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MRS. ROPP-AMOS FULLY VINDI-CATED.

A Comprehensive Statement of the Status of the Case.

To the Editor :--- I do not often allow my name to get into print, but when there is a chance to defend a woman, and one of our oldest mediums, I feel justified in doing so. In your issue of Nov. 10, you give quite a lengthy account of the applica-tion for divorce by John B. Amos from Josephine Ropp-Amos of Indianapolis.

-I happen to be pretty well acquainted with both parties in this case, having known Mrs. Ropp long before she met Mr. Amos, and having been in the home of Mr. Amos when he lived on the farm in Clinton county, and during the life time of his former wife. Mrs. Ropp knew these people before I did and held seances in their home on more than one occasion.

I was called as a witness in the case and heard all of the testimony given. The evidence showed that in a very short time after the former wife passed away Mr. Amos took his son, who was not a Spiritualist, to Mrs. Ropp's home for a seance, and the son testified that the former wife came and talked to his father, and that Mrs. Ropp expressed surprise that she had passed out of the body. On the witness stand Mr. Amos did not ac-cuse the spirits of influencing him to sell his farm (which he had received from his former wife), marry Mrs, Ropp, then invest \$10,000 in town lots, build houses on them and give his new wife a half interest in the property, but in the cross-examination confessed that he had tried to get Mrs. Ropp to marry him in two months after his former wife had passed away, which she refused to do until a year had elapsed.

It is true all the property was put in a joint deed, but Mrs. Amos did not receive any of the money that was taken as rents. The will was made in her favor to keep the son, his only child, with whom he had quarreled some years before, from getting any of his father's property. Mrs. Amos testified that she pleaded for the rights of the son, but to no avail. Mr. Amos burned the will.

The insurance policy was taken out because Mr. Amos had an idea that he had some heart trouble and saw a chance to have a medical examination free of charge, came home and told his wife he was so glad to know there was nothing the matter with him, and when the premium came due, refused to pay it. In the cross examination acknowledged that he did all these things "because he wanted to," and what he was doing, but once in a while would say. "She, kept insisting," but did not blame it on the influence of the spirits or accuse his wife of fraudulent mediumship. In his charge he says after she got all these things as she wanted them, she be gan to abuse him. When questioned as to the nature of her abuse, he said she refused to occupy the same room with him on several occasions. Mrs. Amos gave as her reason, that because of his early abuses, he was suffering from debility; this he did not deny, and it was further verified by letters from some medical firm in the East,

UNITY AMONG WORKERS. An Earnest Plea for Charlty, the Greatest of Virtues.

One who is torn by many "whys," asks a hearing, and asks to know the wherefore. "The greatest of these is charity.'

The quality of aforesaid charity embodying all love is in question. We have read in The Progressive Thinker, No. 886, two appeals for unity among workers for Spiritualism. One by Moses Hull, and one by William John Ward. These fine plans have impressed me very strongly. An iso-lated student of Spiritualism goes forth into the world to find co-workers and counselors, invariably runs against the rocks of jealousy and petty scandal.

In our large city, in which the wri-ter has sought light. Endeavor has been made to find workers who could give him instructions upon the phenomena and philosophy of Spiritualism He has been fortunate enough in

finding those who gave him help in abundance; yet, every exponent, in mo-ments of confidence, have voiced a "They say" about some friend (?) and fellow-worker; who in turn had a similar confidence to impart of the former Nearly all workers in the highest places in the cause of Spiritualism have been assailed by the relating of some nauseating tale of failure in the conventional and religious code 01 morals.

The majority seem to have good of the Spiritual cause at heart. but, there is another whose good lies nearer and that one is "Self."

One question will not down. Who ever gave good work to the world in any good cause that put SELF before the CAUSE?

In this city we find one who put himself forward as a leader-and he has the qualities of the leader-whose mind and morals are the antipodes of spirituality.

His influence has caused the ranks of Spiritualists to break up into petty societies, each striving for leadership and none doing much but partisan work.

This deplorable condition reminds one of a priceless jewel shattered into tiny fragments; unity is destroyed and harmony impossible.

Inharmony has caused a fine element o withdraw, and identify itself with New Thought and Christian Science hurches.

Now, where is the good of professing Spiritualism that does not spiritualize its leaders and pupils?

Why will said leaders see only the faults of their opponents, who should be co-workers, and give no heed to the great good that all have done in the past? Why will people working together for good allow a known corrupt leader to displace those who are his superiors in every way? And why do good workers allow themselves to-be thrust aside to give place to a base element?

These questions could be asked of more communities than the one the writer has in mind, or masterly men and forceful women would not cry. for unity in our ranks. Why, oh why, cannot the past in every earnest workr's life be buried, as each one is purifled from faultiness and has put on he strong armor of truth and right Why do those who should work lder ni little

Finer and Finer Forms. The Evolutionary Process of Nature-The Birth and Growth of the Human Sould in

Ever since man has been able to leave tween the atoms of any one material, record of his beliefs do we find this which is filled with the atoms of anothone theory advanced—there is a physi- or grade which are smaller, and so on cal body out of which a spiritual body down infinitely. For one to try to conis evolved. And I am convinced that ceive to what extent this division and ever since man has existed as an indi- subdivision may be carried, is like vidualized entity; though it may have trying to grasp and comprehend the been acons before any record, of the magnitude of space on the beginning or was made, this same belief pre- ending of time; it is like reducing an vailed. But throughout all the pages indeterminable decimal fraction-there of history or written science that I have is always an etheric apaco between the been able to find, do we glean no inkatoms of the physical or spiritual body ling of how this growth from one to the of whatsoever plane, it has advanced other is accomplished, other than that to that may be filled with a finer form the spiritual body is "a gift from God." of life.

Man's mentality has advanced from the age of "supernatural" causes, and now we seek and FIND a natural cause to a large vessel filled with marbles. for all things. While the vessel is full as possible to

Geological research has demonstration in the vessel is but a possible to ed to us that before man inhabited the into it a quantity of large shot, and earth the atmosphere that surrounded still farther, we may sift through this the globe was so full of moisture and a good quantity of sand, Now pour noxious gases that it was impossible into this a quantity of water, and into for animal life to endure. The pro the water may be added solution after cess of purification was taken up by solution of the different acids. This may or rather these conditions stimulated be a crude illustration, but I think you the growth of abundant vegetation, es-pecially adapted by its nature to just the "atomic construction,"

such conditions. Following this puri-fication of the atmosphere came the earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and of clothing we wear, the very soil upon upheavals on the earth's surface, a ver- which we tread, and our every itable turning inside out of almost the clation is full of a manifestation of diis the vast coal deposits. After this by the physical body and stored with a new form of life began to manifest in the etheric space of its atomic conunder these new conditions. Monstros-ities in the animal kingdom then held in the construction of the spiritual, or sway for a few ages; and they also as the oriental would call it, the astral have left a record of their existence to body. But whatsbeyer it may be be read by the geologist. Higher and called, it is as much appetive on that higher have the types of both vegeta-tion and animal life advanced from plane.

"Death," then, is but the birth of this their earliest stages to their present day usefulness, and they will continue finer body out of the physical, which to grow through eternity, then crumbles to earth, and the soul; It has been my contention for years which the physical body has gathered that the earth is gradually growing from the elements with which it was larger through this purification of its surrounded, then starts on its journey

other planets. If science succeeds in tity. Nothing new has been created; it has weigh the earth to any degree of ac-curacy, I am convinced their reckoning a few centuries hence will fully corrob-orate this theory. If this is not so, will someone please explain the exper-ets, suns, moons and stars of which nor taken from the original amount, pendent entity. may be subject to, it will be found very frequently in moments of abstracthere is a residuum to fall to earth. tion, will reach with the remaining Whence came this product of the peach hand and rub the invisible one. seed? No new matter has been created-it has been simply a separation the soul will not appeal to the Theosoof the gross from the finer elements of phist, as it does away with the reincarthe atmosphere. To illustrate this nation theory as advocated by them. principle, take a dish of clear water It does not, however, interfere

iment of taking a ton of dry earth, box- the universal space is full, while the ing it up so that none will be added finer intellectuality goes on as an indeand then plant therein a peach seed. Ample proof of the existence of this Afaer a few years the tree and its product may be removed and it will be type of the visible is given us by those found the weight of the soil remains who have been bereft of an arm or a the same while, no matter what the leg. A friend of mine who lost an chemical process the tree and its fruit arm in an accident several years ago,

are fruitage.

broader scope.

brighter morn.

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relay

foundation

Each new babe is father of a newer

Measure future standards by ideals, yet

unborn; Each to-day is the dawn of a new,

Look not into the past to find the world's new needs; Bury all religions that are bounded by

less pathway. O. V. LaBOYTEAUX.

past.

This idea of the birth and growth of and put it through a boiling process their "karma," in fact it is rather the and then watch the lime separate from working of this law toward the consum-

"The Unknown Life of Jesus Christ," a most valuable illustrated work, translated from the French by Mr. Ghandi, a learned Hindoo, is to be sent as a Gift to every subscriber of The Progressive Thinker. It has always sold for \$1.00. We purchased the coll right and now we have the exclusive privileg of blishing the work, and wholly for the ben it of our subscribers. Read carefully the following :

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"The Unknown Life of Jesus Lamaism, and there became learned in Christ" is a remarkable book. It sup. the lore of that country, he became plies a veritable missing link in the modelent in the study of its antiquities and literature, its religions and history of a remarkable personage. It its philosophies. fills a hiatus which has puzzled Chris-

In the Buddhist monasteries of tian as well as non-Christian scholars, Thibet, M. Notovitch relates how he to account for. The New Testament found access to some manuscripts account of the life of Jesus is vitally which told of the visit of Issa (Jesus) deficient, as passing over in blank si- and his life while there. This narrative fills the gap in the New Testament lence a great many years of his earthly existence. account, from his thirteenth year un-

til his return and his public "showing ing force. It would be purely moral It is the usual understanding of Christian writers and scholars, that unto Israel." as a divine teacher. The the public works and teachings of Buddhist records complete what the Jesus, except what little was done begospel records omit.

fore the end of the thirteenth year of The translation of these Buddhist his age, were comprised in the last pecords forms an exceptionally interthree years of his life. Luke says esting study to the general reader as (Chap. 1:80) "And the child grew, well as to the more critical scholar and waxed strong in spirit, and was in and student of ancient religious literthe deserts till the day of his showing ature.

unto Israel." Chap. 3:23, says, "And | And now we are happy to announce Jesus himself began to be about thirty to the readers of The Progressive years of age." Thinker, that, having secured the

It is indeed strange that the most plates of this remarkable book, we emarkable character in the world's have concluded in this holiday seahistory should drop out of sight for a son to offer this volume to them as a long period of years, comprising the premium. It will be an actual gift larger part of his life from childhood to each one who sends in One Dollar on, and no record of that period be for a year's subscription to The Profound. It seems the last three years gressive Thinker, and ten cents in of his life comprised the years of his stamps to pay the postage on the book. Any one who is now on our list of public ministry. Where was he, and what was he doing during these years subscribers can also secure this book from about his thirteenth to his thir- as an actual gift, by sending in ten cents in stamps to pay postage on the tleth year?

This remarkable book seems to an same, and One Dollar to extend the swer the query. He traveled into time of their present subscription one acceptable to all. The necessary im-India; the land of Buddhism and year.



bringing the convention to the Coast, None of them, however, want to deal unfairly by our California brethren, nor take any undue advantage of them, Many Spiritualists east of the Rocky Mountains have a settled conviction that the gravity of the issues now be-fore our people, and the exigencies confronting our organic movement require that the convention should be held, if not in Washington, D. C., then at some convenient geographical point equidistant/from all quarters of the nation. I flate such faith in our Cali-fornia friends that I believe they will voluntarily relinguish the convenient for next year, and request the N. S. A. trustees to call it elsewhere. They are convinced that its coming to the Coast would be fraught with danger and possible harm in the N. S. A. In other words, I believe Californians are for Spiritualism first and self last. They won the convention of 1907 in a fair if spirited contest, and if the location is to be changed they should know why, and be given good reasons therefor. In fact the change would be suggested by them, if good reasons exist for it, for California Spiritualists are big enough, brave enough, generous enough to make a voluntary surrender of their prerogatives when they see that Spiritualism will be benefited by

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such action on their part. In closing let me say that I do not object to a referendum vote, as suggested by one of the proxy delegates in a recent number of The Progressive Thinker. By all means let it be taken; but let each society, in sending in its vote to Mrs. Longley give what seems reasons for desiring the change. Such a vote would have no legal nor bindin its influence, and its moral impress, if based upon good grounds, would undoubtedly induce our California brethren to sink their own preferences in the larger good of the Cause as a whole, by voluntarily yielding the convention of 1907 to some central eastern

Yours for the N. S. A. and the Cause. HARRISON D. BARRETT. Seattle, Wash.

WHATEVER IS, IS RIGHT.

There Is No Evil-All Is Good-There is No Sin, Nor Obsession.

In each of the civilized nations of the world there are different grades of civilization among their people. They each contain representatives of every grade of civilization that has existed for the last two thousand years. It follows that where so much diver-sity exists there must be many different standards of right and wrong. What is considered good by people of the most advanced civilization may be regarded as very bad by those who are uot so far advanced. In fact there are so many standards of civilization in the world that it is utterly impossible to establish a standard that will be plication of this condition is, that no standard of right and wrong can be maintained, which will be accepted by the individual units of the civilized world. That individual or society is yet to be discovered that can dogmatically assert what is right and what is wrong in human conduct as a whole.

with whom he had been treating both before and since his marriage with her. She also proved by two or three witnesses that at one time he had slapped her in the face and at another time had bruised her arms.

Mrs. Amos filed a cross complaint, simply asking for a divorce and not for any property. There was nothing said against

Spiritualism during the trial, and not one word against her mediumship, ex-cept what Mr. Amos' lawyer said in his plea, and the only plea he could make was to abuse Mrs. Amos and the cause. Mrs. Amos' lawyer spoke very nicely of Spiritualism and said that the world was compelled to recognize

us as a religious body. In Indianapolis, where she has lived for nine years, you have only to advertise that Mrs. Ropp will give messages and the church will be full.

Since writing the above I have just received the following from Mr. Tom O'Neill of Indiapapolis, who is presi-dent of Chesterfield camp:

"Mrs. Ropp gets a divorce and as alimony twenty-seven hundred dollars; Amos to pay \$500 to Henry Spaan, her lawyer, in addition to all the court costs. Righteous judge." CARRIE H. MONG.

415 S. Franklin St., Muncie, Ind.

THEY ARE MY ANGELS, ALL.

How I love the pretty babies, love their crying and their coo,

And they always look up at me as if saving, "I love you." Yes, I love them; they are precious

ere they walk or ere they crawl, With their fisting and their kicking

and they are my angels, all.

There are many who grow nervous when they hear a baby cry; They forget that they were bables in the happy days gone by. It unfolds the vocal organs, to occa

sionally squall: It is music to my spirit, and they are my angels, all.

How I love to sit and watch them when they first begin to see,

And to notice their surroundings, when they first look up at me. I can sense the little spirits ere they

came at Nature's call. In the love land of the fairies, and they

are my angels, all. . DR. T. WILKINS.

"IF."

If everyone were wise and sweet, And everyone were jolly; If every heart with gladness beat, And none were melancholy; If none should grumble or complain And nobody should labor In evil work, but each were fain-Oh, what a happy world 'twould be For you and me-for you and me!

And if perhaps we both should try That glorious time to hurry; If you and I-just you and I-Should trust instead of worry; If we should grow-just you and I-Kinder and sweeter-hearted, Perhaps, in some near by and bye, That good time might get started. -Exchange.

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

iquid and fall each in the armor of the other for every new-comer to peep in and view that which should remain buried from sight forever more?

It is not to be wondered at that many fine mediums and lecturers stumble and fall, to remain lying in of man the dust, when so many impure thoughts are directed toward them by those who should purify themselves and support their brothers and sisters in the GOOD they do, and are capable of continuing to do?

If only all whose dear desire is to ee Spiritualism prospering would give themselves to concerted good thought, and earnest, efficient help, spiritually, and materially, how much wiser it would be!

Although these questions continually perplex the mind of the writer, yet he not cast down. Nor is he going to let go of the great truths that have been trusted to his keeping. All his desire is, for established workers to 'Let the dead past bury its dead." and all unite to live out the very best we find in our teachings, and all work together for the best good of all. Do let us be charitable, kind, con-stant and ever true to Spiritualism and

tll it stands for. J. YOUNG.

Harbor Beach, Mich.

SPIRITUALISM DEFENDED.

It is Not Responsible for Crime-an Article Written for the St. Louis

Republic. To the Editor of the Republic:-Dear Sir,-In to-day's Republic there is quite an article on the shooting of a Mr. Alfred H. Luster. Mrs. Mary Cottle, who has been arrested on suspicion of having committed the crime, and the wounded man are (so the article asserts) Spiritualists and the impression conveyed all through the article is, that the teachings of Spiritualism are responsible for the shooting. I want to deny in the first place, that either of the above-mentioned parties is a member of organized Spirit ualism. I want to deny emphatically in the second place, that soul mate rot or stuff of that character is taught or be lieved in by intelligent Spiritualists. There have been many crimes, many misstatements made in the past in the name of religion, but no sensible person holds

religion per se responsible for the misconceptions of some crazy enthusiast. As a matter of fact, a man's or woman's conception of Spiritualism (like conceptions of other religions) are about as big mentally and morally as the man or woman. While ignorant psychics may, under influences as ignorant as themselves (for like attracts like) give out in the name of Spiritualism some rot about soul mates and affinities, yet Spirthan Methodism stands for what I

have heard some of their backwoods preachers teach in the name of Methodism The trouble has been with the press south.

and public at large, that they class all

ple who seek spiritual consolation (mark vertisements are particeps criminis in have not been announced.-New York the term). They seek the medium and the crime of obtaining money under World.

is through this process that barren soils Hypnotism, dual personalities, obses are made fertile, and noxious weeds sion, trance phenomena, and other oc instead of being a curse are one of cult occurrences lose much of their nature's greatest blessings. But that mystery when studied from the stand is another story, as we are now dealing point of this atomic construction of the only with the refining process of nature human frame. This also throws much as it pertains to the infinitive growth light on the whys of astrological influences upon the life of man. But these The physical body of man is nothing are always subject matter unto them more nor less than a plant of a differ-ent grade, capable of assimilating and The point I wish to impress upon all manifesting a higher type of intelli-gence, and the degree of that intelli-us, and should be honestly striven for

gence, and the degree or that inter-gence, morality and culture may be at all times, not for physical approach traced back to the climate, diet and izement, but for the purpose of further-ing soul growth. Past experiences and ing soul growth. Were necessary steppingconditions were necessary stepping-stones to the present; the present is ent climate from the one in which it stones to the present; the is found in its natural state and it will necessary to the future, so

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either not thrive at all or it will change Strive not to emulate the lives of the its species apparently, sometimes to a higher and sometimes to a lower past agegrade. The cultured white man changing his location carries with him all his old customs, habits, modes of living, and makes his new conditions conform to the old as near as possible in regards to diet, temperature, etc. cultured and educated negro does not live upon the coarse foods that are the sustenance of his less fortunate That peers into the mists with deeper. brethren. And the rule works both ways, as per example "Joe" Morgan,

fed upon the best in the land and educated for a missionary, he returns to his own people in dark Africa, eats, sleeps and dwells with them as one of

the tribe, and he soon degenerates to the savage cannibalistic nature of the tribe. And so I am led to assert that the

Neither condemn the past, for 'tis the Of a superstructure of perfect creation. man whose diet is principally pork and I'll show you a man whose greatest glory is not in giving, but in receiving. Charlty in its broadest sense is prac-And every to-day is but pulsating Bands-Necessary atoms-on witch tomorrow stands. Each succeeding creating is but a new ticed most freely by the strictly vegetarian. What has this to do with the birth

of the soul? In man's eternal race down time's end-The whole universe is builded of atoms, and as atoms are spherical there is always an etheric space be-

are (as a whole either Spiritualists false pretense. No Spiritualist medium seeking spiritual advice (as the ortho-dox would of his priest or clergyman) or investigators seeking knowledge along these lines of psychic phenomena. That they compensate the medium and just; she must live the same as your priests and clergymen who are paid for their service and who expect extra com-

pensation for every wedding, funeral, or baptism they officiate at. The fortune-teller is not a religious

teacher, striving by spiritual advice to console and uplift humanity. He or she is engaged in a commercial enterprise, and their aim is wholly and solely to itualism per se does not stand for or teach stuff of that character any more WILKINS TWELVE stincts, promising to bring back lost

selling love powders, flove lovers, charms, locating lost dogs; gold mines, etc. They are as far away in thought and purpose from the religion of Spirit-

ualism as the north pole is from the

Spiritualists promiscuously as either fortune tellers or their dupes. They are heither. Not' one fortune teller is af-filiated with or recognized by organized Spiritualism here in Missouri. Our mediums are not luring in by large signs and newspaper advertisements the peo-ne where the model and provided to the searce of t

President Barrett Explains the Situation, and Offers Remarks and Suggestions.

Mrs. R. S. Lillie presents some very delegates from that state knew what is one man's meat is worship the God of the Spiritualists of America in her strength upon small issues. They stood wrong. What is one man's meat is able article in a recent issue of The together, acted together, and did not Progressive Thinker. Inasmuch as dodge the business sessions of the conshe refers to myself personally in one vention. They were always in their paragraph, I crave your kind permis places, and were keenly alive in every-sion, Mr. Editor, to explain my posi- thing that were construction of the transformation of the probably evict for sion, Mr. Editor, to explain my posi- thing that went on in the convention. tion with respect to the question at For my part I feel to commend them issue. for so doing! It is an example wor-

Soon after the adjournment of the thy of emulation by other delegations, Chicago Convention, I received some even when such delegations are comletters from the East, also from the posed of people who feel that lectures Middle states, criticising the selection and messages are of more importance of Los Angeles as the place of meeting than business. for the next national convention. Some Our friends from California were en-

went so far as to say "Why did titled to a large number of proxies by Each new generation is better than the reason of the fact that there are many you allow the convention to go to Los Angeles. To answer the question, I wrote a And higher ideals replace those of the

To answer the question, I wrote a good working order, and in good stand-paragraph in one of my communicaling with the State Association. When tions to The Progressive Thinker, stata proxy was appointed it was only nating that some of the delegates deliber- ural that he should be told that the ately shirked their duty in regard to Spiritualists of California wanted the several issues that were before our next convention held in Los Angeles. Chicago conclave, instancing the fact and that he could best represent them delegates from the east listened to the to see in this course anything reprehenlectures and messages on the evening sible on the part of our California the convention was in executive ses- friends.

They were doing what their constitusion, and were not where they should have been on that occasion. This paragraph was written to show and nothing more. By this action, howhave been on that occasion. my questioners that the responsibility ever they have succeeded in making for the decision under discussion was the proxy question a "paramount issue" in the councils of the organic not with me, but was with the delegates who took no interest in the final body, until it is solved in a just and business session. They were in some equitable manner for all parties conhalf dozen or more instances, Spiritualcerned.

The records show that 52 delegates ists of forty or fifty years' standing, voted for Los Angeles, and 46 for yet preferred pleasure to duty, and were more interested in their own enjoyment | Washington, D. C. Nearly one hundred than they were in the welfare of the delegates-eighty, at least-were not recorded on this proposition, being absent from the hall, or present and Cause as a whole. Perhaps some or all of them would have voted in favor of Los Angeles. not voting when the ballot was taken. That would have been their right had California voted as a unit, and was reinforced by the votes of the other Pathey so wished, and it would have made the case of Los Angeles that cific Coast states, by Montana, Texas, much stronger. Having failed to be Colorado and Kansas. The issue was present and record their votes, they an open one. I do not believe any un-

due influence, nor yet any political in-triguing were resorted to by the Paand their friends have no right to censure the President, nor any other member of the N. S. A. Board of Trustees. cific Coast delegates. I feel that they acted conscientiously, for permitting the convention to go to Los Angeles. The responsibility rests, I say again, with the delegates themand won an honorable victory. I do

not see why they should be censured for doing what they felt to be their selves. I was not present at the final busiduty, for the highest good of our Cause,

ness session, for I was presiding over the "ornamental" session in the main California has been loyal to the N. S. A. and to the principles underlying hall, as it was my duty to do. Vice the small hall. I did not vote because Association was formed: A Californ organization from the day our National I was not present and did not know ian in the person of Mrs. Elizabeth when the question was decided. Vice-Sloper, was elected a member of the President Warne did not vote because first board of trustees chosen in 1893. he was in the chair, and reserved his From that time to the present the Spir-ballot for the purpose of breaking a tie, itualists of California have been should one occur. Trustee Evans did friends of the N. S. A. Their delegates not vote because he was the stenog-have had to make long journeys at rapher of the convention, and was un-great expense in order to attend our doubtedly too busy to do so. Trustee annual conventions. These facts should

Howe voted for Los Angeles. I believe be remembered to California's credit. the other five voted in favor of Wash- I am not writing as a special plead er for California, nor yet because I feel ington, D. C. These facts certainly prove that the that Los Angeles was the best place decide the location of the next con-vention,

As for the proposition itself let me any in giving creat where creat is any that California wanted the conven-tion, and with the usual California de hearted Spiritualists. They feel as if termination set to work to get it. The the time had not quite arrived for

lief in some, and if you please many, of the things which go to make up the entirety of human conduct, but not in all. In many things which are right for one person or society are wrong for another. My orthodox friend be-lieves it right to worship the God of another's poison, is as true in a spirit-If the religious sentiment of a cen-

ury ago was right, the religious sentiment of to-day is as nearly wrong as it can well be; and if the religious sentiment of this age is correct, the good Christians of a hundred years ago were lost in a dense wilderness of error. If the governments of a century ago were just and right, then those of to-day fall far short of it; and local societies in the state that are in if the present governments of the good working order, and in good stand- world are approximately what they should be, then the ancient statesmen looked through a glass very darkly.

In the grand march of human progress the standards of right and wrong are continually changing, and will continue to change so long as such progress exists. Change is the trusty handmaid of progress, and ever will

There is no doubt that the religious teachers and statesmen of a century ago did as well as they could under the then existing conditions, but the light of this age discloses their manifold errors. And no doubt the light of a century hence will expose many of the errors of this age.

"There is nothing either good or bad But thinking makes it so.

Herbert Spencer has well said: "Let us keep before ourselves the truth that in human actions the absolutely bad may be relatively good, and the absolutely good may be relatively bad."

From the foregoing it necessarily follows that there is no place in this world for the conditions called sin or bsession. These words are symbols of an airy nothing. This world, un-der Infinite Power, is governed by unerring laws, and man is born, lives, progresses and dies in conformity with those laws. That Great Power when it established these laws knew that was doing, and made no mistakes. Obediently to these laws "All things exist by elemental strife." The volcano, earthquake, tornado, cyclone and storm, as well as the wars and conflicts among men and the inferior

animals are proof of this strife. There are forces in nature which continually build up, and there are those which continually pull down. Growth and decay ever go hand in hand. And these forces all work together for the ultimate good of man and all of the rest of creation. The forces which are called evil, are just as necessary for human progress as those which we call good.

In a word let us comprehend the great and important truth. that Inflnite Power "doeth all things well" and by the recognition of this great truth we will find ourselves en rapport with this earthly life, and prepared for that broaden and life in the hereafter. CARL C. POPD. for that broader and more intelligent

Black River Falls, Wis.

dupes to heed the advice sizen in the Scripture by St. Johns "Try the spirits whether they be of God," iso to note the words of Christ, "By their fruits ye shall prove them " Now them." Yours for fair playing PAUL McARTHUR. President State Spiritualist Association of Missouri

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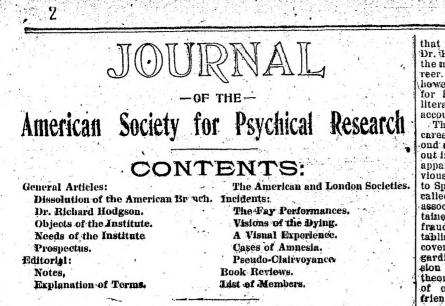
SHE IS AFTER SKEPTICS.

Mrs. Pepper to Demonstrate at Service That She TE Tennine.

-Mrs. May'S. Pepper will arrange a seance for skeptics Ito, demonstrate

that she is a genuine medium. Prof. alism as the north pole is, from the G. W. Fowler, one of Mrs. Pepper's south. Don't blame Spiritualism for the for-nouncement. He says she will prove

food we eat in very large measure de-termines our morality. Show me 'a



We spread before our readers this week copious extracts from the initial number of the Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research. It is refreshing to know that William real sympathies he felt for the conclu-James, James H. Hyslop, Geo. Dorr and others, typical investigators of the phenomena, keenly receptive to the truth, and always looking for it, yet quick to detect error-it is refréshing, we say, to see them so intensely interested in investigating Spirit Return in all its various phases. We spread these facts before our readers as exceptionally important news in our Great Movement, The Progressive Thinker being the only Spiritualist paper that furnishes everything that pertains to Spiritualism, whether it be the exceptionally bright and glorious side, or the side tinged with darkness and trickery. Every person who can should contribute to sustain the American Society for Psychical Research.

It will be a sufficient explanation of Jena, Germany, attending the univerthe reasons for the organization of an sity there, and soon after his return to American Society to publish the offi- England he lectured for six months at cial document which announced the dissolution of the American Branch. This is found below as published in the "Journal" of the London Society. Dissolution of the American Branch.

The following document was signed by three vice-presidents of the Society for Psychical Research at a meeting in Boston last May, at which it was resolved to dissolve the American Branch of the London Society: American Branch of the Society for

Psychical Research.

After full and anxious consideration it has been decided to dissolve the American Branch of the Society for Psychical Research at the end of the current year.

It is noped that a scheme, upon which Professor Hyslop has been for some time past engaged, may result In the formation of an independent organization which will carry on the work of psychical research in America.

The records of sporadic phenomena now accumulated at the office of the Branch will be carefully gone through, and a selection from them will be pubferent set of influences. lished in the "Journal."

The Piper records, and, all docu-nents appertaining thereto, will re-

different towns in the north of England in connection with University Extension. His subjects were scientific and literary, being "The Development of Poetry Since 1789," and "The Mind and the Senses.

An undergraduate society, called the Cambridge Society for Psychical Research, was started during the second term in Cambridge, early in 1879, and in this he took an active part. He assisted at various sittings with mediums, who proved to be, with one ex-ception, fraudulent or unsatisfactory; and the society gradually dissolved this being due partly to the fact that the members of the society could not

spare the time from other university work. The exception mentioned above was a medium, who gave some remarkable tests, sometimes in apparently normal states and sometimes under "control." Dr. Hodgson had met her in London and persuaded her to give two experiments to the small society. This society, however, had no connection with the later organization which took its place in work of this kind and owed Its existence to a dif-

Soon after the dissolution of the Cambridge Society, Dr. Hodgson joined Society for Psychical the new search which was organized in 1882 and served on its Council and some of ts committees. . In 1884, he was ap pointed by the Board of Mental and Moral Sciences in Cambridge University. England, as Lecturer on the Philosophy of Herbert Spencer. But this course was interrupted by an appointment to go to India and to investigate the marvelous phenomena alleged to have occurred in connection with Madame Blavatsky and the Theosophical Society. The details of the inveshe was proving. tigation, made in behalf of the Society for Psychical Research, were published in Vol. III. of the Society's 'Proceedings." His conclusion was that the phenomena were fraudulent, and whoever takes the pains to examine this report with care must apprecithe strength of his case, to say nothing more of it. giance. After his return to England, in 1885 he lectured again at Cambridge on the Philosophy of Herbert Spencer, and then spent a year in London, engaged to some extent in political work. At the same time he employed himself in psychic researcn. He conducted a series of investigations, assisted by Mr. J. S. Davey, into the possibilities of mal-observation and lapse of memthe reorganization of this work in this ory, with special reference to the marvelous phenomena alleged to occur in the presence of mediums and with reference to conjuring tricks imitative of spiritistic or alleged spiritistic phe-nomena. The result of these investigations was published in Vols. IV and VIII of the Society's "Proceedings." In the monthly "Journal" of the Society, about that time, he reviewed in detail a large number of reports of alleged independent slate-writing and

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hewever, Dr. Hodgson could not state for himself. It will remain for his literary executors to give a more full account of him and his work. The most important incident in his career was the publication of his second report on the Piper Case. It came out in 1898. This represented him as apparently breaking with all his previously skeptical convictions in regard to Spiritualism, or what has been called spiritism in order to escape the associations which that term has obtained its connection , with so much fraud and illusion. Dr. Hodgson had established such a reputation for the discovery of fraud and for skepticism regarding a future life that his conversion as indicated in this report, to the theory of spiritism or the possibility ommunicating with deceased friends and relatives came as a distinct surprise to many psychic researchers to say nothing of the astonishment of the man of the world. He had been exceedingly cautious and slow in the formations of his convictions on the subject, and had maintained such a reserve in his scientific atterances that. sion which he wished to see proved, but which his strength of intellectual nature would not allow to be proved

by anything shore of the most satisfac-tory evidence. Many a time just as he thought he had hit upon the phe-nomena which would serve his purpose he found himself balked by various difficulties and had still to suspend his judgment until he obtained further light. The primary difficulty with the theory was not the lack of supernormal evidence, but the peculiar form and limitations of the phenomena which purported to be this evidence of a future life. It was not until 1896 or 1897 that these perplexities were finally cleared up in his mind and the result was published in the report mentioned. But the sympathies of his mind are well indicated in a personal letter to the editor of the "Re-ligio-Philosophical Journal" in 1890, before even his first report on the case was published. I am permitted to

is greater than ever, and it seems to me highly probable that before many years have elapsed there will be much new and valuable testimony before the world as the result of the labors of our society, in favor of the Spiritual-istic claim that it is possible for our departed friends under special conditions to make their continued existence known to us. It is my own conviction that such communication is possible, though I hold that it is not nearly so frequent as most Spiritual-ises commonly suppose. What we need at the present time is the earnest sympathy and co-operation of all who do hold or would like to hold this con-

viction as well, indeed, as of all those who think that further inquiry may lead to a different conclusion It is a tribute to the scientific cautiousness and thoroughness of the man that he so long persisted in the suspense of judgment that carried him through seven or eight years more investigation before he would allow him-

self to confess his belief in the scien-tific evidence for a future life. He appreciated quite as fully, and in the same spirit, as the lamented Frederick W. H. Myers, the wide and deep bear ing of the belief in a future life upor paitosophy, religion, and social and political life, but he allowed no mere sentiment to affect his conception of the scientific method which was to be the arbiter of that fate.

As he proceeded with his inquiries, after some earlier experiences which had awakened his interest, he found himself more and more confronted with difficulties in his problem. These difficulties, however affected the evi-

that journal was a personal friend of there is the suitisfaction of his having Euspia Pailadino. Indeed the carlier Dr. Hodgson's and received from him passed thickly, as he wished to pass, the main incidents representing his ca-treer. The most important incidents, More than one of his friends recall the positive results. He did meet, howeagerness with which he said only last summers'I canihardly wait to die.' A keen intellectual curlosity regarding what awaited bilm was his own chief concerninabouts death. Then came that which he desired; and then neither the doubters nor his fellowbelievensicould wholly grudge him the opportunity to carry forward-as he would have said-....'on the other side' the work to which he gave his life on earth. With a swift passage from the known to the unknown sphere, the visible life among us came to an end. "To those who knew him in private his utter confidence in his work was one of its highest justifications. To hear him talk of that 'other side' as if were literallyia room separated from the house of life only by walls and doors of glass, to see him year in and year out devoting to an idea intellectual and moral powers which might well have won him many of the rewards which men prize most,-this was to realize in a measure the spirit which has animated the idealists of every age, the spirit through which a

man saves his life by losing it. "The general and the personal significance of his work were so inextricably twined together that it is hard to discuss it at all without seeming to invade the inmost sanctitles. Yet it is no sacrilege to quote from a private letter of 1901 a passage which reveals at once the intense conviction of Richard Hodgson's belief and the pure spiritual faith of which it was the embodiment: 'I went through toils and turmoils and perplexities in '97 and '98 about the significance of this whole Imperator regime, but I have seemed to get on a rock after that .-seem to understand clearly the reasons for incoherence and obscurity. etc., and I think that if for the rest of my life from now I should never see another trance or have another word from Imperator or his group, it would make no difference to my knowledge that all is well, that Imperator, etc. are all they claim to be and are indeed messengers that we may call divine. Be of good courage whatever happens, and pray continually, and let peace come into your soul. Why should you be distraught and worried? Everything, absolutely everything,-from a spot of ink to all the stars-every faintest thought we think up to the contemplation of the highest intelligences in the cosmos, are all in and art of the infinite Goodness. Rest in that Divine Love. All your trials are known better than you know them yourself. Do you think it is an idle word that the hairs of our heads are numbered? Have no dismay. Fear nothing and trust in God.'

"His friends and brothers care es pecially to remember one thing-that this idealist did not detach himself from the most earth-bound of us all. Though so much of his commerce was with the unseen, his feet kept step with ours on solid earth. In the field of mental activities, there was no one better qualified to discuss the freshest topics of physical science, the events and tendencies in the world of affairs, and their, deeper significance.

"Nor was this community of interest restricted by any means to the things of the mind. The healthy Anglo-Saxon devotion to every exhibition of physical, prowess was conspicuously characteristic of this child of the snir Theoiprofessional ball game, the college boat, race and foot-ball battle excited his keenest interest; and it vas like, him to double his enjoyment in these sports by the companionship of one or more of us.

"A purity of nature which leaves his friends unable, even should they try, to recall a single taint of coarse ness in his word or thought; a sincer ity like that of a true-hearted boy; an unselfishness and absence of egotism which made our concerns far more often than his the topics of our perdential aspects of it, not the truth of sonal intercourse; a self-respect which it. He saw more and more clearly the included in its operations a body as wholesome as the air and sea he loved; radical distinction between scientific -these must surely be remembered in proof and personal belief obtained by personal experience, a distinction which few see, or if they see it, too any enumeration of the qualities which made his personality so rare a requently neglect its importance blending of the spirit and the flesh Who better than our well-loved friend the prosecution of their work. It was can remain for us the interpretation the realization of this distinction and and type of this blending? What its importance for his problem that sustained him in a policy which man of us has lived in the flesh a life so illuminated and controlled by the brought many an anathema upon his spirit that the transition from the head from the very class whose belief seen to the unseen could have seemed He had long felt so short a journey as for him? One the cogency of certain facts in favor of whose spirit, like our friend's, was the belief, but as believing and proving clothed with the whole armor of faith were such different things to him he and courage has told what it is for sacrificed his personal desires to the igorous demands of scientific method such a man to die: 'In the hot-fit of life, a tip-toe on the highest point of and kept up the high ideal which he. with the Society of Paychical Research other side. The noise of the mallet had formed of scientific duty and alleand chisel is scarcely quenched, the His patience and perseverance were trumpets are blowing, when, trailing finally rewarded. Though he had much material which had great sigwith him clouds of glory, this happy starred, full-blooded spirit shoots into the spiritual land."" ["A Memoir of nificance in support of his suit he Richard Hodgson," by M. A. DeW. H. did not make up his mind until for-Quoted by permission.] tune favored him with a long series of -Very few know anything about the investigations in a single group of the most interesting phenomena yet re-corded—those of the Piper case. He personal struggles which he had in the effort to carry on his work. Of the incorded-those of the Piper case. had been able to publish a part-a ner life that sustained him in these struggles during nearly thirty years, of very small part-of the concrete eviinvestigation; that made poverty light dence gathered by his labors in supand enabled him to remain unmoved port of survival of personal identity after death. This he regarded as the amidst ridicule and calumny alike, and foundation of his work and he never that kent up his faith in the most trying and pathetic circumstances wearied in his efforts to lay that foundation broad and deep. On this fountime has not yet come to speak without reserve. They were incidents of a dation it was his desire to build a firm resolution to know and abide by structure which would equally explain the truth, whether it favored his per the perplexities apparent in the probsonal wishes or not. Sincerity was native to him, and in the modern dislem and the limitations under which the revelations of another life were solution of the old faiths the now dommade. But I believe he had committed nothing to writing of the system which he had in mind, save what he inant methods of science compelled him to surrender a large part of the had stated briefly in his Report on the convictions, which he had imbibed with Piper case, when, on the 20th of De-cember, 1905, he suddenly passed his early teaching and at a cost which none who do not know the circumstances can realize. He felt that, for him and for men of his type, the belief in away and left some future succe ssor to gather up the threads which his death an unseen world of spirit which is the sole sustemance of the best spiritual life, must be based upon evidence of a more substantial kind than the one of so disappointingly severed. Of the man Richard Hodgson as he ppeared to his friends in the ordinary, tradition, and that without credentials of a scientific character the belief must or a scientific character the beller must inevitably, wasten away. In Professor Sidgwick, Air, Gurney, Mr. Myers and the group of man that gathered about them in Gambridge, England, he found men who were influenced by the same conviction and the fortunate meeting with them determined Biobard Hode with them addent her and her and holds son's life and s long as these men lived they were only faithful friends and co-workers. None of them ever lost sight of the great end in view, namely, the scientific demonstration of a future life, but none of them ever forgot that a chief means to that end was a strict adhesion to the severest methods of criticism and investigation which would result in the collection of a body of evidence that, would command respect and produce conviction. Dr. Hodgson's native hatred of fraud and humbug enabled him to enter into the work of sifting evidence with great zest. Early in his career he found it needful to acquaint, himself with all the methods and appliances with which adventurers might delude the public and as a result, he became one of the most skillful detectors of fraud that them. has yet arisen, as was shown in his ex-

of psychical research in this country, and I hoped that only a short time would intervene before having him in a position to do his work more effectever, at an early period, with a Tew phenomena which he could not disively. We exchanged views upon the subject and had reached a definite uncredit and which encouraged him to derstanding in regard to our policy. continue perseveringly his work with the hope of finally obtaining what he We both agreed as to the which we had to solve, and also in the sought, namely, a mass of evidence main, as to the theoretical considerations which needed public discussion. But he had been the blazer of the way which would be sufficiently impressive to enforce consideration of his problem. This he first found in the Piper case. and I was the follower. I had relied upon the prospect of his taking the After several years' anxious doubt he leadership in this country, as there came finally to the definite conviction that the communications there received was no other man so well equipped for are the utterances-confused and it. The deaths of Mr. Myers and Profragmentary and mingled with extranefessor Sidgwick in England had left the work very much in need of suc-cessors. With Dr. Richard Hodgson passing the great divide there are fewous elements-yet in the main the utterances of spirits freed from their earthly embodiment, and in that coner or no such persons to assume the task thus hald down, and those of us viction he found the basis for a religious faith which he had so long sought. Yet his personal conviction never who are left to continue it will have caused Mr. Hodgson to lose his symto accept its duties in a stoical tempe pathy with the position and difficulties JAMES H. HYSLOP.

of the honest skeptic. He had too long wandered in the labyrinth of doubt Objects of the Institute. himself to lose appreciation for those It will be proper to explain at some length the aims of the American Inin perplexity with their beliefs. He well knew the maximim of Epicharmus, stitute for Scientific Research, of which

A sober sense of honest doubt the American Society for Scientific Re Keeps human reason hale and stout. search is but a Section. The Institute has received a perpetual charter from In fact the honest skeptic's state of the State of New York and intends to mind was much more congenial to combine the work of investigation and philanthropy. The work of scientific investigation will occupy two more or him than that of the uncritical believer. He welcomed every precaution an ex-experimenter could take to guard less separate fields of interest. Its against deception and frankly recogphilanthropic work will be confined to one of them. This latter function will nized that he had himself to bear the suspicion that he was in collusion with taken up only when it has secured Mrs. Piper, urging that in no other way the proper endowment. In the mean could evidence be obtained that would be worthy of that name. Sound evitime it can only begin its investiga tions upon a small scale. But the na-ture, aims and needs of the Institute dence was always his object, both for himself and for others, and nothing so will here be the subject of careful exmuch delighted him as the convincing planation. of an unbeliever, just as nothing so excited his contempt as the unreasoning I.-Nature of the Institute. credulity which accepts everything and The Institute is constituted by

examines nothing. Board of Trustees, whose primary func-Far as he went in his acceptance of tion shall be to act as custodians .of the Piper phenomena, he never went funds and to supervise their distribufurther than he believed the evidence tion among qualified men or bodies of would carry him. So-called "physical phenomena" he never definitely accept men interested in the fields of abnor mal and supernormal psychology, and ed. To a friend who asked him this residual phenomena generally. The Inquestion some years ago he replied: itute will also supervise the organiza-"All I can say is that I have sought for tion of groups of scientific men interest them diligently more than fifteen years ed in its fields of work. This work will and have never found any that I could be limited to a definite though compreregard as well established." To the same friend he said that he thought hensive territory of scientific investiga tion and philanthropic labor, namely Crookes' experiments with Home were that of all residual phenomena in nor the best attested physical phenomena mal, abnormal, and supernormal psyon record, but he could not finally ac chology, including borderland and spo cent them until some additional cases radic phenomena between physiology had been adduced. This extreme reand psychology. No propagandism of luctance to accept phenomena which any sort, whether philosophic, relighe had not personally examined fre ious, or scientific, will be associated quently caused him to differ with his with the work of the Institute. Hence associates in the Society of Psychical there will be no teaching connected Research and especially with Mr. My with it. Its sole work will be the care ers. Yet these differences led to no in of endowments and the supervision of terruption of the friendship and esteem investigations with such philanthropic that had so long subsisted between services in mental disease as are nec them. This was well indicated in the essary in the interest of these in fact that Mr. Myers, when failing quiries health would not permit him to com-The first function which the Institute plete unassisted his great work OI can perform is that of a "clearing Human Personality and its Survival house" for all those sporadic phenome of Bodily Death," invoked the aid of na and isolated cases having a scien Dr. Hodgson, Dr. Hodgson worked with Mr. Myers for several months and tific interest for psychology and which would otherwise be lost to science.

after Mr. Myers' death, Dr. Hodgson Academies of Medicine and bodies o and Miss Johnson superintended the completion of the work. What that work owes to Dr. Hodgson's acute inel for the collection, record, and publitellect and critical judgment Mr. Myers alone could attest, and he would no doubt have acknowledged the amount of that debt had he lived to write the does not intend to act in entire inde-pendence of other efforts to deal with preface.

It is in place to state something of my own personal relation to Dr. Hodg-son and his work. The incident that attracted my interest in psychical re-search was his paper on "A Case of

There are two fields of investigation with which the Institute will be dibouble Consciousness," which is men-tioned above in the list of his contri-butions to the Society's publications. rectly and indirectly occupied., first may me called Psychopathology or Abnormal Psychology, and with this heard an abstract of it read by himit is desired to associate a philanthrop self at a meeting in New York City. ic work of an important kind, a clinic, called for the purpose of organizing partly as a means of giving a practical a Section of the Society. What ex-

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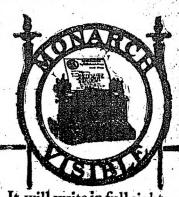
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Dec. 22, 1905.

main in charge of the Council of the Society, and as promptly as the labor involved in the study of their voluminous and complicated contents will allow, a full report on the later developments of the Piper case up to date of Dr. Hodgson's death will be issued in the "Proceedings."

After publication the Council of the Society will allow qualified and serious students access to the records: but only on terms which will insure that all private and intimate matter contained in them shall be handled with proper discretion and reserve, and that all confidences shall be respected. Signed on behalf of the American Branch,

WILLIAM JAMES. JAMES H. HYSLOP, GEORGE B. DORR, Vice-Presidents

Signed on behalf of the Council of the Society for Psychical Research. J. G. PIDDINGTON.

5 Boylston Place, Boston, Mass., May 18. 1906.

Dr. Richard Hodgson.

Psychic Research has suffered an ir reparable loss in the death of Dr. Richard Hodgson, and it is fitting in country that his unusual gifts in connection with the past work of this kind should receive some memorial notice. He had devoted his life and abilities to the solution of one of the world's largest problems and for this task he was possessed of exceptional qualities of mind and heart, developed under the most favorable influences. His place in the work can be appreciated

only by a brief account of his life. Richard Hodgson was born in 1855 in Melbourne, Australia, and received his early education in the public schools of that place. He afterwards entered the University of Melbourne and took there the degrees of M. A. and LL. D.

It was his original intention to ciety for Psychical Research, which, in study law and this course was followed for a time. But during his le-| the American Branch of the English gal studies he gave some attention to Society, of which Branch he was apscience and philosophy, and finally resolved to devote his attention exclusively to these fields. In the meantime he early became interested in the contributed various articles in the occult, owing to certain incidents which he told only to certain intimate number of important papers and re friends, and it seems that a sympociety. Of the latter are the follow-

sium in one of the british mounted ing: magazines stimulated him to make ing: "A Case of Double Consciousness," this matter a subject of his inquiries. After completing his law studies at being a report on a remarkable in-Melbourne, he went to the University stance of duplex personality in which of Cambridge, Eng., and there gradua man lived a normally unconscious uated in the mental and moral scilife for eight weeks. The next was his first Report on the Piper Case, which was entitled, "A Record of Ceronces. The 'teacher from whom he learned most, according to his own statement, both in personal instructain Phenomena of . Trance." Then tion and lectures, was Professor Henry came an article on "The Defence of Sidgwick, Professor of Moral Philoso the Theosophists," being a reply phy in Cambridge, and President of the criticisms by the Theosophists on his Society for: Psychical Research. In report on Madame Blavatsky, and an philosophy he had also learned much article on "Indian Magic and the Tes Following from the study of Herbert Spencer and timony of Conjurers." this was his second report on the Piper was to a considerable extent influenced that writer's doctrines, though he Case. "Further Record of Observaafterward imbibed enough of an ideal-Phenomena tions of Certain istic philosophy to eliminate the mate-Trance." in which he came out in defence of the spiritistic hypothesis as rialistic tendencies of that author. On the subject of Spencer he at one time based upon that record. The above short sketch of Dr. Hodgengaged in a controversy with Thomas

Hill Green, of Oxford. After the completion of his Cam-bridge course, he spent six months in sophical Journal." The editor of Hill Green, of Oxford.

analagous phenomena, showing that they could be accounted for by conjuring. He also contributed papers on philosophic subjects to the quarterly journal "Mind ' Early in 1877 he accepted the posi-

tion of secretary to the American So-

January, 1890, was transformed into pointed the secretary and treasurer

conversation of daily life a sketch has During his residence in America and been drawn, so vivid and true, that no his service in the American Branch he account of him will be complete without quoting from it. His work and "Forum" and "Arena," as well as a convictions had brought him to a course which required him to distinports to the "Proceedings" of the So-

guish them apart in behalf of their own several interests, and this resulted in certain concessions to the 'personalities" which had been instrumental in his conversion to the lief in a personal existence after death. Whether he was right or not makes no difference to us as long as. we know that he surrendered none of his allegiance to scientific method. To quote, then, from the above-men-

tioned sketch: "Though finally surrendering his own life to the direction of 'Imperator (the chief of the trance personalities whom he recognized in the Piper case as spiritual), he sought to retain in his work of interpretation for others the attitude of the investigator insisting upon the best of evidence. It was his unflagging desire to accumulate a mass of evidence sufficient to form a reasonable hypothesis regarding spirit world.

"There is no lack of pathos, from one point of view in his having dropped this work unfinished. From another | posures of Madame Blavatsky and

cited so much satisfaction in me re garding this paper was the great pains and expense involved in the effort to ascertain exactly what the facts of the case were without any attemp to offer a theory to explain them. The reading of that paper decided my mind to join my lot with the investigators. To me it seemed that science was primarily observation of facts and theory. The joining of the Society soc other considerations it is important brought me into intimate relations with not to associate the investigation of the Dr. Hodgson as Secretary and also as two fields, while the means are proa personal adviser in matters pertaining to it and in which I was but a novitiate. I soon learned his range of tute have been organized: Section A knowledge in the complicated field of abnormal and super-normal psycholo gy as well as in the prestidigitator's field, of tricks and illusions This acbeing, he passes at a bound on to the quaintance began in 1889 soon after came to Columbia University and i soon ripened into warm friendship. But our relations were associated mostly with the scientific aspects of his worl What impressed me most in his character was the separation of his emo

ganized and conducted simultaneously with investigation consists of such cases as functional mental disease, and all psychological disturbances due even to organic troubles; functional insanity tional from his intellectual life, or bet and hallucinations; amnesia or loss of ter, his desires from his scientific judgmemory, especially of that type often ment. He knew from his own experi taken for serious insanity, but curable ence and from his knowledge of human by other than ordinary methods; sec nature generally that the subject of ondary personality or unconscious a future life stimulated emotional inmental acction simulative of other terests and judgments which ought to agencies than the normal conscious be kept in abeyance when paying defness: functional melancholia and vica erence to the claims and methods of rious sympathetic mental aberrations; science, and he was so coldly cautious neurasthenia and psychasthenia; hys on this matter that he never gained teria and hystero-epilepsy: obsession the reputation before the public, fixed ideas or monomanias; phobias 85 did Mr. Myers, for human sympathies delusions, alcoholism, and all functional troubles that may ultimately be made which were his in a most marked de gree. He had a profoundly emotional to yield to the various forms of suggestion. It will also be an important nature which few ever knew or suspected, but he never allowed it to play any part of the Institute's work to aid or to part in his scientific conclusions. In conduct a thorough scientific investigathis respect he was a perfect master ion into the phenomena and capabilof himself, From personal conversa-tions with him I found that he had such ities of hypnotism, especially on their psychological side, while organizing the a confidence in the idealistic wew of publication of hypnotic therapeutics in their scientfically legitimate forms the world that he had no need to press his facts into moulds that did not fit For this purpose a clinic and hospital He did not require scientific support of the Salpetriere. Nancy or Berillon

for his ideals, though he wanted it type would be necessary after the In-Hence he was the most unsparing critic of any temptation to accept constitute has been fully organized. In thus outlining this field of work and investigation I do not mean to imclusions in the mere interest of emoply that science has been oblivious to tional passions. This was so true that t or that it has neglected it in its main he had the reputation of being an un compromising opponent of Spiritualist spects, but only that the work needs ic theories when the very opposite of both centralization and special atten tion to its psychological as well as to its physiological relations. The work this was the fact. He was exceedingly anxlous to prove that theory, but long after he had come to the conclusion proposed is superadded to that of Psy chiatry, and is not a substitute for it. personally that the belief in a future The psychological study and connec-tions of the phenomena interesting to ife was true he kept his scientific method intact from the influence of t will not be supplanted or ignored by emotional interests and still many Spiritualists hate him cordially for his apparently obstinate skeptiit. On the contrary, this must ever be the basis of much of its inquiries cism. He knew better than they, howand always the final result of them. ever, the necessity and importance of But owing to the fact that there is methods which serve the truth more some reason to suppose that the pheeffectively and more serviceably than nomena of consciousness have some impatience with the most rigorous scientific standards. He had his faults, thing like a causal nexus between dif ferent events in its streams and also but they were not what the public has that they probably exercise a frequent often supposed. He was not always influence to produce bodily disturbance as tactful or patient with others as is es, it is desired that the purely psychonecessary in his complicated subject, but even in this only his best friends logical connections and relations. mental phenomena in certain cases be are entitled to criticise. The sincerity studied with reference to their possible of his devotion to sound methods was value in diagnosis and the application so great that nothing would stand in of therapeutic methods supplementary the way of enforcing their considerato the ordinary ones. Many important tion, and the future will have occasion facts may be ascertained for practical to pay its tribute to his insistence on life antecedent to the autopsy which must be the last stage of inquiry and which never aids in the treatment of

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the prese phenomena shall be investigate ence. Hypnotic phenomena belong to what is needed in work of this in contradistinction from physio-octeal problems. What is most wantthe right understanding of the is the right understanding of the in comparison with the associations of ormal life. in order to determine more distinctly the practical measures which may be necessary for prevention and cure. The many cures in this field effected by suggestion are evidence of what might be accomplished after a more scientific knowledge of abnormal mental phenomena has been obtained. Inoidentally investigations in abnor-

mal mental phenomena, especially those of secondary personality, may throw light upon some of the vexed problems of philosophy. They may affect these in what they show of the pature and limitations of our normal personality. We must remember that what we directly know of ourselves is the result of introspection and what we know of the consciousness of others Research. is indirectly ascertained through their motor actions. All consciousness other than our own is inferred from the physical actions, and we can infer and Herstand it only in proportion to our direct knowledge of ourselves, on the one hand, and on the other, in proportion to our knowledge of the extent to which consciousness obtains phys-ical expression through the motor system in others. In our normal life consciousness and the organism are so correlated as never to suggest any other conception of their relation than the dependence of consciousness on the body and the body alone. In this normal life personality seems to have its nature and limitations determined by tion of knowledge, as well as the the nature of the organism and its wants. Consciousness of the normal type has been useful in the struggle for existence and the survival of the fittest, and the abnormal types seem to characterize the unfit and unadjusted organism. But in certain forms of abnormal mental life there are distinct traces of mental action that does not fotain physical expression at all times. Unconscious motor actions show evidence of personality that apparently represents no utility in the process of evolution, and sometimes indicate a wider range of that personality than the normal. Hence it is important to abnormal psychology. ascertain, if possible, how much evidence there may be for this condition of things, as it is quite possible to con-ceive that abnormal rather than normal psychology may be the key to the solution of the problems of philosophy It would be strange if Materialism were discredited by the study of the very phenomena upon which it has hitherto relied for the proof of its claims. But, however this may be, it certain that our conclusions must be consistent with the existence of the abnormal, and that it may be that the abnormal instead of the normal must represent the territory in which the solution of our problems is to be found.

We know that the study of physiology and the practice of medicine were revolutionized by the study of pathology. Normal physiology never ade-quately understood its own problems until it gave almost exclusive attention to pathology, and thus health became intelligible through the study of disease. Both Physiology and Biology have been similarly affected by the work of Bacteriology, which in many cases represented the study of incurby foreign agencies to produce sions disease.

in In a similar manner the fundamental problems of psychology and phil-osophy may have to wait upon the methods and results of psychopathology. If there be any hint of a non-co-ordination between the range of conscious or subconscious mental action and its physical expression in favor of me tal action not physically ex-pressed, a very large possibility is The field of

than a superficial psychological study. Its phenomena are, of course, extremely difficult to investigate, as are all phenomena that are outside ence. Hypnotic phenomena belong to the field of the subconscious where caprice and triviality sometimes seen to prevail. But we shall never know their use and their dangers,---if they have any dangers,—and we shall never understand them until they are brought under intelligent scientific exploration. Moreover the general pub lic labors under an entire misconception of hypnosis and this avails to prevent the therapeutic use of it by many able physicians who would be glad to employ it in certain emergencles did it not affect their practice. A clinic would obviate this difficulty without affecting the practice of thos who wish to employ it, while it would at the same time afford rare opportunities for the scientific study of hyp

III .-- Psychic Research.

even its best accredited theory, if thenotic phenomena on a large scale. ory it is, namely, telepathy, is not a generally accepted fact in the scientific The second field for investigation world, and whether true or false inwhich it is desirable to organize and volves vastly important consequences aid is that which is known as Psychic to human knowledge. If true, it revo The popular conception of lutionizes philosophical psychology this field identifies it with the study of and if false its place must be taken by Spiritualism which has managed, in a far vaster hypothesis, and as the phenomena which bear this supernorthis country especially, to associate its methods and "phenomena" with fraud mal character are very sporadic, organ and illusion to such an extent that it ization on a large scale is the only means of testing the claims of any is almost impossible to elicit attention to genuine phenomena. But it is de-

theory and of ascertaining the condisigned in this term to sustain that tions under which the phenomena oc conception of the field which is much cur. wider than the general notion of Spir itualism, while it may comprehend it Then there are the phenomena of apparitions which comprehend phan-tasms of the living, of the dying, and of in both its fraudulent and apparently genuine form. The work of the Eng lish Society for Psychical Research de the dead, and which seem to transcend explanation by chance and subjective fines what we have in view. This com hallucination, but for which we have as prehends alleged telepathy, alleged yet no adequate or intelligent explanaclairvoyance, alleged mediumship, and tion, To consider them as having a all claims to the supernormal acquisicause outside the organism in which they occur as facts of experience is to open up the largest question of interest that man ever faced and may be leged production of physical effects without contact. As all these phenom ena are exceedingly sporadic, except, perhaps, their fraudulent form, it is fraught with an importance which it a impossible to estimate. Connected with apparitions and suggesting the same general explanation are genuine mediumistic phenomena

in the same degree necessary that the work of investigation should be organized and centralized with funds to make its alms effective. The organ-ization is in a measure already under which are something like experimental data bearing upon the proof of a life after death. There are many doubts taken by the English Society, but very inadequately for want of funds and proper co-operation, and it is the aim of and perplexities associated with such a conclusion, but the facts are certainly the American Institute for Scientific very impressive when we have exclude Research to organize and endow this ed fraud from their production. are of a character which makes it in excusable to neglect their investigation work while it extends investigation to There is a vast field of pseudo-super The systematic work of the Society

normal phenomena which intervene between the genuinely supernormal for Psychical Research has placed the subject beyond ridicule or legitimate and the abnormal, and this field is of indifference, and it only remains to especial importance to psychic give the problems which are suggested re by the facts and the exclusion of fraud some scientific solution, whatever this warch, more particularly because the abnormal is sometimes the medium may be. It is even possible that an through which supernormal facts find their way. We require as much to inquiry of this kind might result in define the limits and medium of the scientific assurance regarding a future supernormal as we do of the existence life. If the verdict be affirmative, no of the supernormal, and these limits matter whether such a life be desira are close to a very large territory of the abnormal and of secondary person-we have to reckon, as in all other raality. It is therefore important tional affairs of the present life. If that we articulate the results of investigathe verdict be negative we should have tion in both fields of mental phenomena our protection from illusion which is scarcely less important than the discovwhile we keep the actual work of inquiry in each case independent. Scientific ery of positive truth. But we must be men will appreciate the necessity of neither credulous nor incredulous in the matter. We cannot afford to be careful methods in this matter and fooled by skepticism, if a future life ought to recognize the importance of making the investigation as comprehenbe a fact, and we cannot afford to be sive as possible, and of bringing the fooled by belief in it if it be not a fact; whole field of residual mental and indifference to it is only an excuse phe for the evasion of responsibilities which nomena together to ascertain their inif it happens to be a fact, we would never escape in any other question of ter-relations. Not that the supernormaluis necesserily associated with the abnormal, but that somewhere between knowledge and morality. The most important consideration for the purely normal field of mental act-ion and the supernormal we should ex-

the investigation of mediumistic and similar phenomena is, as already indipect to find connecting links, now ascated, their sporadic character. sociating the supernormal with the evidential cases are perpetually eluding us, and nothing but a central organizanormal and now associating the supernormal and now associating it with the with the problem of abnormal. Our knowledge of its naion can cope ture and limits will thus be determined collecting them for scientific treatment. They are such as cannot be verified more or less by the borderland cases. at every moment or place. In the so to speak, intervening between the physical sciences it is somewhat differ-

The third field is that of the actually ness by initial investigations and pubsupernormal, and comprises the claims of telepathy and spiritism as names lications and will not expect any suficient financial aid until it thas shown for facts and not their explanation ts importance. That it has some What its extent is we do not know and laims, however, to financial assistance it may be a long time before we do ought to have been made clear by the last twenty years of the London So clety's work. It is to this that attention is called in putting the claim for endowment forward as one of the first objects of the present undertaking. under The time has gone by when we should rely upon the sporadio! and voluntary contributions of individuals for the sole evidence of the supernormal and some ex effort should be made, in earnest to place the investigations upon the same substantial basis as is enjoyed by other phenomena. It has been made all the more imperative by the dissolu-

tion of the American Branch, which never had funds enough to do its work rightly. I wish in the inauguration of this new movement to keep its financial needs as prominent as the importance of its work and to do this ought to explain definitely what scientific investigations of the kind cost. Some measure of the expense in volved in the scientific examination of psychic phnomena may be seen in the cost of the twenty years of experiments with Mrs. Piper. They cost in all probability, as much as \$75,000, and this was not a large sum compared with the value of the results. It will cost much more to deal in a similar manner with a number of like cases and this must be done before the rigid demands of scientific method are satis fied even for the simplest phase of the

conclusion involved. It is not expect ed immediately to launch upon such an undertaking until the funds are se cured. But it is hoped that this need will be appreciated as early as possible and that friends of the work will see that a proper corps of men are put to work on this task. The membership fees, unless they

come from several hundred members. can hardly do more than pay for pub-lications and office expenses. This was all that could be effected by the fees of the American Branch, and in-

deed they did not suffice for that purpose. There were not even funds to pay for publications of any kind. Nothing but imperfect records could be made of phenomena independent the Piper case. If this subject is to merit the attention and respect of scientific men it must be able to collect and publish scientific matter for study. This labor is not less expensive than They other scientific investigations and will require the same patience and sacrifices that the discovery of all scientific truth claims, A large membership will help greatly toward the desired end, if it only creates a public opinion to support the work. The membership could be large enough to endow the work partly in a few years, but this result will not be expected from that and what it will do. source.

One of the most important steps de manding immediate attention is the unds to put such men to work as may succeed to it when the present organ zers have passed away. One of the great misfortunes of the work of Dr. Hodgson was the inability to have had a man with him who could have taken up his work without interruption and this disaster ought not to happen again. The immediate crying need is men enough to investigate cases and experiences all over the country as they come to our notice. This requires that we be able to give suitable men a career. The proper men for the work will not undertake it unless a career can be offered and time given for doing really scientific investigation. Another ... important: circomstance

should be noted. It refers to immediate wants. There are a number of very promising cases which ought to of genuine facts. But there is no long receive scientific attention. They re-quire to be put under the proper care and surveillance in order to make the of psychic research. The time has The esults of investigation scientifically valuable. A series of protected ex- and to emphasize it, though it will deperiments are necessary as a means of volve upon us to be the conservative ascertaining whether such an investi- influence in the community concerngation as has been given to Mrs. Piper ing such things as the supernormal. would be desirable. I know seven The discovery and exposure of fraud be in any sense explanatory. and of illusions have their value for The American and London When a physicist announces Even the preliminary investigation canpsychology as well as for public interest, and this wholly apart from the existence of anything supernormal. not he adequately carried out without unds for it. The small fund already Consequently they may stop obtained for preliminary organization ploitation of human credulity by adof the Institute may suffice to determine the importance of the cases, but venturers in matters so important as t will not long support a large invesreal psychic research. But if the supernormal of any kind be a fact it igation of them The office and editorial work will would be inexcusable to everlastingly pander to the prejudices of skepticism require most of one's time and labor, simply because it is respectable. Hence it will be a fundamental part so that a very early need is the employment of an assistant who may make a career of his work. Next to this is a fund for coralling cases for of the Journal's policy to see that the No reexperimental investigations. fair consideration.

ment are mentioned in their place. It fifth place, it will try, as far as the would not require a very large number of these to place the society beyond the contingencies of annual assistance. We would therefore emphasize the consideration of this plan by all that are interested in the problems of the Institute.

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There are three things which the Journal will not do. First, it will not be an organ for the publication of speculative theories of any klud, philosoph ical, religious, or scientific. Its prima ry object must be scientific record and criticism. Various theories and explanations of phenomena may come in for discussion, but the Journal will not be an exponent of any special view facts. Secondly, it will not limit itself to evidence of the supernormal. but will emphasize the record of facts of mental experience, throwing light on the conditions affecting the supernormal, and admit such criticism and discussion as will enable it to serve some constructive object. Thirdly, it will not limit its task to the discovery and exposure of mere frauds and illusions: As little of this work will be done as possible. Some of it will be absolutely necessary for the protection come to do some "other kind of work

circumstances permit, only to vouch for the fitness of the records for serious consideration. Whether facts have been accurately and correctly described by reporters will perhaps be matter of individual judgment, and the

editor wishes to defer as much as possible to that right, though endeavor ing to admit only such instances of personal experience as seem to him prob ably important for some purpose Their record will be intended to call out thorough investigation and discussion upon their merits in this spect. Those which pass this ordeal

and embody the essential characterist ics of evidential matter may be usable in constructive discussion in regard to general views affected by collective masses of evidential matter. The publication of correspondence

and discussion will have to be regulated by the editor's judgment of its relation to the general policy of the Journal. Only such letters and discussions can receive publication as seem to represent the scientific ob-

jects we wish to keep uppermost in our investigations. This department is intended to be a vehicle for the critical expression of views regarding published matter and so a medium for oth-

ers than the official representatives of the Society. The reviews of books will be those of a shorter nature. More elaborate reviews and discussions of books will have to be reserved for the Proceed

ings. Editorial.

In the February number of the, Journal we shall have one of two articles representing a summary of experi-ments with Mrs. Piper since the death

of Dr. Richard Hodgson. The detailed records will receive publication at some later time in the Proceedings. Readers of the Journal must remem

ber that the dissolution of the Ameri can Branch of the Society for Psychical Research with the removal of the records accumulated by Dr. Richard Hodgson in Boston to England makes 1 necessary to begin the work of collect tion anew in this country. There will probably be some difficulty in obtaining well attested phenomena for scientific purposes and it may require several years' work to arrive at that point of interest which the collection of Dr. Hodgson had established. The co-operation of all that are interested is carnestly sought to make up for the loss of that material, which will undoubtedly receive publication by the

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taken as terms of explanation, but which are really and only descriptive terms. They are Telepathy, Clairvoy-ance, and Premonition. They will be used in the record of incidents merely as classifying or descriptive terms and not in any sense as implying a specific cause or explanation of the facts. Telepathy will be a name for coincidences between the thoughts of two or more persons that suggest a causal nexus of some kind, though we may not be able to define this cause. Clairvoyance will be the name for the alleged acquisition of physical knowledge not previously acquired by the subject in a normal manner and not referable to telepathy. Premonition will be the name for those incidents which claim to forecast future events in some spe cific manner not explicable by chance or guessing, or ordinary prediction The three classes of phenomena are somewhat distinct in their character and even if they be ultimately referable to a common cause they will prob ably have subsidiary hypotheses asso ciated with their explanation. But in the meantime we can only classify the facts, and the terms used for this purpose must be employed only in the de-scriptive sense defined. They will not

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know. If previous inquiry had discred-ited the existence of anything supernormal the claims of investigation could not be so forcibly presented. But the work of the Society for Psychical Research, though carried on disadvantages and discouragements which no other form of inquiry has had to suffer, has presented such a mass of evidence for something ceptional in the process of acquiring knowledge that its possible meaning for philosophy, science, religion, ethics and politics cannot longer be ignored without forfeiture of the claim to scientific intelligence, to say nothing of human moral interests. This is, true without accepting even the provisional hypotheses which are often put for ward to explain its phenomena. But

opened to scientific consideration, and possibly also to practical and corrective agencles.

If there be adequate reason to believe that the range of personality is larger than is expressed in our normal consciousness, or than that which gets normal motor expression. we at once raise the question of the adequacy of the current conceptions for explaining the phenomena, and certainly there are scientific and moral interests on both sides of the problem that require consideration in this connection. It would, therefore, be interesting to find that abnormal psychology might open the way to conclusions which have hitherto been supposed to be the exclusive property of normal psychology. It is there-fore time that a connected and concentrated study of these phenomena be undertaken with reference to their comprehensive value scientifically and practically.

It will be no easy task to accomplish this object. The phenomena that will throw light upon the problem are sporadic and must be collected from large masses of irrelevant material. Co-operative effort will bring science into knowledge of these phenomena more rapidly than individual labors. Much could be done for the medical profession outside large cities and possibly for the organization of psychological study on more comprehensive lines in our medical colleges. It is probable that normal psychology will become as important an equipment of the physician as abnormal psychology, and the Institute might be made the center for the organization of such study, through its publications and funds.

The work of Charcot and Pierre Janet at the Salpetriere, of Bernheim at Nancy, and of Berillon's Clinic are examples of what we should have in this country in all the large cities. The efforts now making to begin the study of insanity in our asylums should be aided and the results brought before the public in a manner to educate the physician in ways not now possible. Individuals qualified to investigate asylums and hospitals might be enabled to do this work by assistance which is not now accessible, and the whole work of accessible, and the whole work of is as important as it is scientifically Psychopathology centralized and made interesting. This territory was not

scientifically effective. The work of men like Wetterstrand, Liebecault, Bernheim, von Kraft Ebing, Van Renterghem, Tuckey, Bram-Forel, Vogt, and many others show what may be done with the scientific use of hypnotism. There are special reasons for concentrating the work in this field, but more important still is its psychological study which has not been made with any degree of completeness. Many would say it has not been studied at all. But while this is hardly true, it is certain that has been better understood as a therapeutic agent than it is as a pheror on the part of those who cannot nomenon of the mind.

discriminate secondary personality from the supernormal. The study and Our command of it in both its use and its dangers will be proportioned to our knowledge of its psychological functions. Its phenomena were the plaything of charlatans for a century, the contempt of science for nearly the same period and its amusement for a large part of this time, the serious intorest of only a few who have been able to use it in practical therapeut. It provides protection against illusion. entific work. It must show its worthi-

The field of psychic research proper ent. divides itself into at least three types new discovery his claim can be tested in a short time in most of the institu of facts having a scientific interest. The first of these may be denominat tions of the world. It is not so with the claims of a psychical researcher ed as that of frauds and delusions. Its phenomena are so casual and so This is an extremely large one and is complicated, even when they are not represented by all those forms of jugsupernormal, that only some highly orglery which claim to be "supernatur phenomena, such as slate-writing ganized and endowed effort can accom tricks and cabinet "materializations

task not less important than the dis-

of the pseudo-supernormal and the

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are all alleged facts bearing upon the tion of fraud on a wide scale and it is problems of the inheritance or noninso rife that no better service for a large class of people can be performed heritance of acquired characteristics and of prenatal influences, with perhaps than to serve as a means for the correc-tion of illusion and the detection of many allied phenomena. The facts related to these questions generally this fraud. In the decline of religious elude us like ghost stories, while the beliefs which had created so many importance of a definite knowledge on hopes and ideals it is quite natural that ooth these questions represents one of the despair attending the dissolution of that faith should result in the cred the most gigantic ethical problems ever considered by science. It is difficult ulous pursuit of consolation, especially if science will not step in to supply to experiment in either of them, while we can endeavor to avail ourselves of the guidance which is so much needed the real or apparent experiments of na Science has insisted on supplanting ture and, if possible, to give them scifaith in determining truth and hence entific credentials, in so far as such a it cannot shirk the duty to take its character is conceivable regarding place in the investigation of the phe spontaneous phenomena. There is nomena which claim, whether rightly much unsystematized matter bearing or wrongly, to be so important. It can upon these questions, but its nature not assume an attitude of intellectual and value will not be known until it and aristocratic pride, after disillusion. ing mankind as to the "supernatural," without forfeiting its claim to be our moral guide in the affairs of practical is studied in a scientific manner and the conditions known which affect its moral importance.

life. It must offer a constructive view of the world to surrender the influenc-IV .- Endowment of the Institute, It will be apparent that the financial es which skepticism does not and perwants of such a work will be very haps cannot destroy. In this work prolarge, especially that it combines phi tection against illusion and fraud is a

lanthropic effort with scientific investigation. For its complete organi-zation and effective administration many millions will ultimately be required. But it can make a very good beginning of its work with a sum much less than its ultimate needs require and which can at first be divided between the two departments of the Institute's task. When it has demonstrated its usefulness, it will have no difficulty in securing adequate financial support as its results will be quickly apprecia ted by every man who sees its humanitarian importance and feels what the

privilege may be in considering its endowment. The importance of the work at pres ent is clear enough to the scientific man, and if we can only combine the enthusiasm and sympathy of those who appreciate the opportunity there will he those who will come forward to see that the completion of the work shall be effected. In the meantime it is all important to make a beginning, and this can be done in either of the de partments by a sum smaller than that which has been named. Any begin-ning will quickly demonstrate the value of the work and it is the rarest of all privileges to see that the task is im-

ism and will also exhibit the matrix mediately undertaken. through which much of the acctually Needs of the Institute. sides of the issue involved this field i The explanation of the objects of the a most important one and its study will Institute outlines a scheme that inafford as much scientific instruction as volves a very large and expensive sci

ance can be placed upon experiences with professional psychics. Private must be protected against doubt 2888 and suspicion. Scientific method requires that the experimenter be able ence and discussion, and reviews. to determine the conditions under which his investigations are made and cs as will interest psychic researchers to supply this want we must guaran-tee the instrument of investigation in regard to methods, special cases, psychological problems of an obscure

against the objections which the habits of adventurers have brought upon the men who deal in psychic phenomena. An admirable article on this subject was recently published in the "Annals of Psychical Science" by its editor. There it was shown that psychics needregarded. ed the same care and protection that any machine for experimentation re-

quires, and the sooner that this fact is realized the better for the work. The appeal is therefore here made

for an early endowment of the Institute that its work be properly organ-As much attention must zed. called to this as to the investigation. and in fact the investigation cannot be properly conducted unless the endow

ment be made equal to the task. Just to put the work on a proper foundation will require an income of \$10,000 a If that can be secured by membership fees and a reasonable assurance made that it will be permanent it will be easy to initiate a work which will soon secure a larger endowment on its merits. It is hoped that mem-bers will use their infidence to encourage the establishment' of an adequate fund for the application of proper sci-entific methods to this very complicated problem.

It is due to those who may be interested in both the work of psychic re-search and its endowment to say that small fund has already been secured, The amount pledged and paid in has been \$25,000, which was obtained as a preliminary orrganization fund and with the liberty of using both prin-cipal and interest in the work designed by the Institute. The permanent en-dowment desired is \$1,000,000, which will yield about \$40,000°a year for the investigations. A large sum will be required for Psychopathology. But ve are here speaking only of the needs of psychic research, which demands \$10,000 a year for putting it rightly on its feet. It is hoped that we may able to make the fund now available a part of such an endowment and we can certainly do this if an adequate permanent fund can be secured at an early date.

In behalf of the plan for endowment supernormal and that serve as a mat we call special attention to the following scheme of membership: There will be five types of members! Founders, Patrons, Fellows, Members, and Assoclates, Those classes whose contri-butions establish a permanent endow- nomena of an unusual kind. In the

The American and London Societies The reorganization of psychic research in this country may suggest to

many persons a misconception of the the ex motives at the basis of it, and hence the idea that it is to be a rival affair. If any such conception of the matter should arise it is proper to disillusion those who entertain it. While it was the original purpose of Dr. Hodgson and those who were interested in the Institute ultimately to merge the American Branch with the Institute it was not to be done in any way that

claims of the supernatural shall have would involve unnecessary friction with the apparent body. The Ameri-The matter which the Journal in-tends to furnish its readers will concan Branch had its own funds and was in no way helped for years by the sist of five kinds: general articles, English body and it was deemed neceditorial matter, incidents, correspond essary to seek financial assistance in this country. This required that local responsibility should exist for their The first will be articles on such top

use. Dr. Hodgson's death interrupted this plan, and it was the purpose of the Institute to abandon the organization type, historical questions in philosophy of an independent body unless the Eng and other intellectual fields as affecting lish Society dissolved the American psychic research, and any phenomena The subject is one in which Branch. connected with the main purpose of rivalry of any kind would be at least unfortunate, if not fatal. Hence it is the Society. Special energies will determine the nature of the matter so and was desired that there be sense of rivalry in the organization

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The editorial department will serve and work in the field. It will be the as a vehicle for the discussion of ques-tions suggested by correspondence and policy of the American Society to en courage all who are able to remain the general needs of the work in remembers of the English Society while gard to methods, experimentation, and they are asked to join the new Ameriall conditions affecting the nature and can Society. Both Societies have the results of investigation. The amount same object and merely occupy dif space devoted to this department ferent fields in which it is more con will vary with circumstances. venient to do the work independently

In regard to the publication of incidents several considerations will have to be taken into account. In the first place, incidents will not be published on the ground that they "prove" any special contention, even though as a fact they may do so. Whatever value they may have as individual phenomena their real importance must be determined by their place in a collective whole. The evidential point of view for science is quantity as well as qual ity and in observing this rule we mean to suspend explanatory considerations in the publication of them. This must

e reserved for the discussions in the Proceedings where the facts can have

collective force and importance. In the second place, the records in the fournal will be treated as "raw material" requiring either more detailed in-vestigation and discussion or the multiplication of confirmatory evidence to give them scientific importance. They will primarily justify inquiry rathe than prove the theories. The plan will be to allow the reader to determine for himself the interpretation of such incidents as the Journal records. All general theories of them must be referred to other publications where the criterion of quantity may be satisfied. In the third place, the Journal must confine its incidents to the less com prehensive instances of mental ex-

periment. Detailed and elaborate cases will have to go to the Proceedings. In the fourth place, it will consider phenomena that interest psychological-students wholly apart from the rix in which the supernormal may be

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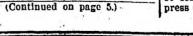
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A New Departure-Revival of the Old. For years churchmen scouted the

idea of what is best known as magnetic healing, or the removal of disease by the "laying on of hands," but the cures have gone on just the same until state governments have been compelled to concede the justice of the claim, and have abandoned its former practice of fining and imprisoning practitioners as impostors.

The church claimed the power to cure the sick, the decrepit and the blind, all of which were prerogatives Jesus bestowed on his disciples by virtue of belief in him; that the days of miracles had long since passed, and the ability to "lay hands on the sick and they shall recover" were lost. And yet those miracles were daily performed by unbelievers in Christianity, and even by those who had no belief in But lo, the change!

Now an innovation. The Back Bay Episcopal church of Boston, at their church on Newbury street, have hegun forming classes in mental healing. Sixty-five patients from youth to the aged were in attendance, most of whom were of the feminine gender. But it seems they are not confident of success by simply "laying on of

A Subject for Thought. Pat Crowe, the Ridnapper who exorted \$25,000 from Oudahy as a ransom for his son, who was threatened with death unless the money was forthcoming: who by his own confession has been an all-around bad man and thief, setting the law at defiance and who was discharged by an Omaha jury for his gravest crime for want of proof, is now posing as a reformer and volunteering advice to parents and judges of courts, telling them how

to make good boys out of bad ones. Pat's advice may be good. It is possible the greatest criminals may become the wisest teachers; but a long life of worthy conduct is the best proof of such a fact.

Can he who has stolen himsel rich; who has secreted his ill-gotten wealth until his term of service to the state has expired, then, when released from imprisonment, recovers the stolen plunder to fatten on 'the proceeds, be an exemplary reformer Crowe was acquitted by a jury. Pos sibly he may have added perjury to his kidnapping orime to gain a favorable verdict, we don't know. Has he returned any part of the plunder? That would be well enough to know before giving him credit for sincerity And the question must be answered in

the affirmative before any confidence can be placed in his word. "He who seeks equity must do equity." When Crowe shall surren

der the last dollar gained by wrong doing; shall have toiled with honest hands for his support to the close of life; shall have shown contrition for criminal conduct and by meritorious example has proved himself a true reformer, then when death has come to his relief, there may be placed on his head stone with propriety: "A Reformed Kidnapper, and general bad man, with some good traits of character, but not a worthy practical teacher.'

Reply to Critics.

Objections are made to the exposure of the errors of the Bible, and of the doings of the churches, because say the objectors, we can make more converts to Spiritualism by silence on these subjects. They seem to desire to engraft our philosophy on the rotten and disintegrating creeds of the church for policy purposes.

There is just where we take issue with such propagandists. The evidence is positive, that Christianity is only an ingraft on Roman paganism. And Roman paganism is an inheritance of Grecian, Egyptian and Babylonian cults, interblended with the religions of India. Indeed Rome borrowed from all the religious systems which had taken root in countries subordinate to her arms. It was the amalgamation of those cults, some what revised, that made the Christian system possible. Each successive advance did exactly what our critics wish Spiritualists to do, built on the

ruins of predecessors, just as the Bible translators followed in the deep rut made by earlier translators.

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This new addition to the Harmonic Series is also by the author of the book just named, and it we can trust the prospectus the author has kept his promise to tell the world what he knows of the "Independent Method of Spiritual Self-Development."

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There is not a church in the land to-day that has not to some exten felt the exhilarating effects of Spirit Return; in fact, most marvelous spirit manifestations have occurred in

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MAIN OF HUMAN CONTROL. At the same time, however, the National Association has become a most

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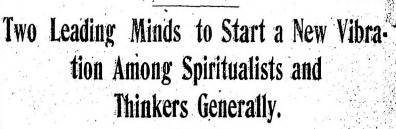
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"Crystals a Stepping Stone to Life, Prof. Lehmann, in his laboratory at Karlsrhue, Prussia, is reported by the Psychical Research Society of Columbia University, with having actually generated life by artificial methods, though the Professor, say they, hesitates to announce the fact to the public.

That life in the minutest and humblest form, under favorable conditions of light, heat, moisture and electricity, in the long eternity that precedes us, was generated by Natural methods, is earnestly believed by this writer; and all the higher forms of life, however variant and gigantic, in the slow processes of millions or millions of years, and by interblendings, have been developed and evolved from such rude interminglings

Life is scarcely more difficult to im agine than is the formation of the crystal which is evolved under the watchful eye, aided by a powerful microscope, in modern laboratories. We know the germ of all life, including man himself, was but an infinitesimal microscopic object at its beginning; that nurtured by the mother during its embryotic period, many years of afte growth and development were necessary to perfect its being and fit it fo an independent existence.

Mental and Physical Wreck. It is sad, but doubtless true, John Alexander Dowie, of Zion City fame, has become a physical and mental wreck. His wild schemes of personal aggrandizement, combined with extravagant habits and notions of life, were the cause of his ruin. It is stated that Zion City is to be aban doned, and that Overseer Voliva, the new Moses, will lead the chosen forth to found a new city elsewhere.



The Erudite Col. Olcott, the great Theosophist, and Miss Elizabeth Harlow, one of our leading inspirational speakers, will both entertain our readers on the "Dangers of Psychism," from diametrically different standpoints. The lecture by the distinguished Colonel will be answered by Miss Harlow in her own inimitable way, both constituting something of great value to Spiritualists. Now is the time to send in your subscriptions, with an additional subscriber, and thus keep up with the advancing procession instead of following in the rear.

The Progressive Thinker is a) the time, and all the prominent speak-THOUGHT-PROMOTER. It leads its ers and mediums in the land have apeaders constantly into new fields and parently selected it for their official organ, ignoring almost without excep-ENRICHES THEIR MINDS with tion the Organ of the Fakes in Ohtsomething they never thought about cago-an organ that exploits all the before. In fact, those who do not pedishonest mediums, whose notices are ruse THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER carefully excluded from our columns. week after week are not posted in re- Honest mediums and speakers know gard to the general trend of our Cause full well that their names would be in SPIRITUAL AND OCCULT MATsoiled if used in connection with Elsie TERS, hence so far as accurate infor-Reynolds, the materializing medium, mation is concerned, they-must take a and the creator of bogus spirits, with rear seat.

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The interest in The Progressive be defiled thereby. A word to the Thinker is becoming more intense all wise is sufficient



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tire submission to the controlling influence. The medium is the instrument, the subservient subject, while the operator manifests himself as he sees fit, at times giving expression to the loftiest thoughts imaginable, in philosophy, in poesy, in all that is grand, beautiful and soul-elevating in

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were, just rising in the horizon of progress to commence shedding its beneficent rays on the earth? We have lately had the pleasure o arefully examining the

sheets of a most remarkable book by the author of the "Great Psycho logical Crime." a book that created an immense amount of interest throughout the ranks of Spiritualism two

years ago, in this country and Europe, and started a vibration in our ranks never, before witnessed. We .think that his present book, the title of which is

"THE GREAT WORK." will cause a new wave of potent

hands," as is represented to have been the practice of their Master, so they have "two physicians, well known local neurologists," who examine applicants for treatment and mingle medicinal remedies with mental suggestion.

And that is the way the miracles of "our Savior" are revived in these last days, to the discredit of Christianity. But the rector, imitating the practice of quacks, is reported as saying: "A little later we shall have experience meetings when you can tell how you have been helped."

What Might Have Been.

Suppose the Catholic emigration from all parts of Europe to America, with their posterity, had retained the church views they brought with them, and those views had been transmitted to each successive generation since, then this country would be overwhelmingly Catholic at this time. Popery in the ascendent, it is not improbable the government itself would have remained a monarchy subordinate to the Roman Sce, and contributing to it.

Roman Catholicism is nothing but reconstructed Roman Paganism, her lesser gods having been canonized and now figure as Christian saints. The more deeply one is read the more positive he is of these facts.

But the progeny of European emigration, by the second generation at least, has lost respect for the church of their immediate ancestors. After being educated in public schools where sectarianism is not taught, they imbibe toleration for all faiths: and if their attention is turned to science the chances are they will fall away from the parent religion, and embrace more liberal views, possibly take a position away from all churches.

The hope of the future is, that with universal education, and a better knowledge of the teachings of Nature the narrow conceptions of all religions will disappear, and the Golden Rule. originally promulgated 500 years before the Christian era by the Chinese philosopher Confucius, "Do not to others what you would not others should do unto you," shall be a guide to faith and conduct.

People may outgrow natural ignor ance, but ignorance carefully cultivated, polished, propagated, and called divine truth, can rarely be outgrown, because it paralyzes the power of growth.-Moncure D. Conway. He who is afraid of asking is ashamed of learning.--From the Dan-

'Iall to the witch! If wise and true. Oblivion to the fake!

structing ruins of ancient faiths, and lay our foundation on bed rock: and thence build skyward of wholly new and indestructible material. If we forever; alike indifferent to the tempests' roar, the nightnings' flash, the tornadoes' shock, the rending of earthquakes, or the corroding tooth of time; whereas were our structure built on the shifting sands it would meet the deserved fate of all its predecessors.

An Endless Chain of Prayer.

Churchmen have a good hold on heaven at last. They have devised a "chain of prayer," by which they hope to frighten everybody, his wife, sisters and brothers, yes, and cousins, into praying for the advancement and grorification of the church. Street laborers, their employers, stenogra phers and clerks are embraced in the list, as well government officials. Those receiving a copy of the prayer, failing to use it, or to send it on during the next nine days after its reception, are warned that some terrible calamity will befall them because of such neglect. The postoffices are already reported filled with these importunities to heaven. As the chain lengthens, and the ears of the recipients enlarge, it is hoped the refrain will reach St. Peter, and he will kindly open his gates to welcome every son

and daughter of this praying band to his pearly courts, not leaving a single soul to be tortured in eternal flames by his Satanic Majesty.

But a query: How much superior are these manufactured prayers to those propelled by wind or wave in Buddhistic countries, each revolution of the praying machine being a repetition of the prayer? Indeed, was not the idea of a "prayer chain" borrowed from this Oriental method of asking favors from the Supreme?

Met Them With Truth.

Now the announcement that the Rock River Methodist Conference District has organized an Aggressive Evangelist Institute, for the purpose of keeping alive the aggressive spirit in the church. The first session com-

menced at Joliet Dec. 10. The Methodist church has always Fund been noted for its disregard of the direction of the Master to "put up thy

sword," hence by a special organization, under the immediate supervision of two bishops of which Rev. R. H. Pooley is presiding elder, it will be still circulating through the press as mess.-Gelett Burgess.

it does, however, propagate the same ling externally indicating his unparal as a GRAND TRUTH, illustrating leled spiritual advancement-nothing the inspiring fact that spirits CAN indicating that he is in any sense of AND DO RETURN and communicate the word a psychic, yet when once in with the mortals of earth, and it de- his sphere, and hearing his explanaconstruct wisely, we shall rear a habi- sires to convince the whole world of itions in reference to matters spiritual tation which will reach cloudland; the fact, and in every way protect you then sense the greatness of the whose stately magnificence will endure those who are honest intermediaries man. As to his personality, we are between the two realms, and in that not permitted to give his name at the respect it IS DOING A MAGNIFI- present time; we will say, however, CENT WORK, a work for which it is that he is a Mason of high degree, entitled to the gratitude of all proand has often lectured before Masonic lodges. He is also a physician gressive minds. Its mission is a comprehensive one, and it should be well with an exceptionally large practice, and a surgeon of remarkable skill, sustained in its laudable efforts. Realizing the full beauty and suband a frequent lecturer before medical

lime grandeur of Spiritualism, and the societies, and often consents to meet inquiring minds in this city, at his great good it has accomplished for the home, to explain his psychical experiworld, and fully appreciating the

grand and noble intermediaries beences. This man's experience reads tween the two worlds, spiritual and something like a fairy tale. He has been led on an ascending plane of material-the angelic mediums to whom we owe so much for the ad-spiritual unfoldment, and this, too, vancement of our cause-realizing without the least passivity of his intellectual faculties. His spiritual this in full, we ask, is this the ultigrowth is in no sense of the word abmate, the present status of our Cause? Has it reached the apex, the crowning normal, in no sense caused by the acpoint in this great movement, in the tion of spirits, or the passivity of method of communicating with spir- darkness or mild twilight. It has for its? How does the first steamboat its basic foundation or superstructure constructed by the immortal Fulton A RIGID ETHICAL STANDARD, and compare with the mighty leviathan of from that standpoint alone fruitful the sea to-day? How does Franklin, results have followed as naturally as the early electrician, compare with the the beautiful flower springs from the great Edison, the electrician of this parent bud or stem.

date? How does the first clumsy lo-Thus we discern very clearly and comotive compare with the one that distinctly something new on the spiritual horizon-something that indicrosses the continent in a few hours, cates an onward step on to a higher as if by magic? It is not to be supposed, under any spiritual plane where the atmosphere circumstances, that the subtile pro- is clearer and where nature's plan in cess by which spirits communicate some respects as unrolled like a with mortals, has reached the end of scroll, and one sees a new superimprovement, or attained the climax. structure on which to stand to ob-The method of communication at the serve the grandgur of God's vast unipresent time is mostly of a subjective, verse. From week to week this matcharacter; that is, for the time be- ber will be considered, and a new oring, the spirit takes exclusive pos- der of thinks unfolded to the readers session of the medium's organization, of The Progressive Thinker, in conand controlling it, expresses his views nection with "THE GREAT WORK." - . 110 . bc

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meet the "Aggressors" at any time and anywhere with the sword of	something new. a It is a positive fact that matters' published by the writer in his own paper, more than fifty years ago, are still doing service as news items in the public press. Frequent repetition will make these exaggerations as "true
Still Exciting Wonder. A pretended "find" of a box of papyrl by the Egyptian Exploration Fund, at Oxyrhynchus, of date from	as the Bible" after awhile.

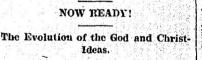
the second century before our era to rich as all the mines of earth and not have that little flower of pity in my breast.—Ingersoll. There is work that is work and which we gave an account in these there is play that is play; there is play columns upwards of a decade ago, is And in only one of these lies happi-

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Having been directed to carry on the vork of Editor-at-Large in connection with the N. S. A., I am desirous of ob aining all press notices for or against Spiritualism, and reliable information with regard to attacks upon our move ment that may be made by preachers. I respectfully request all Spiritualists forward the same to me at their earliest convenience.

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such pursuit is vain. It may very well come about that a man will succeed through tact and various artifices in making for himself some sort of name But if there is no inner worth, all will prove empty and ephemeral. - Gostac

Another Announcement! In Reference to the Remarkable Works of

Andrew Jackson Davis.

A letter from Dr. Davis indicates that a change has been made in the price of a full set of his remarkable works. They will be furnished per set when republished at \$20 instead of \$30, as heretofore announced. There are thousands who ought to have a set of these books. Their publication at an early day depends on the number of subscribers that can be secured. His books are a fundamental part of Spiritualism; the history of Spiritualism can not be written without them.

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- Richmond, Ind.

The Indiana State Association of Spiritualists will hold a five days' mass-meeting at Richmond, Ind., from December 19 to 23 inclusive. E. W. Sprague and Will J. Erwood will be the speakers, and we will also have good messages and good music.

Richmond is a thriving city, and there are hundreds of Spiritualists there, but at present they have no or ganized society, and out of this series of meetings we expect to organize a good strong society.

moving steadily along, and our state Louis Stevenson.

missionary, Will J. Erwood, is doing excellent work, all his time being engaged up to the Holidays; in fact, he has more calls than he can fill. Wherever he has been they are asking for return dates, and some places have already arranged for two or

three days in each month. Any society desiring this services after the holidays had better write him or the secretary at once, as his dates are rapidly filling up. Address Mr. Erwood, 216 Main street, Peru,

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PSYCHICAL RESEARCH.

(Continued from page 3.)

was I went a second time and took a stenographer with me for reporting certain statements of Mr. Fay that

the American Institute for Psychical Research. Dr. Sayage resigned because ports of such entertainments are rarely correct. The consequence was that I of his ill health, and Dr. Putnam had other reasons for not continuing in its confirmed the view which, I had takan service. Dr. R. Heber Newton was of the first'entertainment. willing to resign in deference to an un-

counded prejudice against 'clergymen on such Board. His resignation, how ever, was laid on the table at a meet ing of the Board and it is hoped that circumstances will arrive that will make it wiser to withdraw his resigna

tion. This misunderstanding on the par of many persons about the work of the Board makes it advisable to explain It more clearly. It has been the impression that the Board of the Institute is an investigating body. It is in fact nothing of the kind, and so does not require professionally scientific men to do the work. It is desired that the Board shall be constituted of men having a national reputation so far as that is possible that it may be the custodian and disburser of the funds contributed to the investigations and practical work of the Sections. The Councils in the separate Sections are to su-pervise the scientific aspect of the work and the general Board of Trus tees will do nothing more than inspire confidence in the care and use of the endowment which the Institute seeks and expects. The Institute is modelled after the Carnegie Institute in Wash-ington. The Board of that Institution is not primarily a scientific body and does not require to be. The scientific men are the receivers of subsidies. It is intended that the work of the Amer ican Institute shall conduct its work the same way. The independent Sections shall be responsible for the scientific features of the work and it is these that must have scientific men for their members. Section "A" will for Psychopathology or Abnormal Psychology, and Section "B" for Psychic Research or Supernormal Psychol-ogy. The Board of the American Institute will simply stand for the im-portance and respectability of the work, and will be responsible for the core of its, endowments. That will be the only service expected of it.

The present Board consists of the In-corporators and Dr. R. Heber Newton and Mr. Charles Griswold Bourne. The The Incorporators will resign when the Board has been completed. They are serving only as a working body until the proper persons have been elected. will be a matter of some difficulty in the present state of things to secure the men desired. In this country the work of abnormal psychology and psychic research has not yet received the open support that it obtains in-Europe. There it has received aristocratic endorsement and scientific men lose nothing by manifesting an inter-Patience and hard work will est in it. give it the standing which it deserves and which it has received in other lands

In answer to many inquiries which come to us from various sources it may be well to state that Mrs. Leonora Piper, who was so long the subject of investigation and experiments by Dr. Richard Hodgson, has recently gone to England under the auspices of some of the members of the English Society for Psychical Research. She will remain at least for the year in England, and other assured plans have, at presit, been arranged for the future. Apropos of this circumstance it may well to announce that some recent experiments have revealed another micase which might be made as useful to science as that of Mrs. Piper had we the endowment fund to protect it and to enable proper experimentation to be carried on. It is the case of Mrs.

were of importance in proving that re-

The first thing to be said in justice to the Fays is that they actually make no pretense of doing what the public usually reports as being done. This fact struck me as one of the most astonishing that I ever observed. It ts such a good illustration of mal-observation on the part of the people re

porting on such phenomena. Mr. Fay refaced the performance with remarks about it. He stated that he and Mrs. Fay did not pretend that there was anything supernatural about the enter tainment, but that what they did was done by perfectly natural means. He said, however, that he did not pretend to explain it and that the audience could draw their own conclusions There was a slightly oracular air about his evidently prepared statements that was calculated to mislead careless observers. He was quite willing to leave upon his hearers a mystified impresson, though his language did not require any interpretation implying more than the traditional prestidigitator's illusions. He reiterated several times his disclaimer to the supernatural and there was no excuse on the part of the audience for thinking the perform ance anything more than what can be seen with Hermann and Kellar. In perfect justice to the Fays, therefore, it should be said that their perform ance is a perfect legitimate entertain ment for those who go to witness juggler's tricks of that sort. Men are themselves to blame if they imagine that it is anything else, for the Fays are careful to exculpate themselves from the accusation of being frauds If the audience would simply observe what it is told it would see that the whole thing is an illusion and that it has no right to cry fraud until it has eliminated its own illusions. The only criticism which can be made of the Fays is that the language of Mr. Fay

is studiedly vague and is well calcu-lated to deceive the unwary listener. That is the art of the juggler to help in the impressiveness of his performance. Hermann and Kellar used it, but with no intent to deceive anyone in an illegitimate way. It is often necessary to put the mind in a condition to appreclate the mystery about the performance and so to increase the difficulty of explaining it easily. But this is no reason why the observer should as-sume a credulous attitude toward phenomena that have an oracular claim to a supernormal interest.

I am not going to enter into any detailed account of what the tricks are or how they are performed. As I am not entitled, after the explanatory re-marks of Mr. Fay himself, to accuse them of fraud, it is neither necessary nor just to make such an accusation any more than we would accuse a pro-fessional prestidigitator of it when he

is mystifying us by his tricks. But it will be permissible to call attention to an interesting historical fact which will explain both the short memories of the public and its careless judgment of such phenomena.

The performance of the Fays which I witnessed contained two parts. The first was what is called a physical phenomenon in the parlance of psychic re search. Mrs. Fay permits a committee -two men in what I witnessed-to tie bands about each wrist and then to tie her hands to a post or board behind her back. The details I need not give, as I am concerned only with the appearance of security in the, case. In this condition a sort of cabinet is carried on. It is the case of MIS. Smead (pseudonym), the wife of a clergyman, and never at any time a professional. An article representing some experiences and experiments in or a glass placed on her lap out through or a glass placed on her lap is found lished in the "Annals of Psychical Sci- held in her teeth, or a box is placed around her and a tambourine is thrust about. To the ordinary spectator the phenomenon seems inevolicable But I would remark two important facts. First the very presence of the cabinet and concealing curtain proves that it is not what it appears to be. that they are only entertaining them There is no excuse for this concealthe spectators must have themselves ment, but the fact that the trick canto blame if they go away astonished. If not otherwise be performed without we are to have genuinely interesting betraying its method, which is very psychic phenomena let the demand be simple. Secondly, there is no assur-ance that the committee does not actufor really scientific conditions and the production of them under circumstancally consist of confederates, who do es not resembling such performances an the tying to suit the emergency. Conare here under notice. It ought not federates are not at all necessary for to be necessary in this day to say this. this performance, as it can be carried It would not have been necessary if the out very easily without confederates scientific world had done its duty the of any kind except Mr. Fay, and with last quarter of a century in sifting from "green" hands it can be done without illusory phenomena having a genuine whose name is given unless withheld his complicity. I refer to these cirinterest and if it had educated the pubcumstances because they are so usual ly neglected by spectators in the formlic up to the means of discriminating the genuine from the false. Unfortuation of their judgments or in their experience of mystification. These incinately the scientific men have allowed the public to discover the genuine and dents are presumably negligible cirthen to believe with it the fraudulent simulation of it. Consequently the blame for the present public credulity those who should have been the leaders and educators. But whoever is to that demand which results only in humbugging ourselves. Demand that scientific work be done and pay one-fourth as much for that as you do for fraud and illusion and you will find something worth while. It may not be al

lic should throw aside its natural skeplicism and listen patiently and credu-lously to such performances. But while it is natural it is not intelligent to do so. Such claims have not been satis-factorily proved to the scientific world and hence the duty of the public is to respect scientific method and condi-tions until the existence of "supernatural" ubenomena has been proved. It can then be a passive spectator to the exhibition of them. I am not implying mat they ever will be proved to the satisfaction of anyone, but I am empha-

sizing the point of method which is so essential to keep in mind when witness-ing claims of the kind under consideration. There is no excuse in assuming the possibility of such things and suspending our skeptical judgment in the presence of public performers. Such performances are prima facie jugglers' tricks until they are proved otherwise

and they will never be proved otherwise in such a public way. Readers will be interested to know hat some persons who had been in the employ of the Fays appropriated some of the material and devices used in their entertainments to set up a simi-lar business of their own. The Fays brought suit for an injunction and the defendants aver that the performances, in which they were themselves accom plices, are tricks. It is not our place here to discuss the merits of either side to such a controversy, but it is clear from the affidivits made and from the avidence on file in the New York Courts that the phenomena exhibited by the Fays have no claim to serious consideration by intelligent people.

A complete copy of the documents on file in the New York Courts is in our possession. It is not necessary to publish these. Their existence is sufficient to show the folly of scientific interest in such performances. I shall not give any explanation of

the "mind-reading" performance of the Fays as I witnessed it. I shall not treat a perfectly legitimate entertainment and amusement as a fraud. My object here is only to say that the pub-lic must defend itself and that it can easily do by looking at the matter as it would an entertainment by Hermann and Kellar. Enjoy it and admit that you do not see the secret. It is not easy to see exactly what the trick is in all cases. The fact is that no one method is employed, or need be employed in the performance. I have very good evidence of what parts of it are, but do not care to expose them until serious claims have been made that they are supernormal. I desire only to emphasize the fact that persons interested in psychic research should not form their conceptions of what some of us are interested in by any such performances. They must learn that there is but one simple fact to be constantly kept in mind regarding the claims of the supernormal. It is that the conditions under which phenomena

are produced must be under the control of a responsible scientific man. They must not be determined by the subject exhibiting the phenomena. With that criterion one need never be exposed to illusion in the formation of his judg-ment, no matter how illusory his sense perception may be. Just assume that it is all an interesting trick and laugh at your own discomfiture in not discovering it. The serious consideration of such phenomena must be stopped

except as education in delusions. THERE WILL BENO INTELLIGENT PROCESS IN PSYCHIC RESEARCH AS LONG AS THE PUBLIC RUNS AS LOING AS THE FUBLIC RUND AFTER SUCH PERFORMANCES AND FORMS ITS IDEAS OF WHAT SOME SCIENTIFIC MEN ARE SEEK-ING BY SUCH MANIFEST AND SIM-PLE TRICKS. THE FACT IS THAT ENTERTAINMENTS OF HERMANN

AND KELLAR, AND THESE DO NOT PROFESS TO BE MORE THAN DE-LIGHTFUL ILLUSIONS. There is another way of stating the last point made. It is that the demand

for public illustrations of the supernormal always leads to the adventurer's method of simulating it. If the public would only cease seriously to con-sider such performances as either in-

the subject must retain enough of his | normal mental and physical condinormal motor activity to give expresbion to his mental experiences. Indis-tinct indications may be given by motor action in the eyes. But what we should discover from ocular move-But what we ments of a dying person would be doubtful and possibly capable of various interpretations. It would be the same with hearing. But when speech is retained enough may be uttered for us to ascertain the nature of the expe-ilence of the dying person, and occasionally dying persons utter intelligi-ble sentences which convey unusual information. It is such that ought to be the subject of a very careful inves-tigation. I propose here to suggest that a census of them might easily be collected and made the subject of statistical study and psychological analysis. The interest which such phenomena

may have for science will depend upon a variety of considerations. The first is that we shall be able to attest their existence and their nature. The second is that we shall have some reason to believe that they have a selective character pertinent to their appar-ent significance. The third is that we shall have some means of distinguishing them from those capricious and kaleidoscope phenomena that are classifiable as ordinary hallucinations. The fourth is that their characteris tics shall suggest some coincidental incidents not referable to chance and It will not be an easy task to causes, conduct such an investigation, but it is possible by long efforts and perse-verance to accumulate facts enough for some sort of study and nuarysis. The method of effecting this object will be the subject of discussion later in this article. We must first describe the phenomena to which attention

needs to be called. The phenomena which I have in mind are a type of apparition. Whatever their explanation they have one characteristic which distinguishes them from ordinary deliria. They represent the appearance of deceased persons to the vision, imagination, or other source of sensory representation, of the dying person. If we should find that they bear evidences in any case of supernormal information they would become especially signnificant. But one of the most important things to study in them would be their relation to instances of hallucination under the same circumstances that had, no coincidental value. That is, we need to study their statistical aspects which would require a comparison of the really or apparently coincidental cases with those which are unmistakably hallucinatory and sub-jective in their origin. For this a large collection is necessary and this can be made without any presumptions re-garding their explanation. I shall il-

lustrate the kind which are particu-larly interesting and suggestive. They are as described above, instances in which dying persons seem to see previously deceased friends claiming in cases to be present for the purpose of aiding in the passage of death. When this claim of assistance in the crisis of death is made it is through mediums and it is sometimes or generally made when there thas been no evidence at the death scene that such a presence was remarked. I shall

give a few illustrations of both kinds. The following instance I received from a correspondent whose testimony I have no reason to question:

"I called this afternoon (May 14. 1906) upon a lady who buried a nine-year-old boy two weeks ago. The child had been operated upon for ap-THE PERFORMANCE WILL NOT pendicitis some two or three years ago, COMPARE IN INTEREST WITH THE and had peritonitis at the same time. He recovered, and was apparently quite well for a time. Again he was taken sick, and from the first the doctor thinks he did not expect to get well. He was taken to the hospital. and operated upon. He was perfectly rational, recognizing his parents, the doctor, and the nurse, after coming

out from under the influence of the

or two previously. She had not tions associated with disease and spoken of him as my father, but merely as a person nearly connected with death would predispose any cautious person in favor of the scientific intermę. pretation as either more probable or more safe as an assumption than the whether this person was the one who would die, but she declined to state anything more clearly to me. My wife, to whom I was then engaged, went to one in favor of the other,

Other cases of a similar nature have come to my attention, but I have not yet been able to have a first-hand account made for me. I remember that my step-mother told me that her mother, while dying, saw an apparition of her husband who had died many years ago. Such incidents are probably relatively numerous, but as they are not recorded or examined carefully they can only be subjects of. skeptical consideration.

But I have a group of incidents which are much more suggestive of his will before he died. Two days after I received the cable announcing something unusual and possibly quite significant. Some of them involve a record and confirmatory support that gives them importance. The first of this group is one dictated to me and taken down verbatim by the two persons who knew the facts. They are both intelligent and trustworthy wit nesses, not more liable to errors in such things than all of us. It involved circumstances which give peculiar value to the incident as the story will youch for itself. I quote the narrative as I took it down.

"Four or five weeks before my at the same time distinguishable from and a message was given me that lit-others possibly due to subjective the Bright Eyes (control) would be with my son who was then ill with cancer. The night before his death cancer. he complained that there was a little girl about his bed and asked who it was. This was at Muskoka, 160 miles north of Toronto. He had not known what Mrs. S-----had told me. Just before his death, about five minutes, he roused, called his nurse for a drink of water, and said clearly:

think they are taking me." After-ward seeing the possible significance Afterof this I wrote to Miss A-- and asked her to see Mrs. S. _____ and try to find why the word "they" was used, underscoring it in the letter, as I always supposed the boy's father would be with him at death. Miss A went to see Mrs. S., and did not mention the letter. When I saw Mrs. S. more than a week later we were having a sitting and Guthrie, my son, came and told me how he died. He said he was lying on the bed and felt that he was being lifted out of his body and at that point all pain left. His first impulse was to get back into-his body, but he was fieing drawn away. He was taken up into a cloud and he seemed to be a part of it. His feeling was that he was being taken

one. It is connected with an experi-ment by Dr. Hodgson with Mrs. Piper, by invisible hands into rarified air that was so delightful. He snoke of his freedom from pain and said that as was the previous one, and came out as an accidental feature of the sitting.

he saw his father beyond." The intimate friendship of Mrs. - with Mrs. G----, the mother of the boy, makes it possible to suppose that hints or suggestions may have been unconsciously conveyed to the boy before his death or that something was said at the experiment which might deprive the incidents of that importance which they super-ficially seem to have. I have, however, observed that the two ladies are as careful in their account as we should expect, and while I cannot

give the narrative as much scientific weight as may be desirable I think Dr. Hodgson, "should be extremely there is reason to believe that confused and unable to communicate the directly, or even at all, seems perfect-ly natural after the shock and wrench main incidents are correct. 'The boy's experience of a strange girl at bedside, and the allusion to the nlural of death. Thus in the case of Hart. he was unable to write the second day of the pronoun are quite possibly correct accounts of the facts. A record of the latter sitting would be necesafter death. In another case a friend of mine, whom I may call D., wrote, sary to be assured that the allusion with what appeared to be much diffito the father was not in response to a suggestion. But in any case the inciculty, his name and the words, '1 am all right now. Adieu,' within two or three, days of his death. In another dent is better than, or at least appears to be, superior evidentially to the first one quoted, and it indicates case, F., a'near relative of Madame Elisa, was unable to write on the what may be done to assure ourselves morning after his death. On the second day after, when a stranger was of significance in such phonomena.

I quote next a well \cdot authenticated instance on the authority of Dr. Minot present with me for a sitting, he wrote two or three sentences, saying, 'I am J. Savage. He records it in his Psytoo weak to articulate clearly,' and chic Facts and Theories. He also told not any days later he wrote fairly well me personally of the facts and gave and clearly, and dictated to Madame

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I asked her at this sitting

see Mrs. Piper a few days afterward, and she told her (my wife) that my

father would die in a few weeks. About the middle of May my father

died very suddenly in London from

heart failure, when he was recovering from a very slight attack of bron-

chitis, and the very day that his doc-

tor had pronounced him out of dan-

ger. Previous to this Mrs. Piper (as

would endeavor to influence my father

about certain matters connected with

his death my wife and I went to see

Mrs. Piper, and she (Phinuit) spoke of

his presence, and his sudden arrival in

the spirit world, and said that he (Dr. Phinuit) had endeavored to persuade

him in these matters while my father was sick, Dr. Phinuit told me the state of the will, and described the

principal executor, and said that he (the executor) would make a certain

disposition in my favor, subject to the consent of the other two executors

when I got to London, England. Three weeks afterward I arrived in

London; found the principal executor

to be the man Dr. Phinuit had de-

scribed. The will went materially as

he (Dr. Phinuit) had stated. The dis-

position was made in my favor, and

my sister, who was chiefly at my father's bedside the last three days of

his life, told me had repeatedly com-

plained of the presence of an old man

at the foot of his bed, who annoyed

him by discussing his private affairs."

by the very nature of the phenomena

and the conditions under which they

occurred. But we should have a large

mass of such incidents to give the hy-

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will be useful to quote the Report on

that point before narrating the inci-dent itself as the circumstances asso-

ciated with the facts are important in

the understanding of the case, while

they also suggest a view of the phe-

nomena which may explain the rarity

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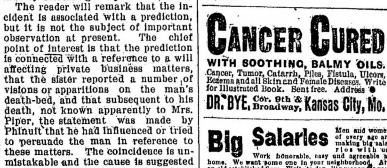
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The Fay Performances.

The public is very generally acquaint ed with the entertainments of persons calling themselves the Fays and these cumstances when as a fact they can be performances have been constantly re- the secret of a perfectly simple explaported to me as "remarkable," and as nation. The form in which they are illustrating mind-reading of a very extensive type. Being a public affair I suspicion as our attention is concennever had any interest in them as mat- trated on other matters in the perform ters having any scientific importance. ance. What we need to learn in such But the constant reports to me of facts cases is the habit of careful observathat certainly mystified the audiences tion of all the facts and of recognizing and which could not be easily explained that the very circumstances which we as reported made it necessary for me are disposed to disregard are the imto witness the entertainment that I portant supernormal character was as might say to people, who were always questionable thirty years ago as ones, asking me whether I had seen them or not and advising me to go, that I had seen them. I felt that I had no right which should be remarked in regard to express an "a priori" judgment to his physical performance. It is about them, no matter how certain I fully described and explained with ilmight be regarding their actual or lustrations in Truesdell's possible explanation, and that my judg- Facts of Spiritnalism." ment would have more weight if I enough the performance in all the decould report from experience. It was tails of the present Fays-who have no enough for me personally that the per connection with the original Annie Eva formance was the stereotyped one to Fay, save that Mr. Fay is represented make it scientifically worthless, even as her son-is precisely that which I if it was what it appeared to be to mention. It was a trick of the origiobservers interested in the supernor- nal person after a little practice. It mal. But I saw no reason for depend- is strange that such performance could ing upon conjecture in spite of the fact be received at this day without newspathat the performances belonged to the per discovery and exposure. But here which has had the run ever since is the same old trick exciting the inter-Houdin or Cagliostro. I knew well enough that the performances were not reported to me rightly. At least I felt history to recognize the phenomena. quite certain of it, but would not allow surmises to regulate my Of course, to begin with, no one allow surmises to regulate my should take such performances serious-statements, though the time will soon ly. They no doubt do so for reasons come when it will not be necessary to that did not apply in the last general witness such entertainments in order tion. The existence of anything what to express a judgment of their real ever of a supernormal character was character.

The consequence was that I took the belief in fairles, and only the serious as questionable thirty years ago as the first opportunity in New York to go claim on the part of psychic research and see the performance. It was at ers that telepathy is a fact could rethe Alhambra. It may surprise some vive a disposition to think that there readers if I say that, so far from interesting me as mind-reading, the per-juggler makes claim to the supernatur-"must be something in it" when a formance bored me. It was not at all al.

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what was reported to me. People had When a man discovers some new told me that the mind-reading was phenomena in physical science and remarkable and the description of the proves his case satisfactorily to the phenomena. certainly made them so scientific world he can then turn to appear. But there was not the slight- public exhibitions and illustrations of est superficial evidence of such a his discoveries. This is what has ocphenomena in the performance, taking curred with Xrays, with wireless telegthe question of conditions into account raphy, color photography and similar in the matter. In order to confirm my matters of public interest. It is then Impressions and in order to secure defi-Impressions and in order to secure defi-alter evidence of what the explanation terious agencies is made, that the pub-

that you expect to start with, but it never come from public exhibitors. It is in private life and in the application of scientific method that we may ex-Truesdell's "Bottom pect to find genuine phenomena what Curious ever their meaning. JAMES H. HYSLOP.

Visions of the Dying.

There is a group of psychic phenom ena which are well worthy of a most searching investigation. I. refer the alleged visions which many dving persons are said to have had of friends who have passed away before them. In some cases they seem to cations of their real nature can be ob-have coincidental importance that tained by further "investigations, if may give them some scientific value, if that can ever be done. "It is natural well enough attested as facts.

the crisis of death would often be attended by all sorts of hallucinations. We know how disease and accident natural assumption may not be the lead to deliria in which all sorts of hallucinatory experiences occur: and science can tolerate until its credennarcotics and anaesthetics evoke simflar phenomena in various degrees. They are but illustrations of influ- in this instance that can be verified ences which disturb the normal activ- as not a natural and subjective effect ity and functions of the organism, so of the conditions associated with disthat the non-co-ordination of central solution, unless it be the systematic functions results in the simulation of group of deceased persons involved. realities by all sorts of phantasmal forms. Death is a particularly disintegrating process and we should expect similar mental disturbances in its progress. Usually the motor functions are so paralyzed by it that we should expect little evidences of sen-sory phantasms. One way of indicating what dying experiences are in any clear manner seems possible and that is by speech. When this occurs, human experience connected with ab-

anaesthetic. Feeling that he was go-ing, he asked his mother to hold his hands, until he should be gone. teresting, save for the production of He illusions, or illustrative of the superhad, I forgot to say, been given strong normal, the exhibition would die of itself. It will live just so long as peostimulants after the operation, which, I suppose, made his mind very active. ple wish to be humbugged in that man-Soon he looked up and said, "Mothner, and when the performers are shrewd enough to tell the audiences er, dear, don't you see little sister over there?"

"No, where is she?" "Right over there. She is looking at me.'

Then the mother to pacify him, said she saw the child. In a few minutes, his face lighted up full of smiles. and he said: "There comes Mrs. C-

- (a lady of whom he was very fond who had died nearly two years before), and she is smiling just as she used to. She is smiling and wants me to come." In a few moments: "There is Roy: I'm going to them.

I don't want to leave you, but you'll come to me soon, won't you? Open the door and let them in. They are waiting for me outside," and he was gone.

No. I forgot to tell about his grandmother. I gathered the impression that he did not know his maternal and hasty judgment must be shared by grandomther, but may be wrong.

"As his mother held his hands, he said: "How small you are growing. blame there is no reason to exercise Are you still holding my hands Grandma is larger than you, isn't she There she is. She is larger, isn't she? Her hand is larger than yours. She is holding one hand and her hand is larger than yours.

"Remember that the boy was but nine years old. Did "he really see will be enough to throw light upon the spirits and recognize them? Or was nature and destiny of man. This will it the result of the highly sensitive condition of the brain caused by the medicine?

facts.

The mother confirms this narrative and inquiry brings out the following The boy had never known his grandmother who had died twenty years ago. His sister had died four years before his own birth. Roy is the name of a friend of the child and he had died about a year previous. It will be apparent that the in-stance is not in any respect an evidential one. There is no way to displace the assumption that the phenomena were hallucinations until better indi-

to suppose that the critical condition It would be natural to suppose that of the mind and body would give rise to these and similar phantasms, espe cially in certain kinds of natures. The right one, but it is the only one that tials are better satisfied by evidences of the supernormal. There is nothing For the physiologist and the psychologist this roes without saving, and the mention of it here is only to emphasize for the general reader the confident opinion which science would entertain regarding such incidents. Sci-ence might not have better evidence that this special case is hallucination than the believer in its reality has for

me the names and addresses of the persons on whose authority he tells account of his feelings at finding himthe incidents. I am not permitted to mention them. But the story is as account of what this Madame Elisa follows:

"In a neighboring city were two litcommunicated regarding the man. 1 quote this in full. Referring to this tle girls, Jennie and Edith, one about eight years of age, and the other but F. and Madame Elisa, he says: little older. They were schoolmates and intimate friends. In June, 1889, both were taken ill of diphtheria. At Boston paper, and I happened to see it on my way to the sitting. The first noon on Wednesday, Jennie died. Then the parents of Edith, and her writing of the sitting came from Madame Elisa, without my expecting it. She wrote clearly and strongly, exphysician as well, took particular pains to keep from her the fact that plaining that F. was there with her, her little playmate was gone. They but unable to speak directly, that she feared the effect of the knowledge on wished to give me an account of how she had beloed F. to reach her. She her own condition. To prove that they succeeded and that she did not said that she had been present at his know, it may be mentioned that on death bed, and had spoken to him, Saturday, June 8, at noon, just before and she repeated what she had said she became unconscious of all that an unusual form of expression, and inwas passing about her, she selected two of her photographs to be sent to dicated that he had heard and recognized her. This was confirmed in de-Jennie, and also told her attendants to tail in the only way possible at the time, by a very intimate friend of bid her good-bye.

"She died at half-past six o'clock on Madame Elisa and myself, and also of the evening of Saturday, June 8. She had roused and bidden her friends the nearest surviving relative of F. I showed my friend the account of the goodbye, and was talking of dying, sitting, and to this friend a day or two and seemed to have no fear. She aplater, the relative, who was present at neared to see one and another of the the death bed, stated spontaneously that F., when dying said that he saw Madame Elisa, who was speaking to friends she knew were dead. So far it was like the common cases. But now suddenly, and with every appearhim, and he repeated what she was ance of surprise, she turned to her saying. The expression so repeated, father, and exclaimed, 'Why, papa, I am going to take Jennie with me!' which the relative quoted to my friend, was that which I had received Then she added, 'Why, papa! Why, from Madame Elisa through Mrs. Pipapa! You did not tell me that Jenper's trance, when the death-bed incinie was here!' And immediately she dent was of course entirely unknown reached ont her arms as if in wel-'to me." come, and said, 'O, Jennie, I'm so glad you are here."

oincidence is evident and though the As Dr. Savage remarks in connecentire number which I have quoted are tion with the story, it is not so easy not sufficient to afford alone the proo to account for this incident by the or of survival after death they are indicative of events which demand a most dinary theory of hallucination. We have to suppose a casual coincidence careful investigation. If there at the same time, and while we should such a thing as a transcendental spirit. have to suppose this for any isolated ual world and if we actually survive in case like the present one the multipliour personality after death we might cation of them; with proper creden naturally expect some connection be tials, would suggest some other extween the two sets of cosmic condiplanation, whatever it mignt be. tions, at least occasionally, supposing

I shall turn next to two instances of course, that the chasm which are associated with the experithem is not too great to be spanned. ments and records of Mrs. Piper. They The existence of a large mass of facts alleging such a connection, though both represent the allegation of death bed apparitions, and statements these facts are relatively few in comthrough Mrs. Piper purporting to repparison with the cases of silence reresent communications from the de garding the beyond, is a circumstance ceased showing a coincidence with which would suggest searching for inwhat was otherwise known or alleged cidents during the passage of death to have taken place at the crisis of that might represent a rare connection death. The records in these cases between the two worlds in this critical are unusually good, having been made period. We could not expect them to by Dr. Richard Hodgson. I quote his be frequent a priori but we should not reports. The first instance is the exexpect two worlds, closely enough related for the individual to retain lis perience of a man who gives only initials for his name, but was well known to Dr. Hodgson. It occurred identity, to wholly exclude communications in articulo mortis. If anything at a sitting with Mrs. Piper. Ilke it actually appeared to occur we "About the end of March of last should endeavor to ascertain how

year (1888) I made her (Mrs. Piper) much evidence exists for the credibility a visit—having been in the habit of of the occurrence in sufficiently nu-doing so, since early in February, merous cases to establish the truth of about once a fortnight. She told me that a death of a near relative of mine the actual connection, or to confirm other types of incident pointing towould occur in about six weeks, from which I should realize some pecuniary advantages. I naturally thought of nomena are too suggestive in many ways to leave their occurrence unnomy father, who was in advaned years. this character, but the mass of facts in and whose description Mrs. Piper had given me very accurately some week

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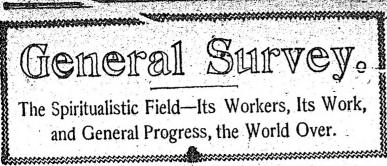
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"Rev. Alice Baker of Dallas, Texas, state missionary for Oklahoma, has just closed a very successful series of lectures here, organizing a strong so-ciety at the close of the meetings. We began our meetings in the court house, having no building of our own; but we soon outgrew that, and used the opera house for the last three nights. Mrs. Baker is a brilliant exponent of the philosophy of Spiritualism, and her work here has made many friends for the cause. Only a little over one year ago we had our first lecture- here on the claims and principles of Spiritualism, at which time our audience was composed of some ten or a dozen persons; but our immense crowds now go to show that people are beginning to do some thinking and investigating. We hope to soon be able to secure a regular pastor and be able to accomplish much for the cause of truth in this little city."

Harry J. Moore, well and favorably known in this section of the country, writes from San Diego, Cal.: "I united in marriage Miss Mary Alma Gleed and Mr. Walter F. Johnson, on Mon-day evening, Dec. 3, at the home of the groom. The newly wedded pair went to Washington on their wedding tour, but are expected home within

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Esther H. Blinn writes of the First Spiritual Union, Norwich, Ct., "This society is particularly fortunate in having among its members no 'fair weather' Spiritualists. Although it human mind, and, should be taken by every family in the land. Surely, Mr. snowed all day, excellent audiences were in attendance at both services on Sunday, Dec. 9. The services opened as usual with organ voluntary by Prof. Charles A. Dowsett and invocation by our regular speaker, Albert P. Blinn, After a hymn by the quartette, Mr. it so nobly espouses. Wishing you Blinn gave brief addresses; in the morning upon "The Mission of Spirit-to spiritualize the Spiritualists of the ualism,' and in the evening upon 'Ap-parent Contradictions,' and was followed by Wellman C. Whitney of Springfield, Mass., as message bearer. for progression." Mr. Whitney's work was done in a dig-

nified, impressive manner and made an excellent impression upon our people.'it being his first visit to our city. Though not sensational in any manner, some of the messages were splendid demonstrations of psychic power, and gave great satisfaction to the friends who received them. Our young people are busy rehearsing the drama, 'Above the Clouds,' to be given next month, and the gentlemen of the society are devising ways and means to make the "Turkey Supper" to be

given by them January 3, the event of the season. We also hope to have with us early next month, Rev. May S. Pepper for an evening seance."

D. G. Hill writes: "Your corre-spondent wishes through the columns of your valuable paper to call the attention of its readers, and especially those of the West Side to the success that is attending the efforts of the Golden Rule Spiritualist Society, to establish a lyceum in connection with its other work. On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 9, the little folks gathered at the meeting-place in numbers that were a surprise to all who were present, and several new faces came to give their names as members and workers under the leadership of the young lady, Miss Ethel Munger, and her assistants. The little folks as well as the older people, seemed pleased with the lessons given, and the other exercises, that awaken and keep up the interest of the coming man and women. Our thanks are given to the little lady, Miss Munger, that she has accepted the position as so many of us were untutored in the work. After the lycoum, services moved on the usual interesting way, with our esteemed brother, J. E. Coe, and our loved sister. Mrs. Alice Sexsmith, as speakers, and our sisters, Mrs. Addie Clybourn and Mrs. Alice Sexsmith, as message bearers. In the evening a large audi ence greeted our associate pastor, Dr. J. H. Randall who held the closest attention of his listeners. After the lecture the messages came from those very capable sisters, Mrs. Dr. Caird and Mrs. Susle Thompson. Their work was most satisfactory. Bear in mind that the 'open door plan' is our motto. All welcome at O'Donnell College Hall, South Paulina street, between Washington and Park avenue, Sunday afternoon and evening. Our pastor, Mrs. Nora E. Hill, spoke for the Psychical Research Society of Rockford, 111., Dec. 9. Our speaker

for Sunday evening, Dec. 23, will be Mrs. Nora E. Hill and for Sunday. evening, Dec. 30, the Hon. Charles Hughes. Our annual meeting for the election of officers of official board, will be held at 705 W. Madison street, on Saturday evening, January 5, 1907. To all who are members this meeting is of importance.".

All lyceums desiring to compete for Mrs. Alice Baker, state missionary the prize, send not later than January for the State Spiritualist Association 15, the number of pupils enrolled, av of Oklahoma, came to the city Saturerage attendance, general conditions, and names of officers; these will be duly filed, and we will advise your secday last to deliver a few lectures. Through the kindness of the management the opera house was given without charge for the use of the lecturer. A good crowd was present each evening and her lectures were soul inspiring to all present. The crowds creased each evening, showing the increased interest taken by her hearers, Mrs. Baker is an impressive and exceedingly interesting speaker. She holds her audience in silence and ex-She treme attentiveness. The writer, who is not a Spiritualist, was very favorably impressed with her as a public speaker .-- New Era. Grand Christmas Festival, Concert, Tests, etc., given by the First German Spiritualists' Society, Sunday, Dec. 23. 1906, at Gartelman's Hall, corner 13th street and Ashland avenue, commencing at 2 p. m. Admission 25 cents. Evening dance. This festival is for the benefit of the Old People's Spiritualist Home. At Billings, Montana, a very pretty wedding took place at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Selbrede, on Tuesday even-ing November 27. The . contracting parties were Mr. Chas Lux and Miss Louisa Cooley of Miles City. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. Eva McCoy, and a number of guests were present to witness the beautiful serv-ices of a Spiritualist wedding. After congratulations were offered the happy couple, a very harmonious circle was formed, and Rev. Love spoke beautifully under control, and Mrs. McCoy followed with messages. lunch of ice cream, cake and coffee was served later in the evening. Mrs. S. H. Slosson, one of Chicago's oldest and best known mediums, is going to spend the winter in Florida with Mrs. Laura G. Fixen, who has a cottage at Lake Helen. On her way Mrs. Slosson will stop at Indianapolis where she will meet old friends and new, at the Claypool Hotel; Jan. 3, 4 and 5, and she will be at the Bennett House in Cincinnati, Jan. 6. 7 and 8, which will no doubt be welcome news to her friends in these cities Mrs. Fixen, whose lectures are always interesting and instructive, and full of impressive points, exceptionally made, will lecture at various

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Minneapolis, 1905, the following recthe whole, and of the several departommendation was adopted: ments. Mrs. Rolston, of the Apron

"We recommend that at least ten Editor, you's is a God-given mission, and my prayer is that the angel world booth very soon had sold out her enmass-meetings be held throughout the United States between this date tire stock, and it seemed a large one. may guard and spide you in the fu-ture, as it has done in the past keepand June 1, 1906; the N. S. A. to beau of the numbers on two quilts, and in the whole expense of the same and ing your paper spotless, and pure, and a fit representative for the grand truth the evening they were drawn by deendeavor at these meetings to secure lighted recipients. Wishing you contributions to the treasury of the The "Fancy Articles," under Mrs. Druliner and Mrs. Ellis, went like hot N. S. A. That correspondence should be held with societies or Spiritualists That correspondence should cakes, and those purchasing seeme in the cities selected to secure their country, and with kindest regards to more than pleased. co-operation, and to avoid conflicting yourself and Mrs. Francis, I am, yours Mrs. Goodrich had any quantity of toilet articles and made large sales, with local or state association meetings." The above recommendation being Ezra Beckwith writes: "Mrs. Mc-

Donald Winn, of Norristown, Pa., a gifted medium, has been holding meetwere all disposed of, and the larger called to the attention of the S. S. A. pleces went by numbers, Mr. J. R. of Minnesota, in convention assem-Francis, having the lucky number on the "Butterfly" piece. Mr. Edward Janse got the picture of a scene in ings for several months in Utica, N. bled, 1906, in the president's report Y. The consensus of opinion by large the Committee on President's Report and intellectual audiences, is that she article 7, reads, and was adopted, as is the best medium for platform work follows by the convention: pansy piece. Masters Dhuliner, Dex-ter, Garner, and Rohrbach, were busy "We endorse the recommendation

that ever visited Utica. The press has reported her work with much of our president in regard to massmeetings, and feel that this conven-Mrs. Garber, a prominent Spiritualtion should take some action looking ist, formerly residing at Des Moines, to the holding of mass-meetings by Iowa, has removed to Walla Walla, the state association, also in co-operation with the N. S. A. during the en-Carrie L. Hatch writes: "9 Appleton suing year."

street, Boston, Mass. The First Spir-itualist Ladies' Aid Society met as usual, but owing to illness in her The president and board of trustees are now ready to perfect arrangements with the N. S. A., and to hear from home, the president, Mrs. Allbe, was unable to be present. The vice-presi-dent presided at the meeting. The localities that would like to have one of these three days' meetings. What will be required is the co-operation of the Spiritualists in the city, asking for sale of aprons proved quite a success. the mass-meetings, with the state offiand a neat little sum was added to the treasury. The evening, Mrs. A. S. Waterhouse was the first speaker. She cers. and a grand success is assured you in your own home towns.

said she felt it was time to protest against mediums using the Indian as Now, let us get together, one and all, and plant the banner of Spiritualism on the wall, that all may see and know the Glad Tidings the spirit a plaything. Many of them 'pow-

wowed' in a manner that was disgust ing; that the Indian came to earth as world would bring. Write to J. S. Maxwell, president, a power, with dignity and strength, for the good of humanity, and she for one

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ALMOST À MIRACLE.

Denver papers print this story: 'After being buried alive in the family vault at Kansas City from January 9 to the middle of May, Frederick J. Harvey, one of the wealthiest men in Kansas City, came back to life Tuesday, Sept. 4; married his Denver sweetheart, Miss Lily Godfrey, who was instrumental in restoring him to life, Sept. 5; departed on his honeymoon the same day and will arrive here next week to visit relatives.' Lesson Quarterly for our children, but

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Izetta B. Sears, spiritual evangelist, will hold services Sundays, at 7:30 p. m., in Aarcade Hall, 7 Park Square Boston, to be aided by musicians, speakers and other good talent.

Mrs. Mary B. Hill writes: "The regular meeting of the Band of Harmony occurs on the 20th of December, in room 512, Masonic Temple, this being the last meeting of the old year. We hope to see all members and friends present. We would thank The Progressive Thinker and friends who helped us make the bazaar a decided success."

Samuel A. Huntington writes 'from Malden, Mass.: "Malden Progressive Spiritual Society, Louise Hall, 138 Pleasant street, Mrs. F. S Sheriff, president. Sunday services. Dec. 9. The president presided at both sessions with Miss Mabel Carter at the piano. The afternoon circle proved interest ing, with short addresses by Mr. G. L Baker of Boston, and Mrs. Carter of Malden, after which considerable time was given to message work. Mr. Geo. L. Baker of Boston occupied the plat form in the evening, giving a very interesting address on the subject,

Wonder if We Are All Doing the Best Mr. Baker's addresses are We Can.' permeated with that strong sympathy which appeals to the heart. The speaker, after finishing his address, devoted three-quarters of an hour to giving many messages. Our ex-presi-dent, Mrs. Alice M. Whall, will occupy our platform on Sunday evening, December 16."

Alice M. Sexsmith writes: "On Sunday, Dec. 9, at the meeting of the this Christian Spiritualists Society, both afternoon and evening, was well attended. In the evning we had as speaker Prof. Gilrayo who has just returned to the city after an absence of two years. He is a very forcible speaker and one that is out for the truth of Spiritualism. Messages were given by Mrs. Nellie Kusserow and Miss Thomas. Remember that on Sunday evening, Dec. 23, Dr. Geo. B. will again be the speaker, and as he always draws a crowded house. you had better come early in order to get a seat. We are expecting also to has been well done and appreciated, have with us Mrs. Ella J. Bloom on and hope that April will add still that evening, and many others who will be able to bring you truthful messages from your loved ones. Meet ings every Sunday afternoon and evenfor the coming three weeks." ing, at 3 and 8 o'clock, at Conway Hall, Western avenue and Lake street. Open door; all welcome. Good speaking and messages given at all meetings.' . .

W. J. Elmo writes: "The Spiritual Alliance Society, holding meetings every Sunday at 3 and 8 p. m., in Vin-cennes Hall, 1514 Vincennes avenue, corner Cottage Grove avenue, is having excellent services. The audience is greeted 'each Sunday evening with new speakers, always followed by Mrs. May Elmo with plenty of splendid tests and messages. We invite mediums to take part in our afternoon ser-Our social and dance is held every Saturday evening, and is most pleasant—a gathering of Spiritualists, and all enjoy the evening. All are welcome.'

of a Merry Christmas. The tea party will be held on the afternoon of Dec. 81, in Lincoln Hall, Fraternity Bldg., hetween the hours of 2 and 5. There is no admission fee, but the small sum of 10 cents pays for a cup of tea and entitles one to a reading by one of our mediums. This being our last meet-

ing of the year, we earnestly urge each member to be present and extend our hospitality to all-friends." G. L. Willms writes: "The members

of the North Star Spiritual Union, 1546. Milwaukee avenue, had the pleasure of greeting quite a large audience last night, Dec. 9, Sister C. Mueller gave h fine lecture, which was very interesting and instructive, and brought many a fallen soul nearer to God. Bro. Vanderhoogt also gave a short lecture. Sister C. Mueller gave readings of articles, which were well received. The rapidity and correctness with which these messages were given was something exceptional, and many a tear was wiped away, and sunshine brought instead. The Progressive Thinker was on hand again for the evening, and all taken up."

Mrs. E. A. Newton writes: "The Psychical Society of Spiritualists, M. B. Little, president, holds meetings very Sunday, and is doing a fine work for Spiritualism in Glens Falls, N. Y. Mr. Little occupies the platform. No speakers from out of town are available. For many years we have had Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds every November and April, and this November has again brought her to us. Every time we note with pleasure a growth, and season it has manifested marked change in force of expression and power. The audiences have increased each week. The Thursday evening meetings are larger than ever before. Many who heretofore came through curiosity became interested. Spiritualism has become one of the re-

spected 'isms.' and the thinkers and ousiness people interested. We look forward to the coming of Mrs. Reynolds from autmn to spring with eager parts in the South. longing. She finished her labors with us this Thanksgiving day. We bid her God-speed, knowing her work greater good, and bring back to us our friend and sister. Mrs. Mabel Witham of Boston, will be our speaker

Mrs. M. E. Kratz writes from Los Angeles, Cal.: "I find the Chase-McCoy combination have again been brought o light. How they could have kept up their gauzy exhibitions these years since I met them at Summerland Camp, Ohio-some seven years agois a mystery. I attended a seance I noticed Mrs. McCoy had been partak-ing of onions, and failed to conceal breath. My guide manifested, and lo! he, too, must have dined at the same hotel, and I felt never to excuse him for it. Well, I told several about it, and found that she and Chase left hurriedly. Some penalty ought to be given these persons for allowing bogus spirits to appear at their seances, for they were surely of earthly origin, and never saw pirit spheres."

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Mary L. Brennen writes: "The Orlental Spiritualists Society of Pitts-burg, Kansas, is doing well. Meetings are held every Sunday night in the A O. U. W. Hall on East Third street. On the first Sunday of this month we

had a treat by the visit of Rev. Sarah C. Scovell of Galena, and Mrs. Fannie Paul of Joplin, who did excellent work for us, and interested many in-vestigators. The society at the last business meeting elected Mrs. Mary L Brennen first pastor of the society, in recognition of her long and valued service to Spiritualism. We now have Longley's beautiful songs, and are or ganizing a choir. At all our meetings free literature is distributed which is eagerly accepted by investigators. If any one will send us some French spiritual literature, it will give great pleasure to our French brothers and sisters as they do not read English readily. Any friends donating papers for distribution here will be assisting in missionary work that will produce good results. Address Mary L. Bren the creat Spiritualist Society."

retary thoroughly, regarding the du-ties of competitors. Let me have your hearty sympathy and support that we may make this work beneficial to old and young children. Yours Fraternally,

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The annual meeting will be held in Berkley Hall Annex, 3 Berkeley street, Boston, on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1907; at 10:30 a.m. Only members are admitted to the meeting, as only the annual business of the year, with election of officers, will be attended to. All members are urgently, requested to be present at this meeting. The business meetings should be of more importance than the social meetings, so please all congregate at that hour at the above place.

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I will say, he has a class at present in Kansas City, Kansas, Rev. Mrs. Ella Books you may order, price \$1.10. Baldwin Instructor, there; also a class in Denver, Col. His classes and less-Books you may order, price \$1.50. ons are on the Limitless Life Individu ality, as the name states. None are Books you may order, price \$1.75. forbidden, sect or creed, but all are Any six of the Thirteen Premium Books you may order, price \$2.05. welcome, who wish to live and learn to enjoy this life that they may be better prepared for the one to follow. Spiritualists should be broad enough Books you may order, price \$2.35. Any eight of the Thirteen Premium to embrace all these noble teachings. Books you may order, price \$2.65. Hoping this finds all well with you

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dane and Super-Mundane Spiritism, by Mrs. Emma Hardinge Britten. 5-Ghost Land, Spiritualism, Occult ism, by Mrs. Emma Hardinge Britten, later, the nurse died a month later, and Dr. Lapponi expired exactly three The doctor related this Mrs. S. G. Horn, a most remarkable mo months later. prophecy to his friends, including the Pope. The pontiff laughed at it, but dium. 9-The Occult Life of Jesus, by Alexander Smythe, a medium of rare gifts, 8-A Wanderer in the Spirit Lands. Dr. Lapponl, who was a confirmed Spiritualist, remarked that it was possible for a human being to receive in Translated by A. Farnese, a wonderful English medium.

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PSYCHIC RESEARCH.

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The object, therefore, in calling at-tention to the incidents which I think impressive enough to urge an organof them, if this be possible. What is urged, therefore, is that efforts be made to report for record all the sleen during these for ized effort to certify a larger number death-bed visions and utterances that sleep during these few seconds. I death-bed visions and utterances that sheep utring these few seconds. I may possibly bear upon the issue sug-gested in such as we have quoted. I eyes closed, of the surrounding coun-would propose that all members of the conversation. would propose that all members of the conversation. My introspective and Society report or ask to have reported inner consciousness was perfectly wide all such experiences as have come un-der their notice. In this way a census of them can at least be initiated. To this method I hope to add some means of inducing physicians in their was total amnesia of what I was talkprivate practice to be on the watch for them and to report them to the proper incidents for some time and only after persons. We may ultimately induce incidents for great effort. nurses and officers to make observations and to record all experiences of and conversation were of the visual

a scientific character. the cases which I have mentioned and normal. The fact, if thus rightly show interesting coincidences and are too suggestive to disregard the uppor-tunity to collect similar instances with a consciousness and its local stream of tunity to collect similar instances with a view to their study in detail. We must expect the largest number of manifesting its rationality. represent facts which are not verifiable in respect of the other side. But if they can be obtained in sufficient numbers to exclude chance in respect of the persons said to appear in such apparitions we may have a scientific product. To exclude chance we need to compare them with visions that do to compare them with visions that do not represent the discarnate as thus and the amnesia which I experienced not represent the discarnate as thus appearing, but that may be treated as casual hallucinations. Hence we shall want to take account of all types of dying experiences as observed by the living. It will be especially import-aut to have records from those who were thought to be very ill or dying conversed who may describe Peand recovered who may describe pe-was thinking about. The dissociation culiar experiences in conditions bordering on death. It is therefore hoped in the instance of August 4; and probthat members and readers will call ably this was due to the fact that attention to any such cases that may there was real sleep for a few seconds. have come within their knowledge and to nid in securing a record of them. abled me easily to recall my previous to aid in securing a record of them. The extension of the inquiry to hos-thoughts, as the break with attention pitals and asylums will require time and such interest as physicians may be induced to take in collecting data for study. But a good beginning can they were when 1 retained consciousbe made independently of the more or-ganized effort to obtain records. The to suspend their activity. This, of present article is simply an appeal for course, is largely conjecture, and I assistance in an important investigation. The interesting incidents at psychological analysis quoted seem to be inexplicable by JAMES H. chance and a large number of similar cases would more certainly exclude it consideration. JAMES H. HYSLOP.

A Visual Experience.

The following experience is espesuperficially suggest its explanation. It is from a young lady whom I know personally as well as the other mem-bers of her family. There can be no source is may be left to any one who and was not not visible in any subliminal consciousness, if such it be,

opened them again in a few moments, perhaps not longer than five or ten seconds, I found that I could not recall the subject about which I was talking and had to stumble about with general remarks to avoid discovery. This oc-curred three times. An interesting feature of the experience was the fact awake, and the closing of my eyes, instead of tending to put me into a deeper sleep, seemed rather to tend to help keeping me awake. But there

ing about and I could not recall the Apparently in these circumstances the thoughts which occupied my mind a hallucinatory character or otherwise. In any case they will be rare, but on one side or the other of the issue there is no other way to give our convictions central conscious while the main

and normal. The fact, if thus rightly call at pleasure the sensory experience which may be necessary for

JAMES H. HYSLOP.

Hurricane, N. Y., Sept. 3, 1906. While talking with a friend to-day I became again very sleepy and not feeling the duty to resist it so vigorously as in the case narrated above I closed my eyes as in the previous exof my thoughts was not so complete as was not so distinct as in the earlier case and as the different sensory functolerate it only to suggest a problem JAMES H. HYSLOP.

Pseudo-Clairvoyance.

The following is an incident which would probably have been taken as an instance of clairvoyance unless the circumstances under which it occurred had not been at once determined. I cially interesting because it does not had asked my secretary yesterday to address a number of envelopes and then to make out some bills. While writing out the bills she wrote the name J. B. Jones and without turning doubt about the trustworthiness of the over the paper wrote the next name, lady's statements regarding her expe-charles S. Florence, which was con-rience as she remembers it. What its cealed below the first sheet of paper source is any we set to the time, wightes to conjecture it. The contents I carefully examined this at the time, of it do not place it beyond a halluoi-and found it impossible to detect the natory production of her subconscious slightest trace of the name or letters mental action. Her studies had in- through the sheet by normal vision. cluded the matter which was thus re- But if we were to suppose that the produced, and the interesting circum-stance is the resourcefulness of the supernormal vision we should do se without recognizing a most important in recalling and reproducing in this circumstance which would have been hallucinatory manner knowledge quickly forgotten had not notice been which could not find recall in the or-taken of it at once, when my secretary

In the first issue of the now well known magazine, "The Forum," in March, 1886, there was an article by Rev. R. Heber Newton, D. D., the famous minister. The article supposes a certain group of persons to be visiting Rome—the group consisting of "Ecclesiastic," a papal priest; a Broad Church Episcopalian, minister; a disciple of Ingersoll, called "Philistine;" and an Egyptian resurrected from his sleep of many centuries, and called "Pagan," The article is headed: "Is Romanism Baptized Paganism?"

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

(Continued From No. 890.)

The office of the Mass interested Pagan greatly, and from time to time he interjected in respectful whisper his monts as the one means of entering upon eternal life, and and the Chinese Buddhists used musical bells in their saored services, very much as you are doing here. * * Most of the ancient temple services saw these same censers, swinging clouds of aromatic incense before our altars * * Your altar, too, stood in our temples, though sometimes we called it the table."

At the conclusion of the office, Pagan talked at considerable length upon the ancient sacred rite to which the Christian Mass he said, bore so remarkable a resemblance. "I could almost again fancy myself back at our ancient

mysteries. Altar and chalice and paten, sacred bread and wine, the sacramental feast-all these we initiates knew quite as well as you know them. In India the primitive Vedic religion had its sacred Soma, which made a new man of the initiate; from which he was reborn; which gave the divine power of inspiration and developed a spiritual nature.

ity. Thibet had a sacrament of bread and wine. Our mysteries. This resemblance even extended to such a mi-

sible hint of the etymological key to your term Missa.

attitude during your Mass. Do you not remember how possible to dispossess these traditionary usages and Cicero exclaims in one place: 'Can a man be so stupid as to imagine that which he eats to be a god?""

Observing the uneasiness of Ecclesiastic, Broad Churchman interposed at this point, saying, "This is a of the fact, a fact unquestionably It is, that ecclesiastical delicate subject for our priestly friend. He would much Christianity is our old Paganism rebaptized." rather that you should have observed the judicious silence of the scholarly presbyter who wrote 'Monumental Christianity'-- In all other matters so entirely frank, but nized view of scholars even in the church? Broad here so prudently reticent. But if he slides quickly over this thin ice, others seem less careful.' Of course so in-sound a writer as Rendii does fot weigh heavily, although he does refer in his 'Hibbert Lectures,' delivered under the shadow of Westminster Abbey, to the fact that Mithraicism 'had a eucharist-a supper so like the Christian Mysteries.' But Ecclesiastic may perhaps even now recall the dreadful pages of the learned Mosheim, in words ut- merged into it with an entire change of name, not subterly sound opinions we were both so well schooled in our stance, carrying with it many of its ancient notions and alma mater of theology, but who for once forgot that si- rites; so in the West a similar influence was exerted by the

the Greek and Roman Mysteries, and, the extraordinary / "Our friend Ecclesiastic would not question the authorsanctity that was attributed to them. Induced the Chris-lity of such a scholar as Baronius, yet he writes: "It is per tians of the second century to give their religion a mystic mitted to the Church to use, for the purpose of piety, the- tich of historical facts relating to the ancient conception of the necessity, air, in order to put it upon an equal footing, in point of ceremonies which the Pagans used for the purpose of im- for surviors. By Sarah E. Titcomb. Price, cloth, \$1. dignity with that of the Pagans. For this purpose they piety, in a superstitious religion, after having first expigave the name of Mysteries to the institutions of the gos- atedithem by consecration, to the end that the devil might pels, and decorated particularly the 'Holy Sacrament' receive a greater affront from employing, in honor of Jesus with that title; they used the very terms employed in the Christ, that which his enemy had destined for his own Heathen Mysteries, and adopted some of the rites and cere- service.'. The learned Mosheim, after the words already quoted, went on to say, 'This imitation began in the eastmonies of which those renowned mysteries consisted." At the conclusion of the Mass, as our little company left era provinces, but, after the time of Adrian, who first inthe church, Ecclesiastic-who it must be confessed had troduced the mysteries among the Latins, it was followed from time to time turned away his ears in holy horror by the Christians who dwelt in the western part of the emwhen Pagan had been talking thus sacrilegiously, a horror pire. A great part, therefore, of the service of the Church that seemed intensified when his own brother churchman in this-the second-century, had a certain air of the stooped to act the part of "chorus" to this blasphemous Heathen Mysteries, and resembled them considerably in monologue-felt moved 'to improve the opportunity and many particulars.' Our own Dr. Lundy's great book rests speak a word in season to the poor benighted heathen, upon the fact of the Pagan source of our Christian symwhich might perhaps convert him so far as to make him bolism. The very highest authority on the subject of anxious to avail himself of the rites of the One True Cath- Christian symbols testifies: "Their origin, without doubt, olic and Infallible church, while he was out for an airing must be traced to Paganism." (Conclusion.) from Tartarus. The notes of this character of the Cath-

comments on the proceedings, "The Thibetan Buddhists the infallibility of its oracles, were unfortunately lost, but they can easily be reproduced from the pages of well known ecclesiastical writers, or heard repeated in most of our cathedrais. At the end of this unctuous harangue; which had gradually risen into the orthodox orotund, Pagan quietly asked: "If all this be so, what do you make of this remarkable resemblance, to say the least, between

olic church, the miraculous origin of its rites, the super

natural powers of its priesthood, the efficacy of its sacra-

Ecclesiastic, being a thorough-going churchman, who, with the true invincibility of faith, however he might

strain at a gnat, was always ready to swallow a sound camel, replied unhesitatingly: "Good Abbe Huc's Travels in Thibet' should never have been placed on the 'Index.' Your pagan rites were certainly, as he affirmed, valmed off upon mankind by the ingenuity of the devil in order to bewilder men-satanic imitations of the One Divine Institution. The hely church ought not to have gone back upon him in such a fashion. The venerable fathers, by whom

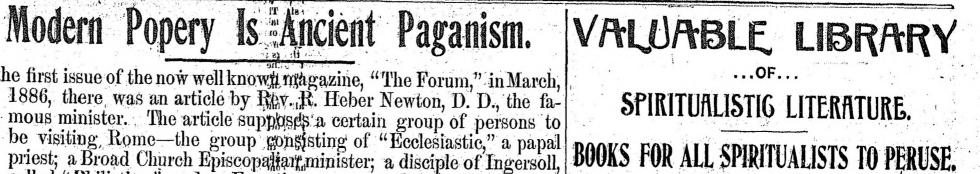
all good churchmen swear, anticipated his courageous utterances. Justin Martyr, in speaking of the Mithraic rites, observed, 'which things indeed the evil spirits have taught to be done dut of mimicry." Tertullian with the same boldness of faith, declared: "The devil, whose business is to veryert the truth, mimics the exact circumstances of the divine sacraments in the mysteries of idols. Let us acknowledge the craft of the devil. There is no other way of defending the claims of the church in the face of these

Whereupon Pagan, shrugging his shoulders, smiled and quietly observed, "So much the worse for the Catholic church. It is not usual for parents to borrow the goods of their unborn children. If the devil thus imitated the rites of the One True Church, he must have had a most singular prescience to have been able to anticipate their exact form, centuries before the true church arose. The

fact is plain," he continued, "that your Catholic church of corn, gave men her flesh to eat, as Bacchus, the god of shares the sacred 'properties' of religion which were common to all lands and all ages. These rites were indubwas handed round, just as was done here this morning itably in existence long before Christianity was born. The only fatural explanation is, that Christianity adopted them from Paganism. The church may have found it im-

torms'IL-"As some of the fathers confess," put in Broad Churchithan-"or she may have found in them fitting symbols of her own truths, but, whatever be the interpretation

He turned for confirmation of his views to Broad Churchman, appealing to him if this was not the recog-Churofinan frankly rejoined that this was undoubtedly the fliggment of dispassionate Christian scholars. "As an Explicit and observed, "you will be gratilied to Jearn what Mrt. Hing, a fellow of Trinity college, Cambridge, declares'In his work on 'The Gnostics': 'There is very good reason to believe that as in the East the worship of Serapis was at first combined with Christianity, and gradually



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nute feature as your round 'wafer; which in the Mithraic Mysteries was an emblem of the solar disc or Mizd-a ros-

"When the worship of Mithra was introduced into Rome, this sacrament of bread and wine was celebrated in the world's metropolis. The Greeks also had their mysteries in which there was a sacramental supper, the most august of all their ceremonies, wherein Oeres, the goddess

wine, gave them his blood to drink. The consecrated cup among your clergy. We had even the same sacramentalism which Ecclesiastic evidently cherishes, as I saw by his

lence is golden. "The profound respect that was paid to Mithraic religion."

your ecclesiasticism and our ancient paganism?"

facts.' "

dinary way. An important point of called attention to the coincidence at interest is the fact that nearly two the time. This circumstance makes years later the lad suddenly developed it necessary to show that the descripautomatic writing of a most interest- tion of the phenomenon as given above ing character. is not exactly complete.

"July 1, 1905. 1903, I went into Roman History class the bills should be made out afterat school without having looked at my ward and enclosed independently. But lesson. I was not in the habit of after a number of the envelopes had bluffing, so when the teacher called been addressed it occurred to me that upon me to answer a question I rose it would save time and confusion if the to my feet and commenced to say; T bills were made out simultaneously, as do not know my lesson to-day.' when suddenly on the black board behind therefore suggested that, before going me appeared in red letters the answer to the question. I hesitated and then read aloud what was written on the for those addressed. board. It proved to be the correct an-The red letters did not look like chalk, but like ink. This occurred simply turned upside down to take several times during the year, but only them in the same order in which the in this one subject, Roman history. "In the spring of the year 1905 in

Virgil class I was sent to the Board to B. Jones was written memory could translate fifteen consecutive lines of easily influence the recall of Charles S. about the fifth line I hesitated. I did than the first writing. The lady did not know what to write next, and not notice that memory had figured in there seemed to be writing on the the phenomenon, but recognized that board below, so to gain time till the dismissing bell should ring, I asked ably a subconscious act which left no the teacher if I might erase this writ- traces in the normal consciousness of ing: I said. 'May I erase the board nothing there. It is clean. Go on with the translation.' I looked at mediately and had two hours elapsed her astonished. "The writing,' I said, pointing to it. She said: 'Don't be silly, there is no writing there.' The girls were beginning to smile and look at me, so I said nothing more, but turned to my translation. I finished the fifth line. The queer writing was in the way. I stared at it. It seemed to be a translation of the next ten lines of Virgil which I was supposed to write, but did not know The writing looked like white chalk and was in a very slanting hand. Spiritualists should assist in the work Now I wrote a decidedly back hand at the time I took my own chells and thus be brought in touch with the the time. 1 took my own chalk and traced over this writing. Then at last the teacher seemed to see the writing. She read over the translation, said: 'You are improving, Anna," and added: 'Why didn't you write it all alike? It looks terribly. The first five lines are back hand and the rest

slant towards the right." " JAMES H. HYSLOP.

Cases of Amnesia.

Whenever I take a long ride in the open air, if it is a new experience in sleepy and if I am free to do so I al-low myself to take a restful nap. -But I am sometimes in a position where courtesy requires me st locat to comparison with my indoor and sedencourtesy requires me at least to try to keep awake. To-day (August 4, 1906) 1 was coming from Westport to Hurri-cane in the Adirondacks on a stage with a lady whose acquaintance I had | ty, the supreme charity of the world, made a few hours before on Lake the revelation of reserve power, etc. George, both happening to be going Price, 30 cents. much of the way together. We were talking about psychic research mat-ters and as usual I became very sleepy. I did not feel free to let myself go off and though I was not in any

way bared by my company, I resolved to arrest all temptations to even feel sleepy. But it was in vain. My eyebecame so heavy that, to rest text-book of esoteric knowledge as a. I closed them and when I taught by Adepts of Hermetic Philosthem. I closed them and

When I asked that the envelopes he "One day in the fall of the year addressed it was my intention that the same names were concerned. I any farther with addressing of the envelopes, the bills should be made out

The result was that the cards from which the addresses were taken were addresses had been written. The consequence was that when the name J. Now I knew only the first five Florence. The second writing of the So I commenced bravely. At two names was but half an hour later this was its explanation. It was probthe influence which gave the act an ap-She answered: 'There is parently clairvoyant character. Had not my attention been called to it imwhen I could not have examined the exact conditions of its occurrence it would have been or appeared inexplicable by any ordinary means.

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pect avenue and Jersey street, last of the photographic plate to the action night, and this fact probably accounts of invisible color motion. for the large audience that filled the There was not an empty chair building. ", visible to the eye, is reflected upon the use. in the building.

Many among those who were in at-hand bar among those who were in at-tendance are prominent in profession-al, business and social circles of the California. Physicists and astronocity. One gentleman said that he mers tell us that these reactions of counted some thirty doctors in the color motion take place through 32,

congregation. The professor, at the outset of his lecture, stated that he accepts nothing in Spiritualism that cannot be sub-were amazed at the results obtained. stantiated by facts. The believer in Then came the pictures of spirit this philosophy has accepted it be-torus facts have convinced him its these could be pholographed, the teachings are true. There is no such world scoffed and the uninitiated still thing as "faith" in Spiritualism. soft, but the professor says that the

who base their belief in Spiritualism simply on faith are by no demonstrated to the Hart Rection of means Spiritualists in the real sense of anybody who has the patience and disthe term. It is thought and investiga-tion that makes men and women of "These investigations," said the

to-day champions of this philosophy. This is the incoming era of thought. Spirit photography was discussed at ible, and reveal to the flyestigators considerable length by the speaker, the wonderful truth that there is an who is a photographer as well as sci-

entist of note. Photography is one of if we only attach ourselves to it. It is the sciences that has been instru- our duty to do this We should mental in making a Spiritualist of strive with all our might to be brought Prof. Lockwood. According to him. into higher accord with the infinite. it is just as sensible to deny any well known physical law as to deny spirit for higher conquests."

photography. "'Can you take the photograph of a spirit, an invisible form?' you ask, I solid body, but he had witnessed its do not say 'believe we can,' but I say etherealization. Still, he was not pre-most emphatically 'I KNOW we can.'" pared to say that spirit materialization The speaker then told of his experiments in photographing the invisible, and of the astonishment his discoveries had caused among some eminent

easy to photograph the invisible as the ing to produce this particular, phevisible. And this phenomenon, like nomenon "If the Bible is true, Christ materi others, is based on natural principles, alized," said the professor. "And Thomas, you know, doubted the resuch as the relation of color motion to chemical action.

turn of the spirit until he had thrust When he first undertook this series his fingers into his side. Jacob, you of experiments, it was not long bewill remember, wrestled all night with an angel, a longer wrestling bout than we have on record in these latter days.'

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life." Q .- "I see you have visited various moved by what Mr. Rogers had said camp-meetings in America this year, and it did his heart good to see the and have, of course, traveled much to familiar faces of London friends and do so. You have also recently visited feel the clasp of their warm, friendly Canada. Now, briefly, Doctor, what is your opinion of the present outlook and future prospects of Spiritualism in the States and in the Dominion?" A,-- "My goodness, that is a tall had suggested, they HAD met on the Yes, I visited camps at other side. He further believed that guestion! them vigorous, and filled with large for us by the angels. He was conthrongs running into thousands every scious every day that there were In day. I lectured, of course, and the dian spirits with him who gave him audiences were very large each time. strength, and above these there were declined more than a dozen other others who influenced him in his tray. camp invitations, as my plans for re-visiting the old world would not allow ferring to his recent lecturing experi The time to reach them. I am a ences in Scotland and Manchester, he Sankee, right out, but I like British said: "I used, when I was orthodox, to Spiritualism—it is solid, spiritual, re-ligious. You do not seem afraid to ered while I said it; now I KNOW say God right out in meeting! You I know that life is everiasting, and that gregational singing is fine—I like it; could not live without this knowledge it means harmony; it unites the peo-ple; it is good. Spiritualism in my country is too phenomenal, too much means, life, zeal, harmony! If we canseeking for the sign, rather than the not see just all alike, we can have thing signified. We need more think- charity, brotherhood, and freedomthe water. Generally, the Cause is in neying on to the same goal? Let us a fair state, but to me it appears to live sweetly and glorify God by doing have entered upon a transition period. good to all mankind." (Loud applause.) I wish that the best of the writings of In response to a question, Dr. Pee-both my dear friends, Andrew Jackson bles said that he was going to India to both my dear friends, Andrew Jackson Davis and Hudson Tuttle, were more lecture, and to write. He had been studied; I am sure it would help us if told by three different mediums that

they were. In Canada the Cause is he was being impressed by a band of growing." Q.—"Well, Doctor, at your age itualism might be proclaimed in their land, as Theosophy had been. Through Mr. Spriggs he had had corroborative most men are thinking about settling you are starting out upon a twenty-four thousand mile trip. Why have of these spirits was Babu Chunder Son, down and taking life quietly, but here and he was going to India because he you undertaken such a task?

A .- "Ah! My answer is that I travel felt that he had to go, and guite exas the compelling of the angels of the pected to come to London again. D. Abraham Wallace expressed his Summerland impel. So, once again, I fare forth. Also, there is the need of pleasure of meeting Dr. Peebles again, change of conditions; while I need a recognized in him a fellow countryman, for although born in America he had Scotch blood in his veins. He was glad But one thing is, that I hope to meet that Dr. Peebles had large audiences some exalted Hindoo adents, and from them gather more information con- in Scotland, where they appreciated enthusiasm, and hoped it would not be cerning their gifts and practices, to be embodled in further literary work. I long before he came back to this coun-

embodied in further literary work. I hold belof he cane to the bound our intend to do all I can to extend our knowledge of Hindoo psychology and its relation to our Spiritualism. I have also, let me say, been appointed World Missionary of the National Spir-ture to the say and he could not help thinking that it was a kind of miracle that this World Missionary of the National Spir-itualists' Association of America, so I travel for the good of the Cause under "old man eloquent" should be again trayel for the good of the Cause under national sanction. I may probably visit Fijf to meet a celebrated occult student there, who is named Wilson; I again. There was a sort of revelation in what Dr. Peebles had said about the shall also spend some time at Hono-

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delivered a speech on Spiritualism; the weather was indeed very bad, but those who attended were glad they came out prove immortality that would not at who attended were glad they came out prove immortality that would not a to hear. The road that leads from the same time prove Spiritualism. to hear, The road that reads from the same time prove Spiritualism to Spiritualism is as straight and direct as the road that leads from Spiritualism to socialism. It is hard gymen. Fo for one who is blessed with extraord. He said: "Yes; with any of them, or nary good sense to hold to either So with all of them." I now want some

80 cialism or Spiritualism and not take of our learned ministers, either Catho-the other. I went to Humbird also and lic or Protestant, to meet the Rey. Mr. HAECKEL'S LAST WORDS ON

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privately asked several questions about who will meet Mr. Hull and prove imtell them what Spiritualism is. On Tuesday morning, November 2d, for every hour he spends in debate we left Augusta for Minneapolis and St. with Mr. Hull in open debate on Spir-Paul. There we seemed to take the itualism and the bible. people by storm, or at least, if we took

Wanderings of the

"I'm a pilgrim, I'm a stranger, I can tarry, I can tarry but a night."

I doubt whether the two Ms ever en-

tered upon a pilgrimage with so much

reluctance and so many misgivings

as they did this fall. Only the fact

that it was their duty to go, and the

other fact that they were too cow-

ardly to leave a plain duty undone, got them started.

We had very little preaching to do

flowers, painted and made other im-

provements in our house, and made our home so much of a paradise that we felt like saying with the disciples of

Add to all this that our school, stu-

dents, teachers, house, school buildings

and all, were in such a good condition

had such an effect on us that we hated

to leave home for the work afield. However, when we consider the import-

ance of the work in the world, we with

all the courage we could command

packed our trunks and grips, locked

up our house and became way-worn

Wanderers, Our school is growing and the stu-dents each day becoming more inter-ested; should we have as great a change next year as we had this year,

we would not be under the necessity

of making another six months trip on

its behalf, we could work in the school

The work for the school becomes

the school has about worried itself into

its grave. People are more willing to hear the claims of the school, than they

have been in the past; they see more

and more its importance than they ev-

with all the hope which two invalid

preachers could carry, for we were both

from the gentle stroke received at Ryo,

Wisconsin, while I was trying to open

the people's eyes on political matters,

and Mattie was yet, and is still suffer

ing from her headlong plunge down

miles from home; we are at Billings,

Montana, our fourth stop; our courage

grows. The first two places we stopped

we went to make up for my failure to

fill my political appointments made during the political campaign. Of

course I preferred to not go, and stated

that, as the political campaign was now

over they had better let the matter

rest. The answer, that with Socialists the campaign is not ended and will not

end until victory perches upon our

banners, and they must have the

speeches now. Ours is a campaign,

not narticularly for votes but for edu-

In Augusta, also; Mattle and I each

and one in Humbird. Wis.

We are now about fourteen hundred

every year. The opposition to

instead of in the outside world for it.

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stairs.

"Lord, it is good for us to be here."

Hull Pilgrims.

Mrs. H. and I left the home of our granddaughter, Mrs. Woodbury, and

had promised when here last May, and

N. S. A.; convention, last October, to

started until they were more than half

the president, and the owner and man

ager of the hotel "Cottage Inn" where we sojourn while here, is a Spiritualist

to the backbone, and has done all he can, as have others, to make the meet-

ings a success, but having to have the

entire charge of the hotel which is full

of people, besides owning and having

management of a ranch several miles

out in the country, he found himself

crowded with more work-than he could

do and attend to the work of making

the meetings a success. He, however, did all he could. The very first thing

he did was to address the ministers

through the Daily Gazette, especially

tions against Spiritualism. It was their duty now, while Mr. Hull was

ments against Spiritualism, or to forev-er hold their peace. Of course the min-

isters, "dumb dogs,' Isalah calls them,

(See Is. lvi,16,) are silent. So in a

few days Mr. McCormick wrote them

again. This letter the daily refused to

fact he depended upon all the churches and so he said he dare not publish it.

The Times, a weekly paper, however

spread it in a conspicuou place on its

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pages. Here it is:

ublish; the church was his friend, in

Mr. F. D. McCormick, the husband of

done

er have in the past, and consequently those who attacked Spiritualism in the

are more willing to assist in staying past, and tell them that I was now in up the hands of those who work for it, the city and would be glad to meet

invalids. I had not as yet recovered here, to present their deadliest argu-

We left our home November 13, filled any of them and answer their objec-

We

started for Billings, Montana

countered in a long while. larger meetings in every hall than we supposed would turn out in such weath-We held four meetings that day; Mattie attended the Lyceum, in Min-neapolis, and the Spiritual Alliance meeting in St. Paul. Besides that, she

assisted me in a three o'clock meeting to the arena or hereafter hold your of the North Side Society. This so-clety is presided over by a Mr. H. In behalf of the Montana State Spir-Courtney, who seems to hold the people together in a manner worthy of the cause. A Mr. H. Heggadahl, is the regular speaker; not having seen any of his work I can express no opinion concerning it. All of the societies in Minneapolis and St. Paul seem to be in as prosperous a condition as could under the circumstances be expected.

The New Thought Spiritualist Socie ty was organized by Mrs. F. E. Wheeler, formerly of Wisconsin, and her son, H. E. Wheeler, assisted by the husband of Mrs. Wheeler, the father of H. E. Wheeler, the son. I believe the son graduates in the Minnesota University next June. This young man delivers all the discourses. These discourses are spoken of as learned, logical, and eloquent. They publish an advance program each month. These programs are handed out in advance. Mrs. Wheeler gives readings and messages after each discourse. These messages are generally, so far as I could learn, satisfactory to those who receive them. Those I heard were all satisfactorymuch better than is generally given from the rostrum.

Platform messages are generally calculated to do at least as much harm as good, some of them are a positive damage to the cause they represent. Silly talk, bad English, and worse guessing is always an injury to the cause they are supposed to represent Mrs. Wheeler gives nothing of this kind. If all mediums will give as good, straightforward and wise messages as those given by Mrs. Wheeler on the occasion when I heard her, then Spiritualism will stand higher in the estimation of the world than it does now.

We were invited to other societies in Minneapolis. but could not attend them. We promised the Band of Peace Society, that next time we go to Min-neapolis we will one of us at least try visit that society. We have for rotten the name of the president of that society, but we will try to find him when we return. Indeed we have promised, at our earliest convenience, to try to spend at least one month in the "Twin Cities."

President J. S. Maxwell, of the Min-He attends all of the societies, as occasion requires, and does what he can to build all of them up. He has a pro-found interest in Spiritualism, not alone in one part of the state, but in every portion of the country. He re-gards the work as a whole, and that which assists in one place assists in others.

On Tuesday morning, November 27,

delivered one lecture before a large Hull on a proposition embodying that Socialism. There I was issue. I will give the minister \$50 Spiritualism. I promised at a later mortality without proving Spiritual-date that I would try to go there and ism. Besides this, I will pay any of the University. Translated from the secable ministers of Billings \$5 an hour trait. Price, cloth, \$1.00 net. CONTENTS:-Introduction.

It will not do to ignore Mr. Hull, as them at all we took them by storm. some of the ministers of this city have The day we spoke there was one of the done. Mr. Hull has been too long bewe spoke there was one of the public and is too well known rains and snows we have en- fore the public and is too well known in the union and too in every State in the Union and too universally acknowledged as a ripe biblical scholar and a logician to be ignored by any minister in this comnunity.

Now, ministers, some of us are in earnest in this matter. Either step in-

In behalf of the Montana State Spir itualist Association and the First Church of Spiritualists of Billings. F. D. McCORMICK.

Of course this heading was placed there by the editor; it makes but little difference. Mr. McCormick's offer was read and not accepted by the minister who were so bold when there was no

one here to defend Spiritualism. We say nothing of the gentlemen we have here, of the masculine persuasion, **Every Man** but we do say that like most other places, the best men, the Spiritualists have here are women. Mrs. A. P. Smith, and Mrs. McCoy are among the Might In best helpers good workers can find in this city. They have even served as janitors; have carried coal and wood Mind Mastery to the hall. Besides this, Mrs. Smith played for most of the singing, and Mrs. McCoy gave messages at many of the meetings. In fact they did their best to make the meetings throughout SHCCess.

Mrs. McCoy has been here near two years, and is very popular. People do not simply like her mediumship, but they like her as a woman, and since

we have been here she has been reengaged by the society to the close of

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since landing, Doctor?"

A .- "Yes, I have been kept busy. I as to make it appear and reappear at have lectured in London, for the Mawill: it was all a matter of vibrations. rylebone Association, have spoken some to the London Alliance, am to at-Thinking of the work that Dr. Peebles had done the things he had seen. tend the Fulham Society, and give my the people he had met, the millions final Sunday lectures in London for the Spiritual Mission. Your pages of pictures that must have been impressed upon his mind, he could not rehave told the people of my labors alize that such a man could die; he felt Scotland and elsewhere. On Sunday he MUST continue to live, and that we next I. pay my only visit to Wales, should all live, and he hoped that Dr. speaking at Merthyr Tydfil, and on December 3 I deliver my last address Peebles, when he reached the other

side, would help to prepare a place for before the Psycho-Therapeutic Society, him. (Laughter and applause.) Dr. Berks, T. Hutchinson briefly re of London." : Q.—"Truly, a busy time, Doctor. Now tell me, in conclusion, my dear ferred to his former association with Dr. Peebles at Cape Town, recommend friend; have the passing years deep-ened your faith in angel ministry, and ed those who were interested in his work to read "Seers of the Ages," and do you feel that when the time of expressed his pleasure at meeting him

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