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WIFE'S DREAM OF

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PREFERS IT TO PRESIDENCY.

Would Rather Head Spiritualists than

Be Roosevelt-President H. D. Bar-

rett Makes Startling Comparison in

"I would rather be the president of

the National Spiritualists Association than to sit in the chair of William of

Germany or Theodore the First of the

Inited States of America," was the

climax reached by Harrison D. Barrett

in a speech before the local Spiritual-

ists in the Academy of Music yesterday,

President Barrett delved into the

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His Address at the Convention.

### REFLECTIONS ON MEDIUMSHIP.

### THE OTHER WOMAN

The Astounding Vision That Sent Mrs. Frederick Johnson to Crawfordsville, Ind., to Find Her Missing Husband.

Praying night after night in the loneliness of her deserted home for a guiding hand to bring her missing husband back home, or to take her to him, Mrs. Frederick Johnson of Indianapolis. Ind., has at last had her prayers answered-but in a most astonishing and shocking manner.

With absolutely no clue to aid her beyond those which Mrs. Johnson de-clares were revealed to her in her dreams and in answer to her prayers, she has found her husband many miles away from home living under a different name and with the crime of big amy on his head.

The finding of the bigamous hus-band would be regarded by the police ualism as a cause and not an effect. circles as a most remarkable piece of detective work. To Mrs Johnson it resolved itself into a very simple matter after she began to pray for help.

In her dreams, she declares, she saw udices and environment. a telephone, the word "Crawfords-ville," and most vividly of all the vision of a man whom she recognized as her husband being led away by a podium for the last named. liceman despite the tears and pleadings of a young woman.

This last vision made such a dreadful impression upon Mrs. Johnson that she awoke with a start. She went self-knowledge with concomitant self next door and asked permission to use the telephone for a long-distance call. She called Crawfordsville and asked to speak with the marshal. To him described her husband very carefluences accompanying the same. fully and told him the nature of the work in which he was probably engaged.

Crawfordsville is a small city about judge of their true character. forty miles from Indianapolis, where everybody knows everybody else and where the city marshal soon hears all about every stranger and newcomer in town. For that reason there was nothing remarkable about the readiness with which the marshal associlumination. ated the description of the missing Mr. Johnson with Mr. Frederick Schmidt, a most estimable middleaged man, who had been living with his wife for several months, but who had recently moved to Lafayette.

Yes, the marshal told Mrs. Johnson over the long-distance 'phone, he knew very well the man she described. But power and love. wasn't she mistaken about the name? Wasn't it Schmidt instead of Johnson? No. Mrs. Johnson was quite sure if

foremost in our vibration. was Johnson. And she added that she ought to know, as she happened to be Mr. Johnson's wife.

The marshal whistled softly. Then he told Mrs. Johnson that the best thing she could do would be to take the first train to Crawfordsville to see him, and he would find her husband for her.

Pending the arrival of Mrs. Johnson's train the marshal spent a busy two hours hunting up "Mr. Schmidt's"

He found that Frederick Schmidt are obsessed by themselves----by some dominating idea, sense-consciousness had married Miss Mary M. Fink, of the city, and a sister of Philip Fink, a wealthy butcher. "Schmidt" had been or heart emotion (whether good, bad or indifferent). engaged in building a house for Fink, and in that manner had become acquainted with his sister. He was a good-looking man, of refined appear-ance and genteel manners, and after a short courtship had wooed and won the hand of the young woman. Their

'All Control Is Obsession. It Is Only a Matter of Kind or Quality. There

culture or spirit ascent.

Is the Ignorant Control or Obsession; the Arrogant and the Selfish -the Negatives." There is the intellectual; the mag-

I was born in Whittingham, Ver-mont. in 1829. In 1844 I studied phrenology as taught by Fowlers and Wells. In 1848 I studied electrical netic; the loving—the positives. The kind or quality of control depsychology (now called hypnotism) as taught by John Boyee Dods. pends on our own mental, moral or When the rappings took place at spiritual conditions. The ignorant predominates, though we may be intellectually bright; but

Hydesville, N. Y., a few of us formed a circle at Williamsville, Vt. Soon we had the rappings, followed by table intellectuality without spirituality or tippings, automatic writings, clairvoymorality counts in the spirit realms as ance and magnetic healing. ignorance-ignorant of the law control, of mediumship- and of the counteracting influences that obtain.

For more than fifty years I have been investigating. I have sat in more than 1,600 circles. I carefully toted the phone. Intellectuality without spirituality (synonymous with mind without heart tested the phenomena and learned the great truth long before we heard of culture) leaves out the love-priciple in frauds, and while we were anxiously spirit communion—the causal element working to know the truth. I will o essential in comprehending spiritgive some of my experience. In the autumn of 1852 I lost my

REMINISCENT NOTES.

Spiritualism Fifty Years Ago, and

Later.

Minus the love principle, all spirit wife by death. Three weeks later I lost our baby girl, three months old. I bargained for a tombstone, and promised to furnish a verse to be education, preconceived opinion, prejplaced on the stone. I was then at work in Jacksonville, Vt. One day Spiritualism as a cause is not an effect of the earth sphere, but of that after dinner I wrote a letter to my beyond it; but the first named is mewife in spirit land, sealed and enclosed in another envelope, and direct-Inspiration (spirit knowledge) is ed to Elson Bishop, Readsboro, Vt., and mailed it at 1 o'clock p. m. on classified as the individual mortal clarifies his environments of his earthi-

Tuesday. The stage carrying the mail ness; and the latter is an effect of from Brattleboro, Vt., to North Adams, Mass., had gone. The mail went over on Tuesdays and back on Spiritual illumination evolves with Wednesdays, again on Friday, and self-knowledge-the comprehension of back on Saturday, each week. My letter had to remain in the office until spirit control, mediumship and the in-Friday morning. On Wednesday, the next day after I wrote, I got a letter Through the study of these influences we learn the nature of our confrom Elson Bishop in answer to mine. This answer was a full reply. I had trols or obsessors, and may thereby When this is known deception ceases—at least, we know what is asked seven questions. One was, did children grow in the spirit land? An-

other question, Do you want a verse on your tombstone, and if so, would she give me a verse. This letter from wrong in the communion, which is the first step toward rectifying it, either by our own logic or by aid of the Elson Bishon contained my wife's ancommunicants who partake of our ilswer to every question, written auto-The negative influences in spirit natically through the hand of the medium Bishop. It was absolutely communion are drowsiness, restlesshandwriting of my wife. She said children did grow in the spirit home; ness and irritability, betraying sensu-

ality, arrogance and selfishness in the communicant. also said that she wanted the verse on the tombstone, and gave it as fol-The positive influences are animalows: tion, tranquility and joyousness, indi-cating wisdom, magnetic or healing "The crust of fiesh is here laid by

Our spirit's like the butterfly. Spirit control now depends upon Free to drink of endless pleasurewhich of these conditions we can put Upward, onward, to our Savior.' She said it was not as she wanted Without either, the wisest, the most

it, but was the best she could do, and signed "Your wife, Mary." This verse is on her tombstone in Williamspowerful or the kindest spirit cannot make, us understand him or feel him. and we attribute what has been ville, Vt., cemetery. Following the above was written in twisted out of shape through our own discordant condition, to the communi-

handwriting of the medlum Bishop: "Immediately after dinner I went out in the field to hoe; your wife came cant, and denominate him an obsessor. Real obsession can only take place where a sensitive or medium lacks to me and said she wanted to send a self-control or is controlled by a weak-ness or passion (which is exceedingly message to you. I went into the house and the above was written by her. I do not understand it; I suppose you rare, comparatively speaking.) But the majority of the so-called obsessed,

Elson Bishop.' On the next Saturday I went to see said Bishop. I arrived about 5 p. m. Soon after Nelson Wicks came in with a letter. I asked to see it, and sure it Spirit communion through such an was my letter. It had not been opened. aural condition will always be mostly asked Bishon if he had seen it be

the medium's own thought and feel fore. He said no. He had just got ings reflected on himself. It is all right if the thought or sensation be a After reading it he said, "I anspiritual one; for its vibration is simply amplified, that's all. But if it be a hobby or a grievance, it may be all swered this the forepart of the week." The facts are, I wrote that letter be-

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

has left behind.

her:

Guardian Angels

Out Upon the Star-lit Highways of Life.

### A Retrospect, and an Apology. On reading No. 9, the letter appear-ing on the date, July 14, with the subheading, "The End Justifies the Means," I think some further explana-

tions are necessary, because I feel assured that in the past and probably at the present time some instructive visions which have no nrima facie or absolute existence are often mistaken for facts existant. Of course the reader understands that I have cut off on to enjoy the peace to which it is enmuch interesting matter from these letters in order not to weary the skeptical reader, and make them short enough for other publications to re peat.

For instance, in the letter above mentioned I did not give the whole conversation which passed between the disguised spirit and myself, nor have I stated that at a large tank women were washing and children bath-ing. In my first efforts to understand the science or philosophy called Spir-itualism, Mr. J. G. Wait baned me Judge Edmonds' works. I read the first volume and thought it reasonable. but when I came to the second or third, where the Judge spoke of poor women washing soiled clothes and mound above dust and ashes. living in poor cabins on the road side, I was absolutely disgusted, because Edmonds seemed to believe that such do, to open the eyes of the blind? were absolute facts in spirit life.

Now it seems reasonable to me that what he saw was merely instructive and unreal. Perhaps he meeded, or I d.d. to be pulled down from his moral pedestal and taught humility, for if 1 evil which is still afflicting this purblind world, but it would make this remember rightly, he, sook after the paper too long, and I hope my apology publication of his visions, resigned his will be accepted, and in my next I hope flice as judge of the supreme court to relate the simple facts and explain saying, "I can no longer sit in judg-ment upon my fellow-men." The work the circumstances which led up to them. begun by Divinity in the human soul s sure to win in the long run. Wisenlighten a grief-stricken young hus-band whose heart was almost breakdom fails not!

When I conversed with that spirit ing for the loss of his young wife. man, and he told me "that was all I was entitled to," I felt that he was acttold him of a future. I told him she was not dead. I told him to look foring his part for some end afterwards ward hopefully, for "as sure as there to be seen. "Oh! I am' as happy as I can be," said I; "but it all seems is a God in heaven you and she will meet again." He accepted the hope, strange and so entirely different from what I expected to find on the spirit But before she went she came to ex-

He smiled again and said, "I am a placed my right hand in hers. shoe maker." covered my hand with her left hand,

"A shoe maker in the spirit and I, wishing to express my respect world!" I exclaimed. I am sure I for her, laid my left hand on hers; was as much surprised as Judge Ed, then with our four hands united, she then with our four hands united, she monds was when he saw his strange kneeled down before me. I-tried to visions. realst this. "Oh!" said I, "a spirit must 'When do you do any work?" He-

almost laughed. kneel before me even in gratitude,' "Oh! I work in the evenings," he re-

but she would have it so, and then I plied, and then he led me to the water where I was cured of my illness. It is our four hands clasped we knelt towell said somewhere in the Bible, gether, she in gratitude, I in high re-

WHAT IS SIN? Analyzed From the Standpoint of the

Pocatello Philosopher.

In No. 860 of The Progressive Thinker appeared an article wherein the spirit is claimed to answer a question by propounding another in a true Yankee style. The sentence is,"What

In order to answer so far-reaching a question, one must first see what has been claimed to be sin by creeds within the realms of Christendom and other mythologies, but which in the main are obsolete today in many sections of country.

They have at times claimed that to When the spirit has escaped, from doubt the bible, church dictates, the the pope's infallibility, efficacy of prayers, baptism, immersion, fasts, etc., WERE UNPARDONABLE SINS. For a husband to kiss his wife on tending school and becoming fitted for higher obligations it becomes infinitely the Sabbath day, or to do any manual more sensitive to pain and pleasure; it is more sensible of psychic influences labor on that day, instead of attending and is easily wafted to conditions 'meeting," was also considered a sin. To eat meat on Fridays is also conwhich impinge upon its vital affairs Thus when the friends whom it has

sidered a sin in the Catholic church, left on earth grieve immoderately, it while getting drunk on Saturday is is held earth bound and cannot move ignored by the same-creed.

Eating animal food of any kind is titled, or enter the community to considered a sin by certain castes in which it belongs. It shares the sad Hindustan, and also by the vegetarians in America and Europe. feelings of those with whom it is en rapport, and suffers far more intense To invent or construct anything

labor-saving or artistic, beyond ly than the bereaved relatives whom the things produced by their forefathers. is a most heinous sin in certain branches of Buddhism (which the I can call to mind a certain lady of my acquaintance who buried her daughter three years ago, and has gone to the grave to weep there nearly Shintoists have of late ignored.) Lawlessness was at times not conevery Sunday since. I often said to

sidered as sins. The piracies of my ancesters, the

"Sister, she is not there, and you buccaneers, were believed to be glorifying their gods, and that at the great Valhalla, their gods would as a are inflicting indescribable pain on the spirit of your child." But she cannot realize this truth, and continues the eward bedeck their brows with lauselfish grief and senseless habit of rel wreaths, while the angel maidens kneeling and weeping on the grassy would weave streamers in their helmets.

Oh! Father of all, "in every clime Many of our aboriginal tribes consider it a sin against their spirit an-cestors to hold their weird orgies and adored." what shall I do, what can I I thought to devote this letter to the sun, drum, harvest and other dances relation of an intense experience I in the presence of the "uncultured' once had, which opened my own eyes and enabled me to look upon this great whites.

It has even gone so far in past ages that it was considered a sin to fasten on a left garter or helmet before the right one.

The Mormons who have passed through the endowment house orgies consider it a sin to pass one minute of their lives without wearing their endowment robes, and a sin to not 'obey council."

By all Christian churchmen it is a sin to doubt the story of their earthmade Adam, or about the rib wherefrom his companion was manufactured; to doubt about Cain's wife, Noah's flood, the salt pillar, the foxes with their tails tied together; Jonus in the river Tigris, the resting of the sun and moon, immaculate conception, special star over Bethlehem, the triune godhead; vicarlous atonement, a per-

son sailing skyward without a balloon, She etc. But life is too short to go ground that has been ploughed and

cross-ploughed so often that it has made men infidels to everything instead of making "thinkers" of thom; but I will now proceed to the great question, "What is Sin?" not

In a broad sense, sin is an error knowingly or unknowingly commit With ted

An error made in ignorance which will at the presen

result

history of Spiritualism and brought forth some interesting facts. National Association has been at work for thirteen years," he said, "and to-

afternoon.

day we have 22 state associations and 670 local institutions, not all of which, however, are connected with the National Association. There are 42 camp-meeting associations, and the camp at New Era in this state is the pioneer of the line."

The speaker denounced the work of soothsayers, necromancers, and hypnotists and offered an eloquent appeal for a purely religious Spiritualism

But by far the greater enthusiasm was reserved for the evening meeting. Harry Moore, the secretary, opened the meeting, and was followed by President Barreit, who defined religion as morality touched with emotion. Both speakers maintained that Spiritualism stood for these principles and that it was true religion, up to date, favoring the Western spirit and standing for progress. Both speak-ers told amusing stories and kept the audience in good spirits. A free-will offering was taken, special music was discoursed, and then came John Sater. He said he was "wound up." Ile took occasion to "chide" the Portland press in several respects, and growing reminiscent, told the audience of his troubles with a San Jose medium. He declared that when he died he would he cremated and would refuse to come back in the spirit through any medium for fear the world would say John Slater was working that medium. He then called for the sealed questions. He advised a young lady in a love affair, told another lady that her mother was well, repeated the remarks of a man about selling out and going to Seattle, and answered some other requests. To amuse his audience he told a lady of troubles she had with a refractory button in such an unfaltering manner that she acknowledged the fact. His next effort was in the shape of a temperance lecture to a young man, and he delivered it with all the fact of an inspired prohibition orator in a dry town. His next feat was to launch forth upon the field of medicine, and he foretold the outcome of

treatment and operations for several afflicted members of the audience.-Portland Oregonian.

CREATION'S WAN

#### Worlds on worlds in endless space Go wheeling in their life; No enemy can stop their course

Nor send them into strife. lo mortal on the earth knows all

Their pathways, how they run, No words come forth from any star, No voice from central sun.

No peans speak their fullest praise, No song their glories tell;

Old Time has long-drawn pages writ.

Afar, afar effulgent rays Cast wondrous, witching spell.

In silence all complete, The students on the farther shore

Find not the knowledge seat.

No center find of causing power

Nor gives forth a command.

Within"; this is the evidence,

And fills with hidden dower.

Distends, contracts, renews,

That shapes to form the countless

Here only source of power That frames and builds for wonder-

That holds each product to its work,

No mechanician hand

worlds

land

brother said that several months af-ter their marriage they had removed Lafayette, Ind., a larger city, situ-Craw ated twenty-five miles north of fordsville, where, "Schmidt" had explained, better wages and more business in the carpentry line could be secured.

All this information was imparted to Mrs. Johnson immediately after her arrival at Crawfordsville. Instantly she associated with the marshal's re port her strange vision in which she d seen her husband, the policeman and the strange woman.

among its passengers the city marshal of Crawfordsville and Mrs. Johnson. Upon their arrival there they

sought the assistance of the Lafayette After a few hours' search marshal. they located the cottage at No. 629 Oregon street, where Johnson was living with wife No. 2, under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schmidt. Reaching the Schmidt home they found the woman there. She said her hutband was at work at the new stockyards.

Supt. Powell, of the Lafavette Police Department, accompanied by Capt. L. C. Clavk and Officer Scott Steele, hurried out to the stockyards and placed the boss carpenter under

When Johnson was brought face to face with wife No. 1, he hung his head in shame. He became nervous and excited, and trembled from head to feet. Then, when he turned in another direction and saw wife No. 2, it was more than he could bear.

He asked to be taken at once before the judge, so that he could plead guilty, and receive the penalty without further delay. This request was granted. He was taken before Judge De Hart, of the Tippecanoe County Court, where the judge sentenced him to the penitentiary for a period of from two to five years for bigamy. The whole affair required but a few hours and within twenty-four hours of the arrival in Lafayette of Mrs. Johnson No. 1, the bigamist was on the road to Michigan City, Ind., where he donned the stripes of a convict.

"For many years my husband and I had lived an ideal life," said Mrs. Johnson No. 1. "We were very happy and contented.

'I had no decisive answer to my prayer for some months. I would tell my dreams to some of my more intimate friends, but few believed very much in them. One night I was feeling particularly weak, weary and unhappy, and before going to bed I asked for enlightenment and a special blessing, I was rewarded for all my suf-There appeared to me an immense white cloud which descended upon me, and in one corner was a let-ter. Soon this was withdrawn, and in its stead came THE SPIRIT OF MY DEAR, DEAD SISTER. Then I seemed to hear something about a telenhone and Crawfordsville, and I saw a vision of my husband with a police-

man and mother woman. That vision came in answer to my prayer, and ted me to my husband. Somehow, I think, everything will come out all right in the end. After all my faith in the efficacy of prayer has only been strengthened by this trial, and I will still go on praying that some day he will be restored to -New York World.

wrong or augmented to a disagreeable extent. Keep the heart right, and the mind. too, will be right. Heart inspiration is superior to mind inspiration. It

contains the same truth, but nearer the cause; and always more gratifying because in it is contained the loveprinciple-the light of creation ARTHUR F. MILTON.

AFTERMATH.

The next train to Lafayette had Oh! my heart is drear and weary, There's a smother in my breast, And my eyes are parched and bleary From their tears so long repressed

> Oh! my heart is aching-breaking, Though my lips part with a smile, With my neighbor undertaking To be cheerful all the while.

And my brain reels with the pressure As I scan the ruined waste. O'er the miles of smoldering treasure That can never be replaced.

Of the miles of ash and debris Where palatial mansions stood, Miles of tangled wires and debris, Crumbling walls and blackened wood.

And a fascination binds me Like enchantments ne'er forgot, While each ruined wall reminds me Of the city that is not.

Oh! I sickened in the travail Of the mothers who gave birth, Through the anguish and the peril, On the bare unsheltered earth.

Christ was born within a manger. With the wondering soft-eyed kine But these refugees from danger Could no sheltering refuge find.

There is pathos in the faces Of that lengthening hunger line; Mingling of a score of races, Age and childhood want combined

In the column at the station Where relief is meted out, Each his turn and measured ration, Young and old take turn about.

And these tented camps remind me Of those others years ago When a sterner fate consigned me To the mercy of the foe,

Oh! to hear the church bells ringing In their old and solemn way, And the romping children singing Home from school in boisterou play.

In my dreams I see the city In new splendors rise again; phoenix-like arise completely Fairest city among men.

And before my vision, holding As a panoramic sea, and a phantom wing unfolding

Lifts the city yet to be. ADDIE L. BALLOU. San Francisco, Cal.

To know what you prefer, instead of humbly saying amen to what the world tells you you ought to prefer, is to have kept your soul alive .-- Robert Louis Stevenson.

Freedom is the thermometer of civilization.—Truth Seeker.

commend a good action than to imitate it.-Anon.

ween 12:30 and 1 o'clock Tuesday Bishon's reply was dated same day immedialely after dinner. My wife must have been present when I wrote, then went over twelve miles to the medium, took him into the house and using his hand, wrote. Bishop was a fine clair

voyant and saw her and heard what she said. I determined to know positive. Was it usychometry? Did my mind go over there and control the medium to an "questions? The next day I swer my had a sitting with him. I asked mental questions, his hand writing appro-priate answers on the slate. When I got ready I asked a question ther strongly willed the answer. His hand

wrote very rapidly, "If you have any more questions to ask we are ready to answer, but do not want any more fooling." I saw that I had no control in the answers. There were three personalities-Bishop, myself, and third person, invisible, but having power to reason and communicate. I then acknowledged my belief in children. Spiritualism, and promised to work for the truth while I had a conscious existence. My spirit friends entered

into an agreement with me to stand by me in the work. That agreement has been faithfully kept as far as possible for over fifty years. I have lost all fear of death, have outgrown a belief in a personal devil,

and have never been troubled with evil spirits, and know of no worse evil than ignorance. I will give one more positive test.

About the year 1854, Rev. Joy Bishop, a Universalist minister, and brother of the medium Bishop, became interest-He had a daughter, Lestina, who was an automatic writer. She would write for hours in the hand-writing of ersons whose names were signed in full, would answer questions in science, on the bible, or give lectures showing great knowledge and learn-She was a mere child, and had ing. never learned to write even her own

name. 1 was present and know of what state. Rev. Bishop from this time was a Spiritualist, still preaching for the Universalist church. He labored to unite the Universalists and Spiritualists in united labor for the truth. His last work was done about 6 years ago. He attended the Spiritualist

camp-meeting at Delphos, took part in the conferences and aided in our work Returning home after meeting he wrote for publication a history of his experiences in Spiritualism, bible arguments, etc. was taken sick and passed to spirit life. He has often come to me and asked that I would

give to the public the above statement as his statement has never been pub lished. I could give many more facts. JOY N. BLANCHARD. Delphos, Kansas.

THE MONUMENT.

If so men's memories not thy monu-'ment be.

Thou shalt have none. Warm hearts, and not cold stone, Must mark thy grave, or thou shalt lie unknown.

How much easier do we find it to Marbles keep not themselves; how then keep thee? John Vance Cheney.

"Your thoughts are not as my spect, and the magnetism of that thoughts, nor your ways, my ways." grateful spirit poured into me through Our intellects are very valuable here even y part of my body, intense, indeevel/ part of my body, intense, inde on business and social affairs, but on scribable, and at last she slowly faded matters which relate to the soul and away.

the undercurrents of our lives, they I can never forget that. I shall are sadly deficient, unless wivified by never cease to warn and exhort on the great theme of the evil and selfishness those wiser than ourselves. \*

of long continued grief, for that scene is always present in my thought, There is, perhaps no lesson which this world needs to learn more than prompting me to do my duty. Oh! I this, that it is not only foolish but abshall never forget it! I never can for solutely criminal to grieve unreason- get it. Reader, could you? THOS. HARDING. ably long after relatives have passed

Sturgis, Mich. away and are seen by our mortal eyes (To be continued.)

I did not think I had done much to

POTENCY OF SUGGESTION. or favorable, in molding their charac

ters. Molding Young Minds-Parents That What is the secret of the "bad" child? Listen to this dialogue of the Want Healthy, Brave Children Must Give Suggestions to Make Them So. nursery. You have heard something

like it, haven't you? Much interest is being manifested by thoughtful people in the subject of Mother (to interested relative)-I'm sure I don't know what I shall do ypnotism as an aid in the training of with Bobby. He's getting to be a reg-

ular little terror. Every day I see his Recently a woman physician of New father's temper developing in him, and you know from the first we could York aroused considerable press com-ment by declaring that mothers, in orsee he was marked with his Uncle Bob's hedstrong disposition. I believe the boy inherits all the bad

> Interested Relative sighing heavily) -Well, Mary, you certainly have your hands full in training him. have to employ firmness with that child

ner, ears wide open, is smitten with the consciousness that he is branded; accursed; a "bad, bad boy." Naturally bad. And what is the secret of the good

child? Listen to the continuation of the nursery dialogue: Mother (cheerfully)-But there is

Susie, now-bless her! As obedient and good as a lamb. I never have to tell her twice to do anything. She just naturally wants to be good. She's just like her dear, beautiful Aunt Ida. She'll be just such a character when she's grown.

chair, she feels her whole small being with consciousness that she is a glow good child. Ever after the actions of these two children are influenced by the suggestions given in the nursery And as these are repeated day after day, their characters are shaped accordingly.

"Thought is a positive dynamic force and takes form in action," says Dr. Herbert A. Parkyn in that wonderful little book of his, "Auto-Suggestion." And he further says: "A young child's mind is very much like a barrel, so far as its first impressions are concerned. Its mind is an empty thing, waiting to be filled with any kind of impressions. and the impressions of childhood are by far the most lasting."

I wish every parent in the landas mothers-could Parkyn's: "Thought takes form in action," is the note he sounds repeat-edly, for it is the keynote of the en-

Parents, if you want your children words spoken in the presence of her to be happy, healthy, brave and offspring, by looks, smiles, frowns, strong, give them the suggestions that gestures—indeed, by her entire atti- will make them so.—Angela Morgan, tude-uses suggestion, either adverse in the Chicago Journal.

future, bring inharmony, stagnation or injury to self or others, or to the deterioration of anything, is sin.

Has varied works and ways; Has many a legend kept in store An act or word that is misleading. which may bring serious results to For the future's fortune days. self or others, although done with the best of motives, is a sin. While yet the tale goes ceaseless on

To refuse the assistance to a fellow mortal who stands on the brink of destruction, is a sin, although no man-

made laws compel. To mingle in vile and degraded association is a sin, as by your presence you abet such living.

To squander strength is a sin, as every mortal requires every fibre, nerve, brain and health to carry out his destiny's flat.

A man's hilarity over having contracted an excellent bargain wherein he was the greater gainer while the other party became the loser, double sin, as he glories over an igno-

ble and unjust act. To blame one's children for inherited viciousness is a sinful subterfuge from one's own shortcomings, where

the responsibility rests. To contract evil habits is a double sin; first, by example, and next by the errors of sin committed until a future possible reform.

The glutton sins by pandering to appetite, and thereby benumbs the brain and windows of the soul.

The very thought is sin.

therefore

Direct lawlessness will not be taken into account here for two reasons: First, many laws are lawless, and, sec ondly, the courts endeavor to correct it according to existing statutes.

By allowing oneself to utter falsehoods, misrepresentations or hearsay is a grievous sin, as it may cause in repairable injury to others.

A man with a bragging nature will steal if opportunity offers. His acquisitiveness turns graspingly towards the conquest or possession of things owned by others which he does not

possess. and if encouraged, such nature may lead its possessor to crimes punished by our country's laws. In giving advice to others in their

And Susie? Sitting in her little arm-

crowd anyone unnecessarily, for, Napoleon Bonaparte has said from his spirit home, "To whom much power is given, from him much responsibility is expected or required, never crowd simply because kind nature has placed you in position to be able to do so." There are sins of neglect, and grievous ones. If we pass through this life's stage morose or too proud in our own self-conceit to lend a helping

hand here, an encouraging word there or a happy word and thought along read this magical little book of Dr. | the path to cheer the lonely traveler 'Thought takes form in | and soothe the afflicted, we have not done our duty. If we do not assist in beautifying our surroundings as fai tire matter.

as we are able, even at our own inconvenience at times, and thereby encour aging others to make this world more beautiful, we have neglected our op-portunity, for which we will be held

Chains with magnetic forces grand, And lights by secret fuse. Environs with a subtle force, From fluids blent within. Each aura holding full its power To bless its every kin. And this is Life, and this is God,

All manifest and clear, In inter-change, evolving power,

Creation's ceaseless cheer. MRS. M. A. CONGDON.

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FLAWLESS.

Each diamond has its flaw, they say, Our idols all their feet of clay; The fairest flower some crumpled leaf: Some tares in every golden sheaf; Some minor through the music borne; Some cloud across the fairest morn; And something always, always mars The light of our most perfect stars, To make us feel how vain each thing Round which our love would climb and cling.

'Tis false. I've known for many a year

One face, nor knew a single sneer business or social affairs, one cannot To mar its sweetness, never heard be overly careful, for grievous sins From those dear lips an unkind word. may at times be unintentionally com-Nor ever found the faintest trace mitted. The advice may be the cause Of aught affections would efface. of certain effects which may end most What rarer tribute can we pay disastrously, and the advisor is mor-To one who walks earth's trying way? ally responsible. Absolute justice may at times be absolute cruelty, and Let cynics sigh, I am content To know one flawless blessing sent. CALLA HARCOURT. consequently a sin; therefore, never

Chestnut, III. 

ous sins are committed daily by the ignorant masses in sending poisonous thoughts and biter and vile words out upon the otherwise pure air which others must breathe; even the tiny babe in arms must of necessity inhale the poison; therefore, let thinker consider his responsibility, and leave nothing neglected which go to make the world less selfish, more beautiful, and more harmonious C. J. JOHNSON.

Pocatello, Idaho.

The dependence of liberty shall be lovers; the continuance of equality shall be comrades .- Walt Whitman. Do not confine your children to your portunity, for which we will be held own learning. They w responsible to the judge within. Hein- other time.--Talmud. They were born in an.

der to cure their offspring of undesirable traits and wayward "tendencies. should train themselves to be hypnotists The idea was treated quite seriously by some exchanges and light-

ly by others, and was doubtless dis-missed by the majority of mothers, who read of it as something too ridiculous and fantastic to consider with any gravity. If these mothers only realized it

the main principle underlying this seemingly amusing theory deserves the earnest attention of every parent in the land.

no more.

I do not agree with this woman phsician that mothers should hypnotize their children; at least. I should not so express my bellef. I would say, rather, that every mother chould study the laws of suggestion and train her children to help themselves by the

proper use of auto-suggestion. ′ Ву this means a child may be taught to develop into just the sort of character the mother wishes it to be.

As it goes without saving that every normal mother wants her child to be brave, strong, healthy and happy, it would be the object of the mother in applying these laws to give her offspring only such suggestions as would encourage bravery, strength, health,

happiness and all good traits By systematically giving a child suggestions of positive good, the child in turn is enabled to give himself the right sort of auto-suggestions-self suggestions, or self-impressions.

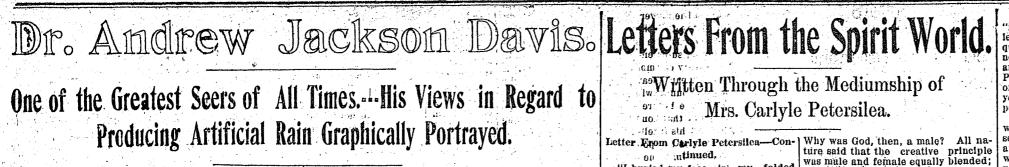
This does not mean that the parent obtains "control" of the child's mind; nor does it mean that any mysterious power is invoked or supernatural agency employed. The mother who uses suggestion in training her chil-dren is simply recognizing a natural law; a law which to day is admitted fathers as well by psychologists to be one of the read this magica

greatest forces in nature. not, mothereifevery day of their lives, are employing this force in the train-ing of the young. Every mother, by

traits in the family combined.

What happens? Bobby, in the cor-

### THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER



the reogressive infiner a compar-atively small outline of a scheme of enormous proportions and vast im-port, conceived by A. J. Davis, in the carlier part of his literary activity, calculated to benefit human kind at large, and in a measure unprecedented in human history, by a faithful de-velopment of the great and carefully laid out plans of the author. ÷#

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I doubt very much that the theory, 'magnet' to the parties comprising the how to control and regulate precipitation, as promulgated by A. J. Davis, has once been given a considerate and unpartisan recognition at all, because colder or lower bodies of the same eltime, circumstances and public opinion were not very favorable to con-sider and try such an "illusive" notion forwarded by a man who was regarded by the public as one of the foremost members of a sort of people who were labeled as long-haired Spiritualists, illusionists and not so very infrequently deceived and deceiving humbuggers. Besides the forenamed the publication of the of common occurrence, that a decanter this to be done? By the accumulation of pitcher filled with cold water, and and elimination of electricity from the civil war, where the placed upon the table in a warm room, the various 'depots.' How are these animosities, plan in the Hartford Times fell short-

NOT THE GREATEST, of an the top in an at least in this case, simple! The some portions of Australia and elsebeen blessed; nay, he is the king of temperature of the water in the ves- where. been Diesseu, hay, he is the whileso-all the known and unknown philoso-sel is colder than the temperature of all the known and unknown philosophies is the sourcer man the temperature of phers, putting in the shadow the the water invisibly subsisting in the nothing more than mammoth Leyden air; consequently the invisible vapor jars, provided with perpendicular surrounding the decanter is rapidly metallic conductors, fixed on the in-Swedenborg, Ficule, Kant, Hober and coled and condensed (reduced in side of the receiver, and extending temperature and in density) and into the air as far as possible. Ten therefore it rains upon the surface of temperature and in density and very nigh complete philosophile. The therefore it rains upon the surface of such depots will cost as much as a therefore it rains upon the surface of such depots will cost as much as a tem in his "Nature's Diving y" and the vessel. Now reduce the tempera-tions," "Harmonial Philosophy" and the vessel. Now reduce the tempera-popular church. The upper end of this metallic conductor should be protions," "Harmonial Philosophy and the vessel. Now reduce the tempera-other special works, written in such a ture still more and snow appears; popular style, that even uneducated and the final reduction of the temperareading of them, can grasp the mag-its lowest state of condensation or nificent truth in its whole scope, and solidity." individuals, by a careful and attentive ture brings the ice, which is water in so enjoy a complete insight in the Page 62-63: "Now 'stand from un-

workings of nature at large. der;' Mr. Editor, for I am about to give you a shower-rather to show phere

Besides touching the superiority of N. J. Davis' philosophy over all the just how the result is produced from the clouds. First remember that the others, I want to mention that a number of his prophetical utterances have earth, is stratified-has different laycome to pass already in the course of the latter half of the nineteenth ceners of air and temperature, and looks tury, and others seem to become verilike the successive peels of an onion! fied in our present era, regarding the It has several different currents also. ned in our present et a, roan and and some going from south to the north, will dart off in every direction, and at other nationalities on the globe, thus giving ample evidence that their promulgator was not one of the common type, but was spiritually illuminated, and guided by superior and divine ture science. These diverse aerial is the same," strata and electro-magnetic circulations are produced; first, by the resist-

Having expressed my appreciation of, and faith in, the works of that unance or friction of the air against the precedented man, I will give now a sketch of his grand plan, "how to conrapidity with which it turns upon its trol and regulate the rain and climate axis. "Second, the evaporation of water,

troi and regulate the rain and chinate of the country, to the best advantages of its population, as it is outlined in his especial work, 'The Harmonial Man,'' comprising four letters and addressed to the editor of the Hartford Times: On page \$2-34 in essential he has the following to relate:

"The mission of mind, as a motive power, is to subdue and adorn the soul; exterminate all unwholesome developments in the vegetable and apimal worlds, and to transform extensive plains, now non-productive and useless, into gardens of health and conifort By the magic of mind, rough

I am impressed to give in the fol-bowing brief article to the readers of The Progressive Thinker a compar-changed as to their destiny; and be-ditively small outline of a scheme of the lighter by expansion. "Cold air and cold water have a su-

Very well; now we desire to make perior density, and therefore occupy the rain fall upon New Haven, on the supposition that the weather has long lower strata in the scale of elements. Boiling water will float upon the surbeen dry and sultry, the garden vege-tation is being destroyed, and the farmers of the environs much desire face beneath; and so heated air, in consequence of being lighter, can not descend to the cold below, but ascends the benefit of rain. and becomes an attractive medium or "But there are no clouds formed

near Hartford. What is to be done? Do you not remember the proof that stratum beneath. "This idea of attenuated air or water, in a vaporized state, is omniwater forming a magnet in relation to present and co-extensive with air? colder or lower bodies of the same el-ements, is an idea, Mr. Editor, which develop clouds?

I would have lodged firmly in the mind. It has something to do, it reduce the temperature of the atmosseems to me, in bringing about the phere in several localities within the phenomena of evaporation or condensation, and rain—which we desire to comprehend. The experimental this way, they will join you in the evidence that water is always diffused more rapid evaporation of aqueous throughout the air, as an invisible va- matter from the earth, on the prinpor, is obtained in many ways. It is ciple already explained. Well, how is plan in the Hartford Times fell short-plan in the Hartford Times fell short-ly before the civil war, where the country felt already the shocks of the coming national and rebelious up-coming national and rebelious up-ter my part I regard A. J. Davis For my part I regard A. J. Davis For my part I regard A. J. Davis For THE GREATEST, IF NOT THE GREATEST, of all the rev-volutors with whom human kind has

"These depots or receivers are side of the receiver, and extending vided with a platinum discharger with many angles-say a dodecahedron, or at least, an octahedron, with the points and lines sharply defined, and presented, free from all contact with

trees, etc., to the surrounding atmos "When the receiver is filled with electricity to overflowing by the action atmosphere, like the crust of the of the ponderous machine in the tower, then there is no escape for it ex-cept up the perpendicular conductor and into the eight or twelve-sided dis charger. From this the electric fluid others, above these, going in exactly beautiful, comprising all the meteoric opposite directions. All this, I am phenomena of the aurora borealis and quite sure, will be recognized by fu-

By concluding my quotations from the author's own work, I assert that the writer must have felt pretty sure surface of the earth occasioned by the about the reliability of his pre-suppositions in regard of controlling and regulating precipitation all over the country by the use of artificial means.

and by the ascension of the terrestrial electricity, from all wet places. The student of A. J. Davis's philoso-phy will find that the writer was very "Third, by the calorific or magnetic careful in the explanation of his disaction of the sun upon the whole orcoveries in the realms of nature; careganism, and more especially upon the fully he guided his foot, step by step African continent. The upper air composed of electricity in different deon solid ground, quite in contradictinc-tion from other explorers, who, makgrees of refinement and states of ac-livity. ing conjectures about things the na-ture of which they do not understand

"And in order to provide for its in the least, allow their wild conceived more complete accumulation and deideas to run at random.

velopment, the lowest stratum of air The libraries of the country are -that which we inhale-is generally filled to overflow with books of such a rectified from humidity (or moisture) character, and it is an indisputable confort By the magic of mind, rough rectinen from number to monstrive or monstrive of monstrive or monstrive

"I buried, my face in my folded arms as I answered, 'I must confess they are not." 'Well,' continued the voice, 'what lifthd of a heaven would you like supplies it was possible for that together they constituted one; what he lacked she possessed; what she lacked he possessed; then, the God principle must according to all natural laws always be spoken of as you to have a blissful abode, just to your liking? he or a male personality?

"There, as my head rested on my folden arms,'I began to dream of a future for myself, such a condition as would make ime happy after the ner voices, which were spiritual, were right, and the teachings of earth change called death, and, Petersilea, here it is, just as I then pictured it," and he waved his arms around the were and are wrong, the most of them. God is not a personality, neither is the beautiful room, and toward the great white college building in the near distance, toward the fountains, the birds, the flowers, the beautiful statuary; he God here, any more than the people of earth do, but we unite here the true male and female into perfect onepointed toward a lovely cat, that was purring at his feet and rubbing ness." against his legs; and toward a large and beautiful dog that was seen lying at the open door which led into an earthly plane," I said, "consequently 1 understand it perfectly."

elegant conservatory filled with all manner of choice exotics. "Petersliea," he said, "I do not live to give to the people of earth. Many here alone, but with my own, and we live, and love, and work together; but you said you would like to dine with me alone, and I allowed you to have mistake. To be sure we do not eat just as the people of earth do; we are your own way, for you told me the reason why. Now, at that time on earth when I lay with my face in my folded arms, dreaming of what would earth does not eat just as the ox does. for man is higher up the scale of beconstitute my bliss, when I arose from ing; but I want to reason with those my position. I felt rather guilty, but people who think we do not partake of attributed it to my poetic fancy; then, food. I composed a long poem which I never quite dared to give to the world at

the spirit form is precisely like the form it has left, every organ is intact that time, but which I am determined now to hand down through some mediand perfect. We have eyes as you um; and that poem entered largely have, and we can see not only all mainto the details of all this that you terial things but we can also see spiritnow see around you, even to this dinnow see around you, even to this din-ing-room and a gifted musician, like yourself, to play for me; and, among the thing besides all this, our sight is added to the thing besides all this, our sight is added to the thing besides all this body we could the fold. While in the body we could other things, I said: 'Why should God only see very short distances, our create a world of struggling human sight was limited to material objects beings, very few of whom ever know and to very short distances: now we much happiness, no, really, misery would seem to be their portion, then can see, not only spiritual things, but our sight is not limited as it was on earth. We can see to very long disrequire them to spend nearly all their miserable existence in prayer and suptances and to remote regions. plication to him for the little that "Thus much for the eyes. As we they struggle so hard to obtain; then, have eyes, so we have ears. We can after death, spend an eternity praising him-praising him for what? Their hear all material sounds; but, added to these, our spiritual ears are, as it miserable existence, that the most of were, opened, and we hear a great them would rather have never known at all; for, as you well know, the most many sounds never heard before, that is, we hear all sounds recorded in the wish they had never been of people ether. "You now have on earth an instru-

born; and now they must stand around a throne on which this egotisment called the phonograph, that you can cause to repeat sounds, and the tical monster sits; and praise and flat-ter him forevermore.' I must admit, vibrations of these sounds have been stored up. Now the ether does that Petersilear-my smi revolted. "And then I asked: 'Why should

for us, and can be made to repeat sounds that once vibrated it. We God be a he?—for what reason? A man is really lower, spiritually, in the scale than a woman; and, as it is distinctly stated in that which is called not only hear all things, as it were, but the higher vibrations of the spiritual realm, that is, we can hear spirholy writ, that God created man in his own image, after the image of God musical instruments; and we can hear own image, after the image of God created he lim, male and female cre-ated he them,' I could not understand why God should be a male. Now, I at that time loyed and revered my have a throat, mouth, tongue, and mother above all, beings that existed. stomach, just as you have, ethereal sublimated and refined, but as real to Reconstruction of the second s

us as, yours is to you. It is the very persons' wfill undergo 'that 'risk? Hardly. The proper institution to carry this matter through in a scienmouth, tongue and stomach that we had on earth, minus their material covering; and our spiritual bodies must be sustained, just as your mate-rial bodies are on earth. Consequent. tific and practical manner is the U.S. Federal Government, It keeps a force of trained men steadily employed at the government's expense. The Secly, we eat and drink, just as you do; but our eating is the quintessence of refinement, and we eat of the most retary of the Interior is empowered by ethereal and refined substances. act of the Senate and House of Reprenot only eat for sustenance, but we sentatives of the United States, since eat together, as you do, for sociality. June 17, 1902, to carry on investiga-tions in the line of irrigation and to We make a social pleasure of it, far

"I know all this," said Longfellow, "for I often visited you before you left the material form. I could not quite forget how you played for me nearly all the evening, and I then and there wove a romance about you. Petersilea, you have really lived a part of that romance, and the remainder is yet to come. But this romance is too personal to be given to the world." He now replaced the holder, and we went out upon a golden veranda, all set with pearls, that is, the pillars and arches were, and seated ourselves in what appeared like chairs of crimson

velvet with frames of gold also set with pearls. Before us glided a spark-ling river—the waters sparkling in all the colors of the rainbow. The gentle breeze, and sound of the running water, made music so soft and "These inner voices of mine were sweet that the tears' sprung to my eyes. Oh, how I longed to have my dear wife by my side, who was at this moment weeping in loneliness and depersistent, they would be heard. Now, since coming here, I find the inspair, down on the earthly plane. Yes, her thoughts, her sighs and tears reached me, even here, and I sighed and gave forth a little moan in sympa-God. principle-the creative principle thetic pity for her. All the beauty before me could not make me entirely -a male, but male and female blended into completeness, and we see not happy. You of earth, who have lost

loved ones, do not think that all the loss and loneliness belongs to you alone; the loved one, who has gone to the beautiful spiritual realms, also "I was so united, even when on the feels it and misses you as much as you miss the dear one.

"When in earth life," said Long-fel-"So'I have understood," he replied. low, "I used to look rather sadly upon 'Now, I have another little message a flowing river, feeling that all men went down to a common level-the grave; but, now, I realize how miscannot think that we eat and drink here in the spiritual realms, but you taken I was. I did not then pause to and I both know that this is a great consider that waters were drawn upward and then returning renewed and refreshed the earth. So, the spirits farther up the scale of being. Man on of men, women and children are drawn upward, and then returning, refresh and renew the souls of mankind; and one thing symbolizes an-

other; this is safe reasoning at all times.' We talked thus for sometime and

then entered the parlor. Here was an elegant grand plano. "Will you play to me once more, professor?" asked Longfellow.

'With pleasure," I answered.

"Are you willing to play to me some of my own songs? Many of them have been set to music, as you know. "Yes; I will play, and sing them, as

vell." "Ah, yes! I remember. You are a singer also. Let us have 'The Bridge.'"

And playing a sweet accompaniment, I sung-

"I stood on the bridge, at midnight; As the clocks were striking the hour. And the moon rose o'er the city, Behind the dark church tower."

Then I played and sang many of his other songs, until we were both in tears.

"If I had then known all that I now know, my poetry would have been filled with new wine-the wine of a higher life, better understood. And, yet at that time, the world would not We have been ready to receive it. I dared not write out for the world, all that my inner consciousness dimly sensed;

likewise, it would have broken my old much loved and revered father's heart But Petersilea, I heard about your grand orations at very long distances; coming out as a Spiritualist, and adgrand orchestras, choirs and singing mired your courage and bravery." themes and solemn anthems. Now we "It came very near ruining me financially," I replied. "But,' if star-

vation had stared me in the face, would not have withheld from the world the book called 'The Discovered Country,' also 'Mary Ann Carew.' My father returned in spirit and wrote "The Discovered Country,' which was his actual experience in spirit life, as far as he, at that time, had lived it; then, he brought my darling mother, and she wrote 'Mary Ann Carew,' her

real maiden name, this being her act

ual experience, as far as she at that

time, had lived it; but she had been

in spirit life about thirty-five years, and my father had but recently come

"No; nor did Spiritualism hurt me

much, not as much as I thought when

open avowal of the same was really a

see at the time. Now, as I look down

that if I had not done so, my remain-

ing life on the earthly plane would

was really prolonged on the earthly

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sweep over the earth, spreading consumption and negative diseases in evdirection-will ultimately he ery changed into healing influence, calm as the evening zephyr breathing over the gardenized fields and vineyards of the land, fraught with sweet perfumes. "Man will yet learn how to create

an equilibrium beand preserve tween earth and atmosphere. "The hot deserts of Arabia, now

mere seas of sand and desolation, will yet appear, under the well-directed mechanical treatment and scientific skill of man, as beautiful, productive and habitable as the undulating valleys of Italy. He will be enabled to instigate, control, and direct the fall of rain over such portions of land as need moisture, elevating, thus, much parsimonious soil to the height of ichness and abundance and to the bringing forth of pure productions. "He will spread civilization over

the dominion of the heathen.

He will convert the darkest for esis into gardens of beauty; the disagreeable vegetables and animal forms, which now disfigure the face of nature, will be overcome and banished, and the lion and the lamb . will lie down together in peace. "The lightning that now performs

the duties of a courier, and which sometimes still ventures to go off on private excursions, declaring itself at times independent of man's pursuit and power, will yet be the means, the chief agent (under man's direction) of conducting away from unhealthy its concentric gyrations through the from it. This circle should be conbroad tracery of conductors in the air, the lightning will emit the most sweet means of wire conductors, on a plain aeolian music which the mind can precisely analogous to the noles and possibly imagine." Page 45-48: "Chemists are already conductors of the magnetic telegraph.

aware that electricity is the only agent by which both elements composing water, can be simultaneously ing different from what is already evolved and held in free conditions. It is ascertained that one part of "The dimensions of the cylindrical It is ascertained that one part of water, hydrogen, may be by itself glass or revolving portion of elicited in various ways-as, for strument, let me remark, should not stance, by the action of sulphuric acid upon zinc, cauging it to decompose and combine with the oxygen in the water, thus forming a sulphate of seventy-five revolutions a minute. oxide of zinc which of necessity sets This cylinder should be moved by a the hydrogen at liberty. steam engine of the required power;

'But here let it be borne in mind and the heat for the boiler may be obthat electricity is only capable of elic-tained by a galvanic decomposition of ting the constituents of water in a water. simultaneous condition. pure and pure and simultaneous condition. This fact has an important bearing Editor, that electricity is a negative does it come in contact with the mag-mon the theory of producing and principle—is cold, and while it acts netism inside the vessel and is so comcontrolling rain.

upon aerial vapor to condense "Next, as to the atmosphere. Essentially considered, the invisible en-the same moment, gives rise to cer-velopement of our globe has been tain currents of 'wind,' so-called, long represented as consisting of a which have much to do in all cases in long represented as consisting of determining on what part of the gione large quantity of nitrogen, less of determining on what part of the gione exygen, a minute trace of carbonic the condensed vapor shall descend. "It is this invariable meteoric law acta, azote, and the integrating durates in the this invariable meteoric law of Nature? It is more than probable of aqueous or watery vapor. It is a which we now propose to bring with-that he is, and I would suggest to have this matter probable have this matter probable in the dominion of art. Let us sup-have this matter probable in the dominion of art. Let us sup-have this matter probable in the dominion of art. Let us sup-have this matter probable in the dominion of art. Let us sup-have this matter probable in the dominion of art. Let us sup-have this matter probable in the dominion of art. Let us sup-have this matter probable is unten-Invisible vapor, and both elements al- this city, say on 'Prospect Hill.' From though not simple' as the ancients, this point, radiating in all directions, taught, but compound and different in are metallic conductors, for the puranalysis of the furnished to accomplish a satisfactory with the properties of the furnished to accomplish a satisfactory analysis of the furnished to accomplish a satisfactory analysis of the result? This is the most critical point. heated or reduced in temperature. generated by the artificial mechanism at lesue. Can we expect that private

lator." This in clear and dry weather detaches the electricity of the upper large.

The writer maintains further in the "Harmonial Man" that the "atmosregions from the earth and cuts off all communication between them. Hence phere or lower strata of the air, we may sometimes look up, in this works more in the capacity of a socontinent, day after day, and see the called "insulator," instead of a conclouds floating over our heads, but re-ceive none of their contents on the aqueous vapors floating in the air, which otherwise would be condensed earth.

Page 79-82: "Upon some highly ele- and precipitated as moisture in the vated ground-say upon the brow of shape of a welcome rain revivifying a considerable hill-construct an elec- all vegetation. This statement is only tric tower. The higher this tower astoo logical in its whole scope. cends above the level of the ocean, the you catch the meaning of the classific more absolute will be the determinaorder in all nature as follows? 1. soltion of its influence upon the currents id; 2, fluid; 3, vapor; 4, ether; 5, essence; 6, law; 7, principle; 8, idea; 9, Deity. Thus nine divsions of naof the upper strata, and the more perfectly will it be capable of directing the wind and other aerial circulature are to be understood: 1, earth: tions. 2, water; 3, atmosphere; 4, electric-

ty; 5, magnetism; 6, force; 7, power; "In the top of this tower should be constructed two machines of very large , reason: 9, spirit or Delty. proportions-one an electric Now let us argue: The solid envelinstru

ment for the accumulation and develops the fluid, the fluid the vapor, the opment of this negative principle from

electrical apparatus, for I mean noth-

"You will please bear in mind, Mr.

the in-

vapor the essence, and so on the whole line along until we arrive at the earth; the other a galvanic bat-tery for the purpose of introducing the center point which is to be occumagnetic currents and for decompos-ing water. This structure, with its pied by the very finest substance sup posed to be the divine mind. The electro-magnetic conveniences, first (solid) or exterior strata of air will answer to produce and control rain in envelops as a vessel all the other elean uneven country, say like the state ments in their successive order like of Connecticut, for a circle or district the layers of an onion. This order one hundred miles in diameter; but on prevails through all the realms of nadesert it would be influential upon ture, viz.: Man's body, the earth's gea circle of not more than two hundred ological stratas, the aerial combinamiles. In fact, when situated upon a tion. In the whole of nature is harmonious order and symmetry, one does follow successively (or is containing) plain surface. where water is scarce and heat is abundant most of the year, the other, the gross as the vessel holds as in Arabia or in some parts of Aflocalities the pestilential miasm rica, the tower should not be expected the fluidic states. So you can very which generates disease and debility to act permanently upon more than easily comprehend the atmosphere as among minkind. And meanwhile, in thirty miles of air in every direction a solid shell enveloping the aqueous and all other aerial elements. nected with the central power by

Now let us argue again that elec-tricity, the cold or negative force, is the receptacle for the finer or warm and therefore positive force which we "Of course, it is unnecessary to de-scribe the methods of constructing an designate as magnetism. Can you nov accept the atmosphere, or first aerial

envelope as an insulator? Now we want to proceed to investi-gate the theory that the negative cold,

or electrical force is necessary to condense the aqueous vapors dispersed in the aerial regions. Let us try an-other experiment. Put a vessel conbe less than 16 feet in diameter, and thick enough every way to resist all taining water upon a warm stove, and centrifugal tendencies, when making protect the first with a lid or cover. seventy-five revolutions a minute. After a while lift the lid and you will find the inner surface of it all over covered with large drops of clear water which flow rapidly downward on the cover. Can you grasp the

Electricity surrounds the idea? vessel and as soon as you lift the cover does it come in contact with the magits tracting the aqueous vapor upon the atoms into rain, frost, snow, etc., it at the same moment, gives rise to cer-looks at first sight very simple, but nevertheless it is fundamental in the exemplification of our lesson. Do you believe now that A. J. Davis is right in his definitions of the laws of Nature? It is more than probable

Now we arrive at a point where there arises the question, how and by whom the necessary means will he

more, even, than you do on earth. These things are carried up into etheniary means, as coming under his ju

risdiction and supervising the work of the reclamation service of the Geological Survey for irrigating purposes. But here might be raised the object tion, that already in the past experiments of this kind have been made at government's expense, the results of which were so unsatisfactory that it had been decided upon not to risk any more money for rain-making purposes In 1891, Gen. R. G. Dyrenforth tried to produce rain in Texas by

heavy cannonading the blue skies, and discharging large amounts of oxygen and hydrogen gases by means of balloons, while the ground batteries were kept in constant action for twelve hours. This rain-making ex-periment did cost the U. S. Government \$12,000 appropriated in the Agricultural Bill.

During the month of April 1904, experiments were made near El Cajon, San Diego county, South California, by Tervel. I extract the following from the Twelfth National Irrigation Congress in El Paso, Texas, Nov. 15-18, 1904 Report, page 426:

'Our outfit consisted of about twenty cannons or mortars, each weighing about 60 pounds. They were about 8 inches high and had a bore of about S inches. They were stationed four groups, each group representing a corner of one acre of ground. We commenced firing at about 6:30 Fri-day, April 22; and continued steadily until about 1:30 Sunday, April 24making \$1 hours of actual and continuous bombardment. Each charge was about four ounces of powder tamped in with dirt; we shot twice a minute during the entire time. We had no rain, but on Tuesday following

had no rain, but on Tuesday following this locality experienced a 'drizzle' which was of no benefit as the precip-itation was 'gry light.'' At present a Mr. C. M. Hatfield in Los Angeles, 'Call's has gone in the rain-making business, using chemi-cals, the combination of which he keens secret. The chemicals are cais, the combination of which he keeps secret. The chemicals are mixed in casks and allowed to remain for five days. After, this he ascends a tower of varying heights, from the top of which he liberates his gases in top of which he injectures his galaxies in the dot which the interview of the initial of the ini

cause they lack that spiritual insight

pointed out by A. J. Dayls promises to you to smoke in the long ago." have the expected success, because we "Yes; and the folly of smoking can meet nature only by employing that cigar; which cost one dollar, has

Salt Lake City, Utah.

real or spiritual refinement.

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"When the spirit leaves the body,

"And thus it is with every organ of our ethereal bodies. But seed erms, and the propagation of species on the earthly plane. Since all belong to the earthly or material spheres. By a natural law, all ethehere, I have found that my belief, and real or spiritual germs gravitate to the great help to me; but this I could not earth, for the very good reason that they must first be covered, for their through the vista of those years, I find protection and growth, with a mate ial covering, wherein they develop. We have hands to work with, but they now work within spiritual subhave been very, very short, and I should have missed all my spiritual stance. We have feet, hands and legs. experience there, which would have been a great loss to me. Yes; my life We can walk rapidly, if we choose, or we can do what you of earth cannot, we can fly. We do not have wings, but we can, by exercising will power, which may be called wings, fly with the utmost speed, going what to you would be thousands of miles in a second or two.

"Now, if we have all that you have, with a thousand fold added thereto, might have been prolonged for many ought we not to be happy and blessed? And, just as our material powers are musical honors. Earthly fame is of little account compared with eternal increased, so are our powers for doing good, and obtaining knowledge: just so much are our powers increased for forming all beautiful objects of

art, for creating elegant edifices, founding halls of learning, and so on. "Then, do not wonder, when we speak of great, dazzling marble halls, and all kinds of dwellings; do not wonder at our conservatories of music,

at our elegant museums and theatres; do not wonder at our lakes, rivers, ponds and streamlets; at our boats. for all these things are ethereal and spiritual.

"And poetry! The depths and heights of the poetic sentiment can not be measured, or entered into. except at the very threshold, while one is on the earthly plane. This message I want to send by you, and your beloved though I did not foresee that the great unusual exertion of giving my wife, to the dwellers on the material plane of existence.

"Personal messages, to my dearly beloved relatives and friends, I may not at this time be able to send; and I greatly fear they would not be accepted if I were to do so. And now, Petersilea, as we are through with our dinner, let me offer you a cigar.'

He took a silver case from the man-I drew back somewhat astonished.

in a more of less adventurous man-ner to discover a hyper formula suf-ficient for producing the desired ef-fect; but without any practical result; in all their efforts they show that they are merely groping in the dark, be-they back they are merely and the dark be-they back they are the desired ef-life. You surely would be the last person to tempt me to take up the are merely groping in the dark, be-they back they are merely and they are more."

"I well knew that you would not be in the workings of nature, and hence are working at haphazard. Only a systematical research along the line But, I could not forget the one I gave

lawful homogengous means, corelated to her respective quality in order to have the desired effect. In conclusion I invite the readers of fullowed me all my life. I never that is had something to do with influencing my mind to discontinue the vile habit. I never afterward put a The Progressive Thinker to give the vile habit. I never afterward put a subject a careful consideration and give their views about the feasibility of the time when, in a few minutes, I of a project of so vast import in gen-eral and at large. Let me hear from you. C. K. FLANDERKA, some poor, lone widow and her helpsome poor, lone widow and her help-less little ones."

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write. That is good. All things work together for good. Now, Petersilea, I have a favor to ask of you. Will you not conduct me to your wife lore. at some future time, and allow me to take the entire control? I desire to make some amends for neglecting to of cheapness. give to the world all that my soul in-

"With great pleasure," I answered. And thus we talked for sometime be fore bidding each other adieu. An And I will keep my promise to the great

### THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

# The Spirit Ahrimziman.

In Reply to Various Criticisms He Gives His Reasons for Describing Hell Rather Than Heaven, the Dark Rather Than the Bright Side of Spirit Life.

The various criticisms which have reached us, seem to of the EXISTENCE OF THE DARK SIDE OF SPIRIT call for some further explanations of our object in dwell- LIFE, and we ask every student of occultism TO CONSIDing again in a second book, upon the dark, rather than ER THE RISKS, as well'as the benefits of spirit. interupon the bright, side of spirit life.

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prominence of the BEAUTIES OF SPIRITUAL INTER-COURSE, AND THE CHARMS OF SPIRIT LIFE IN SPHERES INHABITED BY GOOD, PURE AND HAPPY SPIRITS, and thereby many well-intentioned persons of principled or common-place, narrow-minded and illiberal; noble aspirations but litmited knowledge, have been induced to embark upon a course of exploration which is of intellect-good or evil!-progressing to wider attainfraught with serious dangers to those who set forth rely- ments, or retrogressing into a condition of diminished ing solely upon their superabundant faith in the wisdom, morality and power of the spirits whose control they invoke. The confiding trust of these explorers has met with a large response from good and noble spirits, but it becomes daily more difficult to protect the numerous persons who propose to "develop" their medial powers, and, in justice to the spirit world, mortals should pause and thropists and cynics; splendid mystics and spirits whose ask whether they have a right to shift all the burden of powers even as spirits are of the most limited order! protecting such persons onto the the "good spirits;" and There are gross seekers after the mere gratification of whether it is not desirable that mortals should take some their animal passions at the expense of mankind, as well measures to protect themselves.

fore we desire to give it, and we have begun with the dark man nature; fanatics lost to all thoughts but the thoughts side of the spirit picture rather than the light, in order to , which dominated them in earth life and intent only on emphasize our former warnings.

Having some this we shall go on to show other phases of spirit life till we have given a comprehensive picture of been impossible to summarize all our theories, and we have given them in a completed form.

Hitherto the indignation of all high-minded persons has been directed against the fraudulent mediums, and against those who have begun their careers as mediums with an honest desire for knowledge and an earnest wish to bene- in earth life, to spread epidemics of disease and waves of fit humanity, but who have finally descended to the most ABOMINABLE OF PRACTICES AND THE MOST DE-GRADED MODES OF LIFE, under so-called spirit control; evils bred in these spiritual hells REACT UPON THAT and we wished to show most strongly, what is at the root | MORTAL WORLD WHICH SEEKS TO DENY THEIR EXof such downfalls!

The vanity and greed for money!

The pride, ignorance, ambition, and the frailties of human nature-all contribute their share to the encompassment of a medium's ruin; yet these are but minor causes compared to the overwhelming force for good or evil which can be exerted over a medium's mind once the power of control has been yielded up to the spirit world.

As to the contentions of some critics that conditions such as are described in the "Wanderer" and "Ahrinzi- ENCE OF EVIL AS A FORCE CO-EXISTENT WITH man" cannot be accepted as credible facts, we may point GOOD! to the conditions of earth life even at the present time, and inquire, what our critics suppose will be the spiritual of the universe, we believe the great forces of good and state of persons capable of such actions as are described | evil are unceasingly at work, evolving the personalities of as "massacres," "wars," "murders," and the many social evils existing in all countries on the globe?

We also direct attention to the facts-that history records the existence of even worse horrors in past epochs of earth life, and we maintain that there are certain ferocious temperaments whose process of development from the brutish instincts of the animal stage of existence, is so slow and protracted, that there must EXIST CONGENIAL "HELLS." IN WHOSE SURROUNDINGS THESE FERO-CIOUS SOULS FIND DWELLING PLACES, till the gradrise into a superior state.

The annihilation of the human race-as suggested by another critic-would not annihilate the evil principle in nature; it would simply leave the elements of that principle to drift to some other focus of attraction.

The earth is such a minor point in the great infinitude of

course, and to guard against them before they yield to We did this because other writers have given so much THE PROMISCUOUS CONTROL OF ANY SPIRITS.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." This is absolutely true in relation to spirit control. Mediums will be found to be wise or foolish, elevated in thought and highbrilliant in mental powers or poor in knowledge and dull powers, and even into senility and premature decay, according to the nature of the control to which they have subjected themselves!

THERE ARE CRANKS AND CROTCHET-MONGERS IN SPIRIT LIFE AS WELL AS UPON EARTH. The earthbound spirits are often of this class. There are philanas noble but austere souls to whom even harmless pleas-We consider knowledge as man's best protection, there- ures seem too great a concession to the cravings of the huforcing those whom they can control to propagate their

ideas. EACH AND EVERY MEDIUM MUST HIDGE FOR the spirit world-In the limits of two books it would have THEMSELVES OF THE VALUE OF THE FRUITS WHICH MEDIUMSHIP HAS BROUGHT THEM. But have not attempted to do so, therefore we ask our readers what all are bound to do is to join in safeguarding THE to suspend their final judgment upon our teachings till we | IGNORANT AND UNWARY, by warning them of the evils which exist, and which menace all who seek to explore the occult plane.

> As surely as disease and death and crime ARE BRED IN SLUMS AND THE HAUNTS OF SELFISH PLEASURE crimes, crime which, in its consequences, reach even to the homes of the prosperous and the moral, so surely do the ISTENCE, DESPITE THE TESTIMONY OF ALL AGES

> OF THE EARTH'S HISTORY, NOT TILL THESE EVIL FORCES ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AND SAFEGUARDED AGAINST, CAN THE SAFE, PROFIT, ABLE, FULL AND FREE INTERCOURSE RETWEEN THE EARTH AND SPIRIT LIFE BE ESTABLISHED, AND NOT TILL THE REIGN OF THE MILLENNIUM OF PERFECT PEACE AND PURITY SHALL COME ON EARTH, CAN MAN AFFORD TO IGNORE THE EXIST-

In all the billions of worlds which occupy the infinitude worlds and their inhabitants, and as no two persons are ever exactly alike in all respects, so we believe that no

two WORLDS EXACTLY DUPLICATE ANY OTHER, although there will be found certain lines of correspondence prevailing in the structure of all, since all pass under universal laws of evolution. The slight variations in the action of these laws, which occur in the course of the develonment of each individual, creates certain idiosyncrasies which constitute the individuality of each one, and by creating this stamp of originality, constitutes its indestructual evolution of their higher propensities enables them to ible or immortal personality. In other words, the development of its individual soul from a mere unindividualized

germ of soul life, to that perfect individualization of its personality which we teach constitutes its perfect immortality.

It is because we value the individuality of each soul so highly, that we mourn when we see any attempt made to space, that man can hardly imagine that the conditions obliterate the characteristics of a nation or of an individprevailing upon it, are unique, or fundamentally different [ual, whether it be by the leveling harrow of the oppressors (as regards the manifestations of good and evil from that of a nation, or the political, social or religious tyranny of of the myriads of worlds revolving throughout space. any organization which seeks to enslave the mind by imposing a string of dogmas, confessions of faith, or any other universal stamp of thought upon all its votaries-a mentary stage, but are passing through a similar process stereotyped brand of moral excellence by which all must be labeled. FOR MANY REASONS WE THINK IT UNWISE FOR ANYONE TO BECOME DOMINATED BY THE MINDS OF OTHERS. Still more unwise, is it to allow onself to BE-COME A MERE PUPPET IN THE HANDS OF STRONG-WILLED SPIRITS (however good in intention they may be), who may elect to constitute themselves as "guides" of mediums.

and practiced in both conditions is precisely the same; but long and patient special practice is required before the psychic can acquire the power of leaving his earthly body, and still retaining the full strength of his reasoning pow-ers, for to most mortals, the physical body is necessary as a means of supplying sufficient vital fuel with which to illuminate the sensatory chambers of the mind; hence it is that so few people dream clear, logical dreams, which can compare on equal grounds with the actions of their waking brains. Trerefore before a psychic can expect to go into spirit life, and in that condition hold possession of the brightest qualities of his intellect in perfect consciousness, he must have acquired the power of drawing the nourish-

ment for his brain from some other condition of life than that of the physical world. How this is done, we cannot explain now, for our article is already too long, but this as well as other details of medjumship will be given in the near future. Suffice it to say here, that we by no means desire to be supposed to disapprove of TRUE TRANCE mediumship; it is only the imperfect exhibitions of it, that we disapprove of; and our object in showing the dangers of spirit intercourse, is to warn incautious students against yielding to trance conditions before they know what a trance" truly means.

We consider trance mediumship a most needful part of the psychic's development, because owing to the conditions which surround a planet in its material stage, it is necessary to leave the body and pass into a higher condition of spirit life, in order that the thought-waves from the higher "Master Minds" may not BECOME COLORED BY THE THOUGHT EMANATIONS OF EARTHLY MINDS, or still worse, BE REFRACTED AND TURNED ASIDE BY THEM,

In the notes to "Ahrinziman" the nature of a true trance is clearly defined. What we desire to do now is only to explain why we have dwelt so strongly upon the risks of YIELDING BLINDLY TO THOSE WHO SUGGEST "DEVELOPMENT," but who, in nine cases out of ten (whether they are spirits or mortals) know very little of what true "development" means.

Our remarks are addressed to persons who have already arrived at a belief in the existence of a spirit world. For persons who have not yet arrived at a belief in the exist ence of a spirit, our words will have little meaning or AHRINZIMAN. value.

### GEMS OF THOUGHT.

If you can't have your own way, take consolation from he fact that every man encounters his stone wall .-- Anon.

All sanitary purification begins by opening the windows wide. Let us open wide all intellects; let us supply souls with air .--- Victor Hugo.

If you would serve your brother, because it is fit for you to serve him, do not take back your words when you find that prudent people do not commend you .- Emerson.

The theory that we get all our heaven and hell in this life would find more advocates if we didn't believe that the other man has had all the heaven and we have had all the hell.-Atchison Globe.

One should love the truth earnestly and with one's whole heart; and therefore, unconditionally, without re- saw, but most of all with the music room and its organ, serve before everything, and, in case of necessity, even to always silent, now, save when her own delicate fingers the defiance of everything .--- Schopenhauer.

The Organ Mystery. Thiat (Continued from page 5.)

Hudson Tuttle. I, had just finished this gruesome work when Thomas announced luncheon At the close of the meal I called the old man and said: "Can you find me some kind of a box in which I can put a skeleton? As you know," I continued, "a doctor must have such things when in practice;" but as I am now going to devote my time to the care of this estate I shall have liftle time for practicing medicine outside of my home so I want to bury these bones, as the future Mrs. Floyd would not stay an hour in the house if I kept them here.'

"All right, sir; I think I have just the thing you want," he replied. It is a box my father brought with him from the old country, and is about three feet long and two feet wide, strong and well made."

"That will do nicely," I said: "bring it to my room. By the way, I wonder if you will help me bury it in one corner of the little burying-ground I saw as I drove along?"

"Yes, sir," Thomas answered, "I will gladly help you; for I could not sleep again if I knew the bones were here. The burying-ground you mention is on this property, so you have a right to use it."

"Then," I answered, "we will bury the bones at once if you are ready. Poor Andy Willams will rest well out there, and if I should ever need another skeleton I can 80 cents always get one from the hospital in New York."

"I hope, sir," said Thomas, hastily, "that you will never need one while I live in this house!"

Thomas duly brought the box and with it a fine linen sheet. saying:---

"I thought, doctor, that you might wish for something to wrap the bones in, so I brought this sheet from the linen closet.'

"Thank you, Thomas," I said, "I am glad you were so thoughtful."

Carefully I wrapped in the sheet all that now remained of the once handsome Arthur Winthrop, who had laid so

long unburied, and placed the bundle reverently in the litthe box. As I did so I heard-or did I dream?-the organ strike into a Jubilate Deo, and the marvelous voice I had heard the night before took up the words and sang them to the end.

Thomas, who had gone to dig the grave, soon came back and said:---

"The grave is ready, sir."

"Thank you, Thomas," I responded, "all I have to do is to lock the box.'

The old man led the way to the little graveyard and I carried the box, not willing to have other hands than mine perform the sacred duty laid upon me by Mr. Winthropmy great-uncle, as I now knew him to be.

In a quiet corner of the little graveyard, near the last resting-place of Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop, we deposited the box, standing for a few moments with heads bowed in silent prayer; then Thomas filled the grave and we left all that remained of Arthur Winthrop to his last long sleep.

Three months later, when I brought my bride to her new home, the beautiful old mansion had been renovated from top to bottom, and Alice was charmed with everything she

drew forth its melody .--- Wide World Magazine.

Notes From G. H. Brooks. On the 11th of July I left home for Wisconsin to look after matters per-taining to the state. I stopped one night at Kenosha and stayed at my friend's, Willis Hill, who is an old-time Spiritualist, a brother-in-law of the well-known J. L. Potter, who did so were for Spiritualism. I found but very few Spiritualist, in Kenosha aside from Mr. Hill, who was willing to let it be known. I shall visit there A certain amount of pride is required for the highest development of each individual soul, but he who deagain when I have more time. On the next day I stopped off at Ra-

lights in the possession of great cine, where I held a parlor meeting, wealth, and he with that pride of intellect which can conceive of nothing and met quite a few of the friends. The next day I went to Milwaukee, beyond the power of his brilliant mind where, that evening, there was held a to fathom, we would say with the board meeting of the state association, and buisiness of importance was trans-

"O, wad some power the giftle gi'e us acted. To see ourselves as ithers see us,' Saturday I went to Brookfield, just

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Fetters That Bind.

Abstract of Lecture by Miss Susie C. | when some of these barriers shall be Clark, Delivered Before the Worces- removed, we know our religion will one day become the only religion in ter Association of Spiritualists. the world.

In a quiet, secluded retreat in Southern Italy, far removed from the noisy traffic of the world, there exists a brotherhood of holy men, who live in the world but not of it, whose thoughts are constantly focused on the outside world in one grand concerted effort to bring about universal peace, the brotherhood of man, and the poet Burnsprogress of the human race. And it is said, many times by their efforts,

war has been averted among the European nations. It has been my privilege to meet and converse with one of these broth- tellect. ers and thereby learn some

Some of these other worlds are in a more advanced stage of development than the earth, and some in a more eleof evolution. Terrestrial life acts like a great mill, grinding down the rough quartz of humanity, and thus releasing in the process the grains of spiritual gold, and fitting them for the next or spiritual stages of the refiner's art.

These spiritual stages of refining the gold of human nature, will take place sometimes amidst the fierce furnaces of the hells of spirit life; at other times amidst the gentler purifications of the bright spheres. It may even be that

in some cases the human quartz requires a second, or many successive grindings in the mill of earth life before the spiritual gold can be separated from it; that is to say that of times before the process of development in the spirit spheres begins.

One critic expresses the thought that the existence of such hells as are inhabited by the Dark Angels, would justify the annihilation of the human race , which con-

has a surer mode of eliminating this evil than the annihilation of his species. He can reform his criminals, or at least lay the foundation of their reformation while they are on earth, and thus secure his own protection against the chance of their return as spirits who are evil, or rather "unprogressed." It would be still better, if man would students.

begin the regeneration of the criminally disposed at the earliest stages of their growth, and counteract as far as possible the effects of degrading environment. This part of the subject of existing evil is, however, receiving a large quisition of such a perfect control over the mind that the share of public attention already, and we need not forther discuss it.

. Our purpose is to show the spirit side of life and to in vite the co-operation of mortals in aiding the efforts of phi- of self. lanthropic spirits to minimize the dangers which arise from criminal spirits as much as from criminal mortals.

To hang a murderer is a simple way of saving society any further trouble or anxiety about him, and if his death meant the annihilation of the evil impulse which caused his criminal act, it might be a logical way of disposing of him; but if the destruction of a criminal's body only means giving to his spirit the power of a wider range of its surface. action, either as an earth-bound spirit or as a denizen of

the "hells" of spirit life (which we claim do exist), then his execution is an error of judgment, and implies the shirking of a duty which the universal brotherhood of man imposes upon all mankind. Moreover, in hanging a man, world a fierce, undisciplined soul, filled with the bitter All that this means for the spirit we cannot describe here. but these possibilities should be a lesson fraught with in-

struction to all reflecting minds. We have never represented our "hells" as hopeless attained if the first clop be taken in earth life. We consider that all mediumistic persons, whether they

The wiser spirits never so use their mediums, for they know the evils thereby entailed; and although when modern Spiritualism was young many methods of control were reincarnation in physical form may take place a succession allowed which wider knowledge now condemns, it was only because at that time there was no clear method of instructing mediums, and the earth-bound spirits were in many

cases the nearest, if not the only available connecting links between man and the spirit world.

In the present day so much more advanced forms of con tributes to people these abodes of darkness. But man trol have become possible, that it is time mediumship WAS RAISED TO A HIGHER PLANE AND THAT THOSE WHO ELECT TO FOLLOW IT SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN such higher conditions of control as will enable them to safely and consciously communicate with their spirit guides-not as confiding children, but as intelligent

As pointed out in the notes to "Ahrinziman," true tranc nediumship is NOT a surrender of the medium's person ality, but a higher development of it; so likewise the acnsychic can at will SUSPEND HIS OWN THOUGHTS WHILE STILL RETAINING HIS CONSCIOUSNESS, is a

development of individual self-control, not an obliteration

In this condition of conscious suspension of thought the mind of the psychic can receive thought waves from "master mind" which has been put, "magnetically," into harmony with the passive receiver. The thought waves should flow into the passive mind, as the waters of a clear quiet stream flow into a placid lake, and swell the bulk of ter the higher life bearing our one lit-its waters with scarce a ripple to disturb the tranquility of the pin-feather of trith.

Such power of receptivity is akin to that of a conscious. listening pupil who hears and comprehends the arguments of a lecturer: but in this instance the receptivity is of a higher order, since it is independent of the physical organs as a means of communication. Thought-waves absorbed society not only shirks a public duty, but actually creates in such a fashion are like mental nourishment for the soul, a danger to the community, and especially to the medium- aiding its power of growth, yet leaving the soul to assimiistic members of the community, by sending into the spirit linte and fashion the thoughts into the likeness of its own type of mind-not forcing the plastic clay of the receiver memory of the retributive-justice which has hurled him to accept the stamp of the originator of the thought-wave. into the only condition of spirit life possible to him, and THE PSYCHIC CAN ASSIMILATE THE THOUGHTS IN sent him there before his soul was ready for the change. THE SAME FASHION AS A MAN ASSIMILATES THE FOOD HE EATS AND FASHIONS IT INTO THE LIKE-NESS OF HIS OWN BODY.

This passive conscious reception of inspired thought is the highest development of which a psychic is capable, and places of punishment, but we do emphasize the fact that CAN BE PRACTICED BY THE PERFECTLY. DEVELprogress can often (though not invariably) be more swiftly OPED ADEPT, BOTH WHILE IN THE BODY OF THE FLESH AND WHEN OUT OF IT, AND CLOTHED ONLY WITH THE BODY OF THE SPIRIT. The process by seek to use their gifts as mediums or not, ought to know which the power of thus controlling thought is acquired

tenets of the brotherhood. The first Do we envy another because this tem-and greatest obstacle to the progress ple of the human soul is better housed Tucker. of the human race is their misconcepvengeful God.

the noblest work of man." sure the great Teacher in his time taught his disciples to say, "Our Father who art in heaven," in keeping ''Our with the intelligence and development of the race, but when we seek to place any limitations upon the Supreme wer of the Universe, we create a fet-

ter to bind the human race, and a bar to progress Where-we lose our sense of separateness with the Infinite, and come into a conscious at-one-ment with the Divine life, we radiate the light from

within. We cannot conceive of a God in this cease, so do not try, for as only a bird young girls become addicted to the cents. Let me assure one and all can concele of the life of a bird, and only a fish can realize the free and through an unwise prescription given Maggle, as she is usually called, and joyous life of a fish, only a God can by a physician, acquire a taste for all the members of the Tucker family. conceive of a God.

The second fetter that binds is pride of birth and environment, that Verily these are the fetters that bind. haughtiness which proclaims to the world, "I am holier than thou;" intelectual pride that can recognize no be amused, and if the brother had vis- grove meeting. standard of right and wrong, that is ted America he would have found not measured by their own preconlove of gold, and office-seeking. ceived opinions. Are there any of us to-day who can bear a slight without hurting our personal pride? Can we bear a contradiction when we know arything, my friends, and never will;

we are in the right, without contra-dicting back? Then we have not it is the most senseless thing in all the world, responsible for more gray turn home. Am working for the adconquered pride-that pride that hairs and wrinkles than all the catefeels and knows that their religion is gory of human ills combined. And yet another fetter is fear, when Am meeting with good success; much the grandest religion that has ever

been given to the world, that they possess the whole of truth, when in reality they have found only one little feather which dropped from the wing of Truth. My friends, how small many of us will appear when we enand my Father are one," know no fear, for "underneath are the ings or mass-meetings, everlasting arms."

Formed.

But we as Spiritualists should know But we as Spiritualists should know we have not all of truth, for truth is not confined to any one serier or people. But among all the denominations in the world to-day, I regret to say, even among the Spiritualists, "there are among the Spiritualists," there are among the Spiritualists, "there are amony of this class; we find, many who lift their noses high in the air, and re-often wish I could make of myself a gigantic pudding-stick and stir them all together, for if all would work to-gether, tolerant of each other's opin-ions, recognizing each other's needs, the long-looked-for milleunium would A New State Organization to Be the long-looked-for millennium would A New State Organization to Be

be at hand. With all of our wonderful psychic manifestations which are constantly

occurring in the world to-day. I am surprised to find so many seemingly intelligent people who utterly ignore these demonstrations, and who seem perfectly indifferent to the great truths that bring knowledge and consolation to every human soul, content 1906. with the knowledge they possess, with Spiritualism is urged to be regard. no aspiration for anything beyond. But sometime in the coming years

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Another fetter that binds is envy aldson met me at the station and took me to the hospitable home of Mr.

and clothed than our own? The next day, in Tucker's Grove In tion of Divinity, the idea of a personal friends, remember the only wealth to the afternoon, was held a grove meet-God seated upon a throne, of the old be desired is the wealth of the human ing, the first one of its kind there, and Jewish Jehovah, an angry, jealous, re- soul. Many of you are unduly elated the first under the present manageengeful God. Ingersoll said, "An honest God is he noblest work of man." To be hasty word suppressed, never thinking tion, all rubbish raked up, and everyyou should have reached this state of thing in first-class order. While there development long ago, and become the was not so many of the Milwaukee soul well poised, in conscious at-one- people out, as but few of them knew of it, yet there was a good attendance, ment with Divinity.

Another fetter that binds is the some coming sixteen miles, and all ensense of taste. Guard well these por- joyed themselves immensely, so much tals and whenever you find you have so we were invited back to hold anacquired a taste for even confection- other meeting, which will be done on erv. beware! How many of our so- Sunday, August 12, when there will be ciety women to-day are dipsomaniacs, a much larger attendance from Milmade so by the senseless custom of waukee, as well as the surrounding mixing brandy with their five o'clock country, and I hope all who see this

tea. In my experience as a healer 1 notice and live near there will kindly have had one patient of this kind, remember and be there. Trains leave which was one of my hardest cases to the St. Paul depot in the morning at life, and perhaps not in the life to treat, for the spirit itself had become 7:50 and 8 o'clock, then between ten come, for then all progression would polluted. How many of our sweet and eleven. The round trip is fifty polluted. How many of our sweet and eleven. The round trip is fifty

> use of cigarettes, and others, perhaps you will be warmly welcomed by Aunt morphige, opium and various other Father Tucker is over eighty, and as opiates<sup>F</sup> which destroy body and soul. spry as a boy,

> There is a beautiful grove there, Again, there is the insane desire and a most delightful country; the for amusement but, my friends, life grove right near the depot. means infinitely more than seeking to friends, do not fail to ,attend

> I am at this writing at Oakfield, Wis., the home of the treasurer of the And I would add that greatest of all state association, as well as of Mr. fetters-worry; it never accomplishes | Worthing, one of the trustees

So.

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I shall visit Fond du Lac. Oshkosh, Madison and Wonewoc ere I revancement of the state association,

there is nothing in all the world to better than I expected, and I ask the fear but fear; and our own sense of friends all over the state to let us separateness from the Divine is the hear from you. Send us names of cause of all fear, but when we real-those who are interested in our cause, ize as did the Nazarene of old that "I also of places where meetings can be we shall held, parlor meetings, public meet-

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### · Historical ecollections.

It is one of the remarkable things in history that almost coincident in time with the reputed beginning of Christianity, soon after the close of the reign of Augustus Caesar, there were some 10,000 students from all parts of the civilized world in attendance on the great Alexandrian Academy in Egypt. The learned body assembled in the Serapian where the large library, said to have embraced 700,000 volumes, were stored, and there was domiciled Serapis, an idol removed some 284 years before our era from Pontus, in Bithynia, on the Black Sea. It had represented the god Bacchus, also known as Jes. But removed by Ptolemy Soter to Alexandria. , It was claimed he was the resurrected Osiris. And even Mithra of the Persians seems to have been gradually merged into this "resurrected" god.

The world's scholars in this Alexandrian Academy, convinced that discords in religion produced national strife and desolating wars, determined to select the best from all creeds, and to merge the whole into a common faith, which should embrace the perfection of human reason in regard to God, the human soul, and man's ultimate destiny. They took

who are not distinctively Christian. Christianity is built on the idea of the fall of man, of total depravity, of an angered God who required an atonement by the sacrifice of his own son to placate his anger. Those who reject belief in the fall of man, of an angered God, and the necessity of a bloody sacrifice to appease that anger, have no use of a crucified Savior; hence they cannot be Christians, and wrongly use the word church when applied to a social, business or religious organization.

propriety of its use by Spiritualists

The word society seems better adapted to such a spiritual organization. It is defined: "A collective body of persons composing a community. Any body of persons con-nected by acquaintance, friendship, or associated for a common object. An incorporated religious congregation. word association has a some-The what similar meaning.

### About Barbarian Gods.

In the early history of man, when he was just emerging from savagery, governments were represented as institutions of God, and they were administered in his name. The laws were represented as enacted by him. It was not the people of Judea alone who were theocrats, or god-governed,

but it seems all the earlier people had their tribal god, and the priests interpreted his will and enforced observance of what they denominated his commands.

Turning to the generally accepted history of the Jews, the Old Testament literature, it appears so soon as families began to unite and form tribes, there were persons who rose up and pretended to voice the will of God. Then came the "Thus saith the Lord" voiced by Moses, Joshua, the Judges, finally by the alleged prophets, and these are the damnable dictums we have quoted from time to time, the "Thus saith the Lord" which crimson the cheeks of churchmen,almost angers them, as they read the quotations in The Progressive Thinker. We have made and shall continue to make these quotations that our Christian readers may know what kind of a God they worship. It was Moses, Joshua, etc., who assumed to be Jehovah to carry forward their pur-poses, as Mumbo Jumbo, was the rul-ing god in Darkest Africa. The wonis that Christians, in this age of enlightenment, when nearly every person can read and write, had not discovered the truth and placed themselves on record as antagonistic to

such a fictitious god. But our orthodox brotherhood, in stead of eliminating idolatry from their Bibles, have enshrined it in their creeds and delified a Jew, born in humble life of an unmarried maiden, and represent he was sired by the Almighty Ruler of the universe.

A person of educated thought, who has brains enough to disregard his childhood teaching; cannot do less than pronounce such a shameless claim the basest blasphemy. .

Neither The Progressive Thinker nor any of its readers, deny the existence of Infinite Wisdom, which directs the rolling spheres in their movements, and is the parent of all life; but this God is not a man, weaklings have represented; neither was man made in his image. He is far above finite apprehension. We cannot grasp his form, nor compre-hend his attributes, neither does he demand our prayers or praise, nor damn us for not believing matters of which our only knowledge is barbarian hearsay.

### The Evil a Shameful One.

"Padded church rolls" is the title of an article in a late issue of "Unity," a Unitarian organ published in this city. The editor follows an article in the "Congregationalist" which calls attenbvious evil, based on palpa tion to an o

# Paul's Jesus and the Jesus of the Gospels.

### Good and Sufficient Reasons for Believing Them to be Not Identical-A Critical Analysis of the Case Given by Dr. G. W. Brown.

Nearly one-third of the New Testament is the produc- men are determined to make his period agree in time with tion of Paul. The creeds of all Christian churches make that accredited to Jesus. But, observe the fact, the Episheavy drafts on Paul's Epistles. If those Epistles were tles of Paul, of James, Peter, John and Jude make no eliminated from the sacred books Christianity would needs mention, or in any way allude to the Gospels, hence this is be reconstructed. Paul's Jesus is a different character strong presumptive evidence that they had no knowledge from the Jesus of the Gospels. Paul never mentions Jesus of Nazareth, or Jesus of Bethlehem in any of his Epistles. His Jesus is the one he saw in a vision while on a tour of persecution, probably, of the Essenes, to Damascus. The accounts are conflicting. One is related in Acts 9; 1 to 9. It says:

"Suddenly there shined about him a light from heaven." We have the right to inquire, was it a sun-stroke? or was it an epileptic fit? It may have been either; and a clouded mind may have produced the rest. No one else saw it but

Jesus Christ."

ebius with his declaration: he, or heard the voice. In Galatians 1:11, 12 Paul says: Gospels and writings of the Apostles, and probably some "I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which, was preached of me is not after man; for I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of

Paul's Epistles," then he would have been confirmed in opinion, as is this

him in Acts. Was this Jesus the same as he who is described in the Gospels? We apprehend not. Paul's failure in all his Epistles to mention Jesus of Nazareth, or of otherwise the anointed, was not the Jesus Christ of the Bethlehem, is highly suggestive that they were different Gospels.

characters from his. There is no mention by Paul in any of the opinion there was an original Gospel from which of his Epistles, of the wonderful things told of Jesus in the Gospels. There is scarcely an allusion to the astound-Matthew, Mark and Luke were copied. Some have supposed there was a Hebrew Gospel, written by whom, when ing details of which nearly every page of Matthew, Mark,

Luke and John are replete. There is no hint that Jesus is declaration: "Many have taken in hand to set forth in orrepresented to have taught a general judgment. No reference is made to his preternatural birth, his baptism, his der a declaration of those things which are most surely parables, his intimate acquaintance with publicans, with BELIEVED among us," so he goes on to tell the subthe Magdalene, with Mary, with other women. Not one of his miracles is narrated. Nothing is said of the marvelous events attending the crucifixion and death of the Master, of the sun darkening, the earth quaking, the temple rending, rocks cleaving, graves opening, the dead rlsing and walking the streets of Jerusalem.

The learned author of "The Prophet of Nazareth" well says: "These are matters which one would imagine should occupy a very prominent position in all the Epistles; should be relied upon by the writers respectively, as facts to establish the truth of Christianity, and which of them-

selves, suffice to convince and convert the most incredulous. and obdurate mind." The writers of the Epistles, James, John and Jude, to

tally ignore the Gospels and their contents as does Paul, while Peter whom Jesus is credited with having given the keys of heaven, Matt. 16:18, does not allude to those

keys in either of his Epistles, neither does he refer to his walking on the sea and Jesus saving him from drowning. Topsy, "just growed." Had there been no Paul's Gospel The absence of all reference to the Gospels is almost absolute proof that they were unknown to the writers, of the Epistles.

Paul addressed his Epistles to the various churches of Asia. If it shall appear, as we advance in this inquiry, that Paul lived and wrote before the death of Jesus, up, to which time no Christian church had been founded, then it will be demonstrated those churches were not what is now known as Christian.

It is the truth we seek and nothing but the truth. Only one single passage in Paul's Epistles gives any clug to the time in which he lived. After assuring his readers "I lie hot," very welcome intelligence after his inquiry; "If the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged a sinner?"-Romans 3:7; then II. Corinthians 11: 32, 33;

"In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me. And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall and escaped his hands."

Now if we can determine when Aretas, the king of Damascus, reigned, we can establish Paul's period beyond the possibility of controversy. There: was but one king by the name of Aretas who reigned in Damascus. Opening the Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol. 17, p. 160, first column, near the bottom, mentioning the Tabaeans, it says:

when Paul lived and wrote. Meredith, in his "The Prophet of Nazareth," p. 166, note, well inquires: "Are we not entitled to infer either the churches to

which Paul's Epistles were addressed were much older than the Gospels, and even the time when the Christ of the Gospels was born? or, if the Gospels then existed the author of the Enistles knew nothing of them?"

Had Mr. Meredith pursued his inquiry and consulted Eu-"It is highly probable the ancient commentaries which Philo says the Thearapeutae of Egypt have, are the very

expositions of the ancient prophets, such as are contained in the Epistle to the Hebrews, and many other of St."

How taught by revelation? Why in the vision told of writer, that Paul wrote his Epistles many years before the Jesus of Nazareth was born; and that Paul's Jesus Christ,

> Eichorn, a German Bible critic of the last century, was or where no one can conjecture. Luke starts out with the

stance of bellef. Probably Matthew and Mark were included in that "many," and the accounts they gave were but hearsay; certain it is, it was not facts, else their narrations would be less discrepant. In nearly all the important statements narrated in the Gospels a discordant story is told, beginning with the parentage of Jesus and ending with the place of his ascension. Wherein they differ they doubtless made heavy drafts on imagination. Wherein

they agree they but copied from an older writer. Was that older writing the Gospel of Paul?

It has heretofore been suggested in these columns that the original of the Gospels was probably the Pauline Episles. A careful review of those Epistles shows Paul himself was the author of a Gospel, and the probabilities are, the Gospel of Paul was the primary one, and the first three canonical Gospels, as a large number of apochryphal, were based on this original, written before the alleged Jesus was born-provided he was not like Mrs. Stowe's there was enough in his Epistles for a base on which to fabricate both the canofical and the apochryphal Gospels. For proof of this, see the article "Jesus," written by Archdeacon F. W. Farrer, D. D., F. R. S., and author of a "Life of Christ," in Vol. 13, p. 659, Encyclopedia Britannica, near head of second column. We quote:

"If we had the Epistles of Paul alone, we could find contemporary testimony to almost every single fact of primary importance in the life of Christ,-his birth of the seed of David, his poverty, his messiahship, his moral teaching, his proclamation of the kingdom of God, his calling of the Apostles, his supernatural power, his divine claims, his betrayal, his founding the Last Supper, his passion, crucifixion, burial, resurrection, and repeated appearance.'

"But the authors of the canonical Gospels were not lim ited to the Epistles, which, however, may have aided them in their work, for they must have been in possession of Paul's Gospel which of course was based on his vision while on his persecuting tour, and when flearing Damas-Listen to Paul: cus.

"I certify you, brethren, that the Gospel which was preached of by me, is not of man, for I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."-Galatians 1:11, 12.

When and where was that "revelation" made to Paul?

## Nuts for Camp Meeting Officials and Mediums to Crack

The following are most remarkable statements, by Willard J. Hull, who is defending all the frauds in our ranks, Read carefully his tirade of abuse against Spiritualists and mediums. The man must be a fit subject for an asylum for the insane.

A Flagrant Insult to Spiritualists. with the ordinary binding cord con-

The Progressive Thinker is not only tain big values. They are the kohiin REVOLT against Legerdemain noors among the diamond fields of Spiritualism, but it is in OPEN RE- Light of Truth depends for courage to VOLT against this answer to an imcontinue the test."-Editorial in the portant question by a would-be leader, Light of Truth, Willard J. Hull. The question suba prominent personage, for RANK IMmitted to him, and his answer are as BECILITY excels anything we have follows: ever seen in print during the last quar-

Question :-- "What is the end and aim of mediumship as carried on at ter of a century. Just think of it! present?" Answer:---- "Its aim is Dollars, and United States, "There are only a FEW

its end is Death. Mediums who are SMALL PAOKAGES, tied with only, really carrying the messages of the ordinary binding cord, that contain, higher realms of spirit life to man the big 'value." Did you ever see such mortal can be counted on THE idlocy manifested by any writer? FINGERS OF A SINGLE HAND." Spiritualists have been tested by The

"Only four mediums on earth to-day Progressive Thinker, and as a class really carrying the messages of the they ARE THE MOST INTELLIGENT, higher realms of spirit life to man," THE MOST MORAL, AND THE BEST says this pretentious, egotistic leader! ADAPTED OF ALL OUR POPULA-ONLY four mediums! What do you TION TO ADVANCE THE WORLD think of that pernicious lying state- TO A HIGHER PLANE. Instead of ment? PACKAGES of big values," there are

What think you, honest mediums. your aim is the almighty "Dollar," thousands of them, and the above and your end is "Death"-a disgraceful one, of course. We are in OPEN **REVOLT** against this sentiment-that slander hurled against hundreds of honest mediums, who are as pure as the angels of light. For RANK IMRE. CILITY the answer to the above

question excels anything ever uttered in an asylum for semi-idiots. Another Rank Insult to Spiritualists. Willard J. Hull says:

place for him.

"The Light of Truth is engaged DEATH. MEDIUMS ARE SUPPORT. ipon the only purpose spirit return ED AND PATRONIZED LARGELY

has in this world's affairs. That pur- BY CHRISTIAN AND INFIDEL pose is to free the spirit man here and ALIKE, OUTSIDE THE RANKS OF now and make earth a fit dwelling THE WARRING, SNIVELING FAC-TIONS THAT NOW MAKE UP THE "In this work the Light of Truth ap-RANK AND FILE OF- WHAT IS

peals, for the present to Spiritualists, LEFT OF SPIRITUALISM." because they are supposed to be the There are no qualifications in the people that know about these things. above. The charge that our ranks are "The Light of Truth is testing the composed of "Warring, SNIVELING Spiritualists of North America spe-Factions," stands forth prominently. cifically, and the Spiritualists of the According to the Century Dictionary, 'Snivel" means as follows:

world generally. "This test will go on until the fiber of the goods is thoroughly known and SNOT. Figuratively, in contempt, understood.

"For the MOST PART THE STUFF SO FAR TESTED IS EXCEEDINGLY

SHODDY. Some of the PACKAGES TIED WITH FANCY STRING AND BABY RIBBON offered for inspection lard J. Hull's opinion of Spiritualists WILL NOT BEAR IT AT ALL.

"A FEW SMALL PACKAGES tied never hurled at them!

"ALL ROADS LEAD TO LILY DALE." Frank Caldwell, July 20 and 22, "Two thousand miles up the Yukon River," were the finest exhibits of the Its Great Success the Present Season. kind we ever had. Whether he dis-

cussed good dogs or bad men, he was sure to bring out the best points of The crowd has come, and more are all, and his pictures were very beau-

following after. They come by train or boat, riding, driving or walking. tiful. The gayly dressed, happy people, All roads lead to Lily Dale, and here the meetings, the songs and the music each add to the life of the Aseembly, once more gather old and young, grave and gay, living over again every and the pleasure of all. blessed experience, every happy hour

LAURA G. FIXEN.

moted.

weak, forced or pretended weeping; hypocritical expressions of sorrow or repentance in a nasal tone; hypocrisy, cant." The above definition expresses Wilgenerally, and a ranker insult was

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Still Another Rank Insult.

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itualist and medium in the land.

Mr. Hull says:

the name of Eclectics, signifying to choose. Later, they were known as Neo-Platonists. Potamon, an Alexandrian, led in the movement. Mosheim, in both his Ecclesiastical History, and in his Historical Commentaries, gave considerable space to this sect, as did Dr. Brown, in his Researches in Oriental History. The latter is of the opinion the Eclectics afterwards assumed the name Christian, the word meaning "the . anoint-

The Buddhists at that time had gained a strong footing in several provinces of Asia Minor, as throughprovinces of Asia Millor, as through-out Syria, Palestine and Egypt. In the latter they were known as Thera-peutae, and in Palestine as Essenes. These sects introduced the first monasteries in Egypt, which later became so general. It is evident these sects, "holding all things in common," according to Josephus, were merged into and swelled the number of Eclec-

Curious, is it not? almost simultaneously with the organization of the Eclectics, also known as Neo-Platonists, as above related, all the minor gods of Greece and Rome, as well of Persia and Egypt, disappeared from history, while JES, one of the many names of Bacchus, the god of wine, to which there seems to have been added the Latin terminal US, begins his reign.

A-conflict is represented to have occurred between the Egyptian worshipers of Serapis and the devotees of Jesus, each claiming the cross as their emblem. A mob ensued; the Sera-pian was destroyed, and with it the idol Serapis and the Alexandrian Library with its valuable tomes, histories of all nations compiled to that date, which had been collected with much labor and expense We apprehend these historical facts.

will be important aids to the student should he have occasion to investigate the beginnings of Christianity

May we not suggest to inquirers. that they will do well to read up in regard to the Essenes, the Therapeutae, and the Eclectics under their later name of Neo-Platonists. Geo Reber, in his: Therapeutae, demon-strates to our satisfaction, that Paul was of this sect, which preceded Christianity. .

The Word Church Characteristically Christian.

A friend inquires if it is proper to apply the word Church to a Spiritual society?

.The Standard Dictionary defines Church as, "A body of Christians with a distinct history, creed, polity, and forms of worship; a denomination. Any organized body of Christian bellevers; also all Christian bellevers collectively."

The word has long been appropriated by Christians, and seems pecul-fifty-five: "I was brought up to believe salva- probably, a trial for heresy."

ble facts. He says: "In these days of yellow journalism, screaming billboards, wateredstocks, and business inflation, it ought not to surprise anyone that church rolls and statistics should share in the inflation." This "dead wood" is there from opposite reasons, neglect to remove defunct, removed, withdrawn and expelled members, and from inflation by over-strenuous ministers who are ambitious to swell the membership to prove the growth and

prosperity of their churches. The Congregationalist says: "Such ministers usually have. brief . pastor ates, and seek better fields by pointing to the evidence of past success." Is it not a fact that every child when

named and sprinkled by priest or clergy, is enrolled as a member of the church to which the officiating pastor is attached in a few years, thus swelling the last of communicants more than one-half? The Catholics claim 'once a member always a member,' unless expelled for heresy or other

cause. And is not the same true, sub-stantially, in all the churches? If there was a general weeding out of churches, and every name

erased not in full and active membership, it is very questionable if they would retain one-third of their alleged resent number.

We agree with Unity in its state "Whatever the cause [for the retention of false names], the evil is a shameful one."

Character Not a Child of Faith.

That was a very just expression of the late English statesman, Gladstone, when he wrote:

"Bellef in the Holy Scriptures might be interpreted as implying the elevation of moral character in individuals, varied with and according to their dogmatic belief, a proposition which in my view is untrue, offensive, and even absurd. Had I ever been inclined to such a conception, the experience of my life would long ago have

undeceived me." The clergy are ever reflecting on the moral character of all persons not members of evangelicol churches as if members of evangelical churches as if as in truth we find them the peers of the noblest of the race. Take the lives of the presidents of the United States: We challenge a comparison between the characters of those in no way associated with orthodox churches, and the very few who were connected with them. And so in any and every relation of life. Were we to express an opinion based on personal observation we fear 'it would not be complimentary to those of a narrow, contracted and bigoted creed. That same Gladstone from whom

we have quoted, wrote at the age of

"They occupied the Hauran, and about 85 B. C. their king Aretas (Haritha) became lord of Damascus . and Coela-Syria."

Turning to Josephus' "Antiquities of the Jews"-good authority with Christians,-book 13, chapter 15, near the close of Sec. 1, and beginning of Sec. 2, with note, all relating to Aretas, to save space we condense, and give in our own words:

"In a battle by Aretas with Antiochus the latter was slain, after which Aretas reigned over Coela-Syria. He was the first of the Arabians who reigned over Damascus. Smith's unabridged Greek and Roman Biography shows the successor of Antiochus XII. succeeded his predecessor B. C. 78, 71.

The latter authority, under the head of Aretas, sec. 2 represents him on the throne of Damascus B. C. 64.

There were other kings by the name of Aretas who eigned in Arabia Petria; and theologians have labored to transfer them to Damascus; but it seems almost certain he who fought victoriously with Antiochus, about B. C. 71. and was on the Damascus throne B. C. 64, and how much later we don't know, was the occupant when Paul escaped in a basket.

This corroborates Philo's narration, quoted by Eusebius whose productions were found with the Therapeutae, and he says, were probably the originals of the Gospels and Paul's Epistles, while the "conjectures," "it seems" and into a common hero. the "may be's" of the commentators, trying to evade the truth, avail nothing.

The Encyclopedia Britannica, article "Paul," written by one of the twenty-two allied colleges of Oxford University Interlaced, in such a way as to suggest that the writers -no better Christian authority anyhere, -- says on page have borrowed either from each other, or from some com-423, vol. 18:

"We have no means of knowing when he [Paul] was born, how long he lived, or at what date the several events of his life took place." ur , fe

So essential are Paul's Epistles to Christianity church-

tion depends on the reception of a particular and very narrow creed; but long, long ago, I cast those noxious weeds behind me." And they who expect to find supefor virtue in the churches, or even in the ministry, will do well to copy

nis example. The Question Answered.

The great and overwhelming ques- know, and Christfans may worship tion at some of the Chautauqua Con- him and the Book Which preserves the ventions this years is, "How to Fill Dorrible record, if they will; but The Empty Church Pews?" The solution Progressive Thinker is frank to own it is easy. Employ Billy Sunday to has no adoration in that direction. whoop up hell for all it is worth. frighten the women into hysterics. disgust as such a character, and the having first psychologized them; then preachers will labor to prove the ingain control over the boys and young spired penman did not mean what he men with hypnotism, and the task is complete. Rev. Billy is an adept at was inspired of God, and is inerrant. the business, and failures seldom oc-

cur. To deplete a church, preach selence, common sense, instructive facts. and direct attention to Biblical errors, then empty pews will follow, .and, At the time he was nearing Damascus, when suddenly he beheld a great light, and heard a voice saying: "Why persecutest thou me?" Paul never saw Jesus in the flesh. All he knew of that personage was "not received of man," therefore his faith was based on that vision.

The above quotation from Paul follows closely on what he said in verse 8, chapter 1 of Galatians:

"Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you; let him be accused."

And then, II. Corinthians 11:4:

"If he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, \* \* or another Gospel which we have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."

Here is a positive intimation that there was another Jesus preached beside the one Paul preached. If there was not, why this caution?

The terms "my Gospel," "our Gospel," "the Gospel of God," which Paul claims was his, with other expressions regarding the Gospel, run all through Paul's Epistles, occurring more than fifty times by count, whereas the canonical Gospels had no existence until many years after the death of their Jesus. If Paul wrote his Epistles, probably addressed to the Essenian churches, say fifty to a hundred years before the reputed death of the canonical Jesus, then there was clearly two which later writers have merged

In closing we quote from the Encyclopedia' Britannica, Vol. 10, p. 789, commencing at bottom of first column:

"Now it is well known that in many parts of the first three Gospels the same words and phrases are curiously

Have we not demonstrated that that "common source" was Paul's Gospel, and is there not a violent presumption that the Jesus Paul saw in his vision was the reconstructed Jesus of the canonical Gospels?

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### AN IMPORTANT WORK.

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The N. S. A. Ritual for Spiritual Services, well printed and neatly bound in Leatherette, is now in print and for sale at the N. S. A. office, 600 your horsesia and I have made the stink of your camps come up in your nostrils," etc. — Amos 4:10. All that may have been true of the Pennsylvania avenue S. E., Washington, D. C. Twenty cents per copy, postpaid; two dollars per dozen. Ad-dress MARY T. LONGLEY, demon god of the Jews, for aught we · . . Secretary.

> 21, page 8, column 1, near center of column, you print a word, "Omn." Allow me to say there is no such word The term you intended printing is generally spelled "Oum," or "Ohm," that is not quite correct. yet nearer to the real spelling and sound of the word. If you spell it in future "Oum," you will be nearly correct.

Every noble work is at first impossi-

Every hour the program is going on A Respected and Beloved Soul Profrom daylight to midnight good cheer and glad welcomes are exchanged.

New faces are constantly added.

spent in days gone by.

Lily Dale is different this year to When in Waldorn, Indiana, a few what it ever was before.

itual feast enjoyed, the inward assur

ance that greater things are yet to

come, and that a new era has dawned

over this blessed spot, are adding their

As the attendance increases in num-

ber the meetings become more and more interesting. J. Clegg Wright in his classes explains the development of

the soul in its various stages of ex-pression-protoplasmic life, corpuscu-

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sciousness. Mind is dual, su liminal and subliminal. The

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how little we can trust to them.

suggestions over the human mind.

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testimony.

weeks since, I came in contact by a few days' visit there with friends (and There is a new life and spirit fill-ing the atmosphere AS SUBTLE PER-ING A NEW STORY, echoed by every blade of grass. The birds have JOINED THE CHORUS. Those who isten hear the prophere statement of the prophere state a public lecture in the hall dedicated heard words of praise for the admi-rable life of William Shoup, who listen hear the prophecy repeated, and those who look see it verified, "LILY DALE WILL HAVE HER GREATEST passed to a higher class of expression, June 1. It seems appropos to make SEASON DURING 1906." mention of the lives of those who have Yesterday 535 new arrivals were

stood for progression and truth, and reported, but the tickets at the gate whose transition is mourned not only are not the only tongues telling that by relatives but by acquaintances as story, for a larger attendance is but a part of the fulfillment, and the spir-JOHN W. RING. well.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Of the National Spiritualists' Association of the United States, Will Be Held in the Large Auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. Building, 158 La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, October 16, 17, 18 and 19, 1906.

Business sessions during the day. ment into human life; also the forty Special hours devoted to the Lyceum functions of consciousness; how the cause. phenomena of nature comes to prove

Many of the foremost and brightest the existence of a soul; and how in workers in our ranks will be dele-gates. It will be a rare treat to hear the panoply of celestial life all relig-Dr. Stanley Le Fevre Krebs in his lecture July 20, on "Wonders of the World Within," stated that scientists them. Evening meetings will be devoted to lectures, spirit messages, mu-

sic and song. Among those invited and expected make the greatest sacrifice of any men are Dr. J. M. Peebles, Oscar A. Edger-ly, W. J. Erwood, Mrs. H. P. Russeon earth to unravel truth, the most precious boon they can give to humangue, Mrs. Esther T. Bosley, Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley, Mrs. Margaret Gaule Ridinger, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. ity. As there are seven great wonders in the physical world so there are seven wonders in the world within-Sprague and a galaxy of others. Come one and all to this great con-· Mind is dual, supersub

vention. The Palmer House, in Chicago, will

liminal and subliminal. The super-subliminal learns and forgets; then be headquarters for delegates and visitors; it is a first-class hotel and will He explained the development of give reduced rates to all who write in molecules, atoms, ioms, organs, systematic and cosmic consciousness, and demonstrated by charts and experiadvance, stating they are to attend the N. S. A. convention and wish to engage rooms. Secure your rooms early by addressing W. C. Vier-Buchen, Manager, The Paimer House, Chicago, Iii. The hotel is conducted exclusivements how faulty the senses are, and Sensations are incorrect and largely dependent on the quality, quantity and ly on the European plan; cafes and velocity of the blood and general restaurants are near by and furnish velocity of the block that demon-physical conditions. He demon-strated by experiments the power of Annual reception to delegates and visitors will be held Monday, October.

When Dr. Krebs incidentally stated 15. at the Palmer House, at 8 p. m. that his wife could write automatic-All are cordially invited. ally, and a man in the audience asked Special railway rates on the certifihim, "what constituted this power,

cate plan can be secured over all lines. the Doctor frankly stated that he did Ask your railroad agent for certificate tickets to the National Spiritualists' He called the attention to the ad-Convention at Chicago. The round fare will be one and a third of a fare. The round mirable manner in which nature has made provision, so no one need give a Delegates and visitors desiring to rethought to secure the nitrogen, oxygen ceive the benefits of this special rate and other elements from the air you must have their tickets vised by our breathe or the food you eat, to insure railroad agent at Convention the last its getting into the right place in the day, October 19, and pay 25 cents.

each for such vising. HARRISON D. BARRETT,

President. MARY T. LONGLEY, Secretary.

AN IMPORTANT CORRECTION. To the Editor:-In No. 869, of July Even churchmen will show their wrote; and yet the book, they say, Passion is the drunkenness of the

A. H. HEINEMANN. Chicago, Ill. A lie that is half a truth is ever the

system as a higher mind takes care of that. You reason and call it God, yet you find YOUR SENSES ARE CON-TINUALLY FOOLING YOU. ble.-Carlyle.

### "I [the Lord] have sent among you the pestilence, after the manner of Egypt; your young men have I slain with the sword and have taken away. Services.

# mon source."

A Text for the Preachers.

mind .-- South. 3

blackest of lies .- Tennyson.

Reproof should not exhaust its pow-

on petty failings. Anon.

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### Told by Dr. Robert J. Floyd, and Transcribed by L. S. Merchant.

MERCHANT WRITES: "I OBTAINED THE STORY NESSED BY MR. J. H. PRICE, CLERK OF THE SU-FROM THE ONE WHO LIVED IT. DR. ROBERT J. PREME COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE, MR. MER-FLOYD, MAKING NOTES FROM WHICH I WROTE IT CHANT DEPOSES, AS STATED ABOVE, THAT THE OUT. I HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT HIS WORD, STORY WAS TOLD TO HIM BY DR. FLOYD, AND FUR-AND IF HE WERE STILL LIVING I AM SURE HE THER MENTIONS THAT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE WOULD ATTEST TO THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE MANOR-HOUSE AND GRAVEYARD REFERRED TO IN FACTS." IN AN AFFIDAVIT SWORN TO BEFORE MR. THE NARRATIVE ARE NOT AVAILABLE, AS THE JAMES OSWALD, COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS FOR SITE HAS BEEN USED FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES.

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CONCERNING THIS REMARKABLE NARRATIVE MR. THE CITY OF BUFFALO, N. Y., U. S. A., AND WIT-

"This is Dr. Robert J. Floyd, I presume?" said Mr.

"A client of ours, Mr. Silas K. Winthrop; has just died,"

continued Mr. Evans, "and we find that you are, by the

"But why does he make me his heir?" I asked, amazed.

"I will read you the will," said Mr. Evans, taking up a

paper from his desk, "which will make the matter clear to

He then read as follows: "I, Silas K, Winthrop, being of

sound mind, do devise and bequeath to Dr. Robert J.

Floyd, of New York City, all of my estate, both real and

personal, to have and to hold forever. This I give in pay-

ment for medical services in December, 1873-services so

tender, efficient, and far-reaching that the last years of my

life have been endurable as far as physical suffering goes.

Said estate consists of about five hundred acres of land and

the house known as Winthrop Maner House, and all other.

buildings thereon, and bonds and securifies, silver, plate,

jewels, and money on deposit to the value of two hundred

thousand dollars, which I bequeath upon the condition that

he take up his residence at Winthrop Manor and make it

its doors in hospitality to many, its halls and rooms echo-

ing with the merry voices of children, the musical tones of

youths and maidens. This is my last will and testament."

"Now," said Mr. Evans, laying down the document, "you

have heard the will and the conditions attached. What

have you to say to it?".

at this sudden news?"

this fortune."

known him.""

what I have failed to do-a beautiful home that shall open

Evans, Brown & Crowell.

"It is," I answered laconically.

terms of his will, heir to all he possessed."

For some time prior to 1873 I was practicing medicine | the place punctually to time, and was shown into the pri-In New York City, far away from the little Western town vate office of Mr. Evans, senior member of the firm of where I was born. Late one evening in that year I came back to my office (surgery) after a particularly hard day's work, to find a message awaiting me asking me to go at Evans. once to a house some distance away to see a sick man. The call came from a woman who let apartments, and who once upon a time I had treated successfully for a very serious complaint.

Hurriedly swallowing a cup of coffee, I started out again in the storm. Upon reaching the house I was met at the door by Mrs. Sturgess herself. "I am glad you have come, doctor," she said; "one of my lodgers is very ill. He told you." me," she continued, smiling, "that if I knew a sensible dostor who would not poison him and charge ten dollars for the job, to send for him; so I sent for you, Dr. Floyd, thinking you would be able to fill the bill."

"Thank you for your recommendation, Mrs. Sturgess," I replied. "Show me to his room and I will see what I can do for him."

She led the way upstairs to a small room at the rear of the house, where upon the bed I saw a man about seventy years of age, who seemed to be suffering great pain. His face wore an expression which I do not recall having seen outside of an asylum for the insane. It was a haunted loek, as if he were trying, but unsuccessfully, to get away from haunting memories.

"Well, my dear sir," I said, "what can I do for you?" "Do?" he answered. "Why cure me of this terrible pain-it is simply sapping my life away! Mrs. Sturgess sent for a doctor who lives next door, when I was taken ill two hours ago. He came in and looked at me and asked me a question or two. Then I asked him to tell me what ailed me, and he answered me with a long-winded dissertation that I could make neither head nor tail of. So I told him to get out, as I wanted someone to doctor me in plain English. I was so enraged at the fool that it guite cured the pain for a little while, but it soon returned, so I told Mrs. Sturgess that if she knew of a sensible doctor she might send for him, for I did not want to lie here and die kept grounds sloping on the west side down to the Hudson like a dog."

Texamined my patient and found him suffering from an ailment which would eventually prove fatal, and that quite suddenly; yet with care, and the use of a drug which I had seen administered in similar cases with great success life might be made to a certain extent painless, and could be prolonged for several years. This I told him.

"Well, go ahead, doctor," he replied. "I will do anything you tell me; yet why I should desire to prolong my life I do not know. I have been suffering for a long time, and so far no doctor has seemed to understand my case or been able to help me. If you can do so you will have earned my lasting gratitude. if nothing more."

"I shall be glad if I can alleviate your suffering," I an- something he wished me to understand and came to tell swered, "We will let the matter of remuneration rest for the present."

I spent the rest of the night with my patient, and did n't leave him until he was free from pain and resting quietly. Late the next day I saw him again, and found transfer my practice to someone else," I replied, after a him comparatively well and effusively grateful for the mitigation of his suffering. He told me he was going to-day." Went the next day, and asked me to give him the prescrip-

tion for the medicine I had used, so that he might procure It any time the attacks should be renewed. He bade me the only servants, and have been in the house for many "good-bye" as I left and I never saw him again-or only years, I understand."

one for me. I visited all my It was five years later that I saw him again-or did I patients, and told them I had made my practice over to Dr. dream it? After a very busy day I had gone to my room | Wood, whom I introduced to them. In the meantime so tired that I lay down upon my bed without removing there was much business to be transacted with Mr. Evans, my clothes, thinking to rest for a while and undress later. preliminary to the fortune being handed over to me. My I remember sinking down with a sigh of content, and was last evening in New York was spent in the society of my soundly asleen almost on the instant. How long this fiancee. Our engagement had been a lengthy one, as my lasted I do not know, but I suddenly awakened and sat up, practice, being for the most part among people of small rubbing my eyes. Something impelled me to look around, means, had not been so remunerative as I had hoped, hence the delay." For the first time we could now look forfrom my bed, my one-time trascible patient. I wondered ward with certainty to a period which should see the consummation of our hopes.

toire, evidently the work of an artist of a past century Beyond this room, and in the wing, was a library, one of the most beautiful rooms for the purpose I had ever seen. It was about twenty feet high and surmounted by a stained glass dome; the walls stere lined with well-filled bookcases, and hanging above them were pieces of rare and beautiful tapestry and fine paintings I felt very grateful to the man who had bequeathed all this to me; of books I had never had enough, and in my busy life I had never had time to enjoy them even if I possessed them. How delighted Alice would be when she saw her home!

By this time the evening shadows had fallen, so I took a book from the library and ensconced myself in an easy chair, and was soon lost in the thoughts of the author.

At a late hour I refired to rest. My bedroom was a large apartment, and the furniture showed the marks of wear. At the other end of the room, and completely covering it, was a large wardrobe made of the same dark-colored wood as the bedstead and other furniture. I was soon in bed and soundly sleeping.

How long I slent I do not know, but I was awakened by some subtle force to find the room brilliantly lighted. Seated at the table, at no great distance from the bed, I saw a handsome young man, who seemed to be about twenty-seven years of age. His hair was worn in the fashion of a generation ago, and was light brown in color, with golden glints upon the wavy mass. The eyes were a deep violet blue, and the moustache did not hide a mouth and chin's woman might have envied. He seemed to be intently studying a piece of music which he held in his hands. I was about to speak to the stranger and ask him why he was there, when just beyond him I saw the form of Mr. Winthrop. His features were working as though he were trying to speak-not to the young man, but to me. Presently, as I watched spellbound, the stranger rose and turned toward the door. The other, moving rapidly across the room, disappeared within the great wardrobe. The young man now seemed to be cognizant of my presence, for as he moved away he made a motion to me to follow. Then the door opened and he passed through into the hall:

"I will see this thing out," said I to myself, and quickly hastened after him. As I stepped into the passage I saw my late visitor a little way off, and again he intimated in pantomime that I was to accompany him. I.followed him down the stairs into the study where I had spent the evening, and finally to the library, where he paused for a moment until I had nearly reached him. Then, to my amazement, he vanished-simply vanished, apparently through a door in the corner nearest the study. Reaching this point, I found, not a door, but the bookcase from which I had taken the book that had so interested me a few hours before! =

While I stood there bewildered there suddenly broke on my ear the tones of an organ, played by a master hand, and then the rich tones of a woman's voice, singing, Whence came those wondrous notes? There was no organ in the room, as I knew from inspection the evening before. The music continued for a few minutes; next 1 heard a pistol-shot, followed by a woman's scream. Then all was silent. I was startled, but soon regained my presence of mind and returned to my room, where I summoned old Thomas. <sup>13</sup>When he appeared I asked him, Who is in this house beside ourselves?"

"No one, sir," he replied, "except Margaret, who sleeps n a room in the back part of the building."

"But you must be 'mistaken," I replied. "There was very handsome young man in this room a little while ago." "Good heavens!" cried Thomas, paling. "Then you have seen it!"

"What do you mean?" I replied, thinking I was in a fair way to obtain a solution of the mystery. But his next words disabused my mind of that notion.

"I don't know what it was, sir, but Mr. Winthrop was always seeing something. Betwixt you and me, I think that is why he stayed away so much."

"Have you ever seen anything?" I asked. "Notil," he answered; "but once or twice I've fancied I heard music like we hear in church, but decided that I must have been dreaming.""

By this time dawn had come, so I did not return to my hed, but-bathed and dressed. Then I left the house, saying to Thomas as I did so, "I am going for a long walk before breakfast. I think it will clear the cobwebs out of my brain."

"Very well, sir," he answered. "Your breakfast will be ready for you when you come back."

"Just as I reached manhood my beautiful mother passed away from earth. I finished my career in college, then went abroad to one of the great universities, after which I spent several years in travel. While in Italy I inet the idol of my heart, my sweet Althea. She was the daughter of an American father and an Italian mother, the Countess Salanzo. She was the very child of sunshine, music and flowers; how I did love her! My love was almost a madness with me; I could not endure the thought of her bestowing a smile on anyone else. I was thirty years of age when I met my darling; she was twentythree. My wooing was short and impassioned, and I won the love I sought.

"Not long after my marriage I was recalled to my home by the death of my father. My bride was charmed with her home and its surroundings, and with nothing more than the beautiful organ and music-room. For months we led an ideal life; then the serpent came into our Eden in the shape of my cousin, Arthur Winthrop. He was one of a house party that we had invited to spend the holidays at the manor. Althea from the first seemed charmed with the handsome fellow, because of his great musical talent. They met on common ground in their fondness for music. "Hours were spent in the music-room. Arthur at the or gan and Althea near by, or occasionally by his side, joining with her magnificent voice in rendering some great composition. Our guests never tired of listening to the two talented musicians. How I loathed it all! Every day my jealousy grew more intense and I did not hesitate to give voice to its promptings, until my darling pined in her room for days at a time. As I learned later, when was absent they would go to the music-room and be in heaven for a time. I know now that it was love of music, not love for each other, which drew them together. Thus things went on until one fatal night. Our guests had all departed except Arthur, who was to leave, on the morrow. I was called away unexpectedly early in the evening and did not expect to be back for several hours. I left Althea resting in her room and Arthur reading in the library.

"I finished my business and was back two hours sooner than I thought to be. As I came toward the house I heard the sound of the organ and the tones of my wife's voice singing. As the sounds met my ear I became mad with fealous rage, and with only a pause to grasp a pistol I kept in my room I rushed to the one occupied by Arthur, which had been my father's room and had a hidden entrance to the organ gallery through one of the compartments in the great wardrobe which occupies one side of the room.' Just as I opened the door Arthur had turned to speak to Althea, who stood near him. Neither was aware of my presence. I raised my pistol and fired at Arthur, the ball entering his head. Althea, at the sound of the shot and Arthur's fall, screamed and fainted. I caught her in my arms and carried her to her room, and there sought to restore her to consciousness, but without success, so I sent a servant to summon a doctor, who was soon upon the spot. Before another day had passed my darling was dead, and our first-born child with her.

"I cannot describe the agony I felt upon awakening to realize my mad act. I secreted Arthur's body in an aperture at the side of the organ, for I dared not confess my crime. It had been known by the servants that Arthur was to leave at an early hour in the morning, so in the confusion consequent upon Althea's sickness and death he was forgotten. I was his only relative, except some distant cousins, so no special inquiries were made regarding him. Then I discharged all the servants and went away. mad with sorrow and remorse.

"A year later I returned, drawn by some sort of fascination to the scene of my crime. I brought workmen from New York and had the door of the entrance to the organ gallery closed with masonry, while in front of the door leading into it from the library I had a bookcase placed. This was made to revolve on hinges, and was furnished with a secret spring, so that it could be opened if I wished. There was a door in the dining-room which gave entrance to the spiral stair which led to the gallery, and over this I had one of the beautiful sideboards placed, thus completely hiding it. After all this work was done I hired Thomas and Margaret, who have been here ever since, faithful friends and servants. I have been a wanderer most of the time since this happened, nearly forty years ago. I returned again and again, but Arthur's handsome face and his music drove me back to exile. This I will say: If you want to punish a murderer with the most extreme punishment, let him live to be haunted constantly by the memory of his crime. Since the fatal night when in my madness I took the life of my cousin, and indirectly moral turpitude and evil works of Ro-that of my wife and child. I have known no peace: have manism. Cloth, 75 cents. been like Cain, a lonely wanderer on the face of the earth, never knowing a moment's happiness. "I have now to ask a favor of you. When you have found the remains of my cousin, will you have them interred in the little burying-ground north of the house. where our family has been buried for generations? Have a small stone placed above the grave, and upon it have engraved, 'A. H. W. At Rest.' My sisters, who were both older than I, had married and left home before my mother died; both died young. The eldest, my sister Mary, had one daughter, who went West with her father when her mother died. I have lost all trace of them during the past thirty-five years. I have made every effort to find my niece if still alive, or her heirs, if she had any, but without success. All I know is that she was named Dorothy Selwin." I could not continue my reading for a few moments bepen. cause of my intense surprise at this last sentence in Mr. Winthrop's letter. I had been born in a far-off Western city, and my mother's maiden name was Dorothy Selwin! She was an orphan, and I could not recollect having heard her speak of her parents, except to say that she had named my sister Mary after her mother and that I bore my father's Christian name. After my surprise had somewhat abated, I resumed my reading. Mr. Winthrop's letter continued: "Should you at any time obtain information to the effect that my niece, Dorothy Selwin, or any child of hers, is living, I feel that I can trust you to give her a fair share of the personal Price \$1 property. I have left with you the real estate; I do not wish you to part with it in any event. Since the night when you came to my bedside five years ago, and gave me relief from pain, I have felt an attraction toward you which I cannot explain, so, having no heirs, I have given you my property, feeling sure that it will be in your power to do more good with it than I have ever done. "(Signed) SILAS K. WINTHROP." In a postscript I found minute directions for opening both the secret entrances to the music room. Going to the wardrobe in my room, I soon discovered the spring, touched it, and found myself standing in a small closet; touching another spring the way was open to the gallery. Eagerly I stepped within; and saw that the carpet was moth-eaten and thickly covered with dust. Upon the organ was one of Bach's superb compositions, brown and discolored by the lapse of years. Not without a certain feeling of repugnance I went to the cupboard at the side of the organ, where I found a heap of mouldering bones and moth-eaten shreds of clothes. From the skull hung a mass of hair with golden glints across the curls.

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**Deeds of Darkness Disclosed** 

This work devotes special attention to Auricular Confession and its relations to sacerdotal celibacy, convents, inonasteries, morality and civil and re-ligious liberty. It is intended to be an embodiment of facts and documentary evidence of the pernicious influence of the confessional; a trenchant showing up of Romanism, based upon standard Catholic authorities: an eye-opener concerning the methods and spirit,

"What can I say," I replied, "but that I am overwhelmed "For my part," said Mr. Evans, "I think the conditions are not hard. From what I remember of the manor-house, which I saw when a boy about forty years ago, it is a spaclous, beautiful home, with wide-spreading, charmingly-River, I congratulate you, doctor, on your accession to "Four days ago-or nights, I should say, for he died

some time during the night of last Saturday. His old servant left him about 11 p. m., apparently in his usual health; when he went to him in the morning, however, he found him dead, life having evidently been extinct for hours. Old Thomas said, 'When I saw him first I thought he was sleeping; there was a look of happiness on his face such as I had never seen there in the thirty-five years I had

"Last Saturday night was the time when I saw the old man in my room," I mentally observed. "There was me. I wonder if I shall ever know what it was?"

"When can you be ready to go to the manor-house, doctor?" said Mr. Evans. i ant 'It will take me several days to arrauge my affairs and rapid calculation. "I think I will say two weeks from.

"That will do," said Mr. Evans. "I will write and acquaint Thomas with your coming. He and his wife are

The next week was a

when I saw seated in my easy chair, at no great distance what could have brought him there at that time, and noticed that he was much paler than when I saw him last. His eyes were fixed upon me with an incomprehensible gaze.

My surprise at seeing him there presently abated, and I found my tongue.

"Well, sir," I said, "What can I do for you?" He seemed to struggle to speak without being able to do 80.

"Are you ill again?" I continued. "I will try and find something to relieve you."

With that I threw the quilt aside and stepped to the floor. I lost sight of him for a moment as I did so, and when I looked again, I saw, to my intense astonishment, ness and Thomas drove me through the village and out that the chair was vacant, and a hasty search demon- about two miles over a fine road. Then, reaching a masstrated that there was no one in the room! I then went to sive gateway, we entered and went along a grass-grown the door; it was locked as I had left it when I lay down on my return earlier in the night!

Needless to say, I was startled, but for only a moment, for. having studied the various forms of psychic phenomena very thoroughly, I knew that this mystifying occurrence must belong to them. But why should I have seen this man, whom I had met but twice? I did not sleep. again that night, and the next day I went about my work in a very preoccupied state, until toward evening I decided. to see Mrs. Sturgess; perhaps she might be able to throw some light upon the affair.

plunging straight into the subject.

"Mr. Winthrop, you mean," replied Mrs. Sturgess. "No; he is not here; he left the next day after you saw him, and I did not see him again until a month ago, when he came and said he wanted to stay over-night. He was looking as possible. Will you come down to the dining-room now, wretched; I never saw a more heartbroken expression on a for your dinner is ready to be served?" human countenance than was on his face, and he was so feeble he could only-move with the aid of a cane. He told me he had been traveling most of the time since he had left New York, and was then on his way home; he beautiful sideboards occupied one end of the room, all -asked for your address and said: 'I feel very grateful to Dr. Floyd for saving me from the terrible agony I endured stained glass was tastefully used, gave an air of richness to before I met him. Tell him I forgot to pay him, or he the room. Upon a small table a plain but well-cooked dinforgot to ask me for pay, but that I have not forgotten my ner was served, to which I did ample justice. deep obligations to him.' The next day he left to go home."

"Where is his home?" I asked.

"That I do not know," Mrs. Sturgess replied; for though he was here for several months he never told me just where he lived, except that his home was near the Hudson River."

This was all I could learn from Mrs. Sturgess, and her information failed to throw much light upon the mystery. Four days later, on returning in the evening to my office. I firm in the city, requesting me to call on them the follow-

After bidding Alice adieu I went to my rocms for the last time and the following morning took a boat up the Hudson River, reaching my destination late in the afternoon.

I found Thomas Brown, the man who for so many years had been in charge of the property, waiting on the dock for me.

"You are Dr. Floyd, I take it?" said the old man, stepning up to me.

"And you are Thomas," I said? "Mr. Evans has told me of your long and faithful service to Mr. Winthrop.". I entered the old-fashioned carriage that was in readicarriage-drive which ended in front of a mansion of imposing appearance. Over the door of the entrance I noticed

the date 1698. The main part of the building was three stories high, with wings on either side, apparently added at different times.

Alighting from the carriage I entered a hall of fine proportions, from which a beautifully carved stairway led to the upper floors. Thomas conducted me to a room on the second fleer, saying as he stepped aside for me to enter, "This was Mr. Winthrop's room, sir, and is the only one that has been used for years, except the small room open-

"Is that old gentleman still lodging with you, who was ing out of it, where I have always slept when Mr. Winthrop so ill when you sent for me five years ago?" I asked, was at home. He liked to have someone near him in case he was ill during the night, as was sometimes the case."

"Any place will do for me, Thomas," I said, in answer to his explanation. "You will not find me hard to suit." "Very well, sir; I will try to make you as comfortable

A few moments later I followed him downstairs to the dining-room, which was of noble proportions, finished in fine old oak. The great fireplace and mantel and two marvels of rich carving. A great bay-window, in which only son, and from earliest childhood was petted and in-

After dinner I took a survey of the other rooms on the ground floor, and found all as beautifully finished as the dining-room. The long drawing-room on the right as one

entered the hall had furniture and pictures covered with cloths, and opening from this room was a smaller one which seemed to be a kind of ladies' sitting-room, for there was a tiny table on which stood a work-basket with a piece

of work, as if just laid down by busy fingers, soon to be taken up again. There was a beautiful plano, and a throp, about my own age, who had the same impassioned harp standing near it, and an arched door gave entrance to musical temperament as my father, and who was never found a letter awaiting me which proved to be from a legal a large conservatory. On the left of the hall was a reception-room, and between there and the dining-room was a ing day.' My curlosity was naturally aroused; I was at study, containing among other furniture a beautiful escri-

I returned from my walk feeling greatly re as I came toward the house noted something I had not observed the previous night-that the library wing of the house extended the whole length of the building, showing me conclusively that there must be another room beyond the library.

After I had disposed of breakfast I went to the library to examine it by daylight, but found no sign of doors anywhere, only bookcases on every side. As I stood there I heard again the sound of the organ-just a few strains -and then all was still.

I was more puzzled than ever; I was utterly unable to account for the phenomenon. In a fit of disgust I took hold of the bookcase at the point where I had seen the young man disappear the previous night and gave a vigorous pull To my intense astonishment it yielded and slowly swung back, disclosing a doorway through which I speedily passed, to find myself in a room, the counterpart of the library, but without floor-covering or furniture other than a few chairs. Light was admitted, as in the library, through the colored glass dome. At the end opposite the library was a beautiful organ-loft, built up from the floor and ending in a halustrade surmounted by three exquisite arches of some dark-colored wood, upon which were some of the most beautiful carvings I had even seen

outside of a church. There was a fine organ at one end of the gallery, its case matching the gallery in richness of carving. - I looked

around for some way to reach the organ loft, but none was visible, so I returned to the library and moved the bookcase back. As I did so I heard a click, and it returned to the same position as when I found it an hour before. Just then I thought of a plan by which I might reach the organ-

loft, so attempted to open the unwieldy door again; it resisted all my efforts, however, and I went to the study to write some letters.

Seating myself at the escritoire. I unlocked it, opening many of the drawers in search of writing paper. My own supply was in my trunks, for which Thomas had gone to the village an hour before.17 In one drawer I found what I wanted, and lifting the paper saw lying beneath it a bulky. letter addressed to me in an unfamiliar hand.

Opening the envelope, I found it bore a date a month old and the signature of Mr. Winthrop. It ran as follows:

"Dear Dr. Floyd: "Knowing that I have but a short time to live, I will unburden my soul to you, feeling that I can trust you to do what I shall ask of you. I will go back may years, and as briefly as may be tell you the story of my life. I was born in this house, as were my father and his paternal ancestors for many generations. I was an dulged by parents and sigters. My sisters both married young and went to their homes in other States. They, like my parents, were passionately fond of music. My father inherited his love for music from his father, who had had the north wing built for a library and music room. and had purchased a fine organ and placed it in the latter room. My father would spend hours and sometimes whole days at the organ, my mother often joining him at the instrument, singing some of the compositions of the masters in music. As for me, I had no musical talent-in fact, 1 did not enfoy music at all. I had a cousin, Arthur Winhappler, on the occasion of his visits to Winthrop Manor. than when seated at the organ. discoursing sweet sounds. as my mother called the

Returning to my room, profoundly moved by what I had seen and read, I pondered how I could remove the pitiful remains without exciting the curlosity of old Thomas. At last a plan suggested itself, upon which I acted.

My trunks had been brought to my room, so I proceeded to arrange their contents in the drawers and cupboards of the great wardrobe. After this was done I went to the gallery, and gathering up the bones, placed them in one of the trunks, The shreds of clothing I put in the fireplace in my room, and with the aid of some paper and matches they were soon consumed. When moving the bones I picked up a handsome ring, a watch, and some coins. The watch-case, I noticed, was marked, "Arthur H. Winthrop."

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MARRIED,-Mrs. Adah S. Horman lections went into the Home Fund, was lately married to Prof. Patterson at Los Angeles, Cal. Mrs. Horman is and so a neat little sum was added to the few dollars previously donated, the prominent there as a lecturer and mefirst dollar coming from a lady who dium, and the Professor is a man of lives in California; and the first money culture and wide influence, and thus united their power for good will be collected last Sunday was given by Mrs. Mary J. Jennings in the name of greatly augmented. We congratulate Mrs. Mary J. Fifield, Mrs. Luce gave a fine address which she prefaced by reading one of Emma Rood Tuttle's poems, "I've Left the Creeds Behind Me." the happy pair and trust that they will have a happy and influential fu-

Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley, lec-Mrs. S. Snyder and Mrs. E. Monyer turer and platform test medium, arrived in the city last week, having just filled an engagement at Wonewood gave spirit messages in a very satisfaccamp, Wis. She goes from here to Snowflake Camp, Mich., then to Clin-At the afternoon services there was congregational singing, followed with ton Camp, Iowa, and then to Indianan invocation by Mrs. Luce, then a

solo by Mrs. Annie Goodman. apolis, Ind., for September. Luce gave the afternoon discourse, taking for her theme, "Women," and Mrs. Carrie M. Hinsdale, president of the State Association of Texas, writes from Fort Worth Texas: "I continued on the same line of thought as in the morning. Mr. Stretten rendered another beauleave here August 8, to lecture at a ten days' meeting in Hubbard City, tiful solo, "Lead Kindly Light," fol-lowed with spirit messages, by Mrs. Elizabeth Cutler, Mrs. Mary J. Jen-nings, Charles Gatter, Mrs. McLain, Texas. Arrangements will be made for accommodation of visitors, and I am told there is ample and pleasant AND WORK OF SPEAKERS AND ME- grounds for campers. The Fort Worth and society will make arrangements for and Mrs. Monyer gave readings in the VARIOUS SPEAKERS SAY WILL some one to lecture to them the two evening. Sundays of my absence."

NOT BE PUBLISHED, AS WE HAVE Maggie Henry writes: "At Spiritual pleasure to next Sunday, when Tabor G. Thompson of Philadelphia is to be NOT SPACE SUFFICIENT FOR THAT Mission Chapel, (Old 77) our hall was well filled, many strangers being with us. He recently left a good pos Our speaker took his subsition as minister in a Baptist church, present. Will M. Kellogg, a prominent Spiritsubject from the audience, so he alto espouse the cause of Spiritualism. and comes well recommended as a ualist and worker in our cause, residing at New Boston, Ill., is now at Clinton ways has something new to talk about. We had four visiting mediums, and the highly educated, refined and spiritual-Professor always calls on them for ized speaker, a combination which we While at the camp renew your are always glad to welcome. messages or psychometric readings, so Prof. Ransby, platform medium, of the audience had a feast in the way of Mr. Thompson with spirit messages. ELIZABETH M. FISH, messages, and readings from your cor-Toronto, Canada, is now at camp Lily respondent, and answer to personal Dale for the camp season. He sends

questions by our speaker." Floral Heights, Parkland, Eden P. O. Mrs. A. Sexsmith writes: "The Christian Spiritualist Society held another interesting meeting on Sunday, July 22, both afternoon and evening in their tent at Desplaines River and West Madison street. Miss Sarah Thomas gave a short talk, following only will be inserted free. All in excess of ten lines will be charged at the rate her remarks with messages that were of fifteen cents per line. About seven fully recognized. Mr. Chas. Thompwords constitute one line.] son gave some very fine messages. In president of the Ohio State Spiritual-ist Association, and his son, passed the evening the tent was again well filled with those eager to listen to Miss. home of her son, Charles E., in Fint, Mich., April 22, Mrs. Hannah Brotherthrough the city last week on their Thomas who took for her subject 'The Woman of Endor,' following her ton, for many years a Spiritualist. She was 88 years of age. She was one of Nature's noble women. marks with messages. The music and singing by Mrs. Sexsmith assisted by Brother Sherer and Sister Thompson, were all that could be desired. Everyone went home feeling that their time clating minister, Mrs. Laura L. Craw-ford, pastor of the First Church of the had been well spent. These meetings

From the Sunflower."

"As the Sunflower turns its face to

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Matlock, she is unable to attend, Miss Rena D. Chapman is acting in her stead. RENA D. CHAPMAN.

Parkland (Pa.) Camp. Sunday morning, July 22-It having been previously announced that this would be Spiritualists Home Day, President Adams stated that nearly

Thomas M. Locke. Mrs. Snyder

We are looking forward with much

Mrs. Augusta C. Volk will follow

PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

[Obituaries to the extent of ten line

Passed to the higher life, from the

PLUNNA D. BOTHERTON.

Passed to spirit life from his home

in Peru, Ind., Clarence LaBoyteaux,

after an illness of but a week.

Pa.

Secretary

Mr.

Spirit Return, Psychic Force and Occult Influences Are Prevalent Evthree years ago a tree with two branches was planted on these erywhere, and a New Cult Should Be Started Under the Comprehengrounds; that all our efforts had been sive Name of Naturalism. heretofore to nurture one of thesehat of establishing a camp-meeting;

of truth."

A good many questions having been asked in connection with the wonderful performance given by Madame Andre at the Bliou Theatre. an Age-Herald representative [Birmingham. Ala. ] asked Mr. Andre to give an explanation of the great mystery. His reply was as follows:

'Spiritualists aver that Madame Andre is no more or less than a spirit medium, while others assert that she is possessed of a remarkable gift, which, although quite natural, is exceptionally developed in her case, as being a woman of high intellectual attainments and of a highly sensitive nature."

Along this line the question of brain waves" also comes in; the explanation of such phenomena was recently dealt with in an article published by the Manchester Courier, a paper dealing largely with this sub-They speak as follows:

"The success of Signor Marconi's experiments in wireless telegraphy has suggested that many of the things Mrs. which are not dreamt-of in our philosophy may be but manifestations of a similar kind. Mr. James Knowles in the "Nineteenth Century," reprints a letter which he forwarded to the Spectator thirty years ago, giving instances of telepathy, or 'brain waves, to use his own expression, of the kind which have been more or comof men. mon in all ages. He asks if the hu-man brain may not continually be sending waves through the ether, and if these may not pass unheeded except press upon them the important truth where there happens to be a recipient that life is continuous; but the charc whose faculties are properly 'tuned.' ter and purpose of that life beyond the so that he responds automatically to grave, has never been and will never the influence. It may be admitted at once that there is nothing impossible be revealed to mortal man. For a moment just think what a radical change death makes in the in the supposition. In spite of Lord Sallsbury's gibe that the ether was invented as the nominative to the verb 'to undulate," its capacities are bound-less and it does not need to be invested with any essentially new qualities to account for the phenomena in ques-tion. Nay, more, the hypothesis that all the atoms of matter are but por-tions of ether so specialized by a vibra-tion or oscillation as to possess an in-dividuality of their own is not yet down at the grave. dividuality of their own, is not yet proved, and leads much further in the same direction than even Mr. Knowles has ventured to suggest. It would, for instance, account for the fact that certain emotions may be excited by sights, sounds or smells, whenever these happen to set in action some connected chain of particles in the brain, even without a mental effort on the part of some other individual. Mr. Knowles' querry cannot be prop-erly answered at present; it may go by and by." too far, or it may not go far enough but judging by past experience it is hardly too much to say that what puz-

zles the foremost thinkers of to-day will be taught in the public schools of ward. a generation hence." The performance, which is a re-

arkable exhibition of thought trans

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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; Indian-It is for us to read, study and compare, for only through comparison do we learn of the greater things that rate is \$14; St. Louis, \$19.25; Indian-apolis, \$12; Cincinnati, \$11.30; corremake life a blessed opportunity to grow into a state of perfectness. Let us not take the little we have acsponding low rates from other points. All the roads from Chicago, New York quired, no matter how great the struggle to gain that little, and build a mi-nute world into which the great "I tory will sell low rate excursion tickets Am" is the ruling, dominating, nar-row, one-sided spirit, who closes the to Lily Dale and return, good going June 1 to Sept. 30, return limit Octodoor against progression and perfect ber 81. Chicago rate is \$20. Ask freedom, but let us bow towards all your local ticket agent for special it. ADELAIDE K. BROOKS. Lily Dale vales, or have him send to his genera. Nicket agent for them.

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by scientist, has recently been translated and published by A. C. McClurg & Co., Mrs. A: E. Sheets. July 25-2:30 p. m., lecture by Mrs. A. E. Sheets.

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

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August 3-2:30 p. m., lecture by Mrs. R. S. Lillie of Montecito, Cal. August 4-2:30 p. m., lecture by Mrs. R. S. Lillie, August 5-10:30 a. m., lecture by Mrs. R. S. Lillie; 2:30 p. m., lecture by Mrs. R. S. Lillie; affirmation for which we sought, it can not satisfy our restless curiosity, for it knows nothing of the conditions in

August 7-2:30 p. m., lecture by Mrs. R. S. Lillie. which that future life shall be passed.' No one as yet, unless it has been some spurious medium, has ever at-

August 8-2:30 p. m., lecture by Mrs. R. S. Lillie. tempted to describe the future life, August 9-2:30 p. m., lecture by Mrs. R. S. Lillie. and no incarnate soul can describe it. And it is very true that no discarnate soul has disclosed the secrets of its

August 10-2:30 p. m., lecture by Mrs. R. S. Lillie. August 11-2:30 p. m., lecture by heavenly environments to the children The souls of those who have

Mrs. Marian Carpenter of Detroit, passed the portals of death under fa-Mich. vorable conditions, may comunicate with their friends in the flesh, and im-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-

status of the soul. At dissolution, the body with all of its organs and functer August 16-2:30 p. m., lecture and tions, is wholly laid aside, and the soul adjusts itself to new surroundmessages by Mrs. Marian Carpenter. August 17-2:30 p. m., lecture and messages by Oscar A. Edgerly. ings; all of the objects and purposes

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"Thus formulated, faith in survival seems to us to be the inevitable consequence of scientific conception of the human soul; but, although it may furnish us in principle with the formal

their home in Detroit.'

way to Wyoming.

Fred D. Dunakin, president of the Ohio State Spiritualist Association, writes: "The cause in Ohio, is moving We expect to call the along nicely. executive board together in a short time to formulate plans for our fall and winter work in the state, and do last week on his way to Clinton. what we can to make the year a profitable one for the cause."

Dr. N. F. Ravlin, the veteran lecturer, writes: "Until further notice succeeding in th my address will be Kanesville, Ill. I ceedingly good. am open for engagements to lecture the coming fall and winter for socie- Colo.: "Mrs. Nellie C. Noyes of Bosties that take high ground and are

above conniving at fraud on the one Spiritualistic Church of Truth, hand, at cloaked immorality on the 29, to resume again after a month or other. Pure truth lived, is the crying need of the times."

W. F. Schumacher writes: "The turer of rare ability, force and in-Hephzibah, an Oriental order, an struction, and will be glad to\_welauxiliary of the Spiritualistic Society Students of Nature, 461 W. North avenue, corner Robey street, will magnetize articles for healing purposes Sun-Come and consolation she has brought to those day evening, July 29. bring handkerchiefs and napkins to be in affliction and sorrow no words can magnetized by this order. Spiritual express. She has been gaining in pop-communications will be given with ularity since she first came here and each article by the pastor and others."

Ferd C. Suhrer `writes: "Sunday morning, July 22, Sister Martha Price addressed the congregation of the Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission. The lyceum occupied our attention in the Texas State Association of Spiritualafternoon, after which President Kirchner opened the afternoon service by reading an inspirational poem. cal societies are requested to send Our test mediums gave ample evidence of the life after so-called death. Comsociety is "entitled to one delegate for mencing Sunday, August 5, we will every ten members, or major portion thereof" (By-laws State Association). We hope all societies will send full discontinue our morning service during the heated term until further notice. An experience meeting will be lists of delegates as business of imheld on Sunday, August 5, when we portance and of great interest to the will hear just what induced some of cause in Texas, will be transacted at our test mediums and speakers to be- this convention. We would also like come such, and what benefit, if any, is the assistance of speakers and mediderived by being a Spiritualist. Dr. ums who may be able to attend. C. Koehler, an ex-orthodox minister, will speak for us. He is qualified to speak on Spiritualism, having many years' experience as a pastor and a traveler. We cordially invite the public to share in the beautiful thoughts expressed by our inspirational speakers of whom we have a num-

chairman and as speaker during the Mrs. Adah S. Horman Patterson second week of camp. July 22, Mrs. A. E. Sheets gave the writes from Los Angeles, Cal.: spoke for the Truth Seekers last Sunwelcoming address in her genial, day night; will open my meetings pleasing manner, giving words that next Sunday afternoon at Truth Chaplead the thoughts to : greater action. el, and will speak the same evening at | Mrs. R. S. Lillie will address the meetthe Progressive Club, and preside at ings from August 3 to 10. the Ingersoll Birth Anniversary meet-We are highly favored by having ing held by the club. I will speak with us at the present time that sterfor them again the second Sunday in ling friend of humanity, Geo. A. Let-August, reviewing Cardinal Gibbons' ford, widely known as the "drummer anterfaces on divorce. This club is medium." He fills the double ca-about the most influential and best at-tended of any of the Sunday meetings. treasurer of our association.

Their hall seats about 1,500, and is insually crowded. All lectures are as our message medium, followed by discussion. I hope I will be called out into the work in other grounds; officialing according to their. places, and that my long delayed cru-sade may at lage carried out, to the end that Spirk insts may be brought Dot; Chas. F. Birnes and Dr. Chas. together and work in harmony and to Stevens. On account of sickness in some definite and practical purpose." the home of the secretary, Miss Laura

LaBoyteaux has but recently become greatly interested in the philosophy of Come and bring your lunch and spend Spiritualism but at the time of his the day and go home feeling happy. Circles at the same place every Wednesday and Friday at 2:30 p. m.; transition was thoroughly convinced of the continuity of life. He leaves wife and an aged mother and father to also Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, mourn his departure, but leaves them conducted by Miss Thomas." secure in the thought of the reunion to

will continue every Sunday afternoon

and evening at 8 and 8 o'clock, during the months of July and August.

Rev. B. F. Austin was in the city come. The services were held in the He beautiful Baptist church of Peru. and proposes to have the leading Spirit-ualist church of the world in Rocheswere participated in by the Knights of Pythias, of which order he was a memter, and we think the prospects of his ber, and the writer. "Until further notice succeeding in that direction are ex-

ciety recognize in Mrs. Noyes a lec-

Texas State Convention.

ists will meet at Beaumont. Texas;

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delegates to this convention.. Each

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winter crowded houses."

WILL J. ERWOOD. R. W. Beecher writes from Denver, Passed to spirit life, July 1, 1906, Mrs. Luenettie J. Phippen, wife of ton, will close her lectures with the John Phippen of Eagle Grove, Iowa. She was an ardent advocate of the truths of Spiritualism, a devoted wife two of rest. The members of this so-

and mother. May the joys of the world beyond be MRS. A. J. M. lers.

come her back to their society in the Passed to spirit life, at her home in June last, at Milwaukee, Wis,, Mrs. Robert Schilling, aged 56 years. The fall for the coming winter. No one knows the good she has done. It can not be measured by words and the writer was called from his home in Wheaton, Ill., to offer the consolation that our philosophy has to give on all such occasions. The earthly life is made poorer, and the spiritual richer we predict for her the coming fall and by Mrs. Schilling's advent there. The funeral was largely attended, and amid the most beauteous floral decorations, and the love of family and friends, we laid her away in the beau-The ninth annual convention of the

tiful city of the dead, Forest Home. Wheaton, Ill G. H. BROOKS. Passed to spirit life at Dallas, Tex

Mrs. Lucinda Zinke, in the thirty-sixth year of her age. She was a member of the Trath Seekers Society of Spiritualists of Dallas. She was loved and highly esteemed by-all who knew her. Her funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Marlon Hamm. MRS. GEO. W. QUINN.

LEGEND OF THE SUNFLOWER.

MRS. CARRIE M. HINSDALE, Some Interesting Facts in Connection **President Texas State Association** Therewith. R. R. 5. Box 61 Fort Worth Texas.

Some years ago in the lyceum work we instituted Sunflower Day, the first Sunday in August. It has been quite The Grand Ledge Spiritualist camp opened July 22. Oscar A. Edgerly is generally observed. In Maine again with us, assuming the duty of Bower of Beauty Lyceum has planted seeds in boxes inside in order to have them blossom by the first Sunday in August, and in Texas the Home Lyceum has withheld the seed from the ground because they, blossom too

early. In a search through the works of poets and singers I found comparatively nothing written of the Sunflower. Moore has sweetly said:

"For the heart that truly loves, Never forgets, But as truly loves on to the close;

As the Sunflower turns to her god When he sets. The same look which she turned when

he 'rose.". Now, there are several songs basing their theme on the Sunflower; and we have quite a collection of Sunflower poems illustrating the message of the truly significant flower.

mission or reading, is called "somno-mosto" or "dream visions." In it Madame Andre reads accurately the unspoken thoughts of many in the audience, dealing with subjects that as a stranger must be entirely unknown to

Her performance last week has created much comment in Birmingham and she is daily in receipt of letters asking for private study.

While the attendance at the various performances last. week was quite large, it is expected that the audience this week will be extraordinarily so.

A PLEA FOR SELF-UNFOLDMENT.

"Making for Us at All Times Not Only a Responsive Vchicle, but an Intellectual Promoter of Facts Pertaining to the Spiritual,"

To the Editor:--- I read in the July 14th issue of The Progressive Thinker an article from our most worthy co-worker, Will J. Erwood. It was most strengthening in its effect, also encouraging to me as I have advanced these same facts for years, experience personal and otherwise, being all the proof required for my assertion.

I know that the more we study and read along all liberal lines the better instruments we make of ourselves; our consciousness is clearer, our spiritual sight intensified, and our con ception of life in all its fares, is simplified, making of us at all times not only a responsive vehicle, but an intellectual promoter of facts pertaining to the spiritual as well as the material

planes of life. I believe a condition that makes of us mediums (or any life, no matter where that life may be stationed, or what its calling) at mere instrument, a tool, an open door for experimental use, to be played with like a toy by the millions of illiterate, unprogressive souls who have simply passed through the doorway, inton another expression fac simile to this, is putting mediumship below the practical and spiritual consideration of intellectual men and women that are tg-day in search of an enlightenment which is within the reach of the inprogressive psychic to

.ve: the give. The moreline inssociate with the fearless thinker, the man who looks into things, using this own reasoning and judgment quickened by the highest touch of spirits inspiration, the

stronger will swe grow. I believe we should be ever looking for a solutionitof life's many problems; that we should take the best we can get-not with the spirit of resignation to that which we at the time find. but with a thankfulness for value received, which with the added strength and knowledge prompts us to step out into the still greater field, still unexplored, knowing what we search for awaits our coming. Every book we read, every expression of life that is a part of us, either weakens or strength ens us, and ever changing: It is to be remembered that we are what we will to be. It is for us to say yes or no; to yield or to resist all that can in It is said that ages ago before man any degree of form weaken us

in such a realistic way, that one is continue to better and better condicarried away with the sweet beauty tions of existence. If so, the future will always be an insoluble problem. and naturalness of it. It makes the other world appear very near to us. We can know them only when higher This book has been a great comfort to planes of being are reached. many weary hearts who have lost

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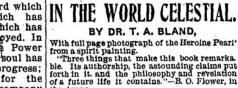
In the journey of life, we never walk over a stile until we get to the fence; and it is pretty poor economy to waste very much time in speculating upon things which we cannot understand until they shall have been reached in due course. The present is The immortality of the soul is recognized by ancient wisdom and proved by modern science. At times the realms of the

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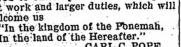
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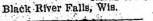
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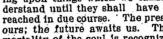
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Police Judge Toombs Writes Opinion in the Sampson Case-Scores Police Chief Adams, Saving His Zeal for the Punishment of Law-Breakers-Got the Better of His Judgment, and That He Acted at on July 1, 1906, savors of persecu-Least in a Reprehensible Manner.

Police Judge A. P. Toombs has filed plain of an act, the doing of which it a written decision in the case of Colo-solicited." the doing of which it rado Springs against Mrs. Lucy A. When the chief of police induced When the chief of police induced

For circulars address the president, H. W, Henderson, Lawrence, Kans., or Mrs. May. Cook. Pierson, secretary, Sampson did violate section 62 of the

Mr. B. F. Austin reached Lake Brady, Thursday, July 19, and leaves in one week for Chesterfield camp, his next stopping place on his lecturing tour. On Saturday he gave a short address; subject, "Can Any Good Come Out of Spiritualism?" On Sun-

To substantiate this charge in the complaint, the city introduced one witness, Mrs. Jennie L. Nalley, the wife of Police Officer Nalley, who testified upon direct examination that, at the request of Chief of Police Adams, she solicited an interview and a read-

son one dollar. ley testified that she went to the Barnes block on Sunday evening, where the Spiritualists were holding their religlous meeting, where she saw many intelligent and refined people, and listened to a lecture or, sermon on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. She

to that time received any money, but that she expected a remuneration for that and expected a ramuleration for yoyancy. The greatest men and wo-her services in obtaining evidence for yoyancy. The greatest men and wo-the purpose of convicting Mrs. Samp men the world has ever seen-Elliph,

dinance."

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the evidence of truth and the law.

What will be their final expression? To answer these questions is the ob-ject of this book. The God-Idea, is first seen 'expressed in' the' childish terror of savage man at the elements. From the beginning its unfoldment is traced from age to age; from race to race. A brief but searching study of the ideas of God held by different peoples runs through the chapters with the following titles: The God-Idea of the Hindus, Egyptians, Chaldeans and Persians, Jews, Greeks, Romans, Al-

how, except on rare occasions. Nor would I give rules for the ac-the Philosophers, the Bible, the Bor-the Philosophers, the Bible, the Bor-der Religions Chinese, Scandinavian, "When a city itse Aztec; The Old Question of Design in Nature; The Ultimate, Cosmic Mind. The Christ-Idea of a mediator to stand' between man and God is almost as old as mankind. Its unfoldment is traced under the following headings: Hindustan, Persia and the West; Jesus of Nazareth; The Prophecies of the Messiah; Conception and Genealogy of Jesus; The. Youth of Jesus; John the Baptist and His Relation to lesus; Sermon on the Mount: The Apostles Sent Forth; Death of Jesus; Burial and Resurrection; Devils and Heil; The Gospels; Cause of the Extension of Christianity; Resume of the Life and Character of Jesus; The Ultimate of the Christ-Idea. Publication by subscription of the Arcana of Spiritualism met with such marked success, I have concluded to issue this volume in that manner. It will contain 300 to 350 octavo pages; will be well printed and muslin bound. The price will be \$1.25; to those who become subscribers, \$1. The price is not desired until the book is announced as ready for delivery, which, it is intended, will be early in November next. All that is now asked is your expressed desire for a copy, by card or letter. An early response is desired, for the placing of the work in the hands of the printers depends on a sufficient number of subscribers to assure the under-

The Ottawa (Kansas) Spiritualist Association will hold its ninth annual

Sampson, who was acquitted in police court Saturday, after a trial on a charge of practicing chairvoyancy with-out a license. The decision now in the hands of City Attorney. W. C. Rob-an act which he believed to be a viola-

inson, who is preparing an appeal. tion of the ordinance, his zeal for the The decision in full follows: Complaint is made by Chief Alexan-der Adams that the said Lucy A.

"That said Lucy A. Sampson did as follows: practice the vocation of clairvoyancy, and for which a charge is made without first having obtained a license to

rather than encouraged by courts." ing from the said Lucy A. Sampson, for which reading she paid Mrs. Samp-

Upon cross-examination Mrs. Nal-

further testified that after said meeting she sought an interview with Mrs. Sampson and asked her to give her a spiritual reading, which reading she

stated was the practice of her religion, and that she did then and there make a date with Mrs. Sampson for a reading, which is alleged in the complaint was given on or about the thirteenth day of July, 1906. And much that spiritual truth to mankind, would be, was told her in the said reading she and is unconstitutional. There is testified was true relative to her past much superstition still lurking in the life. Mrs. Nalley further testified on there is nothing, which will dispel it. cross- examination that she had not up

the purpose of convicting Mrs. Sampi-son for the violation of the city's or-There was no testimony or evidence

before the court to show that Mrs. Sampson practiced clairvoyancy as a business. There was no word of evidence given by this single witness for the city to show that Mrs. Sampson was a professional medium and practiced her profession for money. There was no evidence to show that she had a place of business; a sign, or advertised for business, or even gave a reading before or since this one in

The court does not make its findings on presumptions, but, rather on Therefore, from the testimony given

in this case the court finds: First-That the evidence in this ase is not sufficient to prove the allegation made in the complaint at the Second-If the ordinance was violated, the city was a party to the vio-lation of its own ordinance. It was as much responsible for the practice of

Those who are sincere should not be clairyoyancy as this defendant, and it discouraged, whatever their belief, should not be permitted to replenish. They should have a right to live ac-its treasury from penalties incurred at cording to it and to practice it. We its own instigation. For authority see can only advance by knowing the Ford vs. City of Denver, Tenth Colo-truth. We cannot allow religious Ford vs. City of Denver, Tenth Coloto Reports, page 500, which reads, freedom for one sect, and not for an-part, as follows: "When a city itself is instrumental stood that I am not a Spiritualist, and rado Reports, page 500, which reads, in procuring the violation of its own that this decision is not influenced by ordinance by the sale of liquor in orr any personal motive. der to lay the foundation for a suit in which a judicial opinion as to what finds the defendant not guilty, and she would constitute a violation of the or- is hereby discharged, and the city is dinance might be procured, it is in no given five days in which to perfect an position to say its ordinance has been appeal.-Evening Telegram, Colorado violated. It cannot be heard to com- Springs, Colo.

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prove my work as genuine. This license tax, which took effect dom to worship God after the dicta tions of our own conscience.

Sir William Crookes, who is presi-dent of the Scientific Association in London, England, has made very thorough investigations touching one of the phases of mediumship, that of MATERIALIZATIONS, such as Peter, James and John saw on the mount, purporting to be, and probably were, the materialized forms of Moses and Ellas. If materialized forms ap-peared in old Palestine in those far-off punishment of the violation of the law days, and God's laws being "the same got the better of his judgment, and his act is, at least reprehensible. For authority see Connor et al., plaintiffs yesterday, to-day and forever," does it not prove up the possibility of being true in the past; when such phenom-ena can under proper conditions be ports, page 373; which reads; in part produced in our day and age?

Professor Crookes had five cameras trained up a cabinet in his own labo-ratory and had an assistant to aid "When in their zeal or under a mistaken sense of duty, detectives sug-gest the commission of a crime and inhim to take the forms as they mate stigate others to take part in its comrialized, and he secured some forty negatives, some of which were excelmission in order to arrest them while lent, while others were spolled in part in developing. These cameras WERE NOT HYPNOTIZED, as it is in the act, although the purpose may be to capture old offenders, their conduct is not only reprehensible, but claimed we are when we witness such criminal and ought to be rebuked, phenomena in our day. These matethe rializations can be, and are produced in our day and time, which only proves up the past to be true, which Also, in the same, on page 379: "Some courts have gone a great way in giving encouragement to detectives in ought to be a source of comfort those who are trying to live by faith without works, to prove what has been and is to-day. This is one of the many phases of spiritual mediumship. some very questionable methods adopted by them to discover the guilt of criminals; but they have not yet gone so fay, and I trust never will, as This same law, was exemplified when to lend encouragement to officers who lesus appeared in the upper cham-

may, under a mistaken sense of duty. per twice, the last time being eight encourage and assist parties to commit days after his first appearance—"and the doors were closed"—no Possibility crime in order that they may arrest and have them punished for so dofor a material body to enter. Yet the apostles all saw and knew it was ing." Third—This court is of the opinion. Jesus, and even doubting Thomas asked for no further proof. that an ordinance passed by , a city

council, or a law enacted by any legis-Again, when the fig tree withered, lative body, requiring a license to be which was another manifestation, those who saw what spirit power can paid by one who practices clairvoyancy for the purpose of teaching the higher do, marveled, but Jesus said unto them: "If ye have faith and doubt There is not, greater things than these shall ye

When Saul approached the woman of Endor for information, the spirit of Samuel appeared and told Saul but the truth; and the truth is taught by many who have the gift of clairwhat he found out in the battle next day, to be the truth.

men the world has ever seen-Blitch, Jesus, Paul, Gautama, Mohammed, Dante, Balzac, Swedenborg, and a host of others who might be cited-were clairvoyants. They have taught mankind what they, have heard and seen. There is a tendency among many to ignore all mystical benom-ena as abnormal, unhatural and un-healthful; but when we yiew the sub-ject rightly we find that such manifes-itations are indiscensable to the proz-No one will question for a moment but what all the information we get in the Bible comes to us through humanity. There is as much spirit power in mediums to-day as in past ages. The past comes to us with a momentum born of the press and pulpit, while more wonderful things are taking place to-day and in the last fifty years than were ever dreamed of in old Pal-estine. This age excels all other ages in the world's history. The conflicts that have taken place

ject rightly we find that such manifes-tations are indispensable to the prog-ress of the human rage. A manifesta-tion from hidden sources always arouses the interest of the thinker or the progressive mind. The result will be the discovery, of some new law, the use of which will take the race forward another, step and give us a better religion, better, laws and a higher civilization. in the past over religious beliefs ought to incline us all toward a very harmonious feeling to all sincere religionists. There can be nothing gained in the religious world except through love and kindness to God and our neighbor. The constitution of this, land of liberty should be very The greatest religious liberty should us all and should prompt us to bear be allowed in this that dawn of the twentieth century. If the that dawn of the some use their religion to cover up a multitude of sins, that some are sin-cere and that some are hyporrites. each other's burdens and be very care ful indeed not to increase their weight. All this because of my arrest to-day for being a Spiritualist. • MRS. L. A. SAMPSON.

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education, wide experiences, and hav-E. W.: Q. I can have table mov-ing, but it does not tell the truth. ing a command of language to express his ideas clearly and forcibly. May his success as an evangel of the creed me how I can become a medium, and tell the past and the future to anyone who wants it told? I want to to be, as written by Ella Wheeler Wil-cox, be all that his earnest efforts debe something, so I can make money serve.

and support myself. A. That "the table" does not "tell the truth" shows that the conditions

are imperfect, and before proceeding farther, or aspiring to higher things, these should be corrected. The ques-tion reveals the spiritual condition of that has been held for many years was held at Onset to-day, this being the a great majority of those who desire to become mediums. It is not for their own development in desirable opening meeting of the season. association dedicated the new auditorium on Union avenue. It is a beau-tiful place, and just the place to hold qualities of character, or the sweet pleasure of communion with the demeetings; in a fine grove and in a parted, but to gratify love of notori-ety, and the profits which may be reaped therefrom. The desire is de-basing and selfish, and where mediquiet part of the camp. Dr. Geo. A. Fuller and C. Fannie Allyn were the speakers, and Katie M. Ham was the medium. The audience was very umship has accompanied such desires, large.

The speakers for Sunday, July 29 the result has invariably been disas trous to the cause and the individual. will be Miss Susie C. Clark and Mr. Thos. Cross. Mrs. Katie M. Ham will To such mediums may be referred all the obloguy and humiliation the HATCH. be the medium.

cause has met with. It should be understood, for all, mediumship is beyond price, and when sold, its high mission is betrayed,

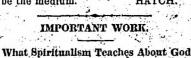
and its possessor who has no other object than to make money and a living sinks to the level of the mountebank. Seek the precious endowment for its

own sake, and if you have the power to pour out as from a fountain, this sweet water of life to souls, do not har the way. As you give shall you. nature of God. Connected therewith has been the relations of man to God, receive. If you are selfish, you will attract the selfish, spirit and mortal. and the colossal scheme of theology to save man by a mediator. How came these ideas?-The thought that the product of inspi-ration can be sold, effectually kills the inspiration, or perverts it into harmfuiness.

To mediumship, this correspondent like a multitude of others, desires to add the art of fortune-telling. At the beginning she would prostitute the faculty to the beggarly trade of the gypsy outcast!

No. F cannot tell you how to fore-tast the future to those willing to part with their money for this knowl-edge. Wisely the future is a sealed book, and it is best we should not

know, except on rare occasions.



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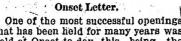
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day, the 22nd, those who visited Lake

car company. Mr. Austin is one well fitted to disseminate the truths of psy-

chic forces, being a man of superior

Sprin Hill; Kans.

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who desire it as an article of merchandise. There are already too many of this class, pitiable, and a misfortune to the cause they misrepre-sent. Yet it may be said in a general way, that a thorough reform, and re-generation of self; a change of heart, and purpose, are first essential, if one is to call angels to his side; to become an instrument for the communication of their thoughts, he must become in some degree like the angels:

The highest and best mediumship must be spontaneous and free as the air of heaven, and if degraded to a "business." will with absolute certainty lead to failure and disappointment.

SUMMER TIME.

The Summer time is here again, With all its sweetness as of yore, And yet. with each succeeding year It seems more lovely than before. The orchards and the fruitful fields, The woodlands and the meadows green Look wondrously beautiful, When basking in the sunlight's sheen.

Down by the mill-stream and the pond The sunshine and the shadows play, By turns they kiss the lilles fair, When playing hide and seek all day. The rivers and the brooklets sing, As on their winding course they

The feathered songsters tuneful lays Come from the copse where ivies grow.

The flowers ope their petals new, To sunshine and to rain in turn. And drink in Nature's bounty-store. A lesson from them we might learn As Nature's children we too oft Ignore her kind admonishment, And as reward for willful ways Reap sorrow, grief and discontent

O. Glorious season of the year! Teach us to live the simple life, Then happiness will be our part, And free us from all needless strife Thus days will pass by pleasantly, In one harmonious merry chime, And we shall long for thy return, O, bountiful, glad Summer time! J. H. YENNI.

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I cannot for one moment believe very repulsive to Spiritualists. What that I am violating any law under the constitution of these United States be-cause of spiritual religion. It is the it with us if we feel its necessity. The cause of spiritual religion. It is the only religion that proves beyond a question of a doubt that there is a spiritual life beyond this material life, which answers the greatest question that has ever been promulgated, viz.: "If a man die shall he live again?" All the information coming to US sion is as possible as in this world. All the information coming to us sion is as possible as in this world. through the Bible is through human- We find our level here and we will ity. There is as much inspiration hereafter, and there is no limit to our and more in the world to-day than spiritual growth in-the world toward there was in past ages, because the which we are hastening. Mrs. He-sixth and seventh senses have been mans writes of the pilgrim Fathers:

"What sought they, thus mfar? Bright jewels of the mine,

The wealth of seasive thee spoils of war? S'11 .!. 11.

They sought a faith's plire shrine. Ah! call it holy ground the sod, where first they trod, i

For they have left's unstained what there they found-FREEDOM TO WORSHIP GODI" 8

Religionists in many instances be-tome so frenzied over their religious beliefs that they very unkindly think ual societies in Chicago who are not that those who do not exactly coincide legislated against. There are about with them should be driven out of the country; if not with policemen or solliers, then with what is avorse, CLASS be made to pay a license tax, being LEGISLATION. This tax will apply discriminated against? Other denom- to make a living, often without a crust make a living, often without a crust slightly from that of Spiritualists are of bread and nothing to purchase it, slightly from that of Spiritualists are not required to pay, this license to preach what they regard as the very essence of truth! Then why should ists, whose religion is just as sacred to them as are the beliefs of other de-nominations, and knowing, too, when they pass such CLASS LEGISLATION that it is strictly forbidden in the con-that is strictly forbidden in the con-ting the strictly forbidden in the con-

they pass such CLASS LEGISLATION that it is strictly forbidden in the con-stitution of these United States. If there is anything in the constitution made more clear than protecting the ligious liberty, I would be glad to be informed upon this subject more fully. We cannot believe that a loving, heav-enly Father would create a burning hell for his children, this belief being

To the Editor:-The Los Angeles

Examiner has developed a conscience in its advertising columns. It will no longer accept the advertisements from our Spiritualistic societies, unless they are so worded as to hide the nature of the meetings advertised.

Last week when I wanted to advertise our lyceum and regular Sunday meeting, the clerk behind the counter replied, "We are not taking any more ccult rubbish."

In the past, however, this paper has vell," and from the "greatest clairvoy-ants on earth," etc.; some of them paying as much as \$30 for one notice in its Sunday issue. The little inconvenience caused to

us by not being able to advertise our meetings in this one paper is hardly worth noticing, compared to the good it will do to Spiritualism in a general way. The large ARMY OF "TRAMPS" coming to our city yearly, DISCUISED AS GREAT MEDIUMS, we shall still get, to be sure; but we may never again have to look upon their portraits, nor to read the long string of lies that always accompany them, in the Sunday Examiner. Many good Spiritualists of this city

are now angry with the Examiner, be cause it does not discriminate between the true and the false in Spiritualism; but we fail to see how a secular news paper, with little or no knowledge of the subject, can use any discrimination.

Many Spiritualists among us who elect themselves leaders, because of their varied and long experience in the phenomena and in the philosophy of Spiritualism, cannot themselves criminate between the true and the false. When they become officers of camps and societies the same lack of discrimination is apparent. Disreputable persons, who somehow or other have gotten reputations as mediums, although they may have been ex-posed time and again as cheats, are generally welcomed upon our plat form. Hence, to-day, neither the general public nor our newspapers respect us as a people. Now, let us not find fault with the

Examiner because it will not recognize us, but rather take it as a hint to do better in the future. The "fake" ele-ment we must shun, even as the Christians shun the "devil," and that prac-tically means, not only to keep all physical phenomena mediums off our platform, but also to keep many bogus clairvoyants off, who use memorized tests instead of clairvoyance or mediumship. P. A. JENSEN. Los Angeles, Cal.

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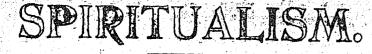
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largely developed. The two worlds are drawing nearer and nearer than ever before because of this great de-velopment. The religion I practice and preach is "SPIRITUAL," and is

as much a religion as ANY CREED EVER PROMULGATED BY MAN. We KNOW there is a spiritual life beyond the physical. Other creeds im-ply a belief only. Spiritualists be-

lieve and know there is a creative power, hence SPIRIT POWER IS THE

GREATEST POWER KNOWN. This power is delegated to many of God's children. There are seventeen spiriteleven million of Spiritualists in these United States. Can all these people



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# J. H. Mendenhall, One of the Old-Time Writers, Fisks, What Is It?, Is It True?

'As a great statesman once said, "F life; and all the elements and forces vould rather he right than to be Pres-ident of the United States." It is a long time since I have been a con-tributor to the columns of the dear right that the been a con-tributor to the columns of the dear

tributor to the columns of the dear old organ, so rightly named, The Fro-gressive Thinker." I am a Spiritual-ist; yes, for all that the worl of self-actuation of principles in all true significance represents, and I am EQUALLY OPPOSED TO FRAUD in all matters pertaining to life's con-duct, wherever found. I have faith-what so called Mother Nature, is that what all the world of humanity ever has, and is still trying to comprehend as God; and therefore all phenomena duct, wherever found. I have faith-what so containe with fully watched the "weeding out pro-cess of phenomenal Spiritualism as ture is produced in accordance with natural law. carried on through the columns of The Progressive Thinker. The "weeding

Now to the discussion. Query 1. Do spirits return to out process" is all right, when it is

earth? This question infers that spirits not right. In my earlier years I was a farmer, and made it a special point to only have previously been to or upon our earth, but that they had left it take all the weeds out of my corn; but and gone to some other place. True. I discovered it was necessary to pay

This limit again may be found to

Where is that place, and how did some attention to the suckers. For, I they get there? found that though they bore some Answer: The place is, first, that which by Spiritualists is denominated small nubbins, they were a hindrance to the true stalks capable of yielding a full crop. It is a nice thing, Brother the spirit world; but since the spirit rancis, to be a good farmer, is it not? Yes, I am a careful reader of The world is everywhere in space, we all in a general sense are in the spirit world now, hence a little explanation is re-Progressive Thinker, and whenever I

see the caption, "A Storm Center," "Turn on the Light," "An Awaken-ing," "The Great Upheavals," and other like contents and quired. That part of the spirit world to which the people of our earth go, on leaving the bodily form, as undering," "The Great Upheavals," and other like sentences, I look out for stood, is located within our earth's at-mesphere. This atmosphere is said to something forthcoming. In many instances, on reading contributions following such headings, I have been deeply interested in the great thoughts extend to an altitude of about fortyfive miles. It is said to decrease in density as it extends up or rather out-ward. Imagine it to be septirarily that live, breathe and burn, as they flashed from the, pen of their contribmarked off, or mapped out by circles, utors respectively. Then again occa-I am somewhat amused showing seven different departments. (though sorry to have to say it) at the yet all connected, making one general expressions of others, seemingly sphere, of a diameter of forty-five would-be-teachers, who think it honor- miles. This general sphere is what able to attempt to elevate themselves one might properly denominate our by sinking their superiors, by using abusive language, epithets, etc., when in fact they only expect their

World. This description gives you a mental abusive language, epithets, etc., "This description gives you'a mental in fact they only expose their own in-nocent ignorance. And while I would our friend has gone to the spirit land. not censure anyone for doing the very best one can for himself or herself, When we say our friend has gone to even though the effort prove a failure, his or her spirit home, we mean that even though the effort prove a latitude, and of and build has gone to one or the other yet from the clash of mental vibra-tions caused to arise within me by of those seven circles, more properly reading said efforts, I am prompted, called spirit zones. Said friend may for the good of the cause we love so stop at first, second, third zone and so well, to offer a series of suggestions on. for the columns of The Progressive Thinker. But there is always a limit, for the

time being, to one's capacity for tray-eling in spirit lands. This limit, how-In doing this, I think for the present it were best to let the present ever, is always found when one reaches the point or zone where, its brilliant corps of fraud destroyers do density corresponds with that of one's their work and DO IT WELL, and as for myself, instead of discussing the pros and cons of the "white suit" set spirit body, so to speak; but more properly ethereal body. forth in the symposium, as being the correspond with one's mental or moral developments, for the law governing. question before Spiritualists, I think it better for Spiritualists to settle some questions, or come to a general underin this respect is a law of adaptation of merit, therefore the law of justice. As to how spirits get there, i. e., to their spirit homes respectively, we standing as to what constitutes the real existing facts relating to Spiritualism, especially in its phenomenal phases

earth? And if so, how, or by what fleshy tenement that has served its If they return at all, is the mode of process of withdrawing from the body, their returning one in harmony with is called death; so death might, be nature's laws? What is that law, the called the angel that lets one out of law by which the invisible is rendered the kitchen into the parlor; or the visible; the intangible, tangible; the means by which the nortale are and the second th process are they enabled to appear? purpose during mundane life. law by which the intensible is rendered the killen into the partor; or the means by which the portals are opened in solid made solid, and other phe-is nomena that mark the class of facts which form the basis—the only basis for scientific demonstrable proof of a Having passed out of the body, the for scientific demonstrable proof of a spirit so doing has enacted or per-conscious personal life for man be-spirit so doing has enacted or per-formed a feat in dematerialization, to

And last and best, is the law of the all intents and purposes. Having cosmic forces universal, acting uni-formly in giving expression to the his or her body, said spirit is prepared to arise to the lawl of his or her body. 1546 Milwaukee avenue, near Western Mrs. Letzter, speaker and avenue. countless forms or objects that con- to arise to the level of his or her own medium. All welcome. Chicago Spiritual Alliance Church, in Vincennes Hall, 35th and Cottage Grove personal merits; has arriv stitute Nature's p enomena These questions once understood home. But in doing this, all faculties, and agreed upon by Spiritualists them-selves, it will be easier to decide as to avenue. Mrs. May Elmo, pastor. All welcome. Services at 3 and 8 p. m. lectual and moral, as well as a per-Spiritual Science Society meets ever what is possible and what is not possible for discarnate spirits to do. As to sonal being went together. So the Sunday from 2 to 10 p. m., at Arlington Hall, N. W. corner of Sist street and the fraudulency, or the genuineness of whole man or woman is there, right special cases of spirit phenomena, like in heaven or the other place, as the Indiana avenue. Admission, free that of the "white dress," or any other | good Christian would say. Mrs. Dixon will always be in attend-Well, you ask, would he want to Others will assist. These manifestations witnessed at the seance ance. room, must and can be decided only by come back if in the one place, and the judgment of the witness of said could he get back if in the other? meetings will be continued all summer. Dr. Beverly, president, No. 44 East 81st cases, considering carefully the cir- Yes, to both questions. Being a man street. Mrs. Mary Hill holds meetings every cumstances under which they oc- or woman still, minus the crude body, Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 320 Flournoy street. Good speakers and the same ties of relationship that bind curred. mankind together as members of one propose now, Brother Francis, with your permission, to lay down for | family, though some be here and oth-Divine Spiritual Church holds meetuse in the columns of The Progressive ers there, still exist. Yes, the same Thinker, some of the fundamental friendships, passions and loves, for ngs every Sunday afternoon and principles utilized by Nature or the these are irascible attributes of life. evening at 2:30 and 7:30, in Hygela Hall, corner Ogden avenue and Robey builder of nature, as we behold her Those who are there will want to comstreet. Good music: All welcome Rev. Lucy A. Hodge Koontz, pastor. now in her present status, clothed in municate with those here. They all the splendor, beauty and grandeur not destroy, nor take with them the The Christian Spiritualist Society that characterize and make her the paths they traveled thither. Their holds tent meetings every Sunday af separation, in process of time, intensihome of men and angels. ternoon and evening at 3 and 8 p.m. First and foremost I assert it as an fies the anxiety. They went there incontrovertible truth seen from a with their own personal powers, and at Reiger's Grove, DesPlaines River and West Madison street, conducted standpoint of natural philosophy or with the same they can return when by Miss Sarah Thomas. logical reasoning, that whatsoever ex- they get ready to do so. But how? you ask. ists now, to-day, as possessing entita-We answer, by the same law they tive quality, is uncreate, always has SEISMIC DISTURBANCES. were enabled to get here on their first existed, and always will continue to visit. That law, as before said, is exist, therefore is eternal Second, that space is boundless, un- the law of materializations-tha Another Explanation in Reference to limited, is everywhere; as much so as which was in operation when human the Same. **`** time is without beginning or ending; souls or spirits were first brought out appropriateness of the of invisible space into the visible, ob terms infinitude, eternity, endless du-ration. To the Editor:-In your valuable paper of June 26, our brother correspondent of Denver, Colo., A. F. Cool Third, that all space is permeated come back to earth?" Yes. How do with entitative substances, commonly you know? I answer, I know because is in error about steam causing earthrecognized by the two terms, spirit I see them, handle them and talk and matter; the inner and the outer with them as when they were here in quakes. Dry, saturated or super heated steam is non-explosive. All the fires within the earth could not and matter; the inner and the outer with them as when they with the sides of all being; that the inner is body—ere they left for spirit land; that which we call spirit, and the for their home over there. Isn't this outer that which we denominate matgenerate steam fast enough to give it sufficient force to cause it to break through the earth's crust, for the reater, and is the expression of the Muncie, Ind. son that the steam would condense (To be continued.) A very large body of water, instantly Fourth, that co-existent with these converted into steam, is the cause of seismic disturbances. Water by boiltwo polarized substances are the eterprinciples, called law-natural -and constitute the Formative "Foibles of the Bench." nal ing loses the greater portion of the ox-"Foibles of the Bench," a humorous Building Forces, and Governing Pow-ers of all worlds. ygen that it holds in solution; when that is the case, it will explode. When the oxygen is boiled out of the water, Fifth, that the primary condition or Bar, recently published by the "Legal state of all material objective things, Literature Company" of Chicago, can it is not water, but a bed of electricity. from atoms to worlds inclusive, is that hardly fail to interest members of the Water is the most dangerous com pound known; and still with care it is known as the invisible. Sixth, that the method or process of world-building in all its countless va-rieties of objectivized forms, is that of involution and evolution; involving the principles of eternal motion, vibra-"Whiffet," and "Justice B. Fair," are known as the invisible. the safest. A housewife will give a hot stove a wide range if there are two or three drops of water under a dishnan on the stove. One hundred gallons of water instantly converted into

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Spiritualist Meetings. It is important when a meeting, it suspended, that notice he given us, so that inquirers may not he mislead. We want new notices of all meetings being held here in public halls at the present time. First German Spiritualist Society on

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malists, for the purpose of making se-cure the PRACTICE OF FRAUDU-LENT MEDIUMSHIP whereby an in-nocent public may be DECEIVED. AND ROBBED, and the most sacred feelings of human hearts outraged by simulating the forms of and messages from their dead, are seeking to unite all fake mediums, their tools, follow-



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Aug. 4, 1908.

Freeville Camp.

The Freeville Camp, N. Y., opens July 22 and closes August 19. For programs, write to Miss Victoria Moore, Dryden, N. Y. Interest in the various Spiritualist camp-meetings has commenced, and secretaries of the same should report

Delphos (Kans.) Camp. at once to this office, so that proper Opens on August 10, closing on the announcement as to dates and officers

27th. Address all communications to I. N. Richardson, secretary, Delphos, Kansas

Parkland, Pa.

The third annual session of Parkand Heights Camp opens July 1, and closes August 2, 1906. Elizabeth M. Fish, secretary, Floral Heights, Park-land, Eden, Pa.

Mt. Park; Okla.

A camp-meeting of the Spiritualists of Oklahoma will be held at Mt. Park, Commencing August 23, 1906, and holding ten days. For particulars ad-dress Rev. T. W. Woodrow, Hobart, Okla., or R. G. Lee, R. R. No. 1, Snyder, Okla.

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Mr. D. A. Herrick and wife are the workers for the week of July 29, fol-lowed successively by W. V. Nicum, Judge E. Thompson; and on August, 19, the Hon. James E. Walker, social-

all workers, Spiritualists and friends of the movement to come and spend the season of 1906 with the Island

H. R. LA GRANGE.

Mining Company.

A bill for accounting and injunction Mines Company shares of stock in the mining company.

Goodheart is said to have been a member of the cult, but renounce faith, and the litigation is the

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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 in-formation, write Mrs. Mary B. Small, South Harwich, Mass.

send in Your Dates and Name of Sec-

retary at Once.

Onset Camp,

Lake Brady, Ohio,

City of Light Assembly.

Lake Pleasant, Mass.

meeting at Mt. Pleasant Park, opens

Summerland Camp,

Sunapee Lake Camp, N. H.

Ottawa Camp.

Spiritualist Camp-meeting Associa-tion, Forest Park, Ottawa, Kansas, August 17 to 27 inclusive. Write

for programs. H. W. Henderson, pres-

Sunapee Lake Spiritualist Camp

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can be made.

It Offers Many Attractions,

Sunday, July 22, marked the open-ing of the Island Lake Camp, unden what seems to be most auspicious con-

Mrs. Amanda Coffman was the speaker for the opening week, and this talented little lady left a desire in the

The Ladies' Auxiliary had made the

The management of the hotel is

The cottagers and campers wear a the mosquitoes are few. Boating and bathing still hold a fas-

cination for young and old that is ir-resistible, and, indeed, they who come from the dust and worry of city

ll their guilty stains. Mr. D. A. Herrick and wife are the

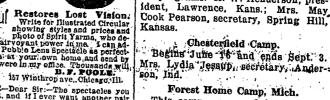
19, the Hon. James E. Walker, social-istic candidate for governor of the state of Michigan, will occupy our platform, morning and afternoon. Good mediums will be with us throughout the season to give demona-strations of the different phases. A cordial invitation is extended to all workers. Spiritualists and friends

Lake Camp. Apply to me, the secre-tary, Brighton, Mich., for further information,

SPIRITS CAUSE LAWSUIT.

Man Who Quits Cult Sues President of

was filed in the superior court yester day by Ralph Goodheart against the Idaho Consolidated. Mines Company and Irwin E. Rockwell, president of the corporation. According to Attor-ney Le Bosky, Rockwell is identified with a spirit fruit cult. The sult in-volves the disposition of 800,000



Salem.

This camp opens July 29 and closes August 19. Any preson desir-ing programs or information regard-ing camp grounds or camp work, will

please write to the secretary, who will answer all inquiries; F. H. Lesher, president; Mrs. Ruth Eastman, secretary, Mancelona

at Blodgett's Landing, N. H., commences July 29, 1906, and closes Aug. 26. For programs and information Slatewriting, Clairvoyance, Etc., write to the secretary, Lorenzo Wortos. California, Eura va. Fron F. Fyans, Los Ga-mail may be obtained by writing to Mr. Evans for particulars. SPECIAL-Mr. Evans bas a few copies of his famous book "Paychography" on hand. This work was published at 82.60 per copy, and is devoted to the many marrelous slatewrit-ing experiments given through his mediumship. Also explains how the writing is foug, and how he developed his wonderful power. The book is profusely illustrated. While they last you can have a copy, postpaid, for \$1.20. then, Hillsboro Bridge, N. H. Wonewoc Camp-Meeting. The Western Wisconsin Camp Association holds its annual camp Asso in Unity Park, Wonewoc, Wis, July 15 to August 13. For particulars and programs write Gertrude Spooner, secretary, Wenewoc, Wis.

aing June 24. Mrs. F. Lee, secretary. Winfield (Kansas) Camp. The Winfield Camp Association will hold its thirteenth annual camp-meeting, commencing Aug. 24, and closing Sept. 2. Mrs. Maud K. Gates, presi-

dent, 807 North Manning street, Win-field, Kans.; Mrs. Addie McAllister, secretary, Winfield, Kans. New Era Camp, Aregon.

tion, change and growth. by which latter term is meant progression; that judges they are intended to illustrate, and the anecdotes related of them are this dual action of involving and evolving serves to concentrate, consolidate, so fully in accord with their special and thus give form—visible form, to characteristics as to be fully appreciwhat is called matter, even in its pri-mary or invisible state; hence the all familiar with court practice; whole process of phenomenal "crea- Other chapters are devoted to humortion" (if the term be admissible) is ous incidents, coming under the writ-that of materialization.

Seventh, that the outer objective chapters devoted to the desired qualiside of the universe commonly called fications, standing and responsibilities matter, being the expression of the of judges and lawyers, are interesting inner, it follows as a matter of philo- and instructive, and are written from sophical necessity, that the inner, a high standpoint. called spirit, is the expressor, and that \$1; postage, 6 cents. though this division or duality of the cosmos-universe is positively neces sary for all practical purposes and cret of How to Keep Young." By J. M. Peobles, M. D., M. A.; Ph. D. Price \$1 means of investigating, learning and understanding the truth of the whole matter; absolutely Life, Being with all practical handbook of reference, con-its multiplicity of variations, differen- taining definitions of every used elec-

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Whereas, they are wilfully, for their own selfish ends, representing the offi-cial board of the N. S. A, as opposed to all physical or other legitimate phases of mediumship; therefore, be it Resolved, That we call attention of all thoughtful Spiritualists to the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by our annual con vention of 1901, and which is still the authoritative expression of the N. S. A. upon the question of phenomena, and is heartily concurred in by nember of the present board of the N. S. A., to-wit: "Be it resolved by the delegates to

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growth of the breach between the two Meetings are held at Mowerland Park, Upper Swampscott, Mass., every According to the bill Goodheart and Rockwell entered into an agree-Sunday beginning June 3, and closing Sept. 30. B. H. Blaney, president, 150 Elm street, Marblehead; Mr. H. S. ment whereby the president mining company agreed to divide with the complainant his monthly salary Gardiner, secretary, 28 Cabot street, of \$500 as compensation for Goodheart's efforts to sell stock in the

Island Lake Camp.

company. A resolution was passed, it is related, authorizing Goodheart to sell 800,000 shares of stock in the Island Lake Camp, Island Lake, Mich., opens July 21, extending until August 27. For programs or inforcorporation and it was stipulated that he might keep whatever amount he re-ceived over 20 cents a share. ation write to the secretary, H. R. LaGrange, Brighton, Mich. The complainant says he employed

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Visksburg Camp. Vicksburg camp, Mich., opcns 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, 955 ½ Tacoma Ave., Tacoma, Wash.

Divine of Grand Ledge, Mich.

September.

Unity Camp, Mass.

Mantua Camp, Ohio,

ticulars, address F. H. Sherwood,

retary, Mantua Station, Ohio.

Goodheart says he disposed of 15,410 shares of the stock at 40 cents a share and then trouble arose between him and the defendant, who is said to have Grand Ledge Camp, Mich. revoked the contract because of Goodheart's withdrawal from the spirit fruit cult. The court is asked to en-The Grand Ledge Spiritualist Campmeeting opens July 21, and closes Au-gust 21, with Mr. Oscar A. Edgerly as join the defendant company and its presiding chairman. For full par-ticulars address J. W. Ewing or W. R. officers from changing books and rec-

ords and to direct them to make an accounting to Goodheart .--- Chicago Chronicle.

Opens on Sunday, June 4, and con-tinues every Sunday until the last of THE BRIGHT POINTS IN MOTION.

As Illustrated by D. Edson Smith.

a number of men and expended

large sum of money to be used for the

purpose of exploiting the mining stock. He says there was another under-

standing between him and the presi-dent of the company whereby he was

to divide his profits with Rockwell.

This camp, located at Mantua Station, Ohio, will open July 9, and con-tinue to August 27. For further par-To the Editor:--I have been interested in the "Bright Points in Motion" discussion appearing in your valuable paper. H. P. Shove, M. D., gives his experience in the matter. He con-cludes that this is a "purely optical phenomena" caused by a "microscopical drop of moisture oozing out from the eyelid." He also says that "this nimble acrobat of the air is too delicate a creature to be seen by daylight, and requires by law, a background of darkness, and the darker the room, or. place he appears in, the brighter and more distinct his appearance.

Now my experience is entirely different. My eyesight has always been of the best never had any weak watery, eyes, or eyelashes, and I cannot see these bright moving points with a dark background. The brighter the background the more- distinct the moving points. Looking out of a win-dow at a clear sky, or out of doors at a clear sky is the most favorable condition in my case.

These bright moving objects, in my ase, do not appear as points but, as bright tiny cels, a sixteenth of an inch. long, in rapid motion.

I, together with several friends, have been seeing these things, and discussing them for years. We do not offer any opinion as to what they are: we can always see them in day. light with D. EDSON SMITH. light with a light background-the

"Science and the Future Life." By James H. Hysiop, is one of the most valuable acquisition to the literature of Mödern Spiritualism that has appeared of late years. It is scientific in its method, profound in its logic, and above all sympathetic to the truth, whatever it may be and wherever if ends Sejt. 3. For programs address A. F. Hubbard, president, Tyson; S. N. Gould, vice-president, Randelph, or

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

This camp opens Aug. 5, and closes August 26. For further particu-lars address Will Randolph, secretary, Ashley, Ohio.

Haslett Park, Mich.

The twenty-fourth annual assembly of Spiritualists at Haslett Park, Mich., 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 Burngton, Vt., commences July 29, and