

Thought, the Solvent of Her Problems.—SPIRITUALISM

NO. 900

Occurring at T. W. Stanford's Seances with Bailey,
the Australian Medium.

Then our Christ was willing to cease
 His life for us, that we might have peace.
 Then the love towards a man-made
 god and savior will be love towards
 each other, for the unfoldment of our
 spiritual senses will reveal the false
 teachings of the false gods, and
 the false finite animal senses, by the
 power of hypnotism, for the finite
 senses are hypnotized, to believe all
 kinds of creeds.

The infinite or spiritual senses cannot
 be hypnotized; the lower cannot
 hypnotize the higher, the effect cannot
 not control the cause; therefore the
 spiritual senses are the lawful con-
 trollers of the being, and not the
 slaves of being, controlled by hyp-
 notism.

—A. C. DOANE.

Mr. Greagrich: Good evening. Be it known to all men, actors as a rule are bad orators; hence I do not claim to be a good public speaker. I am able to deliver a few lines of poetry, and some plays, drama, or tragedy, but as an extempore speaker I must claim your clemency. The subject interests me to-night, and I trust it will also interest you. I have been requested to deliver a paper from the Oberammergau Passion Play, "by Miracle Play. Might I at the opening be permitted to say that actors, people connected with the theatre, have in nearly all ages been regarded as a class of persons who were reviled and condemned. Even in wise Greece, the Greece of Solon, the actors

back in the first century were witnessing the "meek and lowly one" being delivered to the scourgers. The watchmen were calling for water and washcloths for his hands. They were very far away responsibility was very striking, and just here let me say it struck me that there are thousands of people of the present time who try to cast aside their responsibilities by figuratively washing their hands of them. These responsibilities cannot be set aside, as they are the very symbol of life. It is this one who, I imagine, Pontius Pilate appeared to great advantage. The scene where, leaning on the balcony, he appeared to the crowd of upturned faces, saying, "Behold I bring him forth to you, for I find no fault in him," was very fine. There was a tremor upon every face, and in the scene where he is led out to crucifixion, laden, burdened under the heavy cross, and Simon is hailed, replacing the cross upon him, the Nazarene, weakened, staggers along, and away to Golgotha they go. Then the scene where Pilate is asked and just at the time they are raised upon the cross, the darkness begins to fall, and every soul with expectancy listens.

You have often heard the saying, that you could hear a pin drop, but now you would have heard almost the fall of a feather. With a great cry he would say, "I have heard from the lips of everyone present the truth, but I am not a Jew, and I cannot die," and as I looked round upon them I said, "This is the greatest sermon that has ever been preached since the ad-

LOVE'S ALL IN ALL

near, oh, Love, in youth's fair
morn,
And guide my waywile life adorn
With bright eternal gains;
near, oh, Love, 'er let me feel
Thy tender presence dear,
When budding life will grow so real,—
Be near, oh, Love, be near.

near, oh, Love, when busy noon
My life doth occupy,
Inspire me when I faint; too soon,
Pray don't thy care deny;
I don't know my fevered anxious brain,
And warm my inmost heart,
Not helpful deeds may for me gain
Those things that ne'er depart.

near, oh, Love, when shadows fall,
And eventide draws near,
With courage may I, 'gainst Death's
call,—
Oh, Love, keep me from fear—
I, Love, be near, and summons heed,
Still let me feel thy touch,
Thy guide, my strength, supply each
need.

Oh, Love, though art so much.

near, oh, Love, when I heed my call,
To things above, Love all in all.

JOHN W. RING.

happy is he who, caring not for pope,
monarch, or king, can sound himself to
know
his destiny of man and live in hope.
—Wesleyworth.

The Doctor described a very remarkable adept in Madras who moved about by his will, and yet he admitted that in the exercise of this power he could feel the overshadowing presence of the spiritual intelligences. The doctor then seen spirit forms materialized, and then step out into the middle of the room, and while he was yet holding the hand had found the spirit was dematerialized. Spiritualism is a positive demonstration of future life, and we can see that there are but two hands different subjects at the same time, and while thus writing would converse upon still other subjects with persons present.

We boast our light; but, if we look closely on the sun itself, it smokes toward darkness. The light which we have gained was given us, not to be so staring on, but by it to discover the things that are hidden from all eyes.

A good Christian should never go away; rather should he give up his life at it and his pants; and everything that he hath. Churchmen never go to it; they are the most docile and easy of management in the world on matters of religious attire.

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

ough your valuable paper the success of the State Spiritualist Association of Nebraska. Since their last convention, in October, we have had regular Sunday evening meetings; which have been a grand success, and the attendance is in better standing financially than ever before.

We have had about a year and a half of regular Sunday meetings, and a medium that stood by us during the time, cleared about \$2000, and his services being called away to other fields of work, we would like another as good as that medium with us; I am sure any good medium can make the same amount as he did. The field is in good condition for a worker.

As, as an association will contract with a medium for a MEDIUM for our regular Sunday meetings, encouraging people to patronize them that they may make as good a salary. We have engaged the Bijou Theater hall that hold about 700 people, having the most patent chairs, that will be comfortable to the audience and will stimulate the harmony for the work. We are also planning to have interesting pictures of a spiritual or religious character for our lecturer to teach the people from. We have a good lecture man who will do that branch of work. I want a test medium that can give recommended, no other need apply.

REV. G. S. KLO.
Sec. S. S. A. N.

persons always gives its best results at the leveler.

Beneath the beggar's roof
Lo! Death doth keep his state;
Enter—no crowds attend—
Enter—no guards defend
—This palace gate.

That pavement dark and cold
No smiling courtiers tread;
One silent woman stands,
Lifting with meagre hands
A dying head.

No mingling voices sound—
An infant wail alone;
—A sob suppressed—
That short, deep gasp, and then
The parting groan.

Oh! change—oh! wondrous change—
Burst are the prison bars—
This moment there so low,
So agonized, and now
Beyond the stars!

Oh! change, stupendous Change!
There lies the soulless clog;
The sun eternal breaks,
The new immortal wakes—
—Wakes with his God.

—Selected.

The liberal are secure alone,
For what we frankly give, forever is
Our own. —Granville.

Said—on the lips from which has
issued only truth: Over all wealth,
above all station, above the noble—
the robed and crowned—rises the sincere
man, Happy is the man who
neither paints nor patches, veils nor
veneers! Blessed is he who wears no
mask! —Ingersoll.

the Editor:—I wish to state

time, cleared about \$2000, and his
we very much appreciated. He

ged the Bijou Theater hall that hold about 700 people, having the

Sec. S. S. A. N.

H. D. C. MILLIS.
Alt. Clemmens, Mich.

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

E. R. Fielding writes from Washington, D. C.: "The auxiliary of the First Association gave an entertainment, consisting of musical and literary selections. The Hatch Brothers of Dorchester, Mass., favored us with some comic sketches and musical selections. As they are professionals, we were treated to the best to be had. Mr. E. W. Sprague read a very unique

address, the subject being, 'The Higher Development of Man.' The message bearers were the pastor, Mrs. Nora E. Hill and Mrs. Kusserow. A beautiful solo selection was rendered, entitled, 'We Shall Know His Angel Name.' The society has noted with pleasure the steadily increasing attendance. The speaker for the next Sunday evening (Feb. 17) will be the Hon. Charles Hughes."

have been given me, and the members have been as earnest workers for success and as interested, as the speaker and most prominent officers. Harmony, good fellowship, and every support, moral and financial, is our working theory and it has spelled success. The young people are to present a drama on the evenings of March 7 and 8, entitled 'Above the Clouds' and are making elaborate arrangements for an special of over \$50, and the play will be staged in a thoroughly artistic and up-to-date manner with appropriate costuming. Our services continue to attract good audiences each Sunday.

stern conviction, strengthened by the experiences of a forty years belated in the Spiritualist principle, besides being a careful reader of The Progressive Thinker and other occultist literature. Peace and happiness to his memory.

C. K. FLANDERKA.

Passed to spirit life, at 10:20 a. m., Feb. 6, 1907, Brother Henry Bass, of Virginia Ave., Joplin, Mo. Father Bass was a devoted Spiritualist. Nine years ago he arranged for a Spiritualist funeral and engaged the writer to hold the service. Being an old res-

"It will do more to overthrow ancient error and theological dogmas than all the works of the higher critics."—T. J. Bowles, M. D., President National Liberal League. "This little book ought to be read by every person who has a forehead over an inch high. On behalf of the world I thank Dr. Clady for having written it."—William Colby Cooper, M. D., President National Liberal League at this office. Price reduced to 15 cents.

"The Religion of Cheerfulness." By Sara A. Hubbard. An excellent book for the culture of health and spirituality. None can read it without pleasure and profit. Price 50c.

By Sarah E. Titcomb, with an introduction by Charles Morris, author of "The Aryan Race." Price: cloth, \$1.00.

100-443887-100

General Survey.

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

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

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

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

Mattie E. Hull is continuing the work in San Jose, Cal., as had been arranged for herself and her ardent companion. Arrangements are being made for a course of lectures by Mrs. Hull in Los Angeles, commencing the first Sunday in March, and continuing four Sundays.

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie fills an engagement during March and April in Battle Creek, Mich. She would like to make a few more camp-meeting engagements. Mrs. Gillespie ranks high as a lecturer and medium. Address her at No. 321 South Highland avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

Mrs. L. J. Curtis, inspirational speaker and teacher of occult science, is now located at 2330 Lincoln avenue, Denver, Colo., where she can be addressed. She has been highly recommended by Spiritualists in Lansing, Mich.

Miss Ada M. Came writes from Cambridge, Mass.: "The Cambridge Industrial Society of Spiritualists held its regular meeting, Feb. 8, in Cambridge Lower Hall, 631 Massachusetts avenue. Mr. James S. Scarlett, formerly of Cambridge, and now of New Bedford, was the speaker, and gave a most interesting lecture, followed by messages. Mr. Scarlett gives a good report of the society in New Bedford, which at present is in a flourishing condition. He has recently been elected president of that society.

Correspondent writes: JAMES E. COLE, the old veteran Spiritualist, will celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday at Star Lodge Hall, No. 378 South Western avenue, on Saturday, evening, March 2, 1907. He will have a large number of his friends. There will be a fine musical program of old-time songs, recitations, short addresses, etc., by friends, and a fine collation served. Come one, come all.

Mrs. Sarah A. Crossfield writes: "I am serving the New England Society of Grand Rapids, Mich., for the months of February and March. I find the Spiritualists here are wide-awake, progressive and inspiring to a speaker or medium. The social part is a feature not overlooked in this society; in fact it is an afternoon live organization. I should judge that good workers have preceded me, and the seeds sown have taken root. We held a most interesting and well-attended meeting, Feb. 10, Mrs. Jackson following my lecture with messages, which were, with few exceptions, recognized. I consider Mrs. Jackson one of our honest and conscientious workers who should be kept constantly in the field. The friends may address me at No. 301 Twelfth avenue, Grand Rapids, Mich."

Captain Geo. W. Walrond, one of the few remaining survivors of the old school of Spiritualistic workers, whose home for thirteen years has been in Denver, Colo., has just got over an attack of those severe attacks of nervous and physical prostration, which since the two paralytic strokes he had in 1902, comes around periodically. Captain Walrond is in harness and on active service again.

Mrs. Alice Saxsmith writes: "Meetings of interest and edification are conducted by the Christian Spiritualist Society every Sunday afternoon and evening. Each meeting brings new faces. We had as speaker, Feb. 3, and 10, Mr. H. R. Henay. He is a young man of force and energy, endowed with a power which only comes to those that lead a life of truth. His discourses are of a high order. He will address us again on Sunday evening, Feb. 24. Don't fail to hear him. Messages by Miss Fildes, Mrs. Susan Thompson and the writer were well received. Miss Thomas will conduct test circles in her own home, 339 West Madison street, every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Remember the meeting every other Thursday, at 8 o'clock, at 3 and 8 o'clock, at Conway Hall, Western avenue and Lake street, over drug store."

Oh, R. Kidd writes from Canton, Ohio: "My Progressive Thinker arrives weekly, and through it we are kept posted as to the work being done throughout the country in the realm of Spiritualism. While we have some active workers here in Canton, we have no society. Cause—same old story—inharmonious and lack of unity on the part of those who call themselves Spiritualists. Of and on some good medium comes to town for a few days, and at present Mrs. Nina C. Challen of Toledo, is in our city, having recently arrived from Sharon and Youngstown, where she does some excellent work. However, Mrs. Challen's stay in Canton will be of short duration, since she has been called to her home in Toledo where she as a rule is kept quite busy."

Wm. Hassmann, president, writes: "The Sunday evening meeting of the North Star Spiritualist Union in its hall, 1546 Milwaukee avenue, on Feb. 10, was largely attended. For the past two months untold numbers of strangers have visited our meetings, showing that Spiritualism and the unseen forces are forcing their way into homes where heretofore the knowledge of a life hereafter were not strong enough to inspire them to seek for the truth, and break away from pulp promises. They join these gatherings in spiritual halls to get a message from their loved ones. Mrs. T. Mueller, the lecturer and medium, is doing grand work; her tests are praised by all. She has certainly done grand work on the Northwest Side, and has brought new life, love and harmony to many homes."

E. R. Fielding writes from Washington, D. C.: "The auxiliary of the First Association gave an entertainment, consisting of musical and dramatic selections. The Hatch Brothers of Dorchester, Mass., favored us with some comic sketches and musical selections. As they are professionals, we were treated to the best to be had. Mr. E. W. Sprague read a very unique

BEAR IN MIND that the editor of The Progressive Thinker is in no wise responsible for the views expressed by contributors. He may, or may not, agree with their respective views. poem entitled the 'Germ La Grippe.' This poem will be better appreciated by having Brother Sprague read it in German dialect. Mr. Allen Hodge of Providence, several comic songs, which called for applause. The auxiliary is presided over by Mrs. Mary T. Longley, who is president of the auxiliary, and Mrs. Price, vice-president, and Mrs. Morgan, secretary. Mr. and Mrs. White was given a surprise party by a number of their friends. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague are doing good work. Many have joined the association. The lyceum will give a misadventure party the last Saturday in the month. They hope for a large attendance, thereby encouraging the children."

Fred C. Suhrer writes: "The Fraternal Order of Spiritualists, Hygieia Hall, Dr. Alex. Caird, president, are well attended, and on Sunday, February 10, a larger congregation than usual was present. The addresses by Rev. Thos. S. Warner and Mr. V. Howie were interesting and well received. Our supper committee is covering itself with glory and surprise us with a 'Valentine Supper.' Our song service at 6:30 is receiving its share of appreciation and our concert at 7 o'clock displays some of the best talent in the city. The Hon. Charles E. Hughes lectured at 8 o'clock, taking 'Nature' as his subject, which proved an interesting and instructive. Our platform mediums for the 17th are Mrs. Dr. Caird, Mrs. Barbara Hilbert, Mrs. J. Stander-Adams, and Mr. Chas. A. Thompson. Circles will be held as usual at 4 o'clock, giving everyone an opportunity to get a message. Come and get yours. Just tell the folks at home you won't be there for supper—stay for the evening and see what we give you for 15 cents. Our concert alone being worth more than \$100 in the average home. We will again be favored with an address by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond. Don't miss this opportunity. The supper and socials of the Fraternal Daughters are becoming popular. They meet in the home building, 2nd floor, the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month. If you want a reading on a week day, there's the place to get it; also a good hot supper at 6:30."

Mrs. Carter writes from Lexington, Ky.: "Mrs. A. E. Kibby of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been engaged to give three months with the First Spiritual Temple of Newport, Ky., which was a very successful series of meetings. She will be in Lexington, Ky., during February and March. All mail should be addressed to her at 110 East Third street."

Hattie T. R. Peet writes: "The fourth of the series of the Illinois Sunflower Club dances will be given in Washington Hall, 70 Adams street, on Sunday evening, Feb. 25. Tickets 25 cents. Lunch will be served. All friends cordially invited to be present on these enjoyable occasions, whether you dance or not."

Rev. Alice Baker, state Missionary for Oklahoma, writes: "Spiritualists of Oklahoma, I am now making dates for a spring tour of the state. To those who have not written, either to the state board or myself, this is for you. Can you arrange for one or more meetings where you are? Write to me at once, as you are a member of the state association? If not, send name, address and \$1 membership fee to R. G. Lee, secretary, Hedrick, Okla., at once, and have a vote in the state meeting. Every Spiritualist of Oklahoma has a right to fill something to do. We have the light; let us let it shine. Write to me at once at my home address, 443 Live Oak street, Dallas, Texas."

S. A. Huntington writes from Malden, Mass.: "Sunday services, Feb. 10. The president presided at both sessions. At the 3 p. m. circle Mrs. Carter, Miss Morton and Mr. Berry occupied the whole session in voicing messages. The evening meeting, as usual, opened with praise, reading of Scripture and invocation. Mrs. A. R. Chapman of Brighton, Mass., was the speaker and message bearer. She prefaced her work with reading a poem entitled 'Love Thyself Last,' and chose the same for her theme, giving a most interesting address, after which she devoted an hour to giving messages. Mrs. Chapman is an interesting speaker and good message bearer. Mrs. Carrie H. Tainter of Manchester, N. H., will be the speaker Monday evening, Feb. 17, and Dr. C. L. Willis of Boston, Feb. 24. It is understood that Rev. F. A. Wiggins of Unity Church, Boston, will resume his work for the society on Thursday evening, Feb. 21."

James J. Mettler writes from Helena, Mont.: "I have had a stroke paralysis, affecting my left side, and compelling me to abandon writing any further articles on the Home Circle, for which I am sorry, for I had a number of interesting as well as instructive subjects to be holding in reserve, but it is too late. I am 63 years old and for forty years have been investigating Spiritualism."

Prof. E. E. Rex writes from Frankfort, Ind.: "We are holding services every Sunday, afternoon and evening. The subjects are of the small type, but they are of interest and we hope in time to have more than we can accommodate in the small hall we have secured, which seats only about 100; as yet it has been but half filled, and this is supposed to be over 400 Spiritualists in Frankfort. We hope many of our good friends in life will give us their best thoughts for success, and that our spirit friends will open the eyes of many here and show them the way to these meetings."

H. J. Cameron writes: "The Golden Rule Spiritualist Society held their usual Sunday services on the 10th of this month, at O'Donnell's College Hall, 43 S. Paulina street. The afternoon was devoted to short talks by the pastor, Mrs. Nora E. Hill, which were greatly appreciated, as were also the messages given by Mrs. Minnie Field, Mrs. Ingelidue and Mrs. Nora E. Hill. The speaker for the evening, Dr. J. H. Randall, being absent on account of illness, Mrs. Nellie Kussner presided, and delivered an interesting address, the subject being, 'The Higher Development of Man.' The message bearers were the pastor, Mrs. Nora E. Hill and Mrs. Kussner. A beautiful solo, 'The Lord's Prayer,' entitled, 'We Shall Know His Angel Name.' The society has noted with pleasure the steadily increasing attendance. The speaker for the next Sunday evening (Feb. 17) will be the Hon. Charles Hughes."

Boston Meetings.
The First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid Society meets in Appleton Hall, 9 Appleton street, Boston, Mass., every Friday.
The Ladies' Lyceum Union meets in Dwight Hall, 614 Tremont street, Boston, Mass., every Wednesday.
The Ladies' Industrial Union meets in Dwight Hall, 614 Tremont street, every Thursday.

Wanted by a business woman, three modern unfurnished house-keeping rooms, with liberal-minded people, or small flat. Address 40 Leominster street, Chicago.

Mid-Winter Mass-Meeting of the State Spiritualist Association of the Progressive Thinker, 1007, 1, O. O. F. Hall, corner Wabasha and Fifth streets, St. Paul, Minn. An excellent programme throughout. A silver collection will be taken at the close of the evening. The meeting will be held at the Lyceum and supper will be served by the ladies in the dining room. You are requested to visit the sales tables of the Ladies' Aid. See your home agent as to reduced rates covering this period on all railroads.

T. J. Haynes writes from Grand Rapids, Mich.: "In the past I have written you about the good things we have been having in the spiritual line. Well, at the present we are having more. Mrs. Crossfield of Muncie, Ind., is with us, and also Mrs. F. V. Jackson of the city. Their work is fine, and too much cannot be said in their favor. We have large audiences in spite of the stormy weather, and they never have to go away disappointed. Mrs. Jackson has lived over a great deal of the time since 1881, and is well acquainted and has many friends who are glad to welcome her again to our city. Mrs. Crossfield came to us a stranger, but has made friends with all she has come in contact with. I can not speak in too high praise of their work."

The Tribune-Republican of Meadville, Pa., speaks as follows of Mrs. Cooley: "Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley of Chicago, delivered the fifth lecture of her present series Sunday night, under the auspices of the local Spiritualist society, and was well attended. The lecture was on 'The Closing Lecture next Friday evening. The Sunday evening meeting was held in the main room of the Odd Fellows' temple and the room was packed to the doors. In the course of her talk Sunday evening, Mrs. Cooley described a great deal of the time since 1881, and is well acquainted and has many friends who are glad to welcome her again to our city. Mrs. Crossfield came to us a stranger, but has made friends with all she has come in contact with. I can not speak in too high praise of their work."

Prof. Hyslop, well and favorably known in connection with the investigation of psychical matters connected with Spirit Return, was in the city last week. He is doing a great work along the lines of scientific investigation of occult phenomena.

J. W. Ring, after filling an engagement in Indiana, arrived in the city last Saturday on the 22nd inst. He is here to occupy the rostrum there last Sunday. He then goes to Crystalia, Colo.

The Illinois Sunflower Club holds meetings the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at Lincoln Hall, Fraternity Building, 70 E. Adams street, at 8 o'clock. The next Tuesday is the business meeting. The fourth Tuesday a social gathering when tea is served and the mediums read the cups.

Carrie L. Hatch, secretary, writes: "The Massachusetts State Association of Spiritualists will meet at the Hotel exercises in Berkeley Hall, 4 Berkeley street, Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, March 26, all day and evening. The best of speakers and mediums will be presented. Admission free. Full list of speakers and mediums to be given at the time. Mrs. Carrie M. Hinsdale has an engagement at Galveston, Tex., for March. She is president of the State Association."

We regret to learn that Mr. G. H. Brooks, President of the Wisconsin State Spiritualist Association is dangerously ill. He is now in the hospital, and under the care of trained nurses. Let everyone send him cheering thoughts, and assist in his recovery. Owing to his sickness he is compelled to cancel present engagements. Friends of the Wisconsin State Spiritualist Association will address the Secretary, Miss G. Loebel, 202 North avenue, Milwaukee, Wis.

C. L. Hatch writes from 9 Appleton street, Boston, Mass.: "The First Spiritualist Ladies Aid Society met as usual, with the President, Mrs. Mattie E. Allen, presiding. The Valentine Supper proved a great success, each A. Albe in the chair. The Valentine heart with varied sentiments passed upon the same. The social hour after supper is always enjoyed by all. The evening exercises consisted of the following talent: Mrs. A. Waterhouse, Mrs. Hattie C. Mason, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Stein, and Mrs. Blackstone. Mrs. Lewis sang two original songs, accompanying herself on the autoharp. Next Friday a Martha Washington Party will be held, and the evening will be devoted to a social time, dance and whist. Supper at six, p. m. Friday, March 1, Mrs. Kate R. Styles will give a benefit for the society, giving a short address, poems, and communications, and a rare treat is expected. Be sure and come."

Rev. A. P. Blinn, the popular pastor of the First Spiritual Union, Norwich, Ct., writes: "As mentioned in the letter from our secretary, published in a previous issue of The Progressive Thinker, this society by unanimous vote of the members, has elected the writer a call to remain as its settled speaker for another year, the call having been accepted. As a matter of fact I could do nothing but accept when, even once my work began here two years ago, every encouragement has been given me, and the members have been as interested workers for success and as earnest officers. Harmony, good fellowship, and every support, moral and financial, is our working theory and it has spelled success. The young people are to present a drama on the evenings of March 7 and 8, entitled 'Above the Clouds' and are making elaborate arrangements for it. A special scenery is being built at an expense of over \$50, and the play will be staged in a thoroughly artistic and up-to-date manner with appropriate costumes. Our services continue to attract good audiences each Sunday,

both morning and evening, and our fortnightly suppers are always largely patronized. The lyceum is thriving and prosperous. On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Feb. 20 and 21, the well known test medium, Mrs. S. C. Cunningham of Cambridge, Mass., will hold séances that will undoubtedly attract large audiences to the Academy. We have very much to be very satisfactory. Our custom of presenting only the philosophy Sundays, and occasionally having a medium, but generally having the phenomena of well-acting services, has proved for the best interests of this society, and the excellent music rendered by our organist and quartette has met with general appreciation. At each service special mention is made of the progress of the Progressive Thinker, and we always have copies on hand for sale or distribution. It is a sign of progress when a society appreciates the spiritual press and co-operates with it."

A FRATERNAL ORDER.

With Some Side-thrusts at Certain Other Subjects.

I consider the above title a good one. The article by Alex. Caird concerning the matter, I consider to be excellent in general.

I believe that the bible and Christianity, which have been such a curse to this world, should be excluded from Spiritualism entirely. Christianity has caused more war, bloodshed and strife in the world than anything and everything else put together. There has been enough trouble in various parts of the earth. Missionaries are sent from the United States to China (who stir up trouble) to convert the "heathen," while at the same time, in the United States, lynching and burning people at the stake takes place. An American here was talking to a Mexican against bull fighting, stating that it was cruel, which the Mexican admitted, and said that they did not burn people here in Mexico as the Americans do. I had no more to say upon the matter.

Mr. Caird favors worship. I consider worship to be idolatry, no matter what the object worshipped. What good would it do any being or power that we worshiped it? What good would it do the worshiper?

Spiritualists sometimes open their meetings with prayer. I do not believe that prayer has any effect further than upon the one who utters it, and that upon the one who hears it.

It does not look well to me, as is often the case, for a Spiritualist writer to prefix "Rev." to his own name.

Los Mochis, Sonora, Mexico.

LETTER FROM ANNA L. GILLESPIE.

After Months of Needed Rest, She Resumes Work.

After nearly three months of rest, the first in many years, I am about taking up my work again. Will lecture for the month of March, at the Lyceum, address during the time will be 180. Calhoun street. Will answer calls for funerals through that section, also a few open dates for camp work and will be glad to hear from some needing my services. I have been in the city since the home society here in Pittsburg, is in good condition, under the able President, Mr. C. Stevens, who is a splendid chairman and leader, added by a most efficient and harmonious board. The members are all working hard. Since my coming home, have had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Brooks, who is a good lyceum worker. He was followed by Mrs. C. Fanny Allen, who was, like Mr. Brooks, so well appreciated by the public with her mother, Mrs. A. L. Allen, who is all known as a most capable lyceum leader, as well as a lecturer. She was of great service in assisting the little lyceum which will soon, under the directorship of Miss Mary, be the Big Lyceum.

I am all alone in the world, a physician by profession. I need no one to care for me, for I have had my share of success, but there may be some one whom I may comfort, and I am so lonely. These are the things that I am glad to write to you about, for I am glad to prove what I have said to be true by publishing this in The Progressive Thinker. I am told I was born February 14, 1867. Dr. Bounds was a surgeon in the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, ranking as a Major.

DR. AGNES V. KELLEY.

331 East Second street, Jamestown, N. Y.

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

Spiritualists of That State to Have a Grand Mass-Meeting.

The State Spiritualists Association of Minnesota will hold the annual midwinter mass-meeting in St. Paul, on February 23 and 24, at the Old Fellows Hall, corner Wabasha and Fifth streets, with an all-day session each day, beginning at 10:30 a. m.

Mrs. Catherine McFarlin of LaCrosse, Wis., will be the principal speaker at the meetings, and will also be the medium of the Twin Cities will also be present, and take part in the exercises. Programmes will be mailed to any one on receipt of address.

Passed to spirit life, Jan. 27, 1907, John Resch, a life long resident of St. Paul, Minn. He had been a Spiritualist, having been one of the founders of the Church of Divine Light. Dr. George Fuller of Onset, Mass., the well-known lecturer and author, officiated. Mr. Resch leaves behind him a large family, and a large number of those who have been his pupils in the Church of Divine Light, and who are widely known by their good Christian work, and Mrs. P. J. Loeb.

Mr. Charles V. Lively, aged 78 years and a resident of Salt Lake City, passed to spirit life early in the morning of the first of February, calm and peaceful in the arms of his only and true companion. The world at large has lost a noble soul, and the glory of those noble generals who earn their laurels on the battlefield of bloodshed, but this same world is silent about these heroes who encompassed by the darkness of selfishness, ignorance, and superstition, strive to fight life's battle guided by their only star, the hope for a future life and more convenient conditions in a better world than the present. To that latter class of people belonged our brother Charles V. Lively, a man of stern conviction, strengthened by the experiences of a forty years belief in the Spiritualist principle, besides being a careful reader of The Progressive Thinker and other occultic literature. Peace and happiness to his memory.

C. K. FLANDERKA.

Passed to spirit life, at 10:20 a. m., Feb. 6, 1907, Brother Henry Bass, aged 70 years, at his residence, 131 Virginia avenue, Joplin, Mo. Father Bass was a devoted Spiritualist. Nine years ago he arranged for a Spiritualist funeral and engaged the writer to hold the service. Being an old resi-

dent of Joplin, a very large attendance at the funeral proved the esteem in which he was held. A sweet death came a sweet release to the wearied soul.

SARA C. SCOVELL.

Mrs. Louisa Eckhardt, wife of Herman Eckhardt, passed to spirit life from her home in Canton, Ohio, Feb. 8, 1907, from paralysis, aged 67 years. She was born in Mulheim Baden, Germany. She was a dutiful wife and mother, a Spiritualist for over twenty years, and a regular reader of The Progressive Thinker.

A. H. ECKHARDT.

Canton, Ohio.

Mary J. Lindsey, of Grand Rapids, Mich., aged 64, passed to spirit life on January 20. She was a medium from birth, and gladly welcomed the call, "Come home." She was a genial companion, a hospitable, sympathetic friend, with a heart keenly sensitive to the sorrows of all.

K. L. CHILDS.

WANTS A STATEMENT VERIFIED.

A Lady of Jamestown, N. Y. in Search of Information.

I was born in Batesville, Panola county, Miss., as far as I know, but as to whom were my real parents I have always had a doubt. I was taught to believe that Dr. Jesse A. Bounds and wife were my father and mother.

They were kind in their way, but from my earliest infancy I perceived a difference in their treatment of me. There was that tender affection for the others that I missed. I was never taken in their arms and caressed as were the rest; never had playthings like the rest, and yet their own were denied an education that I might have a thorough training in the best of schools. They were poor. Dr. Bounds and other Southern people were after the war, for they were of the oldest aristocracy of the South. Like many another girl, I sometimes murmured when it came to going to school. At such times I was told that I must perfect my education in order that some day I might be fitted to occupy my rightful position in society. Once in an angry mood mother told me that I was not her child, or rather she said that I was not her child. If I was not her child, I know that I was not a child of the Doctor, for there was a girl older than I, the best beloved of that family.

Agnes Valentine Bounds, was called that, when only three days old, a physician friend of father had adopted me, and that in all legal papers I must sign or prefix by hyphen the name of Pearson. I never saw my mother, but just before my marriage father wrote him, and he wrote me a very kindly letter. He was then very aged. I was married near Little Rock, Ark., and shortly after moved North. I have never seen him since. My father was one of my people, and all that I then knew have passed beyond. Just before father's death he called me repeatedly, but none let me know of his illness until he was buried. Now come the strange part of my story, and I would like to verify it if I can. I was not a Spiritualist, and did not believe in mediums, but was recently persuaded to visit a medium. Before this I used positively that none of the spiritualists were contrary to my nature to be very communicative. She told me that someone was looking for me, a man and a woman; that during the war my father and the one I thought my father, came separated in the heat of battle, each thinking the other killed; that my own father heard of my mother's death, and did not know of my birth until years after, for it seems that my people had lived in Maryland and my father had been in the war. She said the doctor had a purpose in educating me to fit a position that even he considered above himself. This would seem so strange to me, for I thought him a kind and loving man. I am all alone in the world, a physician by profession. I need no one to care for me, for I have had my share of success, but there may be some one whom I may comfort, and I am so lonely. These are the things that I am glad to write to you about, for I am glad to prove what I have said to be true by publishing this in The Progressive Thinker. I am told I was born February 14, 1867. Dr. Bounds was a surgeon in the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, ranking as a Major.

DR. AGNES V. KELLEY.

331 East Second street, Jamestown, N. Y.

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

Spiritualists of That State to Have a Grand Mass-Meeting.

The State Spiritualists Association of Minnesota will hold the annual midwinter mass-meeting in St. Paul, on February 23 and 24, at the Old Fellows Hall, corner Wabasha and Fifth streets, with an all-day session each day, beginning at 10:30 a. m.

Mrs. Catherine McFarlin of LaCrosse, Wis., will be the principal speaker at the meetings, and will also be the medium of the Twin Cities will also be present, and take part in the exercises. Programmes will be mailed to any one on receipt of address.

Passed to spirit life, Jan. 27, 1907, John Resch, a life long resident of St. Paul, Minn. He had been a Spiritualist, having been one of the founders of the Church of Divine Light. Dr. George Fuller of Onset, Mass., the well-known lecturer and author, officiated. Mr. Resch leaves behind him a large family, and a large number of those who have been his pupils in the Church of Divine Light, and who are widely known by their good Christian work, and Mrs. P. J. Loeb.

C. K. FLANDERKA.

Passed to spirit life, at 10:20 a. m., Feb. 6, 1907, Brother Henry Bass, aged 70 years, at his residence, 131 Virginia avenue, Joplin, Mo. Father Bass was a devoted Spiritualist. Nine years ago he arranged for a Spiritualist funeral and engaged the writer to hold the service. Being an old resi-

dent of Joplin, a very large attendance at the funeral proved the esteem in which he was held. A sweet death came a sweet release to the wearied soul.

SARA C. SCOVELL.

Mrs. Louisa Eckhardt, wife of Herman Eckhardt, passed to spirit life from her home in Canton, Ohio, Feb. 8, 1907, from paralysis, aged 67 years. She was born in Mulheim Baden, Germany. She was a dutiful wife and mother, a Spiritualist for over twenty years, and a regular reader of The Progressive Thinker.

A. H. ECKHARDT.

Canton, Ohio.

Mary J. Lindsey, of Grand Rapids, Mich., aged 64, passed to spirit life on January 20. She was a medium from birth, and gladly welcomed the call, "Come home." She was a genial companion, a hospitable, sympathetic friend, with a heart keenly sensitive to the sorrows of all.

K. L. CHILDS.

WANTS A STATEMENT VERIFIED.

A Lady of Jamestown, N. Y. in Search of Information.

I was born in Batesville, Panola county, Miss., as far as I know, but as to whom were my real parents I have always had a doubt. I was taught to believe that Dr. Jesse A. Bounds and wife were my father and mother.

They were kind in their way, but from my earliest infancy I perceived a difference in their treatment of me. There was that tender affection for the others that I missed. I was never taken in their arms and caressed as were the rest; never had playthings like the rest, and yet their own were denied an education that I might have a thorough training in the best of schools. They were poor. Dr. Bounds and other Southern people were after the war, for they were of the oldest aristocracy of the South. Like many another girl, I sometimes murmured when it came to going to school. At such times I was told that I must perfect my education in order that some day I might be fitted to occupy my rightful position in society. Once in an angry mood mother told me that I was not her child, or rather she said that I was not her child. If I was not her child, I know that I was not a child of the Doctor, for there was a girl older than I, the best beloved of that family.

Agnes Valentine Bounds, was called that, when only three days old, a physician friend of father had adopted me, and that in all legal papers I must sign or prefix by hyphen the name of Pearson. I never saw my mother, but just before my marriage father wrote him, and he wrote me a very kindly letter. He was then very aged. I was married near Little Rock, Ark., and shortly after moved North. I have never seen him since. My father was one of my people, and all that I then knew have passed beyond. Just before father's death he called me repeatedly, but none let me know of his illness until he was buried. Now come the strange part of my story, and I would like to verify it if I can. I was not a Spiritualist, and did not believe in mediums, but was recently persuaded to visit a medium. Before this I used positively that none of the spiritualists were contrary to my nature to be very communicative. She told me that someone was looking for me, a man and a woman; that during the war my father and the one I thought my father, came separated in the heat of battle, each thinking the other killed; that my own father heard of my mother's death, and did not know of my birth until years after, for it seems that my people had lived in Maryland and my father had been in the war. She said the doctor had a purpose in educating me to fit a position that even he considered above himself. This would seem so strange to me, for I thought him a kind and loving man. I am all alone in the world, a physician by profession. I need no one to care for me, for I have had my share of success, but there may be some one whom I may comfort, and I am so lonely. These are the things that I am glad to write to you about, for I am glad to prove what I have said to be true by publishing this in The Progressive Thinker. I am told I was born February 14, 1867. Dr. Bounds was a surgeon in the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, ranking as a Major.

DR. AGNES V. KELLEY.

331 East Second street, Jamestown, N. Y.

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

Spiritualists of That State to Have a Grand Mass-Meeting.

The State Spiritualists Association of Minnesota will hold the annual midwinter mass-meeting in St. Paul, on February 23 and 24, at the Old Fellows Hall, corner Wabasha and Fifth streets, with an all-day session each day, beginning at 10:30 a. m.

Mrs. Catherine McFarlin of LaCrosse, Wis., will be the principal speaker at the meetings, and will also be the medium of the Twin Cities will also be present, and take part in the exercises. Programmes will be mailed to any one on receipt of address.

Passed to spirit life, Jan. 27, 1907, John Resch, a life long resident of St. Paul, Minn. He had been a Spiritualist, having been one of the founders of the Church of Divine Light. Dr. George Fuller of Onset, Mass., the well-known lecturer and author, officiated. Mr. Resch leaves behind him a large family, and a large number of those who have been his pupils in the Church of Divine Light, and who are widely known by their good Christian work, and Mrs. P. J. Loeb.

C. K. FLANDERKA.

Passed to spirit life, at 10:20 a. m., Feb. 6, 1907, Brother Henry Bass, aged 70 years, at his residence, 131 Virginia avenue, Joplin, Mo. Father Bass was a devoted Spiritualist. Nine years ago he arranged for a Spiritualist funeral and engaged the writer to hold the service. Being an old resi-

dent of Joplin, a very large attendance at the funeral proved the esteem in which he was held. A sweet death came a sweet release to the wearied soul.

SARA C. SCOVELL.

Mrs. Louisa Eckhardt, wife of Herman Eckhardt, passed to spirit life from her home in Canton, Ohio, Feb. 8, 1907, from paralysis, aged 67 years. She was born in Mulheim Baden, Germany. She was a dutiful wife and mother, a Spiritualist for over twenty years, and a regular reader

The Next N. S. A. Convention

The Next One Will Be Held in Washington, D. C.—The Californians Gracefully Yield the Point.

The following letters, published by order of the Executive Board of the California State Spiritualists' Association, are self-explanatory.

N. S. A. Headquarters, Washington, D. C., December 24, 1906.

To Officers and Members of the Board of the California State Spiritualists' Association; California at Large:—Dear Friends and Co-workers:—It gives me much pleasure to extend to you, one and all the sincere and cordial greetings of the N. S. A. and to assure you of our commendation of your constant good work for the Cause of Spiritualism and your loyalty to the N. S. A. We recognize your value to us and to humanity and can never cease to be grateful for all you have done for the Cause of Truth. Our wishes for your continued success and progress are extended to you.

I am instructed at this time by the N. S. A. Executive Board of Trustees to ask your reconsideration of a grave and important question; viz: the placing of location for the next convention of this National Board.

In view of the following facts we earnestly and urgently plead with you as a body to withdraw your invitation to the N. S. A. to meet in assembly at Los Angeles or any point in your glorious State in October, 1907.

We ask this because the expense to the N. S. A. will be more than One Thousand dollars—one trustee alone from Los Angeles to Chicago and return at last convention cost one hundred and twenty dollars to the N. S. A.—which was a low figure; the N. S. A. will have to pay for the expenses of five of whom will be transported from far east of Ohio.

The average cost to the N. S. A. of its trustees to last convention was sixty dollars each.

We ask that you reconsider the invitation and vote for Washington, D. C., because the N. S. A. hopes by 1908 to be richer in treasury than now and to better afford good going; also because 1907 the Jamestown Exposition will be held in Norfolk, Va., and R. R. rates will be very cheap all over the country to that place—extension tickets will have stop-over privileges at Washington, D. C. and all the delegates can come here to convention at a small fare.

We ask, because every convention since 1903 has promised that the city in which the Executive Board of Trustees of the District of which the N. S. A. is incorporated, should have the convention every once in two or at most three years.

We also ask you to withdraw invitation for 1907, because at time of voting for location, many delegates were sent from meeting a good percentage of whom had started for their homes after receiving their R. R. tickets on Friday, that they might be at their posts on the following Sunday—had the location vote come up in regular order—in place of being delayed by election of officers taking precedence of Constitutional routine, the members absent at night session would have been present to cast their vote.

Important changes at home office in 1907—including the placing of a new Secretary therein—seems to demand that the convention should be held in Washington.

The majority of the N. S. A. have voted to appeal to a Referendum for place of next Convention, objections have been made by two that it may not be Constitutional to do so; a competent lawyer in the District of Columbia, where the N. S. A. has been incorporated, has been consulted by our Executive Board and he renders his opinion that an appeal can be taken from decision and the delegates can be asked to cast another vote.

Before resorting to such appeal the N. S. A. Board has decided to petition our good friends of California—through their State Association—to kindly and generously withdraw their right and title to the next Convention and to allow the same to be held at Washington, D. C.

We trust to receive a favorable answer through your State Secretary at an early day.

With Cordial Greetings to you, one and all; Fraternally yours,
MARY T. LONGLEY,
N. S. A. Secretary.

California's Answer.
Headquarters California State Spiritualists' Association, Room 108, 243 W. Second Street, Los Angeles, Cal., January 6, 1907.

Mary T. Longley, Secretary, and the Officers and Members of the National Spiritualists' Association, Washington, D. C.—Dear Friends and Co-workers:—Acknowledging the receipt of your communication under date of December 20, 1906, requesting the State Spiritualists' Association of California to withdraw its invitation upon which was based a resolution of the late N. S. A. Convention at Chicago, Ill., to hold the Annual Convention for 1907 at Los Angeles, Cal.; The Secretary of said State Association was instructed by the Board of Directors to reply as follows:

At a regular meeting of said Board held on Saturday, January 19, 1907, your communication and its request were thoroughly and impartially considered, and the following decision and the reasons therefor were ordered to be forwarded to you:

In the first place; your many protestations of friendship and esteem and best wishes for our success, etc., have been, we hope, received in exactly the same spirit in which they were tendered, and we also trust, have been accepted at their full true value. Had they been received under different circumstances, the motives which prompted them would have been more fully reciprocated, and their value greatly enhanced. But standing as the prelude to a request for us not only to relinquish an unquestionable right of ours, but also to ignore the unquestionable rights of others for reasons that seem to us entirely inadequate, they amount to little more than the customary sugar coating to a very bitter pill.

The great cost of transportation; the implied promise to hold Biennial or Triennial Conventions at Washington, D. C.; the contemplated change in headquarters management; the attendance when the vote on location was taken, and all the facts urged by you as justifications for our withdrawal, were all well known to the delegates when the vote was taken, and were doubtless considered by them; now this Association nor the Spiritualists of this Coast in any way responsible for these objections. If they counted for nothing then why should they now?

The further fact that the vote on location was postponed until such an inopportune hour, was not caused by the

convenience or suggestion of the California Delegation, and is in no sense a sufficient excuse for disregarding the expressed will and wish of those acting at the meeting; for the reason that it was the organic representative of the N. S. A., acting in a business capacity, and in the absence of funds for ballot stuffing, the vote then taken has the same force and effect in law and in ethics as though taken earlier in the proceedings. And no assurance has been or can be given by anyone but what the result would have been the same at any other hour.

You ask us to coolly disregard this expressed wish of the Delegates who voted there, believing they were advancing the best interests of the Cause. The opinion of a lawyer was not to inform us of the fact that those choosing location by their legal votes are the ones having the right to rescind that choice and make another selection; and yet you ask us to withdraw our invitation AND VOTE FOR WASHINGTON, D. C.

Upon what do you base that request? State Associations and local societies have no more right in the matter than the Mormon Church or the Sultan of Sulu.

Their legal representative acted legally and within the scope of their delegated authority; and while there may be some question about their right to annul that vote and name a new location at this date, after the Organic Bill in which they acted has been dissolved, there can be no question whatever as to the State and local societies. They have absolutely no right to interfere. Hence, without impugning the motives of anyone, we suggest that none but the kindest and most liberal sentiments, we feel constrained to ask, where would be the use of a Delegate Convention adopting any measure if the official hand of the Organization can annul it at pleasure?

Therefore, waiving entirely all the considerations urged by you as reasons binding upon us, let us direct your attention to other matters.

Your wish to have that vote rescinded, and the next convention held at Washington has been widely discussed in the Spiritualist and other journals, and the proposed disregard of the expressed wish of the Chicago Convention is well known to the Spiritualists on the Western Coast, and has by no means been favorably received or commented upon. The expressions of satisfaction and enthusiasm with the announcement of the location of the next Annual National Convention would be held on this Coast, have not only been silenced, but are being supplemented by expressions of disgust, disappointment and indifference. A careful canvass of the situation convinces us that it would be unwise to attempt to thwart your cherished ambition.

It was not the State Association alone that invited your presence here; but the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants and Manufacturers Association joined in the invitation, while other societies and organizations readily pledged assistance in the enterprise.

The State Association and the cause it represents had received a damaging blow from the April disaster, and not only we, the recognized Spiritualists, but our friends outside the Cause were a grand inspiration and upliftment were gained by having the Organic Center, the "brains," so to speak, of the movement, strengthen the Cause here by their presence. This has all vanished into thin air. We feel confident that the promised assistance will now be forthcoming. The tiny buoyant feeling which prevailed in gone, and our bright hopes have withered under the blight of the shadow cast by the Almighty Dollar.

Now, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter." We deem good and sufficient, we, the Board of Directors of the California State Spiritualists' Association do hereby formally withdraw the invitation extended to the National Spiritualists' Association to hold its Annual Convention for 1907 at Los Angeles, California, and do hereby consent that said Convention may be held anywhere the Trustees of the N. S. A. may name. But we emphatically decline to vote in favor of the same being held in Washington, D. C. or any other locality; as that act is not within the scope of our authority as an Association, and we have no wish to encroach upon the prerogatives of the Trustees of the said National Spiritualists' Association.

With cordial greetings to all.
By order of the Board of Directors of the California State Spiritualists' Association: J. L. DRYDEN, Sec'y.

THE SPIRIT HOME.

The home of the spirit is where we shall dwell.
Surrounded by pleasures no mortal can tell,
No sickness, nor pain, neither sorrow nor care,
No cloud from the earth ever wears us there.

Home, home, spirit home,
We're freed from all care in our dear spirit home.

Our friends were so dear, but they soon passed away.
The spirit was gone from the body of clay.

Yet still they do live and will ever us greet.
With other dear friends whom they always can meet.

Home, home, spirit home,
Each friend we here lose, but attracts toward home.

No homes on this earth with these mansions compare.
Their joys nor their pleasures are e'er found on this earth.

These homes to inherit we'll seek to do well,
And thus with best spirits we ever shall dwell.

Home, home, spirit home,
Each day spent on earth brings us nearer our home.

These homes are surrounded with beautiful bowers,
Where deeds of pure kindness e'er bloom with the flowers.

There all gone before us united will stand,
And with great rejoicing we'll join the loved band.

Home, home, spirit home,
We'll join the dear spirits who guided us home.

JAS. H. YOUNG.
Lake Helen, Fla.

"Materialization." By Mrs. M. A. DeSperance and Rev. E. F. Austin. Excellent. Price, 25 cents.

The Money God and Millionaires.

Spiritualists need not covet the millionaire nor his millions. Spiritualism will live without obtaining either. How could a Spiritualist become a millionaire? He has no money, hunger, want and distress around him? An impossibility. Neither will Spiritualism ever die. It was not born, but discovered. Call it what you may it is still Spiritualism. Come in whatever form it may, it still gives testimony of life, and it will outlive the body dies.

We realize that a child is alive when it cries just as readily as when it laughs. So of the many phases presented, as given in that very instructive weekly, "The Progressive Thinker." Whether pleasing or otherwise, all have evidence that we live after the body dies.

Also another important thing, Spiritualism teaches that happiness hereafter depends upon how we have lived in earth life, not in what we have believed or what we have accomplished. The distinction of being "money getters and money keepers" as has been said of Millionaire Sage since he recently died. There are commodities of more value that can be acquired which will not be left behind as the material possessions of the dead. Spiritualists have no leader but Truth. Who can personate Truth? No one can personate God or the All-Good.

Many years ago a man came teaching this truth, of whom it was said: "The money getter heard him gladly." He taught Spiritualism. It is stated that he came that we might have life—and that we might have it more abundantly. Some of the snobs of that day asked, "Do any of the rulers believe on him?" Will truth be so easily given up by the rulers, or any other popular magistrates? I think if I was one of the rulers, I should be mortified, if not disgusted to have my distinguished name alluded to as evidence of the glorious truth of Spiritualism—and might go and pest away with the Theosophists!

The truth is all there is. Nothing else is real. Our prejudices envelope us but they will pass away. They are not everlasting like truth. They shade the light as the heavy clouds do the sun, and the sun will eventually break through the clouds. Neither does prejudice damage the truth. The knowledge that Spiritualism imparts is so comforting, life abundant so infilling with love and hope, no wonder that those who embrace it desire the whole world have the enjoyment of the same.

I have nothing against millions or millionaires. It is what they do with the millions and what the millions do with them. Well enough for a man to own the money, but woe to the man who lets the money own him. Our spirit friends regard the man more than the millions.

That Spiritualism is consistent, scientific, reasonable and true, is not saying that all who profess to accept it are true. Yet some people seem to have passed on the idea that if the spirit has always told the truth, I should have been a Spiritualist. Another says planchette or the board "told so many lies, I will have nothing more to do with Spiritualism."

Some people, because people are sometimes prostrate as the unstrung does not hurt or change the character of the sun; staying in doors or outside enjoying its rays does not affect it. The sun still keeps on shining. The only trouble is our ignorance.

Spiritualism was just as true before the Rochester rapping as it is today. It always was and always will be. Calling it new thought or old thought does not affect it. It is new to the individual when first coming to a consciousness of the same; always new and always old, just like everything else in the universe. The truth that is will remain the truth; and there is a prophecy that all will ultimately come to a knowledge of it. All may not know at the same time.

Harper's Weekly says of Lyman J. Gage, the distinguished millionaire who is taking a rest at Point Loma at the present time: "What use is there of living to be past seventy years old, if a man may not do as he pleases with the rest of his life?" What are our Spiritualist workers who are "past seventy years old" doing at the present time? Indulging in themselves with a needed rest? No; they are working for humanity and the cause they love, as hard as ever, according to their strength, and doing better work than ever before because of advanced age.

Spiritualists have as yet no resort like Point Loma where the aged or tired worker can rest, or lead the "simple life." They usually work till ready to graduate—go up higher. Possibly if they were millionaires they would be no wiser than the poor, and be tempted to do the same foolish things. Russell Sage was not a Spiritualist, neither did he leave his millions to them. What did he take with him when he left us?

MRS. C. K. SMITH.
San Diego, Cal.

HAECKEL'S LAST WORDS ON EVOLUTION.

A popular retrospect and summary. By Ernst Haeckel, Professor at Jena University. Translated from the second edition by Joseph McCabe. With three plates and Haeckel's latest portrait. Price, 10 cents.

CONTENTS.—Introduction. Preface. Chapter I.—The Controversy about Creation: Evolution and Dogma; Plate I: Genealogical Tree of the Vertebrates. Chapter II.—The Struggle over our Genealogical Tree; Our Age and Periods; Man's Genealogical Tree—First Half; Man's Genealogical Tree—Second Half; Classification of the Primates; Genealogical Tree of the Primates; Explanation of Genealogical Table I. Postscript.—Evolution and Jesuitism.

[Advertisement.]
NOW IS YOUR TIME.

PRICE REDUCED.

In order to place that valuable book, "MYSTERIES OF THE SWASTIKA," (written by a life-long Spiritualist) in the hands of as many Spiritualists and investigators as possible this winter, I have decided to CUT THE PRICE IN TWO, and will, until the supply on hand is exhausted, mail it to any address for 12 cents per copy—less than half the former price. This book gives the methods employed by the occult mediums in producing bogus manifestations in all the different phases, and instructs the reader how to detect and expose the fraud. A silver dime and red stamp brings you the book, prepaid, by return mail. Get it while it is being offered. Address: ED LUNT, 119 Cedar Street, Roxbury, Mass.

Or, the Pathway of the Spirit Traced.

By J. M. Peebles, M. D., M. A.

Did it pre-exist and does it reappear again into mortal life? When did it enter the body? What is its form—how does it relate to the soul body? Can it leave the human body and return again? Can it live in and control another mortal body? These questions and many others are asked and answered by the Doctor in this latest book, of two hundred pages, 75 cents; postage, 12 cents.

THE PATHWAY OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT.

Or, the Pathway of the Spirit Traced.

By J. M. Peebles, M. D., M. A.

Did it pre-exist and does it reappear again into mortal life? When did it enter the body? What is its form—how does it relate to the soul body? Can it leave the human body and return again? Can it live in and control another mortal body? These questions and many others are asked and answered by the Doctor in this latest book, of two hundred pages, 75 cents; postage, 12 cents.

Just How to Wake the Solar Plexus. By E. L. Lunt. 20 cents. Valuable for health. Price, 25 cents.

WHENCE COMES MURDER?

An Earned Pledge for the Lives of Murderers.

When a man kills someone, the law brands him as a murderer. As a punishment for his crime, he is hanged or executed. Why? Because he took a human life.

The hangman, also, takes a human life. Why is he not branded as a murderer? He is a good citizen. Good citizen, indeed! He is paid by the community for killing men. Therefore, his crime is justified. On the other hand, the criminal is perhaps given a sum of money or its equivalent by some few persons for killing someone. Therefore his crime is not justified and he is hanged.

A criminal of this type—that is, a murderer—may not be as guilty as he seems. He may explain this by beginning with the condition of the mother before the child is born. Previous to the birth of the child, the mother is in a very sensitive condition. She, perhaps, reads the accounts of murder—of murder committed in cold blood, before the criminal is perhaps given a sum of money or its equivalent by some few persons for killing someone. Therefore his crime is not justified and he is hanged.

The impression may lie dormant for many years. Then a desire for bloodshed grows upon the mind. The law grows upon the mind. This longing to take a life grows stronger and stronger. The will becomes weaker and weaker. It succumbs. The deed is done. The so-called murderer is hanged. "This hanging" is the real crime, because it was committed voluntarily against the person whose will was too weak to resist hereditary influences.

Is the hangman's victim dead? His body—not his soul—is destroyed. After his spirit revolts from the shock of passing out of this life, the desire of destroying life is more powerful than the desire of being good. He is stronger because it cannot be satisfied (the spirit, unaided, cannot destroy the flesh). The ego of the executed man becomes more determined to fulfill his longing. He finds as a subject whom he can control, a person still in the world. He has the spirit of the victim. This is the horror of the murderer's misdeed is again impressed upon his child. Again the crimes are committed; again the hangman is called into service; again the spirits are set free.

State of Illinois, County of Cook.—Mrs. C. E. Wallis, 435 N. California Ave., makes the following statement: For the past six years I have been under the care of physicians. During this time my health has been very poor, and the bad feature was that the physicians did not seem to agree regarding my trouble. I have been treated for tapeworm, gall stones, liver trouble, stomach trouble, and have been under many other diseases. Instead of getting better I was constantly getting worse. About the time I first went to a physician I would occasionally have a fainting spell, but towards the end I would regularly have from 2 to 4 fits every day. The fits kept getting worse until they seemed to be my worst trouble. Doctors claimed that I could be relieved, but not cured. This was very discouraging to me after taking medicines for over six years, but I saw no improvement, and decided to make every effort to get better. I could not get no better, and I noticed Dr. Birkholz's advertisement in the paper and called on him for an examination. He told me that he would cure me, and, to my great surprise, he has cured me in a very short time. I have not had a fit since I first saw Dr. Birkholz, and my feeling fine and have gained 15 pounds. I will gladly explain every detail of this wonderful treatment to anyone ailing. I cannot recommend Dr. Birkholz too highly, and believe all who are sick should call on him.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me, a Notary Public, this first day of February, 1907.

THOMAS MOSES,
Notary Public.

PARALYSIS CURED IN FOUR TRAITEMENTS.

I, Mrs. John Wadett, 6741 Laflin St., Chicago, wish to tell the public of the wonderful cure made of my child's helpless case, also my own, in a remarkably short time. I had been ailing for one year, I consulted, and treated with four different physicians without receiving any benefit whatever. The doctors said that the only relief or hope would be an operation. While under this doctor's care, my husband ran across Dr. Birkholz's advertisement, and advised me to go to him and see what he thought about my case, cordially being free. When I consulted this Dr. Birkholz he told me that my trouble was gall stones, the same as the first physician I treated with. I suffered untold agony with my back and sides; I could not straighten up. After the first treatment by Dr. Birkholz I improved at once, and after taking a few treatments I am entirely cured and feeling fine. During these treatments I passed four gall stones. Two were the size of a navy bean, the others the size of a pea. I now consider myself entirely cured. After taking treatment and feeling fine, I decided to improve myself also for treatment. My child, being 4 years old, was stricken with paralysis, which caused her to be almost helpless; also causing her eyes to be crossed. She was unable to feed herself. If she would all while trying to walk she was unable to get up without assistance. The child was helped wonderfully after the first treatment and after the fourth treatment is entirely cured and the picture of health. Any one wishing may interview me. I advise any parents who have sickly children to go to Dr. Birkholz for help. I think him a wonderful man; treats without knife or medicine, and I consider my child's cure, also my own, a miracle.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this third day of January, 1907.

EMIL A. BASSENER,
Notary Public—Cook County, Ill.

I have received thousands of such endorsements. I have done what many would consider miracles, and yet I have accomplished the same only according to natural laws. I ask only that you investigate.

Dr. J. R. Newton is my Spiritual Advisor. Absent treatment and vitalized fluid, 50¢ per month.

If you Write to Any of the Above Please Enclose Stamp.

DR. BIRKHOIZ,
4068 Indiana Av.

Hours: 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Daily, except Saturday and Sunday, 9 to 12 Noon. Send 4¢ in Stamps for My Book on Healing.

Get My Great Book on Healing.

IT'S FREE TO ALL SUFFERERS—THE SICK, THE WEAK, THE DESPONDENT.

DR. A. W. BIRKHOIZ,
Spiritual, Mental and Magnetic Healer.

What I show in this book must prove a startling revelation to you or to anyone not acquainted with what I am doing and what I have done. I claim to cure diseases of every description. I claim to make weak men and weak women strong, to fill them with new life energy, and to put them on the way to acquiring the maximum of success in business, in society and in every undertaking.

You may say I am making pretty broad claims, but I do not ask you to accept these claims just on my say so. What I am telling you I can PROVE to you or anyone.

Only fools scoff at something with which they are not familiar. The wise ever seek more wisdom.

In my book I tell you not only about myself, my humble origin, how I became possessed of these powers which many consider supernatural, but I have done for thousands of others, what I can do for you, regardless of your condition, etc.

OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE.

The main feature of the booklet is the large number of affidavits I give from those who have been absolutely cured, and cured for good—without drugs, surgical operations—where all else had failed, I give you the names and the addresses of men and women, and children who have been cured of various ailments, many of them of long standing, and where physicians and all kinds of medicines failed to give relief—of the blind that have had their sight restored to them, of the deaf who have been cured of the same, who walk without crutches.

This evidence speaks for itself. Do you suppose for one moment that all of these people, or any of them, would lie to me?

What I have done I can do. You can call it supernatural power, a divine gift, or call it magic, or call it mental healing—call it what you will. The fact remains, I have done these things, am doing every day—and I PROVE IT.

So I want you to send for this book. I want you to read these testimonials. I want you to learn something about my experiences, and want you to understand the superiority of my natural healing methods over the druggist methods.

State of Illinois, County of Cook.—Mrs. C. E. Wallis, 435 N. California Ave., makes the following statement: For the past six years I have been under the care of physicians. During this time my health has been very poor, and the bad feature was that the physicians did not seem to agree regarding my trouble. I have been treated for tapeworm, gall stones, liver trouble, stomach trouble, and have been under many other diseases. Instead of getting better I was constantly getting worse. About the time I first went to a physician I would occasionally have a fainting spell, but towards the end I would regularly have from 2 to 4 fits every day. The fits kept getting worse until they seemed to be my worst trouble. Doctors claimed that I could be relieved, but not cured. This was very discouraging to me after taking medicines for over six years, but I saw no improvement, and decided to make every effort to get better. I could not get no better, and I noticed Dr. Birkholz's advertisement in the paper and called on him for an examination. He told me that he would cure me, and, to my great surprise, he has cured me in a very short time. I have not had a fit since I first saw Dr. Birkholz, and my feeling fine and have gained 15 pounds. I will gladly explain every detail of this wonderful treatment to anyone ailing. I cannot recommend Dr. Birkholz too highly, and believe all who are sick should call on him.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me, a Notary Public, this first day of February, 1907.

THOMAS MOSES,
Notary Public.

PARALYSIS CURED IN FOUR TRAITEMENTS.

I, Mrs. John Wadett, 6741 Laflin St., Chicago, wish to tell the public of the wonderful cure made of my child's helpless case, also my own, in a remarkably short time. I had been ailing for one year, I consulted, and treated with four different physicians without receiving any benefit whatever. The doctors said that the only relief or hope would be an operation. While under this doctor's care, my husband ran across Dr. Birkholz's advertisement, and advised me to go to him and see what he thought about my case, cordially being free. When I consulted this Dr. Birkholz he told me that my trouble was gall stones, the same as the first physician I treated with. I suffered untold agony with my back and sides; I could not straighten up. After the first treatment by Dr. Birkholz I improved at once, and after taking a few treatments I am entirely cured and feeling fine. During these treatments I passed four gall stones. Two were the size of a navy bean, the others the size of a pea. I now consider myself entirely cured. After taking treatment and feeling fine, I decided to improve myself also for treatment. My child, being 4 years old, was stricken with paralysis, which caused her to be almost helpless; also causing her eyes to be crossed. She was unable to feed herself. If she would all while trying to walk she was unable to get up without assistance. The child was helped wonderfully after the first treatment and after the fourth treatment is entirely cured and the picture of health. Any one wishing may interview me. I advise any parents who have sickly children to go to Dr. Birkholz for help. I think him a wonderful man; treats without knife or medicine, and I consider my child's cure, also my own, a miracle.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this third day of January, 1907.

EMIL A. BASSENER,
Notary Public—Cook County, Ill.

I have received thousands of such endorsements. I have done what many would consider miracles, and yet I have accomplished the same only according to natural laws. I ask only that you investigate.

Dr. J. R. Newton is my Spiritual Advisor. Absent treatment and vitalized fluid, 50¢ per month.

If you Write to Any of the Above Please Enclose Stamp.

DR. BIRKHOIZ,
4068 Indiana Av.

Hours: 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Daily, except Saturday and Sunday, 9 to 12 Noon. Send 4¢ in Stamps for My Book on Healing.

Get My Great Book on Healing.

IT'S FREE TO ALL SUFFERERS—THE SICK, THE WEAK, THE DESPONDENT.

DR. A. W. BIRKHOIZ,
Spiritual, Mental and Magnetic Healer.

What I show in this book must prove a startling revelation to you or to anyone not acquainted with what I am doing and what I have done. I claim to cure diseases of every description. I claim to make weak men and weak women strong, to fill them with new life energy, and to put them on the way to acquiring the maximum of success in business, in society and in every undertaking.

You may say I am making pretty broad claims, but I do not ask you to accept these claims just on my say so. What I am telling you I can PROVE to you or anyone.

Only fools scoff at something with which they are not familiar. The wise ever seek more wisdom.

In my book I tell you not only about myself, my humble origin, how I became possessed of these powers which many consider supernatural, but I have done for thousands of others, what I can do for you, regardless of your condition, etc.

OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE.

The main feature of the booklet is the large number of affidavits I give from those who have been absolutely cured, and cured for good—without drugs, surgical operations—where all else had failed, I give you the names and the addresses of men and women, and children who have been cured of various ailments, many of them of long standing, and where physicians and all kinds of medicines failed to give relief—of the blind that have had their sight restored to them, of the deaf who have been cured of the same, who walk without crutches.

This evidence speaks for itself. Do you suppose for one moment that all of these people, or any of them, would lie to me?

What I have done I can do. You can call it supernatural power, a divine gift, or call it magic, or call it mental healing—call it what you will. The fact remains, I have done these things, am doing every day—and I PROVE IT.

So I want you to send for this book. I want you to read these testimonials. I want you to learn something about my experiences, and want you to understand the superiority of my natural healing methods over the druggist methods.

State of Illinois, County of Cook.—Mrs. C. E. Wallis, 435 N. California Ave., makes the following statement: For the past six years I have been under the care of physicians. During this time my health has been very poor, and the bad feature was that the physicians did not seem to agree regarding my trouble. I have been treated for tapeworm, gall stones, liver trouble, stomach trouble, and have been under many other diseases