing above or beyond it, and to assume mentary and must forever so remain, since infinitude is employed to express the unseen and spiritual, it is of parted from one to another of many small organisms in Every form that is projected upon the Airly stage labors doubtful import, since the laws or principles which actu- plant life, more commonly in bacteria. These conclu- consciously or unconsciously to perpetuate itself, attract-All knowledge is simply the result of discovery, and, in ate all visible matter and life extend to, and invest the, tion, have gone on into that extended realm "where angels them much older than history. Beliefs similar to those mate decay, and when the physical life shall have reached walk and seraphs are the wardens"; and this is by no referred to took deep root in Asiatic soil centuries ago, and its climax and its normal functions lag and refuse to remeans a poetic dream, a "rhapsody of words" born of hu- are still religiously endorsed by millions. The late Sir spond to use, as if surfeited and satisfied with the contin-

growth and decay of all external forms, are ever present

nd ever active.

Nothing escapes the universal activities. The present is the CHALD OF THE PAST AND THE PARENT OF THE FUTURE. " /2.

Memory carries forward from the crypts of buried years few figments gathered from personal experience and contact with life in its manifold follms and phases, while Faith labors to put aside the thick curtains that hide the realms beyond, in search of newer life and grander oppor-

And herein lies the very kernel of all religions; namely the aspiration for a continuity of life and a larger growth Man has been described as a religious being, or of all animal species the only one that possesses a soul or reafaithful dog, the companion of man and often his defender, who scents danger afar off, and signals its approach and is ever alert to guard his master's person and premkindness; whose subtle ecent takes up the aura of his master's course and discovers his hiding-place in field or wood, in darkness or in light; and then again that noble servant of man; that paragon of strength and beauty, the horse—so kind and gentle, so obedient to his master's word; and shall we say in utter egotism that man only is such, but rather that intelligence exists in gradation and a soul and that these and lesser lives are not? And then is wholly relative. among the untamed tenants of the woods, who shrink and hide at man's approach, who climb or delve within the tribute SOME DEGREE OF INTELLIGENCE to the infeearth, or make their homes within impenetrable fens and rior orders, and whether we distinguish as between conjungles, or seek safety high upon frowning crags and sciousness in man, instinct in animals, sensation in the build a fortress home wherein the callow brood is reared lower orders, or of the bare fact of existence, as in soafar from danger, and can we not discern in these and called dead inorganic matter, we are led to conclude that other lives some parallel to man's endowments, though in all things and conditions are simply relative in the scale of less degree?

There is no species of organized life upon the face of the great round world but has come into being through the apparent in every individual form and atom and "are but same or similar processes as those that generated man, and parts of one stupendous whole." shall we be unmindful of them because they represent fewer possibilities? They are akin to us and these "dear dumb souls that thrilled at man's caress," as in the legend human kindness and fellowship if we would but extend it ders as having instinct only, while man alone nossesses the

The intellectual exists in varying degree only. So also

There is no fixed standard by which to measure either The phenomena so manifest in every form and function of even mineral, are but the infinite energies moving unward Those tireless and ever-present energies which manifest towards those vaster issues in the realm of thought; the in all germinal processes, all growth, all life, all death and persistent unlift of all things toward sensation and into the plane of consciousness, for this is in the order of things

THERE IS NO DEAD MATTER IN ALL, THE UNI-VERSE. There is not a particle of brown tilth, not a crysfect in turn becomes a cause of other effects, and thus the tal ground out by great erosions, not a stagnant pool that seethes and fries beneath a summer sun, not an atom in any kingdom of classified things and conditions but seeks to manifest in some higher form for ally itself with other

Some years ago the editor of "Green's Fruit-Grower read a paper before the American Horticultural Society at Cleveland: Olio: entitled "Consciousness or Intelligence in the Vegetable Kingdom,"in which he aimed to show that plants and trees are not dissimilar to animais, that they are sensitive to pain and comfort, and have a SUFFICIENT DEGREE OF INTELLIGENCE to search after food, sunshine, etc. . More recently Professor C. W. Dodge, the eminent biologist, of Rochester University (New York), read at that place a paper entitled, "The Psychic Activity of Plants" illustrated by an elaborate set of stereopticon views by which he aimed to show that plants were souls and that they could see and feel in their peculiar way, so far as their needs were concerned as well as many forms of higher orders. "From time immemorial," Professor Dodge highly civilized as well as by degraded savages that plants

se growth had been influenced by light. The sense of

Elemental combinations and disintegrations obedient to vent, life and services of the last Avator of India, 600 years final incident of earthly experience.

In this wise was holy Buddha born! Queen Maya stood at noon her days fulfilled Under a Palsa in the palace grounds,

A stately trunk straight as a temple shaft With crown of glossy leaves and fragrant blooms, And knowing her time come, for all things knew; The conscious tree bent down its boughs to make A bower about Queen "Maya's" matesty. And Earth put forth a thousand sudden flowers

To spread a couch, while ready for the bath The rock hard by gave out a limpid stream Of crystal flow."

Professor Shaler, of Harvard University, says, "Looking towards the organic world, seeing that an unprejudiced view of life affords no warrant for the notion that auest grade of the animal series, what is fair evidence of action, which we have to believe to be guided by some form of intelligence, and that plants are derived from the same primitive stock as animals, we are in no condition to say that intelligence can not exist among them, and that throughout the organic realm the intelligence that finds fullest expression in man is everywhere at work."

It may here be noted that in the several opinions just quoted no attempt is made to show that reason in man or instinct in the inferior orders are distinct endowments as

. And thus we may discover the universal tendency to atbeing, lacking exact boundaries but varying chiefly in the matter of development and differentiation which become

In a similar line of thought Professor Jacques Loeb is announced as experimenting to "FIND THE SECRET OF THE ORIGIN OF LIFE." This brief report from a late paper we are hardly able to credit. It embraces too much since such a quest implies the paradox of ultimately reaching the beginning of infinitude. Doubtless he would be understood as searching for those elemtal conditions which result in the phenomena of organic life. He is reported as having revised his earlier opinions regarding the action of sea-water upon the eggs of a mollusk, and is now of the opinion that the "action and the effect are not of a physical, but of a chemical character." Possibly these evolutionary changes which result in life may not only be denominated as a chemical, but more properly described as of a psychic character, since the intellectual and spiritual seems to be the aim of all growth, the zenith of all life Professor H: W. Dresser says: "PROBABLY MATTER IT SELF IS ULTIMATELY PSYCHIC AND CONSCIOUS."

Professor Haberlandt, of the University of Gratz, Ausria, who has acquired world-wide celebrity by his researches in plant-life, now announces that he has discovered that the whole vegetable world HAS ORGANS OF VISION and that they are located in the leaf near the

The origin of species, a prominent paragraph in modern esearch and which has elicited much profound thought and some doubtful philosophies, must practically remain a sealed volume, since man is not acquainted even with himself, knows nothing of his origin, and became a living soul without volition or premonition of his advent into external form and conscious life. It is a common but superficial conception that man possesses a soul, that thinking, knowing part that has concurrent growth with the mortal hut that it now inhabits. A more concrete expression and one that conveys a better and more rational meaning as to the dual relation is, that man is a soul. It is the very man the intellectual part that lives and aspires; the real ego that thinks and actuates the mortal form, though invisible

The shadowy form which may be measured by inches and weighed by avoirdupois is but the temporal reflex of is reported to have said, "It has been held by the most him who dwells therein; it is the chrysalis of the soul, the earthy shell which decays at death and "leaves the kernel have souls. * * * The doctrine of spirits in plants is deeply free to germinate," the garment worn apace, but not the imbedded in the intellectual history of south-east Africa." man. The real man hides within the physical, and though Many views of plants were thrown upon the screen, he were once born, he remains unborn until the years of his second gestation shall have been fulfilled at that other touch was also vividly shown, and the remarkable habits birth, the great transition called death, when he "enters

such attraction suggests its opposite, that of repulsion and But these opinions are now new; in fact, we may believe disintegration. Hence all mundane growth suggests ultiderived, we may affirm that the immediate origin of all man hope, for convincing facts are open to all who seek Edwin Arnold, distinguished Orientalist and writer in the uous efforts to live and maintain the limited co-partnerpicturesque and somewhat transcendental legend of the ad- ship with the spiritual and directive part, then ensues the

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In this city of Melbourne many are the droles formed for obtaining spir-fitual communications. They form indeed, the smaller groups indicated by many writers which are really the framework of Spiritualism as a whole. It is difficult for some who have perfore given up the tenets of orthodoxy to also relinquish the dead of a church with its appointed leaders and all the object of which, when I landed upon by notions of this kind. It is an acknowledged fact in the history of Spiritualism that all attempts at leadership have failed, the mission of Spiritualism evidently being to leaven with the great truths the thought of the mission of the mission of the single special spiritualism evidently being to leaven with its eaps of the spiritualism evidently being to leaven with its meant of the likely. Am I lead? I man free, "he answered smilling, "for you have passed from one life into another." I recognized then that all I had hoped for had actually come to strongly at the moment of hits dead from the mission of the strongly at the moment of hits dead them the grand-parents, beyond which the leage is not sought to be east of water form the making of a strongly at the moment of hits dead them the grand-parents, beyond which the leage is not sought to be east, beyond which the leage is not sought to be east, beyond which the purp and and them the grand-parents, beyond which the leage is not sought to be east, beyond which the leage is not sought to be east, beyond which the leader were consistent on the mission of the life. As may be imagined unless the of the purp and and women, free citizens or qualifying for the purp and and the man of the man of the man of the mission of the life. The purp and the p One of our most able lecturers-a

man with clear vision and keen insight-once remarked that he "refoiced at every split in so-called orin Theosophy, Christian Science and Spiritualism itself," he said, should have another encrusted dogmatism to fight. No! Spiritualism is house."

Was taken away to your mother before the matism to fight. No! Spiritualism is house."

Who are noted for doing their duty, and therefore, you will not find it hard to work. You will now be taken to work will be cared for and kept until your house is built."

From this experience let us now though the speed is much greater, as the attractions that art can give will furnish a religious thanksgiving fes-

OUR INHERITANCE.

On my answering 'Yes,' he took my hand and led me away through the air, a walk of two or three hours.
Then we landed on another world and presently came to a large building; there a man gave me a suit of clothes, and no sooner had I put them on than

first is from the writer's father, who

taken, according to custom, before the length the guide said, "There is our not common, excepting in the case of control of the district. This high world," and I saw a sort of shadow Spiritualists, who are in regular combodies have been discovered which Governor of the district. This high world," and I saw a sort of shadow Spiritualists, who are in regular comadministrator was found sitting in a shead. Soon after, land appeared, and munication with their friends, and in large office in a building of noble proportions. Addressing the visitor by name, he said, "We are pleased to see you, and welcome you to the new smiled and began to make resistance and where frequent visitations have an industrial munication with their friends, and in disconsistance in heavy rocks of love has been so strong as to survive "Time's gradual indifference," and where frequent visitations have feet human form and proportion until sphere. Establish yourself in good to the attraction of the sphere, 70n works and you will become a worthy which we gently landed. That is the I was taken away to your mother's citizen. You are of a race of men way I got there."

di n who are noted for doing their duty, Questionings elicited further facts.

passed over at the same age as his turn to that of an aged man who may be imagined when we learn that uncle, but by a sudden affection of the passed at upwards of eighty years of the distance is covered at the average

until your house is built."

tinctly of the nature of nwalking, from this experience let us now though the speed is much greater, as furnish a religious thanksgiving festival worthy of the name. There the great orators that arise will from time to time speak. But the progress of Spiritualism will be as quiet and motivative as the leaven spoken of in the Gospels, which gradually leavented the whole lump, and services to worship God will be seen in their true each to tear my heart from out its following. contribution. Is signed. The mediumship of Mr. Shackle, and is doubtless from an high young man of eighteen or twenty. Shackle, and is doubtless from any circle":

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informed such loving spirits of the approaching end of those they wait for.

> "-the forms of the departed Enter at the open door; The beloved, the true-hearted, Come to visit us once more."

This crowning joy all true Spiritalists look for, and surely they will

again, and I had begun to think the attack was over, I heard my name I thought I must have fallen out of called. I looked round and, to my bed, and wondered how I should get beside me, and before me stood a beside me, and before me stood a loopened my eyes and what think you strange man who said, "Do you want to go to your friends?" "Why do you ask?" I said. "Well, you cannot remain here," he answered smiling, "for you have passed from one life into another." I recognized then that all leads in the spirit sphere is found-dividuals in the spirit sphere is found-spirit is conducted to that place in which his or her nearest friend resides. The government, in regulating the immigration, assumes that a spirit is conducted to that place in which his or her nearest friend resides. The government, in regulating the immigration, assumes that a spirit is conducted to that place in which his or her nearest friend resides. The government, in regulating the immigration, assumes that a spirit is conducted to that place in which his or her nearest friend resides. The government, in regulating the immigration, assumes that a spirit is conducted to that place in which his or her nearest friend resides. The government, in regulating the immigration, assumes that a spirit is conducted to that place in which his or her nearest friend resides. The government, in regulating the immigration, assumes that a spirit is conducted to that place in which his or her nearest friend resides. The government, in regulating the immigration, assumes that a spirit is conducted to that place in which his or her nearest friend resides. The government, in regulating the immigration, assumes that a spirit is conducted to that place in which his or her nearest friend resides. The government, in regulating the immigration assumes that a spirit is nearest friend is his or her nearest friend reside

have lain thousands of years in perand where frequent visitations have fect human form and proportion until disturbed, when they collapse into small heaps of dry dust. Man, as an animated mud pie with

legs, cannot breathe perfectly pure air, continued Professor Lewes. Such substance as carbon dioxide and water vapor are necessary to life as supplying certain essential ingredients of the

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Forgery, Fraud and Deceit.

Dean Milman, one of the most prominent Christian authors of the last century, died in 1868, in his History of Christianity, Vol. 3, p. 358, placed himself on record by saying:

"That some of the Christian legends were deliberate forgeries can scarcely be questioned; the principle of pious fraud appeared to justify this mode of working on the popular mind, it was admitted and avowed. To deceive into Christianity was so valuable a service as to hallow deceit itself. But the largest portion was probably the natural birth of that imaginative excitement which quickens its day-dreams and nightly visions into reality. The Christian lived in a supernatural world: the notion of the divine power, the perpetual interference of the Deity, the agency of the countless invisible beings which hovered over mankind, was so strongly impressed upon the belief, that every extraordinary, and almost every ordinary incident became a miracle, every inward emotion a suggestion either of a good or an evil spirit. A mythic peried was thus gradually formed, in which reality melted into fable, and invention unconsciously trespassed on the province of history.

Thus a great English prelate, like the ecclesiastical historian Mosheim. has placed on record for future generations the true story of the forgeries, deceits and pious frauds on which the dominant religion was founded. Had we space we would quote details which would arouse thought, and, perchance, doubt of there being anything genuine in the system.

A Revengeful God.

Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.—Romans 12:19.

Vengeance is defined: "The wrathful or spiteful avenging of a wrong; revenge." Do the readers of The Progressive Thinker accept this character of God, so given by Paul, as gonuine and inerrant?

Nahum, the inspired prophet, is equally pointed. Open to 1:2 and

"God is jealous, and the Lord re vengeth; the Lord revengeth and is furious; the Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies."

Reader, is the God you worship such as the inspired author represents? Is he jealous, revengeful and furious? If so the fabled Devil can be no worse. We find near two scores of similar passages libelling God, and dishonoring his great name, while Christians are ever striving to glorify the book as the wisdom of the ages, and dooming to endless woe all who will not receive it as divine.

Notwithstanding the many quotations we have made from time to time showing imperfections in the "holy" book, the preachers labor with might and main to make it appear the Godinspired penman did not mean what he wrote. Indeed, the principal task of clergymen seems to be to harmonize the conflicting teachings of the book. A thousand varying sects have been formed, each drawing its faith from the Bible, and each quarreling with opponents because of diversity of interpretation. If God inspired the book it would seem but just should retire from literary work until able to harmonize his productions.

A Good Reply:

Asked "Why doesn't God kill the Devil?" the inquirer received for reply: "Because God never made him. The devil was the creation of an ignorant and debased priesthood. He was _a device to gain control of the still more ignorant and slavish rabble The destruction of barbarian gods and devils is one of the Herculean tasks of Education, which an age of intellect ual culture will soon accomplish, and then enshrine the True and Only God

All the religions of the world are based upon error; humanity is higher than theology; knowledge is far preferable to faith: action is more effective than prayer; and the best worship men can offer is honest work, in order to make one another wiser and happier than heretofore.—Charles Brad-

Washington a Deist.

Churchmen are in the habit of laiming all persons of prominence as Christians when death overtakes them. They do this to strengthen their standing with the masses. A few years ago the Quaker Evans made an earnest search to determine the religious faith of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, Of the fifty-six signers Mr. Evans found forty-seven of them were unbelievers and in no way connected with the church The clergy claimed President Lincoln was a Christian, while his wife and his law partner each denies this. In his last years Mr. Lincoln was a wellknown Spiritualist. Formerly he was what the church calls an Infidel. Of this there can be no question.

President Washington is claimed as Christian. And it is represented be was found at Valley Forge on his knees under a tree, in the snow, appealing to heaven for relief, when his army threatened to disperse for lack of clothes, provisions and all the sinews of war. The story was of the character of those told of Thomas Paine and of Col. Ingersoll discarding their religious teaching when dyingshameful falsehood.

In 1880, when Gen. Garfield was a candidate for the presidency, the "Christian Union" urged all Protestants to support his election, giving as a reason that of the nineteen presidents to that date not one, with the possible exception of Washington, had been a member of any evangelcial church. But later researches have demonstrated the fact that "he who was first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his country-men" was not a member of any church, but, like Thomas Paine, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, was a Deist, a believer in one God, and no more. In fact, if denominational titles now preyailing were employed, Geo. Washington was a Unitarian, but not a model one in character, for he gave way at times to fits of anger, when he was very pro-

The rector, Dr. Abercrombie, of the Episcopal church, Philadelphia, at which Washington was an attendant, was appealed to for information as to the president's religious views, and gave for answer "SIR, WASHINGTON WAS A DE-

Do we need additional proof? have it in abundance. Here is the latest. It comes in the from of a telegraphic special to the Chicago Record-Herald, and was published in its issue of June 20, 1906:

"Valley Forge, Pa., June 19 .-- At the unveiling to-day of a tablet to Washington in the chapel reared here to his memory, Rev. Dr. David M. Steele, rector of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, Philadelphia, attacked the president's religious life. He said the 'Father of His Country' preferred card-playing and fox hunting to religious activity on Sunday. 'In his accounts,' said Dr. Steele, find records of his interest in cards. clubs, lotteries, dogs, distilleries, fox hunting, fishing, raffles and agricul-ture, yet not one word has he to say

about religion.' " But later comes the news that Rev. Steele is made the target of the sectarian pulpit and press, because he had the bravery to tell the truth about our idolized Washington. The truth is, he was a patriot, and a student, but

The Bible to Be Tested as Other Evidence.

Charles W. Hutson, Professor of Modern Languages and of History in the University of Mississippi, published a few years ago, a very readable volume entitled, "The Beginnings of Civilization." Though evidently a hurchman he stated s page 21, when he wrote:

"Let me remind you that when the statements of the Bible are produced in evidence, on any point in the scientific study of history, they are not weighted with any theological authority, but are to be considered just as is any other documentary evidence: and we are to test them by the same rules of criticism." This is the position The Progressive

Thinker has taken in its discussion of Bible texts, and is the only one which common sense will approve. The clergy have claimed the book was inspired by Infinite Wisdom, and, therefore, was faultless; that it was blasphemy to call in question the production of such an exalted author, notwithstanding the statement, II. Chronicles 21:20, that Jehoram,—see verse 16—was 32 years old when he came to the throne of Judah, and reigned eight years, when he died; of course aged 40. Then, in verses one and two of chapter 22, we are told Ahaziah, the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, was 42 years old when he began to reign. From this it appears the son was years older than the father. And the

book published by millions annually, and scattered broadcast over the world, must not be criticised, because it was inspired by God, else the average preacher lies.

An Inquiry.

Polygamy prevailed among the Jews, according to Bible authority, from their earliest history, and continued without interruption until they became extinct as a tribe, or nation, if the reader prefers to call them such; while monogamy, or only one wife was compulsory on private persons in Egypt. Neither priest, proph et, Jesus, or God, condemned the holding of many wives in Judea; while in barbarous Egypt only kings, always a lawless herd, were allowed to outrage nature in this direction. Then are we not more indebted to the Egyptians for our advance in civiliza-tion than to Christianity, or its predecessor, the Jews, from whom it is claimed came the Old Testament literature? Strange, Is it not, that a theocracy under the immediate and direct supervision of Jehovah tolerated the many wives system, while secular government, such as Egypt is understood to have been, prohibited

Mr. J. H. Young.

A line was accidentally omitted last week in the heading of the excellent communication entitled "The Desert of Selfishness," leaving out the name of the medium through whom the message was given-J. H. Young. of Onset. Mass. The narrative was spe cially interesting, impressive and suggestive.

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

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A MONTH'S WORK IN INDIANA.

The Excellent Work Accomplished There.

To the Editor:-The writer is just closing a month's work in the good old state of Indiana, and is about to make his way homeward once more, feeling that there are good things in the world, and that Indiana has its share. Each visit made to this state before, that there is a fine class of people among the Hoosiers, a class that take very kindly to Spiritualism, Many points have been visited, and considerable work done; among the towns are Peru, Rochester, Elwood, Tipton, Angola, Elkhart, Sheridan, Kokomo and Logansport. At all of these points the meetings were more affected in point of attendance by the fact that the Chesterfield Camp was so near at hand, but still most appreciative audiences were in attendance. At Tipton the writer had

One balmy afternoon a call made to that point, and before leaving arrangements had been made for a series of meetings there, permission having been granted by the library board to have the meetings in the assembly room of the Library building. Everything went as smooth as a marriage bell until the evening on which the first lecture was to be given. The "preacher man" arrived full of enthusiasm (not liquid), and was met year, but few have r with the declaration that the meetings fund with donations.

one of the experiences of his life.

Inquiry brought forth the information that the town, or at least-some of considerable of a disturbance because one of these dangerous Spiritualists list, it will be seen that funds run was to speak in the Library hall. Result: Meetings declared off as far as sult: Meetings declared on as that the helpers to this fund the present year night, however, a meeting was held in cold. Merriam, both of Hartford, Ct., tending.

Later, the writer going to Elwood, Mr. Wm. Briscoe came to him and made arrangements for another lecture at Tipton; this was also given to still larger audience in the Opera House, and thus the cause is still alive

Another side to look at is given by the visit to Balbec. This little town in Jay county has about fifty inhabitants, but a mile and a half out in the country there stands a commodious hall which in 1872 was dedicated to the cause of liberality and truth. A society of Spiritualists called the West here, and it is surprising the number of people they get out to their meetings. They seem to spring right out of the earth. The writer was there three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunneedy. We were informed that there day; gave a lecture each night, and three Sunday. At the morning session president of the Ladies' Aid of that three Sunday that sunday pleasing Spiritualists at large would do a grand it was observed that sundry pleasing looking baskets, which made a noise that was most inspiring to a wander-have to give to Mrs. Johnson, at 183 were smuggled into the room. After the session the mystery was explained, for a long table was set up in the hall, the baskets emptied of their treasures and a dinner that would make anybody smile was placed upon that table. Everybody was made welcome, and made good the reputa-tion of the various cooks by doing justice to everything that came within reach. Some people that I know even around the table continually so as to

be within reach of everything thereon. These Spiritualists at West Grove know how to enjoy themselves and to is the able-secretary, and Mr. Clint This matter drags. We would like Williams the president. Take it all to have it completed. The aim was to

Indiana in the fall; to that end he would like to hear from societies hroughout the state, and, in fact, from societies elsewhere. WILL J. ERWOOD.

Wonewoc, Wis.

TRENCHANT THOUGHTS.

As They Emanate From the Mind of Rev. M. Rader.

The end of life is the discovery of did on the plains of Shinar when they built a wall that they might reach God. old story, this building of the Tower the human soul. Churches, philosophies, sience, institutions, movements -what are these but the means by which we shall stand nearer the infi-

When men go to church, except through curiosity, they go to find the divine. When they go to the meetings of the scientists, they are seeking for the divine. We all believe the same thing. There is a fundamental unity in human faith. There is one anchor for the ship of the soul. The anchor is God. It is not a book or. "a poem," or a fancy. Neither is it a creed, a theory or a system. It is the living God.

Unhappy the soul that drifts with the sullen seas! Happy the sould that is linked to the eternal! The difference in men is not the elements of power, but in the thing to which these elements hold. The great soul touches bottom. The small soul drifts. The great soul is master. The small soul is slave. God is power. "Which hope we have as an anchor of

Joy is the only thing in the world still outranks our capacity for grief. Our enemies speak of us as they hear; we judge of ourselves as we feel.

-Hannah Moore.

THE N! S. A. HOME OFFICE.

The National Spiritualist Association at Washington, Furnishes Important Items for the Consideration of Spiritualists -- The Forthcoming Convention-The Mediums' Relief Fund, Its Importance—The Ritual -The Slade Monument Fund-Another Fake Sent to the Penitentiary.

To the Editor:—Greetings of love and good effect to you and your con-stituents from the N. S. A. and its official Board. Our work proceeds as usual and seems to be far-reaching by good accomplished.

We are now getting ready for the

forthcoming annual convention to be held in Chicago in the large auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. Building, Oct. 16, 17, 18 and 19. The meetings will be of great importance. We look for a large attendance. I refer your readers to your paper for information, including railroad rates, hotel, meetings, etc. We trust that all who are going will at once write to the Palmer House for rates of rooms; also trave by certificate plan and file their certificates with the N. S. A. secreary when they reach the convention. This is important and should not be neglected.

The N. S. A. Relief Fund. It is doing its usual good work. We call this to public attention as since raising the thousand dollars last year, but few have remembered the was a grand help, but when we re-member that the pensions amount alone to the sum of \$156 each month the citizens of the town, had raised and temporary aid is frequently given to needy mediums not on the pension low where there is no endowment to keep them renewed. Among the helpers to this fund the present year and Rev. H. C. Dorn of Newark, N. J.; these good friends have held seances

> The Ohio State Association has do nated fifty dollars to the N. S. A. Mediums' Relief Fund, an act that is highly appreciated. all these good f Our thanks go to all these good friends for their thoughtful³ aid.

Intaddition to the pension and temporany aid of the N. S. A. to mediums. this association has recently donated the sum of one hundred dollars to the medium and spiritual society suf-Grove Spiritualist Society holds forth ferers from the great earthquake and fires In San Francisco, Cal., This sum day; gave a lecture each night, and are many suffering mediums and Spirhave to give to Mrs. Johnson, at 183 Page street, that city, by whom it

would be wisely disbursed. Our "Ritual."

If we may call the little booklet by that name, it will soon be ready for sale. It is of convenient size for pocket or hand satchel, and tastefully gotten up. It contains appropriate selections for meetings, funerals and other occasions; also responsive readings, marriage service and so on. It will fill a long-felt want among speakers and Spiritualists generally. Its price, which will be low, will be announced in the papers as soon as it comes from the press.

Slade Monument Fund.

n all, this is a spot where a royal wel- have a simple monument placed over come is accorded the speaker and the remains of Dr. Slade to mark the whoever it may be, they are made to spot. Only about seventeen dollars feel that here at least are kindred have been raised. Some friends wrote us that Dr. Slade owned a burial lot There are possibilities that the and monument in a cemetery at Alwriter may do a good deal of work in bion, Mich. We wrote to the cemetery superintendent of that place and reeived word from him that a lot is there and a monument bearing name of Slade, but that it is owned by another party, whom, as yet, we are unable to find. It seems to us it would be well to leave the remains of Dr. Slade where thy are, and place a suitable stone for his grave. Contributions will be welcomed at this office.

Dr. T. White. A Dr. T. White has lately been convicted in Baltimore for misuse of the God. For thousands of years this has been the quest. What the ancients tions" and other trash in the name of Spiritualism, and with the pretense of developing mediumship. He is sentenced for three years. It seems to this building of the Tower be a just case. The man was flourish-This has been the labor of ling, employed many typewriters, clerks and was profiting enormously by the guilibility of his dupes. His lawer wrote to the N. S. A. Secretary to come and testify to the work of Spiffitualism in behalf of his client. She replied that such work is no part of Spiritualism, and that all true Spirof spiritualism, and that an true spiritualists rejoice to have any one who is guilty of fraudulent practices, exposed, true Spiritualism is not diffined by such rascality, but all good Spiritualists are glad to have full exposure of unclean work.

MARY T. LONGLEY,

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SPIRIT POWER. BOU.

And How Beautifully It Was Illustrated.

I note the case of really a modern miracle. o I saw a child two years old, both limbs paralyzed from body down, the soul both sure and steadfast, and and never having grown from birth; which entereth into that within the limbs no larger than broom handles; no motion or muscles. A spirit gave a single simple prescription to be apolled three nights, and the child was more inevitable, more universal than healed, and the limbs grew naturally, sorrow. Our capacity for happiness, The child's name was Sloudt. Now 21 or 22 years old. This is one of ove 1,000 cases treated in that year, all by

the same medium.
W. H. WARNER. M. D. Crotheraville, Ind.

SPIRITUALISM AND THE LAW

As Presented by Hon. Charles R. Schirm, an Ex-Congressman, a Prominent Lawyer, and President of the Spiritualist Society of Baltimore, Md. These Articles Are Especially Valuable and Should be Preserved by Every Spiritualist.

Number Six.

I closed my last paper with a reference to some authorities on the legal definition of Monomania, and I shall

October, 1876.

quently predicted his early death, and that he was drowned soon after his prediction; the inference being that these predictions were based upon his purpose to suicide was based upon the belief that he would go to a better

Extracts from Court's opinion:
"We are unable to see that his (decedent's) belief in Spiritualism, or Spiritualists, the provisions are sensi-the fact that he believed he would ble humane and charitable. In a few, enjoy all the pleasures of this life af- which in my judgment were properly ter death, was evidence of suicide. To set aside, we find the clear evidence of conclude otherwise is to assume that undue influence exercised by unscruthe expectation of greater enjoyments in a future life than in this, creates a suicidal desire. If this reasoning be correct, it would follow that a devout Christian who believes in a blessed immortality, is more likely to commit suicide than one who believes in no God and in no resurrection. The desire of self-preservation is firmly imbedded in human nature. A legal con clusion of suicide could not be drawn from the mere fact of a belief in Spir-

The case of Thompson vs. Quimby, 2 Bradf., 449; affirmed in 21 Barb. 107, was a New York will case, de-

cided 1853. The testator died at the age of sev enty-five, leaving a fortune of \$300,-000 to religious and charitable institutions, none of which had any connection with Spiritualism. wild and extravagant testimony was tions. She was left a liberal annuity, produced relative to the decedent's be- but she was not satisfied because a lief; and in referring to that testi-mony, the Court said: "There seems to be sufficient evidence to show that and to be devoted to the interest of he (the testator) believed in mesmer- Spiritualism. ism, clairvoyance, divining and mineral rods, dreams and spiritual influ-

ent state of knowledge and intelligence to the opinions entertained by the daughter attempted arbitrarily to the decedent, they appear irrational interfere with her father's freedom of What the human mind admits in one stage of its progress, is has nothing very striking in it; the rejected in another. While many case was too plain, and the doctrine dreams in the dawn of modern philosophy, which a century or two ago were thought rational, are now regarded as In the case of Robinson vs. Adams, follies.—the discoveries and inven- 62 Me. 369, decided 1874, we discover tions which have been the fruit of to a marked degree the prejudice of modern science, might very well have the counsel for the contestant, and been esteemed, had they been predicted at that period, as idle fancies compared with the claims of alchemy and astrology." P. 474. The will was

In the case of Lewis vs. Arbuckle. 85 Iowa, decided 1892, there was evidence that the grantor could neither read nor write, nor count money; that she believed that she could see fairles, paying the larger part of the consid-conversed with them, set the table for eration. His conduct led his motherthem and wanted to keep on the good in-law to distrust him. Subsequently side of them, and that she imagined she becomes believer in Spiritualism, that she could see departed spirits, and thereby incurs the displeasure and called the attention of people to both of her daughter and her son-in-the spirits of her departed children, law. They treat the old lady with which she imagined she could see in discourtesy. The son-in-law's treat-the road, and this evidence was held ment of her shocks her refined sento be insufficient to show want of cassibilities. When the mother-in-law pacity in the grantor to convey her makes her will, she gives a life interproperty, in view of proof that in her est in her property to her daughter business affairs she was known to ex-

soundness of mind: the same degree of capacity being necessary for the execution of a deed as for a will. In Re Halbert Will, 15 Misc. (N.

theologically, but legally, in its appli- but neither the Court below nor the cation to the testamentary capacity of Court above agreed with the noble the testatrix. It matters not what our daughter, the honorable son-in-law opinion may be as to the facts, forma- and the Christian counsel. tions or claims of Spiritualism; that has nothing to do with this case. There is no evidence that the decedent did things other than those which are understood to be the result of the teachings of Spiritualism. There was no delusion which was the result of her belief which entered into the execution or preparation of the instrument.'

A case which is quoted in all of the more recent books is the Will of J. B. Smith, 52 Wis. 543, decided 1881. and because of the "ungrateful usage

Smith died in Milwaukee in 1879, of his children and the certainty that they, if left to dispose of his property, the living, whether such spirits are would take every advantage of his as pure and holy as Milton's angels, wife, he left everything to her.

In the language of the Court, "He was what is commonly known as a Spiritualist. He had come to believe that through certain mediums could communicate with spirits of de-ceased persons." His first wife had died and he married the second on the advice of spirits, and that advice was in this case good advice: for she made him a faithful wife, and he did not fail to recognize her fidelity when he made his will. He followed the advice of mediums in other matters, but he always tested what was given him, and when he found it wrong, he abandoned it. As one witness said, he came to believe that there was more than one kind of spirits.

He was a man of excellent moral haracter, with intellectual power of a high order. He was cultivated by reading and his general information was extensive. He was self-reliant. firm and not easily swerved. He was very conceited and self-willed. After certain financial reverses he became quite reserved, but no particular change in him was noticed from 1840 to 1879, the year of his death.

. I give this rather full description of him that the readers may ponder over the "ungrateful usage" of his children which extended even beyond death. While it does not appear in so many words, yet, reading between the lines, the inference is readily drawn that the testator's belief in Spiritualism was the cause of the "un-

In not a few of the cases it will be found that the contestants are rela-husband, which wishes were conveyed tives whose discourteous and often in- to her through the medium of Home; solent treatment of the testator caused him to ignore them in his will.

Four of the children of Smith resist ed the probate of his will, and being defeated, appealed to the Circuit Court, in which the jury found that now take up again some cases bearing the testator was not of "sound, disposing more directly on Spiritualism. The first case discloses a rather unique defined in the testator was not of "sound, disposing mind and memory," and that he had been unduly influenced in making his will. A motion for a new trial Continental Insurance Co., vs. Déliber 1872 - St., 225-235, Decided the ground that the will was defectivetoper, 1876.

The action in this case was brought the order admitting the will to probate and then an appeal was taken to because the insurance company re-fused to pay the insurance after the death of the insured, on the ground that he was a Spiritualist, had fre-that he was a Spiritualist, had fre-that he was no evidence of undue influence and that, there was over whelming evidence that the deceased

was of sound mind.'
The estate was only sufficient for the support of the widow, and the testator's children, who were all by the first wife, were grown up and fully capable of taking care of them-

In most of the contested wills of pulous mediums, so-called, who succeeded in having themselves made beneficiaries.

Number Seven.

The contest over the will of Alexnder McIlroy, late of Philadelphia, was decided in 1903, is still fresh in the minds of those who keep in touch with matters affecting Spir itualism.

This case is entitled Buchanan vs. Piere, and is recorded in 205 Pa. St., 123. The married daughter of the decedent was the contestant. She was not in sympathy with her father's be-lief in Spiritualism and she tried to get him to give it up. Their discussions on the subject very naturally led to a straining of their friendly relalarge sum had been given to erect building to be called Mclirov Hall.

It was claimed that the delusion to which he was subject was an unfounded distrust of his daughter. And further on in his opinion the But the Court found sufficient reason Surrogate says: "If we apply the pres- for denying the validity of that spe-But the Court found sufficient reason cious charge in the manner in which The opinion of the thought laid down follows the general doctrine. The will was sustained.

the attempt to play upon the religious opinions of the Court. Without going into details, the salient facts are The greed of the new son-in-law;

his taking in his name a deed for property which he had agreed with his mother-in-law should be placed in her daughter's name, the mother-in-law with the remainder to her children. and in the event there are no children ercise judgment and reason.

This was an unsuccessful attempt to living at the time of her daughter's set aside a deed on the ground of undeath, then the property is to go to the testator's own sister and brother thus cutting out the son-in-law, ex-cept to the extent that he might share the life interest of his wife. When the Y.) 316, decided 1895, the Court old lady died her daughter contested the will on the ground that she was "We are not to treat Spiritualism insane on the subject of Spiritualism;

I will quote here from the argument

of counsel: "Such a Court (as the one addressed) will not ask a jury, whether the universal philosophy is true, which teaches us that there is a great gulf betwixt the dead and the living, so that they which would pass hence, can not; neither can they pass to us that would come from thence; whether the spirit of man goeth up ward; and has no longer any habita tion here and can no longer have any participation in the affairs of the liv ing, nor will such Court admit that de parted spirits can invest the bodies of

"But this Court, we confidently trust, on the other hand, acting in har mony with that other Christian Court speaking for the British nation but a few months ago, by its vice-Chancel-lor, Gifford, will judiciously declare that this system of Spiritualism, as i was believed and acted upon by the testatrix, 'is mischievous well calculated on the one hand to de lude the vain, the weak, the foolish and the superstitious; and on other, to assist the projects of needy and of the adventurer; and that beyond a doubt, there is plain law enough and plain sense enough to forbid and prevent the retention of any acquisition obtained through its aid."

Here the consel for the contestant cites Lyon vs. Home, 6 Eq. cases L. R. 665, decided 1868, as "That other Christian court speaking for the Britwithin the single quotation marks in the last paragraph, is taken verbatim from the case cited, and in commenting upon it in their argument, the contestant's counsel say: "This is not on-ly good logic and sound sense, but good orthodox Christianity also. The case of Lyon vs. Home, cited above, was clearly a case of the exer-

medium. The case was instituted to set aside the gifts made to him. The facts are these: Mrs. Lyon. widow, aged seventy-five years, within a few days after seeing Home, who claimed to be a spiritual medium, was Induced, from her belief that she was fulfilling the wishes of her deceased to adopt him as her son and transfer

cise of undue influence by a pretended

make her will in his favor; afterwards to give him a further sum of 6,000 pounds; and also to settle upon him, subject to her life interest, the reversion of 30,000 pounds. These gifts

were made without consideration and without power of revocation. Under these circumstances, it is perhaps pardonable in the Court, which disclaimed all knowledge of Spiritualism, for making the severe strictures upon Spiritualism as it was presented to him in the case. The gifts were

In the case of Orchardson vs. Co-field, 171 Ill. 30, decided 1898, we have another instance of a professed medium imposing upon an old woman apparently to get hold of her property. Mrs. M., a widow, at an extreme old age and suffering an incurable disease, married Orchardson, the pro-fessed medium. He succeeded in getting her to believe that he possessed wonderful powers; as a result of which, she addressed him as the "Son of Wisdom," became his bride and made her will in his favor.

A part of the opinion of the Court "Belief in Spiritualism is not proof of insanity, but if, through that belief one is led into the delusion that another is a god, a Christ, or gifted with powers and faculties belonging only o superior persons, the believer of the delusion is insane on that subject, and if he is prompted to make a will by that delusion, his will cannot be main-

tained."

This was distinguished from Whipple vs. Eddy, 161, 111. 114. It seems to me that the Court erred in designating as a delusion, the belief that some persons are gifted with extraordinary powers and faculties. Every intelligent and experienced Spiritualist knows that there are superior persons—superior because of wonderful spiritual gifts or faculties. I think it should have been sufficient to have said, that whether Orchardson possessed these great gifts or not, he succeeded in making the testatrix believe he had them and that through this belief he gained dominion over her mind.

The will, of course, in this case, was set aside, as it should have been.

(To be continued.)

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At a meeting of the First Spiritual-

ist Society of Columbus, Ohio, held June 17, 1906, the following resoluions were presented and adopted: Whereas, We as Spiritualists and attending members of the Spiritualist Church, corner of State and Sixth streets, Columbus, Ohio, hear that the trustees of said church property, namely, Jno. D. Arras, Jos. Slater and Chas Engleke, have without consulta-tion with the board or members of said church, demanded and compelled our speaker, Miss Elizabeth Harlow, to surrender her contract for the season of 1906 and 1907, they giving no

reason for such action, therefore be it Resolved, That we denounce such action of the trustees of said church property as being unjust to Miss Elizabeth Harlow, and an injury to cause of Spiritualism, and against the wishes of the members of said church, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions be forwarded to the various Spiritualistic papers for publication, and a copy be forwarded to Miss Elizabeth Harlow.

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ABOUT TROUBLE. When trouble throws a darkening

veil Around you, in your keeping Is strength to make its shadows pale; Such strength is not in weeping. When heavy clouds obscure the way, No cheering sun is shining, That strength to make all bright as

day
Will seek the silver lining. Look always to the right in life: The gain is yours by doing it. Farewell to envy, worry strife-

Find happiness in wooing it.
MRS. JULIA BISHOP.

Chicago, Ill. Anger and worry are like echoes; they do not exist until we call for them, and the louder we call, the louder is their response. We can never drown them; yet, if let alone, they will drown themselves -- Horaca

"Thou shalt not kill." Except by locked exits, subways, explosions, adulterated food, slums, fire-damp, fast trains, sweatshops. In short, in the 24,000 pounds sterling to him; to regular course of trade.—Life.

The Tiny Rap and Spiritualism.

An Address Delivered Before the First Society of Spiritualists, of Lyric place the Divine spirit that is separated from all that is Hall, New York, by Mrs. H. L. Russegue.

GOD. IT HAS ESTABLISHED HIS THRONE, NOT UP BE- TO COMMUNE WITH SPIRITS HERE.

THE WORLD IS RICHER, STRONGER AND BETTER YOND THE STARS, BUT IT HAS ENTHRONED HIS

N. Y., and which was reverberated through the universe, the grip upon humanity that it held fifty-eight years ago. It has been singing its music through all the world, and it To-day, religion is something to be demonstrated, somehas brought with it not only comfort, not only the knowl- thing to be proven, something that is allied to human reaedge of a greater world, a larger life beyond the grave, son, to the consciousness of common-sense. It gives us but it has brought with it a better and more profound wis- the right to penetrate all mysteries, whether they are born dom concerning this life. It has established a closer kin- of God, or whether they are born of man. It has come to ship between the spirits of men and women who are mor- the world a revelator. It has not only peered into the tal. It has not only been directing your thought to the skies and revealed the presence of the angelic hosts, but portant, the strength and purpose of human intelligence, higher and holier duties as well as a higher and holier relationship one with another.

come. It came with a tiny sound, with no prentences. It than ever before. needed no sounding brass or tinkling cymbals to announce the fact that it was ushering into existence a new formula of thought; that it was directing the attention of the world to a larger wisdom; that it was opening the door to new revelations, and that it was robbing the world of that awful monster, Fear of Death! It came to the world as a friend, as the answer to prayer, as the outcome of the infidelity which preceded its announcement.

Spiritualism proper is by no means to be measured in age to modern phenomena. It is as old as time. It has lived ever since man could think, ever since hope was enthroned In the human soul, ever since reason dominated human thought. It has been the potent influence that has led man to a higher investigation of divine laws. It has been the foundation and summit of all that is, of all that ever will be, of all that ever has been. Modern Spiritualism that came to the world through

the Rochester knockings or the little raps at Hydesville, has been followed by a train of phenomena hardly to be measured by any one person. The phenomena that have appealed to the thought and intelligence of every class and grade of human society. It has brought with it the testimony of eternal life, but not only that, the testimony that man has carried with him beyond the grave all that characterized himself here. He carried himself, his love, his memory, his thought, all the characteristics that individnalized him here, and the door has been opened through which he has been able to return and prove his presence to the children of earth. This is not all that Spiritualism has accomplished, by any means. It has opened the door to the world through which the life of an inspiration has come, that has not only broadened religious thought, but was awakened a deeper sense, a scientific investigation. It has labored not in cities alone, but it has labored earnestly elsewhere, and its followers have followed the torchlight of eternal beauty and truth that has illuminated the

FOR HAVING KNOWN OF SPIRITUAL TRUTHS. IT SPIRIT IN THE SOULS OF MEN, AND REASON HAS HAS REDUCED ALL MATERIAL TO SPIRIT, A HAS BEEN THE FOUNDATION UNTIL IT HAS MADE MEN TAUGHT MAN TO REALIZE THAT ALL THERE IS IN GOD, AND GOD LIVES IN MAN. THUS IT HAS WREST-HUMAN NATURE IS SPIRIT, AND ALL THERE IS IN ED THE IDOLS FROM THEIR THRONES. IT HAS THE MATERIAL WORLD IS SPIRIT; THAT EVERY THROWN DOWN THE DEMONICAL FAITH THAT HAS PLANE OF EXISTENCE IS FOUNDED UPON, AND BUILT HEAVEN AND HELL FOR MAN. IT HAS CRE-LIVES IN, SPIRIT; THAT THERE IS NO SUCH THING ATED AS A FOUNDATION OF ALL LIFE, ETERNAL AS DEATH TO MATTER, NO SUCH THING AS DEATH JUSTICE, THAT REIGNS OVER ALL. IN ALL. THROUGH TO MIND NO SUCH THING AS DEATH TO ANYTHING ALL, AND BENEATH ALL. SPIRITUALISM HAS NOT THAT EYER HAS BEEN, OR IS, OR EVER CAN BE. IT ONLY TAUGHT US THAT WE ARE IN COMMUNION HAS TAUGHT US TO UTILIZE THE INFLUENCE OF WITH SPIRITS REYOND THE GRAVE, BUT WE ARE

Fifty-eight years ago, a tiny rap sounded at Hydesville, tottered and fallen. To-day, dogmatic faith does not hold world beyond this, but it has at the same time led you to it has gone down into the deeps of nature, and revealed think of what this world contains, the vitality that is im- her mysteries, brought forth her treasures for the uses of man. It has whispered encouragement and inspiration to that shall lead us to a higher appreciation of a life that is the souls of inventors. It has quickened the spirit of the larger containing multiplied possibilities; that lead us to musicians. It has inspired the astronomer. It has awakened thought in every department of the universe. Spiritualism came to the world as all truth has ever its fetters off, and stands more like a free-born community

> The world is richer, stronger and better for having known of spiritual truths. It has reduced all material to spirit. It has taught man to realize that all there is in human naure is spirit, and all there is in the material world is spirit; that every plane of existence is founded upon, and lives in, spirit; that there is no such thing as death to matter, no such thing as death to mind, no such thing as death to anything that ever has been, or is, or ever can be. It has taught us to utilize the influence of God. It has established his throne, not up beyond the stars, but it has enthroned His spirit in the souls of men, and reason has

Thus it has wrested the idols from their thrones. It has thrown down the demonical faith that built heaven and hell for man. It has created as a foundation of all life, eternal justice, that reigns over all, in all, through all and beneath all.

Spiritualism has not only taught us that we are in communion with spirits beyond the grave, but we are to commune with spirits here; it teaches us to look for the causes of everything. It teaches us that there is no manffestation in life that is not traceable to a source, and it is It has been slaying superstition. It has been razing to the our duty, before we pass judgment upon any result, to find ground the temples of faith, and has substituted therefor the source from which that result emanated; therefore it the altars of Divine knowledge. Now it is time that you has brought to us the realizing sense that charity should always dominate our lives instead of censure. Its religion heart to heart, spul to soul, thought to thought, and work is based upon Love. As Alice Carey once proclaimed to for the truth, and build it up in your land.

This I hope, and doth affirm, wherever I may go, Whatever things be Spirit, a fair love makes them so. I hold all else a selfish scheme, a vain pretense. Where center is not, can there be circumference?

And these are the questions we should put to ourselves. If we have no deific life here, where can we place it?

Is there any other throne upon which divinity abides upon which it nests, higher than human intelligence?

Is there any spirituality that unfolds a diviner revela-

Is there anything loftier mightier, grander or diviner than intelligence, than spirituality; and where does it

abide, but in the souls of men?

Spiritualism has made God an utterable Spirit. It has brought him within reach of communication. It has enthroned him here; TWe can look into His eyes, when we look into the eyes of our fellow creatures. His home is here within and without us, and His angels are the ministoring spirits on earth, in heaven, everywhere....

Thus Spiritualism has been percolating the mass of hu man life. It has opened the way to larger realities. It has brought us to the door-way of higher possibilities. has increased the responsibilities of humanity.

Spiritualists, you have larger responsibilities than anybody else in the world. You have larger worlds in which to live than anybody else. Why? Because you have the knowledge that you are with the Divine, universal, loying, thy goes out quicker than it ever has before to all who are mighty Spirit that pervades the universe.

Your responsibilities are never ending. Your duties can never be bounded. There is no such thing as limitation around the souls of men. There is nothing to be done that man cannot accomplish. There is nothing to think that he cannot comprehend, or have for his own intellect, There is nothing to aspire to that he cannot reach: There are no minds in heaven so lofty that he cannot attain to its rough garment. The lapidary takes it, polishes its them, and find there the very treasures that dogmatic faith has made the sepulchre so many years.

Nothing has ever lived among men that has accomplished so much in fifty-eight years as Modern Spiritualism. It has uplifted mankind until the world to-day has shaken the reduced God from an image to a spirit. He has been dissolved from the formulated bigotry and superstition of man to the realism of human life, of human spirits. It has brought to the world the spirituality that is here. It hands one with the other. There is always one truth has taught us that if we are to love God, love the spirit, spire you to listen to the divine truths that come like dews I will direct men to higher paths and virtues, and I will from heaven from the angel world upon the dry and bar- make the world better, because I will be better! I will ren earth, to bring out from the earth its blessings, its live more righteously, be more charitable by carrying forbeauties, and then close your eyes, and turn your backs ward the good, and give it to all with whom I come in been the foundation until it has made men God, and God and walk away, and say, Oh! the angels will do all this for contact. This is the emanation of Spiritualism, this is its

> the responsibility of an angel; your work is the work of in all directions. It goes down into the slums of life, and an angel, and the importance of that work must tell for vour futures. . n

> Religion has too long taught the importance of doing good for heaven's sake, doing good for the to-morrow to come. We want it new! Spiritualists, you have only recognized the factithat you have possessed a disintegrating torture will be turned to ploughshares, that will turn the truth. The two-edged sword of wisdom has been cutting right and left in the hand. It has been destroying bigotry. are builders, and that you stand together, hand to hand,

> The service of other religions, what has it accomplished. "The Scandinavian, the Irishman, the Russian, the German and the Italian people flock to your country, the sound is waiting to come into your spiritual ear, to and in two or three years they have a church, a society, inspire you to loftier heights, to a higher life. upon whose aithrs they can lay their offerings of faith. The Spiritualist is everywhere. He is a universal dis-

Is there any altar beyond the skies upon which we can Has reached every point of earth until to-day you should must be, the one Father of all.

organize yourselves into living active bodies, to be able to send out a more potent influence over the earth for the good of humanity.

If your responsibilities are greater, it means that your deeds should be more numerous. If an angel comes to your door, and brings you a message of love, is it your duty to lock the doors to protect it?

Christianity has needed a creed to protect its religion. Spiritualism needs labor, and earnest effort to protect its, and it is time that you begin this duty, and take up this responsibility for the world's good. You are beginning the second half century since this truth was advanced. It came not as a salvation for you, but it came as a light, to teach you that salvation is in you, belongs to you, and that as you are growing out of ignorance into the light, you have found the saving grace of wisdom abides within.

It has not come as a mediator between God and you but it has come to tear the veil from your eyes, and rend the mists that have clouded your spirit, that you may commune within, heart to heart, and soul to soul; that you may think, love and live with those you have loved and with whom you have lived.

Spiritualism comes to you as an inspiration; it inspires men in every condition of life. When it has fulfilled its mission, the world will have become so much better as compared with the last fifty years. To-day your courts of justice are more liberal, your pulpits are more generous in their judgments, humanity is more loving, and sympa-The world is better. Why? Simply because men think

better thoughts, live better lives. You are thinking and living a better religion. RELIGION IS TO DO, RELIGION IS TO ACT, RELIGION IS TO PRACTICE. It is like the diamond that is found in the earth, almost useless in general appearance. It is crude in shape, and is covered by surface, smoothes its edges, and it comes to you the brilliant gem. What is the spirit of man but that gem? It is born in ignorance. Experience is the lapidary, and communion, with one another is the influence that is polishing the edges with all that is good. The more you live and work for the truth, the more luminous its influence, and far-reaching its effects. Let me admonish you, then, join upon which you can unite, and that truth is, I WILL LOVE we are not to love Him yonder, but we are to love Him MY FELLOW-MEN! I will love my fellow-creatures alhere, by loying, knowing, penetrating the mists that belong ways, and everywhere, and because I love humanity, I to each other; come into a closer kinship one with an-love God. I love the angel that abides in every human other. But what are the responsibilities incident to this life, and if I love that angel I will labor in its behalf. I knowledge? Are they the responsibilities that shall in- will uplift the world! I will purify the moral standard!

Creed cannot confine it, and dogma cannot Remember you are an angel, and your responsibility is bind it. It is immeasurable in its effects. It is turning lifts up the down-trodden. It goes to the prison and carries to the convict the light of love, and truth, and awakens a higher and holier aspiration within him. When Spiritualism becomes the active living force in human society, prisons will be schools of learning. Instruments of soil that has covered the gems so long buried from human

> It is time, that as Spiritualists, you take up this earnest work, and not leave the few who have labored so zealously to advance its principles, to work alone, in showing the wonderful phenomena to all, which are the rappings

> Listen to the voices, let them come to your hearts. Though your eyes may not have seen and your ears heard, yet the light is waiting to shine in upon your vision, and

Look higher, beautify your homes, beautify your lives, join together in one supreme effort, and let that effort be penser of his knowledge! Creed may crumble, temples continuous. Make the world here and the world heremay fall, but the Spiritualism that has been percolating after, as it is, one with God, one of God, until all humanity the masses has been shedding its dews upon humanity. is thine, until all men are your brothers, and God is, and

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Considered Thoughtfully From the Standpoint of the Occult Review, Which Also Takes Into Consideration Spirit Clothing.

view of the windows of this was comthe same thing. The light was very unearthly appearance seemed to dance ULLUMINATION GREATER.
on the pavement outside. Three do"I cannot account for the appear-

asked. "Why did you have the chapel pened had another experience of an illuminated last night" The lady stared in utter astonishment, and said, "I cannot think what you mean. The chapel was not only not illuminated younger sister Violet and Miss Drummand want out one afternoon, about last night, but it is never used or en-tered. Come and see it." They did so, and found it was just in the state till after four. At tea-time Violet of a building which is never entered.

Dust lay heavily upon everything, and there was absolutely nothing which could be used to give light. It was plain that no natural explanation of impossible, as he had seen her in the distinct of the course of conversation, that she and her friend had been for a good long walk along the sands. To her amazement Godfrey said that was plain that no natural explanation of impossible, as he had seen her in the distinct of the course of conversation, that she and her friend had been for a good long walk along the sands. To the appearance could be given. But dining-room at a quarter to four, in a death was taking place in the palace an armchair near the fire-place—that at the very time the phenomenon was found out that a similar appearance had been more than once witnessed

nesses of the appearance had ever heard. This, I think, is an unusually well-attested case. Five persons saw away from the house. She rememthe appearance, all in good health and bered having noticed, when walking normal in every way. Two of them are personally known to me.

Mrs. K. Henry Anderson sends the

following from her son: 'On November 23 last year, I was about to cross from the corner of saw her. Prince's street, Edenburgh, into Hanover street. At the other corner, opposite a large shop, stood a horse and

The Rev. G. H. Johnson, late chaptain of Monaco, sends the following record, entitled "A True Story":

Mrs. J — D — occupied an old palazzo in Florence. In the other wing of the same palazzo lived a celebrated writer. To this wing was adjoined an old chapel, formerly the family chapel of the mansion, which had for a long time been disused. A THROAT OF THE ANIMAL, CLUNG view of the windows of this was companied from Mrs. J — D — 's INSTANT, AND DISAPPEARED. view of the windows of this was commanded from Mrs. J.— D.— 's named that the continued existence of manded from Mrs. J.— D.— 's named that the continued existence of mankind after "death" is provision-than the current of the latter, having returned late from a party, was going upstairs to bed, when, on passing a window, to her great surprise she saw the windows of the chappel most brilliantly illuminated. She called her son, who came and also saw the same thing. The light was very the same thing the same thing the same thing the same that the continued existence of mankind after "death" is provision-ally accepted; and, in death in the cumulative testimony of many writers.

"Death" the cumulative testimony of many w bright, and conveyed the idea of the chapel being illuminated as for a festival. Also small blue lights of an

mestics joined them, and for some time all five stood watching the spectacle. Though thinking it very strange, they do not seem to have realized at the time that it was of a supernatural character.

However, The strange shadows of times cause strange shadows of times cause strange shadows of the strange shadows of times cause strange shado

GODFREY H. ANDERSON.

The son to whom the above hap-pened had another experience of an she was reading a book when he enwitnessed; and it was afterwards tered, but, to his surprise, said nothing. Before leaving the room he fighting man, but the same man in rags looked at her a second time. It need and tatters, although perhaps he when a death was occurring in the pa- ed both her own and Miss Drummond's assertions to convince him that whatever he had seen she was not there, but at the moment that he saw her she was at least a mile or more on the sands, that the hands of the clock on the Royal and Ancient Club House pointed to a quarter to four, a sufficient proof that she was not in the room where her brother thought he

> Wby Do Ghosts Wear Clothes? The subject of the inquiry pro-

"Is the fact that ghosts appear in!

pearances in the light of reason and common sense? And to what theory in connection with apparitions does in the appearance in the clothes they the appearance in the clothes they are the connection with a point?"

personality. It is therefore logical to assume that a man "dead" is to all intent the same as a man "alive," and would consequently be actuated by corresponding motives, and would act in a corresponding manner.

Let us then ask "Why men wear

clothes?" and see if this will lead to an understanding of the problem. clothes?" and see if this will lead to an understanding of the problem.

It would appear superficially as if men wore clothes merely to keep themselves warm, and though this is undoubtedly true in cold countries, yet on reflection this will be seen to be not undoubtedly true in cold countries, yet on reflection this will be seen to be not the only reason, nor even the most important one why men wear clothes. A policeman would be just as warm in the skin sack of an Esquimaux as he is in his usual attire, but dressed as such he would not embody the modern idea of a policeman. A knight in armor gives a distinct impression of a and tatters, although perhaps he would be more comfortable and quite as warm, would not body forth the idea of a properly equipped fighter. Even in countries where no clothes are necessary for warmth, clothes are still worn, and worn with infinite grada-tions of form and color. It seems clear, therefore, that men wear clothes principally for the purpose of manifesting ideas, an abstract idea of will.

widuality.

As a "ghost" was a man and every man will be a "ghost," it seems evident that a "ghost" wears clothes for precisely the same dominant motives; brougham; the horse was turned to- pounded by the editor of the Occult thority; in short, to identify himself away. Suddenly from the gutter, follows:

authority and a concrete idea of indi-

It seems to present a difficulty to | mense aid to identification, and are in | ment, with equally mysterious results. clothes conclusive proof against all evidence to the contrary that the ghosts clothes, as they say that even if the so appearing are hallucinations or the man is immortal, clothes are not, and stories concerning them concocted in- therefore it is unreasonable, absurd and impossible for an authetic "ghost "If not, how do you justify such ap- to appear clothed.

ore when alive appear to point?"

In considering this subject it may basis of all expression—that rigidity be advisable to reason backwards and constant form by which alone from the effects which we do perceive they can be of use in the material in the visible world to the causes state of existence, but in the etheric which produce those effects—which plane of being where invisible man lives, a different condition must of necessity prevail.

It is highly probable that ideas are men, and for this reason I propose to in the ethene condition of life, capatrace the cause of their appearing in ble of immediate realization in form by an effort of will, and the forms so manifested would dissolve as soon as the potent constructive will force

was removed. Doubtless it means knowledge as well as will power, but there should not be any difficulty in understanding how a "ghost" could thus present himself clothed. A "ghost" clothes himself in exactly the same way as a man, viz by the exercising of thought and will. There is consequently need to suppose the immortality or resurrection of old clothes.

It may still be a difficulty to some people to realize where the basic ma-terial for astral clothes comes from, of character or ideas, and it is reasonable to infer that a man in the new state of invisibility grows slowly, as in visible life, to an accommodation to his new surroundings, and that no sudden change takes place in his real parsonality.

How does the natural world help us here We see that in the case of air we have compound gases in a normal state of invisibility and great fluidity, but since Professor Dewar's demonstrations, it is manifest that these conditions can be changed into those of

elastic vapors.

A little reflexion will further show that all material things are subject to like changes and are consequently passing from the visible to the invisible condition, and vice versa.

The world then, sollid as it appears, is but a series of condensed atmospheres

pheres. It follows, therefore, that the at-mospheres contain all the properties and qualities of the solid earth. Morethere are emanations, invisible but continuous, from every fabric and every composition, continually passing from the visible to the invisible

Therefore there is a sufficiently material basis in the most refined etheric atmosphere to enable every variety of ghostly clothing to be produced at

That ghosts do appear in clothes of their own creation is a matter of evidence, and this seems to be a notable test of their real personality and existence, and is not a conclusive proof—or any-kind of proof—that "ghosts" so

appearing are hallucinations.

The justification for such appearances lies in this, that clothes such as the "ghost" wore in life are an issue

the transitory nature of such appearances as under present conditions the ghost is able to make.

It would be contrary to "reason and

common sense" to expect a man in the body to walk about without clothes. and consequently it is in entire agreement with "reason and common for a ghost manifesting, presumably for identication, to take every means to give verisimilitude to his appearance. The theory which might well be

formulated by any respectable ghost would be—As I was—so I am!

A MYSTERIOUS POWDER.

It Is Alleged That It Opens the Doors to the Spirit Realms, and the Spirit Realms Can Be Seen

With your permission I should like o have the opinion of the readers of 'Light" on the following rather remarkable experience: A little while ago I received from a

friend in India a package of a pecul-iar compound in the form of a powder, which, I was assured, possessed the extraordinary virtue of putting a person who used it according to the con-ditions named, into direct communi-cation with the "disembodied"! Highly skeptical, yet véry curious, I put the matter to a practical test-duly observing the rules laid down; and this is what happened:

I was sitting in a room, late in the evening, alone, and with just a glimmer of light. Within a few minutes, certainly not more than five, the walls of the room seemed to recede or vanish (I say "seemed," because in reality I know they did nothing of the sort), and a beautiful panoramic view presented itself, a sort of exquisite flower garden carried out on a huge scale, and with well laid-out pathways stretching away as far as the eye could reach. These paths glittered and sparkled under some sort of beau-

No buildings or habitations were anywhere visible, but of people there were crowds; thousands, I should think. These people were of both sexes, were clothed in ordinary attire, and moved in groups along and around the paths referred to. All appeared to be more or less engaged in earnest, animated conversation. Some of the groups, as they wound their way around the pathways came faceto-face with me, and, among them, I instantly recognized relatives and friends, long since passed away, recognized them as I knew them in life. Looking closely at them, three things struck me as being peculiar:—

1. Although I appeared to be very

close to those in the forefront of the scene, and could plainly see their lips move in the act of speech, no sounds came.

stantial appearance, I could, as they moved to and fro in the light rays, see clean through them. 3. These people, relatives and strangers alike, did not appear to be

Despite their apparently sub-

conscious of my presence as a specta-I have since repeated the experi-

nave made one of these tests, and have retired to rest, I have either found myself anticipating the contents or purport of letters in transit, or paying mysterious visits to the homes of acquaintances and also of strangers, and have afterwards been able to inform them of what transpired at the time of my illicit visits. Now, sir, I am not given to imag-

ining things; on the other hand I am extremely skeptical where anything connected with the supernatural is concerned. am not a Spiritualist, nor am I saare that I possess any "power," other than is ordinarily common to mortals; nor have I, prior to experimenting with the aforesaid compound, seen, heard, or witnessed any such phenomena as those herein de-

The point is, "Have I seen the disembodied?" if not, then what is the explanation? I shall be pleased to deal with any

inquiries provided such are strictly confined to postal correspondence, and accompanied by stamped addressed 24, Princeville-road, Bradford.

B. W.

[In reply to questions which we have addressed to our correspondent he informs us that he knows nothing of the composition of the powder referred to, but is convinced that it is perfectly harmless and contains nothing in the nature of a parcetic seeing ing in the nature of a narcotic, seeing that he has inhaled the fumes from it for some minutes at a time without the production of any effect on the sensory system. At present he has none of the powder to spare, but is expecting to receive a small supply shortly, then he will send us a little for trial.—Editor "Light," London, England.

METALS DECLARED ALIVE.

So Says Jagadis Chundar Bose.

A few years ago in the study of the spiritual side of medicinal therapeutics, as to how and why medicine acted upon the body, we came to the conclusion that all matter is composed of living atoms in a more or less static It follows as a necessary conclusion

from our explanation of the origin of matter, as the waste of universal energy, intelligence and will power; therefore it must be the same substance. All waste is of substance used; hence all matter must possess life in its atoms of the same kind as that from which it came, possessing the elements of intelligence and will power, else it could have no sense or

Life responds to life by affinity, and unites by chemism, either peaceably or by force. When medicine is administered, adapted to the need of the body, the living atoms needed will leave the lesser affinity for the inert remedy, and respond to the stronger affinity of the active life.

L. M. ROSE. Ocean Springs, Miss.

It is praiseworthy even to attempt great action.—La Rochefoucauld.

General Survey.

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

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WRITE PLAINLY.-We would like to impress upon the minds of our corre spondents that The Progressive Thinker is set up on a Linotype machine that must make speed equal to about four compositors. That means rapid work, and it is essential that all copy, to in-sure insertion in the paper, all other re-quirements being favorable, should be written plainly with ink on white paper, or with a typewriter, and only on one side of the paper. Please bear this

ITEMS.—Bear in mind that items for ITEMS.—Bear in mind that items to the General Survey will in all cases be adjusted to the space we have to occurately said in order to do that they will by, and in order to do that they will be abridged more or continues the Sunday evening meetless; otherwise many items would be crowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line item is cut down to ten lines, and ten lines to two lines, as occasion may re-

TAKE DUE NOTICE, that all items for this page must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer. will not do to say that Secretary or prrespondent writes so and so, without giving the full name and address of he 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 Brother Francis' generous offer, and if we have not space to use them.

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 MOT SPACE SUFFICIENT FOR THAT

Carl C. Pope writes: "The Progress-Te Thinker, always good, grows better every week."

Ferd C. Suhrer, corresponding sec retary of the Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission writes: "On June 24 it was good to see the liberality of so many strangers as they mingled with our members-liberal in thought and ex-Our services are as follows: Lecture and song service in the morning, at 11; lyceum work, lecture inter-communion of decarnate and in-and tests from 2:30 to 3 in the afternoon, and lecture and song service at 8 in the evening. Different speakers at every meeting who express which bore no semblance of reality thoughts pertaining to a higher and The remarks were received with apholier life, and tests are given in the parent pleasure, and an improvisatrice afternoon only by competent instruments. On Sunday, July 8, Orlando
E. Miller, Ph. D., will address us in the morning. Mrs. Martha Price in the afternoon, and the Hon. Chas. E. Hughes in the evening. Good meshad quite a lengthy visit later in their sage bearers will give messages in the native tongue. A goodly number the Ladies' Aid on Saturday, July 14, tained by local mediums. An aninour temple will be enjoyed by many. The steamer City of South Haven engaged for our excursion to South same grounds, which were condially tendered for afternoon and evening of Eva L. Stewart writes: "On June July 15, 1906."

17, the Hyde Park Occult Society listened to another very interesting lec- dium, is permanently located at No. ture by Dr. C. A. Burgess. His mes- 24 Waverly Place, near rages by impressions were recognized. street, where she will be pleased to Mrs A. B. Wilson gave a few, which have her friends call on her. were acknowledged by those receiving lune 24 Dr Geo. B. Warne lectured and was heartly applauded, for all were well pleased. Mrs. E. Guckert, a stranger to all but one in the audience, gave a number of messages which were recognized. She has a fine control, and her sprightly manner of giving tests pleased all. She is to be with us again soon. We expect Dr. Greer to be with us on

R. Mitchell writes: "The Society of the Students of Nature held a very successful meeting. Sunday evening at Bundruk, Sister Ricket and several other mediums gave messages. society holds developing circles and conference meetings during the summer for the benefit of the new beginners in mediumship, conducted by Sister M. Schumacher. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Society gives its monthly ice cream social, Thursday afternoon, July afternoon, July 5, from 2 to 5 o'clock, at 114 Loomis street. Interesting talks, messages from mediums and games for the children, with at one table. Free lemonade with an

Secretary writes: "Miss M. B. Hedrick, of 55 Herkimer street, Brooklyn, N. Y., is drawing crowded houses, and the secretary would advise all who Sunday, Tuesday or Friday evenings, to secure scats in advance, as it is impossible to accommodate all who come. Write or 'phone to have chairs re served. Telephone number is 2622 J. Bedford. The seances begin prompt ly at 8 p. m. These meetings will be continued until further notice.

F. J. Lentsch writes from Louisville, Ky.: "We were compelled to close the church in June, 1905, owing happy land." to the illness of the regular pastor, Mrs. Mary Frances Mann. She has been suffering with nervous prostration, and has not been able to receive or see her most intimate friends for over a year; but thanks to the angel world, she is now convalescing."

Georgia Gladys Cooley concluded her two months' engagement with the First Spiritual Church of Baltimore, June 29. Her summer engagements are as follows: Meadville, Pa., July 1 to 7; Oil City, Pa., July 8; Wonewoc Camp, Wis., July 15 to 23; Forest Home Camp, Mich., July 29 to August : M. V. S. A. Camp, Clinton, Iowa, August 12 to end of camp.

Mrs. 1. A. Hall writes: "The Golden Rule Spiritualist Society. at O'Donnell's Hall, Paulina street, near Park avenue, held a grand surprise for its large audience, on Sunday evening. June 24. Mrs. Nora E. Hill, pastor spoke inspirational, forceful truths in her lecture on the 'Essential Principles of Life in Their Expression Here ture with messages, clear, convicing and Hereafter.' Professor Lockwood, and comforting. The session closed of scientific fame, being present, fol-lowed with a short address of which Etna Hotel. The consensus of all is, every word and line teemed with One of the best June meetings ever weighty thought and deepest learning. held at Etna."

AS A GENERAL RULE, IN THIS

> When writing for this paper use a pen or typewriter.

We go to press early Monday mornthat current issue should reach this office not later than the previous Saturday morning. Bear this in mind.

ALWAYS GIVE YOUR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS WHEN SENDING NO-TICES AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR PUBLICATION, OTHERWISE THEY WILL FIND THEIR WAY TO THE WASTE BASKET.

The next in order upon the platform ings during the summer menths."

Jane Young writes: "The writer refers Will Charlton to Letters From the Spirit World, by Carlyle Petersilea; also to Rending the Veil, for an answer to his question in The Pro-gressive Thinker of June 23. As both of these volumes are loaned out. the writer cannot give the number of the letter on 'Soul Mates.' In the secone book named, the message is delivered by Spirit Dr. Reed, a guide of W. W. Aber. Carlyle Petersilea is very clear upon this subject. Spiritualists should avail themselves of own every book on the premium list. Every book upon the list is excellent. but the Encyclopedia of Death, and THIS GENERAL SURVEY DEPART. Life in the Spirit World, (1, 2, and 3),
MENT IS ONLY INTENDED TO Art Magic, Ghost Land, Religion of Man, and Letters from the Spirit World, contain a liberal education for the student on the subject of Spiritualism, and answer many very perplexing questions."

Lorinda G. Brown writes from Rockford, Ill.: "On Sunday, June 24, the two Spiritualist societies of Rockord, Ill., united in a picnic on the ovely grounds of Donald and Mrs. Mc-Dougall of West State street. A goodly number were present. The host and hostess are most hospitable, and did all in their power to give a home welcome to all. The guests provided and served a sumptuous repast both for dinner and supper. The af-ternoon was mostly occupied in an experience meeting, large numbers giv ing to all the testimony that had been to them individually evidence of through genuine mediums, but also the sad fact of so-called messages which bore no semblance of reality. gave us several songs in a sweet, sym-On Sunday, July 8, Orlando Dathetic voice, in language that was The conundrum social by stayed after supper, and were enterto hold an ice cream

Mrs. Slosson, the well-known

Mrs. A. Turbett writes: "The Band of Harmony will meet at the residence of Mrs. L. Goodrich, 534 East ave nue, Oak Park, afternoon and evening, on Thursday, July 5. Card party in the afternoon.

The Cook County SPIRITEALISTS PICNIC, at Lake Bluff, July 4, will be a most enjoyable affair. Arrangements have been made with the C. & N. W. R. R. for special cars on the train which leaves Chicago at 10:30 n. m. A committee consisting of ladies wearing Sunflower badges will be at the train with special round trip tickets for 75 cents. The best talent in Cook county will be present and This take part in the programme. Come out and renew your youth, receive spiritual refreshment and have a good time. All Spiritualists and their friends are cordially invited. Bring your lunch. Coffee and ice cream will be served.

Dr. Beverly writes: "Our picnic was

grand success. All enjoyed the spread upon the grass where all were abundant repast satisfied the inner man. Twenty-five prizes were awarded at the races. All enjoyed the fun. The people formed into a large cir-Many speeches and tests were wish to attend the seances held on enjoyed till a late hour. The place was difficult to find, so our next will be more accessible. Hope all will come and enjoy the outings for body. mind and spirit. Our meetings at Arlington Hall, 31st street and Indiana avenue, will be continued all summer. We begin at 3 and close at 10 p. m. We have some of the finest talent that can be procured. The humble and obedient shall eat of the Good of this

> Mary Drake Jenne writes: "The anhual June meeting of the First Maine State Spiritualist Association, held at Camp Etna, June 15, 16 and 17, was one of the most successful in the history of the association. Edgar W. Emerson of Manchester, N. H., did most excellent work. The lecture Friday afternoon was well attended and appreciated by an intelligent audience. Friday evening a social meeting was held in the pavilion. Saturday afternoon Mr. Emerson's guides gave a masterly address. In the evening a conference was held in the pavilion, after which a public circle was formed at Camp Etna Hotel. Saturday morn-

ing the attendance was large. guides of Mr. Emerson spoke on the Evolution of Religious Thought. "All people will yet bow at the shrine of angel ministry. We are all naturally aspiring for something nobler and better." The subject of the afternoon discourse was !Science and · Spiritual The guides followed each lec-

SOME ILLINOIS SOCIETY, OR ONE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF MRS. R. S. LILLIE FOR EITHER, OR BOTH, SUNDAYS JULY 8 AND 15. LET ME KNOW AT ONCE AT 4203 EVANS AVENUE, CHICAGO, IF YOU WISH TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR THIS GIFTED INSPIRATIONAL WORKER. SHE WILL BE EASTWARD BOUND NEXT MONTH FOR THE SUMMER'S ITIN-ERARY TO THE SUMMER CAMPS, AND THE CHICAGO CONVENTION OF THE N. S. A., OCTOBER 16-19."

TOPIC FOR THE PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM.

Sunday, July 8, 1906: "Temperance."

Gem of Thought-Temperance is total abstinence from all things injurious and the moderate use of all things necessary.

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

Mrs. L. Lee writes from Worcester, Mass.: "I have enjoyed The Progressive Thinker greatly, and am taking all the numbers along with me to my new address, to interest and instruct friends and acquaintances. I am de-lighted at your stand against the fraudulent element in Spiritualism.'

Mrs. Julia Craig writes: "Several years ago a friend loaned me that preclous little book, 'Gates Ajar,' by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. What a world of new thoughts it revealed to me, and how eagerly I read and re-read it, and ever since have been filled with a devouring thirst for more knowledge.'

Eula Golden writes: "The Spiritual Research Society of Flint, Ind., held four very successful meetings last week, with W. J. Erwood as lecturer. To say he is a fine speaker is putting it mildly. His pleasing ways can not help but delight some of the most skeptical. The meetings were well attended and have resulted in much good."

Mrs. Maggie Henry writes: / "At Spiritual Mission Chapel (Old 77), we had a large and attentive audience. Prof. Stoller is a fine speaker, and always interests his audience. We had messages from a number of visiting mediums and psychometrists, two of whom had never appeared in public before; also readings from your correspondent, and answers to personal questions for every one in the audience by the Professor. Services ev ery Sunday evening."

Mrs. Mary A. Price, of Washington, D. C., will be at Lily Dale camp during the month of August, where she hopes to greet the many friends she found at the City of Light Assembly last year. She will be able to make engagements with societies for work as lecturer and test medium, after September I.

The Muncie Morning Star speaks of Miss Wertz, who is engaged at the hesterfield Camp, as follows: "Miss Wertz received much applause at the close of her solo, "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," by Haydn, and finally responded to the encore with a little song, "The Four Leafed Clover." She is the daughter of Mrs. J. A. Wertz, whose articles have often appeared in The Progressive Thinker.

Rebecca Still writes: "I wish to express my thanks for the information that has come to me through The Progressive Thinker and the premium books. They have given me knowledge that I could not get elsewhere."

J. F. McClure writes from Denver, Col.: "Mrs. M. Tinsley is one of our good trumpet mediums and is doing and for the comforting of many who sincerely desire to commune with sincerely desire to commune their own beloved ones on the spirit

Mrs. Lease has been at the Chesterfield Camp, and delivered several lectures. She is a remarkable woman, her eloquence is unsurpassed. She ectured there June 24, 26 and 28.

M. S. Snow writes: "The Light Seekers of Bemidji, Minn., have been furnished spiritual food for the last week by Mr. H. Hegdahl of Minneapolis, missionary sent out by the State Spiritualist Association. The few met in the courthouse under statue of the Goddess of Justice, and we all felt that he gave the cause justice, taking all matters into consideration, conditions, etc. It seems strange there is so little interest taken in the cause of Spiritualism. Mr. Hegdahl is a young man of refinement.'

Divine Spiritual Church holds meetings every Sunday afternoon and evening at 2:30 and 7:30, in Hygeia Hall, corner Ogden avenue and Robey street. Good music. All welcome. Rev. Lucy A. Hodge Koontz, pastor.

AN EXPLANATION.

To the Editor:—Having received different communications concerning my action in signing the Folsom-Stewart endorsement at Des Moines last January, and learning that such action has been understood as an affront to the N. S. A., I desire to say that in signing the article referred to, I meant no affront whatever to the N. S. A. or its officers; neither did I mean to condemn the action of the St. Louis committee, nor to endorse what the mediums did in St. Louis, which I know nothing about. I have only the most hearty good will toward N. S. A., and its officers, and only meant to express my approval of that particular seance in Des Moines which looked all right to me. "Only that and nothing more.

DR. JULIAN P. JOHNSON. Ottumwa, Iowa, June 28, 1906.

PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

Oblivaries 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.

Passed to spirit life, June 16, Dr. Walter Ethington See. Dr. See was well known several years ago as a magnetic healer and medium at Lily Dale, N. Y., and other places. was beloved by all who knew him. His funeral was ably conducted by Mrs. Clara Watson, of Jamestown, N. Y. JULIA SEE SMEAD.

Mrs. Marrila Chapman departed this life, June 13, in Grand Ledge, Mich. She had passed her ninetieth birthday; had been a Spiritualist many years. Mrs. A. E. Sheets officiated at the funeral.

"Immortality, its Naturalness, its Possibilities and Proofs." By J. M. Peebles, M. A., M. D., Ph. D., Contains the address rejected by the Philosophi cal Society of Great Britain, with force duction and Explanatory Letter. Price

Dr. GEO. B. WARNE WRITES: THE 20TH CENTURY COLUMBUS. ADJACENT TO CHICAGO, MIGHT A Visit to His Charming Head-BE GLAD TO KNOW THERE IS AN -quarters!\

> History gives the place of honor to the pioneer, either in discovering new territory or settling and improv-ing the lands others have discovered, or to those who make new and useful discoveries in the realm of science.
> The achievement of Christipher Columbus will always give undying glo-

ry to his name. ,) 711.

Today, a modern Columbus dwells in Ponca City, Oklahoma, and although not hampered as was the great Christian of the great work. topher, he is engaged in a great work that will make free millions yet unborn, and point out with certainty a direct road to knowledge that will be clear from the errors of past ages and paved with demonstrable facts.

Dr. Peter Pearson lives in peace

with all the world, communing with Nature as she speaks in the flowers that shine like living jewels around his dwelling. In a garden of exqusite beauty and unique design his dwelling is located, and in his treating room, tharts of wonderful design and diagrams revealing his profound researches, hang upon the wall. In the manuscript which he is engaged upon for the enlightenment of humanity, the Doctor is constructing a Ship of Knowledge that will safely bear the future truth seeker across the Sea of Thought, beyond the billows of controversy, to the Evergreen Islands of Truth, where the Sun of Fact shines undimmed on fertile fields that await the student free from superstition and bias, and whose highest desire is more

Psycho-Harmonial Philosophy and Correlated Therapy is the name of this forthcoming book, and a careful investigation of its claims will reveal to the inquirier that this system of philosophy will raise the human family to such a high plane of existence that disease cannot exist there. Each in-dividual of the great army of humanity will there find their harmonious reation to all things in the universe, according to their place on the scale of

It is the key to universal wisdom. When the Psycho-Harmonial Philosophy is understood and applied by all, unsuitable marriages will be imossible; hence a perfectly tuned piano in the parlor should be the judg-ment bar before which Cupid could, with due respect for existing conditions, plead his cause. It is before this bar of eternal justice, sounding the music of the spheres that the two contracting parties stand together in harmony, or asunder in discord."— (Chapter 8, page 71, Psycho-Harmonial Philosophy and Correlated Therapy.)

Spirit circles by this great system will be placed on such foundation that failure will be impossible. By a number of simple devices 'Dr. Pearson demonstrates his system for which the term theory is inappropriate. J. M. WHITE.

Ponca City, Oklai-

The Cause at Macomb, III. We have a fine, spiritual church ere at Macomb, Ill., built by the late J. D. Munger, and it was to be dedisated May 22, all arrangements being made by him, and the speakers en-gaged. He was called to the other life before his work was entirely completed, leaving the church affairs in an unsettled condition. His funeral discourse was the first one delivered in the church, which was conducted by Mrs. Georgia G. Cooley, just one month from the time set for the dedication by him. There was a large attendance, and her address was spoken of by the enemies to Spiritualism, as the best funeral sermon ever delivered in Macomb, and they supposed she was the best speaker that the Spiritualists could produce, and the only one worth hearing, but they now think there are many more after hearing Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, who were with us two weeks the last of April and fore part of May. The church was filled to overflowing. They both worked with a will, and presented the truths of Spiritualism in such a beautiful way, that it was the main topic of conversation. seeds sown by them will bring forth much fruit. They are earnest workers in the cause, and we look forward to having them with us again this fall. Brother Sprague organized a society and helped straighten up the affairs of the church, and it is owing to his efforts that we now hold the deed to the Spiritual Temple. We also had Dr. George B. Warne with us the 17th and 18th of June. He gave good satisfaction, and we all feel glad that we have had the pleasure of hearing the president of the State Spiritualist Association.

MRS. MATTIE BURNHAM.

HE IS NOT DEAD.

'Prather Bell Is Not Dead," Says Geo. A. Letford, of Chicago-He Is Known as the Drummer Medium.

"Prather Bell is not dead," says George A. Letford, of Chicago, a well mown traveling man who arrived at the Marion Hotel Thursday morning. I have just read an account of his mysterious disappearance in the papers and my Spiritualist powers tell me neither he nor his companion are They are now in Mississippi dead. traveling west. They will be heard from after several weeks of a good

George Letford gave an alleged so lution of the famous Sophie Kloeckler case at Lakewood a few years ago. At that time he predicted the finding the body, and that drowning was the result of momentary insanity. a year ago, he says, he assisted the authorities of Tallahassee, Fla., in solvfug the mysterious Kops case and upon terward proved to be the murderers they were convicted and sentenced.

Mr. Letford was found at his room at the Marion Hotel Thursday afternoon and was emphatic in his state-ments that Bell was alive. He described at some length each of the two missing men, sating that one was a married man and that the object of the pair in playing the practical joke was to permit of their taking a trip through the country. While in a trance Mr. Letford plainly saw the couple enjoying themselves on freight train going west and correctly described each of them. 9
David P. Stern, the friend of Bell,

who arrived in the city Tuesday to take charge of the body of the sunposed dead man, left Thursday noon for the home in Greensboro, N. C. upon the case have acknowledged that they are puzzled over the facts in the case and are at a loss for a clew to the

vhereabouts of the two men.—Atlanta (Ga.) News. Mr. Letford is a most excellent me He will be at the Grand Ledge Camp his year.

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Once more I ask space in your valuable paper to invite the people to the coming session of the First Spiritual the round trip. These tickets are good only to leave July 17 and 31. Return limit 30 days. The Chicago rate is \$14; St. Louis, \$19.25; Indianapolis, \$12; Cincinnati, \$11.30; corresponding low pates from other points. Religious Association at New Era, Oregon. My wife and her mother are here with me helping to get the hotel and grounds ready for another one of the best meetings ever held in the sponding low rates from other points. All the roads from Chicago, New York grounds of the association. They, the best meetings, are the kind I always work for, and I always do my tory will sell low rate excursion tickets best in that direction, and the coming one bids fair to be grand and good. to Lily Dale and return, good going

June 1 to Sept. 30, return limit Octo-ber 31. Chicago rate is \$20. Ask In 1904 there were five tents on the ground; in 1905 there were eighteen, and I feel sure of many more for 1906. The hotel and cottages were well filled last year and I have reason to say they will all be full this year and I am putting, in more beds this year so I can have the hotel in readiness to entertain those who wish to patronize it. I wish I could have the editor of

The Progressive Thinker and all his staff in our lovely grounds for one week at least to see the grand old fir threes, some of them five and six feet through as they tower heavenward two hundred feet or more, and listen to the birds singing everywhere in the inclosure; robins, wrens, yellow hammers, humming birds, wild canaries, cedar birds, rain crows, etc., with now and then a pine squirrel chipping in or chasing up and down the trees; the deep dense shade, the best of well water, view of Mount Hood to the East with mighty forests and mountains intervening, with the Willamette River on the west with back ground of ferns and heavy timber; to the north a mill pond and farms on sloping hillside and farms to the sages. south, all make our camp ground a paradise indeed! It must be seen to be fully understood, and by every one entering our gates it is praised and enjoyed.

Harrison D. Barrett, president of the N. S. A., is our principal speaker, and I have been congratulated on many occasions by those who heard him last year, because we are to have

him for the coming camp-meeting.

Mrs. Ladd Finnican is well known to most if not all who attend our camp-meetings, and will be on hand as usual to demonstrate the presence of those who are now in the full enjoyment of their home in spirit. Mrs. Emma Lapworth of Seattle Washington, was with us last year

and made many friends and will be with us during the next meeting in July. She is a good medium. Mrs. Irene Smith of Tacoma, Washington, will also be one of our able as

sistants—a speaker and medium.

F. W. Underwood and wife are or the program, and others will be in attendance from time to time to assist in the good work. We want all who can do so, to com

to the New Era camp-meeting, which opens on July 8, 1906, and closes July 28, and 1 am fully persuaded that if you do come, at the close of the ses sion, you can truly say, "It was good to be here." REV. G. C. LOVE. President

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To the Editor:-The one vigorous article entitled "Suggestion," by Channing Severance, is worth to me the subscription price of The Progressive Thinker for one year, and the rest of the paper is chockful of good things, enough to keep the mind active for a long time. The whole article struck a responsive chord in my soul. My respect for the Christian religion is no greater than his. I have seen its blighting influence upon the minds of people for the past seventy-

there is any one thing more another, that I have to thank my dear old father and mother for, it is their kindness in not advising or influencing my childish mind in any way to attend a Christian Sabbath-school where my plastic mind would receive such hidcous impressions, and nure "cussedness" of God and the Devil, that old theology (or mythology) dealt out to their "victims." My maternal grandmother was the

seventh generation in direct line from Elder William Brewster that came over in the Mayflower in 1620. I suppose there's where I get my "reverence" for the "cloth," and all that it implies. Of all the frauds in the wide world, I think the Christian re-The Influence of the Zodiac Upon ligion is the greatest fraud that was ever perpetrated upon a credulous

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Carl C. Pope writes: "The Progressve Thinker, always good, grows better every week.'

Ferd C. Suhrer, corresponding sec retary of the Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission writes: "On June 24 it was good to see the liberality of so many strangers as they mingled with our members-liberal in thought and ex-Our services are as follows: Lecture and song service in the morning, at 11; lyceum work, lecture and tests from 2:30 to 3 in the after-noon, and lecture and song service at through genuine mediums, but also 8 in the evening. Different speakers the sad fact of so-called messages at every meeting who express thoughts pertaining to a higher and holier life, and tests are given in the afternoon only by competent instru-On Sunday, July 8, Orlando E. Miller, Ph. D., will address us in the morning. Mrs. Martha Price in the afternoon, and the Hon. Chas. E. Hughes in the evening. Good message bearers will give messages in the afternoon. The conundrum social by the Ladies' Aid on Saturday, July 14, tained by local mediums. An an-in our temple will be enjoyed by many. In our temple will be enjoyed by many.

The steamer City of South Haven is same grounds, which were condially and for the comforting of many who engaged for our excursion to South Haven on Saturday, July 21."

Eva L. Stewart writes: "On June 17, the Hyde Park Occult Society, listened to another very interesting lecture by Dr. C. A. Burgess. His mes- 24 Waverly Place, near Madison sages by impressions were recognized. Mrs. A. B. Wilson gave a few, which were acknowledged by those receiving them. June 24. Dr. Geo. B. Warne loctured and was heartily applauded, for all were well pleased. Mrs. E. Guckert, a stranger to all but one in the audience, gave a number of messages which were recognized. She has a fine control, and her sprightly manner of giving tests pleased all She is to be with us again soon. expect Dr. Greer to be with us on

R. Mitchell writes: "The Society of the Students of Nature held a very dies wearing Sunflower badges will be successful meeting, Sunday evening at the train with special round trip Bundruk, Sister Ricket and several other mediums gave messages. society holds developing circles and conference meetings during the summer for the benefit of the new beginners in mediumship, conducted by Sister M. Schumacher. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Society gives its monthly ice cream social, Thursday afternoon, July 5, from 2 to 5 o'clock, at 114 Loomis street. Interesting talks, messages from mediums and games for the children, with

Secretary writes: "Miss M. B. Hedrick, of 55 Herkimer street, Brooklyn, N. Y., is drawing crowded houses, and the secretary would advise all wish to attend the seances held on Sunday, Tuesday or Friday evenings, to secure seats in advance, as it is impossible to accommodate all who come. Write or 'phone to have chairs reserved. Telephone number is 2622 J. Bedford. The seances begin prompt-These meetings will be continued until further notice.

F. J. Lentsch writes from Louisville, Ky.: "We were compelled to close the church in June, 1905, owing to the illness of the regular pastor, Mrs. Mary Frances Mann. She has been suffering with nervous prostration, and has not been able to receive or see her most intimate friends for over a year; but thanks to the angel world, she is now convalescing."

Georgia Gladys Cooley concluded her two months' engagement with the First Spiritual Church of Baltimore, June 29. Her summer engagements are as follows: Meadville, Pa., July 1 to 7; Oil City, Pa., July 8; Wonewoc Camp, Wis., July 15 to 23; Forest Home. Camp, Mich., July 29 to August August 12 to end of camp.

Mrs. I. A. Hall writes: The Golden Brought. All Rule Spiritualist Society, at O'Donnell's Hall, Paulina street, near Park people will yet bow at the shrine of angel ministry. We are all naturally a grand surprise for its large audience, on Sunday evening, aspiring for something nobler and June 24. Mrs. Nora E. Hill, pastor, better." The subject of the afternoon spoke inspirational, forceful truths in discourse was 'Science and Spiritualher lecture on the Essential Principles of Life in Their Expression Here ture with messages; clear, convicing and Hereafter.' Professor Lockwood, and comforting. The session closed of scientific fame, being present, fol-with a circle Sunday evening at Camp lowed with a short address of which Etna Hotel: The consensus of all is. every word and line teemed with One of the best June meetings ever weighty thought and deepest learning. | held at Etna."

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The next in order upon the platform were Mrs. DeWolf Kizer and Mrs. E. J. Jaquet, and also Miss Clybourn and Miss Morris. President D. G. Hill continues the Sunday evening meetings during the summer menths.".

Jane Young writes: "The writer refers Will Charlton to Letters From the Spirit World, by Carlyle Peter-silea; also to 'Rending the Veil,' for an answer to his question in The Progressive Thinker of June 23. As both of these volumes are loaned out, the writer cannot give the number of the letter on 'Soul Mates.' In the secone book named, the message is de-livered by Spirit Dr. Reed, a guide of W. W. Aber. Carlyle Petersilea is very clear upon this subject. Spiritualists should avail themselves of this office, for they will not be returned Brother Francis' generous offer, and own every book on the premium list. Every book upon the list is excellent, but the Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World, (1, 2, and 3), Art Magic, Ghost Land, Religion of Man, and Letters from the Spirit World, contain a liberal education for the student on the subject of Spiritualism, and answer many very perplexing

NOT BE PUBLISHED, AS WE HAVE Lorinda G. Brown writes from PIOT SPACE SUFFICIENT FOR THAT Rockford, Ill.: "On Sunday, June 24, the two Spiritualist societies of Rockford, Ill., united in a picnic on the lovely grounds of Donald and Mrs. Mc-Dougall of West State street. A goodly number were present. The host and hostess are most hospitable,

and did all in their power to give a The guests prohome welcome to all. vided and served a sumptuous repast both for dinner and supper. The afternoon was mostly occupied in an experience meeting, large numbers giving to all the testimony that had been to them individually evidence of inter-communion of decarnate and inthrough genuine mediums, but also which bore no semblance of reality. The remarks were received with apparent pleasure, and an improvisatrice gave us several songs in a sweet, sympathetic voice, in language that was doubtless Italian, as was afterward confirmed by an Italian lady, a member of one of the societies. had quite a lengthy visit later in their native tongue. A goodly number stayed after supper, and were entertendered for afternoon and evening of July 15, 1906."

Mrs. Slosson, the well-known medium, is permanently located at No. street, where she will be pleased to have her friends call on her.

Mrs. A. Turbett writes: "The Band of Harmony will meet at the residence f Mrs. L. Goodrich, 534 East avenue, Oak Park, afternoon and evening, on Thursday, July 5. Card party in the afternoon.

The Cook County SPIRITUALISTS' PICNIC, at Lake Bluff, July 4, will be a most enjoyable affair. Arrangements have been made with the C. & N. W. R. R. for special cars on the train which leaves Chicago at 10:30 tickets for 75 cents. The best talent in Cook county will be present and take part in the programme. Come out and renew your youth, receive spiritual refreshment and have a good ime. All Spiritualists and their friends are cordially invited. Bring your lunch. Coffee and ice cream will

be served. Dr. Beverly writes: "Our picnic was a grand success. All enjoyed the spread upon the grass where all were at one table. Free lemonade with an abundant repast satisfied the inner man. Twenty-five prizes were awarded at the races. All enjoyed the fun. The people formed into a large circle. Many speeches and tests were enjoyed till a late hour. The place was difficult to find, so our next will be more accessible. Hope all will come and enjoy the outings for body, mind and spirit. Our meetings at Arlington Hall, 31st street and Indiana avenue, will be continued all summer. We begin at 3 and close at 10 p. m. We have some of the finest talent that can be procured. The humble and obedient shall eat of the Good of this

happy land." Mary Drake Jenne writes: "The an-nual June meeting of the First Maine State Spiritualist Association, held at Camp Etna, June 15, 16 and 17, was one of the most successful in the history of the association. Edgar W. Em erson of Manchester, N. H., did most excellent work. The lecture Friday afternoon was well attended and appreciated by an intelligent audience Friday evening a social meeting was held in the pavilion. Saturday afternoon Mr. Emerson's guides gave a masterly address. In the evening a conference was held in the pavilion, after which a public circle was formed 5: M. V. S. A. Camp, Clinton, Iowa, at Camp Etna Hotel. Saturday morning the attendance was large. ism.' The guides followed each lec-

Dr. GEO. B. WARNE WRITES: SOME ILLINOIS SOCIETY, OR ONE ADJACENT TO CHICAGO, MIGHT BE GLAD TO KNOW THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF MRS. R. S. LILLIE FOR EITHER, OR BOTH, SUNDAYS JULY 8 AND 15. LET ME KNOW AT ONCE AT 4203 EVANS AVENUE, CHICAGO, IF YOU WISH TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR THIS GIFTED INSPIRATIONAL WORKER. SHE WILL BE EASTWARD BOUND NEXT MONTH FOR THE SUMMER'S ITIN-ERARY TO THE SUMMER CAMPS, AND THE CHICAGO CONVENTION OF THE N. S. A., OCTOBER 16-19."

TOPIC FOR THE PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM.

Sunday, July 8, 1006: "Temperance."

Gem of Thought___

Temperance is total abstinence from all things injurious and the moderate use of all things necessary. For information concerning the

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

Mrs. L. Lee writes from Worcester, Ass.: "I have enjoyed The Progress ive Thinker greatly, and am taking all the numbers along with me to my new address, to interest and instruct friends and acquaintances. I am delighted at your stand against the fraudulent element in Spiritualism."

Mrs. Julia Craig writes: "Several years ago a friend loaned me that preclous little book, 'Gates Ajar,' by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. What a world of new thoughts it revealed to me, and how eagerly I read and re-read it, and ever since have been filled with a deyouring thirst for more knowledge."

Eula Golden writes: "The Spiritual Research Society of Flint, Ind., held four very successful meetings last week, with W. J. Erwood as lecturer. To say he is a fine speaker is putting it mildly. His pleasing ways can not help but delight some of the most skeptical. The meetings were well attended and have resulted in much good.'

Mrs. Maggie Henry writes: '"At Spiritual Mission Chapel (Old 77), we had a large and attentive audience. Prof. Stoller is a fine speaker, and always interests his audience. We had messages from a number of visiting mediums and psychometrists, two of whom had never appeared in public before; also readings from your correspondent, and answers to personal questions for every one in the audience by the Professor. Services every Sunday evening."

Mrs. Mary A. Price, of Washington, D. C., will be at Lily Dale camp during the month of August, where she hopes to greet the many friends she found at the City of Light Assembly last year. She will be able to make engagements with societies for work as lecturer and test medium; after September 1.

The Muncie Morning Star speaks of Miss Wertz, who is engaged at the Chesterfield Camp, as follows: "Miss Chesterfield Camp, as follows: Wertz received much applause at the close of her solo, "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," by Haydn, and finally responded to the encore with a little song, "The Four Leafed Clover." is the daughter of Mrs. J. A. Wertz, whose articles have often appeared in The Progressive Thinker.

Rebecca Still writes: "I wish to exthat has come to me through The Progressive Thinker and the premium books. They have given me knowledge that I could not get elsewhere."

J. F. McClure writes from Denver, Col.: "Mrs: M. Tinsley is one of our good trumpet mediums and is doing sincerely desire to commune with their own beloved ones on the spirit side of life "

Mrs. Lease has been at the Chesterfield Camp, and delivered several lectures. She is a remarkable woman, her eloquence is unsurpassed. She lectured there June 24, 26 and 28.

M. S. Snow writes: "The Light Seekers of Bemidji, Minn., have been furnished spiritual food for the last week by Mr. H. Hegdahl of Minneapolis, missionary sent out by the State Spiritualist Association. The few met in the courthouse under the statue of the Goddess of Justice, and we all felt that he gave the cause justice, taking all matters into consideration, conditions, etc. It seems strange there is so little interest taken in the cause of Spiritualism. Mr. Hegdahl

is a young man of refinement." Divine Spiritual Church holds meet-Sunday afternoon and evening at 2:30 and 7:30, in Hygeia Hall, corner Ogden avenue and Robey All welcome Rev. Lucy A. Hodge Koontz, pastor.

AN EXPLANATION.

To the Editor:—Having received different communications concerning my action in signing the Folsom-Stewart endorsement at Des Moines ast January, and learning that such action has been understood as an affront to the N. S. A., I desire to say that in signing the article referred to I meant no affront whatever to the N d. A. or its officers; neither did mean to condemn the action of the St. Louis committee, nor to endorse what the mediums did in St. Louis which I know nothing about. only the most hearty good will toward the N. S. A., and its officers, and only meant to express my approval of that particular seance in Des Moines which looked all right to me. "Only that and nothing more."
DR. JULIAN P. JOHNSON.

Ottumwa, Iowa, June 28, 1906.

PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

[Obituaries 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.]

Passed to spirit life, June 16, Dr. Walter Ethington See. Dr. See was vell known several years ago as a magnetic healer and medium at Lily Dale, N. Y., and other places. He was beloved by all who knew him. His funeral was ably conducted by Mrs. Clara Watson, of Jamestown, N. Y. JULIA SEE SMEAD.

Mrs. Marrila Chapman departed his life, June 13, in Grand Ledge, Mich. She had passed her ninetieth birthday; had been a Spiritualist many years. Mrs. A. E. Sheets officiated at the funeral.

"Immortality, its Naturalness, its Possibilities and Proofs." By J. M. Peebles, M. A., M. D., Ph. D., Contains he address rejected by the Philosophical Society of Great Britain, with Intro duction and Explanatory Letter. Price 10 cents.

THE 20TH CENTURY COLUMBUS. A Visit to His Cligrming Headquarters

History gives the place of honor to the ploneer, either in discovering new territory or softling and improv-ing the lands others have discovered, or to those who make new and useful discoveries in the realm of science. The achievement of Christipher Columbus will always give undying glory to his name. , ;

Today, a modern Columbus dwells in Ponca City, Oklahoma, and although not hampered as Was the great Christopher, he is engaged in a great work that will make free millions yet unborn, and point out with certainty a direct road to knowledge that will be clear from the errors of past ages and paved with demonstrable facts. Dr. Peter Pearson lives in peace with all the world, communing with

Nature as she speaks in the flowers that shine like living jewels around his dwelling. In a garden of exqusite beauty and unique design his dwelling is located, and in his treating room, charts of wonderful design and diagrams revealing his profound researches, hang upon the wall. In the manuscript which he is engaged upon for the enlightenment of humanity, the Doctor is constructing a Ship of Knowledge that will safely bear the future truth seeker across the Sea of Thought, beyond the billows of controversy, to the Evergreen Islands of Truth, where the Sun of Fact shines undimmed on fertile fields that await the student free from superstition and

Psycho-Harmonial Philosophy and Correlated Therapy is the name of this forthcoming book, and a careful investigation of its claims will reveal to the inquirier that this system of philosophy will raise the human family to such a high plane of existence that disease cannot exist there. Each individual of the great army of humanity will there find their harmonious relation to all things in the universe, according to their place on the scale of vibration.

bias, and whose highest desire is more

It is the key to universal wisdom.
When the Psycho-Harmonial Philosophy is understood and applied by all, unsuitable marriages will be impossible; hence a perfectly tuned piano in the parlor should be the judgment bar before which Cupid could, with due respect for existing conditions, plead his cause. It is before this bar of eternal justice, sounding the music of the spheres that the two contracting parties stand together in harmony, or asunder in discord."

(Chapter 8, page 71, Psycho-Harmonial Philosophy and Correlated Therany.)

Spirit circles by this great system will be placed on such foundation that failure will be impossible. By a number of simple devices dr. Pearson demonstrates his system for which the term theory is inappropriate

Ponca City, Oklasi

The Cause at Macomb, Ill. We have a fine, spiritual church here at Macomb, Ill., built by the late

J. D. Munger, and it was to be dedisated May 22, all'arrangements being made by him, and the speakers engaged. He was called to the other life before his work was entirely completed, leaving the church affairs in an unsettled condition. His funeral discourse was the first one delivered in the church, which was conducted by Mrs. Georgia G. Cooley, just one month from the time set for the dedication by him. There was a large attendance, and her address was spoken of by the enemies to Spiritualism, as the best funeral sermon ever delivered in Macomb, and they supposed she was the best speaker that the Spiritualists could produce, and the only one worth hearing, but they now think there are five years. many more after hearing Mr. and Mrs. If Sprague, who were with us two weeks anoth the last of April and fore part of May. The church was filled to overflowing. They both worked with a will, and presented the truths of Spiritualism in such a beautiful way, that it was the main topic of conversation. seeds sown by them will bring forth much fruit. They are earnest workers in the cause, and we look forward to having them with us again this fall. Brother Sprague organized a society and helped straighten up the affairs of the church, and it is owing to his efforts that we now hold the deed to the Spiritual Temple. We also had Dr. George B. Warne with us the 17th and 18th of June. He gave good satisfaction, and we all feel glad that we have had the pleasure of hearing the president of the State Spiritualist

MRS. MATTIE BURNHAM.

HE IS NOT DEAD.

'Prather Bell Is Not Dead," Says Geo. A. Letford, of Chicago-He Is Known as the Drummer Medium. "Prather Bell is not dead," says

George A. Letford, of Chicago, a well known traveling man who arrived at the Marion Hotel Thursday morning. I have just read an account of his mysterious disappearance in the pa-pers and my Spiritualist powers tell' me neither he nor his companion are dead. They are now in Mississippi traveling west. They will be heard from after several weeks of a good time.'

George Letford gave an alleged so lution of the famous Sophie Kloeckler case at Lakewood a few years ago. At that time he predicted the finding of the body, and that drowning was the result of momentary insanity. About a year ago, he says, he assisted the authorities of Tallahassee, Fla., in solving the mysterious Epps case and upon his description of the negroes who afterward proved toobe the murderers, they were convicted and sentenced.

Mr. Letford was dound at his room at the Marion Hotel Thursday afternoon and was emphatical in his state-ments that Bell was alive. He de-scribed at some length each of the two missing men, sating that one was a married man and that the object of the pair in playing the practical joke was to permit of their taking a trip was to perint of their thang a trip through the country. While in a trance Mr. Letford plainly saw the couple enjoying themselves on a freight train going west and correctly

lescribed each of them. 9 David P. Stern, the friend of Bell, who arrived in the city Tuesday to take charge of the body of the sup-posed dead man, left Thursday noon for the home in Greensboro, N. C. The detectives who have been working upon the case have acknowledged that they are nuzzled over the facts in the case and are at a loss for a clew to the whereabouts of the two men.—Atlanta

Mr. Letford is a most excellent me-ium. He will be at the Grand Ledge Camp his year.

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It Intends to Surge Ahead This Year.

Once more I ask space in your valuable paper to invite the people to the coming session of the First Spiritual Religious Association at New Era, Oregon. My wife and her mother are here with me helping to get the hotel and grounds ready for another one of the best meetings ever held in the grounds of the association. They, the best meetings, are the kind I always work for, and I always do my best in that direction, and the coming one bids fair to be grand and good. In 1904 there were five tents on the

ground; in 1905 there were eighteen. and I feel sure of many more for 1906. The hotel and cottages were well filled last year and I have reason to say they will all be full this year and I am putting, in more beds this year so I can have the hotel in readiess to entertain those who wish to natronize it. I wish I could have the editor of

The Progressive Thinker and all his staff in our lovely grounds for staff in our lovely grounds for one week at least to see the grand old fir threes, some of them five and six feet through as they tower heavenward two hundred feet or more, and listen to the birds singing everywhere in the inclosure; robins, wrens, yellow hammers, humming birds, wild canaries, cedar birds, rain crows, etc., with now and then a pine squirrel chipping chasing up and down the trees; the deep dense shade, the best of well water, view of Mount Hood to the East with mighty forests and mountains intervening, with the Willamette River on the west with back ground of ferns and heavy timber; to the north a mill pond and farms on sloping hillside and farms to south, all make our camp ground a paradise indeed! It must be seen to be fully understood, and by every one entering our gates it is praised and enjoyed.

Harrison D. Barrett, president of the N. S. A., is our principal speaker, and I have been congratulated on many occasions by those who heard him last year, because we are to have

him for the coming camp-meeting.

Mrs. Ladd Finnican is well known to most if not all who attend our camp-meetings, and will be on hand as usual to demonstrate the presence of those who are now in the full enjoyment of their home in spirit. Mrs. Emma Lapworth of Seattle Washington, was with us last year and made many friends and will be

with us during the next meeting in She is a good medium. Mrs. Irene Smith of Tacoma, Washngton, will also be one of our able as sistants—a speaker and medium.

F. W. Underwood and wife are or the program, and others will be in at-

the good work. We want all who can do so, to come to the New Era camp-meeting, which opens on July 8, 1906, and closes July 28, and I am fully persuaded that if you do come, at the close of the session, you can truly say, "It was good to be here." REV. G. C. LOVE. President

tendance from time to time to assist in

"SUGGESTION."

It Struck a Responsive Chord in His Soul.

To the Editor:-The one vigorous article entitled "Suggestion," by Channing Severance, is worth to me the subscription price of The Progressive Thinker for one year, and the rest of the paper is chockful of good things, enough to keep the mind active for a long time. The whole article struck a responsive chord in my My respect for the Christian religion is no greater than his. I have seen its blighting influence upon the minds of people for the past seventythere is any one thing more

another, that I have to thank my dear old father and mother for, it is their kindness in not advising or influencing my childish mind in any way to attend a Christian Sabbath-school where my plastic mind would receive such hidoous impressions, and pure "cussedness" of God and the Devil, that old theology (or mythology) dealt out to

My maternal grandmother was the seventh generation in direct line from Elder William Brewster that came over in the Mayflower in 1620. I suppose there's where I get my "rever ence" for the "cloth," and all that is implies. Of all the frauds in the wide world, I think the Christian re- The Influence of the Zodiac Upon ligion is the greatest fraud that was ever perpetrated upon a credulous

I'm glad to see the stand you take in exposing the frauds in our ranks as well as anywhere else. Show them up so they will be obliged to take to 'the woods' to 'screen themselves from the gaze of an outraged public. You cannot fail to gain the and have the moral help of all honest men and women on both sides of the "divide." May you long live to bat-tle against the mythical Gods that have enslaved men's minds so long, and all the wrongs that afflict church and state and social life. With the best wishes for you and yours, and honesty in all departments of life. Stowe, Vt. O. M. AMBLER.

ANGELS CAN GIVE US RELIEF.

In the noontide of glory the heart beats with joy, The pulses leap wild with delight,

And hope holds a cup without any al-So we sup and no grief is in sight But, oh! when deep sorrow turns over the leaf.

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Located at Grand Ledge, Michigan.

This favorite place of resort will have the following speakers this year: July 22-10:30 a. m., address of welcome by Oscar A. Edgerly of Lynn, Mass.; 2:30 p. m., lecture by Mrs. A. E. Sheets of Grand Ledge, Mich. July 24-2:30 p. m., lecture by Mrs. A. E. Sheets, July 25—2:30 p. m., lecture by Mrs. A. E. Sheets.

July 26-2:30 p. m., lecture by Mrs. A. E. Sheets. July 27-2:30 p. m., lecture by Mrs. A. E. Sheets. July 28-2:30 p. m., lecture by Mrs. A. E. Sheets.

July 29-10:30 a. m., lecture by Oscar A. Edgerly; 2:30 p. m., lecture by Oscar A. Edgerly, followed by messages.

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Oscar A. Edgerly. Messages, August 2—2:30 p. m., lecture by Oscar A. Edgerly. Messages,
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Mrs. Marian Carpenter of Detroit, August 12—10:30 a. m., lecture by Mrs. Marian Carpenter; 2:30 p. m., lecture by Mrs. Marian Carpenter, followed by messages.
August 14—2:30 p. m., lecture by

Mrs. Marian Carpenter. Messages. August 15—National Spiritualists Association Day; 2:30 p. m., lecture and messages by Mrs. Marian Carpen-August 16-2:30 p. m., lecture and

messages by Mrs. Marian Carpenter. August 17—2:30 p. m., lecture and messages by Oscar A. Edgerly. August 18—2:30 p. m., lecture by Elizabeth Harlow of Columbus, Ohio. August 19-10:30 a. m., lecture by Elizabeth Harlow; 2:30 p. m., lecture by Elizabeth Harlow.

This program subject to change. The program for the forenoons, Sundays and Mondays excepted, will be varied and interesting, consisting of mediums' meetings, conferences, etc. Mediums who are developing, as well as others, will have an opportunity to participate. These exercises are a great aid to those expecting to take up the work.

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NOTE—The Questions and Answers have called forth such a host of respondents, that to give all equal hearing compile the argument to be mode to ing compels the answers to be made in the most condensed form, and often and earth Horatio, that clearness is perhaps sacrificed to this of in your philosophy." forced brevity. Proofs have to be omitted, and the style becomes thereby assertive, which of all things is to be deprecated. Correspondents often weary with waiting for the appearance of their questions and write letters of in-The supply of matter is always several weeks ahead of the space given, and hence there is unavoidable delay. Every one has to wait his time and place, and all are treated with equal

NOTICE.—No attention will be given anonymous letters. Full name and address must be given, or the letters will not be read. If the request he made, the name will not be published. The correspondence of this department has become excessively large, especially letters of inquiry requesting private, answers, and while I freely give whatever-information I am able, the ordinary courtesy of correspondents is expected. HUDSON TUTTLE.

H. J. Smith: Q. In "Letters from Julia," by the well known English author, W. T. Stead, claiming to be written by his hand automatically there is an account of the spirit Julia meeting with Jesus, which, if true, would tend to controvert the claim of The Progressive Thinker that he was only an ideal creature, evolved through the ages. I would like an exevolved planation; if possible, of this apparent

contradiction.

A. The genuineness of the automatic writings of Mr. Stead cannot be questioned, nor his honesty of purpose. In his position, to make the claim of being a medium, and even conservatively advocate Spiritualism, was to throw down the gauntlet to a horde of detractors and bigoted critics; yet all Spiritual communications must be judged by the same impar-tial rules that apply to the writings of authors in mortal life. The dictum of the most exalted-must not be taken as authoritive beyond the measure of its demonstration.

There has been many instances trance wherein the subjects have seen Jesus, the apostles, and even God, and were thoroughly convinced that they were not deceived. Those who have such visions are without exception, full believers in religious dog-mas, and they see just what they believe; their thoughts become objective. "Julia," as shown by her writings, is intensely religious, with perings, is intensely religious, with per-fect faith in the church teachings, and controlled by her emotions. A quota the matrix of the intellect, "the false as vividly as a photograph her feature. This is her description of her meeting with Lagran.

meeting with Jesus:
"Then I heard a voice. I did not "Then I heard a voice. I did not see whence it came, or who spoke: Julia, He who saved thee would fain speak with thee." I listened, but no words other than these were spoken. "Then I said, "Who is it that speaks?" and, behold, a flaming fire-realy like fire though in human shape! Then he spoke and I was afraid. Then he spoke and said: 'Be not afraid, it is I who am appointed to teach thee the secret of "vicarious atonement," which vacsaid: 'Be not afraid, it is I who am

said: 'Beloved, in my Father's house are many mansions; here am I whom you have loved so long. 'I have prepared a place for you.'
'And in the midst of it all was He,

my Lord and Savior. He was as a man among men. He was full of wonderful sweet mildness, which you are acquainted with in some of the pictures that have been painted by the Italian, Fra Angelico. * * And he loves us with such a tender love! His, name is Love; it is what He is-Love,

From whatever source, this passage bears within itself its refutation. Jesus was either man or god. If god, then when his object in coming back to earth 2,000 years ago, having been accomplished, it is not in reason to suppose he is yet a personality awaiting each of the millions of new-comers into heaven. If a man, it is not possible he should thus receive the hosts of arisen spirits in this personal

manner.
In this interview, he has after 2,000 years of growth, and as representative of the most exalted, expressed himself in Bible phraseology, and reiterated platitudes, like a school-boy his lesson; not a new thought greets the ecstatic Julia, who at last resolves the personality into intangible Love—as an individualization of Love!

Even the face she sees is that painted by Italian artists—an ideal face, for no portrait was made of Jesus, and the artists each painted according to his fancy of what Jesus should be. That she saw him, as these paintings represent him, of itself discredits her claim, and demonstrates that it was purely subjective—that is dependent on her belief.

Perhaps she gives the key further on when she says that spirits create with their thoughts and desires. They clothe themselves by simply desiring the world has ever known is becoming to appear in any form of raiment, and have by the wishing. If this be new fact of phenomena and philoso-true, then the desire to see Jesus phy, swells the interest of the thinkwould be self-responded to, and the subjective would be confounded with

If she met and held conversation with Jesus, he would have spoken as a real, and not as she fancied. This Jesus played the role she thought he should, not what he would had his appearance been real.

just as she would in this life, had she the revelation of reserve power, etc. failen into trance. In either case she would mistake her own thoughts and beliefs as tangible objects.

tion, and explains many other apparent contradictions.

Jesus existed as claimed by the evangelists, or of Julia's identity or honesty. It is simply, did she see him as she claims? The only evidence she gives in this passage, and this proves when analyzed that she did not see the real, only an embodiment of her fancy.

Perhaps the force of this criticism may be made more apparent, if in place of Jesus, that of an eminent man be substituted. A spirit comes to us and we ask: "Have you ever

mst Shakspeare in Spirit?"
"Yes," is the answer.
"What did he say to you? How

did he appear?"
"Well, he almost perfectly resembled the portraits you have of him. He sat down by me, and he said: There are more things in heaven and earth Horatio, than are dreamt

'Anything more?' Then we would reply: "We do not doubt your honesty. You may firmly believe your naw the spirit of Shak-speare, but you have been duped by an overwiought imagination, or denelved by some joke-loving spirit who

has impersonated the great poet."
This conclusion would not affect, or be affected by; the question of Shakspeare's existence, or whether Bacon was the real poet. It would only involve the credibility of the spirit pur-porting to communicate. If a spirit would prove to us that it has met Jesus in the after life, it must bring some message worthy of the name and not have him reiterate threadbare platitudes, which he is said to have uttered 2,000 years ago.

"SPIRITUALISM IN PITTSBURG.

A Roseate Picture Drawn of the Cause There by:Professor W. M. Lockwood -High Encomiums Paid the Workers There The New Place of Meeting, and the Potent Effects It Will Have. 100 offer

Pittsburg at the present time is in the labor of political parturition, and seems anxious to born to itself a daughter of hopeful promise, already named Allegheny. With this addition of territory to its body, social and politic, with this legalization of domestic ties in political gestation, we confidently expect to see it take its place as the third city on the map of population, as it is already the second city of the United States in commercial and manufacturing industries. With the acquisition of Allegheny, other burgs and boroughs adjoining the main city, whose interests are closely allied and imical to the great center of iron and steel manufacture, will readily fall into line and be grafted by gemination into the great economic palor of the parent city, swelling its

population, and extending its local boundaries to the surprise line of its most ambitious citizen. With all of the changes imanent in the mental laboratory of its political magnates, others of greater impor-tance to the social and ethical welfare of its populace have been gradually developing in the realm of progressive thought among the people. This men-

redity and schism from a pagan age.
The people who think, living in Pittsburg, no less than in other large cities, are awakening to this fact, and clergy are in a state of heretical fer-ment, and in feverish sarcasm assail the dogmas of ancient poesy upon the "fall of man," "the immaculate conception of a God," who acted like oth-

ngs of God?'
Then the bright flame One said to cine virus required 325 years to fester into appearance, and which the people when I looked I saw him. He was sit-ting on a seat close to me, and He tics for its supposed immunity from sin, than for any psychological or mental change, apparent in society or the individual.

With all of their data in evidence the mind that thinks, sees in the scientific aspect of Modern Spiritualism
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While the Spiritual movement in Pitsburg originated several years ago, its present status seems to be the culmination of the united effort of C. L. Stevens, the president of the society, and his able and energetic co-workers, who, through a period of ten years or more, have united their hearts and hands to this work, with a fidelity born of clear psychic vision, and a determination to plant the standard of Spiritualism upon proofs phenomenal and scientific, and to unfurl its banner of love to all mankind so that its guiding star to all inquiring intellects.

To carry on a movement like this, amid the dissensions of ecclesiastica dogma from without and conflicting opinions from within, requires in its official management tact, diplomacy, a deep appreciation of justice due to each factor, and a sympathy for all that is born of noble aspiration and kindly intent.

Brother Stevens and his board of rustees have been singularly success ful in this work, and are now located in their elegant church edifice on Bouquet street, which the magnificent generosity of Mrs. Sophia Meyram, Mrs. Catherine Maul and Mrs. C. L. Stevens has freed from its debt of purchase, and made an academy of scientific inquiry as well as a church for the ever-increasing numbers of investigators. That the clergy of Pittsburg see in this movement the leaven of ecclesiastical dogmas, and the day-dawn of the greatest truth more and more apparent, and every ers and wise men of Greater Pitts-burg, in the only philosophy of continued existence recorded on the tab-

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FROM ENGLAND.

Illustrating How Legerdemain Descelved the Good People There.

Thinker, Spiritualists in this country to deceive the public.1 are would be unaware of the great ex- In England Eldred was a great me tent which Legerdeniain, deception dium. For a time no one suspected of Baltimore; and he has been sen- conceal his parapherndia. tenced to the penitentlary for three The following additional account of

tricksters are! Expose one of their Spiritualist paper: 3 our west blutch I have

from Nottingham, and were left for further meetings, he suggested to Mr. Brailey that he ought to try his pay-

chometric powers on the chair. . Won-

derful sensitive as he is, Mr. Brailey

said that during the sittings he had had no suspicion of the genuineness

of the manifestations, having accepted

them in good faith. The chair had been carefully packed away with the

cabinet, but at the instigation of his

friends there were unpacked by Mu

Brailey, and, placing his hand upon

the chair, he said, pointing to the back

of it: "There is a secret compartment here!"

This statement was proved to b

in the back a small keyhole was found

deeply embedded and well covered up

by the plushette material. Mr. Brai-

ley communicated his discovery to Mr.

Lobb, who had been one of the circle

and he, knowing my interest in the case, telephoned to me. A key was

photograph was taken showing the se

feen inches by two inches.

ret compartment, which measures fif-

to put a stop, at the next meeting, to any further fraud. I was asked by

Mr. Lobb (who had to go out of town) to arrange a method of trapping the

was made and the chair was particu-

larly noted. It was found that the

more pronounced, and the sensitive

referred to, Mr. Drew, on psychome-

trizing it, assured those present that

it contained some very suspcious ar-

panel in the back of the chair fell for-

ward, the space being completely

packed with articles necessary for faking "spirit forms."

It was then found that the secret

recess contained a collapsible dummy

head, made of pink stockinet, with

flesh colored mask (with pieces of stockinet gummed over the eye

holes); the loose stockinet was doubt-

less used to represent the shrunken

skin at the neck; six pieces of fine

white China silk containing in all

thirteen yards; two pieces of fine black cloth (doubtless used in the so-

called dematerializations); three beards of various shades; two wigs,

one white and one grey; an extending

metal coat-hanger for suspending drapery to represent the second form,

with an iron hook on which to hang

the form; a small flash electric lamp

with four yards of wire with switch

which could be used when the medium

was away from the cabinet to produce

so-called spirit lights within; a bottle

As soon as the members had gone

into the seance room, I, anticipating any difficulty there might be in deal-

ing with the culprits, entered the

house, accompanied by a sympathetic

and most shrewd friend who is a

member of the public detective serv-

ice, and who entered the room just as

this discovery was made.

of scent, pins, etc.

dupes.

there just before the seance.

which must have been placed

and the upholstered

The

We determined after this discovery

made which opened the lock, and a

Were it not for The Progressive tricks, and others are at once invented

and fraud has fastened itself on our his deception, antliches went along beloved Cause. The Government offi- swimmingly. Finally "Suspicion was cials got after Dr. T. White, a medium aroused—he using a chair to carefully

Eldred and his villainy in England, is How subtle, how treacherous these taken from Light of London, a leading

When I last addressed you'I did not sent for, and the enclosure opened; a think it would so soon be my painful duty to record the confirmation of the key was made, and the chair carefully put back for the second seance, which strong suspicions expressed in my let-ter contained in "Light," of January was to be held on Monday night last, March 5. After a consultation we resolved to photograph the chair and its 27 last, regarding the alleged materializations by Mr. Eldred, of Notting-ham; for on account of that report 1 open space and await results. I communicated with Dr. Abraham Wallace, have been precluded from attending of Harley street, .W., and arranged further seances given by him. for some strong men to be present in further seances given by him.

At a meeting held on the evening of meeting held on the evening of monday last, the bth inst. at the house of Mr. Ronald Brailey, in Baywater, the nefarious trickery of Mr. Ellis, said plush chair, and demanded the key; falling to obtain it, we opened said plush chair, and demanded the key; failing to obtain it, we opened was completely exposed.

The week previously some interesting phenomena were said to have taken place which astonished most of the view of all, were the draperies, which astonished most of the view of all, were the draperies, which astonished most of the view of all, were the draperies, which astonished most of the view of all, were the draperies, which are the draperies, which are the draperies, which are the draperies, which are the draperies, and the control of the view of all, were the draperies, and the control of the view of all, were the draperies, and the control of the view of all, were the draperies and the view of all were the view of all we

the sitters, but among these was a masks, false balrietce, which had been friend of Mr. Bralley's, whom I know to be a gentleman possessing a well-balanced judgment and keen critical Eldred at once owned up. No landary the sitters which had been critical Eldred at once owned up. No landary well-balanced judgment and keen critical Eldred at once owned up. No landary was a sixty of the content o powers. He, however, does not wish me to mention his name. This gentleman expressed to Mr. Brailey his suspicions, and after the seance, learning that the calinet and chair used by Mr. Eldred had been sent from Nattingham and were left for

I am aware that frauds are to be found in all departments of life. In the first church of twelve, with the Christ at the head, there was a fraud, and I suppose we must expect them even in Spiritualism; 1...

In company with Or. Wallace I brought away all the draperies, mask,

hair, etc., and we have arranged that the same shall be retained at the of-

My attention having been called to the reported appearances of our dear and honored friend, the late Mr. Thomas Everitt, at Mr. Eldred's true by subsequent examination, and ances, I recently asked Mrs. Everitt if peared there, and she replied that Mr. W. J. Leeder of a Nottingham, had asked permission to put the question to her guides. She consented, and her husband, speaking in the direct voice, emphatically declared that he had not materialized at Mr. Eldred's se-ances or anywhere else

KATE TAYLOR ROBINSON. -

ARREST MEDIUMS ASEVAGRANTS. An Outrage That Should Arouse Spiritualists Everywhere,

culprits. Several of the sitters at the approaching sitting on Monday were informed of the discovery. I asked one or two good Spiritualists to be present, and I knew of a good claif voyant who arranged to assist. The seance having been opened in the usual manner a search of the medium. fortune-telling. The case was to come up in the police court on May 26, but ual manner, a search of the medium was changed to Justice Davis' court stuffing of the back of the chair was

on May 3.
Miss Rice was represented by her counsel, and the First Spiritual Society also engaged Judge McNeny to defend her, as it was looked upon as a

Walter Hall, president of the First Society; Mr. Little, president of the State Spiritualist Association of Washington, and also president of the Seattle Psychic Society; Rev. Harry J. Moore, who was then lecturing for the First Society, and Miss Rice herself, were examined as witnesses for

the defense. The city had one witness, the Police Clerk, who obtained the reading on which the complaint was made. The prosecution also offered in evi-

dence the sign taken from Miss Rice's After a long and fair hearing, counsel for the defense made their arguments to the effect that the law was passed to reach an entirely different class, and that mediums—the ministers of Spiritualism—should not be classed with vagrants of the type contemplated by the law in question; further, that if it was held that the law applied to mediums it would be inconstitutional, inasmuch as it conflicted with the religious rights under the State and National Constitutions.

Justice Davis said that under the law he had no option, but must convict, but that for the purpose of having the Supreme Court pass on the question of constitutionality, he would place Miss Rice under bonds to keep the peace for three months. Thus outcome was a virtual victory for Spiritualism.

Notice of appeal was at once given

fense League, and expect to make it

rested-one, Mrs. Reis; being kept in

Miss Rice has been seriously ill as

and Messrs. Hall and Foster signed On being challenged with the the bonds. fraud, Mr. Eldred confessed his guilt Strange to say, though, on the fol-lowing Saturday, Miss Rice received a and handed over the key to the secret compartment. Instead of charging telephone message from Mr. Hall that the two individuals we tempered with he declined to go any further with the mercy our sense of horror, disgust, and indignation at such infamous pro-However, a number of friends met and engaged Judge Naylor of Everett

ceedings. I requested the return of the money taken, which I must say to carry the case up to the Supreme Court. The time for hearing has not was promptly done, and I confiscated the dummy articles, which are now in been set at this date (Jane 20), but the office of "Light" for inspection. we are engaged in raising the necessa-I hope this discovery will prevent ry cash to defray the expenses, and if any further attempts to prey upon pecessary will take the matter to the the most sacred feelings of their fel-Supreme Court, and also fight to relow mortals, many of whom have hithpeal the law in the Legislature, if it is held to be constitutional and to aperto been their too unsuspecting

ply to mediums. .9v es Some of our daily pagers, notable I am sure all true investigators will feel indebted to the critical faculty of the Star, have done what they could to ridicule Spiritualism, and ito manufacthe gentleman referred to, and especially to the psychometric powers of ture public sentiment against us, but that justly respected medium and conthe Times and News have treated us more fairly. W (11

All we want is fair treatment. We scientious worker in the cause, Mr. Ronald Brailey.

A. WALLACE, M. D. will do the rest. de di We have formed a Spiritualist's De-

It is with much pain I have to in-form your readers that Spiritualism to a permanent institutions to change public sentiment and toods the fightis to-day face to face with a disgraceful ing outside of our chartered societies. D. D. Foster, 112 1/2 Pelse St., Seattle, raud in the person of Mr. Charles Eldred, of Nottingham. We are in-debted to the spirit world, through Mr. is secretary.
Other mediums have also been ar-Ronald Brailey, the clairvoyant, for the discovery of the method by which the cleverly arranged, wicked fraud has been perpetrated. On February to all who were available for the purtied to a respect to the control of the purtied to a control of the purties to all who were available for the purties the purties to a control of t 22. Mrs. Lobb and myself were invited to a seance at Mr. Brailey's pose. The authorities seemed to get three being the medium. A few days offer 1 200 bender so discharged her are the search and the search are the search at the being the medium. A few days after the seance Mr. Brailey was impressed to examine the chair which had been used and left there by Mr. Eldred, and his clairvoyant powers enabled him to discover a space in the high back, large enough to contain a suit of an effect of this trouble, and has been clothes, that could be hidden away under the plush. A locksmith was persuaded by her friends to make a

SOMETHING ABOUT CRYSTOLA.

Mr. J. W. Ring Draws a Vivid Picture of the Locality, Paying a High Tribute of Respect to Hon. H. C.

To the Readers of The Progressive Thinker:—My esteemed sisters and brothers, our mittal friend, the ed-itor, has, after much thought and deliberation, granted space in the valuable educator. The Progressive Thinker, for me to briefly outline the objects of the venerable Spiritualist, Henry Clay Childs, founder of the Crystola Estate. In your thought upon this subject and the action you may take, you will in no way hold the editor responsible, until the rich bless ings of Crystola make you comfortable in worldly things and happy in spiritual blessings; then say with thought of blessing, "The Progressive Thinker with its worthy editor called this matter to my attention."

In 1872, H. C. Childs, a prominent public character in the early days of Illinois, member of the Constitutional Convention of Illinois in 1861, and twice elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of that state, a publisher and editor, a personal friend and ardent supporter of Abraham Lincoln, a thorough democrat, always fighting for the rights of the masses and a profoundly religious man, illuminated by the Harmonial Philosophy of the great teacher, Andrew Jackson Davis; settled in the historic Ute Pass, eleven miles west of Manitou, on the northern slope of Pike's Peak, and within eighteen miles, air line, of the now renowned The years that followed bore expe-

riences with the then wild country, and rugged frontiersmen, often times Indians, which need not here be more than mentioned to bring before the reader a life of hazard and sacrifice. Suffice to say that aside from run-ning saw mills, lime kilns, rock quarand otherwise battling with the wilds of the country, he studied well the formation of the mighty mountains, reading with experienced eye the of the hills, and acquired title to the two thousand acres composing what was then called "Childs' Ranch," the now "Crystola Estate." true prophet of Cripple Creek, taking direct issue with the employed experts who declared the pretended wealth of Cripple Creek a hoax. Childs prophesied the results which have so astounded the world,—an output of about two millions of gold per month

With a heart warm to the needs of humanity, and a mind far reaching in its concept of the condition of society, this philosopher, prophet and philanthropist desires to develop the certain riches of the vast estate to asstablishing fraternalism among here and now, and to institute industrial education capacitating men and women for lives of usefulness. He turns a deaf ear to entreaties of capitalists and speculators, and is determined to give the fruition of his life's labor to his beloved heirs—all the children of earth who love TRUTH WELL ENOUGH 10 LIVE BY IT DAY BY DAY.

Forty acres have been deeded to the

Brotherhood Company, which was organized and incorporated some years ago, and on this tract has been sunk a shaft five hundred feet deep, with tunnels cross-cutting the vein at every hundred feet, opening up an im-mense body of low grade ore. One of the best equipped fifty-ton-per-day cyanide mills in the state, has been erected at a cost of about \$50,000. With the passing years and the in-crease of glory in the western horizon Mr. Childs realized the necessity of placing this vast fortune in the hands of those who will carry into complete-ness the plans which he has been moved to form. He has accordingly organized and incorporated The Crystola Brotherhood, Town, Mines and Milling Company, to which he proposes to give a controlling interest in the entire estate with its improvement and fields of certain wealth.

It is unfair to claim space to tell of all the plans this great humanitarian has formed, and it is our desire to but call the attention of the readers to the matter that, if so impressed, they will further investigate. The Colorado Midland Railroad, running west from Colorado Springs, passes through the estate, and has established a station at Crystola which is twelve miles from the top of Pike's Peak, eighteen miles from the great gold camp of Cripple Creek, seventeen miles from Colorado Springs and but nine yone miles from the western metripolis, At an altitude of 8,000 feet this beautiful town site, with its natural parks sheltered by the wooded hills from the winds of winter, a wilderness of mountain flowers, lies waiting the touch of man's ingenuity to leap into magnificence. With the vast estate and its great promise when developed, a city of extensive proportions can be sustained; as a resort it is unsurpassed and the rich beauty of Nature so lavishly expended makes it indeed "Crystola the Beautiful."

The forming of subsidiary companies to develop the various fields of promise requires that the founder call to his assistance a few women and men whose eyes behold the selfsame light he sees, and whose hands move anxiously to DO GOOD FOR HUMANITY.
There is a hotel, printing - plant

(which issues monthly "The Mountain Pine") a general merchandise store and every convenience for camping through the summer or living through entire year. Lots are now being sold in the town site with shares of stock as premiums, and your investment not only profits you but does lasting good While reading of intense heat in va-

rious quarters, we are enjoying days radiant with sunshine but a constant mountain air, dry and invigorating, cool from the snow-capped mountains and laden with the perfume of pines, bursting buds and a profusion of flowers. Come up and be refreshed and benefited. I shall be pleased to answer any questions of inquiry concerning this wonderful estate as a place to rest, recuperate or invest. Thanking the kind editor for space in his valuable paper, I am always, JOHN W. Ring,

Green Mountain Falls, Colo.

long promised visit to her relatives in Denver, Col.; which it is hoped will be the means of restoring her to health. We are utilizing the opportunities afforded us by the misstatements in the daily papers to bombard them with replies, and incidentally to state our side of the case. Interest is being excited, and though some of our friends resent the tone of the comments, they should remember that such grossly unfair comments are making people wonder if there is not something in it. planned for the purpose of raising funds and to-night (June 20), Mrs. Emmett is giving a circle for the same

I have been appointed a press com-mittee, and have secured the insertion of several long communications in the Times, and News, besides shorter paragraphs, and the work is still going on. D. D. FOSTER, Seattle, Wash.

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The State Association of Missouri Presents Its Answer to the Kansas City Society, as Published Last Week Over the Signatures of its President and Secretary.

The statement made by Mr. I. E. Gorham and T. J. Embree of Kansas City, Mo., that the First Spiritual Church of Kansas City surrendered its tier insisting that Aber be kept off charter is correct. Mr. Gilbert was instructed by the State Board to state straightened up, and warning them, that the above mentioned church was that a refusal on their part would comno longer affiliated with the State Aspel the Board to reveke their charter. no longer affiliated with the State Aspeciation. He is a recent addition to they sent in their charter. You will the Board, and apparently misunder- notice that the Board did not either stood his instructions.

ever, do not state what those specified requirements were, so I will (for the Messrs. Gorham and Embree that in benefit of those who want to hear surrendering their charter they took both sides of the question) mention the only course that a self-respecting them. A certain man, W. W. Aber by body of people could, I desire to state name, whose career as a producer of as one who loves the Cause above materialization (?) is no doubt famil- friendship or private interests, that iar to many of your readers, was AGAIN exposed in Kansas City last year. Several copies of the Kansas they apparently loved Mr. Aber as an City papers were forwarded to the individual, they would have seen that State Board containing accounts of the request of the State Board, that the expose. The statements made by they keep Mr. Aber off their platform the Kansas City papers in reference to until he had shown the falsity of the Mr. Aber's alleged materializations, charges made against him, was the and conduct generally, was of the most astounding character, and calcu- Board could take, if they were true to lated to make the average Spiritualist blush with shame. At the time, Dr. itualists of Missouri. Schellhous intimated in the Light of They were doing t have won.

quiry to Kansas City, which resulted up, "Medium Knocker!" several sworn statements from people who were present at the seance which corroborated the newspaper account. On learning that the First Spiritual Church of Kansas City, previous to, and during the time of this expose, was having Mr. Aber on its platform giving tests (to the detriment of their good name and the good of the cause), Whittler was instructed to write, advising them, that the said Mr. Aber had proved the falsity of the charges made against him.

society were not present at the se-ance referred to in our communica-tion, but that a Mr. Schellhous was as perfected organization would mean (by the way Mr. Schellhods was re-ferred to in the newspaper account, as in mantwha sold books before each se-ance, purported to have been written acceptance. dictation of Aber's spirit fleece the public. guides (?), and that Mr. Schellhous declared the whole newspaper account to be false. I understand that Mr.

Reply by the Missouri State Spiritual-ist Association.

Schellhous is a very old and feeble gentleman, with very poor eyesight, and hardly (under the circumstances) a reliable witness as to the genuine ness of dark room phenomena. In reply to another letter from Dr. Whitjudge or condemn .Mr. Aber; they The statement that the State Board asked him to show the fallity of the threatened to revoke the charter of said church unless they complied with certain specified requirements, is likewise correct. The gentlemen, how whole affair.

In reply to the statement of the trust placed in them by the Spir-

They were doing their duty without Truth that a suit for libel would be at fear or favor. Can the board of the once commenced, but it never was, First Spiritual Church of Kansas City and in consequence of that failure to say as much? Does the position they yindicate himself, what can be the intake that the statement of Mr. Schellference in regard to Mr. Aber? If the accusations made against Mr. Aber whole question looks fair and broadwere false, if the police records about minded? It is because of such onehim were base fabrications, how easy sided narrow bigotry that our move-th would have been for him to comment is teeming with dupes and fakes. mence a suit for heavy damages, and if he had truth on his side, he would genuineness of twaddle ladled out with the brand Spiritualism stamped The old Board sent letters of in- upon it, is questioned, the howl goes in there being forwarded back to us has held down the seeker for truth too long. The Spiritualist who is willing to hear only one side of the question (his own) has not properly understood the grand broad philosophy brought to us by our spirit friends.

The purpose of the State Board in instructing Mr. Gilbert to publicly notify the Spiritualists of the United States that the Kansas City society was no longer affiliated with the State Association, was to let the Spiritualbe kept from their platform until he lists know that the Spiritualists of Missouri, as a whole, were not in sympathy with, or behind, a society that The letter he received in reply was from Mr. Embree, their secretary, lik to appear publicly on their platwing stated that the members of their form. Mr. Aber is notoriously op-

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The Evil Eye.

though by Scientists it is Ascribed girl who was amiable, cultivated, and to Hypnotism.—Pope Pio Nono Was Supposed to Have an Evil Eye .-The Cobra and the Hawk.

Chicago Tribune] in the province of War was vicarious, infused into her Verona, has just occurred an extraordinary outrage, due to the most an- tized her. The doctor so hated the cient, universal, and deep rooted of murdered man that he wished him all superstitions—that of the influence of the evil eye.

Elvira Eseppi, the daughter of Marcellise landed proprietor, lost all her high spirits, and became as morose as she had been sociable. She had been "overlooked," and the wicked witch was an unfortunate old woman, a pensioned school teacher, Signora Cassis. In the absence of her parents at church one Sunday, Elvira invited Signora Cassis to lunch, regaled her with cakes and wines, and then disappeared to fetch her father's but it could not do so," said the solgun wherewith to shoother. Returning dier. "Strong as the eye of the hawk with the gun, she flung the door of the lunch room wide, fired twice at the er. the infuriated Elvira, who bludgeoned her with the butt end of the gun. The signora, however, managed to reach the garden wall, which she attempted to climb, but was shot again in the attempt, and wounded severely in the neck. Finally her cries brought women succor; since by this time Elvira herself was so exhausted that she also lay moaning on the ground. This belief in the power of the evil

eye, which today is almost universal n Italy, and general in remote corners of England, Scotland and Ireland, can be found even in the bible and in the writings of the fathers.

Eat not thou the bread of him that hath an evil eye," says Solomon in the Book of Proverbs, and even in the New Testament there is more than

Del," refers to the universal belief in camel. the superstition, which he seems himself to share. There were special and severe laws against the influence of the evil eye in Rome; Pliny records says in his "De Ira," that "the voice many cases of its power even to kill; of the pig terrifles elephants. while Cicero explains the word "fascination" as "invidere," to look too an instinctive horror of this kind was closely at; hence invidia, envy, or the

In the evil eye was so universal that when anyone was ill without apparent cause, everyone cried, "Mantis te vid-"some fascinator has overlooked you." Today, in Devonshire, Corn-wall, and in other parts of England, any untoward event is called "a wisht

thing." Pope Pio Nono was supposed by some most devout Roman Catholics gation was a milkman, whose cows to have had the evil eye. Even in the act of asking and receiving his blessings they would point two fingers at him to ward off the malign in- perfectly mad on his approach, broke

fluence of his eye. for the extraordinary universality of of sight and scent did they submit to this superstition of the malign power be milked. of an evil eye or will. .

Some years ago there appeared a strange story from a physician's note-book of a girl patient, detained in a lunatic asylum for a murder commit-lunatic asylum for a murder commit-

Its Malion Influence Illustrated, Al- ted under hypnotic influence. The absolutely sane, one day took her father's revolver, called upon a man whom she hardly knew, and against whom she had no grievance, and shot In Marcellise, [as set forth in the dead, and his wish was father to the dead, and his wish was father to the thought and act of the girl he controlled hypnotically, as he was brought at last to confess.

An old soldier made such friends in India with a cobra that he used to sit with it and sing to it for hours to gether. One day, while he was thus charming it, hawk, chasing its prey, came within sight of the cobra, which raised its head and hissed. "The hawk gave a shrick, fluttered, flapped his wings, and tried hard to get away

was, the eye of the snake was strong-The hawk for a time seemed sus lunch room wide, fired twice at the pended in the air; but at last he was ngea Siguora, who, only slightly pended in the air; but at last he was obliged to come down and sit opposite the snake, who commenced with its forked tongue, keeping his eye upon him all the time, to slime his victim all over. This occupied the cobra for forty minutes, and by the time the process was over, the hawk was perfectly motionless. I don't think was dead, but he was soon, for the cobra put him into a coil or two, crackded up every bone in the hawk's body, slimed him over once more, and swal

> That birds had instinctive horror of snakes was a fixed idea of mine until I saw a pigeon cheerfully preening its wings while perched on the folds of a snake whose supper it was doomed to

lowed him.

Both Aristotle and Pliney speak of the instinctive antipathy of the camone allusion to this occult and malign el to the horse, while George Eliot in one of her novels refers to the corres St. Augustine in his "De Civitate ponding antipathy of the horse to a

> The elephant is said to have an antipathy to the pig, especially to its squeal, a notion as old as Seneca, who

The most striking story I know of ary in the Kassia hills, a Mr. Evans, Indeed in ancient Rome the belief whose converts devoured on a Saturgregation Sunday morning that Mr Evans had to hold the service outside the chapel, and even in the open air he had a feeling of nausea from the disgusting and overpowering, stench of foul breaths. Among the congrewere usually the mildest of creatures their fastenings, and rushed frenzied-Probably hypnotism is answerable ly away. Only when he was well out T. P. O'CONNOR.

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Whereas, certain so-called Spiritualists, for the purpose of making secure the PRACTICE OF FRAUDU-LENT MEDIUMSHIP whereby an innocent public may be DECEIVED AND ROBBED, and the most sacred feelings of human liearts outraged by simulating the forms of and message from their dead, araiseeking to unite all fake mediums, their tools, followers and dupes into assecret outhbound fraternity that will defend their trick-

ery; and, Whereas, they are wilfully, for their own selfish ends, representing the official board of the N. S. A, as opposed to all physical oor other legitimate phases of mediumship therefore, be it Resolved, That wercall attention of all thoughtful Spiritualists to the following resolution which was unani-mously adopted by our annual conof 1901 and which is still the authoritative expression of the N. S. A. upon the question of phenomena, and is heartily conducred in by each member of the present board of the N. S. A., to-wit:

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Onset Camp. Onset camp commences its thirtieth annual meeting, July 22, and closes August 26. For full programs address the secretary, Onset, Mass. Lake Brady, Ohio.

The fifteenth annual session of this camp will commence July 1 and end Sept. 2. For full particulars address G. Keck, Akron, Ohio.

City of Light Assembly. The season opens at Lily Dale, N. Y., July 13, and closes September 3. For program address Laura G. Fixen, General Manager.

Ocean Grove Camp. This camp is located at Harwich, Mass., and opens July 8, and closes July 22, 1906. For programs and information, write Mrs. Mary B. Small, South Harwich, Mass.

Lake Pleasant, Mass. I ake Pleasant Camp opens July 29, and closes Aug. 27. For full programs address Albert P. Blinn, 8 Grove Place, Norwich, Ct.

Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Ia. The twenty-fourth annual campmeeting at Mt. Pleasant Park, opens July 29 and closes August 26. Programs and information given to all who write to Mrs. M. B. Anderson, secretary, Clarkesville, Mo.

Summerland Camp, The Summerland Spiritualist Association will hold its annual campneeting the last week in June, beginning June 24. Mrs. F. Lee, secretary.

Winfield (Kansas) Camp. The Winfield Camp Association will hold its thirteenth annual camp-meet ing, commencing Aug. 24, and closing Sept. 2. Mrs. Maud K. Gates, president, 807 North Manning street, Win-field, Kans.; Mrs. Addie McAllister, secretary, Winfield, Kans.

New Era Camp, Aregon. The New Era Camp-meeting begins July 8, and continues over four Sundays. Address Rev. G. C. Love, president, 934 ½ C street, Tacoma, Wash

Sunapee Lake Camp, N. H. Sunapee Lake Spiritualist Camp at Blodgett's Landing, N. H., com-mences July 29, 1906, and closes Aug. For programs and information write to the secretary, Lorenzo Worthen, Hillsboro Bridge, N. II.

Wonewoo Camp-Meeting. The Western Wisconsin Camp Association holds its annual camp-meeting in Unity Park, Wonewoc, Wis., July 15 to August 13. For particulars and programs write Gertrude Spooner, secretary, Wonewoc, Wis.

Ottawa Camp. Spiritualist Camp-meeting Association, Forest Park, Ottawa, Kansas, August 17 to 27 inclusive. for programs. H. W. Henderson, president, Lawrence, Kans.; Mrs. May Cook Pearson, secretary, Spring Hill,

Chesterfield Camp. Begins June 16 and ends Sept. 3. Mrs. Lydia Jessup, secretary, Anderson, Ind.

Forest Home Camp, Mich. This camp opens July 29 and loses August 19. Any preson desiring programs or information regarding camp grounds or camp work, will please write to the secretary, who will answer all inquiries. F. H. Lesher, president; Mrs. Ruth Eastman, secre-

tary, Mancelona, Mich.

Camp Progress. Meetings are held at Mowerland Park, Upper Swampscott, Mass., every Sunday beginning June 3, and closing Sept. 30. B. H. Blaney, president, 150 Elm street, Marblehead; Mr. H. S. Gardiner, secretary, 28 Cabot street,

Island Lake Camp. Island Lake Camp, Island Lake, Mich. opens July 21, extending until August 27. For programs or information write to the secretary, H. R.

LaGrange, Brighton, Mich. Visksburg Camp, Vicksburg camp, Mich., opens July 30 and closes August 20. For full particulars address Mrs. Jeannette

Fraser, Vicksburg, Mich. Edgewood Camp, Wash. Commences July 29, and ends Aug. 19. For full particulars address Geo. E. Knowlden, 9551/2 Tacoma Ave., racoma, Wash.

Grand Ledge Camp, Mich. The Grand Ledge Spiritualist Campmeeting opens July 21, and closes August 21, with Mr. Oscar A. Edgerly as presiding chairman. For full par-ticulars address J. W. Ewing or W. R. Divine of Grand Ledge, Mich.

Unity Camp, Mass. Opens on Sunday, June 4, and coninues every Sunday until the last of September: Mantua Camp, Ohio. This camp, located at Mantua Sta-

tion, Ohio, will open July 9, and continue to August 27. For further particulars, address F. H. Sherwood, secretary, Mantua Station, Ohio. Harmony Grove Camp. Harmony Grove Camp-meeting As-

sociation will hold its annual camp, July 22 to Aug. 5. This camp is located three and one-half miles from Escondido. Cal. For further particulars in regard to the camp, address T. J. Mc-Feron, secretary, 528 Fir street, San Diego, Cal. Niantic Camp, Conn.

The Connecticut Spiritualist Campmeeting Association, at Niantic Camp Ground, Niantic, Conn.; season of 1906 commences June 12 and continues until September 11. For full particulars' address George Hatch, South Windham, Conn. The Ashley, Ohio, Camp.

This camp opens Aug. 5, and closes For further particu-August 26. lars address Will Randolph, secretary Ashley, Ohio. Haslett Park, Mich. The twenty-fourth annual assembly

commences Aug. 6, and continues to September 3. For programs address E. F. Spross, Okemos, or D. R. Jessop, Williamston. Verona Park Camp.

The Verona Park camp-meeting, Me., will open Aug. 12 and close Aug. 26. A. F. Smith, president, Bangor, Me.; F. W. Smith, secretary, Rockland, Me. Queen City Park Camp, Vt. Queen City Park Camp, South Burlington, Vt., commences July 29, and ends Sept. 3. For programs address

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Program for the Ensuing Season

JULY LECTURES 2:80 P. M.

13-Mrs. A. J. Pettengill, Opening 14-J. Clegg Wright, 15-Dr. Geo. B. Warne, Aspiration,

16-Conference. 17—Dr. Geo. B. Warne, Telepathy. 18—Dr. S. L. Krebs, Marvels and

19-Dr. Geo. B. Warne, The Victors 20-Dr. S. L. Krebs, Wonders of the World Within.

Mysteries of Mind.

21-Dr. Warne and Carrie E. S. Twing. National Spiritualists Associ-

ation Day.

22.—Mrs. R. S. Lillie.

23.—Conference.

24—Rev. Wilson Fritch, 25—Prof. S. P. Leland, Ph. D. L. L. D., World Making, 26—Wilson Fritch, Spiritualism

Metaphysically.

27—J. Clegg Wright.

28—Wilson Fritch, Self Realization.

29 Prodoctal: A Wiggin.

29-Rev. Frederick A. Wiggin. 30-Conference.

31-Rev. Frederick A. Wiggin. AUGUST LECTURES 2:80 P. M. 1-Rev. C. L. Herald, Ph. D., Life

a Man-o'-War. 2—Rev. Frederick A. Wiggin.
3—Rev. Chas. Laying Herald, Ph.

D., That Man. 4—Rev. Thos P. Byrnes, Nature's Masterpiece. 5—J. Clegg Wright.

6-Conference.

7-Miss Susie C. Clark. 8-Mrs. Annette J. Pettengill.

9-Miss Susie C. Clark. 10-Mrs. Annette J. Pettengill. 11-Miss Susie C. Clark.

12-Mrs. Helen L. P. Russegue. 13-Conference. 14-Mrs. Helen L. P. Russegue.

15-Miss Marie C. Brehm, Woman's 16-Marie C. Brehm, The Little

Swiss Republic. 17--Mrs. Helen M. Gougar, Municipal Ownership. 18—Marie C. Brehm, Temperance Day. 19—Marie C. Brehm and Helen M.

Gougar, Peace Day. 20—Conference. 21-Hon Noah Webster Cooper,

Back to Eden. 22-Oscar A. Edgerly. 23-Hon. N. W. Cooper, Human

Ioney Bees 24-Oscar A. Edgerly.

25-Mrs. R. S. Lillie. -Oscar A. Edgerly. 27—Conference. 28-Mrs. R. S. Lillie.

29—Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond. 30—H. W. Richardson, Carrle E. S. Twing, and Tillie U. Reynolds, New York State Spiritualist Association 31-Rev. Cora L. V. Richmond. SEPTEMBER LECTURES 2:30 P. M. l-Carrie E. S. Twing, Lyman C.

Howe, Pioneer Day 2—Rev. Cora L. V. Richmond, Closing. SPECIAL CLASSES AT 10:80 A. M. July 13 to August 5-J. Clegg

August 6 to 27—Prof. W. M. Lock-wood. August 28 to September 2—Rev. Cora L. V. Richmond.

SPECIAL EVENING ENTERTAIN-MENTS. July 20-22-Frank Caldwell, 2,000 Miles on the Yukon River. Stereopticon views.
July 24—Wilson Fritch, Reading,

July 27--Prof. W. M. Lockwood Lecture, illustrated with Crookes vacuum tuhes July 31, August 3-Frances Carter,

Shakspearean Readings. August 5-Ladies Schubert Quar-August 7-9-A. T Kempton, Hia-

watha and Evangeline, Illustrated.

August 12-23-Miss Alice Ethel Bennett, Book Recitals. August 14-16—Prof. E. B. Swift, Microscopic and Telescope Entertain-August 19 and 31-Ladies Schubert

Quartette, Concert, and Alice Ethel Bennett, Recitations. August 28-The Lilies, Entertainment. Among the mediums engaged are Mrs. A. J. Pettengill, Oscar Edgerly,

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