A NOBLE HUMANITARIAN WORK.

An Outing Enjoyed by Chicago Moth-

ers and Children, at Clinton

camp, Iowa.

far and wide, through the pages of

The Progressive Thinker.

It may not be generally known that

two years ago the M. V. S. A became

interested in the summer outing work

of the Bureau of Charities of Chicago,

the object of this work being to pro-

vide a much needed summer outing to

ground at Mt. Pleasant Park, Glinton

was gratefully accepted by the Bureau, and a year ago the first party of 50

were sent, and enjoyed the hospitality offered them by the friends there.

The venture proved so satisfactory and successful that this year again the

offer was repeated, and an enlarged

number invited, and a very pleasant

surprise was given the writer when she received a telegram from the Bu-

reau of Charities, with a special re-

quest that she would go to Clinton and

take charge of the camp. The tole-

gram was like the boom of a cannon to

vitation was accepted, and on the 28th

of August, the family of 70-13 moth-

ers with their children and three at-

tendants-started for the camp

grounds at Clinton.

We were met at the depot by the

citizen's committee, representing the

city generally, who had generously

provided a fund amply sufficient to pay all the expenses of the party while

there. We were conducted to a spe-

cial car and taken to the park, and

were cordfally welcomed there by the

representatives of the M. V. S. A., Mr.

and Mrs. Chambers, superintendent of

the grounds. The party was at once conducted to the dining-hall, where a

sumptuous supper was already await-

ing us, and having done justice to this

found the spacious pavilion on the

grounds already prepared to receive us, the association having furnished

all the supplies necessary for our comfort. The beds were quickly allotted,

the mothers with large families being

placed in tents by themselves, and this finished, the entire party threw

care, toil and trouble to the winds,

and entered upon what will be to them

never-to-be-forgotten ten days of un-

camp grounds of Mt. Pleasant Park.

the delight of the weary mothers and

happy children, as they enjoyed the

absolute freedom of the grounds, will be fully appreciated. No restriction was placed upon them save that which

exists in all well regulated families,

and to their credit be it said, no liber-

ties were taken, no breach of discipline

occurred, and we think the manage-

ment of the grounds will bear us out

in saving no injury was done the park

in any way. Our genial host and host-

ess were everywhere in evidence, un-

tiring in their efforts, and no stone

was left unturned to insure the com-

the support of the, camp had been

raised among the citizens, and the

provisions were of the best, plain but

good, generous and bountiful, and one

of the most delightful features of the

venture was that all the churches

worked hand to hand and heart to

heart with the Spiritualist association

in the good work. Each day a com-

mittee of ladies, representatives of the

various churches, met at the grounds

and waited upon the tables, thus

the recipients of their bounty, the en-

rapidity with which the generous sup-

ply of good things disappeared and

the cyldent enjoyment of the con-

A trip to beautiful Eagle Point Park furnished one delightful after-

noon's enjoyment. Dancing and other

amusements in the pavilion at night

were enjoyed by all, some of our

friends still on the grounds sharing

the fun with us, and on Sunday a con-

cert was given in the auditorium by the church choirs of the city, and once

voice of our own sweet singer. Mrs.

Frankie Cole, so well known to Spir-

itualists generally, and who fortunate-

Indeed each day was a continuous

song of joy which only ended when at

the close of ten happy days the party

again boarded the train for home,

shouting themselves hoarse for the M.

Clinton for their hospitable welcome.

upon this record-breaking outing is

very great: I know the space is limited

accomplished there? It did the writ-

er's heart good to see the kindly spirit evinced by all, and to hear the words

the citizens to the association for the

generous loan of their grounds, and

so enthusiastic have they become in

the work that at the close it was de-

termined to make a two weeks' outing

One hundred (mothers and children)

no need to erect great buildings of wood and stone, if we reach the

hearts and souls of humanity, and lift

them up to higher and better things.

Clinton has set a noble example. She

of usefulness, and too much praise

cannot be given. They have proven the possibility of success, and the

name of Clinton is already engraven in

gratitude upon many a suffering heart; and what she has done, other

Spiritualist associations may do. The

need is great, and hearts are waiting

for that ray of sunshine which it is

in the power of our people to give

and we believe the generosity of the

M. V. S. A. will find its echo, and that

in the near future other camp grounds

ald in the good work. CAROLINE CATLIN SILVER.

opened the door to a wide sphere

This is the kind of work we need:

are to be entertained next year.

supplies, and

the use of the necessary

wood and stone,

S. A., and the generous citizens of

The temptation to enlarge more

ore we were permitted to hear the

As already intimated the fund for

fort of the party.

To those who know the beautiful

alloyed happiness and rejoicing.

their ten days' outing was begun.

work of settling the family for r ten days' outing was begun. We

an old war-horse, and so with her in-

Iowa, for this purpose.

PETTY GRAFT PREVALENT.

The Need of More Genuine Spirituality Is Apparent When One Considers Petty Graft as Exemplified in Ordinary Business Transactions.

We hear so much criticism both outside and inside the body, about the The great American public is protesting against graft. And yet that lack of humanitarian work undersame protesting, finger-pointing pubtaken by Spiritualists generally, that lic daily is giving support and encourament to hundreds of little grafts it is a matter for great rejoicing when any move is made by any of its people which should be forced out of that is calculated to make the world ence. The dear blind public overlooks the fact that the only difference beunderstand they do not live for themween the small grafter and the big Such a move has been made by the grafter is measured by dollars Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Associalimited by opportunity. The little grafter of to-day may be the big tion of Clinton, Iowa, and I am more than auxious that a report, of the work done there, should be scattered

grafter of to-morrow. One of the strongest pillars of the small graft is the bargain-hunting In the desire to get some thing cheap or something for nothing people with limited means will grasp at any opportunity which presents itself garbed in a well-worded ad. The woman who wants to buy a fur coat, for example says: "Why should I go the hard-working mothers and chil-dren of the congested districts of the large establishment and pay an exorbitant price just for the name city. During the correspondence that followed the M. V. S. A. generously offered the use of their beautiful camp when I can go right to a pawnshop and buy a garment which has not been redeemed by its owner, but which is

Buying Furs From Pawnshop.

quite as good as new, for about half

Accordingly she goes to the pawnbroker and purchases the coat. She does not stop to consider that comparatively few women pawn their furs and fewer leave them unredeemed, nor does she realize that quite a number in proportion will be moved by the same impulse which took her to the pawnshop, or that the supply of unredeemed garments does not begin to meet the demand for fur bargains. What is the result? Old furs are bought up for a song, dyed, made over, given an up-to-date touch in buttons or trimming and sold as "almost new." A pawn ticket attached to a button is all that is needed to the sale.

Perhaps you will say the writer has gone a long distance out of his way for this illustration. Granted. But when it becomes known that a single pawnbroker offered to buy the services of a leading furrier, taking his force of workmen as it stood, for this work exclusively, and agreed to give him contract for five years, the possibilities of this seemingly insignificant graft become apparent.

Fake Auction Grafters Flourish. A few years ago a man in Cincinnati had a small store which he found falling behind and which he decided to sell out. His entire stock occupied but one floor, and, with a good auctioneer and a buying crowd, could not brisk selling. Eight months that clos ing out sale continued, and was terminated then only by the expiration of the lease. Goods which never had place in the store were brought in in

carload lots and sold at enormous profit in the excitement of the auction The proprietor of the store retained the auctioneer, and together they go from town to town, staying from six months to a year in a place, and selling out the business of some merchant who has not been able to succeed.

Bankrupt stocks and antediluvian merchandise he buys up right and left to his working force is a buyer who draws a salary of \$5,000 a year. And the money he makes comes out of the pockets of the American public bitterly protesting against graft.

Eveglass Game Is Easy. Some of the little grafts practiced

in the country are unique enough to make the mind which could originate them seem most contemptible.

There is the "eye-glass game," as it is called by members of the profespeddler or agent come through the country with a line of goods which he displays to the farmer and his family. Perhaps he makes a sale, but whether he does or not he has gained an audience with them. discovers some member of the family wears glasses, so, quite casually, re marks that he "picked up" a splendid pair of solid gold glasses on the train that morning-some traveler must have dropped them. Then he searches around in the bottom of the case and brings out the glasses which he will be about right for the intended victim. They are resplendent and stylish, and immediately the de sire to exchange the old steel bowed spectacles for a pair of shiny, up-tolate nose glasses is created. Reluctantly the agent parts with them for from \$1 to \$3 and then goes on his way.

Cost 27 Cents a Pair. At the next sewing society the story

leaks out, and it is well for the agent These glasses cost him at wholesale about 27 cents a pair.

It seems a far cry from the pawnbroker to the auctioneer, and the eyeglass seller to the bank looter and fugitive from justice, but after all the difference largely is in environment and education. The owner of the pawnshop, whose name does not appear in connection with that business. is a power in a growing corporation, and it is safe to assume that the methods prevailing in one business will be introduced in the other. The auction-eer, or rather the man who runs the auction scheme, already is a director in one of the larger banks, and the of respect, esteem and gratitude from seller of eye glasses awaits only an opportunity to branch out in his opera tions to cheat the people.

When the public takes a stand for honest methods, honest merchandise. and a "square deal" in every phase of business dealing, then will the row-o up on the heights in banking circles or down in the lowlands of penny prac J. N. MITCHELL.

LONG YEARS AGO.

The sun went down upon our wrath Long years ago: Dark shadows fell upon our path 'Tis ever so.

Spring time and summer come and go, With bud and flower, Then autumn rains her warning down In golden shower.

The sun went down upon our wrath Long years ago; The shadows deepen on our path,

We older grow. Comes winter, bringing Yule log in And berry bright; Then the pale embers whisper low.

'Good night-Good night." -E. E. Cheveler

SECULAR MORALITY.

It Is the Most Exalted Kind, Spiritualizing and Uplifting, and Leads to Excellent Results, as Set Forth in the Searchlight.

The English people have had a world of trouble over the desire of so many that religion be taught in the public schools.

At an earlier stage of the interminable controversy going on, mainly between the Church of England and the dissenting Protestants, Mr. W. T. Stead said: "When once we begin to examine and to define we shall not be long in discovering that nearly everything which is of vital practical importance in the "religious" lessons can be taught as part of the ordinary compulsory 'secular curriculum," in which connection he states that, "The only definition of religion in the Bible limits it to the secular virtues of visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and in keeping ourselves unspotted from the world. That is coming near the position I

have suggested more than once that true morality of the highest type can be taught without any reference to the Bible. It is not necessary to quote the Ten Commandments in order to teach children to honor their parents. There is no moral good in the Bible that cannot be found elsewhere and nothing is morally good because it is in the Bible: Liberals are just as anxious to have

morality taught in the schools as are Christians, but they object to having that morality cloaked with religion. There are Sunday-schools, churches and family circles in which those who so desire can teach religion, but, in the public schools, let us have morality without religion.

Some time ago it was reported that in New York City there was to be introduced a "Syllabus of Ethics," from which the press of that time published extensive quotations. If the plan was ever put into execution I have seen no statement regarding its results As may be observed from the fol-

lowing paragraphs, which are taken from reports then current; the plan proposed was truly non-sectarian in character, and suggestive of considerable improvement over former methods. It went on to say: "It should be the aim of every teacher to make each part of the life

of the school count for moral education. This aim should be present, not only in formal instruction and training, but also in the general atmosphere and spirit of the class-room and of the school. In working toward this aim the following suggestions, based on the experience of practical teachers, will be found helpful: "The personality of the teacher is

at the root of all moral education in The teacher's ideals, sinthe school. cerity, poise, self-control, courtesy, voice, manner, dress and general attitude toward life, are potent forces for character building. "Self-respect, which is also funda-mental to moral development, is en-

gendered in a child when he does his best tasks that are worth while and within his power to do well, with proper recognition by teacher and school-fellows of work well done. "The child should early gain the idea of social membership. The truth

that co-operation and unselfishness are essential to true social living should be made real and vital. This truth is brought home through 'group work,' where the work of each is necessary to the work of all, and through the feeling in a school or class that the honor of all is in the keeping of each. "The child should also learn that

he is a member, not only of the school. but of the family, of the neighborhood, of the city, and of the State and Nation. The meaning of loyal membership of these social institutions should be made clear. The naturalness and the necessity of obedience and helpfulness should be shown The moral aspect of home tasks and working with and not against the departments of health, street cleaning, police and education, should be enforced by concrete applications. pressed that without loval and effect ive social membership no individual can wholly live.

"No person has a fully developed moral character until there has been a transfer of the seat of authority from without to within himself; moral man obeys himself. Each child. in every grade, should be steadily helped towards self-direction and self-government. Effective means to this end are: appeals to initiative and resourcefulness; the development of such a sense of honor as will preserve order without surveillance; and some form of organization designed to quicken and exercise the sense of responsibility.

"In connection with the regular studies of the school, certain aspects of contemporary' civilization, which are of value for developing the social pitals, societies for the prevention of cruelty to children and to animals, homes for orphans and for the aged and infirm, fresh air funds, and similar agencies for social service, should be brought within the child's compre of heroism and self-sacrifice done by firemen, policemen, soldiers, inventors and persons in the ordinary walks of life, should be presented and dwelt The truth that success in life means more than mere money getting can thus be brought home again and again. The contemplation of deeds

The glory of science is that it is freeing the soul, breaking the mental manacles, getting the brain out of bondage, giving courage to thought—filling the world with mercy, justice and joy.—Robert G. Ingersoll.

ecessary, though subordinate, place

in molding moral taste."

This is a world of compensations; and he who would be no slave must consent to have no slave.—Abraham Lincoln.

There is work that is work and here is play that is play; there is play that is work and work that is play. And in only one of these lies happiness.—Gelett Burgess.

Bir, in carrying on your govern? ment, why should you use killing at all? Let your evinced desires be for what is good, and the people will be The grass must bend, he wind blows across it.—Confucius

(to Emperor Ke Wang). The true rule in usiness is to guard and do by the things of others as they do by their own. Hindoo. A Pertinent Illustration.

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Demonstrates the Infamous Work of the Catholic Priesthood in Our New Possessiens, the Philippines.

DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY CHURCH, | people according to the commandment

Officials.

[From the Manila Daily American.] To the Voters: - "CATHOLICS EXCEPT THOSE WHO ARE TRUE GOOD MEN OF THE HOLY CHURCH and upliftment; the very air is permeted and upliftment. It is not possible and upliftment are described and upliftment are described and upliftment. possible and unreasonable to expect TOWARD GOD. If you vote for a

fulfill his duty at election time. He vote for any other than a true Cathmust choose Christian men who are olic, you will be overwhelmed by the faithful to the church and who fear many sins that will be thrust upon God, men who will not bring discredit you, besides you will be responsible upon it and not cause it to take a for all he does. backward step by working against truth and righteousness, but who will these two words of instruction: First, rather advance the interest of the it is the duty of all Catholics to vote government."-Archbishop of Colon.

ING YOUR BODY AND SOUL ASK HEAVY DUTY TO INDUCE ONLY to return from that bourne to commu-THAT YOU NOT ONLY VOTE FOR CATHOLICS TO VOTE, AND TO MEN WHO ARE WISE, BUT FOR MEN WHO ARE GOOD CATHOLICS, who will promote the welfare of the

of God given to Moses when he said: Concerning the Election of Public "Choose you from the multitude men who fear God and hate iniquity and make them rulers over you."-Exod. 18. And because many of you do not

MUST NOT VOTE FOR MEN TO know for whom you should vote, YOU that irreligious men (non-Catholic) man who will not advance the interest will put down existing evils."-Leo of the people you commit a mortal sin. NEVER VOTE FOR ANY OTHER

"The voter will sin if he does not THAN A TRUE CATHOLIC. If you

Therefore we desire that you take when they get a chance; second, THE THE ONES WHO HAVE IN KEEP- VOTER HAS A BINDING AND VOTE ONLY FOR CATHOLICS.

By order of the ARCHBISHOP OF MANILA.

TRENCHANT REFLECTIONS.

Important Extract From Faraday's Origin of Religion, Illustrating How the Church Once Ruled With an Iron Scepter.

The church once ruled with an iron scepter "over science, and crushed it out wherever it threatened to reveal the falsity of her claims. Millions of spirits were sent into the life hereafter with no knowledge of that life as it really is, and the effect upon them has been to retard for centuries the spread of the trum concerning spirit life to those on earth. By the law of temperamental adaptation, they hover near the earth without knowledge of the means to effect their ant people suppose to be a necessary limitations of knowledge as well as apolis. psychological impressions; for if they

a new line of thought.
"Much of the persecution and evil of the world came from the determi- can be conveniently obtained; do vent the overthrow of their power, and not from a desire to preserve give the Morris Pratt School as large truth. This bias of the race having a lift, at each place as is consistent. been determined by religion as a method of attaining truth of a spiritual nature, most of the efforts of better minds in spirit life had to be diverted into the channel of religious reforms in order to obtain access to Progressive Thinker. the minds of neonle on earth, so that moral ideas could be enforced from spiritual standpoint: for it was in obedience to moral ideas as a basis that true spiritual growth could be obtained.

"This brought the reformers in direct collision with the old superstitions, and the believers in the old be ing more powerful in numbers, with the advantage of the civil power their hands, attempted to suppress the new ideas with violence, filling the earth with blood and crime in the name of religion. In the history of all religious persecutions the priests of the old religions have been the persecutors of the founders of the new

"The priesthood claimed a higher position for themselves in morals than they demanded of the common people. but usually their lives were below the average moral standard. Living sumptuously upon the sacrificial offerings of animals and other gifts, they developed abnormal animal passions, which caused much of the degradation which involved the temple and cloister. The vestal virgins in ancient religions, and nuns in modern religions, and other secluded classes of women in religious orders, afford the pas-

considered by the people to be evi-dence of the proximity of a God in We find what seemed a wrong yesthe temple, and the woman so favored terday was a wrong interpretation was regarded as honored beyond other through ignorance; by study we find women, but in modern days no woman a great truth, and truth comes to us ven in seclusion can attribute the pa- in so many different ways. ternity of her child to the favor of the line order to appreciate the moon we Almighty and be believed. Since the must have the darkness of night. In acceptance of Jesus as the only son all ages people have been seeking of a virgin, begotten by God, the pub-lic occupation of such virgins has changed in religious orders although or knowledge, Youth seeks happiness you have no evidence that the real ob- mostly in athletic sports, and this is ject for which the order was instituted wisdom's intuition, as it is necessary has been modified."

omit any comments on the foregoing the future in whatever direction it extract. That Spirit Faraday is one may seek happiness, for that is the extract. That Spirit Faraday is one may seek happiness, for that is the of, the most difficult fellows to get aim in life. The miser, the gambler, hold of in logic and argument, and embezzler and murderer, all are seekit is my opinion the entire priesthood ing happiness, they risk life in trying are tired and disgusted with him. ied the "Confession of the Pagan the fallacy is in their perverted idea. Priests of Rome," and thought I If one starts off in the wrong direction should have to fight this same Fara-

cular, I concluded not to take hold or a light in another direction.

E. T. DICKINSON.

Let us seek to be a landmark

To those that go astor

In wonder all philosophy [say religion] began, in wonder it ends, and admiration fills up the interspace; but But blend in harmony, the first wonder is the offspring of ig- As great, or small, it takes us all norance, the last is the parent of adoration.—Coleridge

MOSES AND MATTIE HULL

They Are to Make Another Trip to the Pacific Coast, and Spiritualists All Along the Line Should Keep Them Busy.

Not until the close of the National Convention at Chicago, was it fully lecided to make one more trip to the Pacific Coast. This is done in the interest of Spiritualism in the places where we may visit, and to arouse an increasing interest in the Morris Pratt School. Those wishing our services en route, or while on the Coast, should lose no time in letting us know that we may make a date for them on the way. Our decision now is to leave the

own redemption from the results of school and our home in Whitewater, earth life, and reflect their own ignor-either on the 15th or 16th of Novemance and sorrow upon the sensitive ber. Our first stop will be in Minneminds there, producing fantastical apolis and St. Paul. It is possible and extravagant feelings which ignor- that we may spend a week, or even more in the "twin cities." Address us proof of religious experience. Such while there in care of Dr. J. S. Max-people are the victims of self-imposed well, 1644 Hennepin avenue, Minne-Our next halting place will be Bil-

ould fearlessly inquire of other people the opinions held by such people
upon religious topics, they would
change the action of the brain and
give both the spirit in and the spirit

Our fext hatting place will be Blilings, Montana. Address us while
there at "Cottage Inn." Then we go
on, via Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma,
Olympia, Wash., and Portland, and
give both the spirit in and the spirit out of the mortal body an impetus in and other points to which we are called in California Our terms are: Give us good audi-

that has centered around the religions ences, in as good halls or parlors as nations of the priestly orders to pre- much as you conveniently can toward paying our traveling expenses, and It is sincerely hoped that this trip

may be the last one necessary to be We shall report from time to time our successes and failures, in The

MOSES HULL, MATTIE E. HULL.

RAMBLING THOUGHTS.

While Enjoying a Delightful Season in the Beautiful Village of Corona, California.

As I gaze upon the Pepper Tree In its perfect shade of green, With its lovely load of berries Hanging gracefully between, Seems like a giant monarch Or upon her throne a queen.

How beautiful its coloring, and its spicy fragrance seems like sweet incense to the spirit, bringing us in harmony with the Great Master Mind that has made all things in harmony and love. How can we hold hate, envy, jealousy, while we realize how all our wants have been anticipated and provided for? Why waste our time in idle regrets or worry for past or fu-ture, while we see and know that God's great storehouse and college has its doors wide open for us to learn the things which will bring us truth, love and happiness?

How glad am I that I live in this sions of the priesthood a safe and se-cret method of gratification. age or era, when we can all mingle together free to seek God through the "In ancient days the birth of a child different avenues of our own under from one of the sacred priestesses was standing; that only the ignorant will

to the development of the man or wo Mr. Editor, please pardon me if I man, to give strength to the body for to gain that which they desire, expect-Several years ago I read and stud- ing it to bring them happiness; but he is like the lost traveler, he conday; but when I got to him he showed tinues in the same path, going round up so tall, brond-shouldered and must and around until he sees a landmark.

To those that go astray. And we can learn true happiness From leaf, and branch and tree: That we cannot live another's life To make one living family. C. A. PECK. New York City.

THE NEW THOUGHT CONVENTION.

Something Regarding This Harmoni-ous Body of People—Our Cousins.

Having put in the nights and days during the previous week compiling the proceedings of the National Spiritualists' Convention, your reporter also spent the evenings of last week at the New Thought Convention, and while it is not the purpose in this article to give the proceedings, I do want to make some statements by way of comparison, and will endeavor to make them interesting and instruct-

In the first place, let it be said that the New Thought people have harmony; it is one of the foundation principles of their organization; they unify their thought and their work by concentration upon the one word "Harmony;" they go into the silence prayer (very much as the Quakers do) upon a single thought, and no psychic every thinker and more especially to every true psychic.

Every Spiritualist who has lifted his thought from the phenomena of Spiritualism long enough to reflect upon the power of thought and kinired subjects, believes, with these people, in the efficacy of pure and uplift-

Many of the members of the New Thought movement are also workers in the cause of Spiritualism: in fact. address Thursday evening, Spiritualism made it possible for the New Thought Association to exist.
They believe in a future conscious

existence of spirit, and the possibility nicate with mortals, and nowhere else in modern times can proof be found to substantiate this statement, but in and through mediumship of some

Spiritualism has the foundation upon which this structure is being built, and can with as much propriety "go into the silence" and commune oul to soul, and harmonize their effort, as the New Thought people. But there has ever seemed a disposition among Spiritualists to settle down upon their truth, their foundation, and bend their efforts towards show ing it to the world, their phenomena with an air of ownership, through a right of discovery (re-discovery, properly speaking), to the complete neg-lect of the adoption of the many uplifting and inspiring teachings of their spirit friends.

They have not been sleeping during all the past years, but have been too ousy gloating over what they found to think of some practical use it might be made to the world. Spirit friends have ever taught

beace on earth and good will to men;" they have stood for harmony truth and love; the power of thought he influence of silence toward the formation of high and noble resolu-tions; and still Spiritualists have lingered in a state of elation, enthusiasm and ecstasy, close around the foundation, visiting, joking, gossipping, and often, too often, slandering, scandalizing, criticising and backbiting each other; creating inharmony, confusion, and a proportionately bad unon th. and inviting, very justly, the contumely of the better class of people. does not include all Spiritualists b

This may seem harsh, and in reality any means, but everyone knows it is the truth, and this New Thought Association is beginning the work should have been doing, in part, long ago.

They do not deny the existence of

matter, as do Christian Scientists, but they know that spirit has supremacy over matter. They do not deny that there is sin, error, and disease, but hold spirit as the ruling power over all-rightly understood and applied. Is there anything in this that Spiritualists deny? No; and they work with these people for peace and harmony; health and happiness. When we lose our broadness and

cling to envy, selfishness and prejudice we become dogmatic and narrow. Spiritualism should take hold of every movement that has for its purpose the betterment of humanity, and so they are to an extent; but it should not only go hand in hand with other institutions of reform; it should lead and push. This belongs to the spirit part of man, the finer and higher side of life, and the angels of wisdom urge We have told the world over and

over about our phenomena and beautiful philosophy; how it came through those innocent little girls, from a peddler who was rapping at the door, tap ping on the window, etc.; that is hishistory, and perpetuate the cause by teaching the people that harmony and peace are better than strife and that truth is superior to falsehood; that life is continuous in which to grow and unfold; to evolute; to rise; and that while we have re-discovered an important truth, now we must use

In the meantime let us remember that as we drop into the cold earth this old clod of clay, the twealth that might and should been used to carry cheer to souls of despondents, and food to the hungry will but be a milistone about neck in spirit land, if left to fight over The New Thought Convention was

composed of intelligent, clean-looking and cheerful people, as was the N. S. A. Convention. The difference between the silent work of thought for harmony and the vigorous contention for unimportant measures of legisla tion was apparent to the casual observer, and decidedly in favor of work through silent, calm concentration. No one is going to steal the phenom ena, and we hold no deed to it, could not hold it as our own if we would

Spirit return depends upon the knowl edge and power of the disembodied possible channel, irrespective of isn or philosophy, morals or wealth, and it is left with us to build upon it for the world a home of peace and happiness here and now, and for all future time. The teachings of Spiritualism are clearly religious in the highest sense,

according to the best modern defini-tion of the word, and rightly under-stood belong in every reform work, also every institution having for its aim the good of every living thing. New Thought people have discovered nothing that can properly be lively than a cheerful, kind called new; they have adopted a methal shiny old age.—. M. Child.

LEGERDEMAIN.

Cases Where It Is Practiced Are Still Coming to Light-The Latest Victim at Ray, Ind .- Another Credulous Victim Duped.

NO. 880

A. B. Noble of Ray, Ind., is the latest professed Spiritualist to allow credulity to predominate over good judg-ment. Early last spring he became a regular visitor to Fort Wayne, osten-sibly on business, but it has developed that he went to consult fortune-tellers and clairvoyants, keeping posted on all the new ones that came to that town.

On Oct. 7, Mr. Noble went to Fort

Wayne to meet a "Prof. Vaughan," and among other things the Professor had him give him a small amount of money which was put into an envelope and sealed and after some incanta-tions was handed back to Noble with the instructions to carry it for several hours that it might work as a talisman to attract other money to him. Noble did this and the next day opened his package and found his money all right. He hurried back to the Professor in a day or so, who after the usual amount of "soft soaping," told Noble there was a band of evil spirits around him which he would have hard work to evade, and told him to come back on October 17, with all the money he could get, and they would try and overcome the evil influence of the band. Now Noble had a couple of hundred dollars of his own money, so on the pretense of needing it to pay for a carload of poultry which he was to ship in a day or two he was able to porrow from his business partner, his father and other friends enough to bring the amout up to a little over \$1,100. In jubilant spirits Noble rushed to Fort Wayne on the day appointed and handed over the full amount, which was put into a large envelope and this then put into a still larger one, and the "ashes of good fortune" sprinkled in with it. Noble was then told it would be necessary for him to carry this for twenty hours for the good spirits to work with. Noble returned to Ray and guarded his package with jealous care for the allotted time, and when he opened it pehold, NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF WORTHLESS PAPER!

To shield himself Noble then gave out the report that he had lost envelope containing the money on the streets of Ray. The farmers were delivering their poultry and were demanding their money, so the whole populace turned out to help in the search for the lost funds.

When on the second day the money still remained missing, those who had loaned him the money took him to serious task to account for the missing funds, when Noble broke down and made a clean breast of the whole af-

About a year ago Noble had domestic trouble that ended in a separation of himself and wife, then followed a business failure that let down storekeepers all over this section of the country from whom he bought poultry, butter and eggs. Public sympathy was with him to that extent that his friends helped him to get a new start, but now they haven't a pleasant look for him and he has gone to live with his aged father near Montgomery,

The "Professor"? Oh, it's just a case of another field, ANOTHER NAME AND MORE VICTIMS, OF WHICH THE WOODS ARE FULL, AND MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON THEM IN THEIR CREDULITY

O. V. LABOYTEAUX. Reading, Mich.

od of putting into use the power of mind to the benefit of themselves and others. They have learned that spirit has supremacy over matter, and are trying to direct their spirits in unison toward a high purpose, and ought to be commended and encouraged for it, and supported in their great inovement

For my part I can see as much and more in our own movement for the upliftment of the souls of men and women, as it is organized now, but that. organization needs the unanimous support of all who claim to be Spiritualists, to make it effectual to the highest degree. If there is anything beyond us to reach out to and help along we ought to be broad enough and unselfish enough to take hold of This movement is within the limitations of Spiritualism; it is a wing, and we need not be afraid of it will not fly away with one side of us; but if we should rise from our solid foundation we must flap our other wing and rise square with the world. Our foundation will remain where it We need not spend our time and all our energy watching it.

Let Us All Be Large. If we have a truth of value to the world in need to-day, Pray why should we not divide it with our brothers on the way? And why should we hover o'er it and refuse to let it go, When the dear old world is hung'ring

Let us all be large. Every truth that comes to mortal from the higher wisdom sphere Is intended for upliftment of the people now and here. And to try to catch and cage it is a

for the truth we claim to know?

useless thing to do.
For 'tis handed down to others just as much as down to you. Let us all be large. We are pleased because we found it

and its beauty love to show, But in selfishness we guard it as if It is childish to be narrow and in spirit be so small

O'er possessions that were given us abundantly for all, Let us all be large. That our truth has changed religion is

encouraging to know, For this age would never sanction that old hell of long ago,
Nor the same old God of vengeance, with the devil at his side;

All those ancient superstitions, since our truth came forth, have died. Let us all be large. Let us hold before us ever all the

beauties of our truth, But be rising into manhood from the lessons of our youth. Let us grasp the hands of brothers who are walking by our side, And with them our cherished treas-ure in unselfishness divide.

Let us all be large.
DR. T. WILKINS.

Childhood itself is scarcely more lively than a cheerful, kindly, sund

# An Analysis of Sleep.

Illustrating Its Nature in Various Ways-Many Prob lems of Great Moment Have Evolved During Sleep and Been Revealed in What Appears as a Dream.

Sleep, so freely and regularly indulged in by the animal kingdom, is as little understood as the subject of dreams or death itself.

While great relief and reanimation result from healthy sleep, yet Locke seems almost alone in maintaining that mental activity is not continuous during this state. Aristotle, Plato, Cicero, Kant, Leibnitz, Descartes, Hegel and a host of others contend that there is no cessation of mental activity during sleep, save as to the volitional, directional faculty of the individual.

That the animal kingdom requires sleep; is quite established. That renewed vigor follows this period of quiescence is also clear.

That many problems of great mo ment have evolved during sleep and been revealed in what appears as a dream, has been repeatedly demonstrated, and indicates clearly that, while association and environment and great anxiety may, and do, in cases, influence mental activity durcases, influence mental activity and ing sleep, that this process is as often independent of such influences is illustrated in the interpretation of certain inscriptions found at Nippur by illustrated. This noted This noted Dr. Herman Hilprecht. Dr. Herman Hilprecht. This noted Assyriologist having made many marvelous discoveries for the University of Penn., in the valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates, officially reported that the interpretation of certain inscriptions had been revealed to him during his sleeping hours

No attempt was made to enter into a discussion of the philosophy of the application of this knowledge, and I concede my inability to do more than conclude that the mind of the profes-sor was in a high state of receptivity and corresponding activity during the period of his sleeping hours on occasion; induced, probably, by his interest in the subject.

This circumstance is noteworthy as being more than a mere coincidence, since it savors strongly of an interposition of extra mundane intelligence in aid of information which is to inure to the common good of mankind.

The weakness of this argument may be pointed out as not being supported by direct testimony, but may I not ask if an evolutional interpretation of a phenomena of nature is not the only logical application to be attributed to a phase of nature which is susceptible | mal life; and while the more cumber to the unfoldment and edification of

There is here every evidence of special creative and studied effort to impart information, veiled from the gaze of the present age, by stamping its impress upon the sensitive and active soul while its mortal possessor has no conscious control over its

Had this data proceeded from a less exalted source, criticism calling into question its authenticity and value might have been admissible.

It occurs to me that the fact of one dream being established, is sufficient analysis to the experimental suggesevidence to indicate that such unconscious mental activity is not incidental are none the less valuable and interand occasional, but a perfectly natural and continuous function of the mind of man.

Let us consider a subject on the verge of falling asleep, but who, nev-theless, is making herioc efforts to most divine, and it is then that it avoid being overcome by this condi-tion. It is noteworthy in cases of this then, as it seems, it is most free." if the efforts of the individual Xenophon Cyropedia, Book 8, ch. 7. are sufficiently vigorous and persistent. it will be found that sleep has act- interesting characters in history were during which times of semi-consciousmind has been discovered to be in a high state of activity, and particularly so in respect to matters absolutely foreign to subjects which have most recently engaged his conscious It will be conceived that the mind

has already started on its customary journey, untrammeled by the discipharassing of conscious direction, but whose start has been temporarily arrested by the super-human efforts of the individual to retain conscious control a few moments longer. There may now be presumed to be in progress a battle royal between the mind, free and unshackled, and the information concerning the welfare of same faculty in the directional grasp certain of his friends, to obtain which of the conscious individual requiring it, arbitrarily, to make correlative response in the field of environment. Sleep has now overcome the individual withstanding the determination of hefor a brief moment, during which comparatively infinitesimal period of the spirit world. Suicide was in this time, the free, mind has seemingly age a most honorable death. wandered over an age of strange exhimself abruptly awakened and enabled to continue his attention to his interruption save a most vivid recollection of the momentary experience of his free mind. This will continue indulgent sleeper, but I cannot conuntil one or the other is victoriousand sleep is usually the victor.

mind is entirely different in character and purpose from that of the free mind which at once wanders over sleep was not a necessity, and prob-fields and among incidents with which ably a prefatory condition to other the directional mind may be totally

unacquainted and unfamiliar. Let the individual so systematize his research to ascertain, immediately on waking, if any recollection appears of any mental activity which may have supervened since his last waking moment, and it will almost invariably be discovered that fragments of the work of the free mind will manifest themselves clearer by degrees as studious attention is given the subject: and what, to the casual observer, will appear to be fragmentary ideas ob tained at random in a desultory fashion at some previous time, will be found to be in reality the results of great mental activity during the unconscious period from which the subjest has just emerged. The degree of excitability resulting from this aclivity will determine the vividness of their recollection in the waking m ments; and hence it will be seen that what has been here described is a per-fectly normal, regular and certain function of the mind, and the period known as sleep and unconsciousness is, in reality, a period of the greatest mental activity, and may logically be presumed to be the source and inspl ration of the great ideas and prob-lems to be evolved and embellished during the conscious moments.

The night time of the body is the day time of the soul."-Jamblicus." Thus it will appear that there are no dormant moments in the animal life, and that the mind of man is always active whether the individual

possessor sleeps or not. It will be asked why we are so tired before sleeping, and so fully refreshed

Animal life is born in sleep, and this condition predominates for a considerable period pending the mental and physical development of the new birth. This requirement diminishes with the growth and development of the individual even to old age; and would use the same argument which insures the creation of animal life by and through the gratification of the sexes, to support the theory of in-duced relaxation of physical stimulus esulting in weariness and sleep, to enable the free mind to function in

ual growth and development. It is thus that the directional mind obtains fresh and renewed stimulus for the morrow from this never ceas ing fountain of mental activity.

It will be seen that the mind be

elief from the cumbersome attributes

of physical life, and continue the ac

omes weary as a result of its enforced association with unsympathetic environments which are foreign to the purposes of the free mind. Note pending the discussion of a technical question, or among the auditors at the ordinary Sunday sermon. For the mind not in sympathy with a subject, or not of sufficient capacity to grasp a theory or participate in a discussion, the apology is made that the subject is not interesting; and, if no person or other attraction comes to the rescue; the individual straigntway falls asleep to enable his mind to relieve itself from its unsympathetic en-vironment and pursue its untrammelled course during the unconscious moments of its possessor, and obtain stimulation for a further onslaught against associations not in harmony

ossessor regains consciousness. It may be observed, however, tha the more potent reason lies in the fact that sleep is the natural condition of animal life from which it is ruthlessly distracted by the pangs of thirst and hunger, as well as by enforced as sociations not in harmony with the

with its aims, and which are sure to

be encountered as a natural result of

aims and purposes of the free mind. The volitional requirements of the conscious state evidently necessitate the sleep which is incumbent in anisome part of man enjoys the rest and solace of sleep, the intellectual function is ceaselessly at work on problems of its own.
It will, therefore, be seen that sleep

and dreams are integral features of the same subject, and the treatment of one necessitates a notice of the other.

Many problems which agitate one during the hours of consciousness, are elucidated and unfolded to us during sleep in what appears to us as dream; and while many such developments are similar in the corresponding tions of the conscious moments, they esting for having been thus stimulated by conscious incentive.
"Nothing more closely resembles

the death of man than sleep; but it is

That many of the most noted and ually overtaken him on one or more able to accomplish stupendous reoccasions, and from which he has sults with a minimum amount of found himself abruptly aroused, and sleep, is emphasized in the lives of Humboldt and Napoleon I, whose careers, although dissimilar in the manner of impressing humanity the value of individual genius, each in his own way left his great heritage to humanity with the assistance of less than four hours of sleep in twentyfour, while other instances of equally noted personages may be cited in which the individual was a most pro-

found sleeper.
Cato, one of the calmest of men, prefaced many of his greatest accomplishments with a profound sleep. On the eve of his suicide. Plutarch informs us, he delayed the commission of the act until the receipt of certain

information concerning the welfare of he had dispatched couriers, and pending the arrival of whom, he enjoyed the luxury of a profound coming on the morrow a denizen of

Alexander the Great opposed any periences, only to be suddenly interference with the contentment he checked when the individual finds found in sleep, and the great Marius, interference with the contentment he in his last battle against Sylla, is reported to have fallen into a latest subject without any apparent sleep under an oak tree as the onslaught began.

Augustus Caesar was likewise, an ceive that in these instances the tendency resolved itself into a passion re-The two experiences here noted sulting from power and luxurious liv-have nothing in common with each ing, since events of great moment in The pursuit of the directional shaping the lives of these men were constantly happening, and I am unable to assume that this propensity to and further successful moves on the political chess-board.

Washington, D. C.

### THE ANGELS' CHORUS.

When I hear the angels' singing Sounding through the ether spaces, When I hear their chorus ringing, To awake earth's dormant races, Then I join that welling chorus, Singing with the heavenly throng, Voicing harmony sonorous

Blended with the angels' song. When I see those happy faces Shining with celestial light, Brightening the darkest places Hid away from truth and right .-Then I join the chorus swelling Earth with song so sweet and

clear. Cheering man, his gloom dispelling For he knows that friends are near. When I know that life eternal Is a part of God's wise plan,

That we go to worlds supernal After earth's allotted span. Then I join the chorus telling
Man of joy he soon must share, When he finds that better dwelling,

Far beyond earth's pain and care. P. A. JENSEN. Los Angeles, Cal.

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# Miracles in Surgery.

## Making Persons Better by Mechanical Means, -- Hence in a Measure Spiritualizing Them...The Idiot Made Intelligent, the Blind Made to See and the Wrong Doer Reformed. A Mother's Sacrifice.

As set forth in the New York World, the medical men, her "pinhole camera" eyes. Eye surgeons who have fol-here and abroad are awaiting with considerable interest a lowed the case at the German Poliklinik declare it to be, report from Berlin giving complete details of a most dar- so far as their observations have gone, without an exact ing and unusual surgical operation performed there a few

An idiot child, the six-year-old daughter of Mrs. Louis plainer language, this means that part of the 'mother's throat has been transferred by the grafting process to a gland, or tissue, lying directly at the back of the stomach. By this operation the dull, inactive brain of little Leng Wolff has been awakened so that it is now performing the duties for which it was intended.

This, in the history of medical science, is without a parallel, not only because such an operation was never attempted before, but also because of its seeming vagueness. The idea of grafting part of the throat of a mother to the pancreas gland of her child with the expectation of converting the child from idiocy to a normal mental condition, would seem at first glance unworthy of serious, consideration. But Dr. Karl Garre, professor of surgery in the medical university of Bresslau, did exactly what has strument he inserted through an incision in the cornea been described above, and recent dispatches from Berlin declare that the operation has been pronounced a com- pupil, with the sharp blade he punctured the opaque mem-

cess in the transplanting of organs from one animal to and as to divide the obstruction and let the light into the eye other and even from the lower animals to human beings, again. has attracted the attention and admiration of surgical men all over the world. When his report of how he changed Lena Wolff from an idiot into a bright and intelligent little girl is completed it will form a valuable addition to the time may be absorbed. list of modern miracles of surgery.

#### Lena an Idiot from Birth.

promiscuous environment, when its From the details of the case already received from Geryears ago. Reason never dawned for her as in other babies. She had come into the world without one apparent spark of intelligence and seemed doomed to pass her whole life without knowing the joys and the sorrows of living.

Her case was called to the attention of Prof. Garre who was interested from the very beginning, because in it he saw a possibility of being able to prove the correctness of a theory on which he had been at work. This involved the probable action or influence that certain substances or secretions found in the ductless glands of the human body have upon the blood.

It is the blood, as everybody knows, that feeds' the brain; keeping it active and clear and in good working order. If the blood is thin or sluggish the brain is first to record that fact. The great German surgeon knew that the reason Lena Wolff's brain was dull and inactive was because the blood was not feeding it as it should.1111

One of the principal duties of the pancreas, situated just behind the stomach, is to superintend the regular feeding of the brain with good blood, according to the theory of the German surgeon. In the case of Lena Wolff, he believed the pancreas was minus one very important digestive essential, without which it could not do its work properly. That very important essential had to be supplied by grafting a portion of a ductless gland from another living

The child's mother readily offered herself as a sacrifice She was perfectly willing to undergo the necessarily painful and tedious operation of having part of her throat grafted on the body of her little daughter if only it would give Lena her reason. The mother's throat was selected because of the accessibility there to the thyroid gland, a ductless gland.

The operation took place in one of the large hospitals n Berlin, and by the grafting process one end of the mother's thyroid gland was released and stretched over to the exposed pancreas of her idiot daughter. For days neither mother nor child was permitted to

move. To insure a successful grafting operation they had been tightly bound together, the child's body against her mother's neck, and there they remained until the severed end of the thyroid gland had knit firmly to the pancreas forming a living, pulsating link between mother and daughter. Then the link was cut, leaving a portion of the thyroid gland grafted successfully to the child's pancreas. It is believed now that both mother and child will recover. The complete success of the operation cannot, however, be announced yet, as too short a time has elapsed since the operation was performed.

But it is known that the dawn of reason came to little Lena Wolff almost immediately after the thyroid gland began to knit. For the very first time the idotic stare gave place to a look of intelligence. She may grow up to be a very bright young woman.

Dr. Swale Vincent, professor of physiology in the University of Manitoba, at Winnipeg, Canada, has prepared an extremely interesting article on the duties of the thyroid gland, the pancreas and other ductless glands, which appeared in a recent issue of the London Lancet.

"It is believed," he says, "that these ductless glands manufacture and pour directly or indirectly into the blood stream some substance or substances which are of service to the economy, either by supplying a need or by destroying other substances which are needless or positively harmful. This-last function is usually prescribed to the thyroid and parathyroid glands. "It is obvious that, in the broadest sense of the expres-

sion, all tissues and organs of the body may be; said to have an internal secretion—i. e., the blood which leaves by their veins contains different chemical substances from that which enters by their arteries.

"The most usually quoted example, however, of a gland which has both an external and an internal secretion is the pancreas. A relation between diseases of the pancreas and diabetes has long been suspected, but Minkowski and Mehfing first definitely showed that complete removal of the pancreas in the dog, cat and pig is followed by diabetes, having the usual symptoms of that disease its mam: That this is caused by the absence of an internal secretion is proved by the fact that it does not occur if the gland be left in situ and the duct tied, nor does it occur if amortion of the pancreas be grafted in some situation remote from its normal position. How the internal secretion of the pancreas normally prevents glycosuria is not clear, can only say that it exerts some influence upon the carbo hydrate metabolism, either by favoring the formation of glycogen in the liver from the dextrose taken to it by the portal vein or by furthering the oxidation of dextrose in

the tissues generally." Equally remarkable and interesting is the operation by which sight has been restored to the blind eyes of little turned prongs of a hayrake. He is almost as well as ever. Margaret Huber, aged ten years, of No. 524 East Eightyfourth street, New York City. She has become the subject succeeded in giving a twelve-year-old boy a new shin bone

parallel.

Nobody knows exactly how Margaret became blind. The liquid matter constituting the lens of the eyes became Wolff, a resident of Berlin, has been converted into an in- atrophied and was entirely absorbed, leaving the lens a telligent being by the process of grafting part of the moth- thick, opaque, fibrous cap, which shut out every glimmer er's thyroid gland upon the child's pancreas. Reduced to of light. This was three years ago, when the little girl was only seven:

> Several operations were tried, but with no good results. The membranes of the eyes were punctured, but they immediately closed again over the openings like sheet rubber when a hole is made in it.

> Dr., John A. Price, chief surgeon of the opthalmic department of the German Poliklinik, took charge of the case, performing three operations in February, March and April, 1904. The third one restored the sight to the left, eye. The right eye remained stone blind until two weeks ago, when he performed a most unusual and successful op-

He first made a peculiarly shaped pair of scissors, the under blade pointed and the upper blade blunt. This inmade at the top. Pushing the points down through the brane of the lens capsule and cut it squarely in two. The Prof. Garre is an eminent German surgeon whose suc. | task of the surgeon was to cut so delicately and precisely

> The operation was entirely successful. The dead lens matter remains in the eye and on either side of the pupil a speck of the opaque substance can yet be seen. This in

Philadelphia and Toledo, Ohio., have recently contributed to the list of marvels of surgery through operations on the brains of incorrigible and mentally defective boys. A still more recent case is that of Carl Fredericks, aged many it appears that Lena Wolff was born an idiot six nine years, of No. 200 Clinton street, Hoboken. He is under observation at the Ranway Reformatory preparatory to the practical reconstruction of his brain.

#### Surgery to Awaken Sense of Right.

The doctors say the boy's brain is so peculiarly constructed that it prevents him from being good for more than an hour at a time. The head is of abnormal shape, the skull coming almost to a point. The ears are small and protruding, and the eyes are as sharp as a ferret's

Tests made a few days ago showed that the boy had no sense of right or wrong. This is attributed to an abnormal brain growth. As the result of the operation, which includes the cutting out of certain parts of the brain, it is expected to relieve the boy of his wicked tendencies and transform him into a model youth.

Scientific surgery is gradually solving the problem of making us over piecemeal. Raymond Moore, aged twenty, of Baltimore, lost the sixth and seventh ribs on the right side. Dr. Hamilton Brown replaced them with artificial ibs of hard rubber tubing.

By an operation at Fordham Hospital, Joseph Reicher was supplied with a silver windpipe to replace the original, which had been damaged beyond repair by a hard fall.

Dr. Kaintsky, the famous Russian surgeon, recently astonished the medical world by furnishing a man with artiflical arteries. The operation took place in Dr. Kaintsky's private laboratory at St. Petersburg. The patient, a very rich farmer and cattle raiser, Ivan Poitinkask by name, had collided violently with a stump while driving in a sleigh. He was hurled out and impaled upon a broken branch. The jagged piece of wood struck him below the hip joint anl ranged down for about four inches. The wound was an exceedingly ugly one. It was directly over ind in line with the fem tire leg-with blood. Dr. Kaintsky saved Poitinkask's life by removing the injured part of the femoral artery and replacing it with an artificial one.

The Berlin surgeon, Dr. Seyfried, has succeeded in giving a man a new top of his skull, made from the skull of

an ox. At Stamford, Conn., a unique operation on the skull of the two-year-old son of Michael Gunther has given the boy rationality. The boy was born with normal mental and physical endowments and began to show, when a year old, signs of general deficiency in all his senses. It was finally determined by the surgeons interested in the case to explore the child's skull. Dr. J. T. Biggs, of New York, assisted by Drs. Whitehorn and Hogan, of New York, and Howell and Loeb, of Stamford, performed the operation at Stamford Hospital a few months ago. They removed a strip of bone from the skull three inches long and one-half inch wide, to give the brain a chance to grow. Immediately on recovering from the anaesthesia a look of normal intelligence showed in the child's eyes, proving the theory of the doctors that the skull had been pressing unduly on the brain. With the pressure relieved, the brain was free to exert itself. The doctors believe the boy will soon be able to talk and act as rationally as the brightest of his

little playmates. Dr. Guthrie and Dr. Carroll, of the University of Chicago, have been making a series of remarkable experiments in surgery. Hearts of dogs have been successfully moved up into the animals' necks and there performed their functions. The circulation of blood in canines has been reversed without causing the animals any apparent in convenience. .

"What we have learned," said Dr. Carrell a short time ago, "gives us hope that some day we may replace wounded and worn-out hearts in human beings with the healthy, youthful and strong hearts of living monkeys."

### Sewing Un a Stabbed Heart.

A recent dispatch from Milan described a wonderful surgical operation performed there by Dr. Meda. A workman had been murderously assaulted, a knife in the hand of an assassin actually piercing his heart. He was attended by surgeons who cut a way through his breast to reach the wounded heart. Three stitches were required. to close the wound, which had almost entirely healed five days after the operation.

To restore sight to the blind eyes of William Heinard, of Washington, the specialists at the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital have grafted the transparent membrane of a Belgian hare's eyeballs to Heinard's eyes. The most recent reports on this operation indicate that it is going to be a success.

C. A. McCartney, a young contractor of Passadena, has survived the unusual experience of having his heart and lungs, exposed, washed, mended and replaced. He was injured last June by falling from a bicycle upon the up-

At the Harper Hospital at Detroit, Dr. H. O. Walker has of widespread interest among opthalmologists by reason of taken from the leg of a dog.

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WOMAN IN POLITICS.

They Are Assuming a Prominent Po sition Therein.

The elections of 1906 . present unique feature in the elections of Illiols, from the fact that all the parties have one or more lady candidates The greatest interest in this feature is shown not only by the candidates themselves, but also by the women who participate in voting for them.

In response to a request for som information regarding these ladies some facts have been gathered and boiled down for publication.

Mrs. Carrie T. Alexander of Belleville, who was nominated by the Republican party to succeed herself on the Board of the State University, is so well known in Republican clubs, and G. A. R. circles that she needs no introduction to Illinois readers. Miss Anna Nicholes, who was nomi-

nated by the State Central Committee of the Democratic party, "September 39, was born and educated in Chicago, and later graduauted from the Rockford College. She took the course of training in the Training School for Nurses in Chicago; but never practiced in that line. Very early her symworking women, and all her energies have been directed toward some amelloration of the curcumstances under which wage-earning women labor. For several years past she has lived at Neighborhood House doing settlement work, and incidentally filling onerous positions in the Consumers League, the Trades Union League and editing the Women's Department of the Union Labor Advocate.

The Democratic party also nomi-nated Miss Caroline Grote of the Normal School at Macomb, for Superintendent of Public Instruction; and although women throughout the State cannot vote for her, the fact of nutting a woman at the head of the educational interests of the State has awakened the keenest interest in the mothers, the teachers and even the pupils of Illinois. Miss Grote has issued a tiny bulletin, setting forth her parentage, education and experience as a teacher and county superintendent, with the result that she is being invited by all kinds of women's societies to speak or meet with them.

The Prohibition party nominated two women trustees of the State University—Mrs. Eva Munson Smith of Springfield, and Miss Eva M. Shontz of Beverly Hills, Chicago. Mrs. Smith is well known in Republican circles as the wife of George C. Smith, and has been very active all her long life in the various organizations that appealed to educated, cultured women; this includes missionary societies of the Presbyterian church, W. C. T. U. Suffrage Association, D. A. R., Illinois Humane Society, Associated Charities. and she found time to issue a few books, "Woman in Sacred Song," containing the best that any women has ever done in hymnology. Miss Shontz is a graduate of Monmouth College and taught school in Centreville, Iowa; she also spent a year at the Philadelphia School of Oratory. She was an admirer of Miss Willard, and has been very active in Y. W. C. T. U. work. Her highest ambition is said to be as good a woman as Frances

GLORIOUS NEWS.

A Splendid Medium Wins Her Case in Colorado.

The following items are from Colo rado Springs papers: The two appeals of the City of Colorado Springs vs. Lucy A. Sampson were yesterday dismissed at the cost

of the city. This is the final termination of a hard-fought case and makes the third victory for Mrs. Sampson. Attorney Wm. Swift represented Mrs. Sampson

in all of the three cases. She was acquitted twice in the lower court and the case attracted considerable attention throughout the country. Mrs. Sampson's attorney, Mr. Swift, claimed that Mrs. Sampson was not guilty of violating the ordinance and that the ordinance was unconstitutional and he was successful in his claim.

The cases of the city against Mrs Lucy A. Sampson, in which the defendant was charged with practicing clairvoyancy without a license, have been dismissed by Judge Robert Kerr, in accordance with stipulations filed by the parties to the suits.

Judge Robert Kerr in the county court has dismissed the case of the city against Mrs. Lucy Sampson charged with practicing clairvoyancy without a license.

### Letter From Mrs. Sampson.

To the Editor:-The enclosed clippings are from Colorado Springs, Col. papers, bearing on the case of Mrs. Lucy A. Sampson, a clairvoyant medium, who was arrested twice for not paying a prohibitive nicense of one hundred dollars per year to her for giving psychic readings, and for charging for same. She won both cases before the police court; then it was appealed to the county court, from which the two appeals were both dismissed at the cost of the city.

This is a grand victory for the mediums throughout Colorado, and for Spiritualists generally, as it estab-lishes the fact that all true mediums have as much right to practice their religion as any other denomination. ceive compensation the same as all

The Constitution of these United States gives liberty to worship our Creator according to the dictates of

our own conscience. Only one sermon is credited to Jesus Christ; all his other teachings were in the form of parables or manifestations, objective lessons, as it were, to show us the power of spirit and as God is claimed to be a spirit, then spirit power is the greatest of all. pre-eminently above and beyond all others, hence Spiritualists who develop along these lines have discernments far beyond those who refuse to invesigate or develop the receptive and spiritual senses.

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# Very Remarkable Doings.

## Occurrences at Mr. T. W. Stanford's Seances with the Noted Australian Medium, Charles Bailey. More Tablets Are Brought.

duction of photos of some of the Assyrian tablets received long lost mates. Three small spear-heads in clay. Mango at Mr. Stanford's circle should have been arranged for just before the receipt of news of their total destruction at the bourne. Given in charge of a clergyman, who is to make Leland Stanford Jr. University during the recent earth- his own private marks on it previous to being grown by quake. At first the extent of damage to the museum and its exhibits could not be ascertained, and it was only after. the work of clearing away the debris had been done that also that during Mr. Stanford's absence from the circle, when sitting for physical and other phenomena. on September 14, it was announced by Dr. Whitcomb that on the following Friday night, after Mr. Stanford's return, they would commence to bring a second series of tablets. ful to return and through a sensitive commune with my In the following week, on September 18, the San Francisco | brethren and sisters who are yet tabernacling in the flesh; mail arrived, bringing the new, the tablets being found and I try always, when called upon to speak, to say some ground to powder under the i en ruins. These are some of the originals of those given as supplement to this issue of the Harbinger, and around which in American journals and to prepare men and women for the life to come. last year so much controversy was raised. Of the genuines of the tablets there can be no doubt, but what chiefly concerns investigators into the possibilities and potentialities of unseen forces is that solid matter can pass through solid matter when spiritual forces set to work.

On the evening of September 20, true to promise came the first of a new set of tablets, and it fell with such force was stated, from a mound at Nineveh, and with hiero- good results. glyphic inscriptions on both sides, which will be translated by Dr. Robinson at a subsequent meeting.

It may be mentioned here that on Mr. Bailey's recent visit to London he carried with him three tablets, and took them to the British Museum. Dr. Whitcomb informed the circle on September 14, that Bailey saw Mr. King, Dr. Budge's assistant in the Assyrian room, who deciphers with Dr. Budge cuneiform inscriptions. The medium said, from a friend"-which was perfectly true, added Dr. Whit-"Yes, they are perfectly true," said Mr. King. Then he deciphered them. The whole three were receipts for corn, and the translations are in the possession of Mr.

The following is a brief record of the circles held since

Fourth Seance, August 24.—Address by Prof. Denton, 'What is the use of it?" Phenomena. Solid lump of clay containing flint spear heads. Flag from the Soudan used in the Battle of Ondurman with letters from the Koran worked in on either side; a most remarkable exhibit, promised many months before, and procured through the agency of Hassan, a soldier killed in the war, and in communication with Abdul and Selim.

Fifth Seance, Friday, August 31. Creswick night. Three of his own original pieces given by Creswick, the late well-known actor, through the mediumship of Charles Bailey. The third one, "The Wanderer's Return," acted with thrilling effect, will be given in a future issue.

Sixth Seance, September 7. Address by Professor Denton on "God is a Spirit." Phenomena. A lovely and rare bird from Malay, unlike any brought before, with yellow head and brown beautifully marked body. Lump of clay with spear-heads embedded. These made ten in all. Dr. Whitcomb explained that they were brought from Central America, from a sort of pre-historic flint arsenal-that 2.000 or 3,000, all sizes, some very large, could be brought if desired. Yogi promised to grow tree from Mango seed

It is a somewhat remarkable coincidence that the repro- | Sahib bird brought the week before," and they met as seed thrown on table, as none could be procured in Mel-Yogi at circle.

Rev. W. H. Witherow's address, given on September 14 on "Conditions," has been selected for reproduction, as the exact position of affairs was known. Strange was it full of interest for all who desire to obtain the best results

> Rev. W. H. Witherow:-It gives me very much pleasure to speak to you once more. To me it is perfectly delightthing that will help you and be beneficial to you spiritually. This is my mission-to teach, to unlift spiritually,

"I have been asked to speak on the subject of "Conditions," and as a plain man who has learned a little, who has received a little knowledge in the spirit world. I desire to give you my thoughts and advice on how to obtain the best results. I have no need to tell those who have been sitting in the circle here for a long time, how very neces sary it is that there should be perfect harmony, and that on the table that it was broken in half. It was brought, it you should be en rapport with this spirit world to obtain

From time to time you learn something of the finer forces; for a long period man knew little or nothing about the occult forces and power. Only when he seriously, began to investigate in the face of opposition, in the face of revilings and persecutions, and even death itself, did he become possessed of a little knowledge concerning the spiritual forces. It has been truly said by other speakers that conditions are necessary for almost everything-for I have three tablets, and I would like you to tell me if the production of everything round about you. To grow they are genuine." Mr. King asked who he was and where corn you must have the requisite conditions—there must he got them. He gave his name and said,"I got them be soil and seed, moisture and light and heat; without these your crops would fail. To take pictures of the human body with a photographic lens you must have the necessary conditions; how much more so, then, when dealing with those finer forces which are round about you and of which you know so little?

You have not an intimate knowledge of the laws that obtain, and are in operation in the spirit world; hence you must go to the spiritual messengers for a good deal of thet knowledge. A Yogi, a descendant of one of the ancient races of India, who spoke to you in the spirit on the last occasion; tried to make you understand, in his broken language, that it was necessary that there should be as near a perfect condition of the body for the proper manifestation of spirit power as you can have it.

Why did these old ascetics retire to the caves? It was because they knew that by entering into silence, peace and quietness, they could be at one with the spiritual forces round about them. They may not call the spiritual hosts by the same name as you, but they understand and realize that the spirits of men having great power, who have dwelt in the flesh, are in communication with them.

I said once before that man's normal condition, his body. As Paul prayed long ago, "I pray God your whole from within and not from without.

Did you ever know a man with a pure spirit who had Seventh Seance, September 14. Addresses by Dr. With- dirty body? I do not think you have, for "cleanliness is with less bright coloring. Abdul said it was "real wife of day, popular prejudices, I pray you do not think I am a fa- they shall prophesy; the phenomena that will be produced binger of Light.

natic, but I am telling you to live the better, life which | will be like unto that recorded in the Testament. Get | will bring you not only seace, and joy, and salisfaction; back to primitive Christianity, the simple, Christian life, but will make you a power amongst the people with whom I often think that homely, lowly Spiritualists, who are

I have been told that there are present here, from time o time, one or two of the Hergy, and I am so pleased to know it. They are the spiritual teachers in the flesh and they should receive spiritual knowledge. People look to them to answer their questions, and they should be filled first emptied and then filled; emptied of all pre-conceived notions and ideas, of all theological dogmatic teachings, and filled-while truth and spiritual light. Then they will become a power in the land.

From what I have said you will gather that it is neces sary that every sitter should be pure. Now I must, as a faithful messenger, say that Spiritualists who are smokers do not make the best investigators-not that there is any sin attached to smoking in itself; it is a habit, I believe, derived from savage life, but there cannot be any question that it is defiling. There is no doubt that a man who does not smoke is cleaner than one who does, and I know that smoking is an obstacle, a bar to perfect harmony between fleshly and spiritual things. I am not going to enumerate many of the vicious habits and customs of the present day; they are known to you too well! '

The Yogi Indian said that one must not partake of swine flesh if he would be a seer, if he would understand Nature's laws, if he would be taught of God. In the old dispensation-which you call the Mosaic dispensation-the eating of swine's flesh was prohibited; on scientific grounds I believe that this is verified to-day. I remember here was a very serious discussion in the German Empire about prohibiting the importation of the flesh of the pig, for the reason that it was productive of many. diseases But I am not going to say that you cannot be a good sitter or a good medium if you do eat the flesh of swine, but I do say that a man or woman who does eat of the blood, is unclean; I do say that a man becomes sayage like unto an animal if he eats largely of animal food. Take the man who lives upon beer and beer, he becomes fleshly, sensual. Do you know that the fakirs of India lived largely on seeds and vegetable cereals. I am not an advocate of vegetarianism, but I do believe that the herbs and the grains and the fruits were given for man's food, and if you never partake of the flesh of animals I am quite sure you would not be any the worse for it. Some of you will wonder why I touch upon this subject, but it is of importance. Man should be pure in spirit and in thought; the sensual or fleshly cannot be joined to the spiritual. And if your life is pure, then you draw to yourself the refining spiritual influences that are around about you. Oh, my friends. think of the gin shops and other such places, remember that they draw to themselves the earth-bound, the sensual whose punishment is an unsatisfied craving which was bred in the flesh; they will not hearken to the spiritual teachers and they wander about. You read in the Epistles of certain who kept not their first estate. Milton was right when he said that, "Millions of spiritual creatures walk the earth unseen, both when we wake, and when we

You remember the parable—the man's house was swept and garnished, the evil one was cast out, and after a time he returned to his old ways and the house was occupied again, filled up with evil influences.

Let us presume that, according to your light and conscience and living a life that will be productive of good spiritual results, you come to the seance room with a peaceful, calm mind, leaving, all that is worldly, all that shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he annoys and worries and perplexes you outside. Truly you do; because I go to my Father," when the people read that are about to enter the holy place to communicate with the certain signs and wonders should follow the teaching of proper state, should be perfect health of spirit, soul and spirits of the so-called dead... It is a solemn time for the truth, and they say unto their teachers: "Where are everyone-or should be. But alas, some enter with frivithe signs and wonders promised?" their weak-kneed exspirit and soul and body be preserved blameless." A olous minds, without a desire to be benefited spiritually, planation, their apologies for want of power are derided great many people make a mistake by putting it the other something of the mind, with which they go to the theater, and laughed at because the Word says it shall be so; and way round-body, soul and spirit. It is spirit, soul and and we find that instead of having a perfect chain, a magbody, because the work from the spiritual world begins netic chain, we have links of gold and silver and iron. The time is coming when men and women, with a desire for knowledge and for a perfection of their spiritual conders must follow, and you can go forth to the world and dition. will assemble and the results will be as it was on give evidences of the truth. My time has expired. Some erow (given below) and Signor Valetti. Phenomena. next to godliness," and no godly man can be unclean; and that pentecostal day—tongues of fire will be upon the other evening I shall continue this subject, "How to Ob-Bird brought, mate to the one of previous week, a female, if I touch to-night on some of the common habits of the heads of everyone and they shall speak with new tongues, tain the Best Results."-Mrs. Charles Bright, in the Har-

back to primitive Christianity, the simple, Christian life.
I often think that homely, lowly Spiritualists, who are seeking spirituality and the perfecting of the spiritual life, are nearer to primitive Christianity—the Christianity of the first three centuries-than millions of church adherents who are seeking to serve God with pomp and deremony. The early Christians met as you are meeting, in the house of one of the brethren, and they broke the holy bread and sang hymns unto God; and some spake with the tongues of prophecy, and others cast out evil influences. In the catacombs at Rome an inscription has been found relating to an exorcist. That office has died out of the church, and there is no such officer in the modern church, but in the early days of Christianity were one or more exorcists attached to each church, who understood something of spiritual laws and could banish the evil influences that, like the man we read of in the gospels, threw him upon the ground and tare him.

With harmonious conditions you should expect great spiritual results. The source of weakness, I find, is that some come from curiosity, others desire to be amused. It is true to-day as of old that many have come to blaspheme and they have remained to pray. Understand me that there should be meetings held for special purposes; for instance, an advanced class for the production of phenomena and the perfecting of mediumshin. I see a number of men and women here to-night, and each one has a gift of some kind. In such a circle your gift would develop, your mediumship would develop; but in a mixed circle as you call it, this does not frequently happen. There should be other meetings for beginners where they could be taught. The evil of to-day is, my friends, that people desire to witness advanced phenomena before they under stand the rudiments of spiritual philosophy. Remember that you were once placed in the A B C division of your school before you entered the third or fourth division. What would you have thought of the schoolmaster who took you as a little child and placed you amongst the seniors? Herein we have found the reason why Spiritualism does not make headway as it should.

There is, however, a good time coming for spiritual investigators because they hold the primitive teaching, the simple truth in its purity-what is needed for the uplifting of humanity. The church, with her doctrines and dogmas, her vestments, her incense swinging and her cathe drals, her priests and priestesses, has failed largely to bring about the desired spiritual state. As man become more cultured and receives more knowledge, he looks down upon these things as you look upon the memories of the fatish men. What is needed is the simplicity of the spiritual church of the first Christian century. If you have ever read the writings of Tertullian and others of the Christian fathers, you will find there recorded many incidents, even to the end of the third or beginning of the fourth century, showing that what you call supernatural or miraculous things have passed away from the church Primitive Christianity is what each and everyone should strive for at the present time; men and women would listen and you could command the attention of millions who are now careless.

Do you not, my friends, believe that the wayward, the unthinking, the evil, can read the scripture as well as you? True, they may not understand it spiritually, but they can read the promises, and when the clergy stand in their pulpits and teach them that "God is the same yesterday, to-day and for ever," when they read the words of the Nazarene, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do what right have they to say it shall not? A weak explanation cannot help the cause of truth, but when there is a perfectly harmonious body of people, the signs and won-

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mind whose effect upon the true desti-ny of life is as lasting as time in its less of the source from which these development, as it seeks the condition luxuries are drawn, regardless of the of God himself? There can but one condition left in the trail of its opeanswer, it must be love. We do not rations, although it is perfectly fadeny that occasions in the develop-miliar with the miserable condition ment of life have made physical to others, it has created by its efforts. fault with this assertion.

er that eventually must shape the true destiny of life which leads to perfect conditions, passion and in fact, every of its character, not only universal, faculty of mind by which mankind has but omniscient and omnipresent. ever been guided, made of love a transitory personal condition and used it only for selfish designs, where in contravened the element of human truth it must become universal and progress, which has builded the great govern and control every intellectual walls where human beings are held in power exactly the same. It must be bondage has created forms of tyrangoverned by a high degree of intellect- nical governments, has in fact, made ual endowment, where energy and life a burden to the major portion of effort in using their forces are so di- mankind in order that a few could enrected that each and every human being with whom it comes in contact from human effort. will receive the full and exact reward

parison, it has its limit of operations, condition of that life.

but greedily devours the life of an-

The love of a dog for his master is phenomenal, a condition of devotion which equals, if not excels the average love of man. Love, too, in its smaller circles of life has peculiar conditions whose effect seems to be the tions whose effect seems to be the tral force. This was the case until same at certain stages of its existence America was discovered. There the in both animal and man; that is, self-ish and sordid in its nature. The dog field for its own development, and in selfish spirit very plainly too. The same condition exists in man and woman, as well. They can love their velopment tremendous forces came as own offspring to an extent that they an inheritance of the monarchical life itself in order to protect the freedom of the child where his errors have led him into a criminal channel, where foundation upon which our free govhis freedom, if not his life must be ernment should rest. taken to satisfy the law. Yet these As a result America human beings willingly would

in all mankind to centralize this love intrenched and seem at least to be well in small circles and keep it there, and fortified in their citadel of central thus create a central power where life love, each having its field of action,

What is the controlling force of | can be fed, clothed and sheltered, and

strength a necessity. How else could It tenaciously clings to the environman have subdued his crude animal ments that bring to it the object of its instincts, the source from which he affection, whether this object be world-The vicious animal charac- ly power to command mankind and ter had to be subdued and covered by force them to obey. It is with these love after that subjection was made powers we seek to discuss the great available. Reason in the highest form fundamental principle of life, so as to that I can conceive, it can find no discover if possible, to what extent they are in error, as well as the reme-While in truth, love is the only pow- dy that will forever remove that error,

joy the blessings of earth, which spring

These circles of sordid love have been inherited from our ancestral race In fact, love has its degrees of com- and have been sacredly held and cherished, as man's most commendable it forms a circle surrounding every achievement, and dignity and honor, spark of life, and its circles are great as well as surplus wealth have flowed or small in proportion to the advanced into their coffers. In all European and Asiatic countries, these central An animal loves its offspring in its forces in former ages, seldom changed. wildest and most vicious condition, If at all, one powerful force subdued

another. that loves its master endures pain, this field, it has grown and expanded when it sees its master love another of until even the monarchical governits kind, and will demonstrate this ments of every sphere of earth have been forced to bow and acknowledge this individual power. . Yet in this degovernments, from which we as a nafort of life; ah! even sacrifice their tion sprang. And as a government we placed in active operation many of these fundamental principles as the

As a result America has on different occasions run rivers of blood drawn furnish means as well as circumstan- from the veins of humanity, in order tial evidence to place in chains and that the principle of individual liber-prison, if not on the gallows, the life ty might be sustained. But yet the of another's child who had been guilty | magnetic central forces which seek to of committing the same error. control human action by the control. This seems to be a ruling passion of the product of labor is still strong! control human action by the control

The next step in human progress must be to dissolve these magnetic their parents, must of necessity central powers so that absolute personal liberty to individual man will be assured and when he fully realizes the object of life by becoming familiar with its problems and widens his sphere of love, so as to become perfect with God, then will individuality fully realize that love is limitless and any sphere of human action which attempts to encircle it and hold it in a limited sphere is an error.

There must be a point in the evolution of life to be gained. There must be an object, and that object must be convert darkness to light, and it must come through the developed with, power of conscious mind; it come from proper thought to fully comprehend its mission.

Space is boundless and until converted to light by love, is utter dark We can comprehend that each planet is caused to revolve in a given sphere in this darkened condition of

That is in perfect accord with the life element which composes it, and that the sphere in which this planet floats will eventually become a field of light and life and love, the abiding place of the conscious minds from which this conversion came.

I am led to believe that each individual perfect mind becomes the parent of a planet, and that the absolute freedom of that mind will never be reached until that planet is converted into a paradise of love and light and joy, and an intellectual attainment to a perfect degree. That planet may by the thought and action of the mind that created it be very refined or it may be very crude; it may be light and airy, in which the life germs which compose it are in a high degree of development; or it may be dense and solid, from the selfish erro from the mind from which it sprang, so that cycles of ages will be require for its conversion in the density and

darkness in which it was thrown. These conditions are the legitimate fruit which springs from the fact that every substance is attracted to that condition that is in harmony with it. and could we but see the trail we have left behind us; could we see floating in the atmosphere each germ of magnetic life which we have been the pa rent of, which we have converted from matter and started on life's mission in a new form that was a perfect personality of our being, that in fact was a germ-child of our own, the true

Then if we fully comprehended the truth governing evolution, the growth and development of these germ-cells of life, until they reached the stage of conscious mind, then could we fully realize our future efforts ere personal freedom could possibly be obtained. How stranger than fiction, then

would life appear. We must not forget that every breath that we breathe we send into the atmosphere new living germs of life that are perfect representations of our mental condition for delivery by December first. resentations of our mental condition for delivery by December first, at that hour. Every element of the T.A. BLAND. body does the same thing. We cannot exert one single minute

each controlling a portion of the individual power of the whole; all surrounded and encircled with a central for germ development. These life An Enjoyable Meeting of the State force of government which acknowl- germs float in space until they find a edges the power and authority of perfect covering that is in harmony with each; this fact is true with both animal and vegetable life, and we, as their protector and in the future ages to come be their redeemer.

When error has been followed, when when darkness instead of light has been entered so, as before stated, conscious mind becomes the parent of a plact, and its brilliancy or density fully realize that love is limitless and must depend upon how pear or how boundless as time and space, and that road in life's development. these conditions life becomes a reality that is well worth our most serious consideration. And truth and virtue, as well as error, will receive from us a more candid and careful consideration, and each life we come in contact be it of high or low in its degrees of development to us, will be a prob-lem worthy of our best efforts, not on ly to fully understand, but loyally and lovingly to assist.

FRENCH HOLLINSHEAD. Joliet, Illinois.

A LETTER TO OUR READERS. To the Readers of The Progressive to Pine Ridge Indian Agency, South Dakota, I was entertained by Rev. Catholic institution. I had previousture was published in the Rushville my visit with him, my host said to

"Dr. Bland, I have read your lecnot agree with you on religion. I want to ask you some questions on that subject "

I replied: "If you ask medany quesfor I believe you to be a good man. Our dialogue covened the whole ground of the difference between the

My priestly catechist did not argue ive homes in the wee hours of

I have written up that dialogue and propose to print it in a booklet, with the title, "A dialogue on Religion, Be-tween Rev. John Juts and Dr. T. A. Bland." This booklet will also contain a review of the Roman Catholic and the Seventh Day Advent theory of Spiritualism, showing the inconsistenles of their hypothesis, and a review of the rise and progress of rational fail to be fed and delighted with this religion.

three copies for fifty cents or seven I would appreciate advance orders, \$1.00.

231 Hoyne Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Board at the Home of President McArthur.

To the Editor:-Saturday, October 27, being the first regular meeting of the Missouri State Board after the National Convention, President Mc-Arthur, Brother Beauvais and wife, Sisters Jones and Hary, brought us stay-at-home members news of cheer, that Spiritualism is fast taking the place in the world that it rightly belongs to-and the National is with us in our desire to clear our ranks as fast as possible of the questionable speak ers and mediums; and Spiritualism as an organized movement is fast attracting the attention of thinkers in every part of our country.

Th State of Missouri is organizing a fall and winter campaign for funds. in order that we may show a good work this year, and have a handsome balance on hand at the end of the year to insure the continuation of the good work of spreading the gospel of truth and freedom in every corner of the

state. Brother Beauvais and wife, Brother Cershaw and wife, Brother Cornelius and wife, and ye editor-at-large and wife were notified that on the regular meeting night of the State Board also fell the anniversary of an event in the John Jutz, S. J., Father Superior of life of our honored president, never to the Holy Rosary Mission, a Roman be forgotten by him, that he had passed one more milestone in his journey of ly spent a few days at Rushville Ne- physical life. In honor of that event, braska, where, on invitation of a on the invitation of himself and wife, committee, I had given a lecture in the M. E. Church, on "Some Social Aspects of Christianity." That lecpartake of many of the luxuries of life After supper, on the first day of prepared by the estimable Mrs. Mc-Arthur. . After the inner man been satisfied we met in the parlor and enjoyed the most pleasant evening ture in the Rushville Sun, and I do that has been our lot to enjoy in many I moons. As I sit writing this, the on thought comes to my mind, if all Spiritualists could be of one accord as was that company of men and women, we tions I can answer, I will answer them could say, "The world is ours," as all frankly and to the best of my ability." the dogmas of the past could not frankly and to the best of my ability." the dogmas of the past could not "That is just what I want you to do, and what I should expect of you, operative fellowship displayed there, but would sweep back the cloud of ignorance, loosen the chains of bondage, and make every woman a queen doctrines of the Roman Catholic and every man a king. In conclusion church and rational religion. I will say, we all retired to our respectwith me, but simply asked, questions morn, better for having enjoyed that fellowship of men and women who have the knowledge that if a man die here, he still lives. G. A. GILBERT. Editor-at-Large, M. S. S. A.

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There is progress and much retrogres In the world's busy marts and high-

Some persistently toil and move on ward. While the work of the slothful decavs. There are many who will not look for-But they gropingly move with com-

plaints They consider their life's tasks a bur-These would try all the patience of saints. Do they think that by sitting and sigh-

ing, They shall ever obtain all they want? It is cowards alone fear the future, And are foolishly saying, "I can't."
It is only by planning and striving,

With a forward look up life's steep That the goal may be reached if you're trying, To meet problems of life with good

Are you now looking forward or backward As the journey of life you pursue? Are your thoughts of the past, or the future, Is it progress with you, or review?

Are you trying to cheer weary mortals

Who are fighting life's battles alone, Or sit you in mood reminiscent, Of events that are long past and gone?

Are you thinking that you've done your duty, And henceforth need do nothing more, Do you feel compassion and pity For the needy ones there at your

Who can tell what the years yet may bring you? Do not frown down distress and de-Do not feel too secure of the future.

It may come fraught with sorrows and care. Is there good in the work you are do-· ing.

Has pure selfishness in it no part, Do your plans and ambitions and mo-Aim to comfort and cheer one sad

Then just carry your work to perfection; The feward of good deeds follows . sure: There is comfort and sweet consola-

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#### THE N. S. A. CONVENTION.

Full reports of the proceedings of the late N. S. A. convention in Chicago can be obtained by addressing Mrs. Mary T. Longley, 600 Pennsylvania avenue S. E., Washington, D. C.

Protracted Torture for the Damned During the writer's youthful years, while a member of an orthodox and accepting its dogmas, among which were that of an angered God and eternal torture as punishment for unbelief-dogmas inherited from Christian parents, a booklet published by the American Tract Society, fell into his hands. The title is forgotten, but it was a diatribe on hell, its awful furnace of flame and its eternity of duration for not believing Jesus'is the son of God, and the Redeemer and Savior of fallen humanity.

That tract was read, re-read, and finally its graphic description of an eternity of anguish and unparalleled misery long drawn out, was memorized, and has been a constant companion for full three score years, during all of which period we have felt justified in "kicking hell," a la Col. Ingersoll. We quote for the delectation of faithful churchmen who have never been permitted to see a firstclass notice of the eternity of the damned as protracted by a good rhet

"When millions on millions of years shall have rolled over its victims; yea, when ages on ages innumerable, muitiplied in continued succession by all he stars that twinkle in the azure dome of heaven, by all the drops of water that circling roll in ocean's waves, by all the grains of sand that compose this globe, by all the blades of grass, and all the leaves of trees that grow, and that number multiplied continued succession by all these, still the ceaseless waves of wrath and burning agony will heave and roll over the body and mind of who, for disobedience of divine law. God has consigned to the miseries of the damned, over whom the saints of heaven will rejoice with joy un-

And yet the God who made man and saw the end from the beginning, and knew the great mass of mankind would be doomed to eternal torture, demands our prayers and praise, else the average theologian lies. The Jewish tribal God Jehovah, a priest-made fiction, may be such a character, but the True God who is worthy of universal love never taught any such gross-Hell was priest-invented for pious uses, and her been employed with great skill to advance the needs of the craft, but it has seen its best

### Suggestion a Powerful Curative.

On the occasion of commencement exercises at the Eclectic Medical Institute, Cincinnati, February 7, 1863, in conferring the degrees on that occasion. President Wm. S. Merrell. among many other good things, said:

"There is a qualification which must be brought into use to make the successful practitioner in medicine. It is an INTUITION, a reception of truth not received from outward teaching. This is experienced by men in every gree, than by the physician, when exrcising his profession in the love of it. I hold it to be an influx from the inner and higher life. Explain it as you will, there do suggestions or impressions come into the mind when anxiously desiring the truth, and placing itself in a passive or recipient any outward or previously received inhave always been many so-called doctors who acquire no little notoriety in curing disease, and often in their success shame the educated M. Ds., yet are uneducated, and know nothing of the first principles of medical science.'

The above was recalled by reading Dr. Davis' article in our issue of Sept. 15, entitled "Spiritualizing Suggestion," one paragraph, in substance, we

There is more in the practice of medicine than can be attributed to the action of drugs. Look at the history of material medicine, and trace its history back one to two thousand years. What a constant revolution of ideas. Wonderful panaccas have flourished for a time, then have been discarded

His illustration of the action of the mind on the organs of the body was beautiful, forceful and truthful. That Doctor who neglects the employment. of "suggestion" in the cure of disease has an imperfect knowledge of his pro-

#### A Great Disturbing Element.

An overwhelming question puzzling all of us that must be met in the near future is, what is to be done with the negro? It is very evident the two races cannot live together in harmony, Collisions are constantly occurring, and the bitterness increases with advancing years. The Progressive Thinker has not the necessary foresight to determine the solution, but it can look back to the origin of the terrible calamity which threw the two races together in America, and it can trace the evil through all the subsequent years.

An attempt was first made to enslave the native Indians, but the project was a failure, though multitudes perished in the attempt. The good Columbus, whose fame we celebrated in Chicago in 1893, captured 500 natives and sent them home to Spain, who were sold in Seville 'as slaves. Queen Isabella interfered and sent them back to America. Then the supreme head of the Christian church found a "Thus saith the Lord" permitting the enslavement of heathen, and a bull was issued allowing the capture and sale of the natives of Africa. The first cargo of negroes reached Jamestown, Virginia, in 1620. Their numbers have rapidly increased by importation and generation until now they equal 10,000,000 in the

United States. The colored man has become a disturbing element wherever found, particularly in the Southern states. It was hoped education and experience would fit him for citizenship; but it must not be forgotten that civilization is a creature of growth and habit, not of a day, or a generation, but of long ages, and that traits of character are transmitted from parent to son, and is passed on by inheritance, each suc-cessive generation rising higher and still higher in the scale of intelligence

and moral worth Pennsylvania, in her act of emancination, drafted by the hand of Thomas Paine, became a law in 1780. It adopted what is known as the apprenticeship system. Children born of slave parents after a given date were years remained in servitude, and were to be cared for by the master for life. Because of this method no injury to industrial pursuits followed, and the young were fitted for freedom, so far as they were capable, by the time the age was attained when they assumed the new relation on which they en-

Possibly it would have been better at the close of our civil war had we adopted a similar enactment, in place of having enfranchised such a mass of gross ignorance, which had not the necessary ability for self-government, saying nothing of ability to govern the state and nation.

We do not write to suggest a remedy to correct existing evils, but to deplore the fact that Christianity, which claims to be the great civilizing agency of the world, insisting its junior God was its founder, permitted such a curse as chattel slavery to be established by his vicegerent, out of which grew the most destructive war of all the centuries, and which curse will continue a source of discord until a separation of the races shall be

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts, 'I emember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. 'Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass."—I. Sam.

15: 2. 3. No savage chieftain ever issued ages. Angered, he might destroy the have saved alive the "ox, sheep, camel and ass." Either the Lord issued such an order to Israel, else the inspired author of that damnable record lied. If he lied the book is unworthy of credence. Take which horn of the dilemma the Christian reader prefers ne occupies an unenviable position.

The Lord The Progressive Thinker adores never issued any such order. The sacred historian shamelessly falsiwhich the record is made is everywhere errant, and should occupy the place on our library shelves with other discarded mythological productions. This cannot be stated too often or too forceful, with the reasons therefor.

Cured by Adventist Prayers. A news item says: "Miss Frances S. Case, for four years a teacher in the Adventist school in Battle Creek Mich., declared that after suffering two years with tuberculosis, and after hope for her recovery had been aban doned by physicians, she was cured by prayer. She says she asked four elders of the Adventist church to pray for her, and that after an hour's intercession the miracle was performed. She avers that her recovery is complete, and she has resumed her work as a teacher in the Adventist school.'

Such cures are common among the Christian, Spiritual and Mental Scientist, and even among magnetic healers, many of whom treat the mind more than the body. It is simply an instance of the supremacy of the spirit over matter, and the aid, doubtless, of spirit friends, who, though they may not have grown beyond Adventism. hold the same anxiety for earth friends that they held while with them in the form. Again we are shown that no one has more claim on these powers than another, only as they are proven to possess them by demonstra-

### GOD'S MEASURE.

God measures souls by their capacity For entertaining his best angel Love Who loveth most is most akin to God Who is all Love, or nothing.

He who sits And looks out on the palpitating world

And feels his heart swell in him large enough To hold all men within it, he is near His great Creator's standard, though

Outside the pale of churches, and knows not A feast day from a fast day, or a line Of scripture even. What God wants

Is that outreaching bigness that ig-All littleness of aims, or loves.

And clasps all earth and heaven in its -Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

## The Weakest Link

And the Part it Plays in Spiritualitm—The Medium Kingsley-John C. Amos Now Believes the Spirit Voice a Veritable Sham that Induced Him to Give Away Half of His Property-Elsie Reynolds Again Exposed-The Weak Links in Spiritualism Carefully Con-

"A little later, he charges, the new

names of his, wife and himself. This

"Again the voice spoke and thi

"And then, according to the com

and that his new wife knew it was

sham. / She began to be cruel to him,

only transfer her share of the prop-

His complaint says he was generou

past two seasons has been a conspicu-

ous figure at the Chesterfield camp.

And now here is another of the

WEAK LINKS of Spiritualism—"spir-

from Robt. T. Hale, of Los Angeles,

Cal., under date of October 31, states

caught in her efforts to deceive the

gullible public. But this poor woman,

with an iron will; with great strength

of purpose, and a determination that

never flags, goes on and on in her

heartless work of deceiving the gulli-

bles, having been defended repeatedly

by Light of Truth, the Organ of THE

WORST GANG OF UNHUNG TRICK-

TERS THAT EVER AFFLICTED

Only a few months ago she was

completely exposed, her artificial tog-

gery captured, her tricks laid bare,

Chicago, with a communication ex

pleiting her before a disgusted world,

and dragging SPIRITUAL ETHICS ON

A LEVEL with artificial toggery,

cheese-cloth illuminated paint, etc.,

used to counterfeit one of THE MOST

This medium's trickery, her meth-

ods of deception, her insatiate gall

and artificial toggery, ever concealed

on her own person or that of a confed-

erate to aid in carrying on her nefari-

ous work, are all exploited by the sec-

ular press in every part of the United

States-millions upon millions have

heard of her, and connected her with

Spiritualism as a promient leader,

whereas she is one of ITS WEAKEST

LINKS, and by that the general read-

ers of the secular press judge our

Cause in a great measure at the pres-

SPIRIT RETURN, EXPLOITED IN

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-an agent that can redeem the world

if freed from its weak links-ulcers

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ent time.

GLORIOUS OF ALL TRUTHS!

ANY CAUSE.

that the notorious materializing me

time he was advised to take \$3,000

life insurance and to make it payable

"SPIRITUALIST-The Great Kingsley will this (Sunday) evening at 3 wife placed him in communication o'clock, in First Spiritualist Church, with his former wife again, and this corner of New York and North Alatime the voice, which, as before, came bama streets, deliver the greatest of all his series of great lectures, entitled houses on his lots. He built two cottages and two double houses, spending astounding tests given. My platform \$7,500. And as he gained possession is open and free to man or woman. I of the properties, the voice advised bar neither color nor creed. I am him to place the titles jointly in the master of every medium in the state. They dance to my music. Reformed he did. rumpet mediums, independent slate writers and users of 'luminous paint' luring ye dark seances will please sit on the mourner's bench with their yes glued on the most worthy pastor. Come early to secure seats. 'The truth sets us free.' "-Advertisement

n an Indianapolis paper. The above illustrates most compre hensively the condition of Spiritualism in Indianapolis, Ind. It is alleged that this man Kingsley is the original Jules Wallace, at one time a "celebrated" materializing medium of Milwaukee, Wis., at whose circles some sixty materialized "spirits" would appear in a single evening—all the work of skillful confederates, aided legerdemain.

Mr. Kingsley has assumed special importance in Indianapolis, as set forth in the statement-"I AM MAS-TER OF EVERY MEDIUM IN THE STATE. THEY DANCE TO MY MU-SIC." In making that statement he places himself in an exalted position, illustrating his inordinate egotism, his overweening vanity, and as well, half of his property to a strange wohis consummate foolishness! This man, who had earned none of it. The man with his colossal vanity has his reason, probably, the whole of it was special following in Indianapolis, and | not demanded was because the spirits several of his gullible friends have en- FULLY MEASURED MR. AMOS'S deavored to force into The Progressive Thinker notices extolling him "to the skies."

It is one of the lamentable aspects of our grand and beneficent Cause, that such a man is considered by the general public as one of the segments of Spiritualism, and its ethical standard it return" of the bogus kind figuring by the public is often MEASURED therein conspicuously. A telegram BY ITS WEAKEST LINK as manifested in this Indianapolis individualjust as one's personal strength of character, spiritual, ethical and intel- dium, Elsie Reynolds, has for the hunlectual is estimated—judging FROM dredth time—more or less—been THE WEAKEST LINK IN

Spiritualism is judged all along the line by its WEAKEST LINK OR LINKS. It is the same in all great ethical, social or political reformatory movements-THE WEAKEST LINKS stands forth exceptionally prominent, and at times attracts the most attention, and it is invariably THE WEAK-EST LINKS that lead one ofttimes practically to ruin.

And here is another case of peculiar importance and significance-something like the one that occurred in the and the facts published from one end East some time ago, where a spirit—a of the country to the other, yet soon No savage chieftain ever issued spirit materialized husband, if we resuch a cruel order to his fellow savenges. Angered, he might destroy the part with the MOST OF HER PROP. Chicago, with a communication experiment. ERTY, it going into the hands of the medium, resulting in impoverishing the former. A suit at law, however, resulted in the return of the most of the ill-gotten gains. The Indianapolis

"That he assaulted her and called her names are the counter charges made by Josephine C. Amos against John C. Amos, her husband, who filed a complaint for divorce some time ago, declaring that his wife through her power as a Spiritualistic medium had obtained a half interest in all of mis property.

According to the husband's story he sold his farm in Clinton county a few years ago and came to Indianap-He was interested in the occult and met his future wife while studying the system. He married her about three years after they met and he says that all went well until after she had obtained a half interest in his property.

'He charges that she called upon his former wife, whom he loved dearly, through the agency of a spiritual being she called "Bright Star, an Indian spirit." and that he heard what he believed to be, and what she said was, the voice of his former wife. The told him to invest the \$10,000 cash he had from the sale of his farm in Indianapolis building lots. This he vitals, and which assume to represent

A FAMILY CONVERTED.

The Result of a Little Quiet Mission-

ary Work.

### Spiritualism. tures drawn on paper from their own spirit relatives, and other manifesta-tions too numerous to mention. The

To the Editor: -You will remember that some time ago I sent you a subscriber from Arcata for The Progressive Thinker and Letters From the Spirit World as a premium, to N. C.

This party and family never knew

is an extract:

I wish, Mr. Ferguen, you would come over very soon, because I have a lot of gospel news for you. That book, Letters from the Spirit World, is worth more than its weight in gold. Come over as soon as possible and stay a few days, because we have lots to talk about. We have had many fine experiences since you were here,

Upon the strength of this kind initation, I went over and stayed two gospel. me, and proud I am to have it to say tions to them as to how to proceed to fakes and gospel frauds, investigate and receive spirit manifestations, I have to state that at their very first sitting or circle they got all the proof desired, and it resulted in tegular sittings ever since. The lady and daughter are both mediums;

writings are in their own native guage which is Danish, and ful These people are sincerely hones

and respectable. Through t manifestations Mr. Borrickson Through these already cured of the tobacco habit He does not know how to express his gratitude for this one act from his spirit friends.

anything of Spiritualism until I approached them on the subject during a visit I paid them at the time they subscribed, about the latter part of June last.

Last week I was surprised by a letter from Mr. Borrickson of which here is an extract:

This party and family never knew spirit friends.

Fortunately or otherwise as the case may be, it, leaked, out in their innocance among the neighbors and relatives that they were practicing Spiritualism.

Logard Peracher called upon them with very sad news to them, after his close questioning. He as is ter his close questioning. He, as is usually the case, told them that they were controlled or rather possessed of the devil, who was personating their friends. He tried hard to frighten them out of their spiritual experiences; but happily it did not work favorable to the minister of the old gospel of devil and hell, with variations of hell and devil. He found Mr. Borrickson now a firm believer in science and philosophy, rather than a mythical, rusty Mr. B. and wife are now as nights. It was not only a pleasant firm as the rocks of St. Peter—th visit but a most happy surprise to very gates of hell can not prevail against them. So Spiritualism that according to my simple instruc- surely gradually growing in spite of

A. FERGUSON. Eureka, Cal.

Truth Seeker.

When all the streams of supersti tion run dry, religion will be found dead between their withered banks.

AN IMPORTANT LETTER.

From the President of the N. S. A., in Which He Makes Some Plain State ments that Will Interest Spiritual-

To the Editor:-In a recent issue, note that the names of the members of the committee on the president's message, at the recent National Convention were given incorrectly. In the interest of fact, permit me to name that committee in full: J. S. Maxwell Maryland; R. F. Little, Washington; Mrs. Carrie H. Mong, Indiana; Mrs. Sophia B. Seip, Oregon. Both Mrs. R. S. Lillie and Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing found plenty to do upon committees equally important, in other depart-

In my missionary report, I note an elision that makes my reference to my receipts from my labors in Kansas very grotesque indeed. The words "eigh dollars and" are omitted from before the words "fifty cents" in the paragraph in which I refer to two Sunday lectures I once give in that state. The sum of eight dollars and fifty cents was the true figure which amount was the largest received at any point out-side of Sterling. No doubt both of the above errors were typographical due, possibly, to the penmanship of I have been criticised, and even nov

to the new wife. He followed the adam occasionally chided for referring t our speakers as I did. I meant no disrespect to any one of our nobl workers now in the field. My conten plaint, the awakening came. Amos believed that the voice was a sham tion was and is that there are n young men and women of scholarl attainments now offering themselve for our ministry. This is a matter of grave importance to all Spiritualists he says. He finally told her that he would gladly leave her if she would As a matter of fact, there are no twenty-five speakers upon our rostrum erty to him, but he says that she 'pulled down her eye and asked him to o-day who are under forty-five years of age! At this moment, I do not re call who are under thirty years of age look carefully to see if he saw any-thing green there.' I claim that this is a matter of se rious import to every true Spiritualist enough—that he paid \$300 for diaand should inspire him to find the cause of the trouble. It is not hard to mond ear-rings for her, bought an iron fence for her property for \$100 and gave her \$200 to keep for him, which she forgot to return." find as I view the situation. meagre salaries offered by local socie ties. A speaker or medium must live especially if he or she has a family to support. No man or woman can support himself or herself upon five dollars per Sunday for two lectures, and

As the leading Spiritualist paper, ve give the above as of great public interest, inasmuch as alleged spirit return figures therein conspicuously, a the Spiritualists who ask or exact him man's loving wife, now in spirit life, or her to work for that sum are too exacting altogether-almost crimiadvising him to part completely with nally so. Other causes may be adduced, but to my mind, this is the main source of our trouble. No one has a higher regard for the workers now on duty than have I, and I again disclaim any intent to cast reflection EXTREME GULLIBILITY and fool-About the convention? ishness. Mrs. Amos was formerly Mrs. Josephine Ropp, who during the

friend Dr. Wilkins, characterized it about right when he said that it was a talking-not a working oconvention There was plenty of work for the committees, and they all acquitted themselves nobly, yet some of the members of the most important committees deliberately dodged all meetings of committees, and either went sight-seeing about Chicago, or remained on the floor with their fellow delegates, possibly in search of a "test."

I personally know that the president and vice-president, likewise the secretary and stenographer, all worked hard from the opening to the close. Possibly all members of the convention did their best, according to their understanding, hence no one has a right to judge them.

It does seem strange, however, that delegates would or could present themselves on Tuesday morning, have their credentials accepted, themselves duly seated, and then deliberately remain away from the convention until Friday afternoon, when they knew that the election was to take place. Some ten or twelve delegates, all of them from the East, were in the audience, listening to the lectures and messages, on Friday night when the vote was taken as to the place of meeting of the next convention. more for the lectures and messages than they did for the business of the convention. Some of them have been Spiritualists forty or fifty years. No wonder they were not in the business meeting!

In the interest of economy, the convention voted to unite the offices of Editor-at-Large, Historian, and Missionary-at-Large in one person. This is one thing that the convention did do, and the trustees will have to obey its behests. The outcome of this radical change will be eagerly watched by not a few interested parties. The convention also voted that at least two grand mass-meetings should be held each month throughout the year at such centers of population as may need a spiritual revival. This is likewise an important change, and the results of this work will be read with keen interest by all friends of the cause. There were other things done, but these two are the most vital points that suggest themselves to mind at this writing, hence I will refer to some

others at another time.

The delegates did not solve the financial problem, as it was hoped they might. If every reader of The Progressive Thinker would take hold of this question practically, it would solve itself. The Progressive Thinker is read by at least 50,000 people. If each one of this great army would send one dollar to the secretary of the N. S. A., the financial independence of the N. S. A. is thereby secured, and the future of Spiritualism made certain. There is not a Spiritualist in America who is so poor in purse as to be unable to give a dollar to this worthy cause. Readers of The Progressive Thinker, Spiritualists of America, what say you? Shall we, one and all unite in sending one dollar each to the N. S. A. in order that it may do its proper work? Let us try it. Send all money to Mrs. Mary T. Longley, Secretary N. S. A., 600 Penn-sylvania avenue S. E., Washington, D. , who will promptly receipt for it.

#### Yours for progress. HARRISON D. BARRETT, President.

The Chicago Examiner says of the sisters: Frugality is founded on the principle that all riches have limits .-

A woman in the rear of the room forward. The woman cried:

given us by nature for defense and for

defense only; it is the safeguard of justice; and the security of innocence. There was speech in their dumbness: language in their very gesture.

Don't laugh over others' mistakes. skin may be under your own foot .- McPherson. Frugality is founded on the principle that all riches have limits.— Burke.

Theology is but ignorance of natural causes reduced to a system .-The robin can thank God for the

worm, but can the worm thank God for the robin?—Truth Seeker. There was a noble way, in former times of saying things simply, and yet saying them proudly.-Irving.

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!

# 200-Important Notice-200

## Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis' Remarkable Works Are Out of Print.

'Are there 200 Spiritualists in the United States who will take a full set of his books when published, paying promptly therefor, \$30, and cheap at that price? If so we think it possible to make arrangements with a responsible party to bring them out in accordance with a plan that will receive the cordial endorsement of the Doctor. O. F. Brand of Faribault, Minn., will take one set. G. J. Willett of Milwaukee, Wis., will also take a set. Let us hear from others at once. Dr. Davis himself will be the one principally benefited financially, in the republishing of his works. if sufficient funds can be secured. The cost of getting out the 29 volumes of his works will not be less, probably, than \$8.000.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Held as a Well Deserved Tribute the Life of Rev. Dr. James O. M. Hewitt.

of esteem As a proper testimonial for their late brother and friend, Dr. James O. M. Hewitt, the Society of the the Independent Order of the Mystic grateful remembrance; Brotherhood, together with many others, met in memorial services in Wilcox Hall, corner of Forty-third street and Champlain avenue, Sunday afternoon and evening, October 28.

The afternoon service was devoted to short but sincere and heartfelt marks by Dr. George B. Warne, Mr. Jas. E. Coe, Mr. Thorwald Holmes, Dr. Geo. A. Bishop and others.

At the evening gathering, at which the members of the Independent Order of the Mystic Brotherhood were present in a body, the speakers were Mr. Herbert F. Arnold, Dr. H. A. Cross and Dr. J. H. Randall. Mr. Wm. Pierce and Mrs. Carrie Crawford Pierce rendered a duet entitled, "Oh, Morning Land." Mr. Chas E. Coe sang the well-known song, "The Old Musician and His Harp." "The Bet-Musician and His Harp." ter Land" was sung by Mr. Arthur Hooper, and "Rock of Ages" and 'Paradise" were sung by Miss Gilda McCoy.

Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley, owing o an engagement elsewhere, sent her regrets at not being able to be present, and the following words of tribute to Brother Hewitt, over her signature, were read: "He was unostentatious, he was kind, he was true. His tongue was never a traitor to his brain. He was faithful to his duty and our grand cause; he will ever live to do

Dr. Hewitt was born in New York, January 26, 1831. The religious influence environing his life led him into the Baptist ministry, which he served faithfully for 15 years. He joined the Masonic Brotherhood in which order he steadily advanced to its highest degrees, preserving exceptionally pleasant relations with it throughout his life; having been called many times to give lectures before the order, because of his deep and earnest convictions that it was a grand institution, and because of his knowledge of the history of its profound and impressive cememonies in teaching men who join it the true principles where by the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man may be exempli fled by man in this world of mortality

Being imbued with the spirit of progress he advanced into the ministry service as an Independent, and for more than 20 years preached regular ly, finding support from Unitarians, Universalists, and Spiritualists, always interpreting the spiritual features of the Bible, and theology from a lofty humane and scientific standpoint. was by nature a sincere Spiritualist, and for many years accepted its phenomena as God's natural and only ra-tional process of conveying to mankind the proof of the continuity and integrity of individual life after death

For some years he gave careful study to the formation of an order moral improvement of men and women; the encouragement of the inves tigation of psychic and spiritual forces; cultivation of fraternity, com bined with beneficiary features. This work culminated about one year ago in the organization of those who know him but to love him, of the Independent Order of the Mystic Brotherhood which ever since has held regular meetings and made such growth that at present indicates that it is founded upon principles that in sure its permanence. The distinctive characteristic of it being , a Brother hood and Sisterhood, in which all the higher qualities of character of both may be brought into association for work, and the benefit possible to be derived therefrom, for growth in usefulness and goodness of the human

family, be secured. At the last regular meeting of the I O. of the M. B. a committee was appointed to formulate a suitable resoluhim, to be reported at a future meet-ing. The following is the report of

Whereas, In the Great Course of our number in mortal life our good brother, James O. M. Hewitt, long as- meet them, if only on paper. sociated with us as an instructor, counsellor and guide.

Resolved, That in appreciation the exceptionally useful life of Brother James O. M. Hewitt, realizing as we do the great passion of his soul in his declining years to establish the Independent Order of the Mystic Brotherhood, and the crystallization of his work so that it may be carried 323 Garfield Ave., Battle Creek, Mich.

forward, and knowing him as its father and founder; and believing with him that the times are ripe for the upbuilding of such an institution wherein may be cultivated, and impressed upon men and women the great principles of Truth. Brotherly and Sisterly Love and Relief, as never before; and that these principles extend into our individual existence afsychic Forces and the members of ter death, we shall ever hold him in

Resolved, That we hereby tender to his widow our sincere sympathy and Wilcox Hall, corner of Forty-third condolence; and while we know that Love;" that He reflects brightness in all the paths laid out for our exist-ence; therefore, with joy, and not with sadness, we should hail his birth and advancement into that grand spiritual assembly of the world's workers and saviors gone before us; and in testimony of our pleasant remembrance of his life among us, these resolutions be spread upon the record of our order and a copy of the same be sent to the Spiritualistic press with the request that they be published.

J. A. TOREN.

AN AUSPICIOUS EVENT.

In Commemoration of One Who Had Ascended Higher.

To the Editor: -On the evening of October 29, a goodly number of friends, in response to a cordial invitaion, assembled at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wells of this city, to commemorate an auspious event, it being an anniversary of the advent into mortal life of one who having passed through the vicissitudes of earthly environments, has been reborn into spirit life, and is a denizen of that "beautiful land where our dreams come true." It is impossible to state numerically the anniversary just celebrated, as marked hand of time on the dial of life as mortals compute it, as the one for whom our joy was expressed is of the 'gentler sex," and is therefore naturally very sensitive. The subject of our sketch who bears the euphonious cognomen, "Butter Cup," is one of the bright, witty and entertaining controls of that noble, fearless and : 'le exponent of the beautiful philosophy of the continuity of life and spirit return, Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie. Of what may have characterized her life when in the mortal, we are ignorant; but that ner mission now is to "scatter seeds of kindness" and pour consolation into wounded hearts, and to cheer, encourage aid uplift all who hear her voice and come within her influence, must ertainly be conceded.

Our generous hosts served a most delicate, delicious and sumptuous repast, during which the banqueters were greatly amused and deeply interested and edified by the many bright, quaint and brilliant scintillations of "Butter Cup." We are all deeply in-debted to Mr. and Mrs. Wells and Mrs. We are all deeply in-Gillespie for a most enjoyable evening. When the time arrived, all too soon, for us to reluctantly separate, we could not take our leave until after we had not only voted Mr. and Mrs. Wells "royal entertainers," but had nously expressed the hope that "Dear Little Butter Cup" and her estimable sensitive, Mrs. Gillespie, may have innumerable and inexhaustible anniversaries, and that each may be more pleasant and fraught with more pleasure and happiness than the preceding N. H. B.

Battle Creek, Mich. ATTENTION, LYCEUM WORKERS.

To all lyceums and their noble band of workers, we send a loving greeting: We feel that in order to further the grand work begun by our friend and brother, Mr. John W. Ring, we must get into line, and be counted earnestly ask the secretary of each lyceum, or any society desirous of forming a lyceum, to write me fully many pupils, the average attendance, the text book used, the song book, tion, expressive of its appreciation of and method of carrying on sessions, There are three standard Lycenm Guides-Andrew Jackson Emma Rood Tuttle's and the British Manual. Which of these do you use? Nature, Divine Intelligence with its Tell me also who among your children own Love and Wisdom has called from are the best fitted as leaders and missionaries in lyceum work? I want to to know what is most needed, what they can do. Let me hear from you soon.

"Lyceum, Lyceum, march; march ahead. Never dead, file ahead!

come, come!" ANNA L. GILLESPIE. National Sup't. of Lyceums

## A Glowing Historical Portrayal of Heaven, Interesting, Impressive and Instructive, and Would Have Been a Perfect Symposium Had He Given the Well Known Facts as Presented by Spiritualists, Who Have Actual Knowledge of That Locality, a Locality often Visited by Seers.

As stated in the last article [as set forth in the Globe-1 AND SLAUGHTER, AND WHO THERE CONTINUED TO Democrat], the conceptions of heaven portrayed in the INDULGE IN FEASTING AND FIGHTING: The unhe-Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the most spiritual and consistent, on the whole, with rational thought upon this subject, but they are too gross and material to be accepted as statements of fact for all time and for thoughtful people. A development was traced in the use of words and in the expression of thought entirely conelse. Our concepts of everything, REAL OR SPECULA-TIVE, ARE CONDITIONED BY THE STATE OF DEVEL-OPMENT OF THE HUMAN MIND. This is true of the individual, the nation and the race as a whole. As the thought of the mind expands, enlarges, refines and uplifts, everything about which we think goes with it. Newer and higher individual impressions of everything invade the thought of the race and enlarge and improve it.

There is a general tendency to unity and congruity of thought among men. This overrides, on the whole, all divergencies and differences. We are tending all the time toward cosmopolitan forms of thought. Because the race is one, its germinal ideas are alike. They are modified by environment and growth. If a human being were isolated entirely, assuming that it remained normal, it would have practiced still by many unenlightened peoples. Among the idea of heaven, and its ideas of heaven would suffer the Jewish people in their early history burnt offerings and change from mere development in maturity of being. This is a subjective process entirely, or would be if isolation were perfect. But isolation is not usual, and never perfect. Objective influences are always at work.

THE EXTERNAL WORLD OF SENSE ACTS UPON THE MIND TO UPLIFT AND ENLARGE IT. The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no place where the voice of God is not heard. If men were silent, the very stones would cry out. But man can not be silent. His influence is the highest form of God's voice in the environment of man.

Mind acts upon mind. Truth is mighty and will prevail. Higher and better forms of thought on every subject must displace the lower and the poorer. Heaven must become more heavenly as the ages roll around. Hebrew ideals must pass away and CHRISTIAN IDEALS MUST TAKE THEIR PLACE. CHRISTIAN IDEALS MUST BE PURIFIED AND ENRICHED AND SPIRIT-UALIZED AS THE CENTURIES COME AND GO. an individual or people among men in general.

#### Embodiment of Longings.

has been placed in colder regions; for those in dry places, where there is pain and sorrow and disappointment, in elevated places above the earth and in a condition under it could be well said that "IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE | the visitor wished to contribute to it." MANY MANSIONS," and the tax upon the inventive genius | It is quite amusing to endeavor to realize in fact the of heaven would be very great. Sweet solitude would be the fate of every individual life, but solitude would, in its turn, become anything but heaven.

thought. We must get together in idea if we wish to as- KIND ALMOST EQUAL TO THE NATURAL and doubtless sociate with each other in heaven, as we must, to be happy. Conceptions of heaven have always been compounds, compromises and conventions of thought. For all it has always been a question of assorting and assembling the best | upon somewhat more practical lines, and for a time rose to things of an age and a state of culture. For the people the value of twenty millions, but at present the people of culture IT IS SOUGHT WITHIN, AND IS THE RESULT | there seems to be in need of the necessaries of life. The WAY OF LIFE WITH PRACTICAL AND IDEAL ASPIRA-TION AND ACHIEVEMENT.

There was wisdom in the prayer of Solomon: "Give me neither poverty nor wealth." "Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content." "An overabundance for the day is the evil thereof." "Seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness and all other things shall be added unto you," even a position in some place pleasing to us beyond this life unknown to us.

Unenlightened and unfavorable conditions in this life reason, but in all concepts of heaven, from the lowest to the highest, are found the fundamental elements of one and the same thing. The movements of the human mind are everywhere in the direction of making heaven AN IN-WARD STATE RATHER THAN AN OUTWARD PLACE, and a present reality rather than a future one. but it proper proportions.

### Cannibalistic Idea of Heaven.

When we turn to the concepts of heaven outside the literature of the Jewish people and formed prior to the close of the New Testament canon we find that they substantially agree with those outlined in the last article concerning the Jewish people. Those of the lowest races are very gross and sensual and would be anything but heaven to enlightened people. For some cannibals, their idea of heaven is that it is a place where their gods feast on the souls of those human beings devoured by them on earththese souls being something like material duplicates of bodies on earth, but subjected first to roasting all the same. It seems to be a remnant of this idea of heaven which has projected itself into human thought and CON-VERTED ITSELF INTO THE CHRISTIAN HELL, IN WHICH THE SOUL IS ROASTED BUT NOT EATEN. It is amazing that such a thought should have found its way into the literature of any Christian people, and more amazing that it should have been entertained even as a concept of hell by some otherwise very good men down almost to the present time. To such depths will a slavish adherence to the mere letter of an unenlightened and metaphorical literary age lead men.

To the North American Indians, and to Indians and other peoples everywhere in general who subsist chiefly by the chase, heaven is the "happy hunting grounds," and the favorite and best conveniences and utilities for hunting here are deposited in the grave with the dead body to dog and the horse of the hunter. Of course war and other main occupations of the savage are necessary to a happy life in the world to come for them.

The ancient Scandinavians and other peoples of a simi-TINGUISHED THEMSELVES HERE FOR PROWESS

roic were not well provided for by such peoples in the future world, and were left to some indefinite resort where they would undergo the appropriate fate of the unheroic.

Polygamous nations have pictured heaven in ancient times as a great harem and have had their favorite wives killed at death to accompany them to the world to come. sistent with the facts of evolution as found in everything | Traces of this are found still among such peoples as require a widow to sacrifice her life upon the funeral pyre, or to remove herself from earth in some other way soon after the death of her husband. Even among Jewish and Christian people a remnant of this remains in the hard and harsh conditions attached to widowhood,

The heaven of the Mormon is a sensual one. Sun worshipers place heaven somewhere in the course of the sun and always toward the east, or the place of the rising of the sun. For them the employments and enjoyments of heaven are such are found upon earth, but of a higher type and in a more ethereal place.

Fire has played some part in the worship and in the torments of almost every people in the past, and to some extent, it does in the present. Purification by fire is largely sacrifices were a large element in their worship, as it has been among all other ancient peoples. To David, the Psalmist, this was felt to be unnecessary. In one of his prayers he plainly states that such things God does not require, but that he does look with favor upon a broken and

#### Heaven Placed in Higher Regions.

The Babylonians and other Mesopotamians, hemmed in by mountains on almost all sides, felt the longing of every 'mind to see beyond, and they fixed heaven beyond these mountains and toward the east, which would be in the region of China and Japan. The people of China and Japan were, at the same time, locating heaven in some higher region also, and towards the north and west.

The Babylonians made the entrance to heaven a "mountain of meeting" spoken of in Isaiah 14:13. The latter does not compliment them much on this idea and prospect, and states that they will all land in hell instead.

The Persians, who dwelt in a higher region and in purer atmosphere in Mesopotamia than the Babylonians, consid-Wherever the highest culture is found, there will be found | ered heaven to be among the mountains to the east, but to the best conceptions of heaven. What heaven is to any BE THE ABODE OF THE PURE AND GOOD. TO THEM individual, or to any branch of the human family, or to IT WAS A PARADISE, OR PLEASURE GROUND, AND any age, is largely a measure of its culture. It is a human EMBRACED SOME OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE GARthermometer of mind. Along with many other things, it DEN OF EDEN, which has been located in the past by sais a safe and accurate measure of the relative position of cred geographers and commentators in the region of

The concept of a paradise, or happy hunting or other garden or ground, runs through the literature of all peo-It is also true that the state and the place of heaven for ples and comes out strongly in sacred and profane writmen, in particular and in general, is an embodiment of the ings. Men are still delighted with beautiful natural or unsatisfied longings and aspirations of the mind. For artificial parks and play grounds. Whether St. John immen living in the cold regions it has been located in proves upon this by making heaven a city with streets warmer regions; for those living in very warm regions it paved with gold, and with only one tree in it and no grass, may be questioned, but to a poor man shut up in a cave, in regions with living streams of water; for those living in surrounded by darkness, and with but a scanty bill of fare, damp and unhealthy regions, in dry and salubrious local- it would seem quite natural to esteem a city, of gold and Ities: for those living in valleys surrounded by mountains, precious stones, a supernatural light not dependent on the across these mountains, and for these living on this earth, sun and stars, and a tree near at hand bearing all manner of fruits, ripe at every season of the year, as quite agreeable and likely sufficient. To this he adds a stream of water which all these unpleasant things of life cease to annoy us of life, and a lot of good people, but not more than 144,where "the wicked cease from troubling and the weary 000. He had some conceptions not unlike the modern are at rest." In fact, if each soul could go to such condi- world's fair expositions illuminated by electric light, and tions in the future life as it longs for or aspires to here, not unwilling to accept golden treasure at every turn if

the place and state of heaven. It would be quite difficult TO FIND A PEARL BIG ENOUGH TO MAKE A GATE, Heaven must then be a mixture and a compromise in BUT MODERN SCIENCE CAN MAKE JEWELS OF ANY there are many firms which would contract to make pearls sufficient in number and size to serve as gates of the New Jerusalem. Brother Dowie's new Zion City was founded OF FINDING AND WALKING IN THE BEST AVERAGE Old Jerusalem, sacred city of the ancient Jews, is to-day deserted almost by the ancient people of God, and is largely under the control of the "unspeakable Turk." It seems as though the idea of a city for a New Jerusalem would have to be abandoned, and we must get up higher.

The ancient Hindoos did get up in their conceptions of the location of heaven to a considerable elevation, but still they did not wish to leave the earth entirely. They placed paradise on a mountain 2,000,000 MILES IN ELE-VATION FROM THE CENTER OF THE EARTH. This is shout 2.500 times its actual diameter. They were bor have materialized or intensified the general concepts of dered on the north by the highest mountains upon the globe, and their upward gaze at these seems to have made them a little giddy. It is not to be wondered at that, in their theories, after a sufficient number of transmigrations of the soul in animal forms to refine it, including the body of the sacred ox with its deep hazel eyes and far-away look, the soul was supposed to reach its highest refinement must always have all these elements in combination and in and most exalted bliss in Nirvana, or practical nothingness, on the top of this high mountain. It is quite a transcendental view, and, in this respect, is quite above modern transcendentalism.

If the world was made from nothing, as has been the orthodox theory up to date, we find here the kindred thought that in the last sublimation of being we return to nothing again. It is quite easy to observe that such Christian and such pagan, such ancient and such modern ideas have

Olympus, one of the highest mountains of Greece. The Druids, who were the earliest historic inhabitants of England, located the souls of men in the sky after some series of transmigration on earth. All words for heaven in any historic language signify something elevated or vaulted. In some cases the idea of something released and about to come, but not arrived, is associated with the derivation of the word for the future state and place. Elysium has this significance. The idea of an assembling of people for the new state in a sort of preliminary or anticipatory state and place is also found. The purgatorial idea is always present. We must be prepared for the new, conditions by some sort of inner and outer metamorphosis. It is assumed everywhere in some crude form that evolution is necessary.

### Greek Conceptions Most Definite.

Upon the whole, the ancient Greek and Roman conceptions of the state and places of the good in a future condiserve the spirit in the world to come, even to slaying the tion ARE THE MOST DEFINITE AND INTERESTING. They are found fully set forth in many books on the subject, but, as such are not accessible to all readers, it will be proper here to give a brief outline of this subject to bring the matter down to the end of the period of the close lar grade of intelligence, habits, and occupations made of the New Testament canon or literature received by the HEAVEN A PLACE FOR HEROES' ONLY WHO DIS- Christian world as inspired and received direct from God: The study of the numerous and beautiful myths of the

Greeks and Romans has resulted in a system of learning called mythology. So extensive is this that it requires volumes to unfold it and much study to understand and digest it. It is a system of theology and it is scattered through a number of writings of these peoples as numer-ous and as important, in many respects, to the scholar as the books of the Bible. These ancient peoples were very able and imaginative and poetic in all they thought and wrote. For native talents they were the equals of any people ever found upon the earth. Except that they were polythelsts, they were profound philosophers and great thinkers. Their polytheism is so mixed up with their views of everything that it makes an entirely new system of thought from that of the Bible, but in it are found all the primary ideas of the Jewish people. In the best among them they stood at the threshold of monothelsm as well as on the general foundation of polytheism. Out of their polytheism would have developed, in the course of time if let alone, a true monotheism. But the providence of God hastened this by the conquest of Palestine and the scattering of the Jewish and early Christian monotheists all over the Roman empire. The early apostles of Jesus were so fully imbued with the new philosophy of which monotheism was the center and which was charged with the command and energy of propagandism and missions, as to carry it everywhere against all opposition and without regard to personal suffering and death.

To the Greeks there were two regions on earth which approximated heaven. Directly north of their country the Hyperboreans dwelt in eternal spring and everlasting bliss. THEIR HOMES WERE INACCESSIBLE BY LAND OR SEA. THEY WERE EXEMPT FROM DISEASE, OLD AGE AND DEATH, THEY WERE SO VIRTUOUS AND PURE THAT THE GODS OFTEN VISITED THEM AND ENGAGED WITH THEM IN GAMES AND FEASTS. The following poem sets forth the usual conceptions of this heavenly land and people.

I come from the land in the sun-bright deep, Where-golden gardens grow; Where the winds of the north, becalmed in sleen Their conch shells never blow.

So near the track of the stars are we That oft on the night's pale beams. The distant sounds of their harmony Come to our ears like dreams.

The moon, too, brings her world so nigh That when the night seer looks To that shadowless orb, invernal sky, He can number its hills and brooks

To the sun god all our harps and lyres By day, by night, belong:

And the breath we draw from his living tires We give him back in song.

South of the Greeks, near the boundaries of the river Ocanus, which was supposed to surround the earth, dwelt the Ethiopians, who were a similarly favored people. They enjoyed the favor of the gods and were often visited by them to share in their innocent delights. There are also the isles of the Blest. . With some the "isles of the Blest" and the "land of the Ethiopas" the same, but in other conceptions the former are separate and distinct regions. Those who found favor in the sight of the gods were transported without tasting death to these beautiful regions and enjoyed everlasting bliss. These islands had a sun, moon and stars of their own, and were not subject to the cold winds and storms of the north, or of Greece. A translation and metrical adaptation of lines from Pindar are here given in description of these isles:

The isles of the Blest, they say, - Are peaceful and happy, by night and by day, Far away in the glorious west.

They need not the moon in that land of delight, They need not the pale, pale star; The sun is bright by day and night, Where the souls of the blessed are.

They till not the ground, they plow not the wave, They labor not, never, oh, never, Not a tear do they shed, not a sigh do they heave,

#### Approximation to Revelation.

They are happy forever and forever.

It will be seen that this is quite a close approximation to the idea of heaven in Revelation, and yet it is a conception which long antedates that book of the Bible.

This is the best conception of the ancient Greek and Roman theology, but it locates heaven on the earth and in some favored position or positions. The other conceptions of the future state of these peoples come rather under the head of what is known in Christian theology as purgatory, or hades and hell, and will be treated at another time. They stand related to the underworld and are located in the bowels of the earth.

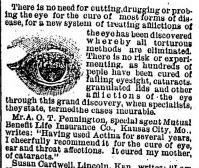
Above these earthly heavens of these people there was only the abode of the supernatural beings-those purely deified or those who were partly the offspring of gods and partly of men. To such abodes the spirit of men did not go-purely human beings. But of the wholly divine and partly divine there was a sufficient number to make up quite a company, and these went about on wings in quite a free way, visiting the earth or the abodes of the dead or the isles of bliss much at will, but more or less under the control of Jove, their supreme divinity, a term allied to the SAMUEL L. STIVER. Jewish Jehovah.

Bunker Hill, Ill.

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A. SCHOPENHAUER ESSAYS. They had left it in darkness. The rooms were in disorder, as though carefuly ransacked.

Careful search is said to have disclosed that absolutely nothing had been taken, although in a casket in plain sight were some of Mrs. Pepper's jewels, valued at \$1,000, a. \$50 bill and several smaller bills.—Chicago Examiner.

An Earnest Plea Made For Woman and the Purity of the Home. time; the indispensable, to-day, falls to reach the requirements of the pro-

ticle with the caption:

"Startling Figures Regarding Divorce. Report Shows Golden California in an Unhappy Light. Legislature to Be Urged to Amend State Laws." The gist of the article is that twelve Evangelical denominations have formed an interdengminational com-

mission on marriage and divorce.

The ultimate object of the commission as stated is: "To secure the enactment of such amendments to the Constitution and Statutes of the United States as will establish uniform laws regarding marriage and divorce in all our states and territories. according to the form of purity given in our Lord's words.

The Rt. Rev. William Moreland, up the fight jointly at

Delegates have been appointed by the commission to search court records and gather other data. they have done, and the Times says, 'The report is the most sensational document in the annals of the antidivorce movement." The most sen-sational item given in the report is that more than 4000 divorces have been granted in Los Angeles county 948 applications for divorce were filed in this county during the year 1905, and the greater part were

granted. This is indefinite as to the number of divorces actually granted during the past year, but that is not a matter of importance. The important con sideration is whether the condition of the divorced parties was improved or made worse by the decrees granted; whether society in general was affect ed deleteriously, or profited thereby whether the purity of homes suffered more by the divorces granted than if they had been denied. No allusion whatever is made in the report to

these considerations. Another writer, a churchman, says that the increase in divorces during the last few years is truly appalling, but he offers no remedy, excepting to make it more difficult to obtain di-

The truth is, it is woman who is most vitally interested in divorces. Almost invariably it is the rights of woman that are most deeply involved. It is her freedom, growing with the enlightenment of the age, that is en-croaching upon the domain claimed by

It is contrary to the teaching and precepts of the Christian religion to admit the equality of woman with man, but unless her equality is fully sprung from minds affected with the same species of germ.

In all ancient philosophies of heaven it is located in an upper region. The ancient Greeks placed it on Mount right to the control of her own per-

> Throughout all Christendom the Throughout all Christendom the following admonitions have stood diametrically opposed to he freedom:
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> "For the man is fot of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man."—I. Corinthians, xi:8, 9!2 95
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> "Wives, submit" yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord, For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is surjoined to the hort.

church; and he is Skylor of the body. Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything."-Ephesians v:22, 23 and 23. Wives, submit yourselves unto

vour own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord."—I. Colossians iii:18.

In the light of the twentieth century these injunctions are pro-nounced by many as abominable, but Theology says, "Bible." It is fair, however, to the anti-divorce workers, to state that the sentiments quoted are not viewed with pride, but are held in the background. It is nevertheless a part of their religious faith; their theology is grounded on the writings of Paul, the author thereof,

The Los Angeles Times of Septem-ber 27, 1906, headed a two-column ar-legislature cannot be considered as competent jurors to pass upon the rights of woman in the marriage rela-Any attorney would object to them

> in toto on account of the basic faith of their religion, and any court of justice would sustain the objection. Yet, in a measure, the rights of woman to her own body will be on trial before the next California legislature, and the suit is now being prepared and pressed forward by this interdenominational committee.

The religion of a people is often refancied wrongs committed by their progenitors.

Throughout all the Christian era Episcopal Bishop of Northern Califor-nia, and Bishop Hamilton of the Jew has been singled out for hatred; Methodist church, have agreed to take a marked antipathy exists against Sacramento him; an epithet of opprobrium hurled during the next term of the Legisla-ture and everything will be done to this day he is ostracised from the soput California in line with other ciety of Christians; and among the states for more rigid divorce laws. races, the hatred has developed into tragedy. We note the recent bloody massacres of Jews among the Russians, which were unprovoked and can be accounted for on the sole ground of the deep-seated antipathy that has been fostered by a religion.

In like manner, woman's condition of servitude dates back to the religion based upon the Biblical account of

creation. The first man was created from th dust of the earth, the breath of life was breathed into him and he became a living soul. Woman was created from one of his ribs hence was his inferior. Paul, the great theologian says that "Woman -was created for man," that "man is the image and glory of God, but the woman is the glory of man," and as a mark of her inferiority Paul enjoins her to keep her head covered and to keep her silence in public. But to return to the Creation, the mythical first man and woman were placed in a mythical garden with a mythical tree of knowledge, the fruit of which they were forbidden to eat. But it was whispered into their ears that eating of the fruit would give them knowledge of good and evil and make them as Gods, and been conceded by man, was first to get there. Her more conservative, or possibly more cowardly spouse, did partake of the fruit, but the woman plucked it for him, was all to blame and has been marked for slavery ever

Woman has become mother of kings, generals and statemen; of philosophers, scientists and poets; she has directed the movements of armies and voice for the freedom of millions of slaves and her power has been recognized: she has always thrown her influence on the side of public morality and the advancement of the race; sne has been first and foremost in works of charity and her tender heart and gentle hand have soothed and com-forted the suffering and the dying. As if in recognition of the God-like qualities, the inestimable worth of his beloved daughter, the God of nature has conspired in her behalf to remove the stigma attached to her unequal creation and mythical fall.

The six days of Bible creation have been rolled along into the eternities; into six ages of unknown duration not vet terminated and the mythical Garden of Eden has been buried in the debris of an ever-changing, growing universe. Nevertheless, the deepseated prejudice born of a religion still exists in theology and hangs like pall over woman. She cannot be entrusted with the purity of the home chains. But bind her more closely and make it more lifficult for her to gain her freedom when grossly wronged, and you are only adding more homes to the charnel-houses of hate; homes that may be justly desoribed by the withering invective hurled at the Scribes and Pharisees by the great teacher: "For ye are like whited sepulchers, which indeed ap-pear beautiful outward, but are within and the twelve Evangelical denomina. full of dead of dead men's bones, and tions selected to aid in the work to be of uncleanness."

welfare of the race.

The most stable, grows weak with gressive to-morrow; the Gordian knot

of the King of Phrygia could not be

Persians could never be changed, but Alexander cut the Gordian knot, and

the edicts and laws of the Medes and

If you would have a free race, you

nust strike the shackles from woman.

Give her a voice in all matters pertain-

Persians have ceased to be of interest. have almost passed from the memory of man. Theology dreads to see her chosen God discredited or his edicts set aside. ent human enlightenment rules the heart, whose commands are obeyed and who is fast gaining control of human destinies.

sponsible for gross injustice against innocent people because of real, or age American woman would not go tions when they might become unen-

durable to her. God who has joined her in marriage, is the God within, to-wit: Love and her own conscience, and if the sacred upon, her love desecrated, and her Arranged for Solos, Duets, Quarconscience releases her from her vows, no man should hold her in the worst the most degrading form of slavery that has ever existed, and such laws should be enacted that she could become free. It is well, too, to bear in mind the fact that children cannot be

well born without love, and criminals are born in the prison houses of hate The mission of woman is to build up a noble race.

Unfetter her hands! To instill love, which is of God, into the hearts and minds of man. Ald her work! Worship' at the shrine of Woman-

hood, and your worship will make you noble. She has passed through ages builded has lighted the pathway of

mankind. She is to-day the fairest flower that is growing in the Garden of the Gods. Her wisdom, the brightest gem in the diadem encircling the brow of man kind, and her love, the most precious jewel that is encased in the human

Love, trust, shield and protect her and you will shield and protect the purity and the honor of the home. A. B. SALISBURY. Los Angeles, Cal.

A TIMELY WARNING.

heart.

ed forces to battle; she has lifted her Burglars Revealed by Spirit Warning.

New York, Oct. 29 .- Mrs. May S. Pepper's private secretary is authority for the statement that a "tip" from a friendly spirit enabled the "medium" to detect a burglary in her Brooklyn residence last night, and also that fear of the spirits caused the burglars to

Mrs. Pepper was conducting her usual Sunday night seance in her church and had just answered a query signed by four persons that the person they suspected of stealing a purse at a euchre party was the guilty one, when, she says, the spirit who was talking handed her a little "tip on the side" in this wise:

Soon after receiving this startling ecretary by the hand, told her of the \$1.50 postpaid. warning.

Reaching the Pepper home the two women found it brightly illuminated. They had left it in darkness. The

# General Survey.

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

CONTRIBUTORS.—Each contributor one responsible for any assertions or statements he may make. The editor allows this freedom of expression, be-lieving that the cause of truth can be best subserved thereby. Many of the sentiments uttored in an article may be diametrically opposed to his belief, yet that is no reason why they should be suppressed; yet we wish it distinctly understood that our space is inade quate to publish everything that comes to hand, however much we might desire

to do so. That must account for the non-appearance of YOUR article.

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

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

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

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

The Song Cards for sale at this office at \$4 per hundred, are the help you need in society work.

Albert Booth writes from Rockford, Ill.: "We had Mrs. Georgia Gldays Cooley with us last evening and quite a large audience greeted her. The messages were fine."

Bertha Hansen writes: "Dr. Geo. B. Warne addressed the Progressive Spiritual Society Sunday evening, October 25, at its hall, 183 E. North avenue. He delivered a very convinc-ing lecture on Spiritualism, to an Intelligent and appreciative audience." An eastern paper speaks as follows

of R. F. Churchill, president of the Spiritualist society at Greenfield, Mass.: "Mr. Churchill is highly re-spected by the people who find in him a man of good judgment; and one who is capable and obliging. He is a man of wealth and was unfortunate in having property destroyed in the recent disaster at San Francisco. was the owner of a business block in Bush street, and two dwelling houses in Dupont street. His property was In Dupont street. His property was dress from 189 Lloyd street, to 202 insured and he has been informed by North avenue, Milwaukee, Wis. Please the insurance adjusters that a satisfactory settlement will be made in the near future.'

The Psychical Research Society of Rockford, Ill., sends greeting to the associate spiritual sicieties of Illinois, with a challenge to engage in an earnest attempt to excel all of them in numbers of worthy members in search of truth for the current lecture season. The glorious mass-meeting of a week ago set the ball rolling, and Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley, a univer-gal favorite, gave a new impetus to it on the evening of the 28th ult. Her lecture was well received by a hallfilled audience, and her messages which followed, all save one, were gladly welcomed as 'truthful revelations from the other side of life. At the close of the entertainment and an nouncements, Mr. Booth, a zealous laborer for the cause, presented the claims of The Progressive Thinker for the patronage of Spiritualists, which was followed by President McDougal, who related the fact that he had been a patron of the paper from its first number; that it is unquestionably by far the ablest and best conducted Spiritualist paper now published, and that no lover of the cause can afford to without its weekly reading. Alice C. Barry, of Clinton, Iowa, is engaged to minister to the society for

Excellent results are following the dedication of Brother Austin's Temple at Rochester, N. Y. He writes: "We have Sunday evening audiences ranghave Sunday evening address rans we are justly product, for the calletter ing from 500 to 800 since dedication, are improving rapidly, and all are incollections running from \$20 to \$30 a terested. Our lyceum during camp Sunday, and two papers reporting my lectures. Frank T. Ripley is here as under the camp canopy, but owing to test medium for a time.'

Mrs. A. A. Averill writes from Lynn, Mass.: "The Lynn Spiritualists Association gave a Hallowe'en party at the auditorium at Unity Camp, on Tuesday, October 30, which proved to be a very successful and highly enjoyable lorm of entertainment. The pavilion ally a memorial flower fund in mem-was profusely decorated with cornstalks, autumn leaves and jack-o'-lanterns, and presented a very fine appearance when illuminated with the electric lights. The large floor space of the auditorium was nearly filled with merry dancers; many more who wished to dance not finding room in which to do so. The corners of the room were adorned with cornstalk booths in which the 'witches' connected with the society did a thriving business in fortune-telling. Old-fashioned pumpkin pies, gingerbread, doughnuts, home-made candy, cornballs, apples, etc were on sale, and the pleasure of greeting quite a large found ready purchasers. Miss Abbott audience last night, Oct. 28, consisting of Lawrence, Mr. Furbush, of Lynn, principally of skeptics. Sister C, and others contributed to the general Mueller and Bro. Vanderhoogt gave success with readings, vocal and fine lectures. Sister Koofer closed whistling solos. Quite a substantial with a short address. Sister C. Muelsum was added to the treasury of the ler then gave readings of articles and society. Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn, Prof. reading questions. The rapidness Scarlett, have been with us as speakers sages were given was something exduring the month of October, and ceptional, and many tears were wiped have all done their usual—fine—work, away and sunshine brought instead.

Mrs. S. C. Cunningham is with us No-President Hassmann thanked the visvember 4. Owing to the removal of iting mediums for their kind assist-Dr. Fuller to New York, his place on ance, hoping to be able to greet them sth will be filled with some good test again in the near future; also gave an medium, probably Mrs. Abbott of Lawintenes; Mrs. Cunninghom on the 18th, and Mrs. A. J. Pettengill on the 25th." teaching heretofore."

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

Correspondent writes: "Mrs. Lors Holton of Chicago delivered two in-teresting lectures, October 7, at Cenreville, Michigan, followed by psychometric readings and musical messages Many tests were given. Let us strive for more light, and closely follow the example of the life ofChrist our elder brother, Mrs. Holton held meetings at'the homes of S. Dill'and Mrs. Wm. Luscombe, the former doing a good work by giving a free lesson in inging, and teaching the true philosophy of right living, right thinking, at lyceum every Sabbath morning at his home. Mrs. Holton will lecture there again on Nov. 11."

Eya L. Stewart writes: "The Hyde Park Occult Society enjoyed a fine talk on the 21st by Dr. Randall. He will be with us again on November 18.

Mrs. McIntyre was our medium and message was recognized. Mr. Hillis being present, gave a number which were also recognized. Our circles are well attended. Mr. Fraser and Mr. Hillis gave tests. On the 28th we were entertained by a talk from Dr. J. A. Marvin; he gave great satisfaction. He is to be with us on Nov. 4 and lecture on 'Joan of Arc.' Mrs. Lillie Bell and Mr. H. S. Fraser both gave very convincing messages; they are good message bearers. atter led our circle last Tuesday night and they were so well pleased that he will be with us at the other Tuesday circles, as well as Sunday evenings Our first dance was well attended our next one will be on Nov. 15. We have the same orchestra that we had least year, and it gives entire satisfaction. We are very glad to hear that our medium, Mrs. Guckert, who has been very sick, is some better, and the doctor has hopes of her recovery. Mrs. Dr. Caird will be with us on No vember 11. to give messages. She is

of the opportunity to hear her." G. H. Brooks writes: "I am now and shall be during the month of November, in Northern Wisconsin, in the interest of the State Society. I am now holding a series of meetings in Superior. I will visit Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Augusta, Neillsville, Sparta, Leon, and several other points ere the month closes. For December I go to Pittsburg, Pa. where I serve the First Spiritual He Church. I also desire to state that win Miss Louise Loebel, the secretary of the State Society, has changed her ad-

fine medium and many will be glad

Paw Paw Valley Spiritual Association. writes: "We had with us October 28 Harrison D. Barrett, of Canaan Maine, and H. L. Chapman of Marcel lus, Mich. Mr. Barrett's lectures were intellectual feasts. The afternoon lecture was on 'Five Points of Calvinism and Seven Points of Spiritualism The evening lecture was by request on Tennyson's poem, 'The Holy Grail, which was a masterpiece. Mr. Chapman's poems on subjects taken from the audience, were appreciated by all Mich., was beautiful and impressive. Zetta H. Prettyman, secretary, writes from Parkland, Pa.: "Nearly "Nearly one year has elapsed (Oct. 29) since the Parkland Progressive Lyceum, organized by a few friends and children banding themselves together for spiritual, mental and physical unfoldment. But through the generosity of members and others interested in our work we are now fully equiped. The books. Hudson Tuttle's Lyceum Guides, were donated. We have purchased flags, dumb-bells, badges, etc., and still have a good sum in the treasury. From the small beginning we now have between sixty and seventy. The lyceum is increasing in ininterest. Our worthy conductor. Mr. Geo. W. Breisford, and his wife (as guardian, are efficient workers. Our physical culture class, conducted by Miss Lillian Greenlee (13 years old), we are justly proud of, for the children the lecture hour our time was limited. Mrs. Emily S. Ewers (whom some may remember) passed to bummerland this summer from Parkland. She was known in Philadelphia, where she resided, as the 'Flower Woman.' Mrs.

ment and accomplishing much good during the winter." Gustav L. Willms writes: "The members of the North Star Spiritual Union, 1546 Milwaukee avenue, had Macurda and Mr. James S. and correctness with which these meswith spiritual

ory of her mother, as a permanent Memorial fund to purchase flowers for

are leaving for their winter homes, it

them, but those that remain in beau-

energy, and look forward to advance

tiful Parkland will work with renewed

casts a sadness over us to part with

Mrs. B. L. Nicholson of Seattle, wife of the president of the State Spiritualists Association, was not only one of the hard-working delegates at the recent N. S. A. convention, serving faithfully on both committees and floor during the meeting, but on the following Sunday made an excellent impresing by the modest and sincere manner in which she gave messages from the platform. She is one of the growing mediums of the Pacific Coast, and much will be heard of her in the days of the future. Her personality bears the stamp of honest devotion to a se-

cred cause. Virginie Barrett writes from Bonfield, Ont., Canada, where she has been doing a good work for the last five months. She will soon leave there for new fields towards the South. Address her at once for engagements at the above place.

Mrs, Gusta S. Wagner writes: "Allow me to thank you on the good qualities of your paper, and the stand you have taken for pure Spiritualism. It seems as I am lost when I miss a

Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott Bledsoe of Topeka, Kansas, will be in Louisville. Ky., the last three Sundays in December, and will be glad to correspond with any society there needing the services of good speakers and mediums. Terms very reasonable. Address them at 507 Horne street, Topeka, Kansas.

Mary B. Hill writes: "The Band of Harmony will hold its annual bazaar, Dec. 6, 1906, in Masonic Temple, Room 512. Meals will be served from 12 until 2, and from 5 until 7. There will be on sale many beautiful and useful articles, and if members and friends who live in other parts of the country wish to contribute in any way, they may send contributions to either Mrs. Hattie Peet, 874 W. Madison street, or to Mrs. Mary B. Hill, 320 Flournoy street. We hope every one will bear in mind, and come and help make this the most successful bazaar the society has ever had."

Dr. J. H. Randall lectures Nov. 11. for Golden Rule Society, at O'Donnell's College Hall, Paulina street, near Washington Blvd.; Nov. 18 and 25 for Church of Psychic Forces, Wilcox Hall, 43rd street and Champlain avenue. He will make arrangements for future dates. Address, 1058 Washington Blvd., Chicago.

Mrs. Annie Throndsen, the known lecturer, has resumed work in Indianapolis, Ind. her

W. O'Halloran writes from Cincinnati, Ohio: "I am much pleased at the attitude you assume in relation to the frauds that live under the guise of our glorious cause, and claim to be Spiritualists. We have many of such here, that are supported by Spiritualists who swallow any statement that comes through a tin horn."

Mrs. Alice C. Barry, Speaker for the Clinton Spiritualists' Society, will oc-cupy the platform of the Psychic Research Society, Rockford, Ill., for the month of November. She will arrange for meetings during the week, and answer calls for funerals within reasonable distance.

Mrs. Helen Stuart-Richings is to lecture the first two Sundays of November at Meadville, Pa. Between time she will entertain the insane patients of numerous state hospitals located in Cleveland, Warren, Pa., Rome, Ogdensburg, N. Y., Danville, Pa., etc. Mrs. Richingss permanent address is 319 E. High street, New Philadelphia.

B. F. Austin will lecture to the people of Little Valley, N. Y., Nov. 19 and 20. Subject, "How and Why I Became a Spiritualist." Second subject selected by the audience.

Committee writes: "Saturday evening, November. 10, 1906, the Golden Rule Pleasure Club will hold a card party for the old and a dance for the young, and an oyster supper for all, both great and small, at O'Donnell College Hall, 43 S. Paulina street, between Park avenue and Washington Blvd. Bring your friends and have a good time. Music by Kirkland's orchestra.'

Reporter writes: "Mrs. Georgia G. Cooley's opening meetings at Howard's Hall, corner Grand Boulevard and 47th street, last Sunday afternoon and evening, were a success. The social afternoon consisted of singing, silent prayer, words of welcome by Mrs. Cooley, a poem entitled 'The Scandalmonger,' by Dr. T. Wilkins, a short enthusiastic address by Dr. Geo. B. Warne, messages by Mrs. Veaver, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Lichtig and Mrs. Cooley. In the evening the audience was larger, and the meeting opened with a poem entitled, 'Let Us All Be Large," by Dr. T. Wilkins, followed by a grand and uplifting discourse by Mrs. Cooley. Mrs. Cowan's messages were given under a great physical strain, but some were recognized, and all of Mrs. Cooley's were fully recognized and highly appreci-These evening meetings ated by all. will be continued through November and December. Afternoon social first Sunday afternoon in December. All are cordially invited."

Correspondent writes: ,"The best of good feeling exists among our socie-ties in Detroit, four of which were represented at the late Chicago convention by the following persons: Earnest Workers, Rev. Mary Stein, pastor; Church of the Soul, Rev. Crawford, pastor; Church Spiritual Science, Rev. Sarah Lewis, pastor; Central Church of Spiritual Science, Rev. Lauretta Avery, pastor, (not represented), and the Central Spiritual Union, Rev. C. W. Burrows, M. D., pastor. The Doctor was ordained by Rev. Moses Hull ten years ago, and recently given official sanction by the National Association is undoubtedly justly entitled to be called 'The Father of Mediums' in Detroit. He has done a grand work for the cause of Spiritualism as the above fine societies are a part of the outgrowth of his labor of love." any child that might be sick, to com-fort and cheer. The lyceum accepted with thanks. So many of our members

E. Shaw writes from Queensland, across the ocean: "I may say in passing that The Progressive Thinker IS THE BEST PAPER IN THE WORLD. and if every reader followed my example, it would be read by millions instead of thousands, for I must have sent fifty new subscribers to you, since I became aware of its existence. Life o me would be burdensome without its companionship, and I shall continue to advocate its circulation to the end of life's chapter, which cannot be so very far ahead, as I am in my 79th year, which I think you will say is not bad, and yet I am only a child in the kindergarten of spiritual experience.

C. L. Hatch writes from Appleton Hall, 9 Appleton street, Boston: First Spiritualist Ladies Aid Society met as usual with the president. Mrs M. E. A. Allbe in the chair. Business meeting was held at 5 p. m. Supper at 6, and a social was held in the eening. A general good time of vis-iting was enjoyed. Next Friday a meeting will be held at 7:45, and Fri day, Nov. 16, a memorial service will be held in memory of our arisen sister Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes. Good speakers will be present. Admission free to all

Be sure and come."

Prof. J. Marione of Los Angeles, Cal., is now is the city, and will re-main here for some time, and hold meetings. He is an able lecturer and excellent test medium. He is now located at 1344 Jackson Boulevard. He holds special circles on Tuesday and Friday evenings, at 8 o'clock.

Correspondent writes: "The Golden Rule Spiritualist Society had large audiences both afternoon and evening. The afternoon meeting was addressed by Prof. John McLane and followed by messaged by Mr. Travels, Mr. Smedt and Prof. McLane. The even-ing services with He usual large audience to listen to Mrs. E. J. Hansen, with her grand, good work, followed with messages by Mrs. Susie Thompson, Dr. C. A. Burgess, Prof. McLane and Mrs. Nork E. Hill, all giving continuing proof. vincing proofs of spirit return. It was like an old-fashioned home feast, judging by the smiling faces as they said good-night. Sunday, evening, Nov. 11, Dr. J. H. Rundall, will be our speaker, afternoon, with short talks and messages. All welcome at O'Don-nell College Hall, 43 South Paulina street, between Washington Blvd. and Park avenue."

Mrs. Lora Holton is now located at Vicksburg, Mich. She is a musical

On Sunday, October 28, Oscar A Edgerly concluded a very successful engagement with the First Temple Spiritualist Society of Newport, Ky. On Sunday, Nov. 4, Mr. Edgerly will begin a two months' engagement with the Ladies' Temple Fund Society of Cleveland, Ohio. Address. 18 Buettner Court, Cleveland, Ohio.

ATLANTIC CITY WRECK

Many Allegheny People Declare Mrs. Josephine Werner Foretold the

PREDICTED BY WOMAN

Disaster Three Weeks Ago. To the Editor: No doubt you have heard of Mrs. J. Werner, and the won-derful demonstrations given by her at Lily Dale last season. The enclosed statement was published in two of our largest city papers, and it is causing great excitement in the public. Wil you kindly remember her in your next edition, as I think she deserves to be known the world over. This is only a drop in the bucket, but it just happened that the city editors heard the prediction made, and thought it wonderful. For the cause of Spiritualism and this medium, kindly remember her next week, as she predicted it be-fore an audience of 147 people.

DR. G. LEONARD LE-VAN. Allegheny, Pa.

Statement by Two Papers.

Many persons in Allegheny are excited over the strange prediction made by Mrs. Josephine Werner, of No. 609 Sandusky street. A score of persons this morning were, willing to testify that Sunday night; October 7, Mrs. Werner predicted the Atlantic City wreck, at a meeting held in the G. A. R. Hall, East, Diamond street, Alle-gheny. It is said the correct date was given. Mrs. Werner declared she could see the train; going into the water of the Thoroughfare.

Frederick Schell of Fountain street, Allegheny, says Mrs. Werner also predicted the hurricane which recently struck Florida. This prediction was made at the same time, he says. Last Tuesday night, he called Mrs. Werner by telephone, and told her that one of her predictions had come true and there remained three days to see whether they other would. Mrs. Werner told him she felt sure it would. Mgs. Melissa Scott, of Wig street, Allegheny, was present at the meeting, October 7, and told Mrs. Werner she wondered if the railway disaster would come true. Mrs. Werner told Mrs. Scott she saw a casket on her, and Mrs. Scott has died since then.

A daughter of Jacob Brown, who is employed in a steel mill in the South Side, was at no 609 Sandusky street Sunday, October 21. While playing the piano Mrs. Werner interrupted her and warned her to tell her father to be ought a shaft was going to fall while he was at work. While sitting in the mill last Saturday Brown looked up and saw a shaft fall-He jumped and it struck within two feet of him.

other predictions of Mrs. Werner are recited by residents of Allegheny. Among the score or more who testify to the prediction of the Atlantic City disaster are Alderman A. J. Brinker, of East street, Allegheny, and John

Boston Meetings.

The First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society meets in Appleton Hall, 9 Appleton street, Boston, Mass., every Friday

The Ladies' Lyceum Union meets in Dwight Hall, 514 Tremont street, Boston . Mass., every Wednesday. The Ladies' Industrial Union meets

in Dwight Hall, 514 Tremont street every Thursday.

#### The New Mediumship. The new mediumship spoken

by the Spirit Franchezzo, in No. 877 of The Progressive Thinker, is timely for all progressive thinkers that wish to prove the immortality of their own individuality, by the unfoldment of their own individuality on the plane of their spiritual senses, which reveals the false doctrines that the finite ani mal senses are educated or hypnotized to believe. As long as mortals are living in their five finite animal senses, without unfolding their own infinite or spiritual senses, to reveal the truth, they will call on the manmade gods, and spirits, to guide them, not realizing by their finite animal senses, that the Infinite Intelligence is lying dormant within their own unde veloped infinite or "spiritual senses, which the new mediumship Franchez-zo speaks of Will unfold. This is the work The Progressive Thinker is try-ing to do, to Fead its readers up onto the plane of spirituality, above the fogland of the finite animal senses, where they are hyphotized by both mortals and spirits to believe whatever the hyphotizers will them to be

The finite animal senses have always been hypnotized by both political and Christian leaders, and will be un-til they unfold the printing or spiritual laws to their spiritual understanding; then the finite senses will be reincarnated into the spiritual senses, or born again, not of the flesh, but of the spirit, and be Spiritualists.

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AN MARNEST APPEAL

For an Organization as Planned by Dr. Caird.

. To the Editor: - I was deeply inter ested in the two articles in the last number of your paper, on Fraternal Organization. I think our able brother, Mr. Tuttle, must have mislaid his glasses when reading what has been published on the subject, for I fail to find anything in any article the easier it is for them to come. that I have read that implies that the new organization should have any pass-words, signs, grips or any se-crecy whatever; or, at least, any more than is already observed in all spiritual societies; business meetings for members only are in one sense secret, outsiders not being admitted.

All societies, local, state and even the National, have secret business meetings, and I presume that an organization founded on suggested line, members, or applicants for membership would be admitted and obligated in the presence of members only, as at the present time. The idea of some different form of

organization than at present prevails, has appealed to me for a long time. and I have been much interested in the proposition under discussioon from the first, and have given it much thought, and can see many reasons why something of this nature is needed.

I have been secretary of a Spiritual society for nearly twelve years, and one of the hardest of my duties has always been to try and keep the mem-bership up, which in this time has va-ried all the way from forty to two hundred.

And why is this? Some neglect to pay their dues promise to do so soon, but never do: others refuse to pay because they do not like the president or some other officer; others because we have too many test mediums, and others because we do not have enough.

And the reasons for joining are as varied. As many as ten joined the society. (or paid their dollar) at one time because a medium promised all who would join, a private sitting, which was very kind in the medium and much appreciated, but hardly one of them ever attended a business meeting or ever paid their dues a second ime.

Can any one doubt that the mem-

bership of a society would be much more permanent and much better work could be accomplished if no one was admitted unless they could honestly avow a belief in Spiritualism and solemnly promise to live according to its teachings and to the obligation to which they had taken oath? Another advantage is in having traveling or transfer card, If a person should go to Chicago and wish

to fraternize with the members of some society, what have they to prove that they are Spiritualists in good standing in any other place? And fakes or tricksters can come among us and claim membership in any local or state society, but let them show us their transfer or traveling card or an honorable dismissal from some society, and we have something that we can believe in, and can be in a certain degree protected from frauds. Brother Morrison has presented

many good reasons why such an organization should be advantageous to the cause, and I see no reason why any true Spiritualist should wish to oppose it.

Any movement that may tend to the advancement of the cause should be There is certainly room enough for much more work to be done, and if in this way some can be gathered in who will not affiliate with societies as organized at present, we ought all to be glad and to do all in our power to assist it. MRS. A. A. AVERILL.

HOW JESUS APPEARED. The Same as Other Spirits Appear and Disappear. To the Editor:-I am really sur prised at some of the articles in The Progressive Thinker, especially those pertaining to the different beliefs in regard to Christ.

Lynn, Mass.

I will tell you what I believe about Christ. I believe that He came into the world in the natural way, just as you and I did, and all others of mankind; and in regard to Christ's ascending from the grave, it is erroneous, for the Bible says that he was here on this earth forty days after the resurrection. Now, if this were true, why was he not seen by the people, and where did he stay while here. A man of flesh and blood must have some place to stay, and would be seen by the people where he stops, but such s not the case with Christ. He was not seen by any person except His disciples, who had been with Christ so

ong and lived the life Christ had lived, and in so living had become clairvoy ant and could see them with their spiritual eyes, the same as any clairvoyant sees those of to-day that have passed out. In regard to Christ's coming where his disciples were, the Good Book says that he appeared and disappeared. Now, if he had a body as you and I have, His disciples could have

seen Him coming, but the Book says that he appeared and He disappeared. The disciples were sitting in a room with the doors locked and the windows barred, and while there holding a seance, Christ appeared, just the same as our loved ones appear to us if we make the conditions right. While in that chamber, Peter came

party in the room said, "Peter raps, and wants to come in." One of the disciples said, "No, it is his spirit," they believing that he had been killed, as he had been in jail, but the disciple answered and said. "No. it is 'Peter himself, "so they opened the door and let him in. Now, when Christ came, he did not knock and ask admittance. The Book says, Christ appeared, talked to the disciples and then disappeared. Now if Christ had His physical body, He would have come in the door as Peter did. No one ever claimed to have seen Christ after the crucifixion, except His disciples, and they saw Him clairvoyantly, the same as I now see people who have passed over.

One trouble with our people here or this earth, they will not give in to the spirit friends who do come to them. I have heard different people say that they have felt the presence of their spirit friends. One lady in particular, that I will mention:

She lost her boy, and she told me that she felt him place his arms about her neck and kiss her. Then I said to her, "Did you give him to understand that you knew he was present?" Why: she seemed surprised that I should ask such a question, for she really thought she had imagined it. but I told her that she did not imagine it, but that it was really his presence that caused her to feel him, and I told her that the next time she felt his presence, to tell him that she knew was present and that she grateful to him for coming, and to invite him to come often. Now, friends, when you feel the presence of your

spirit friends, welcome them and they

Friends, just stop and think a minute. Were you to go and call on a friend and he would not talk to you and welcome you, would you call again? Very few would. Now, can you expect your spirit friends to continue to come if you do not give them to understand that you know they are present, and appreciate their presence? Invite them back again, and they will surely come. The oftener they come

Were my spirit friends to leave me, I would feel very lonely indeed. I do not fear them leaving me, for -they know I trust them. They never lead me wrong. I always rely on them for help. No matter what I undertake, they help me through. Without their help, I do not know what I would do. In fact, I do not know whether I could do anything without this help, as I depend upon them entirely to help me through with my undertak-ings. There are a great many people here who say, "When S. Burd under-takes anything it goes through every ime." It is because my spirit friends

help me to carry it through.

Massilon, Ohio.

S. BURD.

#### PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE,

[Obituaries to the extent of ten lines ly will be inserted free. All in excess of ten lines will be charged at the rate of fifteen cents per line. About seven Nords constitute one line.]

October 15, James W. Clark of Rockland, Maine, aged 63 years and 5 months, gladly vacated his mortal tenement, and entered another not subject to dissolution and decay. Brother Clark had been a true and faithful Spiritualist for more than fifty years, and the knowledge he pos-sessed of the truth of spirit communion was the magic staff upon which he leaned and from which he derived that inspiration which made his whole ife one of noble endeavor. Business onesty and a well wisher of humanity in general, his desire to go quickly and easily was gratified. He leaves a wife and three children and a large number of relatives and friends.

Nancy M., wife of Edward S. Dart, passed to the beyond at her home in laines, Genesee Co., Mich., October 16, 1906, after a sickness of two weeks' patient waiting for her summons. Dr. Sarah Allen of Flint, offi-ciated. Interment made in Glenwood Cemetery. OLIVER DART.

FREEMAN W. SMITH.

Passed to spirit life, October 20, rom her home, 2321 Detrert street, Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Helen M. Whitnall, aged 72 years. She was a prominent Spiritualist, a member of the Good Samaritans and other Spirtualistic societies. Her earnest life as wife and mother was that which makes the world better and purer. She leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn the seeming separation, but ne blessings of the knowledge of the life she now enjoys with her early companion and friends, allay their grief. Brother I. W. Pope officiated. COR.

Passed to spirit life from her home 1911 Fourteenth avenue, Milwaukee, Wis., October 25, 1906, Mrs. Jane M. Strong, aged 70 years. Mrs. Strong was a Spiritualist and possessed fine mediumistic powers. She leaves one prother and two sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Van Horn and Mrs. Julia F. Cook of his city. We grieve not as those do who know not the truth of Spiritualism. MRS. MARY E. VAN HORN.

Richard D. Cox, 27 years of age departed this life, October 23, after several months of severe suffering. His mother being a Spiritualist and medium, called upon the writer to officiate at the funeral which was held at his home, 710 Warren avenue, Sunday, October 25, and was largely attended, the gospel of Spiritualism affording the sweet consolation of a future life in which mother and son, with all other friends will be united.

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this department has department and into a large, especially letters of inquiry with faint light, noat from the nail- was removed to the nome of themse requesting private answers, and while way through another room and into in the country, where she remained five months regaining her strength. I freely give whatever information I her own. am able, the ordinary courtesy of The correspondents is expected.
HUDSON TUTTLE.

M. W. H.: Q. What is atonement? If a man injures another wilfully or unintentionally, physically or spiritually, what will be the nature of the atonement he must make?

If a man claims he is conscious of and remembers the details of past in-carnations, and substantiates this by reading your past life, although a stranger, how do you explain the

Atonement in its theological of all who believe on him. That is, he she did was to wake her sister cancels such sins. So far as one person being able vicariously to pay for the sins of another, it is impossible upon by the two girls, it being furfor his own. Physically, to illustrate, or the such case of the for his own. Physically, to industrate, a person carelessly handling a pistol, shoots a friend, inflicting a wound that maims for life; is there a possibility of his atoning for this act? He billity of his atoning for this act? He and the care that there was to be says Miss Sadie, "we would have been saved all this ordeal. We could have then given up the place and gone somewhere else, but she kept still never yet seen the chock but has about it for fear of frightening me."

ruin, and the teacher cannot atone for as formerly. his work, whether it be done for good or evil.

Those whom we wrong may forgive where it had been last seen by Miss

and not the wrong-doer. The only trance into the apartment. In spite ing her own and her sister's hose. Spidenty the character which will prevent repetition the course of an hour dozed off to the character which will prevent repetition. tion. A man may grow out of and sleep, away from sin, the effects of his sins tion. A man may grow out of and away from sin, the effects of his sins cannot be overcome in that way. The benefit is all to himself. Even if an error, crime, blunder for misfortune could be canceled after this manner, the loss of having passed that way, naving wandered in the wrong path, having wandered in the wrong path, can never be fully repaid and we shall see a singular dark object gliding from the room.

See a singular dark object gliding from the room.

Sadie was startled but she had pressed for the tropics, sadie was startled but she had pressed for the room. not be able to retrieve, or reach the from the room. spiritual goal as quickly.

I know it is taught all experiences are necessary for full development, and because these cannot be gained in Miss Sadie Taft's neck was still achare essential. are essential, really is an unsupported fingers, the imprint being black and and gratuitous assumption.

spiritual experiences, as we require the first time the ghost had exerted physical for the development of the his muscular powers, and naturally being perfected by the experiences of the body, may be debased. The appetites, desires and passions, held in hight did not sleep in the apartments spiritual leash, for the purposes for which seem to be so singuarly haunted. which they are designed cast no soiling shadow on the spirit, but when alpurification, would be festering corruption and spiritual death.

that one person is able to tell the fortune of another, who is a stranger. This because the two knew each other yesterday. in some one of past existences. If the morning and showed me the mark this be true, would not the memory of on her neck. It was certainly made such past life be so closely related by the grip of a hand, and it was a with the personality as to make that savage pinch. I don't want to be also remembered? How is it that this silly and believe in ghosts, but I don't personality is so completely obliter- know how to explain it. My boy Ed-And this peet is cat of a preceding life, all night when the girls first heard the

the present existence, as it is emphatically stated that there is no memory of such passing from one to the other, and they have all heard the noises, such descriptions cannot be acquaint- and none of them can explain them." anceship in such states, but must be derived from some other source.

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Taft was sick with typhoid fever for

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But this young woman is not the one

that her sister is not stretching the facts in the least. Miss Fannie says that if her eyes were better she knows

Owing to Miss Fannie Taft's illness.

the rooms were selected, and afterward while they were cleaning. At this time, while Miss Fannie was sweeping, she felt instinctively that a

man was standing behind her. Turn-

came back. Turn as quickly as she

might, she could not get a glimpse

of the fleeting spirit that she now be-

lieves was behind her on this occasion.
"If Fannie/had told me of that,"
says Miss Sadie, "we would have been

tected the wraith-like visitations. She

heard the creaking at nights, mostly

between the hours of I and 3, and, while she did not believe in ghosts, she

could not help but think that her sis-

o'clock in the afternoon, Miss Sadie Taft was seated alone in the rooms.

She was in a rocking chair, and her lap was full of work, as she was darn-

But the chair was perfectly still.

Sadie was startled, but she had pres-

ence of mind enough to rise to wel-

come the intruder, letting the darning

man-head and all-gone. The form

did not go back to the door and then

drop out of sight, but, rather, was instantly dissipated just where it stood.

For months the Misses Taft kept

their secret, not mentioning, except to

to the priests at St. Elizabeth's, and to

some dear and trusty friends, the mys-

tic happenings in their apartment.

But finally the ghost became too

troublesome to be longer tolerated.

The story was told to a doctor, who got one of the women from St. Eliz-

got one of the women from St. Ellicabeth's and a boy to remain in the rooms with him all night. They heard the creaks, the hissing, the rum-

bles, but saw no ghost. Later the other friends of the girls were in-

formed, and in turn braved the ghosts.

Some of these were more fortunate, and by this time at least a dozen per-

sons are ready to testify to seeing the

strange moving and disappearing fig-

ures that have created such a neigh-

Lately the Taft sisters have been a

bit unnerved. Several times, when the thumpings and groanings were

more than ordinarily disturbing, the

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orhood excitement.

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ter might be worse.

she could see them, too.

After the death of their mother the

Night after night for many weeks confronted with ghostly visitors in their home at 2035 South Broad street. At first they tried to say that the street of the say that the street of the say that the street of the say that the s two young women attempted to laugh it off. But the ghost, they say, was still on hand, as welrd, uncanny and strange as ever.

Finally the Taft sisters called in have been the object of inquiry, but by assertive, which of all things is to be deprecated. Correspondents often weary with waiting for the appearance of their questions and write letance of their questions are too mysterious to be appearance of their questions and write letance of their questions are too mysterious to be appearance of their questions are too mysterious to be appearance of their questions are too mysterious to be appearance of their questions are too mysterious to be appearance of their questions and write letance of their questions are too mysterious and the same and the same are too mysterious and their questions are too mysterious and the same are t ance of their questions and write letters of inquiry. The supply of matter is always several weeks ahead of space given, and hence there is unavoidable delay. Every one has to wait his time and place, and all are treated with equal favor.

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published. The correspondence of this department has become excessively large, especially letters of inquiry with faint light, float from the hall-

The object became stationary over the foot of the bed, and remained who sees the ghosts, but she has felt there, moving only slightly for some moments. Miss Taft had an opportuthat her sister is not stretching the nity to closely scrutinize it, making out the shape of a human head, which had evidently been roughly hacked from the body, as if with an axe. About the short piece of neck beneath the head was an appearance of moisture, as if the blood was not yet

No Outcry as Ghost Hovered Ner.

This vision was sufficiently grueome to have frightened a less strongminded woman, but Miss Taft made ing quickly, she saw no one. Again no outcry; for she had seen something she began sweeping, and the presence signification means that Christ by his no outery, for she had seen something suffering on the cross paid for the sins of the kind many times before. All cancels such sins. So far as one per- punching her in the side with her el-

bility of his atoning for this act: no cannot restore the body, nor offer an equivalent. If the shot is intentional, ways felt its presence. This time, as the same impossibility exists. The the same impossibility exists. The process of the first description of the same impossibility exists. The process of the first description of the same impossibility exists. The process of the same impossibility exists are same impossibility exists. The process of the same impossibility exists. The process of the same impossibility exists are same impossibility exists. The process of the same impossibility exists are same impossibility exists. The process of the same impossibility exists are same impossibility exists. The process of the same impossibility exists are same impossibility exists. The process of the same impossibility exists are same impossibility exists. The process of the same impossibility exists are same impossibility exists. The process of the same impossibility exists are same impossibility exists. The process of the same impossibility exists are same impossibility exists. The process of the same impossibility exists are same impossibility exists. The process of the same impossibility exists are same impossibility exists. The process of the same impossibility exists are same impossibility exists. law may punish, but there is nor can not make out its form in the air. Miss there be restitution. A spiritual Fannie Taft had the typhoid fever wrong, teaching of error, and degradabout a year ago, and since then has ing thoughts, may lead its victim to not been able to use her eyes as well

us—that is, hold no thought of being Sadie, and did not go back through avenged by reprisals, but that is a state the other room and out into the hall in of mind only affecting the wronged an orderly manner, as it made its en-

Finger Marks on Her Throat.

In the morning, Sunday morning, one earthly life, repeated incarnations ing. On looking in the mirror she That all experiences found on her throat the marks of five blue and showing where she had been For spiritual unfoldment, we require clutched by a cruel hand. This was body, but the spirit may, instead of the two sisters decided that it would

Among those to whom Miss Sadie Taft has shown the mark on her neck lowed to rule, the "experience" is degister. Mrs. Blair, of 1933 South Sixteenth radation, and repetitions instead of street. Mrs. Blair is an old neighbor and friend, as the Taft sisters lived at 1929 South Sixteenth street up to two It is assumed as evidence of a past years ago, when their mother died at existence reincarnated in the present, that number.

"More truthful girls than the Taft sisters do not live," said Mrs. Blair yesterday. "Sadie came here early in ated and yet the past remembered? win went to the house and remained noise. He slept in the bed in one Such reading of the past life may be room and they on the couch in the from spirits who know, or it may be other room. He is about 20 years old, from clairvoyant receptivity which is and he went to sleep and slept soundly capable of reading the mind of the all night, just as a boy would, and he says he did not hear anything,

When descriptions of past exist-ences are given, instead of the past in son who tried it and not heard any-

Story of an Old Murder,

It was found that throughout the neighborhood yesterday a story was being told about a murder being com-mitted in the house where the Taft sisters live. This rumor is that a man was hacked to death with a knife, and later the body was found in the cellar of the house. But the head of the corpse was missing, and has not as yet. peen found. This report has not as yet been verified by the police, but the policemen near the house are young men, and were not there twenty years

ago.

Both the Taft Sisters are members of St. Elizabeth's Protestant Episcopal Church, at Sixteenth and Mifflin-streets, and have been since they were children. The Rev. Father McGarvey, the rector, speaks of them in the highest terms and as among his most worthy parishioners. It is recalled that when Miss Sadie Taft first noticed the noises she sought her rector at urteered his services, and went to the

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other queer sounds began again. Clergymen, physicians and others who are acquainted with the facts have in vain tried to account for the visions and the noises. The Taft girls their reputation for probity cannot be

conclusions on the same subject?

The answer to this question requires a knowledge of the human mind. In all mental operations, there are but two elements involved. They are force and the consciousness of its action. That is to say, every mental operation is a sensation, in constitution of the science and the consciousness of its action. That is to say, every mental operation is a sensation, in constitution of the science that gave to physics. tal operation is a sensation in con-

The characteristics that distinguish man from all sentient beings below him are the moral sentiments and spiritual aspirations. These are properly named the Psychic Force.

ena we call human conduct. Natural law is simply the mode of action of a force. It is the same in the mental world as in the physical world. That force in the mental world is sensation, that is, feeling in some form of detailed the same in these. It wing this depending on the opinsire, emotion or passion. In these, the psychic force is manifested in consciousness-the seat of the intellect, discrimination, judgment, reason, knowledge, the effects of a cause.

Herbert Spencer calls these two

orimal, fundamental elements of the nind, the Knowable and the Unknowable. They are cause and effect; but it is better to call them the Known and the Unknown. They stand in the relation of cause and effect; that is, the Noumenon and the Phenomenon.

Where there is an effect there must be a cause. Newton discovered that in the falling of an apple. He said: The apple is a body, and the earth is a There is an attraction existbody. ing between them. From that starting point he extended his observations and experiments until he demonexperiments until he demonstrated the fact that all bodies attract each other, directly in proportion to the quantity of matter in each, and inversely as the square of their distance apart.

Here was revealed the noumenon, pencer's Unknowable; but really the hitherto unknown. All physical science is founded on the recognition of the relation of cause and effect. Mental science is only waiting for that recognition, as physical science has waited for thousands of years.

We will now come back to the question above stated. 'All opinons are sensations in consciousness; that is, they are conscious sensations. Sensation is feeling, essentially, life itself; it is in the individual; it can be nowhere else. That feeling gives rise to the seeming of reality in what is felt. This may seem a very simple assertion. So it is. All things are sim-to deny that they communicate with ple when fully understood. We think what we feel; but the world has drop on the floor. But before she got halfway to her feet there was a disappearance that betrayed the unearthly character of her visitor. The it, we feel what we think, reversing the logical order of the elements. To oh use a trite saying, we put the cart bephenomenon—the effect. The cart

cannot pull the horse. The reason why men of equal intelligence, equal means for investigation and equal honesty and sincerity, come to different conclusions on the some subject is because they have different feelings on that subject. Their feeling give rise to the seeming of re-Their ality in what they feel. to them is what they feel. They take that seeming for reality. This fact passed into a proverb long ago.
"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is "The thinketh in his heart" is what seems to him, because he feels that way. The seeming is the conception of the feeling. This he takes for the reality. He fails to grasp the re-lation between the cause and effect, and he takes the conception for the reality. This simple explanation will suffice for every mental operation

when it is fully comprehended.

Now for the criticism. In The Progressive Thinker of October 6, there is an account of a trumpet seance which a voice was heard as one drowning, calling for help; the one calling being recognized as a relative, the writer calls for an explanation. The associate editor of Suggestion.

E. E. Carey, has given his explanation in accordance with his state of feeling. He admits the fact of the voice in the seance, calling for help, and then proceeds to explain. He says, "We do not know why grass grows, and cannot explain the forces which cause the growth." The fact that it grows is sufficient for us to know be cause we have nothing to do with the modus operandi of growth, though we can furnish the best conditions for its growth. That is sufficient for all practical purposes. We know that heat expands the vapor of water; but the reason why is an irrelevant question, because we have no agency in the

process of expansion.
Our critic admits the fact of the Our critic admits the tact of the phenomena, and because we do not explain the modus operated to his liking he declares that there is no explanation, and consequently there is no spirit return and communion with mortals. Why does he not doubt the certainty of mortals communicating mate again into mortal life? When with mortals, since he can not explain the modus operand of changing form—how does it relate to the soul brain action into consciousness? This is because we have no agency in the modus operandi. It lies heyond the scope of our own comprehension, and is therefore irrelevant. He might with

equal propriety ask why does the sun shine? Why does gravity act? If we did know, it would do us no good. He thinks everything operates in accordance with natural law; so do the Spiritualists; but he does not seem to be able to conceive anything beyond the domain of physics, and consequently there can be nothing supernatural. There never was a Spir-itualist that ever conceived such an

The final word with the scientist is: stop when you come to what seems to be an end of man; and for this imperative reason, hamely, you do not claim that you have compassed him you find in him that which you cannot explain-something that lies back of energy and function and is the cause or ground of a play of function. You

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To the Editor:—A problem that admit a consciousness; you admit that To the Editor:—A problem that stands out before the world, that has never been solved, is this: Why do men being equally intelligent, having equal opportunities in investigate, and being equally honest and sincere, come to opposite and even antagonistic conclusions on the same subject? leap that chasm with a negative in its hand? Why should science object to not the science that gave to physics the ether, try its hand at this unex-plained remainder? Accept no negative assertion; this is the bigotry of (The Guiding Star, page

properly named the Psychic Force. Here is a lesson for our critic. He The action of all forces is manifested in phenomena. This we see in the physical world. The falling of an unsupported body is digood illustration. That force is gravity, and the phenomenon is the motion of the body. For thousands of years this force was unknown, even unsuspected.

In the mental world as regards hu-In the mental world as regards human conduct, the same relation of cause and effect exists. There is a force giving rise to a series of phenomena we call human conduct. Natural many eminent clergymen. Our critic would make them out to be the vic-

Living; thus depending on the opinions of others instead of a personal investigation where there are numerous opportunities. Why not advise us to read Crookes, Wallace, Meyer, Ed-munds, Hare, Pierpont, James, Hyslop, and the vast literature now abundant?

He says: "I do not wish to quoted as having a theory to account for so-called occult phenomena." he would investigate the subject he would not need a theory. His men-tal attitude clearly shows his unacquaintance with the subject, however laudable, ably and efficiently he is laboring to advance the cause of hu-man weal. But what he says on this subject virtually denies the verity of the demonstration of men of acknowl edged scientific attainment. This is the bigotry of science. The reason why he stands aloof is because he does not want it to be the way the Spiritualists have it. He does feel that way.

If he felt a desire to know, he

would investigate. He is satisfied with his opinion on the subject, and seeks to defend it. He says, "Personally, I think the solution of these questions depends upon laws and principles which cannot be wholly grasped by the human understanding. He has not grasped the relation of cause and effect in regard to this subject. Neither has he grasped the relation of cause and effect in regard to the force that gives rise to human conduct; but he does not deny that men converse with one another. There is as much reason to deny that mortals communicate with mortals, as

We immortals. Prejudice, bigotry and the frown of are among the chief obstacles in the way of spiritual adfore the horse. The horse is the non-entists who oppose Spiritualism, are vancement. It is certain that the scimenon—the cause—the cart is the imprudent and precipitate in their conclusions.

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Ah, who can see the I, am I. Or who can view the thought?
Who can discern the motive why That secret deed was wrought? When walking on the crowded street,

The outward form I see Of fellow mortals that I meet; Their self is hid from me. meet the Demon steeped in sin And think him kind and good; know him not, I see not him,

His soul is stained with blood The vile deceiver flend of hell.

The good, the kind, the true, are all alike invisible— Their self is hid from view

And so the true reality, The self is hid from view; in The real, the actuality,

The we, the I, the you Our loved ones, though invisible, Yet very near may be; We feel their presence, catch their

thought, Their form we may not see. O, loyed one gone, my joy, my pride My light, my star, my crown; feel thee ever at my side.

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"THE IDEA OF THE GREAT DIATORS, SAVIORS; CERES, PROS-SPIRITUAL SUN OF THE AN ERRINA, AND PLUTO PLAYED CIENTS, THE UNKNOWN AND UN- THEIR SPECIAL PARTS IN THE ASTRAL DRAMA, BUT ALL DERIVE THEIR NAMES AND HISTORIES CORRESPONDENCE IN THE GREEK FROM THE SAME SOURCE. HIN-ZEUS-THE GOD WHO DWELLS DOO, EGYPTIANS, ARABIANS, PAR-ALONE. AND FROM WHOM PRO- SEES, GREEKS, AND ROMANS, ALL CEED. AS SUBORDINATE EMANA- DRANK AT THE SAME CELESTIAL TIONS. ALL THE IMPERSONATED FOUNTAIN, AND ONLY VARIED POWERS OF NATURE, PLANETARY THEIR RITES, CEREMONIALS, AND ASTRAL SPIRITS, WHO FIG. NAMES, AND FIGURES TO SUIT URE IN THE FAMOUS PANTHEON. THE IDEALITY OF THE LAND. APOLLO. MERCURY, OR HERMES, WHOSE AGE OR CLIMATIC INFLU-BACCHUS, PROMETHEUS, AND ES- ENCE DETERMINED THEIR INTEL-

The best philologists agree in attributing to the nations or peoples of their principal avatars or incarcalled Aryan, or Indo-European, the nated god-men, Chrishna and Buddha Sakia, are closely accordant with the nation, Men do not invent names for things history of the sun-god. The births of of which they have no idea. The these avatars through the motherhood Aryan name for God was Div, which of a pure virgin, their lives in infancy signifies "the clear light of day"; and threatened by a vengeful king, their this word has become the root-word of flight and concealment in Egypt, their all worship for untold ages, until we arrive at its modern equivalent, Delty.
All accounts given of the most early tion, a violent death by crucifixion, a bols, presented to the Jews only a dy-All accounts given of the most early tion, a violent death by crucifixion, a historic people, classified as Aryans, descent into hell, and a reappearance assert that they kept fires constantly as a new-born savior, are all items of dent maturity no historic epoch, how burning as their chief element in re- the sun-god's history, which have al-

ligious worship. When we trace the ready been recited, and maintain in early conceptions of the Hindoosevery detail the correspondence bethat most ancient of contemplative tween the Hindco faith and the Samen. those children of the spirit, who men, those children of the spirit, who communed with Nature's God through sons of lamentation and rejoicing, the the profoundest study of Nature herreverence paid to fire, flame, heat, -we find they cherished ideas so exalted of the First Great Cause that ceremonial rites practiced in the most they ventured not to embody their ancient astronomical worship, are thought of him in any form, symbol, scattered through the varying forms of Hindoo theology, until the parity of

the two systems cannot be questioned. Unknowable, and only became typified An equally faithful adherence to the as Brahm, which, interpreted, signifies "the Void," "the Silent Region" story of the Indian Dionysius, subse which cannot be pierced—the unfathquently repeated in Egypt, and form omable which cannot be gauged or ing the basis of the Osiric legend. Egypt taught the sun-god's history, That the mind might rest on a and that in a series of myths and mys providential scheme, the sages of Interies still more elaborate than those dia taught that there were three sub-ordinate emanations from the First

The stories of Osiris, Isis, Horus and Typhon are direct transcripts of the astronomical scheme. The myths of the gods Zulus and Memnon, the Trinity of his deific attributes. This ma, the creator; Vishnu, the preservof Heliopolis, the gorgeous ma, the creator; vising, the preserver worship of reliapons, the golgeous er; and Siva; the destroyer and reproducer. Each of these delfic emanations was so intimately connected throughout the wonderful woof of the commenced astronomical california to the antiquity of man, and the fact that he commenced astronomical california that we wonderful woof of culations more than twenty thousand the Benjamin Franklins, the Victor Parises. in the Hindoo mind with the attributes Egyptian theogony, are but elabora- years ago. heat and light that the earliest | tions of the zodiacal fable, and the Hindustance worship may, with light, worship of the powers of nature.

The sublime system of Zoroaster re tion of that stupendous system known; cites the history of the sun-god in that of Mithra; finds in Arimanes, the in later ages, as the astronomical regreat dragon of the skies, and in all the sacred times and seasons, ceremothe oldest of the Hindoo scriptures- | nials, and traditions, a complete tranconsists of epics in praise of light; acscript of the astronomical religion. counts of the miracles outwrought by The Chaldeans, Ethiopians, Phenicians the mighty sun-god; invocations to and the most settled of the Arabian tribes taught the same basic idea in sacred fire and different elements. their varied systems of worship. Many of the prayers addressed to Indisinterred ruins of the once mighty city of Nineveh are one complete in-scription of the sun-god's history and worship. The most ingenious and vadra, the starry-robed ruler of the constellated heavens, as well as to astral spirits of different departments of the universe. Fire was held sacred in ried symbolisms of astral and solar every household, and employed in all worship speak in unmistakable tones sacerdotal rites. The very shape of of evidence from the magnificent rethe pyramidal temples and tapering mains of Babylon, from the ruins of spires signified the all-pervading rev- Tadmor in the desert, and in innumerence of the Hindoo mind for the erable groups of once famous, though In one of the most ancient of the itation scattered throughout Central

Vedio flymns, addressed to the Heran- Asia. / . Even the Troglodyte remains along yagarbha, occurs the following passage: "In the beginning there arose the Nile bear witness to the prevathe source of golden light. He was lence of solar worship, in rude carv-the only horn lora of all that is. Ale ings and grotesque imitations of the established the earth and the sky, To heavenly bodies. From the ruins provided the Cod shall we offer sacrifusely scattered throughout Asia Mifice?" The Vedic hymns are nearly nor from the land and th all invocations to the solar and astral | Iberians, Albanians, Phrygians, and sources of light and heat; the Vedic Ionians, I have seen a large collection philosophy, speculations on the origin of photographic representations of of being, ever reaffirming the influence planetary and solar worship. The of being, ever reaffirming the influence of solar and astral agency in crea-Scythian nations generally worshiped fire, and preserved traditions of a The following passage, descriptive crucified sun-god, and celebrated the of the Hindoo's God, will convey an Sun's birthday on the 25th of Decem-

idea of his sublime conception of de-ity: "Heaven is his head; the sun and . The tartar tribes practice to this moon are his eyes; the earth his feet; day all the festal ceremonies apperspace his ears; the air his breath. He taining to the astronomical religion The religions of China and Japan the soul of the universe, the sun of All creation derives were originally founded on the mythalone. were originally founded on the mythalone. Many ad-In the Egyptian and Persian theogditions and interpolations upon ony, the direct acknowledgment of one basic legend have obtained in Chinese Supreme Being, corresponding to the and Japanese worship, but the foundasun and its attributes, is as marked as tion is unique, and the feasts, ceremonial rites, and seasons of observance, in the Arvan and Indian records. The

the people with the Sabean system. mythology partakes of the same gold-In the islands of Ceylon and Java en threads of belief, and whilst ramitthe Philippines and the Moluccas, vafying into a complete system of poly-theism, still refer back to the Indian rious forms of solar and astral wor ship have existed for ages. The Druand Egyptian idea of creation springidical system of worship, though largely interspersed with other ideas ing from one supreme source, and this a spiritual centre of heat or creative was firmly planted on the Sabean sysenergy, and light or creative wisdom. In the Orphic songs, the one first Cause, celebrated as Zeus, is more ator with a complete zodiacal history ator with a acomplete zodiacal history in the incarnated deity they called tian idea of a sun-god, a spirit "with-Hesus.

all prove the parity of worship among

The entire mythology of the splendid imagery of Grecian and Roman phers. Orpheus, the sage, to whom mythology, was but a paraphrase of the introduction of Egyptian theogony Egyptian solar worship, enlarged, eminto Greece is mainly due, chants thus bellished, and beautified by the poetic of the Supreme Being: "Zeus is male, mentality of Greece and Rome. Zeus is female. Zeus is the spirit of The idea of the Great Spiritual Sun

all things, Zeus is the rushing of un- of the ancient, the unknown and uncreated fire. Zeus is the king; he is knowable, finds its perfect correspond-the sun and moon. Zeus is the ence in the Greek Zeus—the God who mighty power, the demon, the one dwells alone, and from whom proceed mighty frame in which this universe as subordinate emanations, all the imrevolves. He is fire and water, earth personated powers of nature, planet-and ether, day and night. All things ary and astral spirits, who figure in unite in the body of Zeus." the famus Pantheon. Apollo, Mer-The Hindoos-the oldest nation that cury, or Hermes, Bacchus, Prometheus possesses scriptural as well as mon-umental records, dating back to the ators, saviors; Ceres, Proserpina, and

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and only varied their rites, ceremonials, names and figures to suit the ideality of the land whose age or climatic influence determined their in-

The Jews, whose record of war, ploodshed, violence, laws, customs dresses, upholstery, and cuisine the Christians hold sacred as the inspired word of God, worshiped a deity, who was only one of the Blothim or astral tutelary spirits of the Egyptians. Bel, Belus, Baal, Baalpeor, Moloch, Dagon, Jehovah, Jah, I Am, etc., etc.—these, and the names of the various other gods or tutelary deities worshiped by he various nations of Arabia and Asia Minor, including the Jews, are only so many synonyms of the one mediatorial sun-god, who, under every conceivable variety of form and title, reappears in the stupendous system of ernal expression of the sublime and harmonious order of the universe. India, Egypt, Arabia, the recesses of

the mighty Himalayas and the giant Koh Kas, the lovely vales and smiling plains of Asia—vales blooming like glimpses of the fabled Eden—and savage wilds, deserted now, desolate and ruined—all bear witness to the unquenchable devotion of the early manto his religious belief and his worship of the mighty sun-god. In comparison with Egypt, Chaldea, Assyria and Hindustan, Judea was but a modern

The nomadic tribes of the Jews had made no mark on the world's history when Egypt hoary with age, and India had recorded cycles of time, lost in the night of antiquity. The exoteric regether with all their signs and symbols, presented to the Jews only a dying vestige of faiths of whose resplenever remote, can show an authentic We only know it must have been so. Maps of the heavens, and perfected charts of astral motions, involving intricate calculations which must have required thousands of years to arrive at were all handed down from prehistoric to the commencement of historic times, and that with a completeness which fully sustains the enormous claims of the Hindoos for the existence of their dynasty during cycles of time which baffle the human mind to conceive of.

How many times have the silent but the beds of rivers, the depths of artediscovered caverns, brought to light conclusive testimony that man lived, abored, wrought in clay, stone, pottery, and metals, tens of thousands of years ago, on the face of the earth! Philosophers and students have spent

the mystery of the Sphinx could have not profess to be a religious body, been solved only by a people who had make kindness and brotherhood and

but surely upheaving its mystic writ- giving and loving. It would voices that thunder through the colos- cast out and thrown into the scrap swift but immutable footprints of the fiery squadrons whose march through thousand years, have vehemently op-the skies, the mind of man has fol-lowed up through ages of unrecorded and everything that makes for civiltime, all proclaim that the movements ization. They have deluged the of the universe take place in spiral world with blood, and the human fam-

and ever revolving cycles. higher forms of younger civiliza-

tions. So has it-been with man and his religious beliefs. Solar and sex worship, born of man's highest conceptions of the divine plan, rose into an almost perfect science, the science by which the antique man perceived the correspondence between the earth and the heavens, the creator and his creatures. This famous era of ancient civilization culminated, crossed the equinox of prophetic death, descended into the night of corruption and sensualism, and perished with the clos-ing up of Oriental dynasties.—W. M.

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To the Editor:—Here is a bit of news sent out by the Associated Odessa, Oct. 9 .- President Dubrou vin, of the Union of Russian People, made a remarkable address here to-day. He spoke to a band of 800 armed members of the union who had carried him on their shoulders to the railroad station on his departure for

Kiev, and said:
"In the name of our beloved em peror, I bless you. The holy Russian cause is the extermination of rebels. You know who they are and where to find them. Clear the Russian soil of knowing at the time that The Russian people want neither constitutions nor parliaments,

"After his train had left the band of 300 rushed down the principal streets houting, "Death to the rebels; death to the Jews."

All shops were at once closed, and the Jewish population was in a condi-tion of panic and terror throughout the night. Measures taken by the pre fect, however, prevented further dis

And President Dubrouvin is an or hodox Christian, and the emperor and all the Russian plutocracy are 'Christians.' Does a belief in Christianity tend to eliminate from Man gentleness, kindness, love for our in the next day's papers. fellow-man? It would seem so, for all down the ages for eighteen hundred monsters have been orthodox Christians. Rivers of blood have been shed by these men who have pro-fessed to be followers of Jesus Christ. Even in modern times and in the most civilized countries, the leading representatives of Christianity, stand capital punishment, for war, for killng. The Czar of Russia, the Emperor of Germany, even our own President -all sound orthodox Christians-can be counted on that side. And is not our clergy in the main in favor of libthat the more soundly orthodox a man or a church is, the more cruel and unforgiving he is? The great preachers of orthodoxy, the past century, were most eloquent catacombs of the old filled with the spirit of denunciation earth, in the form of upturned plains, and cruelty. They have been the first to demand the hanging of witches, the persecution of opponents, of waging bloody wars, the dragging victims of their wrath to the dungeon or the scaffold. I believe the statement is substantially true, that, as a general thing, the greatest criminals are believers in orthodox Christianity. Who have been during, the past

son Davises he Andrew Ja Some of these silent voices indicate the Swings and Thomases, and Theoavial changes in this planet which dore Parkers and Savages, and Brycould not have taken place in less ants, and Emersons, and Ingersolls, than a hundred thousand years. And and scores of other non-orthodox. Is still your Bible tells you that this it not a fact that even, to-day the planet is only about six thousand years Catholic and Protestant church favor old! Others prove that the Hindoos capital punishment, and war, and clearly understood the precession of killing, while the Spiritualists, the the equinoxes ages before the Chris- Quakers, the Theosophists, the Christian era. About the commencement tian Scientists, the Universalists, the of that period, the colossal forms of Unitarians and numerous other New the mystic Sphinx might, have been Thought bodies, are teaching kindness, found in long and majestic rows in the and love, and brotherhood, and arbivarious temples of old India, and yet tration? Even the Socialists, who do

correctly understood the precession of arbitration, fundamental doctrines in the equinoxes. To effect a change in their declaration of principles. the position of the sun in the zodiacal Did Jesus Christ teach what is now path from one sign to another must held to be orthodox Christianity? Acoccupy at least 2,140 years; and yet cording to the New Testament he may such changes had occurred, been fully have taught some of it, but much that calculated and recorded in the astro- now passes for Christianity he did not nomical riddle of the Sphinx, a com-posite figure, designed to celebrate the sun's passage from the sign of the from Paganism. Jesus is reported by Virgin to that of the Lion, when the the writers of the scriptures, as saying Jews were unknown as a people. Some passages The remains of tropical plants now in the New Testament represent him found amidst the awful desolation of as fanatical, cruel and filled with in-the Arctic and Antarctic regions—the dignation and hate. Others present constant stream of revelation silently him to us as mild, compassionate, forings from the superincumbent debris great blessing to the world if the under which the earth of a million Scriptures were again revised and

ago lies buried—the stony much of what is now in the bible, was Orthodox Christians, for nearly two Like the path of the sun on the Econoly as the heterodox have triumphed liptic, now ascending on the royal over the orthodox. The battle for arch of the northern hemisphere, now human rights and human liberty, for descending into the southern bow, but the abolition of capital punishment, ever moving in gyrating circles up- and against religious persecution and ward, typifying the march of planets, war, has not yet been fully won, and nations, ages of time and human souls, will not be until that time when so that those who study the part may much that is now found in the bible comprehend the whole—all these stupendous witnesses figure out the law ent interpretation is put upon those by which cycles of civilization are writings. Those who are praying and born, grow, ascend to their culminat- working for the coming of an age in ing point of splendor, then turn the which slavery and ignorance, cruelty hill of time, descend lower and lower and war, will be abolished, and free into corruption, degradation, death! dom, intelligence, kindness and love, And yet they rise again, and, Phoenix- are substituted, may not expect such like, spring from the funeral ashes of desirable condition of things will be their pyre; to be reborn in nobler, brought about by orthodox Christians No. no!. The church must be pushed forward--forced oforward-by ences outside of othe church. Never a forward step Jehas the orthodox church-takemsince it was naganized about the third century, and never a orward step will it take voluntarily until its pagan doctrines of an infalible bible, a changeable, wrathful God, a personal ubiquitous devil, an of his lectures on the Molecular Hyendless hell, the atonement through pothesis of Nature; and presents his which wrong doers shall escape mer-

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ted punishment through the shed plood of a god—until these false and think. Price, 25 cents. pagan doctrines are repudiated, and n their stead is taught brotherhood, kindness, love, and "as ye sow, so shall ye reap." Orthodoxy must go, not only in Russia, but throughout the world. It is recking with blood; it is black with the stains of cruelty and ignorance and persecution and crime and bigotry. May every lover of his kind pray that it shall speedily vanish from the face of the earth. R. A. DAGUI R. A. DAGUE.

### · SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE.

A Lady Relates Some Interesting Occurrences in Her Life,

To the Editor: -You very kindly gave space in your good paper to my little account of the first spiritual manifestation that ever came to my knowledge, and if you consider my experiences worthy of still further expression through your columns, I would be happy to send them.

The second evidence of spirit control came to me through the mediumship of a young girl who was an inmate of my home for six months. She was a cousin, and one evening she. my brother, about 20 years of age and I had a sitting for development, not any gift as a sensitive. After a few evenings of patient trial she was given and lews. and autocracy. Go automatic writing, and later drawing and lews. electric mechanism—being of a spasmodic, nervous nature. Some portraits were made upside down to the eves of the medium, and finished by a lew strokes of the pencil that would suddenly bring out the desired re-semblance, when a few seconds previously the work seemed only a mass of haphazard curves and aimless lines. She was able to give messages from souls who had passed away years before, unknown people to her, also at times gave correct report of markets in Chicago, we being in a far-away

little town in Iowa at the time, and her prices of grain would be verified One evening she drew a portrait of Beethoven that was a very true likeness as we found by comparing it with those in the musical biographies of im. She gave up her development when she married, as her husband was much opposed to our belief and said it

was hurting her health. The next message that came to me was through a dream which was given me on a Sunday night, just two days before my husband came home very ill. His death followed eighteen days after. He was a commercial traveler for several years, and was not strong

in health for quite a while before. I know some who read this may remark that my knowledge of his health may have induced the dream to it that my own mind would not have suggested, as the names of the men given me were not of friends in the least to him nor to me.

My dream was this: I thought I stood on the porch of my mother's house; in the west was a red sunset color, the clouds formed three large pictures; they took form and seeming frames of gold. In the first I saw my-self with bowed head resting upon my arms on a table. In a doorway stood my eldest boy, about twelve years old The second showed a bier and over two bodies was drawn a white sheet. There was an adult, and a little child seeming to rest on the right arm of the older person. The third was an open grave and beside it, looking into it was myself and my two boys, the elder and the little one of five years old. Then I was told to go and

awaken two men, their names given, and tell them to do the part given them the discharge of a trust placed in their hands. Both were comparative strangers to me. I was aroused to a waking state as I thought by someone standing by the bed, who said 'Do not forget this, it is a warning of coming events."
As I said before, my husband's

death occurred in eighteen days after his return, and in a few months the little son followed him to spirit life, and his father's grave was opened to place the small coffin next to his own. The two men whose names were given, were the ones appointed as

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to speak five words with your under-standing, so that all may hear, than

one thousand and in an unknown tongue, for says he, "ye speak into the However, the desired gift was forth coming; each vied with the other, me diumshiplike, with the usual result, a division in the camp of the Lord. Henry S. Keyes, surgeon of our Emergency Hospital, his wife and daughter, a beautiful girl of 17 years, owing to her being controlled by the Lord, or God himself, and seeing fit to tell Pastor Smale in a message purporting to come direct from God, which she and her father carried to the pastor in his home, at eleven o'clock at night informing him he was falling short of the honor and glory of God, inasmuch as he had sinned against the Holy Ghost. This message savored much of what the pastor termed the devil, who, he says, is a twin brother

to Spiritualism, so he openely de-nounced the young message bearer, and refused to permit her God to manifest through her in "meetin'." result was a division, the doctor and his sympathizers taking refuge in another hall where the writer attended their first meeting. The leader opened the service by reading scriptural proof of the gifts of the spirit, when suddenly his countenance changed, and lo! an unknown "gibberish," which lasted a few minrtes, and which required a few seconds for a colored man to interpret. The planist, an intelligent, refined-appearing woman, gave way suddenly to an unknown control as well as tongue, which likewise meant that the Lord was with her, as interpreted by the negro. Miss Keyes was next in

was, why the Lord did not speak plain English): It again required the negro to give us the Lord's message, at which all smiled, and "amens" were profuse. Feeling as a medium my time for ministration of the spirit had come, I asked permission to speak, which was granted. I said I rejoiced to see that the gifts of the spirits are being developed in our churches, but warned them of their receptivity, as even the elect could be deceived by the many assuming spirits surrounding us, and that it behooves us at all times to try truth, etc. While my own experience in these gifts of the spirit brings me into the spirit of one-ness with you,

turn; also in the unknown tongue

shuddering and passing through the

wonder

same nervous conditions taken on

most beautiful of these, the discerning of spirits. No "amens" greeted me, only the earnestness of their faces assured me they were thinking.

yet you are yet lacking the one and

An elderly gentleman arose and said, "The first thing we know this will be Spiritualism. We don't want that; it's of the devil." "So they said of Christ," I replied. After all, my ammunition was not lost, as several have phoned me, desirous of an interview on the subject of

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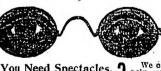
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