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A Rebuke to Vampires.

Those Vultures That Have Invaded Our Ranks With Artificial Toggery and Bogus Tests.

E. W. SPRAGUE, ONE OF OUR FOREMOST WORKERS IN THE RANKS OF SPIRITUALISM, SPEAKS AS FOLLOWS IN HIS RE-PORT FROM DENVER, COLO.:

"WE LABORED TO GET A SOCIETY ORGANIZED THAT WOULD EMPLOY ONLY THE BEST TALENT AND THAT WOULD BE AN HONOR TO SPIRITUALISM WHILE IT WOULD ENLIGHT. EN THE PEOPLE REGARDING THE FACT THAT THESE VAM-PIRES WHO ARE PREYING UPON A GULLIBLE PUBLIC ARE NOT OF US.

ONE THING IS PLAINLY APPARENT: IF WE DO NOT RID OUR RANKS OF THESE VILLAINS WHO ARE ROBBING THE PEOPLE OF EVERY BIG CITY, AND DO NOT USE EVERY EF-FORT TO PROTECT OUR HONEST MEDIUMS AGAINST THE UN-JUST LAWS BEING ENACTED AGAINST THEM BECAUSE OF THE FRAUDS, I DO NOT SEE HOW OUR GREAT CAUSE CAN PRO-GRESS IN THE FUTURE. I DO WISH THE N. S. A. COULD EX-PRESS ITSELF REGARDING THESE MISERABLE WRETCHES IN TERMS THAT WOULD RESOUND FROM HILL AND VALLEY-TO MOUNTAIN AND PLAIN THROUGH THE UNITED STATES."

AS TO SPIRITUAL FAKERS,

Lake City Tribune in Refer-

ence to the Same.

An exposure has recently been made

of two spiritual fakers in this city;

and in connection with that exposure,

which they resisted, they made them-

selves amenable to the criminal law.

We presume that no one will excuse

the impostures and law-breaking of

these fakers, nor cry out that they

should escape punishment by the law

itual fakers here, nor the only spirit-ual fakers who have broken the law.

But the other spiritual fakers and law-

breakers not only escape all account-

ability for their lawlessness, but are

held forth to the community and to the world as holy men, who are doing

The question naturally arises, why

are two spiritual fakers who have broken the law, punished, and the

large number of other spiritual fakers who have also broken the law, and are continually breaking it, allowed

to escape the law's penalties? The usual answer is that the unpunished

spiritual faker entered upon their ca-

reer of law-breaking so many years

ago and have continued it so long with

impunity, that they should be allowed to defy the law for the remainder of

their lives, no matter what the conse-

quences may be in the degradation of

community sentiment or the disabili-

ties it will impose upon children born

Such a plea as this could not possi-bly be made in any community where

from a weakened moral sense had not

got in its dreadful work. It is appall-

ing to think that a continuance in

cause it has been practiced so long. It

s appalling to reflect that even a dis

tinct and tearful pleading prayer for

amnesty in the past on condition of

leading lawful lives in the future, is

held to be held of no moral or legal

But to so pitiful a point is the plea

for setting aside the law in these

cases brought down; and so prone

must those crawl who excuse the set

ting apart of a special class of crimi-

nals who shall be free from the penal

WORLD-WEARY.

My flesh is weary and my soul is tired, And naught to me the things I once

Above my dead I wept for many

weep no more, for in that higher

They have outgrown me and forgotten

But now, alas! I am too tired to care

The only heaven craved is some still

Where I may sleep forever and be for

And is this death? O, deep, sweet

But what is this, return of youth and

Or some delusion of dissolving sense?

O, voices sweet, that seem to call me

With music soft, more restful far than

O, lovelit eyes; O, circling arms that

All doubts aside. Now_first upon

I know the joy and blessedness of

And how there comes at love's sweet

Immortal youth and never-ending

Say not, sad souls, because one life

The pleasures of the next have also

And adds still dearer ones for next

As wakes that child to morning's glad

So wake world-weary souls to Para-

For just one breath of Heaven's heal-

Will rest the wearlest soul that enters

Resentment seems to have been

riven us by nature for defense and for

CALLA HARCOURT.

lonely wanderer, the starles

crime is excused and defended

And yet they are not the only spir-

which they had broken.

God's work upon earth.

in illegitimacy.

ties of the law.

sphere

quite

night.

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spring,

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your breast

welcoming

has failed.

baled.

weep,

surprise.

ing air

there.

Chestnut, III.

-Adam Smith.

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A SUGGESTIVE WARNING.

It Is Written Through the Mediumship | The Views of the Editor of the Salt of James H. Young, of Onset, Mass.

When will wealthy Spiritualists awaken and realize their responsibil-ity? Not until they look back from their darkened homes in spirit-life and review their life on earth.

I see no reason why I should change my views in regard to churchianity (the proper name) or the worship of Mammon as a god, whether by so-called Christians, Liberalists or Spirit-

True Spiritualists should do all in their power while yet in the form to lessen the influence of this god, and release the mind from its bondage, and thus decrease the number of earth-bound souls.

Many, very many, so-called reverends (we in spirit life have no respect for the title) know the truth, but fail to declare it. Many wealthy Spirit-ualists also conceal the truth regard less of their knowledge of a future Sorrows and remorse will over take them as well as the untruthful reverend, and painful will be their labor in darkened sphere among the souls who, by their false teachings, or by the influence of their standing and

wealth have been led astray.

Many in the higher circles of this lower sphere find their homes but duplicates of their earth homes; some still haunt the business marts of earth: some are tilling the soil, and all

In the darkened part of these lower circles continguous to the earth are found many still filled with the selfish motives that governed them on earth, for death in no sense changes the Among them are to be found priests, preachers of every sect, lawyers, doctors, politicians, Spiritualists and materialists, and public men of various grades.

Here also are found all who loved crime and sought to live by preying upon the public, or upon the neighbor. All grades of depravity are represented here, and the large majority have had (what is so boastingly spoken of) a Sunday-school and Christian educa-

tion.
Here is portrayed the great work Spiritualism has to do—release man-bondage and from slavery to creed, both in earth and spirit life; to overthrow the alters of Mammon, and curtail or destroy the influence and power which mere wealth or the possession

of money gives to man. Advanced spirits cannot force the truth upon these minds, but they can by impression cause discussion and a desire to know and receive the truth and thereby help them to work out their own progression. Those thus freed we use as missionaries through

whom to reach others.

To you, rich Spiritualists (who should be friends of humanity), and to others, we appeal for help to carry on this work. No reform work can be carried on in the earth life without such help as you can give and by your help many souls (if not yourselves) can be saved from those darkened sphere homes, or hells in spirit life. Every soul saved on earth or released in spirit life is a victory won, a missionary to lead others into paths of peace and joy forever. Spiritualists friends of humanity, ye who possess wealth which is useful only in earth life, we pray you to help in this labor of love, for though you reap no money reward here on earth, great will be your reward when you meet those whom you have thus helped into helped into higher states and conditions in the life to come. N. C. F. life to come. N. C. F. Written through the hand of James

H. Young, Onset, Mass. TO HIM THAT HATH.

Measure me not by what I may achieve, Nor mark my progress by the height I gain; How can you know with what sore

A child all day o'er broken toys may I strive for that which others but re-Until worn out it sighs itself to How can you know how I am weighted Too tired to care that some one mends

down, What dead men's sins press heavy on my soul?

Or how I can but creep toward my goal, While others pass me, reaching for

their crown? 1. 1. 1. 1. By this, I pray you, mark my onward

The daily strife with bonds that hold me fast. Like shadowy fingers, reaching from the past, Holding a token which I must obey;

Pity the fettered feet that but mar time. While others march, and gain the hills sublime.

defense only; it is the safeguard of justice, and the security of innocence. -Ninette M. Lowater. Don't laugh over others' mistakes.
The banana skin may be under your ple that all riches have limitations foot—McPherson.

Burke.

FLASHLIGHTS ON LIFE. A Veritable Spiritual Upheaval

Scintiliations From the Pen of Henry Morrison Tefft, of Norwich, N. Y. From Present Indications in All Parts of the

FAILED TO BE NOMINATED. A IS NO LIKENESS BETWEEN THE GENTLEMAN WAS IN HIS OFFICE FORM OF PRAYER AND THE SPIR-EVERY ADVANCEMENT IS A MOR- PRACTICAL BELIEF;-IN THE AL PRINCIPLE. THERE ARE MOR- LAST ANALYSIS IT WAS ONLY A AL AS WELL AS INTELLECTUAL THEORY-IT VANISHED AT THE

PIGMIES. IN ALL ACTING, IN ALL GRAVE." There is nothing pure; everything is tendency of the nations. Each indiadulterated. The richest ore is laden vidual life is the product of centuries with slag. The most correct proverb of breeding. contains a grain of error. Friendship, untainted by selfishness, is a myth; it ents," says Robert Louis Stevenson, has not as much actual existence as a "lie upon the anvil and receive their the soul often hungers for the presmirage. Poets sing of it; philoso- temper during generations, but the ence of the positive and the true, for phers dream of it; but it does not ex- very plot of our life's story unfolds itist. There is the reverse side to the self on a scale of centuries, and the bimost exalted character. Genius sinks ography of a man is only an episode down to the weakness of water and in the epic of a family." Man writes then rises to the strength of Hercules; at one time it is begging for bread; often they conflict. Man creates crime the loaves and the fishes. There is

finds somewhere a believer. We are creatures of moods, situations and interests. Circumstances determine what we like and dislike more than actual conditions. Life begins and ends in mystery. When you make one side of a question plain you disfigure the other. If sin had never come into the world there would have been no need of a Savior. A noted criminal when asked to give an account of his conduct said, "It could not be escaped. It is all a part of history. The story of the race is one of murder and robbery. Where would be your art, your literature were this not as I have said?"

and philosophy but what it has been

men and women. The vilest slander

source turns history into fable. Everything is illusive. That which seems solid and substantial, under investigation, sinks away. Happiness is imaginary, not real; we live in recollection, or in expectancy—not in realization.

I have been permitted to view the promised land-but forbidden to enter; I have seen visions of glory-but never allowed to enjoy its full fruition.

I remember a little form, a life that

filled my soul with joy for a few weeks, a few months, almost years. It was a bright star that shone for an evening and passed on; a vision too transient for a reality: a beautiful mirage that faded in an hour: a dream that vanished in a night. "Strange thoughts swept cloudlike across her mind,-again she saw in fancy a little fair, dead child that she had loved. * * It had died at the prettiest age of children,-the age of lisping speech and softly tottering feet." 'these heart memories"; -how they crowd upon us in hours of depression -with what force they come back in after years, as vivid, as plain, and the scenes as real as if the occurrences were vesterday.

A single word burned into the soul lives there forever. Astronomers tell us that the light of ancient stars beam upon the earth hundreds of years after they themselves have been obliterated from the firmament. But every grand and noble thought. every beautiful song, was born in suffering.

For when God gives us the clearest sight

He does not touch our eyes with Love but Sorrow."

Genius is always in travail. The mystery of life grows deeper; the riddle harder to explain. Neither science, philosophy, nor revelation meets the demand. A man, a nation, a civilization, exists for a day and passes away. The race perpetuates itself but all forms die. No one is able to trace "The hidden and awful Wisdom which apportions the destinies of mankind." Look over the long line of ancient nations, Egyptian, Babylonian, Persian, Greek, Roman,-and where are they? Gone even their history is rapidly passing into tradition. The to death the same as you can a people. Continual cropping of the soil wears it out,-it has to be continually replenished by its original or primal elements in order to preserve its fertility. A constant inpouring of foreign ele-

alive. A certain amount of wild ele-

ment is required to be retained in nat-

"OUR DESTINY SOMETIMES | ART, IN ALL ORATORY; THERE | reverse." Some people are infidel in TIME HAD ASPIRATIONS TO BE TAL;—THE HEART FURNISHES THE LIFE BLOOD TO EVERY GREAT HUMAN EFFORT, THERE

AT PEORIA ONE DAY AND SAW IT OF PRAYER.'. THE MIND OFTEN LYING ON HIS DESK, PAINE'S GIVES ASSENT TO QUESTIONS BOOK, 'THE AGE OF REASON,' AND | THAT THE HEART REJECTS. NO | Its aid in every scene." SAID TO INGERSOLL, 'HOW MUCH MAN OR WOMAN EVER LOOKED DID THIS BOOK COST YOU? UPON THE FACE OF A DEAD THE GOVERNORSHIP OF ILLI- FATHER, MOTHER, HUSBAND, No business man, or professional man NOIS, WAS THE ANSWER. THE WIFE, CHILD OR FRIEND AND BE-WORLD IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR LIEVED IN ETERNAL PUNISH-MEN OF CONVICTION. BACK OF MENT. THAT WAS NEVER A

"Not only our character and talsome laws God writes some laws; to the seed. "For of thorns men do and at another time it is distributing by law. Poverty is a crime, or it becomes so if the guilty party speaks of nothing so absurd in religion, science it by asking for assistance. What is right and what is wrong is dictated by ment of the hand-all speak of our advocated, and held as truth by able statute. A child, says filla Wheeler character, culture, and natural endow-Wilcox, may be "legally legitimatemorally illegitimate."

of adjusting punishment; according to personify the same character alike; guilt; it is not always capable of deter- their individuality enters in and colmining the moral quality of an act. ors their conceptions and their per-One class of society is disqualified formance. There is no resemblance from passing judgment upon another. between Booth's and Bernhardt's The rich are unable to sympathize Hamlet. The actor must become in with the poor, neither canthe poor un- spirit the actual person he represents; derstand the cares, anxieties and burn the painter must become in substance dens of those possessed of great inter- the objects upon which he is at work. ests. No man will ever enter the Emerson says, "A painter told me kingdom of heaven unless God is more that nobody could draw a tree withconsiderate of us than we are of one out in some sort becoming a tree; or another. It is interesting to hear one draw a child by studying the outlines who is blessed with nothing but cold of its form merely, but by watching intellect, reason, logic with no imag- for a time his motions and plays, the Following things back to their ination, sentiment or feeling-trying painter enters into his nature and can to criticise or estimate the value of then draw him at will in every attiof all the higher and notiler qualities of the soul, -whose heart is in tune once painted the scene of the crucifixthat it comes in contact with.

misfortune, can stand adversity that price. affects their character or fortune, but will succumb under some private grief, some domestic trouble or family be- and credit. Man in this life receives reavement. We are happy or unhappy only what he gives. This law is not according to temperament, not according to situation. The painter who comes from the weakest seedling. works by rule, by precedent and authority; the writer who clings to logic, umphs," says Victor Hugo, "which no to actual deductions, is always at ease, eye sees, no renown rewards, and no always at rest, always working on a sure basis; there is no fear, no tremulousness, none of that nervous unrest that continually besets the intuitive. the inspirational worker.

Each individual views life from his own standpoint. Age, habit, environment, give bias to our judgments here and to our views of the hereafter. Imagination pictures our own heaven and our own hell.

'What is heaven?' I asked a little child;

All joy!' and in her imnocence smiled. 4.1 "I asked the aged, with her care op-

pressed: All suffering o'er, oh! heaven, at last,

is rest! 'I asked a maiden, meek and tendereyed:

'It must be love!' she modestly plied. "I asked the artist, who adored his

art:

'Heaven is all beauty! spoke his raptured heart. "I asked the poet, with his soul afire:

'Tis glory-glory!' and he struck his lyre. I asked the Christian, waiting her re-

lease: A halo round her, low she murmured

'Peace.' " 2.13 All conditions in life are exaggersecret of their dissolution baffles all ated. Very few keep the balances inquiry. You can civilize the ground even. There is no star in the sky of the pessimist. The optimist sees a that does not exist; the idealist looks grave. forward to a condition as society that will never prevail. Some people live in the future, others in the past; some | word than belief; it is more dynamic; ment is necessary to keep a people in memory, others in hope. One man it requires a more absolute surrender says we are saved by faith, another by of the mental and spiritual forces of works; neither is right. The salva- our nature. Bellef may be weak, lanture as in life. You denude a country tion of one man is the damnation of guid and of but little color, while of its forests and its civilization will another. Carlyle says, There is but faith must of necessity be alive, actcitisga haldo to larsa the estric and

HANGS BY A SINGLE THREAD, MUST BE SOMETHING BESIDES mind but not in heart; there are those ROBERT G. INGERSOLL AT ONE THE INTELLECTUAL AND MEN. that are thoroughly orthodox in thought but it does not touch their life; it is simply intellectual gymnas-

"Put on a mask! 'tis worn Alike by power and weakness, and the smooth

And specious intercourse of life re-

Hypocrisy has always been at a

premium. It pays great dividends. -not even the clergy dare be independent; they have got to truckle to power, be obsequious to the rulers of society, remain silent without protest, in the presence of vice-otherwise they are ostracised; ploughed under, with the voice of community against them. Making long prayers, being regular attendants at church, form but a small item in the Christian life. The Pharisees did all these and were condemned. There are so many men we meet, clever as the world goes but really false and unreal at heart, with natures negative and weak, that the determined and the right. Simplicity is the foundation of all

greatness. Childhood is the basis of manhood. Every tree is according not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes." There is a language in every look of the face, every motion of the body, in every movement. The artist is continually painting himself as well as the portrait of The human judgment is incapable the sitter. No two actors can act or

I have seen it stated that an artist with every fine sentiment that the ion in the presence of a slave undergomind can conceive, whose spirit is ing similar torture. Actors have visopen to and moved by every emotion ited hospitals to witness death-bed of gladness, tenderness, and sadness scenes in order to perfect themselves in the art of expiring upon the stage. There are men who can stand public All lasting success is bought with a

Great lives are lives of self-sacrifice and abandonment. Nature keeps debt always apparent. The finest flower "There are noble and mysterious triflourish of trumpets salutes. Life, misfortune, isolation, abandonment and poverty, are battle-fields which have their heroes-obscure heroes who are at times greater than illustrious heroes. Firm and exceptional natures are thus created."

A little turn of the wheel of fortune transfigures a man into a hero, a martyr, a god; time changes an ordinary meal into a sacrament, words into oracles. The Jews crucified Christ and thereby made his name immortal and glorified tradition.

Our destiny sometimes hangs by a single thread. Robert G. Ingersoll at one time had aspirations to be governor of his state, but failed to be nominated. A gentleman was in his office at Peoria one day and saw lying on his desk, Paine's book, "The Age of Reason," and said to Ingersoll, "How much did this book cost you?" "The governorship of Illinois," was the answer. The world is always looking for men of conviction. Back of every advancement is a moral principle. There are moral as well as intellectual pigmies. In all acting, in all art, in all oratory, there must be something besides the intellectual and mental:the heart furnishes the life blood to every great human effort. There is no likeness between "the form of prayer and the spirit of prayer." The mind often gives assent to questions that the heart rejects. No man or woman ever looked upon the face of a dead father, mother, husband, wife, child or friend and believed in eternal nunishment. That was never a practical belief; -in the last analysis it harmony, a perfectness in the world was only a theory—it vanished at the There is a wide difference between

faith and belief. Faith is a stronger die. The spirit and tendency of the one real religion, paradonse, love of live and intense. Man cannot live by citing helps to love the spirit and the good paradonals at homeone of the large close. Moral and intense nell

World the Twentieth Century Will Be Noted in Spiritualistic Work.

would pass in a great measure into the who are constantly watching for SUCCESS. them, arresting them, and sending them to the penitentiary. PURE SPIRITUALISM, like the genuine cur- on.

The Twentieth Century Upheaval in rency, attracts a horde of counterfeit-Spiritualism is creating a VIBRATION ers. With this Upheaval now going all along the line as never before. It on SPIRIT RETURN is extending its is an era of candid criticism and rebenign influence everywhere. Emisearch. To be an honest, conscient Dr. I. K. Funk, Prof. Larkin, the great tious seeker after the truth, and at scientist, and hundreds of others, are the same time a FRAUD-HUNTER, is stepping to the front, and while they now regarded as strictly legitimate. all meet more or less fraud, they are In fact, without the gentle, consider- still patiently seeking the truth, and ate and humane fraud-hunter, ever on will at last surely find it. Yes, this the alert for the truth, Spiritualism UPHEAVAL IN SPIRITUALISM has done a vast amount of good to our hands of the fraudulent element, just cause, and it stands before the world as our national currency would pass to-day in a better light than ever beinto the hands of counterfeiters if not fore, while THE PROGRESSIVE for the whole regiment of detectives, THINKER IS ON A TIDAL WAVE OF

Now is the time to send in your subscriptions while this Upheaval is

BEAUTIFUL THOUGHTS.

suicide is just as culpable as life suicide. The spiritual life needs nourishment as well as the physical. Every human being needs a city of refuge every soul a sanctuary. All the benefits most men realize from their worldly substance are victuals, drink and lodging-mere animal enjoyment; the higher and nobler qualities of the

mind and heart are entirely ignored. The lower grade of society spends too much time in the saloon, the higher class in the club-room and at the card table. Dancing, playing cards, after dinner speeches, and most of the social functions, are the amusements of immature minds. Too much amusement disarranges the mental digestion the same as highly seasoned food unsettles the stomach. The saloon is the place where the puke, vomit and spittle of society congregate; where all sorts of vulgarity are talked, all sorts of gossip digested and whatever is decent and respectable in community held up to scorn and ridicule.

But it is often the most generous natures that go astray. Strange paradox; -- the same qualities of mind and heart that enable us to get the most exalted enjoyment out of life also qualify us for the greatest misery: these two antagonistic conditions inseparable. Men present marked contradictions. Bacon the philosopher and Bacon the politician are entirely different characters. "It is a strange and mournful truth," says

Brighter they shine than the rays of F. W. Robertson, "that the qualities which enable men to shine are exactly those which minister to the worst ruin. God's highest gifts-talent. beauty, feeling, imagination, power; they carry with them the possibility of

the highest heaven and the lowest hell." Ignorance circumscribes a man -truth makes him free. The vast majority of mankind live and die with their brightest and most helpful faculties undeveloped. We are governed by our inheritance, environment and education. Circumstances, not free-will control us. Most of the criticism of the wise and learned, and the gossip of the crude and foolish are alike misconceived. No man is capable of judging even his friend, much less his enemy.

'Dark is the glass through which we see each other:

We may not judge a brother. We see only the rude and oute strife:

God knows the inner life. Where we our voice in condenmation raise,

God may see fit to praise; And those from whom, like Pharisees we shrink. With Christ may eat and drink."

Good and evil, sin and righteousness, may be strictly defined in the dictionaries, but not in life. Rev. Hugh Macmillan puts the thought in these words: "Nowhere, either in science or morals has a straight line ever been drawn. There is no distinct definite line of demarkation between pain and pleasure, between joy and sorrow, between relative evil and

good." Diversity is the law of nature and life. Things are enjoyed and known only by contrast. There can be no light without darkness, no pleasure without misery.

'The good is known by contrast with the bad. Were grief unknown, no true heart

would be glad: Yet heaven, 'tis said, is one unchanging joy.

Such flat monotony would drive souls

HENRY MORRISON TEFFT. Norwich, N. Y.

The man who dares traduce because

he can with safety to himself is not a nan.—Cowper.

If the power to do hard work is not talent, it is the best possible substitute for it.-Garfield

There can be no civility without a deep morality.-Emerson. A babe is an angel whose wings derease as his legs increase.—From the Every man is a volume if you know Passion is the drunkenness of the

Beautiful thoughts, ye are children of heaven, Wafted adown by the angels of love,

Filling our hearts with the spirits' pure leaven. Fitting our souls for the mansions

Beautiful thoughts, breathing incense Brighten the joys of life's radiant days, Comfort the mourners in life's deepest

sadness,

Tuning the heart to the pure songs of praise. Beautiful thoughts by the spirit world

Speak to our souls in the accents of

Healing the heart that by anguish is Cheering the weary with songs from

Beautiful thoughts, ever gladly we Bearing their message of life-giving Ever our spirits wait fondly to greet

Ever their visits are lovingly dear. Beautiful thoughts thrill the soul with their sweetness, Whispers of angels are breathed in

weetly surprising their grace and their meetness Making us glad that the angels are

Beautiful thoughts are the soul's pure adorning, Richer than gold or bright gems

the morning, fine.

Beautiful thoughts-hark !the angels are singing, Music that reaches the spirit within;

bringing, Winning our hearts mid earth's turmoil and din.

Beautiful thoughts, ye are children of heaven, Wafted adown by the angels of love, Filling our hearts with the spirits' pure leaven,
Fitting our souls for the mansions

JAS. C. UNDERHILL. Hammond, Ind.

DAY LILIES.

Your delicate perfume In the twilight shadowed room Takes me back to an hour In the land of the lotus flower,

With the lotus moon at bloom. From a lone papyrus isle In the gloam of the middle Nile A reed flute's slender strain, Like a haunting heart refrain,

Faltered and swelled the while.

The desert stretched away, A symphony in gray,
From the marge of the ancient stream

Where the dark genii of dream Dwell for aye and a day. Then a little wind there came

Wrought of the sun's clear flame And the night's cool breath, and bore

A waft from an unknown shore Of a sweetness without name. Elusive as a sigh,

As the soul's ecstatic cry At the tremulous touch of love, It hovered about—above— Then passed like a phantom by.

Passed; but it comes again Over the murk of the main Back through the waste of years, The joy glints and the tears,

. . .

The passion and the pain. Trifles-how oft they start The gates of the past apart— Just a hint of perfume

In the twilight shadowed room Stirring the chords of the heart! -Clinton Scollard. Soliciting for Church Called Graft.

Mayor George W. Guthrie of Pittsburg, is of the opinion that a city employe who solicits aid for his church is as guilty of graft as the man who ex-torts money for other causes. He said so recently in citing the dismissal of Charles S. Wallace, a clerk in the bu-reau of building inspection. Wallace, who has been in the office for four years was dismissed to-day by Director Frank Ridgeway at the instigation of Mayor Guthrie. No reason was assigned and Wallace visited Guthrie and asked for an explanation. Mayor told Wallace that he had received complaints about Wallace solic-

ity Methodist Episcopal church. The true success is gained when a man is master of himself, though all men be against him. It is obtained when a man cam see others growing Lack of deere is the greatest of rich without envy, and without bits terness.—Bishop Burgess,

iting funds and other ald for the Trin-

In the soul's silence sweet lessons 'tis

A Thrilling Marrative.

It is with great pleas
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on the rostrum to-day,

our readers the following

from the pen of Mrs. Ma
issa Cranson Gideon, the

listating Spirit Return,

advocates of our Gause

advocates our boy James, It knew would achief our boy of so many prayers could not be lost.

During one seance at which a number of skeptics were present, Esther alone, with only and inhance of our day, and amusing incidents occurred, One many prayers could not be lost.

But advocates of our Gause

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teen years ago by my mother, and com- mates who at that time and for many ing across them in moving, I thought future years went serenely along in they might be of benefit as a matter of their studies. For the masters do testimony in the great field of psychic teach us even though it many times Naturally in this short account experience; nevertheless through the was lost to myself, sunk in darkness much has necessarily been left out and many years of their glorious teaching forgotten, but enough has been given I have garnered up a storehouse of to start a seeker on the path of invest truth and richness that, my old classtigation, I trust. The strongest re- mates, some of them my present dear membrance I have is the taunts of my friends, hunger and thirst for and that school-mates, calling me the "spook they in their years of study have not girl," and having them run away, say- found. So after thirty years' retroing, "Oh! I am afraid of the 'spook spection I can say, "Thy will, not mine

Scattle, Wash.

There is an occult law underlying readers, do not think that the record the life of this phenomenal world that which I shall give you in the following Ill who understandingly investigate pages is far fetched or impossible, for nust seek to know, for without this I assure you that everything which knowledge we should beware of I shall relate was absolutely my own handling these unseen forces because ignorance of THIS LAW MAY BRING ists in the little town in which we DISASTROUS RESULTS.

All force is of God, but man has the power to direct this force to suit his own inclination, thereby evolving on any plane towards which he may di-rect this force—love, beauty and harmony, or discord, disease and deathignorance being the cause of discord and death, and intelligence being the remedy bringing harmony and eternal

I seek in this article to keep uppermost the thought that all visible phenomena are only as shadows—they but faintly represent the objects which cast the shadows; so that which we call the material phenomena can give us but a vague idea of the real substance, the spiritual.

These experiences, which are my own, have taught me that each one of us has an external and internal self separate, and scarcely perceive the internal but live in the external and deleaves one bright spot in my memory, clare there is no other, as the man who LIVES IN DARKNESS REPUDI-through trials and hours of agony and doubt, doubt of the aid of my loved are all around him.

Having early in life married Methodist minister, I understand all the tenets and doctrines of vicarious We knew nothing about dark seances; atonement and future reward and pun-

When I heard of the rappings at Rochester, it only provoked a smile at the credulity of humanity. I could see no good in it; no good to be accomplished by accepting the belief ten on it. I lost a child fifteen that it was done by those who had months old whose name was Mary. died and were buried and gone entirely from our sight.

In the year 1896 I moved to Decaglimpses in my mind of these things, but feared that such a theory was too good to be true.

roiled off my shoulders and new light audience shone with a new brightness. me now after all these years of ups when we carried out his instructions and downs. Such a light shone that to the letter, he invariably brought the dark streets were ILLUMINATED about the desired result.

ALL THE WAY TO MY HOME, and I

My brother gradually could have counted every board in the

ination comes.

exultation which I depicted to him in glorious freedom! Words cannot por-tray nor tongue express what I felt that night! The varied experiences through which I have since passed changed the impression which was ifestation of life was a visible expression of this beautiful loving principle.

I had never read a page on the spiritual philosophy and was entirely ignorant of its teachings. After some years, however, came the desire to penetrate into the hitherto unknown country, the country into which the soul passes after leaving the body. I soul passes after leaving the body. I phases of psychic power, and I well this was during the Civil War, and lay of spirit communion, and felt a great desire to open the gates of psychic power, and I well This was during the Civil War, and we left the North and traveled into the great desire to open the gates of psychic power, means to restore her. great desire to open the gates of psy-chic knowledge. I felt at times that the two worlds were intermingling mistake; he told me always to put her mistake; he told me always to put her great desire to open the gates of psyand that there were means by which in bed, and he would take care of her. the invisible world might be made visthe invisible world might be made vis-tries I did, and she always another ible to mortals. The law that under-bright and happy in the morning. Illes this knowledge I had but a faint conception of, but after mature thought I concluded to attempt an in-killing a man in Arkansas, proved to

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ESTHER THOMAS BOSLEY.

lived, so that all the knowledge that I received in relation to conducting these investigations was given me by

needing no development. The first night we placed our hands on the table, and it rocked like a thing of life. The second time I approached the table with great reverence, for I felt, with Tennyson,

'How pure the heart, how sound the head. With what divine affection bold

Should be the man whose thoughts would hold An hour's communion with the dead."

This sacredness, this holy awe that we felt towards these dear invisibles was our safeguard, our protection, so which we in our ignorance hold as that all our manifestations were beauones, but nothing ever makes me doubt that year's experiences. There was no possible chance of deception.

therefore everything WAS CONDUCT-ED IN THE LIGHT, AND FRE-QUENTLY IN THE BRIGHT SUN-LIGHT. At the second sitting Esther held a slate and pencil under the table and the name of Mary was writ-That sufficed for that evening.

tur, Illinois, then a small place which lowed. Soon my brother, who had I was induced to listen to a lecture by and instructed us as to how to con-Dr. Dunn, who was delivering a series duct our seances. These instructions of lectures on Spiritualism. Every were given in the form of independent of lectures on Spiritualism. Every were given in the form of independent word of the speaker went home to my soul. I repeatedly asked myself the question: Can this be true? Is humanity a brotherhood? Is there a principle of love permeating all things? Am I a child of this love? OR THREE HANDS ON THE SLATE, Is there no angry God nor terrible hell while one was writing, and frequently to shun? I had often had faint I would lay my head down on the veil, and the hands would pat my cheek lovingly. I was not surprised at any thing, for I supposed all who had this At the close of the lecture I was faith were receiving the same mani like Bunyan's Christian—the burden festations. I could get an answer to any question at any hour of the day, broke into my soul until I could upon asking for it. I was practicing scarcely restrain myself from spring-medicine at this time, and if I had a scarcely restrain myself from spring-ing to my feet and praising God. It difficult case, I would write questions was the first glimpse of soul I had relative to it on the upper part of the ever had, and oh! the glory and the slate and lay a pencil upon it (usually joy! My whole nature was transported by the state and lay a pencil of medium length). Esther formed. The little church in which the lecture was delivered, WAS-IL-LUMINED WITH A LIGHT THAT SHINES NEITHER ON SEA NOR SHAND and a new world was onessed idea of the claim enight). Easier depends of the claim to the method of treatment written on the under the claim of the cla LAND, and a new world was opened side of the slate, USING TECHNICAL up to me. Life had taken on a new TERMS such as one physician would aspect. Every countenance in the use to another. My brother said he had brought me a physician who a detailed account of my life of degra-How plainly that scene comes before would aid me in my practice, and me now after all these years of ups when we carried out his instructions

. My brother gradually brought new ones to our circle, always introducing them by name on the slate. At one Surely that was a foretaste of the glories of a soul when the true illum- whose name he said was Devil Chief. ation comes.

He was very earthy and wild at first,
My husband, although quite dis- but we felt that brother knew what he pleased at my having gone to hear was doing, and so accepted him. such a lecture, stood spellbound at my Later we were glad we had done so, for he became of great assistance to glowing colors. The delight of that us, and grew gentle and dignified, so glorious freedom! Words cannot portath we named him Worthy Chief. He helped us greatly in preparing simple remedies for treating the sick, remedies which could have had no virtue have not in the least obliterated or in themselves, but which I know, since learning the powers of the mind, were upon my brain by that night's simply for the purpose of holding the formation. Everything was mind in abeyance, while mind acted transformation. Everything was changed. It was glorious to live, to feel that love was the ruling principle of the universe, that divine wisdom was one Father-Mother in whose arms we could rest secure, and that all manifestation of the windows of the waste of the wisdom without some manifestation of their presence. One night Mary told us she wanted to sleep with her sister Esther: so we prepared a pillow for Esther; so we prepared a pillow for her, and in the morning the pillow was like one pressed by the head, and in the indenture lay a rose geranium leaf.

I cannot describe the halo that is shed around those months of sweet communion with those we loved. Esther possessed all the different phases of psychic power, and I well

be quite a character and became a fre-My little daughter Esther (now quent visitor of our family. He Mrs. Esther Thomas Bosley, then played the violin, and Esther would Mrs. Esther Thomas Bosley, then played the violin, and pasted would be should be shoul other part of the state for the greater part of that year. We had a good opportunity to have our little seances, my little girl and I. Now, my dear some of the most difficult fazoy this feeling as unworthy of my great evening after the music. Uneit wayward boy with such forting their origin.

At one time a Frenchman, a friend of kindness and embraces that it almost their origin.

My little daughter Mary often engoyment of kindness in my own soul; but I soon crushed out tranced Esther and spoke to me. One

and Esther alone, with only one finger and bring him home to us. I know touching the table, started with it and thou wilt do this, for thus it seemeth drove him closely up into the corner, and he, frightened lest he should be I could not lead him into crime; the (the old style with a column in the center and ponderous claw feet), turned over on one side so that he was released. She would talk to Jim as to a friend, and enjoyed his company very much, as he had a very happy faculty of amusing children.

I will give Jim's life history as received it from him through Esther's entrancement. He said: "My dear woman, when I first came to you, I and despair! Bitterness more dread-ful than death possessed me. I knew I was dead, as the world calls it. and was very conscious of the manner of my death on the scaffold for that most terrible of all crimes.-murder. "I spent my earth life, or the early

part of it, in Scotland. My father name, was an Englishman, and married my "." mother, a Scotch woman, with the understanding that he was to take her name, Lady Amelia Cranston, as shewas of royal blood, my father belonging to what was considered a good family, but not of the nobility. Two children, a pair of twins, were the re-I. I was the first born and consequently heir to the estate and the title. My brother, however, resembled the Scottish line, therefore, my mother concluded that he should be the heir. She gave us into the hands of a nurse who knew nothing of our history, and sent us into Wales for training, leading the woman to understand that we were to be reared with

the belief that I was the page, and my brother the heir. This nurse would take us out to parks through which ran beautiful brooks and would command me to wait upon the little lord. I wondered why this was so. I was his age and was the brighter of the Sometimes I rebelled, but was violently brought to terms, often being sent for hours into the woods to gather wild flowers for my lord, and chastised severely if they did please him. Oh, how my little heart longed for love, until, failing to find it, I became hardened and embittered. Pity the child who grows up not knowing a mother's love. At the age

he to receive a higher education, and to be his servant and slave.
"I was always the servant, he the The royal blood having long there a God, a just and loving father, who keeps some of his children in luxury and ease, surrounding with beauty and refinement such as please he most esthetic taste, and others as their abject slaves,—those who are born with the same nature and intense love of the beautiful, the same longings and aspirations of the soul, but subject to the environment and the absolute rule of their brothers to whom stern necessity has made them

of ten years we returned to Scotland.

tion suited to my condition. My father was lauded for his great gener-osity in giving his page such opportunities, having been sent to school with the young lord, but always in the relationship of servant.

"At the age of fourteen years I overheard my father and mother talking confidentially, and, my name being mentioned, I listened and, Oh! my God, I learned the truth-that I was the legal heir to the estate and title of this family, and had been raised a lave. In my overwhelming indignation I sprang into the room and attempted to take my father's life. Hav-ing no weapon, I failed, and was overcome by servants who were attracted to the room by the screams of my mother. I was sent to prison, but my father's great kindness (so the world said) saved my life, and I was ban-

ished to America.

My whole nature seemed to have been changed by the great wrongs I had suffered. I plunged into vice of every kind. My father supplied me with funds for a subsistence, through an agent. It would be useless to give dation and sin. It would be of no benefit to myself or to you. Suffice it to say that, in Pocahontas, in the state of Arkansas, a small town in a facts were correct only the name and new country inhabited by a rough element of humanity, I wound up my career on the scaffold at the hands of a mob for having killed a man in a drunken brawl in a saloon. I did the act by throwing a broken whiskey bot-tle at him. When my soul escaped officers much trouble, was very ill. from the body, I was a stranger in a strange land, but with my heart filled with bitterness such as I cannot describe. Tongue cannot express the that it was thought he could not live suffering and agony I experienced at until morning. About four o'clock in that time, the deep sense of injustice, the morning my daughter awoke and that time, the deep sense of injustice, the hatred to humanity, and especially toward my father and mother for their terrible cruelty; and I wandered hither and thither seeking whom I might wreak my vengeance upon, not caring who suffered if I might gratify the spirit of revenge that filled me. In my wanderings I came to Colorado (I have since might gratify the spirit of revenge that filled me. In my wanderings I her bed. In the morning she took the scame to Colorado (I have since learned this; at that time I had not found myself sufficiently to know where I was.) My whole soul was given up to the spirit of evil that then actuated me. I was attracted to a came here. I have come to tell you need to be the sufficient to return to her bed. In the morning she took the slate, and I wrote on it this question: "Mr. Casey, why did you come to us, who are strangers to you?" His answer on the slate was: "I could go to no one else. This door was open, so I came here. I have come to tell you young man whom I thought resembled my father. I at once fastened upon have him as my victim. I followed him from place to place, leading him and enticing him into all kinds of vice. learned the South, from which he barely escaped with his life after swearing had not at that time read a book or (with a rope around his neck) allegipaper on Spiritualism. All I learned

suaded to relinquish my prey. The aura in the room almost repelled me, but my purpose was so firm in evil that I made an effort to move into the room, but was stopped by a being whom I soon perceived was a spirit he took me by the hand, exclaiming, 'Jim, stop! Come with me. You are only adding to your own suffering, heaping guilt upon your own shoul ders that will require years to aton

for.'
"'Vengeance is sweet,' I exclaimed "But these people have not injured you, and revenge only brings bitter fruit; why do you follow this boy?" 'He bears the same name as my parents, and it is a satisfaction to wreak my vengeance upon one of that

"'Never mind, he said. 'Come with me, and you will change your mind. You are not lost, only as you lose yourself. Your happiness now depends upon yourself. I know what I am saying and doing, and am prompted by the best desires for your good and of children, a pair of twins, were the re-bim whom you wished to ruin, and sult of this marriage—my brother and who is my brother, and for the happiness of those two aged people, who are my father and mother.

"I went with him willingly, beginning to feel something new springing up in my heart,—a little hope that there was something better in store for me,—the desiro to learn, al-

though not as yet well defined.
"I followed my guide, feeling perfect confidence in his ability to lead me aright, and trusting him implicitly. I began to study myself, and my earth life, and often asked myself the ques-tion, 'What am I? What is life?' My guide always spoke kindly and cheer fully, assuring me that there was hope for me, that the possibilities of my soul were grand and beautiful, that the spirit of truth and of justice pervaded the universe, and that I belonged to that infinite life, and was a We stopped at a little town in the

state of Missouri, a pretty little place, called Arcadia, nestled down in a lit-tle valley between the ranges of the Ozark mountains. We entered a cot-tage, plain and unpretentious, in tle daughter, and my guide explained to me that here I should find a means to communicate with the inhabitants been in my veins, I rebelled, and of the earth in an intelligent manner, often asked myself this question: 'Is and also that this lady was a sister of and also that this lady was a sister of James whom I had been trying to ruin. Oh! what a new world opened up in that little cottage in the hills. The room was filled with inhabitants of my world—spirits. My guide pre-sided over the conference, instructing me in the law of spirit communication and permitting me to write on a slate held by the little girl and the mother. I gave my name, or the one I had assumed in earth life—Jim Steeks,—not a euphonious cognomen, but suited to That sufficed for that evening.

I hardly know how to write about that question, to which I have as yet of my rough characteristics and was the marvelous developments that follows. I still retained some the marvelous developments that followed. Soon my brother, who had bassed away during the war, came that followed. Soon my brother, who had being educated under the best tutors and bade me leave the house. The being educated under the best tutors are aducating of the control I might return to my former mission, that of destroying others. He kept me there and told his sister that she must trust him, as he knew what he was doing and would not permit any harm to come to her or hers. He told her that I meant well, but was only expending some of my superfluous energy. I often played the violin and the little girl would dance to the mu-He told us that his name was Ed-

ward Cranston, and also a great deal about the material aspect of the spirit world, and proved to be a very good friend of our family, often help-ing in material ways. From his standpoint there was very little difference between his world and ours, and the knowledge I gained from that year's communication with the world of spirits has been fully corroborated by later years of study and research. At that time I was wholly ignorant of all these things, but from the lips of a ten-year-old child I was taught truths that the master minds of the country are now cogitating upon. To verify Jim's statement regarding his death in a town in Arkansas, I wrote to my son-in-law who was an attorney practicing in those parts and

facts were correct only the name and as he had had many aliases in his stormy career, that was to be expected. One incident I remember quite distinctly: A man in our little town who officers much trouble, was very ill. We were but little acquainted with came to my bedside and said, "Mr. Casey was here." Previously I had

heard rappings and voices in the room, but as that was of frequent occurrence I baid but little attention to them. We received no communication then, but 1 told Esther to return to be be bed. that I am not damned nor lost, but have a chance here to redeem my-

He was a Catholic, and I afterwards learned that he had died at four o'clock in the morning. I gave him a word of cheer and hope, and he went ance to the Southern Confederacy.

"After suffering every hardship he made his escape to the North and concluded to return to his old parents, who lived in Ohio. I still followed him, not in the least relinquishing my and oh! what peace, what joy it him, not in the least relinquishing my had received it as well as the world control over him, determined to turn him from his parents to wandering simplicity and beauty. Those communications were so beautiful, and so we found a little brick cottage. Withmy mind, and has never since entered it, of the truth of those messages or of

some one came and called me mother. I, thinking that Mary had returned, so expressed myself. "Oh," said a voice, expressed myself. "Oh," said a voice, "it seems to me that you think you have no children over here but Mary. I have been trying to come over ever since you have been giving the invisibles an opportunity to talk, and now, let me tell you I am here to stay." "Well," I exclaimed, "who are you?"
The spirit laughed heartily. "Why, The spirit laughed heartily. "Why, don't you remember the little boy you sent out to the graveyard with a man

on horseback?"

"Oh!" I said, "is it possible you are living?"

"Yes, very much alive; and you have another one here, a girl, and she is a bouncer-would weigh a hundred and sixty if you had her here.

I had had two children who had never drawn a breath, and who I sunthought the breath was the life. I asked him what their names were, and he said they had spirit names, but requested me to name them. I told him I would call him Stephen (that being my father's name), and his sister, Eva. He demurred, saying I might as well call them Adam and Eve. The next day he wrote on the slate Steva and Evangeline. Steva proved to be a very lively lit-

tle fellow, and came more frequently than any other, because he pleased the little medium best, and so he had everything his own way. He was only seventeen months older than she. Esther would play for hours out in the yard, and I could hear her laughing and talking as if to someone (although I could see no one), and many times she has run into the house, exclaiming, "There, Steva, I beat you." He used to bring her dolls from somewhere, together with small pieces of money. He told us he found them. One moonlight night she and I were walking along the street, when she suddenly ran ahead of me and brought me several nickels which she said she had found in a pile on the sidewalk. Steva told us on the slate that he had found them and put them there for her. He would bring her dolls, of which she was very fond. I remember that on another occasion when walking along in the little town, she sprang off the sidewalk and ran into a little bunch of May weed growing near the sidewalk and picked up three small dolls. It had just ceased raining, but the dolls were perfectly dry, and evidently placed there since the shower.

Shall I dare tell all that happened to us during that year? I intended to give a faithful account of our intercourse with our invisible friends during that time. I can hardly call them invisible, for we often saw their hands. My brother used to stand behind me and place his arms around my neck and lay his hands on my chest so that they were plainly visible.

Steva played a great many pranks such as boys delight in. For instance, at one time he brought us a piece of goods which he said was a part of a dress that Evangeline, his spirit sister wore. I thought it was not of a very ethereal texture for a spirit garment, but I received everything as truth un-til I learned his love of mischief Later I showed it to a lady friend who exclaimed, "Why, my dear woman, that is a piece of my daughter's dress." I was terribly chagrined and shocked, and upon expostulating with him he said that he had picked it up in her yard. I then discovered that mediums may often be accused of fraud when they are wholly innocent. For this reason I have always been very charitable towards mediums, having learned that they themselves are

many times deceived.
"Why do you have such beings around you," is asked. I answer, Why do you have around you people in the body who deceive you and misrepresent facts? Because we are in the world, and must accept conditions as they exist and try to make the best of them.

If we but understood the law that governs our relations to the invisible world, the interchange thought between the inhabitants the different spheres, and the vibratory currents that are constantly being set in motion by the movement of mind—how delightful the world of sensation would be. We could send out these currents with love and harmony towards all the world, and the response would be returned on waves of light, bringing joy and peace, messages of love from those we love, and a realization that only a veil intervenes between us.

If we would only learn that communications received from the undeveloped souls are from the same plane that our friends in the body are living upon, how many mistakes we avoid,-learn that we cannot implicitly place reliance on all that purports to come from spirits, and actually does come from them. They do not mean to deceive, but give as they perceive through their undeveloped knowledge. Their great desire to speak to their friends often leads them into mistakes, and consequently the mediums receive the blame when they do give as they receive, the com-munication many times coming through imperfect organisms and partaking of their nature. The old trite saying, "Like attracts like," holds good here and is clearly demonstrated. and the work of beautiful communication clearly lies with our own souls. If our lives are pure and our hearts filled-with love to each other, then our messages from the unseen ones will be reliable and true. If the fountain be pure, that which flows from the fountain will also be pure.

Through the sweet ministration of my children, who came to me almost daily, many an important truth was taught me. Steva, although a rollicking boy, by every act said life is eter-

My brother, who managed our business as well as spiritual affairs, instructed us and taught us the philosophy of life,—in fact, all that we knew of this new religion.

Many years prior to this time, when my brother's body was brought home after the spirit had fied, I cut a lock of hair from his forehead and encircled it around the brow in a photo-graph taken in his early youth. After we began receiving these manifesta-tions, I was impressed to look through my album, and discovered that the lock of hair which I prized so highly had disappeared. Feeling very sor-rowful about it, as soon as Esther returned from school, I told her to take her slate, and I wrote this question: 'My brother, what became of that He immediately answered, "I took it."
"Oh, why did you do so? You know I cannot get any more." "Yes, sister, I will bring you another: I took it merely for the purpose of convincing you that I am here and can do what seems marvelous to you." And he brought another lock, placing it in the album. It was much longer and brighter, like living hair; and it was which I kept and made into a wreath. BUT O. HOW USELESS THIS WAS.

FOR THEY ALL DISSOLVED AND DISAPPEARED AND WERE GONE FOREVER, WHICH GRIEVED ME SORELY.

were sitting at the table after we had been talking to our friends, and we had laid the slate on the table together with a pencil about three inches long. The pencil soon commenced moving, and I remarked to the fact that he held the mind of the Esther that the friends were going to child just as he pleased, being more in write on the top of the table right hefore us. But presently a long white hair dropped from above, apparently from the ceiling, onto the slate; then another, and another, until I had collected quite a number, and coiling them together into a lock, placed them on the slate, and Esther held it under the table, and the word Grandmother was written under the hair on the slate. I put the hair under the glass in an old daguerreotype in order - to preserve it. Months afterwards, upon looking for it to give to an aunt who was a sister of my grandmother, I found that it had dissolved or dematerialized. Only a few ends, about

half an inch long, remained. At one time the Baptists were holding their annual convention in our town and some of the members being personal friends of mine. I offered to there was quite a number in attendance. The state missionary was sent to me. . I was very glad to entertain. him, for he was courteous, affable, and in many respects a superior man. He said at the breakfast table: "I had a strange experience last night which I hope you can explain." My husband, in a sarcastic tone, remarked, 'Oh! she can tell you all about it,' and fearing he would say something bitter, I hastened to say, "I am a Spiritualist, Mr. Phillips, and have a medium in the house, and perhaps you have had some psychical experience.'

sleepy, and was meditating upon the occurrences of the day and the sermon of to-morrow, when suddenly the room was brilliantly lighted. I had extinguished my lamp previous to lying down. A large ball of fire passed slowly through the room, and apparently went out through the wall, leavthen I felt a soft and gentle touch upon my arm, clasping it as if urging me to arise, which I refused to do and it all disappeared, leaving me very much disturbed. Can you explain or give me a solution of this most wonderful experience?"

"Mr. Phillips," I answered, "you have been highly favored by dear in-I answered, "you visible friends with their manifestaconvince you of their presence and the truth of what is called spiritual pheof St. Paul on his way to Damascus. Now see to it that you, like he, commence preaching the gospel of Jesus

But I am sorry to say that after wards he even denied the phenomena and was very loud in his denunciation of Spiritualists and Spiritualism. His salary was in danger, and poor human nature will be governed by self-internot return to partake of my hospitality again. Their great Goddess, Dogma, was in danger, and his church rallied to her support, and her honor was unsulfied and the church pro-The persecution was sometimes

very bitter, but with the knowledge that I had truth on my side, I came out victorious from many a wellfought battle. My husband being a much our dear invisible friends would Methodist, and one of the strictest of gladly help us if we would permit his sect, my terrible fall into the them, by our faith, to do so, faith be-blackest of all heresies, Spiritualism, ing the door through which they was made a subject of comment every where, and my husband was condoled with and pitied on account of my falling away from the religion of our forefathers. But through it all I was satisfied that I had found truth. Such junction of Paul to "prove all things incidents as the foregoing only strengthened me. Perhaps you will This phenomenon of Spiritualism is wonder at my credulity, and more, not beneath our notice. As well might that which I am going to relate, but which is a bona fide fact.

We were living between two mountains in a beautiful valley. One mile Alpha, but not the Omega by any intervened between two villages at the means. foot of each mountain. I was practicing medicine at the time in both villages. To fully understand the dangers of the situation, as it seemed at that time, I should have to add that the carriage road wound over streams and rairoad crossings. This road was constantly alive with teams and horses. I had been driving a single horse and buggy in my practice, and had recently purchased a new horse of which I was a little fearful. was very large and held his head high, stepping as though he disdained the earth-a flery, mettlesome creature. which kept me on the alert to keep within bounds. One sunny afternoon we were amusing ourselves, and it was always with interest and love that we approached the shrine at which we always worshiped, and this was written upon the slate by Steva, my spirit boy: "Ma, let sister Ettie drive horse and buggy over to Pilot Knob [the village above referred to, rendered famous by a battle fought between the North and South during the Civil war], and get father." The request was so surprising that I at once answered, "No." It seemed preposterous that anyone should conceive of such an undertaking—to drive a horse that was almost unmanageable by myself, and I considered myself quite an expert horsewoman. gued with vehemence, and would permit no one else to write on the slate, and declared he would not do so until I granted his request. Several days passed by and we could get nothing but, "Let sister drive the horse to Pilot Knob to meet father." It was a problem which I did not know how to solve. A week, perhaps, elapsed be-fore Steva would relax his hold upon the slate, when, one day, my brother wrote, "Sister, let her go; I will take care of her. Steva will never give up until he accomplishes his object.' Having told you about the flery disnosition of the horse and the many

difficulties in the way, perhaps you can appreciate my great faith in the power of the invisible helpers and power of the invisible helpers and friends when I tell you that I immediately had the horse brought to the door and held the bit while Esther stepped into the buggy, and I put the lines in her hand. She sat quietly looking into the house, and I exclaimed, "Why don't you start?"

"Why, I am waiting for Steva."

"Well, what is he doing?"

"He says he can't find his can." she

"He says he can't find his cap," she replied. "Oh, here he comes," and she caught up the lines and started off

in great glee.
I must admit that I felt a little fear, but soon quieted it through my great confidence in my brother's ability to protect her. She was gone perhaps two hours, and returned home quite happy from her enjoyable ride. Incidentally she told me that Steva had bidden her to get out and unrein the horse before crossing a stream in oronly the beginning of many beautiful der to let the horse drink, which she locks that were brought to us, all of did, he holding the lines. She and which I kept and made into a wreath. Steva took that ride every morning for a week, and always returned in

I remember at one time Esther and | write messages, many times covering the slate on both sides.

It surprised me greatly that Steva a mere boy, could hold the powers and control things to suit himself. But I have since learned that it was due to harmony with hers, and as she was always most pleased when he wrote. He wrote that which he knew she would like best. He would some-times write funny messages that would keep her laughing during the whole seance. Sometimes when I was anxious to converse with mature minds, perhaps before a sentence was completed I would hear the pencil drawn rapidly across the slate, and some-thing like this would appear: "Bosh, sister, we don't want such nonsense let's have some fun." ' I became quite exasperated with him at times, but what could I do except to let him have his own way, which always pleased Esther. Sometimes she would be entranced, and then I would have beautiful seasons of communion, and many lessons of truth and wisdom were given me.

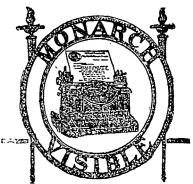
As I was practicing medicine at this time, I often left Esther in the morning, in the absence of a housekeeper. to finish the work I had begun. One morning, after eating my breakfast, I told her to prepare hers when she arose, and also to empty a kettleful of fruit which I had left on the stove, into a jar in a safe in an outside kitchen. She had with her a little girl friend who had spent the night. When I came home at about eleven o'clock they had much to relate. Esther said that they lay in bed until quite late, and then Steva told her to get up. They arose, and immediately went "Well, whatever it was, this is the experience," he replied. "After retiring last night I was not in the least which we always used had been into the room where we usually talked cleared of the many books upon it, and was standing in the middle of the room with the slate upon it, and chairs placed around it.

The little girl friend proved also to be a psychic. They received some very beautiful messages, and also several locks of materialized hair wrapped in tisue paper, with the written name of the person to whom each lock belonged. After their little seance they went out into the back yard (having eaten their breakfast), and Lizzie, the little girl friend, ex-claimed, "O, look, little; see those beautiful ships flying through the air. They are full of people!" This, I be-lieve, was prophetic of what is com-ing. The children then returned to tion of love, and that which should the room where they had been so highly entertained, and Esther expressed the wish that the spirit friends would wash the dishes for her. They remained there some little time, dreading the dishes, a task that Esther always abhorred, and then arose to perform the dreaded work. As she opened the door leading to the kitchen, she saw the broom fall in the middle of the room in the midst of a small pile of dust that had been swept there and left. The dishes were all washed and neatly arranged on the table, the est. He evaded me always, and did kettle of fruit had been emptied into the jar in the safe across the outside kitchen, and the kettle in which it was cooked was washed and hung up in its proper place. The room was being swept when she opened the door and broke the charm. They left everything just as they found it for me to see. The parents of the little girl, who were orthodox, forbade her visiting at our house any more.

> I am not writing for skeptics, but for those who are willing to receive truth from any source—willing to investigate all things and obey the in-

neath his notice, it being the means through which all of his knowledge has come. The phenomenon is the

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Knowing there are many friends who read and enjoy the messages of

the various workers gathered by the wayside, it gives me much pleasure to

greet them through the columns of

I left dear old Oregon, together with many friends there, September 12, but still retain the memory of the

sweet tragrant perfume wafted from the tall forest pine, spruce and hem-lock, to journey amid your densely hopulated city, to see the more popu-lar, way of "doing things."

see the country. It proved to be one of the most stirring and enthusiastic gatherings I have had the pleasure of

attending—a soul-stirring affair from start to finish! The mass-meeting opened Saturday,

The Progressive Thinker.

Profoundly Thoughtful

Searling for the Real Origin of Species.

The following from that noted paper, The Scientific American, will be read with deep interest by those who are interested in studying the multifarions features of Evolution, or the Origin of Species. It is one of the most valuable productions along the lines mentioned, that has appeared for many a day.

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developed from a common origin is

the French zoologist Lamarck, howev-

er, who made the first 'development,

It was his claim that the development

circumstances; that changes of envi-

ronment render certain characters un-

through disuse, while on the other

hand characters are made necessary

by the new conditions and these are,

in time, acquired through use or exercise, thus producing a new species.

have lost their legs owing to disuse in

scarcity of vegetation on which

erations for its accomplishment. Dar-

win also advanced the doctrine of sex-

ual selection, which, in a manner sim-

ilar to natural selection, chooses the

best and strongest of each generation

trine of natural selection was first

published, but until very recently no

advance has been made over the work

of Darwin. The interim was spent in

gathered by that indefatigable inves-

The methods of the expert horticul-

turist and the fancier have been in-

vestigated with the result that the

shadow of a serious doubt has been

cast upon the ability of natural and

sexual selection alone to evolve a new

species. Contrary to the general supposition, fanciers do not develop a

by intelligent cross-breeding.

generations, evolve a new species.

with the general principles laid down

by Darwin. Darwin realized that the

ists afford a valuable index to the pro

in nature. Unfortunately, breeders

are very reluctant to divulge their

methods, preferring to give the im-

pression that the new breed was ob-

tained only after a long period of care-

ful selection and cross-breeding. Dar-

that the methods of the breeders cor-

the fact of an occasional unaccounta-

ble production of an exceptional indi-vidual or "sport," and he suspected

that this might be the origin of a new

species. Curiously enough, however,

Darwin's friends were so enthusiastic

and so convinced of its infallibility

the doctrine that new species find

and that evolution, instead of being a

their origin in sports, or

the Dutch botanist, to develop

tigator from all parts of the globe.

It is nearly fifty years since the doc

trees for his food.

For example, he claimed that snakes

It was

almost as old as philosophy.

RTMENT OF BOTANICAL LUTELY GLABROUS. THE LEAVES DEPARTMENT OF BOTANICAL OF THE PARENT HAD AN EXCES-Whenever it seemed advisable to do so. On the 7th of June, 1879, the first abnormal Vanessa urticea were placed in the house, followed up to the DUCING A NEW SPECIES BY PRODUCING A NEW SPECIES BY COME FLUTED. THE EXCESS OF PLANT RAIMANNIA ODORATA ALONG THE MIDRIB AND THE VARIOUS SOLUTIONS. THE MARGINS BECOME REVOLUTE, were of the most extreme type, with SOLUTIONS USED WERE A TEN THE LEAVES ARE WIDELY DIF. wings completely black at the poster-ONS USED WERE A TEN THE LEAVES ARE WIDELY DIFNT SUGAR SOLUTION, A SOOF CALCIUM NITRATE,
THE MUTANT BEING MUCH NARTHE MUTANT IN A THOUSAND TO ROWER. THE PARENTAL TYPE and were partly spotted with reddish TWO THOUSAND OF WATER, AND IS OF A MARKED BIENNIAL HARIT brown toward the rear extremity of INTERNODES WERE VERY DIFFERENT SHORT, WHICH HAS THE RESULT there was no evidence of any mating, BRED TRUE AND FURNISH THE MUTANT FORMS NO RO- on the 26th of June I found the first INDISPUTABLE INSTANCES OF A SETTE, BY REASON OF THE FACT NEW SPECIES BEING PRODUCED THAT THE STEM DOES NOT CEASE BY ARTIFICIAL AGENCIES. 'THE OR DIMINISH ITS RATE OF ELON-ARISEN FORM, SAID DR. MACDOU- AN ELONGATED LEAFY STEM GAL. WERE SO STRIKINGLY WHICH CONTINUES TO ENLARGE

The theory that the countless vari- but it does not necessarily imply the destruction of the parent type as does Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection

An important law, which throws light on the preservation of the new species after a mutant has sprung into had been brought about by stress of existence, was discovered about forty years ago by an Austrian monk named Gregor Mendel. The law was deronment render certain characters un-necessary, and that they are lost duced from experiments with common garden peas. Its importance was not appreciated at the time and was apparently lost until by a strange coincidence the law was separately rediscovered a few years ago by three scientists, one of them being De Vries.

Mendel's law holds that the individuality of characters cannot be lost

crawling through narrow passages, by cross-breeding; that the hybrid contains the characters of both parwhile on the other hand, the giraffe has developed a long neck owing to ents equally, and that though one characteristic may dominate and thus could browse, and the fact that he has completely obscure the other, the labeen obliged to reach up among the tent or recessive character would reappear in the progeny of the hybrid. For example, if red and white peas are crossed, the hybrid offspring will While Lamarck observed that there is a constant struggle for existence, the importance of this fact escaped him and it devolved upon Darwin to show red flowers only; but if the hydevelop the doctrine and demonstrate brids are interbred, one out of every four will have white flowers, and of the part it has played in the evolution the remaining peas, one will always of the species. Darwin's doctrine may be briefly summarized as follows: No breed red peas and the other willshow child is exactly like its parents; the their hybrid character by breeding child is exactly like its parents; the there hybrid character by breeding difference may be very slight, but it white peas in the proportion of one to is sure to be there. All life is at war, three in the succeeding generation. each individual struggling either to the offsprings thus vary according to a mathematical law.

overpower, fight off, or avoid its ene-mies. So fierce is the struggle that Red is certainly dominant over white, so that the hybrids of the two on the average not more than one individual in a thousand lives to the full are always red, but the plant evidentdividual in a thousand lives to the run term of its life. It is the natural inference then that this one survivor possesses certain characteristics which peculiarly adapt him for the lifestruggle. The same is true of each generation of the combinations of the two characters in the offspring, namely, red and red red to the abnormal form the abnormal for the offspring, namely, red and red, red from the abnormal female and all ry this natural selection of the best and white, white and red, and white in each generation results in the denue and one pure white with the creation of the best and white. This will give us but one to ask my assistant to kill the creation results and one pure white with the forms for the abnormal female and all white. This will give us but one to ask my assistant to kill the creations are supplied to the control of the creation of the best and white. in each generation results in the development of a new species, a development depending on the very slight two red hybrids, which shows that a myself either crush it or permit it to pure breed can be produced by cross-breeding and that the purity of the and-hence requiring thousands of genpreed cannot be determined by its ancestors, but rather by its children.

To be sure, in nature we have crosses of individuals which vary in more than one characteristic and the results are very complex. But if the breading were carried on through a sufficient number of generations, and the children were sufficiently numerous, they would doubtless show every conceivadiscussing the theories and digesting the enormous mass of information ble combination of the parent characters. We must remember, however, that all characters are not subject to Mendel's law.

Francis Galton, in 1899, discovered Lately several persons have begun that certain characters in parents are seriously to question Darwin's theory. A careful study of heredity has been blended in the children.

Prof. W. E. Castle, of Harvard University, has crossed a rabit having lop ears (which are long) with a rabit having short, erect ears, and obtained rabits with ears of medium length which were sometimes lopped and sometimes erect. By crossing the hybrids with the pure lop-eared rabits, he obtained a generation of three-quar-ter lops, thus showing the blending new strain by successively selecting ter lops, thus showing the blending and mating those individuals which character of the lop-eared condition.

Prof. Castle has also carried on in-teresting experiments illustrating had something to do with abnormal-mendel's law and has discovered that ity.

"6. Inasmuch as most of the show slight variations in the direction of the desired strain. On the contrary, every new breed has its origin in some exceptional individual of the flock or herd which the keen breeder has detected and either blended with one over a long or Angora coat; also the normal type or preserved intact that in the color of the coat, there is a definite order in which each type is does not necessarily mean that natural dominant over the succeeding and reselection may not, in thousands of cessive to the preceding, types as follows: 1, Agoutl, or black, tipped ther and endeavored to produce variations in butterflies by means of chem-Our lives are too short to prove or disprove the theory by actual experi-In man a condition of hypo-We can say, however, that the work of expert breeders, affecting but

phalangia (two-jointed instead of phalangia (two-jointed instead of three-jointed digits) is dominant over ful for the pupae died, but some of a few generations, does not conform the normal condition. In mice the them developed far enough to show peculiar waltzing habit of so-called that new markings had been intro-Japanese mice is a recessive character duced by the chemical treatment. methods of fanciers and horticulturcesses whereby new species are formed

throw a flood of light upon the processes followed by nature in producing a new species from a mutant. tution. Dr. Macdougal has However, the real origin of the spesucceeded in producing a new cles is not found in a mutant. cles is not found in a mutant. We by injecting the overy of the plant the origin of the mutant. Raimannia odorata with various soluthe origin of the mutant. Efforts to-ward this end are now being made, per cent sugar solution, a solution of won was thus given the impression particularly with plants and with in-sects. It has been suspected that and to two thousand of water, and roborated his theory of the origin of species. However, he did recognize temperature changes and new environ- certain radium preparations. Among ments might have something to do the progeny there appeared a number with the origin of species, and the experiment has been tried of breeding rent. These have bred true and furbutterflies at various degrees of heat. nish the first indisputable instances of Dr. M. Standfuss, of Zurich, has done a new species being produced by artisome very extensive work along this ficial agencies. "The characters of in their support of natural selection line producing arctic and tropical varieties as well as intermediate forms that they actually laughed him out of by raising the butterflies in heated or cooled boxes. It is leaimed that but-It remained, therefore, for Hugo De terflies thus reared are not fixed species and will not breed true. In one case, however, Standfuss has appa-

gradual development due to the acachievement is described in his own cumulation of minute variations, is words as follows: rather a series of jumps, or abrupt "After much trouble a sufficient changes from parent to child. Acnumber of butterflies could not be obcording to this theory of mutation, tained only from Vanessa urticae. In natural selection still plays a part in this work 8,281 pupae were used. It determining the fitness of the individual to survive and perpetuate itself, Four large tubs and other vessels filled formed are extremely short, which has

species by this treatment.

rently succeeded in obtaining a fixed

nouse exposed to the sun. COME FLUTED. THE EXCESS OF GROWTH IN THE MUTANT LIES thirty-two males and ten females. Al-AND NEAR THE CLOSE OF THE the wings. It must be confessed that this was a very small number of fe-

OF FORMING A DENSE ROSETTE; But mating must have occurred, for heap of eggs on the under side of a nettle leaf. In the following days eight females were laying eggs, among them the most abnormal in color. "It was impossible to determine how many eggs a single female laid, be-

cause the eggs were deposited during several days on various leaves. There could hardly have been less than 200, because nearly 2,000 pupae were de veloped, despite the fact that of the ten females two were killed prematurely by spiders. Among those which were brought to an untimely end was unfortunately the least aberrative of the two extreme types. It was possible that this specimen did not lay any eggs, for the ovaries were found very full. On July 2 caterpillars appeared. At first they were allowed to feed upon the nettle leaves; later they were transferred to well-ventilated breeding boxes. The offspring of the most abnormal females were kept separate. On July 12 the first pupae appeared. In the meanwhile an infectious disease appeared among the butterflies and killed off all but the strongest. In all only 493 specimens developed to the pupae stage because of this unfortunate circumstance. Even of this small quantity only a few were preserved because of a parasite which had entered the breeding boxes and could not very well be excluded. It is possible these parasites were introduced when the flowers were brought into the glass The descendants of the abnormal female in their turn yielded 52 pupae. These are included in the

figures previously given.
"On July 21 the butterflies appeared. One individual was as normal as another. The first offspring of the abnormal female were also normal. But on July \$8 appeared another individual, which was consederably different from the normal type. On July 31 and August 1 two more aberrants appeared, although not extremely abnormal. On the 5th of August escape.

This last individual, which resembles the parent type most narrowly, still differs from the parent in so far as the spots of the outer edge of the

wing project back from the edge and into the wing surface. "Summarizing the results of these breeding experiments we have the fol-

lowing: Two of the ten females did not

"2. The offspring, of which only a small fraction reached the imago form, and representing the descendants of 7 pairs, were all normal.
"8. An eighth pair, from which only 43 butterflies in all were obtained, 1 individual which differed

markedly from the parent type and 3 other individuals which differed less markedly from the normal type. 4. These 4 individuals were all males "5. Only the most abnormal female (the 32 males, so far as their abnormal characters were concerned, were practically equal) transferred its

characteristics, more or less, to asmall

part of its descendants. From this it

specimens were killed by disease or parasites, it is most necessary to conduct another series of experiments. Dr. Standfuss's experiments have been repeated in this country by a Mr. Seifert, who has gone a step fur ical injections in the pupae. The ex-

Much more successful have been Menddel's and Galton's discoveries the experiments of Dr. D. T. Macdougal, director of the Department of Bosucceeded in producing a new specie the newly-arisen form," said Dr. Macdougal, "were so strikingly aberrant as to need no skill in their detection. The parent was villous-hairy, the mutant entirely and absolutely glabrous. The leaves of the parent have an excessive linear growth on the marginal portions of the leaf blades, and hence become fluted. The excess of growth in the mutant lies along the midrib and the margins become revolute. The leaves are widely different in

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the result of forming a dense rosette; will not allow an organization to occucease or diminish its rate of elonga-

The common evening primrose has one individual produced which fered materially from the parent. course, this might be a mutant produced by natural causes and not induced by the chemical treatment, special music was prepared for the though the possibilities are against occasion, and also Dr. Carr, of this such condition. In nature, ovaries of plants might be affected, Dr. Macdou-

produced, he has so far been unable people.

to fix the new types; for when the Now if any of the friends to fix the new types; for when the plants were returned to their original zona, at sea level, and at altitudes of 2,300, 5,000, 6,000, and 8,000 feet. The experiment will cover a number of years, possibly a decade, to see if in that time any of the new charac ters induced by the change of environ ment will remain fixed or not.

The search for the real origin of the speecies is now on in earnest. parently we are at present on the right track, but even if the search is not ultimately successful it is sure to give us a much clearer insight into some of the most mysterious secrets of nature.

HOME AGAIN.

Elizabeth Harlow Writes of Her Travels and Work the Past Summer.

After a strenuous, but pleasant summer's work, I find myself again at my old post with the workers and glends of Columbus, I visited New England in early sum-

ner, working in the camps there. found Unity Camp the same hustling place as of old, but missed the genial since its opening.
But dear Mrs. Averill was still at

r post, and this insures the success of the camp. If every society had a few like her, Spiritualism would be I spent a few days at Harwich, the

mother of all camps, and here every-thing is moving under the willing hands and hearts of Albert Blinn and efficient workers in the east. I stopped over Su

and was greeted by good audiences, control my feelings, for I felt I was but missed some of the old familiar, leaving you never to return, and I faces, as these dear ones have gone to saw the sorrowful expression on your ducements to secure her services; but

Was at Lake Pleasant a week. This was the sweetest and most sad stop of all my summer's work. I had not been here for several years during the camp season, and the changes were very marked; so many of the old friends gone, but the Lake and trees were just the same, and Judge Daily was there, although quite feeble in health, yet the spirit of old beamed in his face, and one can feel the power and sweetness of his soul. So on the whole it was a benediction to have

From there on to the west again, Here I worked at Freeville, N. Y., Vicksburg and Grand Ledge, Mich., Clinton, Iowa, and Chesterfield, Ind. At each and everyone of these places the one sentiment was, "This is the best season in some time." One

can strongly feel a struggle towards a higher and stronger work going on Spiritualism is growing with that is occurring, and in the right direction, too. I would say to each and all of the officers and members I have met this season: Keep right on pulling for the higher notch-it will soon

After camp work was over I found myself in Minneapolis, for the State Convention work. This was one of the great pleasures of the season. The Twin Cities certainly hold some of the best and most efficient workers. From there I came back to Chicago where I had worked for two weeks in the Rising Sun Mission. I always enjoy a stay in the windy city, and this time was especially pleasant as I came to know Mr. and Mrs Kirchner so well. She is an excellent medium and he is a tireless worker.

An evening with the editor of The

Progressive Thinker was another privilege I greatly appreciate. To come in touch with a man that stands so fearlessly for honesty and common sense is a benediction to one's moral life especially, and the sweetness of ated to draw the attention of the stuthat home which in the reflection of this other half, Mrs. Francis, is like dew to the flagging spliit, and, you at once revive. Long may they be tifful landscapes with flowery fleids, spared to us here.

and Rockford, Ill., where I found everything and everybody ready for the winter's work. Rockford possesses one great treasure and that Is Dr. Brown, a man of 84 years, well preserved in every way, one of the greatest students of the day, and a man of great power and judgment. He has been a worker for liberty in every way soul's culture and language the preserved. a worker for liberty in every way all his life, which means much. He ways of selfishness and greed. passed the stormy tide of the slave question with the pioneers of the last generation.

Now, I am at home again, settled for the winter work. There been some vital changes, but all for the best.

Previous to this it has been man rule. Now it is an organized soclety, chartered under the Ohio State Association. As the one man rule

the mutant forms no rosette, by reason of the fact that the stem does not practically personal property, we have been obliged to change our place of meeting. We are now cozily situated in the Masonic Cathedral, on Third street. We opened October 7, with a reception in the afternoon to the also been treated by Dr. Macdougal home-coming speaker. The ladies with a solution of zine sulphate and served a dainty lunch of coffee, sandwiches, cake and ice-cream. Seventy-

Of five sat down to the repast. The auditorium decorated with palms and cut flowers,

effect of raising plants at various althey have a part, take hold with great-titudes above sea level, and while er enthusiasm and are willing to markedly variant types have been work. It pays to keep close to the

plants were returned to their original workers are passing through the city, habitat, they reverted to the normal we invite them to call and see us. type. At present Dr. Macdougal is I will be open for week evening work, breeding plants at New York, Jamaian, and the desert laboratory in Arisuccess to all. ELIZABETH HARLOW.

Pastor First Spiritualist Society, Columbus, Ohio.

THE SPIRIT SIDE PORTRAYED.

Ann E. Underhill's Experience in Going to a Higher Sphere, as Given to Her Husband.

Alfred, I am so glad to again get a chance to talk with you. I am going to give you the experience I had in gong to a higher sphere, above the one first entered when I left you in earth life .-

I was met by my angel guide, and was told that he would conduct me to a higher realm, which I had earned by the good deeds I had done in teaching those in the first sphere the way to reach their beloved ones in earth life; also for the kind attention I gave to a dying stranger, bending over her death-bed and making the conditions so peaceful that she awoke in spirit life peaceful and happy.

She was astonished at the beautiful

face and warm hand-clasp of Dr. landscape that she saw spread out be-face and warm hand-clasp of Dr. landscape that she saw spread out be-fore her view, and that she had the power to return to earth and view her. form as it lay in the casket surrounded with such an array of flowers.

My guide came to me in the circle

you were having in your home. I never can forget that evening. The angel guide appeared to me there in such a shining robe that I was almost blinded. He said: "I have come to take you to a higher realm where you wife. These two are among the most will be a teacher to those that are be- the past year, and it is only giving low, and they want to learn from her due credit to say that she has you." For a moment I was unable to been self-sacrificing to return to us The guide saw it, and said,

Then my spirit and said, serves, and to hook and tell us serves, and to hook and tell us The society gave a reception in sphere gathered around me and said, selves, and to keep them on the plane sphere, and come back and tell us

gently pushed me through the arch, shining robes, and before I was aware I was adorned with a beautiful white robe covered with golden ornaments; then I heard inspiring and sweet strains of music floating on the air; then I was wafted by angel hands to a home which words cannot describe or eye picture.

You now see that I can come back to you and bring with me old friends whom I found there who want to come and talk with you. Mrs. Fairbanks was in that ange

band, and was the first to express the thought that she would like to talk with you, and she was so pleased to see you take the words she gave you. This is a magnificent home and a charming landscape, which to you would seem impossible in your pres-This was one of ent environments, everything is so grand, so exalted above the sphere I left.

Here I will learn all the attributes of soul-culture in their perfection. Here I will see and know all that is noble. Here I will meet with teach ers that will impress upon me all that art and language can portray. Here I will roam in elysian fields of poetry. Here I shall revel in scenery so grand and beautiful that it would annihilate The afternoon at Sunflower Club, the denizens of earth on account of was a treat; when I get with these ladies it always makes me wish I lived in the element of the condition that it would annihilate the denizens of earth on account of the site of the condition that are fitted for and the condition they are fitted for, and the natural desire of their souls.

Immense buildings are here with stately columns and grand carvings, surmounted by lofty domes that glis-

spared to us here.

I then made a flying trip to Geneva and Rockford, Ill., where I found everal colors the soul can express. Again its

soul's culture and leave the narrow

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It Is Addressed to the Spiritualists of Indiana.

them in every locality.

Communications can be addressed

towns in the vicinity. Now, Spiritualists, the work for the present will be in the central and northern part of the state, and in order that you may have the benefit of the work being done, just send in your names and tell us what you can do toward furthering the work in your neighborhood. If you can not do anything in your town, write me and tell me of the towns near by in which there are Spiritualists, and in which meetings may be held; thus we can all work together, and every section will be cared for. NOW is the time to write; don't wait for someone else to write, BUT YOU DO IT. In this way Indiana will come to the front

her heart is with her people, and she "You can still meet him here." is very willing to help those who are
Then my spirit friends in the earth's earnestly striving to help them-

that you have seen."

Then an archway of the most ex
Sept. 30, and a cordial invitation was quisite flowers appeared, and they extended to the Fort Worth Spiritualand before I realized any change my ber represented their society. Owing eyes beheld a large band of happy, to a misunderstanding about the fur-smiling angels, clothed in rich and nishing of the china at the temple, the refreshments had to be served in an informal way; nevertheless the menu ment of the committee, and all made merry over the inevitable.

pastor, Mrs. Kayner, Mrs. Carrie M. Spiritualist Society. All were entertaining and pleasing in their remarks One of the ladies of Fort Worth was planist for the evening. The singing was congregational that all might join in the social harmony.

white carnations, bridesmaid roses When the time came to say good-

Dallas, Tex. Secretary.

DEATH'S PROTEST.

Why dost thou shrink from my approach, oh, man? dost thou ever flee in fear, and cling

bring
Thee rest and calm. Then wherefore dost thou ban

sting. And peace eternal for earth's stormy span. sent in vain

Life Death, have answered, Knowest thou not 'tis he, My cruel rival, who sends all thy pain

spurning me?
—Woman's Tribune.

The missionary work the Indiana State Spiritualist Association is at last fairly under way, and I wish to call the attention of the Spiritualists everywhere in the state to the fact that I am now located at Peru, Ind., and want to correspond with

The work has been somewhat de-layed by the illness of the writer, but as stated, is now fairly under way. plants might be affected, Dr. Macdou-gal believes, either by the action of showing that Spiritualism has a good ited during the fall and early winter gal believes, either by the action of gaseous emanations, by radio-action, by the introduction of foreign pollen, or by the stings and incisions of insects.

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snowing that spiritualism has a good months, and in order to make the work effective we must get "system" into operation. To do that it is necthing will be the banner year in essary to visit towns en route, and in order to do that I must hear from you order to do that I must hear from you very soon. Will you not make it a point to take this matter up with your friends and see what can be done for the good of the cause?

> either to myself, or president E. A. Schram, at Peru, Ind., or to the secretary, Mrs. Carrie H. Mong at Muncle, Last spring there were more calls than I could attend to; this was because many of the calls came from points so far away from the towns in which I was at work. To obviate this we want the work carried on largely on the circuit plan—for example, when at Elkhart or similar large-sized towns we want to visit the smaller

very rapidly. Write us for parlor meetings, public meetings and mass meetings. The state association is ready for all of these branches of work. work. Fraternally

216 W. Main Street, Peru, Ind.

Mrs. Isa Wilson-Kayner's Work at Dallas, Texas

With renewed zeal, Mrs. Isa Wilson-Kayner has returned to take up her work with the Truthseekers Spiritualist Society at Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Kayner has worked faithfully for is very willing to help those who are

ist Society to attend, and quite a numwas not affected by the disappoint Short addresses were made by our

Hinsdale, president of the Texas State National Spiritualist Association, and President Eggleston of the Ft. Worth The decorations were of red and

bye, all felt that they had enjoyed the reception, and hoped to have many more reunions. ANNIE J. QUINN.

To my false rival, Life? I do but

And curse me? Since the forming of have not hurt or harmed a mortal thing; I have bestowed sweet balm for every

The wild, mad prayers for, comfort To knock at the indifferent heart of

And wears the soul out in unending Why dost thou hold to him, then,

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After a warm welcome along the way, I am now in Chicago, and learning of the Milwaukee mass-meeting, I went thither to meet the friends, and

October 6, in Severance Hall, under the auspices of the Wisconsin State Association, President, G. H. Brooks, A large crowd assembled on Saturday evening to enjoy and take part in the meeting, which was opened by the president, an able and fluent speaker, who first gave the object of the meeting, and then most graciously and eloquently received the co-workers present, H. D. Barrett, Mrs. Isa Cleveland and your humble servant, of Portland, Oregon. He then introduced a gen-Oregon. He then introduced a gentleman who represented the mayor of Milwaukee, who gave us the right of fellowship, and advised all present to investigate all things, and hold fast to that which proved good. He had investigated and found much had investigated, and found much good in Spiritualism.

Then with eloquent words Mr. Barrett gave the address of the evening, partaking largely of his past month's work, and that of preparation for the coming convention. He advised every one to be present and take a hand in upholding right and suppressing wrong,'

Great enthusiasm was prevalent through all the meetings, for Brother Barrett and all the other workers. The sister from Oregon next spoke and extended the right hand of friendship from the Oregon friends, to those of Milwaukee, which was heart-ily cheered. Sister Isa Cleveland gave the messages

On Sunday, at 2 p. m., there was a full house, with a new comer, Brother Moses Hull, who gave the opening address. He was at his best. His address was certainly just the thing, and touched the key note. Brother Barrett spoke on a variety

of vital points, that kept pace with the applause, touching upon sacred as well as very dangerous ground—"Child Labor," "The Fake," "The Coming Needs of Wide-Awake People at the Coming Convention"—each calling out loud and repeated applause, as he enumerated the great responsibilities resting on the N. S. A. He made points, which to my mind, will bear repeating at close intervals, that we as people may really know what the N. S. A. is doing for you and me. If you and I had one-half the difficulties to overcome, how weak and forlorn would be our efforts to do good in any direction.

If we believe the N. S. A. is any good to the world, to Spiritualism or to Spiritualists, for the love of all we hold dear and sacred, let us show it now; now is the time we need "somethin," and must act.

Brother Barrett closed his afternoon address amid loud applause, and "hurrah" was heard from President Brooks.

Enthused to her feet, Sister Seip came forward, and asked for training carry this work along. See railing nearly \$30, which helped to liquidate the state indebtedness. Sine closes with a few readings. We had won the hearts as well as their purses.

The evening called together one of the finest audiences that has graced Milwaukee for many a day. Brother Barrett was the speaker; Sister Mc-Farlin gave the invocation at each session; Sister Isa Cleveland, the medium engaged to deliver the messages; this closed Sunday evening services.

A more satisfied and enthused crowd of brilliant-minded people has rarely been seen at one session. mass-meeting closed with cheer upon cheer, hand and handkerchief waving, to meet at the convention October 16. where important questions confront us. SOPHIA B. SEIP.

Delegate from Oregon S. S. A.

HIS DREAM NEARLY FATAL.

Is Caught by Policeman Rushing for River to End His Troubles-Arrested and Taken to Police Court-Says He Had Nightmare-Knew Nothing Until Aroused by Officer-Throws Away Hat and Coat in Flight to River-Curious Case of Abnormal William Yockey, who was seized by

officer while running toward the Milwaukee river, disrobing as he went, avers that his apparent attempt commit suicide was made while asleep and suffering from a nightmare. Had the officer failed to catch the young man before he reached the river brink he would probably have drowned and the reason of his death

would always have remained a mystery.
Yockey is an intelligent-looking, well-dressed young fellow of 22. He was taken into court after his remarkable adventure, charged with disor-

derly conduct. When the young man first attracted my attention," the policeman said, "he was running toward the river on Ferry street. He flung his hat to one side, and then, as he ran, tore his coat and vest from his body in succession and threw them away. There is no bridge across the river at Ferry street. I caught the young man when he was only a few feet from the brink. He did not appear to be intoxicated."

He Was Asleep.

"I was asleep," said the defendant. "I had been at a party on St. Paul avenue. I left for home at about 2 o'clock in the morning feeling tired and drowsy. I must have gone to sleep on the street car, for the first I clearly remember was having the sensation of being awakened from a terrible dream. The policeman had me by the arm and was shaking me and crying: 'Here, what's the matter with you.' I don't remember what the dream was that caused me to act as I did. I only have a confused memory that something terrible was pursuing I hope I shall never have an experience of that kind again. 'I found my coat and vest, after the officer awakened me, but my hat is still missing."-Milwaukee Journal.

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Col. Ingersoll on Spiritualism. Mrs. C. K. Smith of San Diego, Cal., in the Humanitarian Review for October, represents Col. Ingersoll replying to an inquiry of a reporter of the San Francisco Examiner, of Aug. 23, 1896,

and saying: "Well, I think the Spiritualists have done good. They are social, good-natured and cheerful. Their belief does not make them mean or miserable. They believe in intellectual hospital-In these respects they from our Christian brethren, and are superior to the saints. The Spiritualists appear to be happy in their belief. I have never known a happy orthodox Christian. It is natural to shun death-natural to desire eternal life. with all my heart I hope for everlasting life and joy—a life without failures, without crimes and tears. If immortality could be established, the river of life would overflow with hap-nines. The face of prices. piness. The faces of prisoners, of slaves, of the deserted, of the diseased and starving, would be radiant with smiles, and the dull eyes of despair round glow with light, if it could be dullished. Let us hope. Take trailism from Christianity, and

the whole edifice crumbles. All religions so far as I know, are based on Spitualism, on communications re-ceifed from angels—from spirits."

for the question: "Has Spiritualism the soul?" Col. Ingersoll replied:

of good, honest, intelligent people think the proof sufficient. They receive what they believe messages from the departed, and that spirits now and then assume their old forms, including garments, and pass through walls and doors as light passes through glass. If the spirits of the dead do glass. If the spirits of the dead do return then the fact of another life is established."

This is the only instance coming to our knowledge when Col. Ingersoll expressed his opinion in regard to Spiritualism, though in several lectures he seemed to entertain hope in an immortal life. He was born a Presbyterian, but was an attendant and possibly a member of the Universalist church while residing in Peoria.

To the Clergy.

You seem very generally engaged at this time in the laudable work of exposing Christian frauds who are trying to imitate communications from the spirit world to mortals. But, ignorantly, you are holding Spiritualists responsible for those frauds. Not one of them comes from a genuine believer in spirit communion. No one having faith in a continuous life ever has or ever will practice such gross impositions on his fellows.

Every one of these impostors is of your faith, and we pray you to continue your laudable work in exposing them, and even bringing them to justice. Call to your aid the resources of logic and rhetoric; exhaust your entire vocabulary of bitter invective in their denunciation; and don't forget you have a pit of everlasting flame into which you can hurl the deceivers and give them an immortal

Spiritualists have been outraged quite too long by these "whelps of sin." Should your own churches fail to supply the requisite means to keep active your warfare on these impostors, those of you who are the most successful in their suppression can count on generous salaries from Spiritualists. We have been laboring for years, trying to expose and silence them: but your numbers are very When one batch is corralled, or imprisoned, another "bobs up serenely," and the frauds go on.

You have our thanks for your serices thus far. When your rhetoric and vituperative expressions are exhausted, and threats of damnation fail, try imprisonment, anything that will teach the rascals their frauds shall end, and draw to your aid any genuine Spiritualist, who will labor to rival you in silencing them.

Wickedness may prosper for awhile, but at the long run he who sets all knaves at work will pay them .- L'Es-

the Time!

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1 Catholic Lady, With Eyes Wide Open.

"An overburdened heart," said Shelley, "will occasionally overflow in words," and we felt the full force of that long-ago-expressed thought, when our eyes fell on an article from the pen of Miss Kate O'Conner, of Rockford, Ill., published in the Morning Star of that city. It appears Miss and before returning to her Illinois home, to resume her prosperous business there, she visited the place of her parents' nativity in dear old Ireland, where Nature has bestowed such a world of wealth with bountiful hand, for priestcraft to change into a land of desolation.

Miss O'Conner was born of Catholic that church; but she wrote as a philosopher, a humanitarian and an American. We only extract a couple of paragraphs from a long letter. Read and think:

"From the time I struck Dublin and saw the women half clad and half fed, I was heartsick. The history of Ire-land could be written in tears of blood by those who truly care for the people and look conditions fairly in the face. I have seen class distinction in other lands; but nowhere is it so strongly marked as in poor Ireland. churches and political broils the people are almost helpless. All over the land there is a glaring contrast between the wellfed clergy and an impoverished laity. I have talked with many men prominent in both the Catholic and Protestant churches, and they all seem to think they have a mortgage on God. The poor people, therefore, have to take the unfortunate results of their selfish and foolish controversies. Sometimes I wished all the creeds might be wined off the slate, and the people left to God. I cannot understand how the late Queen Victoria, or the present have through Ireland, and not have been ashamed of their possession.

"There is no industry for the men and women and no opportunity for the poor little children. The island itself does not seem worth fighting about, The island itself and the people of energy and thrift who have gumption enough, get away fromit. No wonder they love the name of America, and on every side we met among the peasantry of Ireland the glad hand, and word of welcome, for which the people are famed. To me it seemed outrageous that a people ed any proof of the immortality of and good, should be such white slaves. No, I could never live in Ireland—this "Of course Spiritualism offers what | land of sorrow. I could not be happy it calls proof. That is its principal under any such form of government business. Thousands and thousands although I do not charge all the misery to the English government. After all the countries I have visited I be lieve that America has the best of it and I will gladly go back to my birth-place, Rockford, Ill., and thank God do not live in a country where kings and queens or Catholics or Protest

> Austria, Italy and Spain are lands of the church, and in each the traveler sees the same condition of wretchedness, poverty and crime which Miss O'Conner witnessed in Ireland. The priest living in affluence and dictating the action of the people, lords it over all in the name of a crucified God. The civilization of two thousand years ago is theirs, only improved where education has made inroads in spite of the church on ancient usages. A 'thus saith the Lord," borrowed from the Bible, is superior in the estimation of the oppressed than any modern enactment ,and the victims writhe in ony at what they deem their ill fortune. But "the well-fed clergy," liv-ing in palatial homes, and the "halfng in palatial homes, and the clad, ill-fed and impoverished laity' tells the whole story. The masse toil, destitute of all hope, save in a fu-

ants have the upper hand."

revel in wealth and luxury The Bible is a text-book in the public schools, is now in America the pro-posed entering-wedge to make this system of tyranny universal.

ture life, that priest and prelate may

Heresy in a High Place.

It was a brave act for Bishop Will iams of Michigan to declare:

"The Bible is not the Word of God and the teachings to the contrary are the most prolific source of unbelief in the church.

'Nowhere does the Bible declare it self the Word of God. Yet we are told, we must take it in its entirely. Yet we are It is a venerable museum, and visit ore are requested not to touch it.

"Take the young man just from col lege: He reads Genesis and finds impossible geology, astronomy and eth nology. 'Manipulate it until it fits your sciences,' instructs the teacher. If too honest to handle the 'Word of God' that way, the young man gives up the Bible. He refuses to stultify his reason."

The next we shall hear of Bishop Williams he will be on trial for heresy

Self-Evident Proposition. All the religions of the world were born in the childhood of the race. Science was not born until man had matured. There is in this thought a world of meaning. Children make religions! Grown people create scithe fairies and faiths of mankind. The school is the birth-place of science. Mangasarian.

STARTLING PLAGIARISM.

The Spirit Benjamin Franklin Writes an Editorial for Light of Truth, and Steals It From an Article by Prof. Larkin, in the Scientific American.

In the Light of Truth of September l, is an editorial article purporting to O'Conner has been touring Europe, have been written by Spirit Benjamin Franklin, in which there are some things that have a suspicious savor of flagrant plagfarism, that one would hardly expect from a spirit of Franklin's character and who has been progressing in spirit life these many years.

In order to substantiate our state parents, and we learn is a member of ment, we will place some of his pur ported utterances in close conjunction with some quotations from an article by Prof. Edgar L. Larkin, which may be found in The Scientific American of August 18 last.

Says Franklin: "For millions of ages matter in a gaseous state was being acted upon before gravity whirled suns and systems of worlds into line with the primordial purpose."

Prof. Larkin wrote: "Finer forces radio-active energies, and activities, wrought for ages before gravity whirled worlds into revolving systems."

Says Franklin: "The specific gravreason that a cubic inch of iron will sink where a cubic inch of water, just | itualist and medium in the land. as incompressible as iron, remains in solution in its own medium, is because there is more electricity in the iron than in the water"

Writes Prof. Larkin: "In a few years it will be fashionable to say that a cubic inch of iron and another of water contain equal quantities of matter; since both are nearly incompressible, and that the reason why iron tends toward the center of the earth with a force 7.8 times that of water, is because it contains 7.8 times as much electricity."

Franklin: "But when Crookes bewho love all that is beautiful and true gan to experiment with his bottle he opened up an arcana, never before dreamed of in the wildest flights of the alchemists' imagination or that of the modern plodding scientist."

Larkin: "When Crookes lighted up his low pressure tubes he opened the gates of a world more inscrutable than that of Hermetic mysteries."

To one who has read Prof. Larkin's SOMEONE ELSE—had generously cribbed from Prof. Larkin's, revamping and transmogrifying to suit his purpose—a clear case of plagiarism.

Correctly Stated.

Bishop Charles D. Williams, of the Episcopal church at Detroit, is reported to have said a few days ago: "The Bible is not the word of God."

Bishop McCabe, who presided over the Rock River Conference, late in session in Chicago, when he saw what Bishop Williams had stated, is reported by the Record-Herald to have said:

"On the book of Genesis depends the whole of the Christian teachings. If you do away with Genesis you do away with the fall of man, you do away with the atonement, and where is the Christian teaching? The book of Genesis is the teaching of God. It embodies all Christianity, and the rest of the sacred volume follows its

Now this is exactly what we have always maintained in these columns. No fall of man in consequence of the puerile story that Eve ate an apple; then there was no original sin; no atonement was necessary to save humanity from the effects of that sin; no redeemer was required to die on a cross to save a world doomed to endless woe to placate the anger of the Almighty Father; and the fabrication of a son born of a Jewish maiden, who was part God, part man, was a silly aping of paganism, with its multitude of sons of gods by mortal maidens. The Christian system has not the

merit of originality. The author of Genesis is proved to have been a Babylonian, from which nave been a habytoman, from which some scribe, having access to Assurbanipal's library, copied. It was originally priest written, to account for the origin of the world and of the people in it, and it was a very foolish guess; but the Christian religion is based on that ignorant and fictitions foundation, and must fall when its base is removed. The sooner this is done, the sooner a system of religion founded on scientific knowledge, will take its worthless place.

Weak, men fight their friends, The cradle is the womb of all strong men fight their enemies.

The sure way to miss success is to miss the opportunity.—Chasles.

STARTLING SENTIMENTS.

Uttered by a So-called Spiritualist Paper, but Really the Organ of the Fraudulent Element in the United

States, br The Progressive Thinker is not only in REVOLT against Legerdemain Spiritualism, but it is in OPEN RE-VOLT against this answer to an important question aby the Light of Truth. The question submitted to it,

and the answer are as follows: Question: "What is the end and alm of mediumship as carried on at

present? Answer: - "It's aim is Dollars, and its end is Death. Mediums who really carrying the messages of higher realms of spirit life to man the mortal can be counted on THE FINGERS OF A SINGLE HAND."

"Only four mediums on earth to-day really carrying the messages of the higher realms of spirit life to man," ONLY four mediums! What do you think of that pernicious statement?

What think you, honest mediums, your aim is the almighty "Dollar," 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.

Another Rank Insult to Spiritualists. "The Light of Truth is testing the Spiritualists of North America specifically, and the Spiritualists of the world generally.

"This test will go on until the fiber of the goods is thoroughly known and 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 WILL NOT BEAR IT AT ALL.

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The above testing of Spiritualists by a prominent personage, for RANK IM-BECILITY excels anything we have ever seen in print during the last quarter of a century. Just think of it! Among all the Spiritualists of the United States, "There are only a FEW SMALL PACKAGES, tied with only ordinary binding cord, that contain big value."

Spiritualists have been tested by The Progressive Thinker, and as a class they ARE THE MOST INTELLIGENT, THE MOST MORAL, AND THE BEST ADAPTED OF ALL OUR POPULA-TO A HIGHER PLANE. Instead of ity of a pound of water and a pound there being only a "FEW SMALL of iron is contained in the volume of PACKAGES of big values," there are electricity held by each of them. The thousands of them, and the above statment is a rank insult to every Spir-

Still Another Rank Insult. The Light of Truth says:

"LET IT BE REMEMBERED THAT

SPIRITUALISTS AS THEY GO, DO NOT SUPPORT MEDIUMS. IF-ME-TENDER MERCIES OF THE AVER-AGE SPIRITIST AND TEST-HUNT. ER. THEY WOULD STARVE TO DEATH. MEDIUMS ARE SUPPORT-ED AND PATRONIZED LARGELY BY CHRISTIAN AND INFIDEL ALIKE, OUTSIDE THE RANKS OF THE WARRING, SNIVELING FAC-TIONS THAT NOW MAKE UP THE RANK AND FILE OF WHAT IS LEFT OF SPIRITUALISM."

above. The charge that our ranks are and slaughter houses, showing dreadcomposed of "Warring, SNIVELING Factions." stands forth prominently. According to the Century Dictionary "Snivel" means as follows:

"Mucus running from the nose SNOT. Figuratively, in contempt, weak, forced or pretended weeping; article in The Scientific American, it hypocritical expressions of sorrow or would appear that Franklin-OR repentance in a nasal tone; hypocrisy, cant."

The above definition is comprehensive, and you can select any part of it you desire to, to apply to the declaration made in the above.

Here is another statement that will receive the hearty endorsement of ev-

ery fraud in the land: "In view of the dastardly tricks of fraud-hunters and grabbers, resulting is required there as well as in the in killing some of the mediums, and injuring others for life, it is in order

for physical mediums to absolutely re-fuse admittance to their seances to any stranger not properly endorse and recommended by some well tried friend or friends of the medium. In this way only can these ignorant and brutish grabbers be kept out of the numerous exposures in our ranks, A room."-Editorial in Light of Truth, January 27, 1906.

That paper must be a monstrosity to make the above declaration. There has NEVER BEEN, in the whole hisby being "grabbed"—NOT ONE—nor in any wise seriously injured.

Was Charley Winans seriously injured when his half-bushel of toggery was taken from him at Hot Springs, Ark.? No! Was Mrs. Griffen injured in any

wise when she was caught posing as a spirit, dressed as an Indian chieftain, in Milwaukee? "No! Elsie Reynolds when grabbed,

dressed in a wig and other paraphernalia, with spectacles on, posing as the spirit of old. "Aunt Betsey"-she was not hurt even adittle bit. Was Mrs. French injured when grabbed in Boston, as a spirit, dressed

in illuminated apparel? No! Was Mrs. Bliss-Green injured when grabbed in this city, with a wig on and other paraphernalia, posing as a spirit? Indeed not?

Was Maybee, when grabbed Michigan, posing as a spirit dressed in artificial toggery, hurt in the least? No! a thousand times NO! Was one of the Nichols sisters, who was lately grabbed in this city, decked

in "spirit" paraphernalia, posing as a

spirit, injured? ! Not in the least. We might go on indefinitely almost enumerating those who have been grabbed, did space permit, and the only thing hurt about them was their FEELINGS!

What we are fighting for IS HON-EST MEDIUMSHIP AND PURE SPIR- A STRENUOUS CRY.

It Is Going Forth Demanding Purity and Cleanliness in All Things-Is There Any Way to Drive the Bar-

nacles From Our Ranks? Nearly all over the entire world today there is a strenuous cry for personal purity and cleanliness-for honesty in all things that pertain to human life. Progress can only be made along the lines of the acknowledged cardinal virtues, acknowledged as such among the enlightened people of earth. To attempt to advance along any other line would be foolishness indeed. You can not advance along the lines of honesty by pursuing a vicious course in life. The lines of vice never lead to virtue, nor do high and holy vibrations come to those who seek eniovment on the low planes of life.

No one can advance spiritually while grovelling in the filth of the lower strata of existence, and partaking of its vile pleasures. Spiritualists should make note, that

THEY ARE CONSTANTLY MAKING HISTORY. Every medium who sports artificial toggery in the seance room in order to deceive the people, IS MAKING HISTORY FOR SPIRIT-UALISM, just as much as the one does who tells the exact truth in all the walks of life. Those who are dishonest: who are vile, and who carry on the work of deception in our ranks, are contributing history that will be read by future generations.

Judas is nearly as prominent a character in history as Jesus.

The Devil stands forth as conspicuously in the Bible as the spirit designated as God.

recognized in the history of this country as a prominent character. Booth, the assassin, is referred to almost as often as the immortal Wash-

Arnold, the traitor, will ever be

ington. Brutus stands forth as important a character in the history of Rome as Caesar himself.

Such being the case, to bring the whole truth, and nothing but the truth before the world, and exploit it generally, giving special prominence to it in all the walks of life-that alone can advance humanity to a higher plane, and make history, of which no one will be ashamed in the Especially at the present time, a

great effort is being made to eliminate TION TO ADVANCE THE WORLD from the world its extremely crude conditions. Even in France the spirit of reform is taking hold of the people. The Chicago Tribune says "the French newspapers are making sweeping charges against the prevailing conditions in France, our sister republic. TWO CLASSES OF SIN-NERS ARE SAID TO HAVE FLOUR-ISHED-thieves, who have been selling oleomargarine as butter, shop sweepings as pepper, and horse meat DIUMS HAD TO DEPEND UPON THE as lark ple; and murderers, who have been selling skimmed milk as an antiseptized article, thus robbing mothers and murdering infants, this latter to the number of 50,000 a year. Of 38,000,000 people only 5,000,000 have had any protection at all against the food adulterators. To make the situation more disturbing there is a report from Berlin that the government medical department has issued a statement regarding Prussian bakeries ful conditions. Many of the butchering establishments are found to be in cellars, where there was no chance for cleanliness. In others there was no place for employes to wash. When it the years may stretch away into cycles came to bakeries the situation was found absolutely revolting, boys

> kneading dough with their feet, for instance, and in one case a bakery was occupied by cats and hens. One baker life. used his oven for a goose-pen." Thus you can see the strenuous exertions that are being made to PURI-FY THE WORLD ALONG THE MA-TERIAL LINES OF LIFE. No less necessary is it to purify the world along the spiritual lines; cleanliness

kitchen or elsewhere. A clean religion or a clean sect is as necessary as a clean butcher shop Filth anywhere is nauseating, a menace to health, and is not uncleanliness MENACE TO OUR CAUSE?

In this city the Nichols Sisters were exposed—one of them 'was caught, dressed in artificial toggery posing as tory of Spiritualism, a medium killed a spirit, and yet they are at the "old stand" doing business, and all the has there been one grabbed who was spirits that appear there ARE OF THE ARTIFICIAL KIND, made on earth for a special purpose, and they answer the purpose intended; they suit splendidly the class of gullibles who, frequent their place of resort.

All over the country-in fact among foot to promote cleanliness in all departments of life-the butcher shop-IT IS DEMANDED THAT EVEN THAT SHALL BE KEPT SCRUPU-LOUSLY CLEAN, and the government has taken action thereon, and stringent laws have been passed to secure the end desired, but in Spirit- out that Nicean creed the fathers gave ualism no systematic action has been taken to promote that cleanliness in our ranks that the world demands-SPIRITUALISM PURE AND UNDE-FILED. We will await patiently the action of the N. S.A., in session in this city.

A Monument to Real Worth. A life-size statue of Col. Ingersoll will be unveiled at Peoria, Ill., on August 12, 1907. If all the friends of

that wonderful genius, who adminis-

tered such terrible blows to the dogmas of the church, shall pay a pilgrimage to our neighboring city on that oc casion, to tell it with a Hibernicism, there won't be standing room to lie down when night comes

THE WEST OF THE PERSON OF THE THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.

We Remind you that the SPIRIT OF THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER NEVER SLEEPS! There is need of a WATCHMAN and WE ARE IN THE TOWER and ON DUTY for the best interest of TRUE SPIRITUALISM I

Important Letter.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE AMERICAN TO MEET THESE THE MEMBER-SOCIETY FOR PSYCHICAL RE- SHIP SHOULD BE GREATLY IN-SEARCH SHOULD BE AS LARGE AS CREASED. POSSIBLE. TO MAKE IT WHAT IT IS IMPORTANT, ALSO, THAT IT SHOULD BE, AN APPEAL IS THE MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE MADE TO THOSE WHO HAVE AL. LARGE THAT WE MAY BE READY JOINED IT TO. SEND IN BROUGHT MORE EASILY INTO THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PHE-PERSONS WHO MIGHT BECOME NOMENA WHICH IT IS THE PRI-INTERESTED IN THE WORK. CIR. MARY OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY CULARS AND APPLICATION TO INVESTIGATE, ALL THE BLANKS WILL BE SENT TO ALL NAMES AND ADDRESSES THAT IT SUCH PERSONS, AND PRINTED MAY BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN MATTER THAT WILL EXPLAIN WILL BE WELCOME. THE OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY. THE MEMBERSHIP HAS ALREADY REACHED A NUMBER THAT WILL PAY FOR THE PUBLICATIONS OF

TO THE EDITOR:-IT IS EX-ITHE FIRST YEAR. OTHER EX-TREMELY DESIRABLE THAT THE PENSES WILL BE ENTAILED, AND

VERY SINCERELY. JAMES H. HYSLOP,

Secretary. 519 West 149th St., New York.

The National Spiritualists Association.

This week the N. S. A. is in session in this city, and the delegates are coming in from all sections. The principal contest will be over the Presidency, many seeking Mr. Barrett's place, which he has so ably filled from the start. Mrs. Mary T. Longley has made an ideal Secretary, other of our summer assemblies. and as to the Treasurer, Mr. Mayer, he Great good has been done there in the has been a giant in strength to Spirit- past, but wider usefulness awaits this ualism.

Bible, But Not Spiritualism. "As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away, so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more."-Job 7:9.

"The dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward.' -Eccl. 9:5. "They are dead, they shall not

live."--Isaiah 26:14. "The king of kings and the Lord of lords, who only hath immortality."-I. Tim. 6: 15, 16. "That which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them; as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that man hath no preeminence over a beast; for all is vanity. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Who knoweth that the spirit of man goeth upward, and the spirit of beasts goeth downward into the earth?"-

Eccl. 3: 19 to 22. These are practical texts from God's holy book, whose pettifoggers are now active in denouncing Spiritualists, who see the tendency of the popular mind, and who seem directed by a general of the Empire State's most capable head to assail the only religion which Spiritualists, while the attention of hases its faith on knowledge. These the West is turned to the camp bequoted passages which the church denominates "inerrant wisdom," if true, power are represented in the managewould antagonize Spiritualism, and Christianity as well; but the texts are as false, as is the book from which they are copied.

The grave hides the mortal from sight; but there is something that survives the tomb. The moon may wax and wane; seasons may come and go; of countless ages; eternity may open before, and find the spirit reveling in fields Elysian, and joying in a conscious individual existence reunited with the loved he embraced in earth

Let those who also close their eyes and ears to knowledge, who prefer fable to fact, the ignorance of the barbaric ages to the hoon-day splendors of the twentieth century, continue to resist the revealments of the spirit world if they will. They cannot change a single fact; but may delay for a little time the universal reception of this grand, overwhelming and ennobling truth, the continuity of life and of spirit communion with the

Don't Discredit the Bible. Bishop Berry, of the Rock River Conference, at its recent session in who were candidates for admission to by never to return. the conference, in addition to many other things along the same line,

"We will not be afraid of higher criticism, but we will not tolerate any man who discredits the Bible." No, no, let the "higher critics" ex-

pose the errors of the old Jew book show its inconsistencies and its impos sibilities, correct its misrepresentations, and its God-dishonoring and man-debasing dogmas; "but we will not tolerate any who discredits the all nations, there is a movement on Bible." Our creeds are all abstracted from that book; our church is built on its fallacies; our faith in a future life rests wholly on the story of the resurrection of Jesus who arose from the dead, descended into hell, and from thence ascened to heaven to sit down with the Father," and on no account can we exist as a church withus. In short, reject the Bible and every Christian church built on its gross defects, would necessarily cease to exist, and the whole field now occu pied by it, would soon be in possession of a scientific religion constructed on modern educated thought.

> There was speech in their dumbness; language in their very gesture. -Shakspeare.

> In wonder all philosophy [say religion] began, in wonder it ends, and admiration fills up the interspace; but the first wonder is the offspring of ig-norance, the last is the parent of adoration.-Coleridge.

Art holds fast when all else is lost From the German. Men suppose that their reason has

comand over their words, still it happens that words in return exercise authority on reason.-Bacon.

LILY DALE.

The Appeal of the New Board Has a Ring of Prophetic Success.

Lily Dale is a name of either pleasant memories or of sacred anticipations to very many Spiritualists. More of our people from widely scattered portions of the United States have doubtless visited this than any heaven-chosen Mecca of American Spiritualism than ever before.

During this transition period of our cause its fair name has sometimes been sullied by those whose spirit manifestations were of earthly origin only,-the commercial kind-and in no wise connected with the spirit side of life,; but, let it not be forgotten that Mabel Aber Jackman, choicest protege of the Light of Truth, was driven forth from its gates never to return; while Hugh Moore's methods were so completely brought to light that he is no longer a visitor there; nor can the boundless but unreasoning charity of our good brother, Rev. B. F. Austin, make him a welcome visitor to that camp or any other held in the United States.

The present Lily Dale board is composed of men and women experienced in business, of sterling integrity, free from the taint of mercenary motives, and unfettered by the domination of any one individual-it embraces some cause its own vim and vigor, push and ment. The summer of 1907 will be a

notable one at Lily Dale. The following appeal by the new board has a ring prophetic of comfig success in both material and spiritual

RENAMED AND REDEEMED.

The summer camp of Spiritualists. located in Chautauqua county, N. Y., known more recently as City of Light Assembly, was reorganized during the season of 1906 and unanimously rechristened LILY DALE.

Each one of its trustees is a pronounced Spiritualist. Its management stands for genuine mediumship of every reputable phase, insisting there is no hostility between pullosophy and phenomena; that either one is the complement of the other, while together the two form one whole in the realm of psychic truth.

Final payment of \$3,750 on the \$10,000 necessary to meet the indebtedness held by Mrs. Abbie Louise Pettengill and to acquire and cancel all stock in the assembly owned by her, must be made on or before November

Promptness in meeting this obliga-tion is a matter of vital importance. We dare not dally with indecision or indifference. An opportunity pregthis city, in addressing the young men nant with future possibilities may go We feel that loyalty to the spirit

world will make YOU glad to forward at once to the treasurer at 4203 Evans avenue, Chicago, either a helpful donation, or a generous subscription for capital stock in the assembly, the latter of which may be had at ten dollars a share. Money, not words, is needed to con-

tinue this center of Spiritualism for promulgation of the knowledge spirit return, and save it from the dishonor of unmet indebtedness. Are you one who will not turn his back but march forward in the lifting

of this burden? 'We are not here to play, to dream, to We have hard work to do and loads to

Faint not-fight on-to-morrow comes the song.' Fraternally Yours,

MRS. ESSIE C. HUMPHREY, President, New York City, HARVEY W. RICHARDSON, Vice-Pres., East Aurora, N. Y. MRS. LAURA G. FIXEN, Sec'y., 1047 Carmen Ave., Chicago. GEORGE B. WARNE,

asurer, 4203 Evans Ave., Chicago. JAMES W. STEARNS, Trustee, Buffalo, N. Y. R. W. SAVAGE. Trustee, Hamburg, N. Y.

Trustee: Cassadaga, N. Y. Must Labor or Beg.

Since the French Republic has declined to give financial support to priestcraft, a serious question arises: How are they who hold the keys to heaven and hell—see Matt. 16:19—to be fed and clothed? As they are too lazy to work beggary must be resorted to, as was the practice of the old-time

friars and monks.

Spiritualism To-Day and To-Morrow.

A Special Address delivered for The Progressive Thinker, by Spirit John Pierpont, Mrs. M. T. Longley, Medium, and stenographically reported by Walter P. Williams of Washington, D. C. This address touches upon points of unusual interest at the present time. It is highly interesting, instructive and soul-elevating. Mrs. Longley is the Efficient Secretary of the N. S. A.

"IN THE MEANWHILE WE MAY SEE STRANGE, BUT WE DO MEAN TO SAY THAT SOMETIMES WHAT FLUCTUATIONS. THE POWER OR QUALITY OF SEEMS TO BE AN ILLITERATE EXPRESSION, OR OF EARTH CONDITIONS AND .STEEPED .IN .VILENESS; WORLD DOES NOT UNDERSTAND."

WHAT IS GIVEN OR PURPORTED TO BE GIVEN FROM BUT SMALL ACCOUNT TO THE INTELLECTUAL MIND, THE SPIRIT SIDE MAY VARY, AND SOME OF IT MAY MAY BRING COMFORT AND SWEETNESS TO SOME APPEAR VERY WEAK AND TRIVIAL AND OF NO HUMBLE LIFE THAT COULD NOT COMPREHEND THE VALUE TO HUMANITY, BUT HERE LET US SAY THAT ABSTRUSE QUESTIONS OR UNDERSTAND THE SERI-SOMETIMES WHAT IS GIVEN THROUGH A WEAK OUS PROBLEMS PERTAINING TO HUMAN PROGRESS VESSEL AND WHAT SEEMS TO BE TRIVIAL MAY BE AND GROWTH BUT CAN BE COMFORTED BY THE JUST FITTED FOR SOME INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT LOWLY WORD SPOKEN BY A DEPARTED FRIEND PREPARED OR MENTALLY DEVELOPED TO RECEIVE THAT BRINGS LIGHT AND BEAUTY INTO THE HOME ANYTHING STRONGER OR BETTER FROM THE LIFE. AND SO OUR THOUGHT TO-NIGHT IS THAT OTHER SIDE. WE DO NOT MEAN BY THIS THAT ANY THE WEAKNESS OF THE PRESENT DAY, AS INTER-FORM OF DECEIT OR OF WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED PRETED BY THOSE WHO STAND FAR OFF AND CON-TEMPLATE SPIRITUALISM AS SOMETHING UN-WORTHY THEIR ATTENTION, MAY HAVE BEEN THE ONE WHO ASPIRES FOR LOFTY THOUGHT AND LEVER TO UPLIFT MANY HUMAN HEARTS FROM PURE INFLUENCE. HOWEVER HUMBLE HE MAY BE, THE DEPTHS OF SORROW, MANY HUMAN MINDS NOR WILL IT BE BROUGHT BY ANY SPIRIT INTEL. FROM THE NIGHT OF IGNORANCE TO PLANES OF LIGENCE WHO IS NOT CRUDELY BOUND TO SINFUL COMFORT AND OF KNOWLEDGE THAT THE CARPING

ever living present, and although it is customary and convenient to use the word to-morrow in planning for days not yet arrived, yet when we are in those days It is still the now, so that we live in the present. If humanity will only keep the thought alive within the soul that the present is the good time, the important time in which to do and to be the very best that is possible, we shall not be obliged to look forward to indefinite ages for a time that may be called the millennium, since it may bring more of brotherly love into activity, more of universal peace and justice to the recognition and experience of mankind.

Spiritualism to-day is an admitted fact in the consciousness of millions of human beings; a fact in its demonstration of the continuity of life, the reunion of intelligent be ings in friendship, affection and social intercourse beyond the confines of the physical body, and also unlimited progress for the individual after the change called death This fact has been proven so repeatedly to human investi gators that it seems almost absurd for one to question it

During the last half century Spiritualism, per se, HAS MADE ITS MARK IN HUMAN PROGRESS. It has been the cause of an evolution in mental and spiritual ethics which is far-reaching, and which is recognized by countless human beings. This evolution has been marked in the direction of reform in the various platforms and questions pertaining to human welfare. We need not pause to consider these in detail, but all who have followed the work and teachings of Spiritualism, as the word is understood, during the fifty years of its advancement will admit t always, from its beginning to the now, IT HAS POINTED TO REFORMATORY MEASURES AND URGED THEM IN EVERY NEEDED DIRECTION.

In the temperance movement it made itself felt not only In that particular branch of temperance which relates to also have to be enlightened or have to be instructed how the living of a temperate life, eschewing intoxicating liquors and giving thought to the needs and best conditions of the body by being moderate or temperate in all directions, but also temperance in the sweetfulness of the word in relation to our association with our fellow-beings, and also with our duties from day to day.

In the work of woman and her freedom from bondage in The many ways by which she has been enthralled, spirit teachings have been pronounced, and the movement of reform in this direction has gone hand in hand with the adwance of Spiritualism.

Itualism has emphasized its influence and its power so that all will concede that it has been a strong factor in the advancement of humanity during the last half century.

Man is a thinking creature, a questioning being; he de-Hires to know, to understand for himself, to dig out the to receive and interpret the revelations that are held back roots of questions and settle them to his satisfaction, con- in the present day, will these things be poured out upon sequently he has questioned the returning spirits and de- the mortal world, but there ARE GRAND RESERVOIRS gired to know from them not only concerning the life they OF KNOWLEDGE THAT CAN BE OBTAINABLE IN THE live in other worlds, but also concerning his possibilities TO-MORROW OF SPIRITUALISM. In the to-day it is for growth and for achievement in spiritual and mental not possible to give more than hints or gleams of these lines while he is still on earth. Spiritualism of the now, or of to-day, is established in the hearts of the people. It | up in spiritual states of consciousness and of achievement has made its adherents on every hand. It has not by wise intelligences who have by no means forgotten the reached every home nor entered into every church and assembly of people as a Spiritualistic doctrine and philosophy, but it has made inroads in various directions not only under the name by which its advocates know it but in the subtile, silent, spiritual way and name of liberal thought -of new thought, if you will, which, however, is perhaps only another way of clothing the thought which is as old as the universe itself-thought of the spirit of mankind, of the real humanity, that which is not seen by hour for the attainment of worldly grandeur and influence, strength, independent of the material form, yet ever reaching out through this vehicle of expression called the physical body, and coming in touch with all that relates to universal life and progress.

Spiritualism to-day has not only its millions af followers, who may be more or less willing to be called Spiritualists, but it is doing a silent, beautiful work in a multiplicity of ways, spreading its influence through many channels and impressing human minds with thoughts and activities that help to develop them to greater and nobler

We look back upon the Spiritualism of yesterday and the weeks and years of the past and can see something of the good it has accomplished. Through organized effort in one direction and another it has carried its light into feeble though they may have been in expression and in cities and towns, and by that light illuminating the dark- scope, to give teachings of moral philosophy and outline ened places has abolished error and given sweet, beautiful conceptions of truth, in its place.

vesterdays of the past has been conducted by thousands of men—simple lessons in right living—and the world may human spirits outside of physical forms, they who are hu- accept as far as it can understand and appreciate; but manitarians seeking to reach earth people for the purpose back of all this, as we have said, are reservoirs of power of enlightening them on the great question of immortality, and of knowledge, truth and wisdom, that are only waiting also on the great subject of personal advancement and the right conditions and the unfoldment of the mortal for of universal brotherhood; not only those who are humanitarian at heart and by instinct becoming teachers in these lines, but the millions of individual beings who have thronged back from the other life to communicate with their friends as intelligently as possible through such channels as they might find for their expression, in order to assuage the grief, console the troubled heart, to give comfort and peace, or to heal the sick and to bless with beautiful ministrations those who mourn. These have done their work well-very well considering the many veloped to receive anything stronger or better from the impediments in their way, the various conditions adverse to their coming and manifestation.

overcome by way of limitation, of strange and erratic any one who aspires for lofty thought and pure influence, mental conditions on the earth side, before it can give the intelligent and individualized message, or the manifesta- any spirit intelligence who is not crudely bound to sinful tion of power through physical objects, we may say Spir- earth conditions and steeped in vileness; but we do mean itualism has done well, it has acomplished much. It has to say that sometimes what seems to be an illiterate exbeen the great event of history of the nineteenth century, pression, or of but small account to the intellectual mind, Price 75 cents; postage, 12 cents.

The now is always with us. We are creatures of the of all the centuries, culminating in its expression and power in the nineteenth century and reaching onward into the twentieth century with force and beauty of thought and spirit touching the hearts as with electric fire, of thousands of human thinkers outside the pale of Spiritualism, so-called, as well as keeping up its work among its adherents in our own ranks.

The question should not be, "Why have not spirits done more in their return to earth during these few decades of time?" but it should be, "How could they have accomplished so much with all the limitations and obstructions in their path?" But we can say that for scores of years, yea, no doubt, for centuries, human beings in the spirit world have been experimenting, studying up these lines of thought, seeking to understand the LAW OF VIBRA-TORY FORCE AND ACTION, trying to gain knowledge of the power of mentality, of mind over mind; coming in contact with physical objects and exercising an electrical or electro-magnetic force upon them to make them as it were alive, subservient and responsive to intelligent will; making these investigations and experiments with the only thought in mind to culminate them in opening a highway of communication between the so-called spirit world and this plane called earth, and this has been accomplished by what great effort on the spirit part no one of earth can ever know; by overcoming what obstacles no one can understand; by continually and watchfully experimenting, going over and over again lines of thought and of effort that promised to give some good result until AT LAST THE LINE WAS LAID AND COMMUNICATION OPENED BETWEEN THA TWO WORLDS.

Much has been accomplished, and we know that much more is desired, that more clear, more beautiful, more enightening information may be given from the so-called other side to the people of earth; but the people of earth to become receptive to these teachings and to the information which shall some day be poured in upon them from the teachers of the higher life.

So far, Spiritualism has given just the light which the world was prepared to receive, but THERE ARE STORE-HOUSES OF KNOWLEDGE WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN UNSEALED TO MORTAL COMPREHENSION; there are great and beautiful revelations yet to be made, but these can not be given until sensitives are so thoroughly quickened in their mentality-the vibratory action of mind and body-as to be uplifted in the superior hours In various lines of thought-free thought, liberal of entrancement or of spiritual perception on to the plane of vibratory action on which the spirit teachers reside and from which they can gather knowledge and power.

Not until human minds who are investigating these subtile laws have become so attuned in harmony with the spiritual spheres and their higher conditions as to be able things from the unseen-hints of the glory that is pent needs of humanity on earth-GLEAMS OF BRILLIANCY THAT SCINTILLATE FROM THE MINDS OF HIGH SOULS THAT HAVE GONE FORWARD IN THEIR SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND THEIR ATTAINMENT OF WISDOM.

One cannot expect that here, amid the limitations of mortal life—the environments that hold human beings in bondage because of physical needs and the hurrying of the mortal eyes but which is ever living in fullness and there can be given from the great beyond these beautiful scintillations of light. One should not expect the world to be ready to receive them. That spirits are alive and conscious, active, intelligent and filled with memories after they pass from earth can be assured to mortals by the sort of demonstration of power and evidence of identity which they are enabled to give through sensitives. Human beings here can interpret and understand a mes sage that comes from their beloved ones bearing the ear marks of personal identity, and, after receiving this evidence, they can be ready to accept much that is given by their returning friends concerning the spirit life and its

So far Spiritualism has been able in its yesterdays to do a great work for the world; also through chosen teachers, a code of ethics that the world can follow, if it will, in living simple, good lives, in doing the best within them for That Spiritualism which has been known through the their own advancement and the comfort of their fellowtheir reception. These are coming in the to-morrow of Spiritualism.

In the meanwhile we may see strange fluctuations. The power or quality of what is given or purported to be given from the spirit side may vary, and some of it may appear very weak and trivial and of no value to humanity, but here let us say that sometimes what is given through a weak vessel and what seems to be trivial may be just fitted for some individual who is not prepared or mentally deother side. We do not mean by this that any form of deceit or of what might be called impure teaching will ben-When we consider how much the spirit world has to efit any human being, and such will not be given through however humble he may be, nor will it be brought by

may bring comfort and sweetness to some humble life now, inasmuch as it will not depend upon societies or that could not comprehend the abstruce questions or understand the serious problems pertaining to human progress and growth but can be comforted by the lowly word spoken by a departed friend that brings light and beauty it will be accepted as something like a matter of course; into the home life. And so our thought to-night is that the weaknesses of the present day, as interpreted by those who stand far off and contemplate Spiritualism as something unworthy their attention, may have been the lever to uplift many human hearts from the depths of sorrow, many human minds from the night of ignorance to planes of comfort and knowledge that the carping world does not understand.

In the past Spiritualism has done much of this work, en tering humble homes and lowly places, glying comfort to the sorrowing who have toiled mid the pains and afflictions of poverty and of suffering. It has brought light to the benighted and was we have said, has spread its influence far and wide. The Spiritualism of to-day is keeping on with that same sort of work, but it has spread its influence in various directions, has not confined it to the ranks and temples of Spiritualism as understood by the world but has sent that influence out into the different sections of human thought and mental achievement and is making its nower felt...

Organizations have arisen, have held their sway, have disintegrated and passed away. Organized effort is always good, where mental harmony exists. Without organization there would be no universe, as the universe is one stupendous organization. Nature herself is continually at work building up organic forms, bringing units together, aggregating them and fashioning her structures for the utility of life. Thinking minds will perceive that organic work is everywhere, that form itself is organization, whether it be a tree or the corporeal body of a man that society is built up through organization, and the needs of humanity are studied in this direction. So progress ad vances and humanity gains its powers through the efforts of organizations. This we behold in the religious life Churches are built and maintained by the organized effort of human beings. One man alone could do but little in this direction though he had a million of dollars and was enabled to hire some beautiful structure erected for the worship of mankind; without the aid and co-operation of fellow beings in sympathy with himself there would be no church or body of people to worship in that beautiful

- Political organizations are built up by the union o forces and of individuals. They make their power felt through these strong forces and consequently nations are maintained because of this. Therefore Spiritualists who decry organization are frail in their thought—they are not wise. Some of our speakers declare they are not for organization yet depend upon organized societies for their engagements and for their work. Some of our mediums say they do not care to belong to any association because they think the cause does not need anything of that sort the spirit world can carry it on to suit itself. Nevertheless union of forces in harmony of spirit gives much help fulness to the spirit world in its efforts to manifest the truth. Without the spiritual press Spiritualism would no have gained headway as it has done during the half cen tury. Without societies in various directions it would not have been able to present the truth through inspired lips upon many platforms as it has done. So we feel that ORGANIZED EFFORT IS ALWAYS GOOD WHEN THE MOTIVE IS PURE AND UNSELFISH AND THE ACTIVI TIES OF MANY INDIVIDUALS COMPOSING IT ARE EX-ERCISED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MANY INSTEAD

But we have said organizations have arisen and have done their work and passed on while others have taken their place. So it has been and will be. The Spiritualism of to-day is experiencing this in every direction. We do not consider that its stronghold is in the societies that are not consider that its stronghold vet these are of the world vet the worl service to humanity. But there is a weakness within into by-paths of research for a time, though papers may them, not because the cause they represent is weak, not | cease to be and publications be taken into new channels because the truth they would present is dim, but because the unity of harmonic action and purpose is not strongly exercised or manifested by their members. The few may be strong and hearty, filled with zeal and earnestness. loving the truth for the truth's sake and seeking to have if expressed wherever it can reach and bless a human heart, but'a few cannot do the great work of organizations and they call in vain for helpers who will be unselfish and willing to labor for mankind, so there is weakness in these organizations, and wherever there is weakness which is not suppressed, which is not banished by the accumulation of strength, there is incipient decay, and for that reason we may expect in the to-day of Spiritualism to see so-1 But when the broader Spiritualism has gained his hold cieties rise and fall, a few people coming together seeking upon humanity, the outgrowth of our beautiful dispensato draw others who are indifferent, holding the post and tion of light and truth that has been in the world for banner of progress as long as they can, giving up in discouragement and letting the work fall. This we shall see

But Spiritualism itself will not fall nor fail humanity. It will continue to live in the hearts of the people. It nal love is more widely expressed and understood, and that will have its quiet places of demonstration unlimited in the world is ready to march forward over the heights of various sections, it will call its agencies or mediums to the progress to that time of which poets have sung and sages work and through them do its best to uplift mankind. It have dreamed when "the earth shall blossom like the is doing that and will succeed.

ualism than that of to-day; that is in the latter part of the hearts of the people; because JUSTICE, the outfruitpresent century; yea, ere another score of years has passed | ing of the principle of love, is maintained between all men. away the Spiritualism that denizens of the other world will and because universal Peace in its beauty and brightness demonstrate will be somewhat different from that of the has settled over the lives of humanity.

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upon the spiritual press for its demonstration and wide reaching power, but it will have entered and established its cult in so many places and among so many people that a demonstration of psychic power in human homes and lives not at all connected with this which is called Spirit ualism will have become so much a matter of daily event predict because we can behold its illuminating power go-

Man is studying himself, studying the inner powers, seeking to know the possibilities of being, wishing to cultivate these and make them of use. Many may perhaps desire this for the purpose of gaining worldly success, but many others are wishing and seeking for this unfoldment in order to learn something of the unseen, of the great beyond, that which has been unknowable to them but which they are beginning to think may in time be demonstrated to their satisfaction. Spiritualism is at work in all these various directions, and whether it is "new thought," or 'occult science," or "mental philosophy," or "humanitarianism," or by whatever name it may be called, the UN-DERLYING PRINCIPLE OF SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY IS THERE for this is the life force of the universe, intelligence permeates it with power and it is vibrant with meaning for those who will seek to understand. So, my friends, the Spiritualism of to-morrow is to be such that we may rejoice in its illumination, its grand uplifting

We will not need to build churches, nay, for churches will be bodies of people gathered in order to gain light and strength from the spiritual influence which will be there. Churches will be congregations of people gathered for mutual improvement and unfoldment in mental and spiritual activities. Churches will be the beautiful assemblies of harmonious people who love to come together that they may exchange thought and experience, note what has been given to one and another from the unseen, give forth of their own quickened inspirations to benefit those who seek for light, and it will not matter whether these are called temples of Spiritualism or by what name soever since they will denote progress and the spiritual uplifting of the race.

The consciousness of the human individual will be se quickened in time as to readily respond to the vibrations of intelligence and harmonious sweetness from the higher life. Then will men become receptive to the outpouring of the spirit along ways of truth and knowledge. Science will be vastly benefited by the revelations given; human experimentation with the forces of nature will be accelerated by the knowledge received from those who have been experimenting in other worlds for many years. Art will have taken upon itself a new impetus and the creations of artists, of sculptors, and of all who are interested in the beautiful unfoldments of idealism will be largely benefited by that which is given from artists and sculptors and beautiful beings on high. Poetry and music will have gained sweeter harmonies of expression by those who will be so sensitive to the outpourings and influx of glory from beyond so that the race will be advanced on the highway of progress to a large extent. Not all of this in twenty years, not all of this in the twentieth century, but beginnings will be made and will be a foretaste and prescience of that which will follow just as rapidly as humanity is educated and becomes receptive to that which is awaiting

of expression. We have no shadow upon our mind in conbilities, for we expect that. BUT THE OPTIMISTIC VIEW IS OF A GRANDER SPIRITUALISM, A BROADER PHILOSOPHY THAT EXPRESSES THE THOUGHT OF UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD. Spiritualists have taught this, have sung of this, and we might suppose from all they have said that they consider all the world akin, but inharmonies exist among us, divisions not only of opinion. which are well, but divisions of temper ha themselves that we find eruptions taking place in one way and another not showing the spirit of fraternal fellowship. many years-more than half a century-when this shall have gained its ground and made its way over the fences and walls-the strongholds put up by our own Spiritualistic brethren-we shall feel that the fellowship of fraterrose" because LOVE, the fulfilling of the great law of God The Spiritualism of to-morrow will be a broader Spirit- and of humanity, has really taken its place and is alive in

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W. W. Kincaid writter rom Meadville, Pa.: "Our hecies has just closed a most successful series of meetings, conducted by Georgia Gladys Cooley of Chicago. This is the second the Mrs. Cooley has been with second time Mrg. Cooley has been with us during the past year and she has made many friends here and has awakened a deep interest in the cause of truth. Her meeting last Sunday evening was a great success. The meetings were held at the Odd Fellows' Temple, formerly the old Baptist church, and it was packed to overflowing. A large number of people and many others to gain an entrance. Among those present was our candidate for Conto gain an entrance. gress on the Democratic ticket. A clergyman of this city attended one of our lectures and many students from non avenue. Always good psychics Allegheny college, a Methodist institution, also a large number of the stu- spirit messages and palm readings. dents from the Unitarian Theological Prof. Leon, Madame ZaZelle and oth-

met personally-a man of broad edu- freshments, all for 25 cents." cation and he expressed himself as bewinter seasons. We hope to have a first-class lecturer with us at least once a month from now until July. We are arousing an interest among the best people of our city."

Mrs. C. Kirchner writes: "On Sunday afternoon, October 7, at the Rising Sun Temple, Oakley and Jackson Boul., Sister Price gave a very eloquent address to quite a large crowd. messages that followed, given by Mrs. C. Kirchner. In the evening, owing to Sister Parkhurst of Baltimore arriving on time, Dr. O. E. Miller lectured in her stead. His talk was brimful of spiritual food and was enforther theme, 'Spiritual Spiritual Sister Bergman of San Francisco, Cal., Mr. Kates favored the audience with gave some grand demonstrations of a fine solo. Mrs. Kates gave a few psychic phenomena, giving readings messages which brought consolation to those fortunate enough to receive an entire new phase of mediumship, and shows a very deep spiritual development. The large audience enjoyed the evening very much. On Sunday has been well appreciated so far and afternoon, October 21, Mr. John W. Ring will again address us, and in the evening Dr. O. E. Miller."

Dr. G. W. Fowler writes from "Sunday evening, Oct. 7, at Aurora Grata Cathedral, before a large audience nearly filling the auditorium and galleries, Rev. May S. Pepper delivered her third sermon in the series being delivered at Aurora Grata Cathedral. After the prelimiexercises had closed, she read from St. Luke, 6th chapter, from 24th verse, concluding at the end of the chapter. Then followed one of the most eloquent and forceful sermons, touching upon the theme which had been so ably presented and discussed trolling spirit (evidently Rev. Henry. Ward Beecher) said he had been an interested listener. Nothing short of sages. Mrs. Lizzle D. Butler of Lynn, a verbatim report could do it justice, test medium, will address the society and I regret the demands for space in your columns prevent its appearance therein. She was loudly applauded at its close. After a very pleasing solo by Miss Hirsching, Mrs. Pepper proeded to read such of the vast numbers of letters placed upon the desk conducted one of the most remarkable scances which the writer has ever listened to. She gave many full names and messages from spirits whose names did not appear either upon, or in, the letters selected by her guides, Mrs. Dr. Caird will hold a public ed, a true friend and adviser to all development, and avoid errors. Price, and is very interesting.

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Park Occult Society. On October 7, we were favored by an excellent discourse by Dr. C. S. Tisdale. His subject was in regard to the aura we build He has served the Sandusky Society. around us. By living a good life the this fall, and is no doubt open for enaura became beautiful and by not dogagements. He is a sincere and ing good, it would show the bad side. It certainly was a fine lecture. He will be with us again in November. Mrs. Dr. Caird gave messages to many, which were recognized and appreciated. She is to be with us again on out giving the full name and address of Nov. 4. Mrs. Lichtig gave some fine messages, and also Mr. E. Dierkes. Mr. H. S. Frazer gave some fine tests, Mr. H. S. Frazer gave some man our mostly psychometric readings.

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Mrs. At that time there were attended. Mrs. Jessie Medlicott conducted it. Dr. G. C. Love of Portland, kane, Wash. At that time there were

trum on the 14th. He will also give readings during this week while in the city-and can be found on hand at all sessions of the convention. On October 20 we hold our first dance of the season. Then we will alternate each week by a card party. No circle during convention week, and then the time will be changed from Thursday to Tuesday evening. Next one on October 23, at the hall, at 8 o'clock

S. A. Huntington writes from Mal-

den, Mass.: "At the Thursday evening circle, October 4, the president presided. Mrs. R. P. Morton, the recording secretary occupied the evening afternoon circle opened at 3:40. Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Mosier occupied the Mrs. R. S. Lillie of California session in giving fine readings. At served the First Spiritual Church ag the evening meeting, Mrs. M. A. Bon-

> fer, writes from Worcester, Mass.: "I feel that I have nearly finished my work on the Spiritual platform. I shall endeavor to fill all my present engagements and probably continue to lecture through the coming winter, but later than that everything is uncertain. I now expect to be at Onset another year. I have just been selected one of the directors of a mining company with offices on Wall street, New York, and shall certainly bend most of my energies towards the development of this company, therefore may have little time for any other kind of work in the future."

Marguerite Mac writes: "Mrs. M. A. Burland will hold her regular monthly test social on Thursday evening, October 25, at her residence, 3019 School which is located here, among, ers will be there, so one is sure of a whom was a native of India, whom I message and pleasant evening and re-

J. W. Gill writes: "Two very intering highly pleased with Mrs. Cooley's esting meetings were held Sunday. Oc-He attended every lecture tober 7, at the Christian Spiritualists' she gave, I believe. One of the vice-presidents of our society is also a stu-dent at the Unitarian Theological. We Miss Helen W. Brown of Edgewater are making arrangements for other very kindly took charge of the muspeakers during the coming fall and sical programme in the afternoon, and Miss Knopp in the evening. The guides of Mrs. Hamilton Gill gave a short talk in the afternoon, the control, 'Nannie,' giving some remarkable spirit messages. In the evening the subject was 'Mediumship,' followed by spirit messages. These meetings are creating considerable interest among investigators and Spiritualists having a nice location and a beautiful We were all well pleased with the hall are sufficient reasons for the harmonious meetings and great benefit to

those who attend.' D. Feast writes from Baltimore, them. Mr. and Mrs. Kates will remain with the church until the last Sunday in November. Their work we have no doubt but that it will be productive of much good."

G. L. Willms writes: "The members of the North Star Spiritual Union. 1546 Milwaukee avenue, had the pleasure of greeting quite a large audience last night, Oct. 7, consisting principally of skeptics. Mr. Muehl gave a lecture on astrology which was very interesting. Sister J. King gave very fine messages from the departed loved ones, which were recognized The Progressive Thinker which had arrived, were soon all taken up."

Dr.-C. L. Fox writes from Fitchburg, Mass.: Mrs. A. J. Pettingill of Malden, opened the meetings for the First Spiritualist Society, Sunday. There was a large attendance at both services. The addresses were followed by many correct tests and spirit mes test medium, will address the society next Sunday."

The committee writes: "Grand Fair and Bazaar to be held by the First German Spiritualist Society, at its hall, 762 13th street, corner Ashland avenue, from Friday, Oct. 26, to Tuesday, Nov. 6, for the benefit of the Old People's Home to be erected in Jestram's Grove. The society will be very thankful for all gifts donated for this good purpose. Everybody is beartily invited. Tickets, 15 cents

J. A. Toren writes: "The Society of the Psychic Forces will hold memorial services at Wilcox Hall; corner of 43rd street and Champlain avenue, Sunday afternoon and evening, October 28, in memory of their late pastor, Dr. J. O. M. Hewitt, who on the morning of October 4, passed to the higher life. The afternoon will be devoted to a flower service, and all who can are requested to bring flowers as a token of esteem for their departed friend and brother. At the evening services Dr. J. H. Ran-dall, Dr. Geo. B. Warne and Bro. H. F. Arnold will speak. Mrs. Carrie Crawford Pierce, Miss Glida MacCoy and Mr. Arthur Hooper will render vocal selections. Members of the Independent Order of the Mystic Brotherhood, vices are to begin at 2:30 and the evening services at 7:45." Mary E. French writes from Clyde,

The Spiritual Research Society opened its lecture season the evening of Sept. 29, with Mme. Helen Stuart-Richings as inspirational speaker and psychic reader. She is forceful and fluent in speech, language choice, ap pearance dignified and carriage easy At the close of the lecture she gave psychic readings that were simply wonderful. Being a B. D. A., she can serve a society in more ways than one —not only as lecturer and prophetic reader, but can give a high-class dra-matic recital that will entertain and delight a large audience, regardless of religious belief. We are not strong in numbers, as our membership is small, Eva L. Stewart writes: "Interest but we are growing spiritually, and seems to be on the increase according doing a good work in our way. We to the audiences that attend the Hyde | are promised a lecture in the near future by J. C. Craig (Attorney), an inspirational speaker and psychic, and forceful speaker, and makes a fine appearance on the rostrum; is highly psychic, and also gives readings after his lectures. Inspirational speakers like Brother Craig and Sister Stuart-Richings should be kept employed by societies needing superior talent."

Mrs. H. P. Hiatt, secretary, writes Oregon, is here and will fill our ros- only fifteen members, but time adds steadily on. The society is still small. but all seem energetic and progressing in the work. Rev. G. C. Love of Portland, spent a week in our city, while on his way to the National convention at Chicago. Much good was the result of his visit, he being a fluent speaker and earnest worker. The so-ciety will be pleased to meet with any and all earnest workers who may come to our city. They will find the word 'Welcome' over the door. Mrs. M. A. McClelland is president of the society.

A. E. Pratt writes from Delphos, Ohio: "Rev. D. A. Herrick of Akron, Ohio, held a trumpet seance at my house for a few friends, Wednesday evening, October 3. The manifestations were simply grand, and all parties present were well pleased. The cause here has been on the decline, but Brother Herrick's meeting has opened the way for more of the phe-nomena, and that is what it takes to convince some of the hard shells. We expect to have Mrs. Challen of Toledo, here in the near future. I can recommend both her and Mr. Herrick as good, honest mediums. I would not have any other kind to serve us."

Correspondent writes: "The Illinois Sunflower Club will have a tea party in Lincoln Hall, Fraternity Building 70 East Adams street, October 23, beween the hours of 2 and 5 p. m. Mesdames Stainer Adams and H. F. R. Peet being the genial hostesses on the occasion. Many of the most prominent mediums of the city are members of this club, and with their generous assistance in donating their God-given powers most materially aid in making each gathering a success. For ten cents a cup of tea and a reading are given. Many strangers enter the rooms in a spirit of levity, but leave with an interest in our beautiful re-ligion. We have a constantly grow ng membership and propose by concentrated effort and example to be a power in Spiritualism."

Some one writes as follows, but fails to give name or address: "Central Spiritual Church opened its meet ing for the first time in Trimble Hall 1977 W. Madison street, on Sunday evening, and it was very gratifying to have such a large attendance. We had with us Sister Adams and Sister Hild, who gave some very convincing messages, and the singing of the beautiful song 'Something Sweet to Think Of,' by Sister Adams, was very finely rendered. Mrs. Howes spoke very feelingly on the poem, 'We Are Growing Old Together, Dear,' and also gave some beautiful messages. have a comfortable hall and shall be glad to welcome our friends.'

Georgia Gladys Cooley served the Meadville, Pa., Society, Oct. 5, 6 and 7. Crowded houses greeted her each evening. One hundred and fifty peo-ple failed to gain admittance to the church the last evening.

Oscar A. Edgerly, acting pastor of the First Temple of Spiritualists of Newport, Ky., writes: "At present there is great interest being taken by the mediums and Spiritualists of Newport, Ky., and Cincinnati, Ohio, in an effort to raise the debt on the Spiritual fort is a practical one is manifest by the very successful supper and social held at the home of Mrs. H. B. Rymer, 418 W. 8th street, Cincinnati, Ohio, on Thursday, Oct. 11. This whole affair was under the management of Mrs. G. Pomroy and Mrs. H. B. Rymer; these ladies are both eminent mediums of Cincinnati, and that two mediums can work in harmony is evidenced by the fact that the proceeds of the evening will net the Temple Society over \$25. I think the lesson to be learned from the above is, that it is wise for all so cieties to appreciate their local mediums, and thus profit by the great in fluence that the mediums have, to aid in time of need. The Temple Society desires to publicly acknowledge their appreciation of the work of Mrs. Rymer and Mrs. Pomroy."

Resolution by the First Spiritualist Society of Tampa, Florida, upon the passing to spirit life of Mrs. Carrie Assembly, Lily Dale, N. Y., August 7, 1906: Resolved, That it is the sense of this, the First Spiritualist Society of Tampa, Fla., that in the passing our sister. Mrs. Carrie Firth Curran to spirit life from the City of Light Assembly, Lily Dale, N. Y., Augst 7, 1906, this society and its membership have sustained the loss of a true friend and wise counsellor, but that our loss is her gain; that she is saved, not by faith, but by her own good deeds; that she will be remembered by us from her many deeds of charity and kindness while in our midst; that she was a mother to those who needed clan and healer to the sick and afflict

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Carrie L. Hatch writes: "The First Spiritualist Ladies Aid held their meeting as usual in Appleton Hall,

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time was spent, and many faces seen

for the first time after the vacation. After supper, the social hour, then the

evening meeting. Mrs. A. S. Water-house spoke on "Our Veteran Editor,

Mr. Luther Colby," whose anniversary it was. Mr. Colby, if in the mortal

life, would have celebrated his 92nd

birthday, and she paid a loving tribute to him as a man, a worker and as a

spirit. Mrs. Hattle C. Mason, Mrs. Annie Chapman, Mr. C. J. Willis, all

spoke of the beauties of our religion, and Mrs. Annie Abbott of Lawrence,

gave loving, messages from spirit

friends. Mrs. Z. Hall sang several of Mr. Longley's songs, Mrs. Mary Lover

ing presiding at the piano. All friends are invited to our meetings.

It has been widely reported that our co-worker and speaker, Mr. James S.

Scarlett, had passed to the higher

life. A letter just received from him

authorizes me to state to his many

friends, that he never was in better health, is still on the earth plane, and

will attend to all engagements to lec-

The Good Work Going on in Ohio.

The Ohio Spiritualist Association expects to hold mass-meetings broughout the state this winter.

Preparations are made to hold meet

ing at Columbus, Ohio, in the near fu-

ture. The full board of officers and

trustees will be called there to trans-

act some important business, mission

ary work, etc. Mrs. E. Schauss of To

ledo, and myself will hold a three-session meeting at White Key Society

Bellaire, Ohio, Sunday, Nov. 11, 1906

lectures to be in German and English.
At the First Spiritualist Temple,

Fullerton street, services are held ev-

ladies meet every Thursday in the annex all day to sew and do fancy work,

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between sessions on Sunday, also on

Thursdays. The speakers and medi-

ums engaged to serve the temple for the season of 1906-7 are as follows:

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The meetings at the Plymouth Spiritual Church were well attended yes-terday. In the afternoon Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds gave a lecture, after which there were demonstrations in psychometry by Mrs. Helen P. Rus-The evening service opened with an

an orator, and whose worth and inorgan recital by Mrs. Gertrude Willtegrity as a woman and a medium, are iams and selections by the choir under the direction of T. T. Swinburne. the Association, our esteemed and honored brother, Mr. Dowd, and also A lecture was delivered under inspiration by Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley of Chicago, Ill., who is considered one by the choir, who rendered some very appropriate and inspiring music. of the most distinguished among the speakers of the Spiritualistic platform ed in honor of the occasion, the rosin this country. She has the advantage of a very pleasing personality, trum being literally converted into a handsome features and the graceful wilderness of autumn flowers. Barform and movements of youth. Mrs.
Cooley's subject was, "Our Scientific Age: What It Is Doing for Spiritualtured faces of statesmen and heroes, who, while in earth life performed During the discourse the speaker their work nobly and well, smiled en-

gave a rapid review of the rise and couragingly from their frames upon progress of science and the achieve the wall. The little hall was crowded ments of thinkers in the matter of to its utmost capacity, and the smilwonderful inventions and especially ing faces and happy hearts of the authose which have been brought into dience gave evidence that the occasion practical use during the past twentywas a success. live years. She pointed out that many inventors were Spiritualists or innest believers in the beautiful philosstruments through whom the spirits of ophy of Spiritualism, actuated by a departed inventors were able to carry desire to be a help to their fellow-men, to perfection scientific and mechanical and an aid to suffering humanity, ideas and devices which they had left formed themselves into a little band unfinished on their departure from of workers, to which they gave the

Among the greatest inventors, the of Independent Association of Spiritspeaker instanced Edison, as having ualists. Sturggling against desperate been born in a Spiritualist family and odds, buffeted by the world, scorned who throughout his life, has been in- by unbelievers, yet feeling themselves spired by the spirit world to bring to be in the right, this little band of into practical use his various wonderful inventions. The speaker referred no fear, dreading no criticism, confito the many men of science who open- dent that their unflagging energy, unly avow their belief in Spiritualism, tiring zeal and patient devotion to the making mention of Sir William cause, would eventually be amply re-Professor Lodge, who, during many tory, years, made a special study of psychic realized, is evidenced by the fact of phenomena in accordance with the their being now in possession of a strictest scientific rules and who be- beautiful little temple, where they came absolutely convinced of the real-ity of spirit communion. The speaker and with the help of the dear ones concluded by pointing out the high who have gone on just a little before, mission of Spiritualism and that its carry on the good work that lies so endorsement by some of the greatest near their hearts. To this home they scientists of modern times should lead | bid a glad welcome to all, and may all thinking people of to-day to investigate its claims as a science, a religion and a philosophy.

Among the notable clergymen who will preach at Plymouth Church in the near future, is Rev. Dr. I. K. Funk author of "The Widow's Mite," who will be here on Sunday, October 28.— Union and Advertiser, Buffalo, N. Y.

PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

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HUDSON TUTTLE. Address him at Berlin Heights, Ohio.

M. S. Elliott: Q. Win you please give the name of the author of a poem beginning, "Farewell dear friend! For us the grief and pain."? It approached to the control of the c pealed to us as exceedingly beautiful and if not asking too much we would be thankful to have you give it entire. A. This poem was written by William W. Story as a tribute to his friend John Lothrop Motley, the historian. It is truly a gem of spiritual

"Farewell, dear friend! For us the grief and pain, Who shall not see thy living face

again;
For us the sad yet noble memories
Of lofty thoughts, of upward-looking

Of warm affections, of a spirit bright, Of glancing fancies and a radiant light, That, flashing, threw around all com-

mon things Heroic halos and imaginings. Nothing of this can fade while life

shall last, But brighten with death's shadow Ah, noble spirit, whither hast thou What doest thou among the unnumbered dead?

Oh, say not 'mid the dead, for what Among the dead to do? No! rather If Faith and Hope are not a wild de-

The truly living thou hast gone to The noble spirits purged by death, whose eyes O'er peers the brief bounds of mor-

And they behold thee rising there Serenely clear above Time's cloudy

And greet thee as we greet a rising R. M. McLane: Q. There has been

much written regarding the necessity of darkness at seances, and some have proposed that blue, or violet light be used as the rays of these colors do not interfere with the vibrations of the What is the opinion of spirit force. What is the opinion of the Q. and A. Department on this subject? By what means can this colored light be obtained?

A. As for "vibrations" interfering, all that has been said is chaff, words that have no more meaning than they would if jumbled in hodge-podge. The explanations sound sonorously scientific, but until we are assured of the relations these "vibrations" sustain to each other, or the nature of spirit power, theories are uncalled for.

Why should light waves interfere with spirit power? It would be contrary to all the other characteristics of heat, electricity and kindred forces. The ocean may be flooded with sunfight: the heat vibrations may quiver the humid atmosphere, the magnetic force reach out to the abysses of space; a passing cloud throw off electric waves, yet a wireless telegraph transmitter, most delicate of all, will send its vibrations right through all these crossing and seemingly infinitely tangled vibrations, and without the least disturbance and exactly as though they did not exist. If a lamp a room, it will burn, that is east off the vibrations of light, in a room filled with heat vibrations, just the same as though the temperature was absolute zero, or wholly deprived heat. In like manner the fire in the grate burns in a lighted room as

well as in one darkened. A ray of light passing a nole of the strongest magnet, meets no change, and it would seem that these forces are as vacuums to each other. They may be transformed one into the other, as heat of coal is changed by the engine into force, and the force by the dynamo into electricity, and this electricity back again into power to move the car, or into light by the arc and incandescent lamps. Electricity cir-culating in coils, is transformed to magnetism. But in all these changes there is no confliction. A wave of heat may strike the path of a wave of light; it passes through and goes on as though through clear space.

Now spirit force is said to be like these, and it must be, for force in its manifestation is always through one of these forms. The moving energy of the universe always first appears as electricity, heat, magnetism, light, as forms of motion.

The spirit force must be like, but more subtle and hence more powerful. Being like, it must be subject to the same laws, and be like in manifesta-tions. ADMITTING THIS, THEN LIGHT CAN HAVE NO INFLUENCE ON THE EXERCISE OF THIS

There are reasons for a subdued light, as there are for quiet and harmony at seances. The subdued light rests the eyes, and contributes to the passive state of mind which is productive of receptivity. But it may be blue, violet, or the other extreme of red, without the least effort on the

There is one way, however, in which the ordering of a seance room may be beneficial, whether by blue light or darkness, and that is by suggestion. A room lighted by a ghostly blue, or unearthly violet, suggests the supernatural and breaks thereby the sanity of observation. It (would be the same, whatever color was employed, though blue is most

A great deal may be gained in circles and by, mediums by way of sug-I know a medium-and one honest and true---who was told by her spirit friends to procure a slab of glass, on which to place her chair during seances. She did so. Her Morris chair like a throne rested on a glass plate, an inch in thickness, with beveled edges, glittering like crystals, and the rale blue window glass admitted a weird light. Those who came into that room were oppressed by mystery and although receptive, were unfitted for correct observation. This medium took no advantage of the opportunity thus afforded. It contrib-It contribwas an important factor, but how ter-

ribly these suggestive trappings might be perverted! 'As glass is not an insulator of spirit force, a sheet of aluminum would have been as effective, if the suggestion had gone with it, and green winss as well for the window.

'As the most delicate instruments have not detected the faintest indication of the presence of electricity in the moving object, or in the psychic, conta-

"IT IS ALMOST MORNING."

And Sarah Gladstone Died as the Clock Struck Twelve.'1

(Continued from page 8.)

ether, they found the young man, Henry, in the room. As they apchange had occurred in the patient. Her eyes shone with extraordinary brilliancy, and her cheeks were flushed with a crimson color. Otherwise lowever, she appeared calm and self-

"Tell them, Henry, what I have told you," she said to the young man. He hesitated, and finally she continued:

"This poor boy, doctors, won't be-lieve me when I tell him I shall die to-night at 12 o'clock." Henry was weeping, and she said to him:

"Were you fond of me, really?— fond of the wretched girl of the town? Oh, Henry, God will bless you for your kindness and love to me.

She continued to talk rationally and affectionately to her young friend un-til obout 10 o'clock when she closed her eyes and appeared to sleep.

The night was one unusually sultry

and warm for April, and between 11 and 12 o'clock a thunderstorm broke over the city. Sarah had continued silent for over an hour, and except the whispering conversation of the three men the room had been quiet. A crash of thunder, which shook the building, startled her, and she sud-denly sat up in bed. The physicians state that they approached and found her trembling violently. She caught hold of the arm of Dr. —, saying; "You are a good, strong, brave man; can't you save me? Why should a poor girl like me be persecuted in this way? I have been suffering all my life, and now I am dying at the bidding of this dark, stern man. himself has given me up.'

As she spoke, she clutched the doctor's arm with desperation, and a fear-ful earnestness was expressed in her The young man, Henry, at this time, overcome by the scene, left the room. Sarah did not notice his departure, but continued to talk wildly of some coming peril. All at once, when the doctors were endeavoring to compose her and induce her to lie down, she turned her face toward the door and uttered a piercing shriek. In a moment she had become a raving maniac. Her eyes were fixed on the ject there. "So you've come," she said; "you've come, James Lennox, to complete your work. But I've got friends now. I am no longer at your control. Oh, how I hate you, you bad, wicked, bloody-minded man! You ruined me body and soul, but now I'm free. Keep off, you villain."
As she spoke she sprang out of bed

and ran behind the physicians, mutter-ing to herself. They put their arms around her and lifted her into the bed again. She resisted like a wild beast, and seemed to think herself struggling with a deadly foe. She heaped imprecations on the head of her haunting persecutor, and defled him, alluding incoherently to scenes in her past life. For more than half an hour she re-mained in this way, and then suddenly became quiet and seemingly composed Her eyes closed, and she seemed Her breathing became regular, but very low and faint; she opened her eyes and smiled sweetly. She muttered: "It is almost morning;" and Sarah Gladstone died as the clock struck twelve.

the theory of electricity having anything to do with the phenomena is as absurd as uncalled for. Hence insula-tion is unmeaning. The spirit forces can not be insulated, any more than a spirit can be retained by physical mat-Hence it is that the conclusion may be safely drawn that light has no influence on the manifestations, except as it affects the minds of the re-The appearance of ghosts, as recorded by the Psychical Research Society confirms this conclusion. "double" has been seen in broad daylight as well as in the night. D. Home were always in the light.

Darkness is essential for deception. The senses are subdued, and even hearing in darkness is deceptive. There are no means for correct observation, or detection of fraud. attempt to investigate by means dark circles, and mediums demanding darkness, is like the efforts of a scientist to prove a theory by experi-ments instituted in a manner to cast doubt and uncertainty on the results. Any number of experiments, wherein there is the least element of doubt or inaccuracy, do not carry conviction. curacy which he employs in conducting experiments, and he well knows that his reputation depends on the absolute certainty of every step he It should be the same in the

The often-heard plea that the photographer demands a dark room for his work, is more comic than pertinent. He does not want darkness because other forces interfere, but he is dealing with light, and he does not plate but those which pass through the lens. If the diffused light struck the plate it would be wholly black. A dark seance room has no such signifi-

investigation of spiritual manifesta-

If, however, a colored light is desired, it may be had easily and cheaply. There is no need of passing the white light of the sun or electric arc, through a prism and thus separating the blue rays, as has been suggested. This suggestion appears to have been put forward by some one desirous of having the method so expensive and impractical that it would not be employed. Blue or violet glass inter-cepts all the rays but of these colors, and their properties are the same as when from a prism.

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the infinite truth.

We left England when I was barely

fifteen, and came to New Zealand: set-

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AND HEARD THEIR TEACHINGS THE SOULS WHO LOVED IT HERE, IN THE TEMPLES IN VARIOUS SUCH AS G. V. BROOKES, AND SPHERES. I HAVE VISITED THE THOUSANDS MORE, DELIGHT IN HOME OF SHAKSPEARE AND HIS CONVEYING THE HIGHEST SPIRIT-SCHOOL, OR COMMUNITY OF UAL TEACHING TO THE CROWDS SOULS WHO LOVE THE DRAMA, OF ATTENTIVE STUDENTS WHO and Country Journal. Another friend AND WHOSE WORK IT IS TO IN. THRONG THE VAST TEMPLES OF introduced me to the Secretary of the AND WHOSE WORK IT IS TO IN- THRONG THE VAST TEMPLES OF

You have asked me three questions: loving counsel in difficulty, such beau-"Why I am a Spiritualist?" "When I tiful teaching for myself and others, became a Spiritualist?" and "What that her presence is ever a delight has Spiritualism done for you?" said and source of peace. As her name in-Mrs. Harris, a well-known medium, a dicates, she is a Grecian, very heautiyear or two since, to one who was ful of face and form, luminous in her seeking information about the truths atmosphere, and her tokens are white she loved so well. I think I will a "tale unfold," and many lectures, and her special deyou can then judge for yourself; because I feel you are in earnest. An light is in teaching young women and

An children in classes; for in spirit life sting she is a teacher of children in the uble sphere called "the Summerland." honest skeptic is a very interesting person, worth taking some trouble over, because good material for building "into" the unquestionable faith, Two happy years we passed, my husband and I, in communion with the spirit friends. He was sitting in a circle held in the home of Mrs. Liddle As a child I was brought up in the orthodox beliefs with exceeding care.
As a girl I was dissatisfied with the (who is still on earth, though of advanced age), for materialization and other physical manifestations. These were partially produced, but he speplexed about the Bible, the mission of cially excelled as a magnetic healer, and we hoped that he would be able lesus, and the vicarious atonement. Mine was a lonely life; few companto render much valuable help to sufions, no relatives, except my mother, who was a dear Christian, living up to her faith, and a true gentlewoman. fering humanity. The will of the Infinite, however, is over all the events

and subsequent communion with him afterward removing to the Thames in the early days of that gold-field. My little Denton was six years My little Denton was six years old, Some rough experiences were ours; prosperity seemed loth to visit us; of and I had five other children, ranging from two years to fourteen, when my work there was plenty, but privileges husband was called to spirit life. A were few. A small English church, sudden chill, a few days' illness, and very narrow views though his heart was kind. A Baptist chapel drew me into fellowship and I thought in the state of the st

of our earth life, and of his sudden transition, the spiritual help given,

into fellowship and I thought I was following the Master's teaching more he, the noble medium, fond husband fully by being immersed as He had and father, could not have been spared to labor on earth for his own been in the waters of a physical Jordan; not comprehending then the baploved ones and humanity?

That is more than I can tell you Doubtless he had finished the task ap-A few years passed. I married pointed him: his soul was so noble that he needed no more trial or exvery young an estimable man, generperience on earth; the call was, "Come up Higher!"

thodox at any time, and as time went Angels only minister to us under trial; they do not remove the ings of Spiritualistic science. I was very much afraid of the phenomena I frequently witnessed through him and his friends. The literature of pro-Higher will, or law of result. They did all they could for me in this garden of Gethsemane; they bore the heaviest of the cross, and came to me, gressive thought I studiously avoided as something almost blasphemous; yet I could not find content or peace even as to Mary of old, with the gladness of the true Easter message, "He of mind in my own beliefs. Moreover is risen!" Waka, the Indian, stayed by the sufferer, and gave him magnetic help; then when the time came, he reaved, and in the soreness of a mother's heart for the loss of my infant son I had turned to the afore-menhelped the weary soul to leave the body easily, without further suffering; tioned clergyman for comfort.

He, with tears coursing down his aged cheeks, asked me "if the child had been baptized?" I replied, "No," as I had not been able to bring him to the church. Then, said the venerable archdeacon, "I cannot give the consolations of the church. I cannot say your child has entered heaven!"

body easily, without further suffering; tion of these journeys; they were as vague dreams to me. Yet I knew I had seen lovely landscapes, homes, and people not of earth. Gradually I became conscious during these times of psychic journeying, which were a great joy to me, giving me assurance in the circle died away, they closed in place of belief, and an education such as no earth training could import the proping the your child has entered heaven!" around him we loved, and carried him
Friend, you are a parent yourself. out of the room, "just out of sight,"
You may think with what a cruel across the mystic borderline men call weight these words fell upon my death. I heard the sweetest music as he passed thus from sight, and knew it

My husband seeing my distress, and was well with him. ascertaining the cause, became very angry, and declared that God could never condemn an innocent child to everlasting punishment, or banish it fond farewell the lips were too weak from happiness because it had never to utter. Thus passed into the high-been pronounced by the priest to be "a er life a true Spiritualist.

child of God and an inheritor of the His work was not ended. He has helped us continually, advised and Slowly I began to know something guided, guarded and comforted us, all of the teaching that gave him assur-ance, and it come about in a very sim-since then. He has spoken through ple way that light was given me. The many mediums; he has manifested his Harbinger of Light had long had a presence and his identity many times; place on my husband's shelves, and he has given numerous addresse one day, as the window was open, a through myself, and comfortable aslight breeze stirred the papers and surance to many souls in various cirblew down a little supplement, encles throughout the colonies. He even titled "A Little Pilgrim in the Unseen," by Mrs. Oliphant. I picked it his presence to a friend there, in order ings in the temples in various spheres, up from the floor and was attracted by that the pledge of friendship might be I have visited the home of Shakspeare the title. Then I knelt by a chair in held sacred.

felt a sweet peace possess me, and I "How long was it before I received stand higher truths. To this effort to prayed earnestly for more light a message from him?" Not so long spiritualize the drama we owe such helped by my husband and our estemed friends, the Rev. S. J. Nelli days had elapsed from the time of his and his wife, who allowed me free access to their excellent and interesting in the colony, my friend. Just four the Sign of the Cross," "The Village Priest," and many such productions. Yes, there are theaters in the colony of progressive the colony of t library of progressive thought litera-ture. sage of love, bidding us be comforted here, such as G. V. Brookes, and thou-ture. concerning him; and to try for his sands more, delight in conveying the God bless the editor of the Harbin-sake to control our sorrow, as it held highest spiritual teaching to the ger, and may it prove to thousands him to earth; and to "will" that he crowds of attentive students who more the same comforter and help it should go with his mother, who had throng the vast temples of song. more the same comforter and help it should go with his mother, who had was to me. A friend of mine in met him, to visit her home in spirit whom I had every confidence showed life; adding that in two weeks by means of the alphabet, and I be-those things that nad peen total and by means of the alphabet, and I be-various spirit friends were really so, me how she received communications would return, and tell us whether pressions and inspirations to mediums by means of the alphabet, and I be those things that had been told us by on earth. I have listened to glorious

good results in those early days in and Spiritualism true, os this simple way. Then I learned that So like himself, to wish, to thorone's hand could be controlled for oughly investigate for himself, and one's hand could be controlled for writing, so I procured pencil and paper, sitting half an hour each evening for three months before I received any message, but being well repaid for all my anxious waiting by the beautiful communications I then received. Some of these I forwarded to the Harbinger; others to various papers; they to his promise, the diar soul came were sometimes in poetry, sometimes back in two weeks, and gave us an ac-in prose, but all contained beautiful count of his journey, the people he entiments and pure teaching. Some had met, a temple he had attended of these earlier efforts of mediumship his mother's home, and milay other have since been published in a little matters; concluding his message with booklet entitled, "Leaves of Love." the positive assertion, "It is all true." About this time a circle was formed So we were greatly comforted con-

in our home, and a number of very cerning him, and looked forward to sympathetic friends took kindly interest in my mediumship, giving me most One year passed, away, during remember the delight of my good which baby Denton joined his father remember the delight of my good hus-husband on the occasion of the first scarlet fever; and we grieved only for trance address given through me. It the loss of his physical presence was on the words; "Arise! shine! for among us. Then I took the other thy light has come!" Thus his fond children and went to Australia to hopes were realized, and his faith in work for Spiritualism, as my guide adthe promise of the guides confirmed. vised me. Our dear old, home was After that I made the acquaintance given up. We went out to a strange

of my Indian control, Waka Wook (or life, without any means, leaning sim-Bury the Hatchet), who has been my ply on the words of the unseen friends, that we should all be taken Magnetic treatment in sickness, pro-tection amid unhappy conditions, help sphere. I obtained an engagement in sorrow—all this, and more I owe from the Sydney Spiritualist Society to my Indian, who will never leave to lecture for them as a trance speakme so long as I am on the earth plane.

The next guide who came was Al-

the good guides would supply all my In West's Academy, a beauti-

more kindness than I during those early days of development for public work. Good Mr. Gale, postmaster, at Paddington, (since risen), obtained work for me on the staff of the Town Technical School, and I obtained work there, lecturing on vegetarian cookery, and home science; Mrs. Monro was a true "mother in Israel" to me, and most kind to my children. Many friends were raised up for me, and I found the spirit guides gaining more power over me daily, After three months I was called

over to Melbourne; where I first met the worthy editor of the Harbinger of Light, Mr. Terry, who has been such a loyal friend to the cause of Truth, and to mediums a very present help in time of trouble. Those were happy Melbourne friends (many since have risen to the higher life) welcomed and assisted me. I had much to learn, much experience to gain. I knew little of life as it really is "out in the great world alone"; but I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ANGEL GUIDED, always protected, though

have passed through many trials.

It was during this, my first visit to Melbourne, that I stayed three months with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evans, of San Francisco, who were visiting Austra-lia. You will surely have heard of him, the most notable independent slate-writer, through whose un-equaled mediumship I received yet added proofs of my husband's presence. On closed slates, banded together with rubber bands and laid on the floor, I had many messages writ-

ten. No human hand touched those slates; I never took my eyes from them, and Mr. Evans was sitting bethem, and Mr. Eyans was stoing beside me. Messages from my children, my husband, and guides—that helped me in many a troubled hour to hold on to my faith, and trust the angels. I met with many good, gifted medi-

ums in Melbourne, from whom I re-ceived messages and proofs of my dear one's identity, as well as the kindest possible sympathy for myself. My eldest son became an inmate of Mr. Terry's home, from which he went to and from the business he had chosen the other children were placed in good care until such time as I should be able to establish a home of my own. The guides were patient and kind, gradually leading me through trance mediumship to the higher plane of inspiration. Clairvoyance began to develop slowly, and I know that I LEFT MY BODY DURING THE NIGHT VERY FREQUENTLY, BEING TAKEN BY THE MAGNETIC GUIDES TO VISIT THE VARIOUS TEMPLES IN SPIRIT LIFE TO RE-CEIVE INSTRUCTION. my mind could not retain the recollection of these journeys; they were as

After a few months' happy work in Melbourne I returned to Sydney, rejoined my children, and when Mr. and Mrs. Evans left Australia I accepted a call to Balmain to give a course of lectures in the Masonic hall. Once more we had a happy cottage home, altogether, except my eldest son, who remained with Mr. Terry.

"Have I become personally acquainted with any of those who have passed on from among the workers of earth life?" you ask.

Yes, I have enjoyed the privilege of converse with many of the ascended authors, poets, orators, physicians, and pioneers of progressive thought whose work on earth has immortalized their memory. Many of these are as personal friends to me, as I have conversed with them during periods of psychic traveling, and heard their teach ings in the temples in various spheres. and his school, or community of souls He is not dead. He is an active, a who love the drama, and whose work a differ room and began to read it.

I lowing, a progressive soul, helping it is to inspire mortals, so that the detail of that sweet story, so vividly true, so simply comforting. Then I and comfort to many on earth. "How long was it before I received stand higher truths. To this effort to

of Art, and the souls who loved it

I have met some of the great musicians, and have seen them convey immusic from highly developed souls, whose improvisations were the outcome of their joy and thankfulness to the All-Father for the gift of life immortal, all- progressive, and all attain-

ing.
I have walked in the gardens of beautiful homes with E. B. Browning and Mrs. Hemans; I have listened to the noble thoughts of Carlyle and his compeers. Their work in spirit life is still educational, to help those who newly enter the spheres, with all the possibilities of eternity before them; to comfort the sorrowing, help the doubting, and inspire the longing souls of the human family on earth. I have met with some of earth's no-

ble reformers in spirit life, such as Hugo, Thomas Moore, and of late time, Henry George, with many others. Yet, these minds are still actively engaged in sending thought waves to sensitives who will be influenced thereby to strive to better the social conditions of the human brotherhood of workers.

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DEBASED IN HUMAN KIND? are in waiting, in one of our banks of this city, for the medium who can produce JUST ONE bona' fide spirit.

OF THE CAUSE, which we so dearly and see whether the form is what it proof that the cause is moving on. purports to be, or the same old thing BEDECKED WITH CHEESE-CLOTH AND OTHER ADDITIONAL PARA-PHERNALIA?

face those gone from our midst. Why this holding back of such men toward woman suffrage.

a glorious gift? Mr. George Brower's seances, I should most willingly give way to redeem the faith of Robert Hale, who has been forced through fraudulent manifestations to sit on the brink of doubt, yet thirsting for the water of truth. Or I

Single Seance, With a Complete think of the transformation, darkness Bony Structure, With Millions and gloom giving way to cheer and hope, death robbed of its terror, and victory won over the grave, and Spiritualism, with its beautiful philosophy and mediumship, with its manifold demonstrations would all be strengthened by just one such manifestation; given under a condition which would preclude all doubt. Would this be asking too much of

what were termed THE BEST OF MA-TERIALIZERS have been proven to be very material in their manifesta-tions? Or would it be asking too much of these faithful souls who have t last reached the end of their line. been attending for seven years these hat, however, remains to be seen, as seances of Mr. Brower's, to extended in the large field of pastures green, their knowledge beyond the limit off that never wither from the heat of the self, and ask the many of these spirits. sun of these many exposes, there is a who materialize to permit others the constant growth of THESE TRUST- enjoy this heaven-sent blessing?

ING BLOSSOMS OF GULLIBLES Please do not respond with, WHO WILL NOT DOWN nor be lifted up to see even the brilliancy of the would not bring into the seance room;

Why, some of us would fast like Dr. When one of these debased fake Tanner for forty days in order to be-b materializers is exposed, NINETY come purified, if we thought it essengone.

If in seven years our own spirit hat mule recently. He is now serving a so closeted itself as to not hear the term of seven years for his offense. cries of the world who are praying These charlatans make a business of and longing to see and know, "If a stealing, and are licensed, and shield-man die, shall he live;" then woe bar ed by the protection of a law which is so rotten in its discrimination that it was never known to bring forth aught. but bitterest of fruit.

If through human instrumentality it; LAND-OFFICE BUSINESS while here. can be shown that those we mourn as: As a side-issue they dealt in mining dead can return to us from a cabinet: stock, catching many through being under the right conditions, let us then study the requirements to fit us to enter into this the holiest of experiences. A new life would thus be effuse! into the soul of each of us, lifting uc into the highest realization of expectancy, and creeds and dogmas would be the only real dead corpses on this great battle-field of mortal existen-

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ARE WE A LAGGARD NATION?

That Eminent Woman, Mrs. , hapman Catt, Seems to Think 550.

Writing from Copenhagen, Denmark, Mrs. Chapman Care, president of the International Woman Suffrage Association, in making comparison between Oregon, which recently declared against woman suffrage at a popular election, and Anland, which has just enfranchised its women, says: "The population of O. 22on was

1900, 413,456 persons; and certain: THE SOUL'S LONGING OF LOVE. something less than 200,000 are woof the recent vote, remain The writer was told by two parties chised. The population of Finland in who were present, that at one seance 1903 was 2,816,298, and 1,420,522 held in this city recently (Los Angeles), ninety-eight spirits material-lized, yet ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS ing eligibility to all offices, and that. too, with but one dissenting vote in four houses of Parliament. truthfully say that the woman suf-For seven years, almost weekly, frage campaigns for 1906 have result-have these parties been faithful at- ed in universal suffrage for nearly one tendants at this materializer's home. and a half millions of women, and the Why not, in the face of all these recent exposures and FOR THE GOOD possible 200,000 women. In a broad sense, it does not matter where politlove and advocate, why not at some ical liberty comes first; it must come unexpected time embrace and hold to all, the world over, before outast to that which is seemingly good, work is completed. Finland offers "We are forced, however, to ask

ourselves two questions: 1. Do oppression and denial of rights make men more liberal, broad-Seven years is a long time to enjoy minded and generous in their opin-the holy privilege of meeting face to lons? Apparently they do, as witness the attitude of Finnish and Russian

2. Do personal liberty and full po-If I were one of the chosen few who litical rights make men more narrow. have been such faithful attendants at selfish and unjust in their opinions? Apparently they do, as witness the action of the men of Oregon. These are conditions worthy of study."

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pects of lights and shades, was spread

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bad from choice, but by conditions which were woven around me until my

disreputable course in life became

seemingly, a necessity to me. I could not, while dying, move my body; no

pain tormented me, but a quiet, peace-ful resignation pervaded my nature,

and my whole soul seemed to be illuminated with a light divine. Every

incident in my life came up before me

and the activity of my mind was grand

indeed! Then I became unconscious and when I awoke again I was in spir-

it life, surrounded by a band of loving spirits, who with sweet music wel-comed me.

Those who lead, from choice, a life

around their nature that they may re-

main in spirit life for years before a

divine spark can fully illuminate the

same. Let those who read my sad ex-

periences kindly throw the veil of

love try to elevate them in the scale of existence. How keenly I suffered

Oh! would that I had a thousand

desolation through which I passed. My sickness was accompanied with

ever emanates from a soul actuated

tiousness thereby, and being partially

pools of vice—then society condemns

While on earth, yearning with all

imitate the flowers, and as they sur-round the fallen with their divine

gree of tenderness.

good need fear it.

unbalanced and

them to rise.

charity over the erring, and through

"IT IS ALMOST MORNING."

'And Sarah Gladstone Died as the Glock Struck Twelve.

The following constitutes a Chapter in Vol. I. of The Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World. This work, besides containing considerable original matter, is a vast compilation, illustrating Death and Spirit Return in a manner that is highly interesting and entertaining; the three volumes presenting data that is valuable to every reflective mind. The two following messages illustrate the transition of two spirits, under varying conditions, showing that even those who are in the purlieus of vice against their will, and intently seeking a way out, when death | felt it so keenly that I resolved to comes they are right royally greeted on the spirit side of life, and their advance is rapid. The three volumes of "The Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World" will prove especially fascinating to those who have any fear of death, or those who are interested in remarkable spirit phenomena. Read carefully the following two messages, the latter having been published many years ago in the St. Louis Republican:

PERATION, AND A FEARFUL SPRANG OUT OF BED AND RAN IN HER FACE. THE YOUNG MAN, TERING TO HERSELF. THEY PUT HENRY, AT THIS TIME, OVERCOME THEIR ARMS AROUND HER AND BY THE SCENE, LEFT THE ROOM. LIFTED HER INTO THE BED SARAH DID NOT NOTICE HIS DE- AGAIN. SHE RESISTED LIKE A PARTURE, BUT CONTINUED TO WILD BEAST, AND SEEMED TO TALK WILDLY OF SOME COMING THINK HERSELF STRUGGLING PERIL. ALL AT ONCE, WHEN WITH A DEADLY FOE. SHE THE DOCTORS WERE ENDEAVOR- HEAPED IMPRECATIONS ON THE DOOR AND UTTERED A PIERCING IN HER PAST LIFE. FOR MORE BECOME A RAVING MANIAC. HER MAINED IN THIS WAY, AND THEN EYES WERE FIXED ON THE DOOR SUDDENLY BECAME QUIET AND AS IF THEY SAW SOME TERRIBLE SEEMINGLY COMPOSED. HER YOUR WORK. BUT I'VE GOT AND FAINT; SHE OPENED HER FRIENDS NOW. I AM NO LONGER EYES AND SMILED SWEETLY. RUINED ME BODY AND SOUL, BUT STRUCK TWELVE."

AS SHE SPOKE, SHE CLUTCHED NOW I'M FREE. KEEP OFF, YOU THE DOCTOR'S ARM WITH DES- VILLAIN. AS SHE SPOKE SHE ING TO COMPOSE HER AND IN- HEAD OF HER HAUNTING PERSE- efforts futile to secure honorable em-DUCE HER TO LIE DOWN, SHE CUTOR AND DEFIED HIM, ALLUD-TURNED HER FACE TOWARD THE ING INCOHERENTLY TO SCENES SHRIEK. IN A MOMENT SHE HAD THAN HALF AN HOUR SHE RE-OBJECT THERE. 'SO YOU'VE EYES CLOSED, AND SHE SEEMED COME, SHE SAID; 'YOU'VE COME, ASLEEP. HER BREATHING BE-JAMES LENNOX, TO COMPLETE CAME REGULAR, BUT VERY LOW AT YOUR CONTROL. OH, HOW I SHE MUTTERED: 'IT IS ALMOST HATE YOU, YOU BAD, WICKED, MORNING;' AND SARAH GLAD-BLOODY-MINDED MAN! YOU STONE DIED AS THE CLOCK

Many times there are circumstances, ences and death. How varied, indeed, that surround the couch of the dying my life has been, and what a graphic that render their transiton peculiarly picture it presents, having such diverinteresting. There stands before me sified outlines. In my Summer-land a young lady, twenty-three years of home, surrounded with all that I deage, whose life experiences and death serve to have, certainly nothing, you are stamped with many instances of a may think, could prevent me from bestartling nature. Her features are ing perfectly happy. Happy! Beauwreathed with a smile, underneath tiful word, tremulous with waves of which seems to repose deep sorrow, as joy, and brilliant with ecstatic emoif a vestige of the troubles of earth-life still cast a shadow over her. Her thy hallowed fruits, but upon me thou eyes beam with a tender expression of hast never showered thy richest treasyet connected therewith ures. Happy! Romantic thought. seems to be a tinge of grief remaining. full of hopes and mystic charms! Over her shoulders her hair, in grace | deed, I am not happy! That backful, wavy ringlets falls, and resting on ground of sadness in my nature, that rui, wavy ringiets fails, and results on the head is a wreath of celestial flowers, so arranged as to form letters which compose sadness. Oh! what a strange mixture of contradictory extrange mixture of contradi pressions in this angelic figure. Her the erring ones there, and with them voice has a sound of dreary melan-choly permeating it, as it gives utter-ance to her thoughts. The mind happiness for me. Within my soul never becomes weary in witnessing a there is a deep sympathy that ever visoul so exceedingly diversified in its brates for those mortals who, like myoutward manifestations. She wants self, had temptations presented to outward manifestations. She wants self, had temptations presented to her life-experiences written, and an account of her departure to spirit life given, that all may know how a — Magdalen—lived and died! As she breathed into my mind that word, I was startled—she, the angelic spirit who stands so near me, shedding a hall high resolves and philanthropic pursual standard self-shed and sunk deep into the purlieus of vice. Think me happy was startled—she, the angelic spirit who stands so near me, shedding a hall high resolves and philanthropic pursual standard self-shed self lowed influence over my nature, a poses? Indeed, child of earth, do Magdalen in earth life! Under the you, whose sympathy is so keenly atmagazien in earth me: Onder the you, whose sympathy is so keenly atinfluence of that announcement, so tuned, think that I can remain in the
agitated did I become, that the vision
presented to me vanished for a time,
but it soon assumed its original brillfallen sisters?

Each good act that I do any one as-Well, fair maiden, what do you sists me in making a silver lining to What do you approach me my spiritual pathway; each want that for? I have gazed on beautiful forms I relieve, adds beautiful gems to my before, but yours, so strangely blend-soul, and assists me to rise. In my ed with the joys of the spirit world early life on earth I had kind, induland the sadness of earth, is delightful gent parents, and they still live in to gaze upon. No pen can accurately their pleasant, domestic home, where describe your features, illuminated nothing exists to disturb their enjoywith such a smile, or give an idea of ment, but the thought of my dissolute the sound of your sweet voice—there career. I was educated in one of the is a background of such intense grief best female seminaries, and stood at reflected in both, that they baffle all the head of my class. Always cheermy efforts to describe them. Standing gracefully by my side, I seem to animated by the innocent, confiding forget the troubles of life for a time, spirit of youth! At the age of sixteen and, bathing in the aroma of your I seemed like a woman, my physical pure nature. life seems to be an ec-system, as well as my mind, having static dream. Please tell me what become prematurely developed, and

chanced to meet at an evening party, praise and extolling me for my various accomplishments, I distrusted him strange infatuation! I could not dispel his subtle power, or banish his pres-ence from my mind. He was forbidden to enter my father's residence still we held clandestine meetings and I was led on, step by step, to the gates weird influence of one of earth's dev ils be withdrawn, but my prayers seemed to return to me in mocking re-

Down, down I went, gradually sink ing deeper and deeper into the mire and filth of degradation, until my of-fense could no longer be concealed. Ah! how my mother shrieked, when the facts of my ruin had been disclosed to her. Her lamentations were, indeed, heartrending, and in tones of deep anguish they penetrated my leasant slumber, and I dreamed. I heart, and made me nearly wild! To saw my aged parents, brothers and there are the saw my aged parents, brothers and heart, and made me nearly wild! To saw my aged parents, brothers and them it was a deep disgrace to have an illegitimate child born, and they felt it so keenly that I resolved to angel accompanied me, and said: "My leave them forever. They did not child, be tranquiled You will soon passed drive me forth with reproving words to the spirit world. The worst is over drive me forth with reproving word.

—oh! no. After my fall they seemed to shower on me all the strength of yielded to the tempter, and fell, but you have all the elements of a true you have all the elements of a true those surroundings that would have a tendency to make me happy.

My destroyer, as soon as he accomplished my ruin, fied to parts unknown, and left me alone to bear the load of shame. Feeling the heavy weight of disgrace resting upon me, sensing it plainly, expelled from so-ciety, and looked upon with conciety, and looked upon with con-tempt, I was not long in making up my mind what I should do. Selecting my choicest wearing apparel, and carefully packing it in my trunk, I managed to get it away without detection, and soon after I found myself in a large city. I do not give names of places, as at this date my parents still live, and I would not add one pang to live, and I would not add one pang to their already wounded hearts. It was night, and how lonely I was. It seemed as if my heart would burst, I seemed as if my heart would burst, I seemed as fall of their already wounded hearts. It was night, and how lonely I was. It seemed as if my heart would burst, I seemed as of my heart would burst, I seemed as room, where I remained while my money lasted, in the many pleasant circumstances, and seemed like a half-awake state I saw standing before me a young lady, innocent in spirit, and pure as the snow-flake when borne aloft by the surging transit, was painless, and accompanied with many pleasant circumstances. My high resolve before the final separby which I could earn a living. Strange, my refusal to give the name of my parents, or to tell where I had previously lived, threw a shadow of shoulder very badly. She arose, but sumpled on the sumpled of the sumplement of the sumpled of the sumplement of the sump ployment in mid-winter.

Finding my resources gradually Then I resolved to poison myself, but was deterred therefrom by a singular dream, wherein I saw myself laid out in a coffin, and the time that was to intervene was only two and a half years. Weary, heart-broken, and very lonesome, I became reckless self in a room plying the vocation of a fallen woman. The place I occupied was not of the ordinary kind. I ornamented it with artificial flowers, rare paintings, the work of my own hands, and finally it appeared like a little enchanted palace. I then became disconsolate. True. I had many admirers, but only selected a few of those, whose contributions enabled me to live comfortably.

Oh, what a life! Carleton, your victim never forgot you, and, strange to say, he never forgot her, for soon after he left her he was shot by the brother of a girl whom he had ruined, and his spirit was prematurely sent to the spirit world, steeped in all manner of wickedness. But Carleton in spirit life still visited me, and his influence seemed like so much poison to my nature.

Finally I was taken sick, and lock to myself. And I did die. Oh! what an angel of light, and scenes I passed through! My brain in doing great good." reeled, and it seemed as if the devils I comprehended the feel was less than a large less than a of hell were let loose upon me. The spirit of Carleton seemed to approach me, and with words of derision, said: "Yea, you are mine, now. I have followed you day after day, and now I could live but a few hours. Strange have you. Before a week shall have creature, Charleyshis soul was moved passed away, you will be with me in with deep emotions of sympathy for

"Back! Carleton! You ruined me, then the door was broken in and Charley H--- came to my bedside. he was my dearest friend. In my loneliness he cheered me, and made life more pleasant than it would otherwise have been. What a sad picture I then presented. Hair dishev-eled, eyes streaming with scalding tears, features distorted with frenzy, while I uttered shriek after shriek, in agonizing terror, as I gazed at my tormentor, Carleton! There he stood in one corner of my room, his nature disrobed of its outer covering, pre-senting his real character in all of its hideous deformity. I had a burning fever. I was wild—in one sense, insane—vet I realized all.

Carleton's presence seemed to pierce my vitals with a flerce fire, and tones of the deepest anguish for his deceitfulness and insatiate perfidy, but he responded only in a demoniacal laugh. Said I: "Oh! look at this wreck! Gaze at your victim dying by inches, and you, monster, have come again to torment her! Look at the home you destroyed, and see the sad, heart-broken parents still living

deed, monster, beware! A retribugreatly admired me, and under the tion awaits you. Instead of returning ers and breathe upon him the benedictions of my soul, rendered noble by

My denunciations only awakened in good works. When I became power-less to move, my eyes gazing vacantly him smiles of hate, and instead of leaving, he approached me closer, unin space, with pure devotion he stood over me, watching for favorable symptoms. Oh! I was then dying! My high resolves had brought to my til he could almost lay his hands upon me. It was then that my piteous moans attracted attention, and caused the door to be forced open. My friend, naturally tender-hearted and of ruin! Oh! how I prayed that the humane, and whose only sin consisted tempter might be removed, and the in visiting a fallen woman, burst into a flood of tears as he gazed at me, a wreck of my former self. "Claude (name I assumed), what on earth is the matter?" he inquired.

"Oh! Charley, I am dying! brain feels as if a thousand needles were pricking it, and I must soon Dass away." He hastily summoned a physician,

who administered opiates that tempowoman, only they are darkly clouded. You were tender-hearted, innocent and confiding, and though led astray, and for a time a resident of the purlieus of vice, yet your experiences will the instrumentality of kindness and lead to magnificent results. Now being acquainted with the true condition of fallen women; you can make on earth, and I even now still suffer from the effects of my misdeeds. turning to earth in spirit and minis-tering to them—trying to elevate them in the scale of existence. Be of good cheer, then, for you have but a few hours to remain."

in I then awoke from my pleasant visions Aftenithat I fild not see Carleton who ruined me is far beneath me in again. My interior sight was opened, and I fully realized my true condition, enveloped him with a bright halo that actuated suspicion over me, and I found all my felt the pain severely, and continuing to move, I noticed that she stumbled again, this time mutilating one of her cheeks, and thus she continued to rise dwindling away, I was compelled to and fall, until her whole system was resort for assistance to a house of ill- one mass of scars—disgusting disfigone mass of scars—disgusting disfigurements, illustrating the results of missteps in life. What a change! A lovely, angelic creature, whose mo-tions were sylph-like and whose nature sparkled with the innocence of childhood, had become a hideous-look-

ing creature, and my soul went out in sympathy for her.
What means this? thought I. Pres ently I saw a spirit approach her, and tell her that the scars on her person could never be erased, only by high resolves and philanthropic deeds. So this scar-covered creature went forth, and devoted all the energies of her not been tempted, created a black Your spirit is covered with deep scars, and the way to eradicate them has been illustrated to you. Be hopeful! You are soon to pass through a change called death, and relieved of your unpleasant surroundings, you but bathe them in their heaven-born will quickly progress to a higher sphere. You have stumbled, and now ing the door of my room, I resolved to your spirit is disfigured very badly, die alone, my real name known only but rest assured that you can become but rest assured that you can become an angel of light, and be instrumental

I comprehended the lesson. When I awoke from my reverle, for such it seemed to be. I found my friend Charley and the doctor standing over me, me, and he wept like a child, offering the doctor any price if he would effect and now you want to destroy my soul. a cure. "I never knew, doctor," he Back! back! help! help!" I cried, and said, "that I loved her so intensely as said, "that I loved her so intensely as now. Had I felt this high and holy emotion before, I would have saved the hor". I then revived and he sold the saved I then revived, and he said: selves beneath me, and their position

"Claude, what can'l do for you?"

"Oh! I am dying. Sympathy is more desirable than mine was at first, forever!"
sweet, even when it is manifested at while those whose souls were attuned She his the last moments of life. I have cher- in sweet accord with the angels, and ished for you as strange love, to went forth in tremulous waves of sym-which I never gave full expression, pathy for me, blessed be they, for and now I am glad it is reciprocated.
I am a fallen woman, and the world despises me. bA dark cloud has obThe angel world can see the cause of scured my spathway, thorns have evil, trace its origin, and understand pricked me, and broken glass cut my fully its ultimate effects. The re-

you will never visit a Magdalen, only to redeem her, to save her from a life gem of radiant beauty, and it is an or-nament one may be well proud of. Promise me that and my love shall be a legacy to you worth more than mill-

lived a wretched life."
"Now give me a parting klas, Char-"Now give me a parting kiss, Char-ley, and I shall die with the satisfac choicest colors, and exhaling a heaven-

feet, and to day I am a wreck. You sults of sin are deplorable enough are wealthy. You say you love me." without having the hateful stigma of "Yes, Claude, indeed I do.". society resting upon the sinner, crush-"Then promise me one thing; that ing all the high and holy aspirations of one's nature to reform. Nature never becomes ashamed of the crimagain and again did I reproach him in of shame. Purity of character is a inal; her plants never blush when a her waters never fail to cleanse the had been called, she frequently said, lonely soul presses them to her cheek; external form—why, then, should hatred gleam forth from a human beions of gold. Do you promise?" ing when a fallen creature appeals for "Yes, my darling Claude, I promise." sympathy? Why stigmatize them, and You are dying an angel, if you have frown them down with the finger of physical strength. On Monday and scorn?

whom I will call Carleton, that I more desolate my last moments. In that transpired. Oh! how I cherish in The little tendrils, when first expandmy soul that noble man who, standing ing into vigorous life in the dark by my bedside, dedicated his life to ground, were scratched with broken genial influence of sunshine and rain they bore upon their stems beautiful blossoms. Ah! in angel-land there are many pure spirits who ascended thither from the low dens of vice on earth, and they, too, had to contend with obstructions thrown in their way by the "pure," so-called, mortals of earth. The finger of scorn emits a

more poisonous influence than the fangs of the cobra, and those who raise it against another injure them-selves more than the one to whom it is directed. Sympathy is the sweetest, purest, holiest flower in the garden of the soul, and could you behold the tremulous waves of its beautiful eaves when moved with the spirit of compassion for the down-trodden, you would rejoice, and could you see them droop in sadness, and their beautiful tints fade when anyone is contemptuously stigmatized, you would shed tears of sorrow. But now I must leave you for the present.

letter, demonstrates the fact that all of shame, weave such a dark network can, who so desire, reform and become angelic in nature. ences of Claude resemble, in some re spects, those of Sarah Gladstone, who resided in St. Louis, Mo., several years ago, the following account of which was published in the Republican of

The facts connected with the death of Sarah Gladstone have been kept quiet, and away from the public, but have excited a very deep interest among the medical men and others pens to chronicle my experiences, and acquainted with them. There appears, Be of paint in vivid pictures the scenes of however, no object in further secrecy The unfortunate woman has been dead several weeks, and it is pretty well esmany strange experiences. The one tablished that she has left no relatives whose feelings need be considered in connection with the matter.

Sarah Gladstone belonged to that class of prostitutes called by the poby pure motives, and soon, too, he will lice "privateers." Her home was a advance to a higher sphere. Though small room in a tenement building, a fallen woman, my death, the final which she kept furnished with great transit, was painless, and accompanied neatness and taste. It was never the with many pleasant circumstances, scene of drunken revels or unruly

and no one who sincerely wishes to be ill. The fact was first discovered by a How true it is, that when a misstep habit of visiting her. He went to her s made by human beings they are room late one Saturday night and often whirled into the vortex of licen- found Sarah kneeling on the rug be fore the fire-place, her face buried in bewildered, and her hands, and weeping bitterly.

smarting under the full appreciation The young man states that he enof their disgrace, they continue to deavored to persuade her to tell him sink deeper and deeper in the cess- what was the trouble, but that she what was the trouble, but that she seemed bewildered, and persisted in them, and it is almost impossible for passionate entreaties that he should eave the room. Her agitation increased, and finally, fearing the sound the impulses of my soul to lead a no-ble life, and weave a web of purity to he went away.

The following Sunday, feeling to conceal the scars that had appeared on my mortal nature, the stigma that courteously interested in the state of rested on me, showered there by those the unhappy girl, he again went to her who had not sinned because they had room. He found the door locked, and could gain no response to his knocks. soul to alleviating the sorrows of dismal cloud, through which my vision On Monday evening he went to the those that she could influence, and in could not penetrate, and which I same place. He knocked, and after proportion to the good which she did could not dispel. Oh! mortals of waiting some time, she finally admitproportion to the good which she did the loathsome appearance of her person disappeared, until finally she stood forth the same pure soul as when I first saw her. "Such," said ture's flowers send forth their heaven the angel visitant, "is your condition. Your spirit is covered with deep the such as the same pure soul as the same pure soul as when I first saw her. "Such," said ture's flowers send forth their heaven born fragrance and develop their beautiful colors in the garden of the born fragrance and develop their extreme weakness. The following is beautiful colors in the garden of the his report of the conversation that Magdalen equally as well as in the took place:

"You are sick, Sarah," I said.

scented breezes of heaven do not avoid the doors of the low and vile, right in a few days."

"It's of no use, Henry; nothing can influence. The genial sun does not withhold its rays from anyone—it conmust go. My strength is ebbing away demns none. Supposing the flowers fast, and by this day week I shall be should fade or frown when one sinned, dead. I'm not sorry," she continued or the bounteous stores of nature's blessings be withdrawn, or appear disgusted, what encouragement for reformation? Oh! you of earth should intigate the flowers and as they sure up and down the room, wringing her round the fallen with their divine hands, "why should he be the one to aroma, so should you envelop them call me? He ruined me; he stole me with a network of charity and love, away from happy Stamford, and made and regard them with the highest deme all alone with my dead child in the Now in spirit world, breathing its big city, and laughed at my prayers pure atmosphere and basking, at and tears. I heard he was dead long times, in the hallowed influence of an- ago-shot himself down South-and I my evil star. in the spirit world will not be much life. Curse him! curse him in hell!

> She hissed those last words through her teeth with terrible emphasis, and sank on the sofa panting and exhausted. I left her for a short time and procured two of my medical friends. and returned to the room.

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