

England in this matter. Third, Another matter proposed by including hard-hearted skeptical per-William Jennings Bryan, that we shall make it obligatory before any declarasons, have long ago been convinced that these birds really come from the tion of hostilities, to have difficulties New Guinea, as stated. Unfortunate-the Passion of Christ every ten years, ly, a cold spell came a day or two after and this divine drama has been enactbetween nations investigated by a Board of Arbitration. This has been ly, a cold spell came a day or two after this "trick" bird's arrival, and although done in some cases, but he would make it obligatory. That in itself would prethe greatest care was taken, it was intervals. Fifty years ago, even thirty vent nineteen out of twenty of all of the wars that otherwise might occur.

shown any tendency to co-operate with

"Fourth, the Protection of private property at sea in time of war. The legalized piracy that obtains in times of war is a disgrace to humanity America has always stood out theoretically at least-against it. The ques-tion now is whether we shall remove all this body of merchant marine from the danger of being despoiled and an nihilated in times of war. Fifth, a general Arbitration Treaty.

We have made arbitration treaties. We want one broad general treaty which all the nations shall sign with actor. each other. Nations are communicating with

each other about these propositions. We want to bring pressure upon the ten minutes and a two-cent stamp and write a letter to Elihu Root, and say you earnestly hope the government of the United States will support the recommendations of the Interparliamentary Union. It is not even necessary to enumerate them all. That is a very simple and very important thing to do. I'de not think long petitions have so much weight, but when a man or wo man takes the trouble to write a personal letter, he or she is almost sure to get a reply. I have been surprised at the courteous and quick response I have always received. If you address your letter correctly, it will be put on file and counted. These eighty millions of American people have nobody to express their desires on this impormatter except President Roosevelt and Elihu Root.

seen that the cold had selzed this un-usually sensitive one, and it sy bumbed acle Play attracted vast crowds, which -but not before it had proved itself gathered from every part of the civilto be one of the most convincing of ized world. 'apports" even to outsiders. In the short time I have at my disposal I desire to present to you the leading features of the Passion Play; Among the many speakers who have delighted the sitters at these circles, Mr. Creswick, the well-known actor, its effect on those who witnessed it; takes the leading place. Hitherto he its power over them for good, and, I am its effect on those who witnessed it; has always selected some short play sorry to have to record, its degeneracy been to witness the medium in the are the estimates we have of the numspace cleared for the occasion, assum-ing the part with all the gestures and have assembled, and on the occasion of which I am about to speak, there must finished delivery of an accomplished have been well nigh 500 present. The

year 1633 in the highlands of Bavaria. In a little village, after a devastating disease called the plague, the inhabit-

ed religiously ever since at ten years'

scenery would not be considered ex-On the evening of November 16, a new departure was taken, Mr. Creswick tra good on the boards of Drury Lane delivering an address on "Lessons from or His Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket, We want to bring pressure upon the deriven a margan basion Play," from in Lossons to Lastro, haymaner, government in regard to this second Hague Conference. There is one thing as it will be seen, his point of view as everyone here can do, whether he or a spectator, and is reproduced below as people, were excellent. The play took ecial. me say 16th Seance .- Nov. 16. Address by just at this point that all the actors Mr. William Creswick, "Lesson's from were from the ranks of the peasantrynot hired players, but simply faithful peasants, who had studied their parts, the Obermmergau Passion Play." Phenomena. A handful of thin wafer-like biscuits said to be from a holy place and it must be said that many of them showed no little ability in the imperat Juggernaut, and put there by the They were exceedingly fragile, sonation of the various characters. nrlest. This was especially noticeable in the impersonation of Pontius and also of the first of the kind, and different from anything seen outside India. Small bulb brought from South India, and Barabas, a part that would be considered at the present day as a minor one. planted in pot filled that day with fresh At the sound of the firing of a gun earth. Very fine tablet. Plant had by the actors trooped in upon the stage. this time grown 21/2 inches: was sub I desire to record with pleasure that equently put in conservatory, and it is promised will produce red and white there was no altering of the story as you read it in the New Testament. lowers. A second tablet. November 23rd .-- No sitting. hough presented under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church and by 17th Seance.-November 30. Address by Sig. Valetti, on "The State Roman Catholics, there was nothing inserted or added to it that would make and Condition of the People under the one think there was a desire to further various Governments." Phenomena "Trick" bird brought mentioned above the claims of that Church's doctrines upon the consciousness of men. It was An Assyrian tablet, more interesting the simple story of the martyrdom of as regards written matter than any that great seer, who "spake as never man spake before, whose life story previously brought. Dr. Robinson said. 'In the account in the Old Testament of the destruction of Babylon, Balshaz has moved even the greatest material ists to acknowledge with homage the zar is said to be the last king. The large cylinder now in the British Mupurity of his life and work. Looking round upon the audience, one would seum declares that Nabonidas was the last king, and churchmen have tried to feel that they had not assembled out last king, and churchmen have tried to of curiosity. The spirit of reverence reconcile these two accounts. On this of curiosity. The spirit of reverence little tablet the insorintion runs thus: was there. When Joseph Mayer, impersonated Christ, his long hair falling Gobryas came against them. The Lord of the Babilhu (Babylon) sent on his shoulders, placid eyes looking forth unto him, and Nabonidas fied down upon the face of the audience Then followed what is a Bab and especially in the scene away.' where ylonish affidavit, duly signed. Second Christ, brought before Pontius Pilate Tablet. Referring as the other to the wes delivered by him over to the scourgers, the vast audience seemed same event or incident, the investing of the City of Babylon by Cyrus. Into be trembling with emotion and filled with the desire to rise and denounce dian seeds brought. One planted, and the criminal act, and to exclaim with started to grow. Dr. Whitcomb said the criminal act, and to exclaim with it bears a most beautiful crimson bell-shaped flower. Joseph Hooker took some to England, and they lived for a long time in the Kew Gardens. 18th Seance .- December 7. Address gotten that they were but witnessing a representation of a great event in by Charles Bradlaugh on "Honest the world's history, for it seemed as Two pieces of Doubt." "Phenomena. Two pieces of monolithic marble from an old building. if they had bridged time, and away back in the first century were witness f re-polished it is said that fossilized ing the "meek and lowly one" being fish would be found scattered through delivered to the scourgers. The part A sacred tablet from Thibet, made where Pilate calls for water and washof pine wood. It was said to be one es his hands, signifying that he had hung near the graves of certain people with sacred writing on. This was cast away responsibility, was very very curious—a piece of yak skin striking, and just here let me say it through a hole in the wood serving to struck me that there are thousands of ang it by. The hieratic writing might people of the present time who try to e known by Dr. Heinsoldt, Dr. Whit- cast aside their responsibilities by figuratively washing their hands of them. comb said, but there is only one man-These responsibilities\_cannot be set Younghusband-at present with an exaside by any outward act or symbol. edition, who is familiar with it. Nest In this act the dne who impersonated with two eggs and a complete skeleton of bird, which Abdul said was a "trage-Pontius Pilate appeared to great addy of the jungle." The bird, while sit-ting, is attacked by a venomous insect, dies, and another enemy comes and vantage. The scene where, leaning on the balcony, he appeared to the crowd dies, and another enemy comes and of upturned faces, saying Behold I eats the body, leaving the skeleton as bring him forth to you, for I find no fault in him," was very fine." brought. was a tremor upon every lin, and then Lessons From the Oberammergau Pas- in the scene where he isiled out to ---- Tosion Play. crucifixion. laden. burdened under -Mr. Creswick. Good evening. Be it the heavy cross, and Simon is halled bad orators; hence I do not claim to rene, weakened, staggers along, and be a good public speaker. I am able away to Golgotha they go, Then the to recite the lines I have read over of two thieves are led out, and fust at some play, drama, or tragedy, but as an the time they are raised upon the cross composed by the subject interests me with expectancy listens. Longith, and Trust it will also interest. You have often heard the saying that you. I have entitled it "Lessons to be you could hear 'n pin drop, but now Derived from the Oberammergau Pas-sion Play" or Miracle Play. Might I at ing of a feather. With a great cry he the opening be permitted to say that said, "It is finished." Then from the hypnotize the higher, the effect can not control the cause, therefore the spiritual senses are the lawful con-trollers of the finite animal senses, in the pisce of being controlled by hyp-A, C, DOANE. It is nuisned. Then from the actors, people connected with the thea-tre, have in nearly all ages been regard-and scalding, course down their the shat in wise said, "This is the greatest sermon that and as I looked round upon them I said, "This is the greatest sermon that are shaded in the shat in the said, "This is the greatest sermon that are shaded in the shat is the greatest sermon that are shaded in the shat is the greatest sermon that are shaded in the shat is the greatest sermon that is an in the shat is the greatest sermon that is an in the shat is the greatest sermon that is a shat is an in the shat is the greatest sermon that is a shat is a shat is a state of the shat is the greatest sermon that is a shat is a sh

diers, with lances in their hands ap-

proached to give him the sponge of Myrrh and vinegar you could notice them turning away and closing their eyes to hide emotion. Nature had en-dowed and gifted him, and I venture to say that from that little Bavarian village thousands have gone forth tell ing the story how this grand man had impressed the people for good. What lesson have I learned from

witnessing, and what lesson would you gather from witnessing this remarkable Passion Play? That no matter how hard the hearts of men may be, the placing before them by true, competent actors of the chief scenes in the lives

of those who have given their lives in the service and in the cause of humani-ty, brings out all that is good and noble in human nature. The sensual is sup-pressed, and if there, be but a spark of spirituality it catches the flame and brings forth much fruit

Again, to Spiritualists, a great and a grand lesson should be received by witnessing the Passion Play. You would learn that the well-spent life brings its own reward-not the reward promised within the yell; but while in the flesh. It brings peace and comfort to one whose life is devoted to the cause of humanity. You would learn that there is a power behind every good

American Indians, and the govern-ment availed of his services to win them over. He is a scientist and au-thor of many valuable books. He was appointed Consul by President Grant, in Aslatic Turkey. He is meek as a lamb, simple as a child and his heart overflows with the milk of human kindness. He has come to us to prove that there is no such thing as death, that the soul is immortal and that

there will be a reunion of the departed dear ones. He is one who has the proud privilege of declaring, Oh! Death, where are thy stings?" For he has studied the subject almost all his life and is in the habit of saying that it is not a question of belief merely with him, but he knows that it is true.

"With these words I beg to ask the venerable octogenarian to deliver his lecture, which I doubt not will be heard with intense interest by many. The Doctor then rose to address the meeting. After speaking of his pur-

pose in coming to India, the lecturer remarked that he had a profound in terest in the people of this country, because of their past high civilization, the Vedas, the Mahabharata, the Rishis and their teachings which had streamed like golden sunbeams down through all intervening ages. The present was an age of investigation and research, and the question of

recognized by both medium and the audience.

With good weather conditions, there are indications of a large gathering at the mass-meeting of the state association, to be held Teb: 14-16. in this same hall; so come everybody and enjoy the feast of good things that will be dispensed by many of our leading platform workers. Mme. Voight will have charge of

the music, assisted by other talent of a high order. The large hall at 69 W. 125th street, to which Maud Lord Drake was obliged to move to accommodate the crowds which thronged her Sunday meetings at 7:30, was filled almost to overflowing Feb. 3. Dr. Cocke and Prof. Lewis continued their interesting talks upon "The Dy-namics of Human Life," after which Mrs. Drake gave many · recognized tests and messages in her sympathetic and refined way which appealed to and won the hearts of all. It was a great pleasure for her to receive in-

formal calls from her sister co-workers previous to the opening of the meeting. Mrs. Nellie J. T. Brigham and Miss

Belle Cushman, who proves such an able and popular 'assistant at her meeting, held in a near-by hall at 74 on what the finger of the Infinite has

through the things of dally life; it is wer revealing truth and beauty to the inner ear, for it comes not from without but springs up within; heard by the heart rather than by the ear.

The best things have not dropped down; they have grown up. Life is not from without, but from within. God speaks not in thunders, but in the hopes and the longings of hearts. Even the voice we hear in the sighings of the wind or the message we read in he rays of setting sun must be in us before it means aught to us.

The ten commandments owe their force not to any writing on stone, but to their avriting on our hearts; to them the soul of man answers affirmatively. The only moral code we can follow is that which speaks with authority of a conscience convicted. That does not mean that man is his own God, nor that he knows no law higher than himself; it does mean that by the laws of spiritual development the law is being written on every heart.

Every real revelation is a divine revelation, since all truth is divine. Once we thought the scientist the enemy of religion; now we know that whenever science lays bare one of the facts of the universe we do but look meeting, held in a near-by hall at 74 W. 126th street, every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Honory J. Nawton and Margaret Gaule-When religion fights truth traditions, she is fighting against God himself. Our need is not some strange, aweinspiring voice that shall break the silence of the midnight sky; our need is an ear trained to hear, a spirit, to understand and reverence the sublime voices that are ever speaking in our world, the voices of the beauty of nature, the joy of living, the stories of everyday divine heroism, the forces that are making a new world to-day as truly as ever one was made long ago. The life of our day has not less of the divine than the life of long ago; but the message is harder to read; it is for an educated race; it is spiritual rather than merely material; it i from within; it is found in every good impulse, in every outgoing sympathy, in the kindling of eye as friend greets friend, in the good that men'are doing, in the toleration that is becoming wider, the love stronger between man and man. God speaks to men now as he spoke, to Moses or to David, though the manner may have changed. But the noor in spirit, those with whom pride of We nast has not served to make them inwilling to learn, these hear the oice: the nure in heart see Him. the seekers after truth find Him, and to all He comes in the thrilling moment or in the quiet hour when the voice f the heart makes itself heard.

"There is just one other thing you can do. Take the trouble to write a letter to your representatives in Congress, and ask them whether they beong to the ArNitration Group in Congress,' and if not, why not.'

M. C. B.

Collection for the Temple Fund.

Each society of Spiritualists is requested by the executive board of the Temple Fund Society to take a special collection for the temple fund, on the second Sunday of March, as a tribute to our spirit helpers on the anniversary of Modern Spiritualism. temple fund will accrue to the good of our general cause by generous help in temple extension.

The aim is worthy of the support of all friends of the cause, and in tribute to the spirits who need all of our assistance to give them enlarged opportunity for work in behalf of truth and humanity.

Send all contributions to Mrs. Carrie H. Mong, secretary, 415 S. Frank-lin street, Muncie, Ind., or to the president, and due receipt will be acknowledged. I have faith in you.

Fraternally, GEO. W, KATES, President. Cheyney, Pa.

What Has Hypnetism Done for Us and What Can Spiritual Unfold-

ment Do? Hypnotism has willed people to be-

lieve in man-made gods and saviors, and prevented the unfoldment of the spiritual senses, which would have revealed the light of truth in the human mind, therefore it has been the enemy of the human race, wearing the cloak of Christianity to make slaves of human beings; while spiritual un-foldment can and will reyeal the light of truth in each mind, and bring about the brother and sisterhood of humanity, by obedience to nature's divine in the place of obedience to the

false teachers by hypnotism. Then our Christian wars will cease. and in their place we will 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 that have been forced on. the five finite animal senses, by the power of hypnotism, for the finite enses are hypnotized, to believe all kinds of creeds.

The infinite or spiritual senses can hypnotized; the lower cannothypnotize the higher, the effect can

what was truth in regard to man's man and woman who is striving to uporigin and final destiny was of trelift the race-a power that cannot be withstood. All the forces of darkness, mendous importance.

There are, he said, about us the whether they be allied or not, cannot souls of things and shells of things; prevail against this power for good that in every life devoted to God and man. and the soul of things is the spiritual. The spiritual and all powers are un At this point I take much pleasure in denying a falsehood that gained curseen. . The needle points towards the north pole by an unseen force; gravirency some years ago, A writer in one of the London reviews said that tation holds material things to earth Man is a spirit now, clothed in flesh our friend Joseph had received from The spirit world is here. But the the Pope. Leo XIII. an Indulgence that pardoned not only all his own sins, but spiritual realm, the angelic realm and the arsaphic spheres are far up in the the sins of his family, his children, and heavens. their children. This caused the late It is just natural for spiritual be-

Cardinal Vaughan great sorrow and in ings in worlds visible and invisible to dignation. Ultimately it was proved that it was a plenary Indulgence, not respond to converse with each other as it is fof the steel to respond to the a pardon for sins to be committed, and e who impersonated the Christ had it magnet, or love to respond to love. And, then, for all ages there have been framed, and it hung upon his walls for spiritual manifestations. years. He did not need a Christian writer to enlighten him concerning the fact that if he sinned he would be pun-

largely illusory. It may be smashed to rubbish and burned to ashes, and. ished, notwithstanding the edicts of Popes and Cardinals. In conclusion, I am credibly informed the ashes may be reduced to invisible gases and then vanish. The table as that the last two performances of the form is gone. But there is no annihi-Passion Play have degenerated. Sorry am I to record it, "tis true, 'tis pity, lation, the real table exists in the manufacturer's brain. All real things and pity 'tis 'tis true." Numbers of our are invisible and spiritual. You do not American friends and those from other see me now, said the speaker, unless you are clairooyant. This which you see is the temple, the fleshy taber-nacle in which "I," the "atma," the Christian lands have witnessed the last two performances as they did in years gone by, but the spirit of rever-ence has fied. I am told that on the faces of the audience could be seen real kingly man dwells, and death simply severs the co-partnership between the fleshy and the spiritual. And that look of expectancy and of curiosity that may be witnessed on the first each man enters into that state of conlight of Drury Lane pantomime, and sciousness which this life has prepared it was apparent they had come to see a him for. It is conduct and character grand piece of acting. Can anyone tell that save and not creeds nor rebirths. me the cause? I trust that in the I am conscious of the presence of years to come, when the Passion Play spirits every day of my life. This is will be again repeated, the spirit not belief, but positive knowledge. If reverence, reverence for that which is good, will again be revived, and those who witness it will go away from that building saying "It was good to be there; we have seen the Christ." Good night.-Harbinger of Light,

### LOVE'S ALL IN ALL.

Be near, oh, Love, in youth's fair morn.

When Hope is in imy yeins, And guide my ways to life adorn With bright eternal gains; Be near, oh, Love, e'er let me feel Thy tender presence dear. Then budding life will grow so real, Be near, oh, Love, be near. Be near: oh, Love, when busy noon My life doth occupy, inspire me when I faint too soon, Pray don't thy care deny;

col thou my fevered anxious brain, And warm my inniost heart. That helpful deeds may for me gain Those things that ne'er depart.

Be near, oh, Love, when shadows fall, And eventide draws near, With courage may Ti, 'wait Death's

call.-Oh; Lovo, keep me from fear; Oh, Love, be near, ny summons heed, Still let me feel; by touch, My guide, my strength, supply each

need. Oh, Love, thou art so much.

Be near, oh, Love; oh heed my call, All things above, Love's all in all. JOHN W. RING.

Happy is he who, caring not for pope Consul, or king, can sound himself to know-The destiny of man and live in hope. ....Werdeworth,

Reidinger and husband all of whom expressed kind words of appreciation

and good will coupled with cordial greetings and a welcome back to the city after many years of successful work in the far west and northwest. Drake's new book, "Psychic Mrs. Light" is a valuable addition to our literature, and should be in the library of every Spiritualist and reformer. It is gratifying to learn it is meeting with a large sale. We experienced pangs of grief and

when informed of the transiregrets tion of that highly inspired and ever popular worker, Mrs. Jennie Hagan rown, whose acquaintance and that of her mother we formed at Lake Pleasant thirty years ago, where she came from her rural home in Ver mont, inspired by the angels to recite All matter is changeable and largely impromptu poems before the large au-diences which gathered there, who illusory. This table before me is

were astonished and charmed by the marvelous renditions from subjects given her. Whether of a serious or frivolous nature, a great deal of philosophy and good moral teaching was woven into the same and often of such beauty and length they proved ser mons in themselves. Surely her work as recorded in the history of our novement and the influence upon the lives of her hearers will prove a grand monument to her memory. sympathy of our appreciative public will be extended to her bereaved hus band from all over this country, and from those who have heard of her good work sojourning in foreign lands. DR. G. W. FOWLER.

Brooklyn, NY.

### NEBRÁSKA ASSOCIATION

Setting Forth Their Success and Their Needs.

To the Editor:-I wish to state

through your valuable paper the success of the State Spiritualist Associa-Since their last con tion of Nebraska. vention, in October, we have had reg ular Sunday evening meetings, which have been a grand success, and the as sociation is in better standing' financial he felt the over-shadowing presence of ly than ever before.

spiritual intelligences. The doctor had seen spirit forms materialized, We have had about a year and half of regular Sunday meetings, and seen them step out into the middle of the room, and while he was yet holdthe medium that stood by us during that time, cleared about \$2000, and his spirit work we very much appreciated. He form dematerialized. Spiritualism now being called away to other, fields gives us positive demonstration of fu to work, we would like another as good He had seen a lady write with both hands different subjects at test medium with us; I am sure any other good medium-can make the same the same time, and while thus writing amount as he did. The field is in good she would converse upon still other condition for a worker. We, as an association will contract

with a GOOD TEST MEDIUM for our

REV. G. S. KLOC

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We boast our light; but, if we look regular Sunday meetings, encouraging not wisely on the sun itself. it smites the people to patronize them that they us into darkness. The light which we may make as good a salary. We have have gained was given us, not to be ever staring on, but by it to discover engaged the Bljou Theater hall that will hold about 700 people, having the onward things, now remote from all latest patent chair seats, that will be very comfortable to the audience knowledge,-Milton.

ing the hand had found the

subjects with persons present.

ture life.

A good Christian should never go which will stimulate harmony for the to law: rather should he give up his work. We are also planning to have coat and his pants; and everything moving pictures of a spiritual or religthat he hath. Churchmen never go to law; they are the most doclle and easy lous character for our lecturer to teach the people from. We have a good lec-turer who will do that branch of work. creatures in the world on matters of business.--Voltaire. well recommended, no other need

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

THE PAUPER'S DEATHBED.

Tread softly-bow the head, In reverent silence bow-No passing bell doth toll; Yet an immortal soul Is passing now.

Stranger, however great: With lowly reverence .bow; There's one in that poor shed, One by that paltry bed, Greater than thou.

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

That pavement damp 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—again 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 clod: 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. Sacred-are the lips from which has issued only truth: Over all wealth, We want a test medium that can game above all station, above the noble aly the robed and crowned--rises the sincere man. Happy is the man who neither paints nor patches, vells nor Genius always gives its best first; prudence at last,-Layater. voneers! Blessed is he who wears no mask!-Ingersoll.

#### I am now asked to describe what have seen through mediumistic sensitives it would take weeks and months for I have been fifty-seven years Spiritualist and have seen over 2.000 sensitives with gifts of trance, vision clairvoyance, clairaudience, levitation, gifts of tongues and gifts of healing. The Doctor described a very re-markable adept in Madras who moved objects by his will, and yet he admit ted that in the exercise of this power

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vell as local, and we want you to try it

A Notable Occasion. The 80th Anniversary of C. Payson Longley, at Washington, D. C.-A Greeting-Long to Be Remembered.

Wednesday, January 30, 1907, be- Golden Stairs," for "Love's Golden ing the eightieth anniversary of the Chain" shall bind hearts together, and birth of that ever youthful singer and so, "When My Soul Shall Be Free," composer, C. Payson Longley, the day and I know "They Are Calling Me was observed in a fitting and compli- Home," "Beyond the River," with mentary, manner at his home in the 'Dear Pleading Volces' to "The Home headquarters of the National Associa- of My Beautiful Dreams," "I Shall Be tion. Greetings without number, Satisfied." poems, speeches, songs, letters and The following poetic tribute from from friends far and near during the her gifted companion was read .at The offices of the Association this time: and the parlors of the home, were

turned into beautiful festive halls by the plants, flowers and other choice decorations that were employed in their transfiguration. In the evening a large number of the representative Spiritualists of Washington and vicinity assembled to pay tribute to the singer bard, and to congratulate him on his youthful vigor at the age of four-score years. Only the limita-tions of room prevented twice the number from receiving invitations, for the Longley home has innumerable friends in the district. The Washington Daily Post contained the following notice of the event in its issue of January 31:

"Spiritualist Is Honored.—Friends Celebrate Eightieth Anniversary of C. P. Longley's Birth.—The eightieth an-niversary of the birth of C. P. Longley was celebrated by his friends in the National Spiritualists' Association at his home, the headquarters of the association, 600 Pennsylvania avenue southeast. Mr. Longley, who is a well-known song writer, has devoted his talents of late years to the exposition of the tenets of Spiritualism, and is much esteemed by the members of that faith.

'The parlors were decorated with cut flowers and growing plants. E: W. Sprague, the minister of the Spir-itualist church of this city, acted as master\_of ceremonies, and introduced the speakers, who paid hearty tribute to the good qualities of their ven-erable host. F. A. Wood, the president of the local society, and Miss Susle Clark, of Boston, made short addresses, and I. C. I. Evans read an original poem. E. W. Hatch and C. L. Hatch, Boston vaudevillists, nephews of Mrs. Longley, contributed mu-sical and dramatic sketches.

number of congratulatory letters and telegrams were read, and refreshments were served."

At this gathering Mr. E. W. Sprague most creditably acquitted himself as master of ceremonies, both in his reading of the many letters, poems and telegrams received, and in his presentation of the different speakers of the evening. Among the notables present who gave utterance to their congratulations and good wishes for the venerable host were Mr. F. A. Wood, president of the First Association of the city; Miss Susie C. Clark, the well-known author of many works; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague; I. C. I. Evans of the N. S. A. official board; Walter P. Williams, and Mrs. M. J. Stevens—a prominent medium of Washington. The following telegrams were read:

"Boston, Mass., Jan. 30 .--- C. P. Longley-A Happy New Year to you; wish we could be with you. Jim and Carrie."-Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hatch. "Seattle, Wash.—Hearty congratu-lations. Many returns of the day.

God bless you. Harrison D. Barrett."

telegrams came to our musical brother the inspired pen of Mrs. Longley to The Song of Life.

hear a grand, impressive voice That sings and sings in thrilling tone. its pean makes the soul rejoice--

No other cadence like its own; Oh, grand the music, sweet the theme Surpassing all that earth has given, So worthy of a poet's dream So fitting for the souls in heaven. At first, the melody was fine-

Like threads of birdling notes in Spring,

like babbling brooks where flowers entwine The mossy banks where starlings

sing; t told of boyhood's happy days Of youthful hopes and merry plans,

f young Ambition's lofty gaze That fearlessly the whole world SCADS.

Then, came a note of greater length It glorified that mystic voice-As Manhood made its early choice Of Honesty and highest worth Apart from worldly fame and ken, Uncaring for applause of earth But only for the good of men. summer sweetness in the song

Of bloom and fragrance, beauty rare; t thrilled each heart amid the throng

And waked responses everywhere: or days were bright and nights aglow With radiant stars that never pale; As souls uplifted from below Learn how to do and never fail.

Again the voice, in mellow tone Awakened echoes grand and sweet, caught a note from Wisdom's

throne That made its harmonies complete; For in the Autumn time of life It told of ripening work sublime Of triumph over sin and strife,

Of victory over sense and time. sacred pause, and then once more

The song arose on raptured wings As upward cleaving evermore The air Celestial with it rings: For winter, with its whitened gifts, Its laden hands of work well done Gives glory that all sorrow lifts

From those whose victories are well won. The Song is here-the Singer, Life Repeats its anthems unto theemmortal cadences are rife With hints of rapture yet to be;

hrough, four score years the song has rung For thee-oh, singer of the world,

The while thy inspirations, sung Have helped to keep the Truth unfurled-

And thus, we give thee glad acclaim And recognize thy birth and name. Among the tributes-in prose and

will have many repetitions of this pleasant anniversary. We are, Your appreciative friends, CORA L. W. RICHMOND, WILLIAM RICHMOND.

Bosten, Mass., Jan. 30, 1907. My Esteemed, Dear Brother Longley:--Most cordially I greet you to-night, January 30, 1907, on the sum-

mit of four score years. To the child-mind, a life of 80 years appears very long, and "all the way up-hill," but to the adult, looking backward, the accumulated years seem impossible to fully realize. I arrived at the summit a few months in advance of you. The body gravitates earthward, the spirit vibrates heavenward

The body grows tired and sleepy and unelastic, while the soul and spirit grow younger and joyous like the goddess of perpetual morning. Somebody has written:

"The solemn murmurs of the Soul Foretell the life to be, As travelers hear the billows roll

Before they reach the sea." Brother Longley, you have enriched the world by your contributions of cheering and consoling music covering inspiring poetry; you have bestowed the harmonious concord of sweet sounds and by so much have

lessened the discords of the outer world. And you are blessed in your companion; she is ever alive to the spirit-ual world, full of sympathy and indus-

try for the common humanity. May you long enjoy her sweet society and may you both be glad and healthy and happy and prosperous. Fresh from this oven of fraternal

love, I send you an invisible birthday cake; take a bit yourself, chew and swallow it slowly and then divide the rest among your many friends present.

My blessed companion, Della, joins me in loving salutation to you both. ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS. Hartford, Conn. I cannot feel that 80 years have waxed and waned for dear Mr. Longley. He has found the elixir of perpetual youth. In spirit such a man can never grow old. You, Mr. Longley, have taken age, and loss of hope and fear for the future from many, many souls. I want to tell you that while at Montpeller, Vermont, last Saturday

and Sunday at the state convention, the choir was requested to sing, "Only a Thin Veil Between Us"-three times, each time such a response was given as would have gladdened your heart. feel sure that your heart-songs have

indeed carried comfort to many. I would dearly love to be with you on your anniversary and I shall be with you in thought, and I earnestly

pray that you may welcome many happy returns of your birthday. My good husband joins me in congratulations to you, both, and our sincere good wishes for the happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Longley for many years to come. May heaven's blessings rest

upon you. I am glad to know who cannot, will not grow old. "Old, are we growing old? Life blooms as we travel on Up the hills, into fresh, lovely dawns,

one

TOW

We are children who do but begin The sweetness of living to win; Because heaven is in us to bud and unfold--

We are younger for growing old." Affectionately, your sincere friend, HELEN L. P. RUSSEGUE.

New York City, Jan. 26, 1907. Prof. C. Payson Longley-Dear Friend and Brother:--Greetings and God-speed to you this, the 80th anniversary of your entrance into this world; what a long and useful life has been yours. And yet, one can hardly realize that so many years rest

upon your head. The eye has lost none of its youthful lustre and the mind is ever alert for all those things that keep it from growing old. You certainly have learned the art o

spirit and came Forth tresh from the altar of light, Songs: Chi they leaged like a beautifuldiame: 11

Making, your, way, and others, so bright. dg

Thou hast seen many wonders out-wrought on earth Since the stars and the suns cradled these of theer

such wonders/of science have sprung into birthics Such revealing of Thought's po

tency; or The snofting steam engine o'er land and o'er nea, The light of the lightning's fierce

gleam Chained to commerce becomes a mild

agency No longer heaven's dire, vengeful dream.

I'hou hast seen the old creeds and old

errors depart; Hast helped quench the Hadean fires; And out of the new world is revealed a

new heart With beneficent, fraternal desires.

'hou hast seen Death die; for the once closed gate Is unlocked and unchained and wide

open flung By the strong, loving angels who nevermore wait

But are here; all of this thou hast

hou hast seen many hundreds of thousands arise Freed from fear of the future, and

10: The garments of mourning are dropped, and their eyes Are anointed with gladness; they

Not as slaves to their dungeons; the

graves hold no more The loved; but enfranchised and

The loving above; meet the loving here to pour at Truth's glad be

hest. Thy gentle companion, heaven-gifted, to bless,

Crown thy life with this joy-time to-night. Thy friends gather near, each longing

to press Thy hand, and to express their de-

light. The unseen world throngs to a concourse above, With blessings unnumbred they

bend, And for thes there's only the one

voice of love, One wish and one prayer all inblend.

May thy life be as long as is best for thee here, May thy songs be as birds that re-

turn, Each blessing and singing from year

May the fountain of life fill its urn With joy; and whatever gifts others may know, They may teach, they may write, yours are sung;

For the songs of a people their na-tures best show; Sing on: 'You'' are eighty years

young,

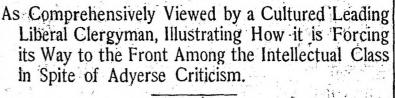
To C. Payson Longley: You are eighty years old to-day-That seems like a long, long time

If we stop to look back on the way O'er the hills you have had to

climb For there have been hills in your life, Yet they never have caused you to 

And climbed till you mounted the top.

We read in the pages of old Of a star that had signalled the word.



"The Great Work."

To the Editor:-As the columns of that the truly scientific attitude is that your paper are now open to a discus-of Huxley's "little child," by which slon of "The Great Work," it is pos-expression that great scientist desigsible that your readers may be inter- nated the attitude which experience ested in learning what impression this had taught him to assume toward all book makes upon a clergyman of one investigation. These will not deny of the old churches, whose point view nor flee from the light, but will ap is naturally somewhat different from proach and investigate.

that of many of your contributors. Two things, I apprehend, will be Having given the book a careful found necessary in order to justly Two things, I apprehend, will be reading, and viewing it now in its en- estimate the claims of this book. tirety, I can truly say that in every is the intellectual ability to appreciate respect it is the most remarkable pro- true, logical reasoning, and the other respect it is the most remarkable pro-duction it has ever been my lot to come across. The "lines" upon which it is built are so exceedingly broad, the undertaking proposed and delineated so immense, as to fairly daze the mind. If the accomplish-ment of the undertaking proposed is many will be found who see therein a possibility, as the author so ably possibilities of individual attainment argues it is, it may well be named which will in time bring such bless-"greatest work" the human mind our fondest dreams. RECTOR.

AN INTERESTING LETTER.

sented.

can contemplate. Compared to such an undertaking the mighty works of earth dwindle into the merest pastime. Again, if human employments are of ten called (and many of them justly in Which Various Matters Are Pre

so) "groveling in the dust," here is a work proposed which is well worthy

of the devotions of a royal race. On The gift with one year's subscription such an undertaking until he meets to The Progressive Thinker was gladcan hardly imagine the magnitude of the proposition face to face. He experlences'a decided shock when it is readers realize the amount of reading coolly and deliberately proposed that he at once begin to scale the heights zines pay \$1 for one year, receiving zines pay \$1 for one year, receiving twelve magazines which I doubt con-taining one-half the reading we receive of heaven,---that, without waiting for death to liberate him from the body, -that, without waiting for for the same price. he to-day begin a journey to the "Un-

We will greatly miss the reports Moses Hull made so interesting. Matdiscovered Country!" The spirit in which the author approaches and deals with this great the is so brave to continue her work subject is most commendable and im- alone; she must miss his help after so presses the serious reader favorably long journeying together. The discussion between Col. Olcott from the first. In this as well as in many other respects, he stands in and Elizabeth Harlow is very interest striking contrast to many of our pres-ent-day "intermediaries" who claim to Dr. Peebles is a wonderful man. striking contrast to many of our pres-ont-day "intermediaries" who claim to transact business between the two worlds, The finer, sensibilities of thinking men and women are often shocked by the ignorant, irreverent and illogical utterances of such people, in amazement, he certainly carries his who show by their thoughtlass words Weight of vears lightly.

who show by their thoughtless words weight of years lightly. that they have no just appreciation of Spiritualists seem to live to a ripe that they have no just appreciation of

the great subject with which they are dealing. While ridding the doctrine of a future life of the fables and su-new they have the would have to endure. No one would go to a party perstitions of the past, reformers uninvited, if they did they certainly would do well to remember that the would feel uncomfortable, hence a subject is one which deserves our suicide would rush in where he was not sauest, most candid, reverent, and wanted and not better his condition scholarly treatment, and which indeed one particle. It takes a brave man to must have such treatment, if the at- live and a coward to die. There are times when death seems preferable, tention of serious thinkers is to be but conditions are not always the same gained.

In this respect "The Great Work" is Waves of depression sweep over us, all that could be desired. The author perhaps, we soon understand the cause is intensely in earnest and thoroughly and rejoice in living and overcoming the temptation to end it all. A Spirit awake to the magnitude of the undertaking proposed. Not only is there ualist knows that ending our earthly manifested on every page the deep selife does not end all. riousness which one might reasonably There is no death.

expect to find, but also the language, logic, in fact the whole treatment are Will some kind reader please tell us how to distinguish the difference those of a scholar and master mind. between mundane and spirit influence. It is with consummate skill that the A spirit influence affects me in a calm. author lays the broad, ethical foundapeaceful way, at times seen tion, and then proceeds step by step throw a cold wave over my head and to erect thereon the edifice of master- body. Have felt kisses on my cheek, ship. Concerning the possibility of devel-manner. A mundane influence maker and fingers in my hair in a careasing

oping "independent spiritual sight" me nervous and often irritable. I would the average reader of the book may like to know how other people detect not care to express an opinion without the difference. igation but there is on

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who are nephews of Mrs. Longley, were present and rendered choice musical selections during the evening. Mrs. Longley, in giving a brief adments of the spirit world on the occasion, and Mrs. Sprague gave a tender | self. It must be gratifying to you to message to Mr. Longley from his know that you have made a deep imspirit mother. Mrs. Longley also pression for good in the world through spoke of Mr. T. J. Mayer of the N. S. your beautiful songs, which alone will who had sent his congratulations A, who had sent his congretation of the sentence of the senten able to be present owing to his poor in buying a little something to rememstate of health, and asked all present to send him their good thoughts and sympathy.

Among the written tributes received were letters from Mrs. Tillie U. Rey-nolds, of New York; Mrs. Lyman C. Hows, Dr. J. L. Zell, of Ohio; Mrs. Carter Rogers of California; Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Wink of San Francisco; Mr. William and Mrs. Cora Richmond, Andrew Jackson Davis, Lyman Howe, J. R. Francis, Mrs. C. L. Hatch and Mrs. H. L. P. Russegue. Also a beautiful poem from Mrs. Mary A. Price.

The following "Soliloguy of Titles," by E. W. Hatch, was read and gave by E. W. Hatch, was read and 'gave' wrong, much enjoyment, as it was observed to With the music of heavenly spheres. began arrangements of the titles of many of the songs of the veteran composer, C. P. Longley!

"I Love to Think of the Old Days," Dear Old Days" will come back to the and I see "The Home of My That border the summer land. Childhood Days" with "Mother's Love This day that crowns the four score Purest and Best." I gaze at "The years Ring My Mother Wore" and think of With vitionies wrought in thy soul, "My Mother's Beautiful Hands." I Hath a message of love from the m cryfaloud, "I'm Thinking, Dear Moth", sical spheres er, bi You." and Leall wow "Dear Moth", Star of Hope" and "Aspiration"; I know there is "Only a Thin Veil Be-tween Us," and at "The Lifting of Have a voice and a message that echo be vell" I, too, shall go to "Out to day" Besutiful Home Above," "Just Beyond With musical cadences, solemn and the Gates of Gold.'

"Oh, What Will It Be to Be There?" [ am ing." "Come in Some Beautiful Dream," 'Come, for My Poor Heart Is Break-

ing Light." "Oh, Come to My Heart and Home," and "Open Wide the Golden

Portal" of the "Bright Land of the. Blest.

"Sad Memories Come, Oh, Heart," as I think of the "Hopes of the Long Ago." "There Are Two Little Shoes and a Ringlet of Hair," "Vacant Stands Her Little Chair," for "Little Ago." Birdie's Gone to Rest" in "Our Beau-tiful Home Over There." She is a "Hand in Hand With the Angels," Heaven," Gathering Flowers in Heaven "Where the Roses Never Fade."

"There's'a Day of Triumph Coming.' ""Heavenly Music Fills the Air" On. "Echoes From Beyond the Veil." hna Angels Everywhere' sing of "Free thousands of earth's children and dom's Grand Triumph"; "Sometime which will continue to uplift weary We Shall Know" "The Good Time and hungoring mortals for many Yet to Be."

"We Are Journeying Home To-Day," "One by One the Old Friends with your many friends who are pres-Fall" from view; but "We'll All Meet ent and join in their expressions of Again in the Morning Land." Again in the Morning Land. If here to joe arthly happiness and useful-you will find him "Waiting by the ness." We hope you and Mrs. Longley

The celebrated Hatch Brotners of verse-received and read at these ex-Boston, vaudeville and musical artists, ercises, are the following: Chicago, Ill. My Dear Brother Longley:--I congratulate you on your 80th birthday. and trust that you may have at least dress of welcome, voiced the senti- twenty more, thus reaching the century mark, a limit I have set for my-

entitle you to a high seat among those ber the 80th mark in your life. Yours cordially, J. R. FRANCIS.

Prof. Payson Longley-My Dear Brother:-

I lean my soul toward that wonderful day

When first your voice was heard, And the echoing silences seem to say

"A musical genius has come this way, And we're listening to his word.' A wail is the first note in the song-That grows with advancing years, And weaves a spell as it warbles along

To charm away evil and banish the This day is a mile post to proclaim The nearness of the silver strand, Lighted with Love's immortal flames

And millions of sweet celestial names-

I Hath a message of love from the mu-h- sical spheres er, of You," and I call you "Back from Where every note of thy life appears the Shent Land," "The Beautiful Land As the mystical pages unroll. the Bient Land," "The Beautiful Land As the mystical pages unroll. of Light." You were my "Bright The sunshine and shadow that border Star of Hope" and "Aspiration"; I the way

In a hymn from the life of dur God. "Weary of Watching and Wait-"Come Back, Dear Mother," familabed for love-in Some Beautiful Dream," Thy music bath softened the pain of

despair; Come in Thy Beauty, Angel of The light of the morning that sparkles

above Into sorrowing hearts descends like a

-dove-In the hymns of thy day-dreams hov-

ering there. LYMAN C. HOWE. Mr. Longley-Dear Professor:--We regret very much that we cannot have our bodies with us here to-night through the lips of which we could iful Home Over There." She is a voice our high esteem and fraternal "Child of the Golden Sunshine" and is greeting to you, but please accept our congratulations upon this happy oc-

casion. With its four score years of battling with the elements and the for "The Soul Goes Marching strifes of human life; your physical form still presents the glow and ani mation of youth, showing the manage The "War Song of Progress" is "All ment of a master spirit. But only Hail the Dawning Light." "Truth such a spirit could have poured such Shall Save the World" and "Loving sweet songs of hope, comfort, rest to

years to come. "If love for you and wishes for many more

ing love for humanity that has been one of the distinguishing features of your whole life? Well, no matter what the secret may be. yours is a youthful age, and you may truly say, after singing innumerable songs, that The half that is in me has never been expressed." One of our teachers has said, "Don't let the song go out of your life." Certainly the song has never gone out of your life. Yours has been the song of the angels and the song of a most perfect and ablding love. You have sung these songs into the hearts of the people; they have become one of the most distinctive features of that great religion-Sniritualism-that now is attracting the attention of the most cultured of the earth. Thus, dear friend, have you gained an immortality among men. Beauti-ful as this may be, still there rises above it your work in the world as a teacher-for there has been a purpose in all the songs you have sung-you have taught us an exalted faith that

is born of knowledge-a faith that has thrown widely open "Those Pearly Gates" and rent asunder "The Thin Vell" that hangs between us and the world of ineffable beauty where all our loved ones dwell. But there rises something superior to all these gifts of poesy and song-

the Real Man revealed as Friend and Brother-here we find a man of positive convictions, strong in the ex-pressions of those ideas believed to be true, yet with a heart that is tender as that of woman, ever feeling for the oppressed and downtrodden. And is this life spent? Ah, no. only just begun—a few brief years lie behind, but before, Eternity filled with divinest possibilities.

May the years on the earth lead far beyond the century line; may health, prosperity and happiness be yours, until-

Your barque shall find its anchorage OI Test

When the kind hand which every good has given given with wider grace, shall give Opening

the best." This, the wish of your sincere and devoted friend, GEO. A. FULLER.

Poem -by Ouina, via Her Medium,

Water Lily-Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond: Just eighty years young to-day: What a crown Life and Love weave to place on your brow:

Life, wrought by your labors of beauty and song. Love, greeting and blessing you now:

Early years, aspiration and straggle were yours, Later, manhood's endeavors and

choice, Blessings; often revealed amid shad-

ows and tears, And, oft coming forth to rejoice.

Shadows: Beliefs coined by man here The struggles for freedom of

thought-

That a leader was born to the world ing old gracefully, and may I your To accomplish the work of his God; triend be bold enough to ask, "Teach me the secret of perpetual youth?" Is it the result of that deep and abid-And up in the heavens afar. I know there is shining away

The beautiful orb. of a star That is guiding you, day after day. It has watched over you since your

hirth On your various journeyings bent, t connected the heavens with earth And wherever it led, there you

went; Thus you have accomplished the work That you God mapped out for youshirk

That, which was your mission to do For you with your glorious songs

Have appealed to the hearts of mankind You have taught him to rise from the

Wrongs And develop the God in his mind: And by their sweet message of love Have brought out the good and the

true-Through the spirit of God from above That has been developed in you.

Tis a glorious honor to say-We have entered the struggle and

And cleared the mounds out of the way.

Yet, this my dear friend, you have done;

Your record of life as we know Stands out as a model so clear-Its influence ever will grow As a monument lasting and dear. I. C. I. EVANS.

Many beautiful gifts, including boxes of exquisite flowers were re-ceived by Brother Longley from friends far and near; the Ladies' Auxiliary presenting through its interpreter, Mr. Sprague, a set of Emer-son's works handsomely bound, and other gifts. The exercises were concluded by a duinty collation, followed by music and song till a late hour.

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Some Trenchant Reflections Thereon 109

To the Editor -Of all the words jug gled with by man, the word God has been the most jused, the most abused, and the least understood.

So far as man's knowledge of God is concerned, he has none whatever, and never had, for any God, in fact, is just as utterly inconceivable as time and

trenchantly said: "To endeavor to ex-plain the mystery of the Universe by the mystery of God, you do not even exchange mysteries-you make one more. The mystery of man cannot be explained by the . mystery of GOD. That mystery-still asks for explana tion.'

To all that has been said and written to prove the existence of God, there is, Words, WORDSI [1.1. M. SEVERANCE. there can be only one answer-"Words

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"The Attainment of Womanly Beau ty of Form and Features. The Cultiva

phase of the subject as here presented ders in changing the dispositions of that cannot fail to impress everyone many of our friends, as, eminently fitting and proper, and The Progressive The Progressive Thinker keeps me that is the author's insistance upon in touch with many mediums I met at the absolute necessity of a thorough Vicksburg camp, and at Grand Rapids, several years ago. I am not a medium.

moral foundation for the proposed spiritual structure. The thoughtful but would be proud to be one, as I am investigator feels that, if such high of owning myself a Spiritualist and a and holy gifts are within the reach of friend to all mediums. mortals, then, according to the effer nal fitness of things, they ought only

Herington, Kansas. be accessible to those whose uprightness and stability of character insur-

proper use of them. If, as John To the Editor :- Please accept thanks Fiske so ably shows, there is in the for the prompt remittance of the "Ununfolding universe an "Omnipresent Ethical Trend," then it is most fitting known Life of Jesus Christ." I have read it through. The light it sheds will that such attainments, than which we can conceive of no. higher, should flood the past with a gleam that will come, if at all in this life, as the set the most profound scholar think-fruitage of a normal growth which is ing. It looks more reasonable to my strictly in harmony with the "ethical mind than anything on the subject that trend" of the universe. I have been taught or ever read. Of

But apart from the subject of the the truth therein contained, there is no Development of Mastership, which is doubt, and I cannot doubt, and must of course the author's theme, the conclude that the theory of reincarnawork contains the best demonstration tion is true, and that the spirit who of the real oneness of science and re- was called Jesus Christ in his last inligion that I have ever seen. In re-gard to this in particular I most heart-ily commend the book to every Chris-that the reading public should peruse tian minister. We have all of us of- and prize. It is an ornament to any ten heard, and perhaps often made, one's library, and a Guiding Star the statement that true science and through the mazes of false teachings. true religion are one, and we. have and old superstitions, on to "terrathought that in the writings of Drumfirma."

In your issue of January 12, is an article on "The Theological Center of mond and others this truth was faily demonstrated, but in my judgment a far more able demonstration is to be the Universe," from the pen of C. C. found in the book under consideration. Carter, wherein he explains more in a nut-shell than some astronomers can In the chapter on "The Law of Comensation" for instance, how manifest with lengthy talk an the subject.

Among your many correspondents are s the truth of our Lord's saying that some of the highest minds of America, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the utterand the dear old Progressive Thinker most farthing." Anger, lust, greed, self-indulgence are shown to be, not is progressing and growing gloriously. We could not get along without its fear-less sheet. Long may it wave! simply "sins" which one ought not

commit. but infractions of unchange-As the storm in the heavens is clearable, though beneficent, LAW, from ing away, so may selfishness, envy, the consequences of which infractions malice, jealousy and bigotry be crushed there is no possibility of escape,from the mental visions of those who. this side of the last "farthing." pretend to follow in the footsteps of Finally, I can think of no compari-Finally, I can think of no compari-son which will better illustrate the save them from that galaxy of sins. general effect of this book than that How beautiful, how celestial, how diof an intensely brilliant light shining vine to realize that the reincarnation n a dark place and striking the eyes of the Most High has been upon earth, of people who are variously prepared and left a shining light for all to folto receive it. In such a case some low. The valuable books that I notice would hall the light with joy and on your list are very alluring to my eek to profit to the greatest possible mind and heart, and I trust that in extent by its revelations. Such would the near future I will avail myself of

be "in their element." Others whose some of the richest literature you now eyes were in an unhealthy condition would experience, pain and conseoffer to your readers. With the kindest wishes to you all, quently condemn the light, seek to shut it out, or flee from it. Still oth-I remain as ever, Rose L. Bushnell-DonnElly.

ers, whose eyes had been so long closed that they now called darkness

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### people's lives, we add'fuel, fend kind-ling wood to that Diving, Flame. Concentration Then bring forth light and lbeauty in other lives as in your own?" Man is the instrument through which God. the Key to Victory manifests to man. Yet look not for reward here and $now_{11}^{10}$ Will one is constantly giving out to others of love and service, he may never have it re-

A Practical Sermon, Delivered in Schmidt's Hall, Washington, D. C. January 28, 1907, by Alfred H. Terry.

"There is almost no limit to your atmosphere. You are the player, vine, realizing that your life is a dipower. You can bring beautiful con- Life the instrument. Play only good vine entity, eternal in the past as in ditions around you, to-day. You are tunes. Strike no discords. Let life the future. There is life before you world, Life is radiating the Eternal a spirit, and all the harmony in the be a beautiful chord, sounding and and life behind you, in one great un- Good, the world is growing better. If spiritual universe is in harmony with resounding through the corridors of ending chain. There is no evil but ig- we have made mistakes, the soul is your soul. The brilliant light of di- the Infinite. Your life to-morrow norance, and as the sun melts the fogs still taking its steps upward, emerging Schools is a flagrant evasion of a well vinity is within you. The kingdom of will be stronger than it is to-day, of earth, so the sun of spirituality heaven is within you. There are a Each day is one step higher in the di- dawns upon us, while gods and guardthousand chords of music vibrating vine ladder of progression. Be il- ians and angels forever light and lead around you; lift yourselves into their jumined with the radiance of the Di- us to the world above."

What a spirit of unrest pervades the which any mortal has ever won! every you are a spiritual being. YOU ARE world to-day, with its life, its hurry triumph is ours to reach. We do not SOMETHING DEATH CAN NEVER and bustle. No matter where we go, want to go hence with a spotted soul, TOUCH. we find even the persons we meet on but with the record of a pure life and

the street with faces tense and anx- a work well done. ious, revealing that their minds are clouded with worrying thoughts: every face is imprinted with a care, or Mind is the power behind the throne, express itself. Your mind is leading or an occasional white one may gleam some desire that is not satisfied.

plane. All are rushing on, on, to reach

has in mind. good. Refuse to see the bad. Look Learn to appropriate them. Use all the existence of your own soul because As the leaves of the forest in au- for the beauty in everything, from the your power to concentrate upon totumn, which the wind blows hither grass at your feet to the thoughts of day. The greatest solace the spirit the Light which illumines our conand thither, so are mortals, swayed love and inspiration from friends and can have is victory. We are all be- science? Do we doubt the spiritual inhere and there with little thought of angels, from the stars themselves that ing crowned. Every hour which is the life to come; and yet they wonder burn above you, that sing glorious well used, crowns us. Even if the why they do not reach the highest un- melodies to you. Nothing can chain work is very triffing, of little value, if cannot see the mind or our own spirfoldment, which in youth they longed the mind. Though the physical body it is done well, it brings foy to the its, only their effects; yet we are im-

for. Never for one instant do they al- is in a dungeon cell, the concentrated spirit. low themselves to think. Their wor- mind. is always free. Hold it not ries hold them as the hypnotist holds back with thoughts that you cannot Light. Demand it. There is the the mind of his subject, and thus they succeed. The call of your own soul, bright, glorious sun; it shines for you. hinder themselves from radiating the that star which shines above this cob- The flowers in the meadow, unfolding brightness that is their own by divine web of life, beckons you on. birthright. Like a flower which has | The clay is in your hand. You can with their fragrant blossoms, they unbeen covered from the light, when un- make, a statue or a worthless image. fold for you. When darkness comes covered we find the leaves turned It is within your power to make a and all the bright stars shine forth, white and all expression of a divine work of art. Then often seek the si- they shine for you, and the mighty

selves all covered up with the debris are annulled, all opposing influences it gives back that light for you; and of materiality. The snark of divinity sleeps in us

sion, we must go into the silence. We realize the divine life that is before you are thinking now will make your will be clear and bright had strong. must concentrate to gain release from you and behind and above you. Bathe life one thousand years from now. all that holds us down. Concentra- in that ether from the sphere of Spirit. Success is yours, faflure is yours. nature here, round off, some angle of tion is a wonderful power, one which Demand from it all that you desire. Learn how to play the game of life, disposition there, werare building a in childhood is practiced, and there- In the silence, you can thrill with the Would any one attempt to play chess spiritual grandeur, : through which fore should be natural to us. See vibration of the thoughts of the an- who knew nothing about the game, character will be revealed, clear-cut the child with its doll, having no gels. Only a few moments in the si- who couldn't tell a knight from a as a cameo. Let us be one grand rethought or feeling for anything else. lence changes all conditions, so that castle, where on the board he is; or flection of the Light above;, let our It is difficult to divert its attention, you can look through the eyes of the what his move should be? And yet breath be as music, our thoughts as and if turned for a moment, how spirit, and not through the glasses of you attempt the game of life. You harp-strings that angel fingers may quickly thought returns to the object the flesh. Then every day, if only for accept advice and suggestion from one touch, our footsteps treading the pathof its concentration; but when we a few minutes, take the time for si- mind and another, and yet cannot tell way of Power and Goodness, leavenchildhood behind, the ability to lent concentration, and you will go where your life belongs in this great . The Light which shines through our concentrate seems a thing of the past, thence out into the world, stronger, game of life. yet it should be natural to us all. It sweeter, with all the jealousy, -envy If you question your own soul, it to illumine our pathway ahead. Our

s something for us to grow back to, and hatred which may have stirred will tell you what no one else can. thought molds us. We are all built instead of something new for us to ac- the soul, vanished. quire. We have lost it and must re- We are the makers of our life, and higher voices will speak and illumine thoughts; seek the good, respond to

The Divine Artist is touching us all with our natural, spiritual color. Everything is an expression of spirit. Spirit is all in all. The light We walk into a garden at midnight. Every thought we breathe forth shines ever within you. Let it forth, It may be full of flowers. . We can here leaves an imprint, on the soul. Above the spirit is the soul trying to only detect them by their fragrance,

ever giving us encouragement, ever you ever toward the Infinite Good. out, but the others are fivisible; yet There is no peace on the mortal reaching our consciousness with the Remember the present moment is the the flowers are there just the same. message, "Go on, the world is yours, most important of all. The present hesitate not, falter not. Improve ev- is here, and with it are beautiful harsome particular goal which the spirit ery opportunity." Look only for monies and brilliant opportunities. you cannot see them? - Do'you doubt

Yearn within your souls for the shadowy existence the world of spirit stands superb in all its glory and pertheir petals, and perfuming the air minds. lived right here. This existence is a

did not need it, if we were already principle gone. Thus we keep our-lence, where all worldly conditions moon, reflecting the light of the sun, perfect, we would not be here; the very need of such experience brings withdrawn, and feel freedom and yet man questions if there is a God, us here. 'Life need not be a continual peace steal over you. Let go of the and doubts his own immortality. Lift sorrow, and if we learn our lessons all. But to bring it forth into expres- physical body for a few minutes, and yourself above such doubts, for what rightly to this point, then? the way If we carve off a sharp edge, of our

Draw near to your own soul, and by thought. Then think only good

A short time ago, at the Christmas

are striving to attain. He represents

We need not envy the spirits for be- that which we can reach if we will.

South.

gain it. It is a bright jewel, and by life will be as we make it. If it is not your path and your work. All the all the goodness and beauty in the finding it and polishing its surface, bright and beautiful, it is often our wisdom of the universe is for you to world, the world above as well as beour life will become the power it own fault. Remember if your life is read, the answers to all the secrets of low. Let thought soar to the majesty should be. But very few people can dark, other lives are dark too. Do the ages are all yours, if you seek of suns. A pessimistic thought

TIMELY ACTION.

Protest of the American Secular Union and Freethought Federation Against the Bill of the Woman's Educationa Union, to Have Their Book Entitled, "Readings From the Bible" Introduced Into the Public Schools of Illinois.

On page 5 of this book occurs this hypocritical and untruthful statement turned to him on that plane. His recompense must come in a spiritual by their Editorial Committee: "Never aggressive, never thrusting their own baptism, from a plang above that eligious convictions on others." Yet, these women are attempting to

have the Legislature pass a bill to en-In spite of all the shadow which toforce the reading of their book of "Se-lections from the Bible" before the day stands in the foreground of the children in the Public Schools' of Illinois.

This attempt to have religious exercises or Bible readings in our Public known principle, which underlies the Constitution of the United States and from the shadow, ripened by all its experiences while in the darkness. of all the States, with reference to the Just as the seed emerges from its question of religion, in which there is sleep in the darkness, amid the dirt an express provision against the donation of any public money for any such and the worms, so the soul while growing in the gloom, is, gathering We we

We would call your attention to Secpower and strength, to grive forth its tion twelve, Article Fliteen, of the true heauty. color and fragrance. School Laws of Illinois, which provides as follows:

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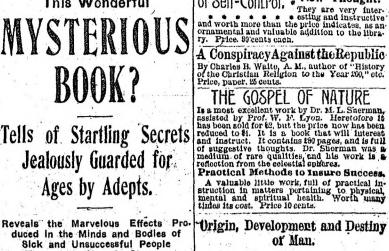
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your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the king of Glory." To find how strong and mighty, the Lord of Hosts is, be sure and get a Bible and look up

(Malachi Chap.'2, v. 2, 3), and see the strength of his threats. On page 106, we find: "Let every soul be subject to the Higher powers. For own mind may become a search-light there is no power but of God; and the owers that be are ordained of God." Why teach this lie to innocent chiliren, when they know full well that the powers that be are elected by the neo ple?

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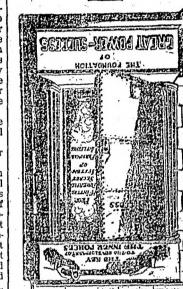
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comes. None of these things move us. mankind, faith in ourselves and faith We are here also to gain experience. All difficulties are conquered by self- in God. We all have our troubles -and these control: sorrows give us larger opportunities. Fear not for the future. Look not thought, which harmonizes us. When For through the vibrations of sorrow. so far ahead in the distance, but look we aspire, we forget self. If we pray pain and anxiety, that our own spirit to the present, for it is the present for selfish things, or for things we do knows, we can more intelligently always. In one sense of the word hot need, our prayers will not be ansympathize with others. If we have there is no future. It is in the pres- swered. The prayer that does the never suffered, we cannot understand ent that we have to think and work, most good to self is when we forget the pain of another. Only the soul we waste so much power by worrying self and pray for others, with that unithat sorrows can realize the sufferings over what may come into our lives. versal love that burns, within us, of humanity, and thus reach out with In the mind's happlest moments the burns forth to expression. We are a all its power to alleviate the same. black pliantom of the future suggests part of that Mighty Fire which rules Life is like a tangled thread because and reminds us that we have got to the universe. It is a part of us and a so entwined with the threads of other die. Even at the banquet, or perhaps part of God; and when we bring enlives. Every mortel may attain that the opera, that thought arises. But couraging words, like sunbeams, into

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concentrate or focus the mind steadnot be discouraged with vourself. them. ily on one thing in one direction. The You are placed here to do a work, material things of the world and it the caves of life. Admire the power. has received have frittered it away. you can bring forth grand results.

and are the controller of this work, will connect itself with the Infinite which placed us here. Every loving dred and one impressions the mind and by the power of concentration, Mind; and take good care of its in- thought is a stepping stone. Love strument-the body. How expect it all you can. You cannot give too There is almost no limit to your to give forth melody in the world if much love. Then help on your power. You can bring beautiful con- it is out of tune? The body should brother, lift him into the Divine Love. ditions around you, to-day. You are be a harmonious expression of spirit- You and he are a part of it all. You

Much of the nervousness in the a spirit, and all the harmony in the ual life. A sound free mind has a will stifle all the Divine within you if spiritual universe is in harmony with sound free body. When diseases re- you suffocate a good impulse. Give your soul. The brilliant light of di- ceive no sympathy, they will flee forth every good thought which burns vinity is within you. The kingdom of away. within you. Find the beauty in life, at a time, victory will be assured. To heaven is within you. There are a Keep in touch with the Divine Spir- the divine everywhere. All the play a beautiful piece of music we thousand chords of music vibrating it. As the caged animals are under wealth of the world cannot give you must first concentrate upon scales around you; lift yourselves into their such perfect control of their trainer inspiration. Inspiration comes from which are very uninteresting, but atmosphere. You are the player, that they forget their power and God. Let our thoughts drift backwhen we have perfect control of them, Life the instrument. Play only good strength, so we place our spirits be- | ward into the Infinite. Let us get we can master the most difficult com- tunes. Strike no discords. Let life hind the bars of limitation and forget closer home, nearer to the land of our position. If we cannot concentrate on be a beautiful chord, sounding and our power; we do not realize our hearts. We are simply at school, a little thing, we cannot on a large resounding through the corridors of strength: When the windows of learning lessons that will enable us to matter. When we learn to focus the Infinite. Your life to-morrow your soul have opened to the Eternal enter the eternal realm. And consteadily, we will have no weak habits. will be stronger than it is to-day. Light, it will radiate from your eyes, centration in our life action will prove The mind will so enjoy its duties, it Each day is one step higher in the from your voice, and you will breathed in our hand, a torch, to illumine our cannot express itself otherwise than great ladder of progression. Be il- forth music wherever you go. No way, our mind, our spirit, our soul, excellently. We will not worry, because we will have no time to worry. vine, realizing that your life is a di- progression, therefore take heart. Be with God, that Life is eternal, and So much might be won if we did not vine entity, enternal in the past as in not daunted. Fear not. Take the that we are walking on toward the lose energy by worrying about the fu- the future. There is life before you Star of Truth as your guide. Keep glories of the eternal life which

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There's a beautiful land near a shining strand. And its glories can never be guessed

'Tis the land where our loved ones -are waiting for us-The beautiful land of the blest.

and hills Shines a light that streams down

land. · -----Or weary, or weeping, or 'lone.

for Love is the light of that beautiful land- its ns A love that can never decayt speaks to the soul with a rhythm sublime-And nothing can fake it away.

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Feel never a sorrow or care. And beautiful music floats in from the with a rhythm so sweet and so low. where we do not mind whatever always; faith in all good, faith in

And flowers their fragrance sent out on the breeze. As it sweeps from, the valleys below. What is prayer? It is concentrated

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And fire out of his mouth devoured; Coals were kindled by it. He bowed the heavens also, and came

And darkness was under his feet.

And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly; Yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

He made darkness his secret place: The Lord also thundered in the heav

ens, And the highest heard his voice;

Hail stones and coals of fire. At thy rebuke. O Lord.

At the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

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Her subjects come at faintest call, And how the willing knee; Each one lets words of homage fall, In sweet sincerity.

Her subjects all are ruled by love, By silken cords they're led, They strive to please the great fond

heart, By whom their souls are fed. To be a subject of my queen, Be noble, brave and pure,

And you will surely gain her love. Then rest from storms secure.

Her great fond heart a haven is, To downcast and forlorn, And sheltered in that great fond heart, They wait the coming morn.

A great white, flaming star she shines, Athwart the moonlit sky, A leading and a guiding light

To the sphere so grand and high. Oh! pure white soul, Oh! queen divine.

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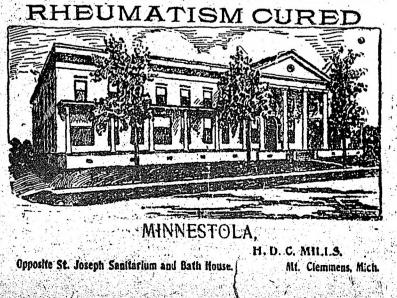
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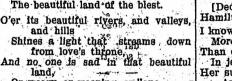
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Dr. A. A. Bell, of Madison, Ga., who does his own thinking, and has the ability to tell what he knows to others, writes thusly in regard to that grand philosopher, Herbert Spencer, who probably one of the most profound thinkers of the age, lately deceased. Writes Dr. Bell:

"Herbert Spencer, in his autobiography, referring to his twentieth year, wrote:

'Criticism had not yet shown me how astonishing is the supposition that the Cause from which have arisen thirty millions of suns with their attendant planets, took the form of a man, and made a bargain with Abraham to give him territory for allegiance

I had not at that time repudiated the notion of a deity, who is pleased with the singing of his praises and angry with the infinitesimal beings he has made when they fail to tell him perpetually of his greatness.

'It had not become manifest to me how absolutely and immeasurably unjust it would be that for Adam's disobedience (which might have caused a harsh man to discharge his servant) all Adam's guiltless descend- could not repeat the act without con-ants should be damned, with the ex- vulsing the solar system, and probably

The Seed Fell on Good Ground. Judge W. Grablackoff visited the The loss of natural sleep, during which repairs are made of broken xposition at St. Louis, as representadown and worn out tissues, entails tive of his country; the ancient kingdom of Bulgaria. His home was in risk of health, mind and life. All Sophia, one of the oldest of cities. Of physiologists and practitioners of medall the new ideas and treasures of the icine know, that reversing the order of western world he carried home with nature-laboring nights and sleeping him, one was destined to bear most days-entails a break-down and deabundant fruitage.

translations as he desired.

The demand for such literature has

Miracles.

dertaking.

struction of the nervous system, and Some one who had the interests of insures a lingering death. It is the Spiritualism at heart, and seeking violation of law inherent in animal what he could do to best serve it, life and cannot be triffed with with thought of the scheme to give the impunity. Recuperation is possible more distinguished foreign commisif the habit has not been too long prosioners and officials, each a copy of tracted. "The Arcana of Spiritualism," by Here, then, is positive proof that

Hudson Tuttle. Judge Grablackoff nights, not days, were designed for was one to receive the book. ' On his rest and the restoration of wasted energies.

There are no such facts in favor of rest day. Reasonable hours of labor each day, with no excess, the nights not wasted in gluttony, intemperance or debauchery, but given to repose, then health, contentment and general and oppressive taxation, heading apaprosperity will become universal. thy to higher spiritual wants. He One-seventh of all the days fliched could not extend the doctrines which from honest industry, in violation of filled his soul with joy by publishing a natural law, in the interest of a worthpaper, the ready resort of every one ess priesthood, to teach the fables of who has or thinks he has, something a corrupt and corrupting hierarchy, to teach in this country, for his counshould be suppressed by repressive trymen were not habitual readers. and egislation. 1:1 . 1 had not the money to pay subscrip

Incontrovertible Lacts.

Tried to Blow Up a War Cloud.

tions. He had no means to give them The sensational press was late ex-There was one way, easy and withploiting a war between the United out great cost. He organized a socie-States and Japan, If its reports had ty, as the parental source from which been credited we could have expected others could be formed in all the imto hear any day that the Philippine portant towns of his country. The Islands, Guam and the Hawailan subject was new, for there was not a Islands had been captured, and the Spiritualist or medium known as such Japanese war ships were advancing on at that time in all Bulgaria, But our cities on the Pacific coast.

there was a strong influence over the Was it the motive of these warminds of the most intelligent, like a predicting papers to incite discord bewave from the spirit side. The sotween the two nations? More likely clety's meetings were profitable in init was to influence Congress to approstruction from the start. Portions of priate a few hundred additional mill-'The Arcana of Spiritualism were ions to be expended in increasing the translated into the Bulgarian tongue, army and enlarging the navy. and read at the sessions, explained The truth is, there has been no and discussed. Mediumship began to thought of war on the part of either be manifested. The cause is extendnation. A triffing question arose being with astonishing strides. Now tween the two powers, a subject for Judge Grablackoff has written and international negotiation, and this, we published a book on "The Spiritual are glad to learn has been satisfac-Wonders," in the Bulgarian language. torily adjusted. It is the first printed 'in that tongue.

### The Truth in a Nutshell.

grown, and become so insistent that The Truth Seeker gives as the reathe author felt warranted in this unson for the decline in Christianity-"People can no longer be scared as they once were."

The fact is, so many scientists have Asked the other day by a good been sent to hell by the clergy those Christian friend, what we thought of there have combined their genius, put the miracles of Jesus, as proof of his out the principal fires, and converted divinity, we replied: They were insigthe country down there into a lovely nificant affairs compared with miracles summer resort.

related of other avatars. Indeed Franklin, with his kite, managed to there is one told in your Bible of steal lightning from heaven. Others Joshua, who was never claimed as a hitched it to the car of progress. God, which excels in grandeur all Morse spanned the "great gulf beother Munchausens. He commanded tween you and us" with a wire, and the sun to stand still, and the holy rectelephoned Peter of the good things ord says, it did so, "and hastened not coming; while Thomas Paine, the into go down for about a whole day.' ventor of iron bridges, as well Republics, at last advices was bridging the That must be conceded the grandest feat in all the ages. Nothing has ever points in Satan's empire, where the fire equaled it, and never will. A God is not yet extinguished. Others are vitalizing the remaining heat for me-

SOME EXPERIENCES THAT HAVE MYSTIFIED

Readers' of The Chicago Tribune Relate Incidents in Their Lives Which in Many Cases Establish the World-wide Truth of Spirit Return. The Secular Press Throughout the World are Beginning to Acknowledge Spirit Return, but Do So Without an "Ism."

Gets Advance Information in His Sleep to the springs, and a delightful the In 1893 I was employed by the Wa- was spent at the famous resort. In 1893 I was employed by the Wa-However, before the time arrived to bash railroad as telegraph operator; at this particular time I was on the start on the return trip I became nervous, and I had a clear presentiment extra list and working as night oper-ator at Antwerp, O. About 2 o'clock that something fatal was about to one morning, while awaiting the ar-rival of an east-bound freight, I behappen. I communicated my fears to the others-only to be met with laughter. Finally, I decided to recame exceedingly drowsy, and leaning turn on the trolley line.<sup>6</sup> I told them over on the desk immediately fell into deep sleep, which lasted not more it was unnecessary to meet me at the nearest point on the trolley line, for I than a minute or two.

While in this condition I dreamed would walk home the last half mile. Imagine, if you can, the news that -don't know what else to call it-that it was about 8 a. m., that I had reached me as I neared home. The surrey, with its three occupants in a returned to the office and was endeavjoyful mood, was crossing the railway oring to take a telegram, but for some reason or other was unable to read the tracks. A freight train had just passed, going north, and they started dots and dashes, so the day operator sat down to the instrument and copied to cross, not seeing the express rush the message, which was addressed to ing towards them on the south-bound me and stated that I was to return to Okolona (my home station) at once, and I too would surely have been num until needed elsewhere. bered with the dead had I occupied a

This dream was so real, so vivid, seat in the surrey.

that I awoke with a start and for the Dreams of a Check and Gets the Cash. rest of the night I was positively nervous and much disturbed over the Late in the summer of 1906, I wrote affair, not that there was anything a short story and sent it to a magazine out of the ordinary about the telewhich sometimes used amateurish stuff gram, but by reason of the weird, unlike mine. Weeks went on; arrived neither rejection slip nor check; then, explainable, peculiar nature of the in the stress of busy times, the whole At 9 a. m. I went to bed and before matter quite slipped my mind. On noon that same morning a messenger the night of October 4, 1906, I came to my room and handed me the dreamed of getting letters and opened following telegram: one, not seeing whom it was from; out Peru. Ind., Oct. 28, 1893. Filed of it fell a yellow slip which I saw to 10:25 a. m. ... be a check for \$6.

To H. H. B.: The next morning, while preparing Mr Marcombe will relieve you at breakfast, I told of my vivid dream, but was laughed at and asked why I didn't dream of a "twenty." Soon Antwerp to-night. You may return to Okolona until needed elsewhere. Pass after letters came-quite a bunch for on No. 46. J. J. S.

The above message, while not writme. ten or filed until 10:25 a.m., or eight hours after my dream, was "Now for the check," my brother teased. The first letter I took up bore a typewritten address and I did not identically the same as the one I saw in the "vision." H. H. B. notice where it came from. As I opened it a slip of yellow paper flut-Sees a Ghost in Flat Above; Had to ered to the floor; my fingers shook as

Move. opened it and saw that it was a check for \$6. The story which I had

forgotten was accepted and this was in San Francisco, and in a flat on Bush the payment. street two of us saw a ghost, or thought we did. It was a two story She Whistled to Girl Friend After She flat, the upper rooms being unfurnished, and it was there the shade walked. One inight at midnight the rumbling and rattling and banging in in our quiet neighborhood, and they the empty rooms above roused everygrew into young womanhood together body. I ran from the room I occuin one of the most beautiful friend pied with one sister to my sister at the ships it has been my good fortune to front of the flat, looking up as I raced look upon. These girls were oppo-along through the doorless arch sites in many of their physical characalong; through the doorless arch leading to the lupper story, and I disteristics, but they were inseparable tinctly saw the figure of a woman in and unfailing companions. white sharply outlined against a window, and so vivid was the impression womanhood, grew noticeably more that I noted her hair hung loosely. spiritual and less vigorous of body-

My sister followed me, the rumbling "not long for this life," as the neigh-bors said. Her life was beautiful in and rattling still continuing, but finally censing. Returning I again the way only such lives can be, looked for the ghostly woman, but she her strength failed and she seemed to was gone. I said nothing to anyone, fade day by day. but at breakfast my sister exactly de-Her companion's grief was, of scribed the woman with flowing hair. course, something only to be imagined. She also had seen it. Well, we To see them together, one would think thought it was a ghost, for always our no cloud obscured their sunshine, for search showed rooms thick with unneither ever spoke of what both disturbed dust and empty. knew, but the anguish endured by I don't know if the ghost continued each in silence will never be known.

We never looked, nightly to walk. but the terrifying rumbling still keephood, made use of a peculiar bird call whistle to call each other in the morn-

The Unknown Life of Christ.

A New edition of the Unknown Life of Christ is just from the press, and we are able to supply all def mands. For the benefit of new subscribers we have added thereto two remarkable lectures, one by Prof. Henry S. Olcott, and the other by Miss Elizabeth Harlow, on the "Dangers of Psychism," a very valuable. attractive and instructive addition to this excellent book, and which should be carefully read by every Spiritualist, investigator and occult student in the land. This book is gotten up in fine style, and the additions thereto will enable it to serve a double purpose. It is still sent out as an absolute gift to all who send in \$1.00 for The Progressive Thinker one year, and 10 cents in stamps to pay postage on the book.

London and Rochester, she must have WHITE'S SPIRIT ADMITS GUILTdied just at the time he saw her. Did SAYS "ACQUIT." he see her? 8, G. 'Evelyn's Story Is True and Thew Girl Reveals Burial Place of Her Skeleton.

The family lived on a farm.

eldest daughter left the house

P. H.

D. A.

tree.'

seen.

tive

wore that night.

identification

Died.

Two girls whom I once knew lived

One of them, as she grew to young

These two had, since early child-

ing, or at any time, in fact. This call

and a trill, which I have never been

able to imitate, nor has any one else

The days came, early one fall, when

She had not been there ten minutes.

who has ever heard it.

used a plaintive falling cadence

sleeping

girl.

duct he said:

out of.date shirt waist.

room without noticing me.

He described perfectly

daughter who had disappeared

years before, even to the dress

of the ten years dead girl. A. B. C.

Germany."

Did Right in Killing Me," Asserts Spirit's Voice Through Medium. Th A' Chicago Spiritualist, Mrs. Emma

reb. 28, 1907, 19 m

one Caird, 598 West Monroe street, claims evening, and never was heard from again. No reason for her disappearto have established communication with Stanford White. Mrs. Caird toance could be given. Ten years after day gave this story of the messages the son of the family brought home sent to her by the spirit of the man his college chum on Christmas vacamurdered by Harry Thaw: tion. The guest occupied the room which had belonged to the missing

By Mrs. Emma Caird.

"Harry Thaw will be acquitted!" The morning after his arrival he spirit of Stanford Whites "The earth-bound by his sins, speaking to came to breakfast, looking pale and disturbed. To account for his conme from the spirit world, gives me this message. "Last night, after I had been asleen

"The jury as it now stands is eight perhaps an hour, I awakened with the for acquittal, four for conviction. It is possible that the minds of the four impression that some one was in my room. I had left my lamp burning in against Thaw may be changed so that the wall bracket, and as I looked up this jury will not disagree.

a tall young girl was going over to-"But the final result in any case will ward it. I had never seen her before. be Harry Thaw's acquittal. She wore an old sailor hat and a way "Thaw was justified in killing me

from what he knew and from the way "She took the lamp and left the he looked at it.

I jumped "I would have done the same to him up and softly followed her. She went under the same circumstances. "I went armed for over a year be-

downstairs, set the lamp on the hall tree, and went out the front door. cause of Thaw. If I could have had When I reached the door she was at a chance, I would not have hesitated the gate. Then she started down the to kill him. walk, and when sue reached an old

"I deserved death for the crimes L building at the end of the road, she suddenly disappeared. That is all, excommitted, but my murder is not the proper way of atonement.

cent when I came to look for my lamp 'The publication of the truth in my, life-time would have been a thousand this morning it wasn't in the bracket on the wall, but down on the hall times worse for me.

Spirit Admits Mrs. Thaw Told Truth The family questioned their guest About White. more minutely as to the girl he had

"Evelyn Nesbit Thaw told the whole the truth absolutely in what she said. ten

"My friends and the prosecution are she seeking to discredit her story by trying to prove that before she knew me Then the old house at the bend of was a frequenter of the 'Tenderthe road was searched. There, among loin' district and that she was better a heap of rags, they found, with posioff after her acquaintance with me of finger rings, than she was before. watch, and other trinkets, the skeleton

"This is not true, and they will none be able to prove it. "The prosecution will bring forward

Weird Tale That Was "Made in nothing that will be able entirely to discredit the impression made by the defense.

Grandma is a German, and in Ger-"I am bound to do my utmost to many in her time was a personage called "the good man." Now it seems help Thaw's cause now, since my spirtual emancipation can come only that my grandmother had a brother through sacrifice on my part, and 1 named John, who, as the old people will be held on the lowest planes of. in Germany called it, "was possessed of the devil," as he would fall in a sort the spirit world until I have done this. "I know that I did terrible and unof fit, and when in them would talk to

There were three of us sisters living

dream.

ception of a relatively few who ac cented the plan of salvation which the immense majority never heard of.

'Nor had I in those days perceived the astonishing nature of the Creed which offers for profoundest worship a Being who calmly looks on while myriads of his creatures are suffering eternal torments.

"'But, though definite propositions of this kind had not arisen in me, it is probable the dim consciousness out of girls from the rain, bears no compariwhich they eventually emerged produced alienation from the established beliefs and observances."

"The above is copied from the Freethinker, London, June issue, 1906. If the reasoning is not sound in this article I would like some clergyman or theologian to point it out.

"Is it not strange that Christians will insist upon the worshiping of a God who has built a hell of awful torments in which to punish his creatures for the crime of unbelief? (Mark Xvi: 15-19.) And that to all eternity!

"I must insist upon asking what joy can come to a God from whom thirty millions of suns have arisen," and what possible good will come to the individuals-perhaps my father sister, or my dear mother-to punish their souls for thousands of years, or even one week, after their death?

"How in the name of love and mercy can intelligent men and women worship a being who will consign their children, the darlings of their bosoms. to everlasting torment for the disobedience of Adam, and uphold such a superstition, although encouraged by bishops and doctors of divinity, is astonishing.

"And what is still more astounding, the believers in this horrible doctrine, including bishops, editors and doctors of divinity, stand ready to denounce and persecute those who repudiate the creeds of the churches, as lately evinced in the case of Dr. Crapsey. ment, which we copy verbatim:

"Such a condition of the mind can be accounted for only upon the theory of its being a disease of obsession hich should engage the attention of the state authorities. I mean a commission should be appointed to investigate its pathology."

· Pointed.

Numerous quotations from preachers and Christian journalists have appeared in these columns, showing the church has had its day, and that the institution is in a rapid decline. The Truth Seeker, in closing a vigorous article on "Sabbatarian Cant," leads all in forceful expression in the same direction. The editor says:

...

'The theological car is rolling down hill rapidly, and the attempt to revive outgrown Sunday laws on any pretext. is putting a big stone in the road. But the ultimate result will be to damage the car. let us hope beyond repair.

There is one consolation; in these days of books, magazines and newspapers, everybody is able to read them, and the law no longer compels attendance on priestly service at church, so we-can remain at home all day Sunday and grow wiser by reading. Our ancestors were not thus favored.

vulsing the solar system, and probably chanical purposes, and are retaining some of the hottest places in which to deranging the entire machinery of the fry the clergy who manage to escape universe. Says Pope:

"One step broken, the great scale's dereach this modernized retreat. stroyed."

and they all worked miracles in proof

of their divinity, as did all the minor

name immortal.

not controvert their claim.

And thus the seance closed.

valuable facts in this connection."

A Strange Concession.

prove that "God in his wisdom has left

evidence of himself among all nations

and all peoples, and that it was human

folly to repudiate that evidence; but

of the ablest of his sect, that "man, by

Churchmen are in the habit of hold-

enough to give expression to their

honest convictions on this subject.

They who wish to denounce some one

their own, should begin and end their

nature. is a more atheist."

Rev. John Wesley.

friend.

A proposition was made to establish That was a miracle to boast of. a trolley car line across the gulf to That little affair told of Chrishna, heaven, but the wiser ones were fearwho lifted a mountain, and held it as ful of an invasion of idiots, infants and an umbrella to protect the milking preachers, who, it was said, were the principal residents of heaven, and the son to the grander feat of Joshua, only ones who could look across the though Chrishna, too, was a god, if we intervening space, and exult at the can trust Oriental literature. He was miseries, as they supposed, of the the eighth in the series of Indian gods,

damned. How Is This?

gods and goddesses of Greece and In place of a creed, Latin credo-Rome. Old Hercules performed a believe, how would it do to substitute dozen marvelous feats which make his one of knowledge, taking the Mohammedan assertion as to a God for au-Jesus sending a disciple to catch a

thority? fish, and take money from its mouth "God is God. and there is no God to pay his taxes, Matt. 17:27; his conbut God," and man's only savior is version of water into wine; and his worthy action. An immortal life is feeding five thousand with five loaves an inference of nature, confirmed by and two fishes, with twelve baskets spirit revelation.

of fragments left, were brilliant dis-Miracles in support of creeds are plays of power, we were about to say, but fiction, creatures of ignorance if trustworthy; but as the preachers and unreasoning faith. The magniyouch for their genuineness, we shall tude of a miracle is contingent on the ability of the relator, and its accept-"I won't talk with you," said our ance as a truth depends on the credulity of the one to whom it is told. "Well, then, you will miss some

Not Compelled to Worship.

At an Ohio military post, Major Glenn in command, an order was issued to a sergeant to take a part of John Wesley, the founder of Meththe command to religious services, odism, in his published sermons, Vol. and attend on the same in person. II, p. 309, makes the following state-The order was obeyed so far as taking the soldiers to church was con-"After all that has been so plaus cerned, but the sergeant refused to ibly written concerning the "innate idea of God,' after all that has been enter. For this act of insubordinasaid of its being common to all men, in all ages and nations, it does not aption the non-commissioned officer was placed under arrest.

pear that man has naturally any more idea of God than any of the beasts of The case being referred to the authorities at Washington, it was ruled, the field. He has no knowledge "hereafter officers in command shall God at all: neither is God in all his thoughts. Whatever change may af-terward be wrought-whether by the not compel men to attend church for religious worship." grace of God, or by his own reflection,

Such an unwise order enforced, or by education—HE IS, BY NA TURE, A MERE ATHEIST." only the most bigoted orthodox Many a pulpit discourse have we lischurchmen would enter the military tened to in which was the burden to Bervice.

Not Good Teaching.

A pastor of a Christian church in New York is reported to have insisted here is the positive statement of one that boxing, billiards, dancing, cardplaying, and other harmless amusements should be taught in churches. Probably the dominie saw the nearest ing up to contempt those who are brave route to heaven was along these lines. Well, on February 5, in that pastor's church in New York a dear brother received a blow in a boxing match. for holding an opinion adverse to which ended his life soon after. Who was responsible for that life? Churchvituporative utterances by heaping all men are found who commend anything of them on the head and memory of that puts money in the treasury from which they draw their salaries.

ot on our ner moved. Later we heard that a murder had been committed at that number, and six months after a morning paper reported a suicide at the place. the monotony of heaven and stealthily But the ghost can no longer walk-it was burnt out-the earthquake ut-

terly destroying our uncanny flat. the invalid was obliged to keep her bed. Still the two friends were insep-D. M.

arable, except during their Son Dies Just as He Had Dreamed. hours. Then quite late one night after a trying, restless day, the invalid In the year 1822 my grandfather's ldest son left Yale college determined dropped off to sleep, and the faithful to continue his studies at Oxford. but tired companion crept out of the house, across the lawn, and into her England. Indeed, he checked his own home next door, going straight to trunk as far as Boston, and then returned to his Connecticut home to tell her room, where she stretched herself of his decision and get means to carry wearily across her bed just as she was out his plans. and closed her eyes in sleep.

My grandfather had other sons and daughters and objected to the great it seemed to her, when she was

several it times,

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prfest:

time really dead.

'Father!'

expense, although in full sympathy aroused from a sound sleep and sat up with his son's ambition. The young straight, intent and listening. What man made up his mind to teach until she distinctly heard was the soft bird he could earn sufficient funds to send note and falling cadence of her imself, and went at once to Baton friend's call to her, perfectly rendered Rouge, La., and began his labors. and unmnstakable. Scarcely believing her ears, the girl

Here he suddenly died of yellow crept to her window, which was open His father dreamed one night that and, looking out upon the gray dawn Benjamin had only a half hour to live. she answered the call clearly and dis When at last, in those days of slow tinctly, then held her breath. Again mails, the dread news reached him he she heard the call come back to her found that Benjamin had died on the once, then twice, the second time faintly as if from a distance. night of his dream. A. E. B.

The tired watcher could not keep back a weird feeling of something un-Buried Alive; Appears to Her Parents. canny about the whole thing. As she When I was 14 years old, in 1872, thought more and more of the circumterrible epidemic of cholera pre stances, she was on the point of going vailed in northern Europe. In the portion of Poland snatched by Ger-many called Oberschlesien (Slonsk), back to bed, but, finally following an undefined impulse, she left her own house and stole back over the lawn to in my native city, Ujest, nearly one-half of the population fell victims to that of her friend, and in at the side door to which she always had access the plague. The hysterical fear of She did not pause until she reached contagion created a municipal order to the sick room, then she pushed aside bury the victims immediately after the curtain, and bent closely over the they ceased to groan and move. I had a cousin, Catherine, an 18-year-old form lying there in the dim light of the lamp. She found it lying quietly girl, who after a visit to a friend, who with a beautiful smile upon the lips succumbed to the plague in her pres-ence, on return home became sick and after a few hours apparently died, and was burled, in the churchyard cemewhich were cold and lifeless.

D. E. B. Hears Voice of Dying Girl Across the

child.

tery. Next day, when her parents, Andrew and, Hegewich Goiny, were Sea sitting motionless in the despair of their grief in the dlning-room, Cather-In the '50s, about 1858, I resided in Rochester, N.Y. We came from Eng-land. About that time my mother's ine suddenly entered the room and wringing her hands repeated desperbrother came from London, intending, "Father! f possible, to make a home for his family. One evening we were at the It took hearly half an hour for the supper table, a jolly, happy family. when suddenly Uncle John fell back in old couple to regain their faculties and hasten to a the parish priest, Father Anthony Meiser, with the re-quest that he open Catherine's grave. When hear the church they met on a his chair, ghastly pale, and we all jumped to our feet, watching him. His hand raised pointing to the celling, and with a look of terror on his run the churchyard gravedigger, Jo-seph Czech, who<sub>l</sub>told them in exciteface the hand slowly swept across the room. Then he broke down, crying, ment that several minutes before Patty is dead

while digging a grave next to that of Patty was his favorite daughter in Catherine's, he hard her crying and calling, "Father! Father!" and hur-London. "She called me as she crossed the

ried to report the accident to the room, 'Papa,' 'Papa,' " cried Uncle John When they all reached Catherine's In those days it took about a month

grave and by digging opened it she was still warm, her face and fingers to get a letter from England. Time passed and we had almost forgotten terribly bruised and cut—but this time really dead. MRS. P. G. the incident when, going for the mail one day, I got a black bordered letter addressed to John Denham. Now, he Forewarned of Danger, Life Is Saved. never got home from work before 7 p. m., but on my going home about I Early in the summer of 1894 I was visiting the home of relatives in the town of H. It was proposed, one af-ternoon, that we visit Sulphur Springs, o'clock he was standing at the gate and as I came up said, "San, give me the letter."

possibly twelve miles distant. The letter was from his wife, saying The party consisted of four and an easy Patty had died and that her last words riding surrey, was used. Nothing oc- were: "Papa!" . And figurcurred to mar the pleasure of the trip ing the difference in time' between

an unseen person, and become so my life. In the last four years my heavy that five men could not raise mind was diseased, I believe, so that him from the ground. I had no idea of right and wrong. One time grandma and her sister

"There were other girls whom and mother and father were sitting at wronged as I did Evelyn Neshit. the fireplace, when there appeared at "Two of these girls are willing to

the window an animal for which peotake the stand in her behalf to suppleple paid a high price for the fur. It ment her story, but their testimony, reared upon its hind legs at the winwill not be allowed for technical readow, and my, great-grandfather resons.

moved his slipper, with the intention of throwing it, but just then he turned, Loved Evelyn More After Her Marriage and there stood John in his night, robe "Evelyn Thaw still possesses a wonand said: "Do not touch him," and derful fascination for me and always walked to the window and said: "So did, even more after her marriage to you have come; as you came, so shall Thaw than ever before.

"Thaw was right from his code and you go. Previously the boy, childlike, had my own in ending my life-but I threatened his sister "that the black know and am glad to know that he devil would come," and I suppose this will finally be acquitted.

"There is plenty of evidence in exwas the fulfillment of his threat; at least, so they thought, and became istence that would free Harry Thaw much alarmed and again took him to that has not yet been brought to specialists, but they could not learn light. His defense has brought out what malady he had. the best it has, but there are men in

The people of the village at last New York who could do more for him. said the boy should be taken to "the "I am doing my utmost to induce good man" as a last resource. them to bring this forward, although I This do not believe that it is entirely 'necold man seemed to have a sort of second sight, and would not aid people essary. I am absolutely certain of

unless they were thoroughly good and honest. On the steps of the house "As I now see the mind "As I now see the minds of the jury the boy was seized with another spell the eight men who stand out for his and several men carried him to the acquittal are firm in their belief, although the others are wavering as to house. As soon as he entered the living room he ran to an open firehis proper punishment. He has had place and hid. The old man then enhis punishment and will have it in his tered the room, and, staring hard at life, as I am having mine in the spirit the boy, said: "Come here." He world.

obeyed immediately, and the old man "Thaw must go free! By all the blessed him and said to the mother: laws of right he shall and will. "If my murder might have atoned 'Go home; he is cured."

As the boy went out of the house for the vile sins I was guilty of. I there was a glass of water standing on would now be free; but it was not a table, and he turned to his mother enough even for that, although God and said: "Mother, if that glass had knows, I deserved death at the hands weighed a ton it would represent the of Harry Thaw if ever man did."weight that has been lifted from my Chicago Evening Journal.

The child never had another spell, and grew to be an old man, and not till he was in middle life would any of his family tell him of the awful curse

TRUE LOVE.

And 'mid the tempest clingeth still.

True love is like the ivy bold,

And so till life itself be gone,

Until the end it clingeth on.

The twining ivy clingeth there

And clasps it with a firmer hold.

And lends it grace it never had

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to believe, -- Montaigne.

-Selected.

Help us to obtain a complete list of that seemed to have been on him as a all lyceums before March 31. Since E. B. my former request many have com-plied and sent list and report, but am sure there are more to hear from. Those who have reported are as follows: Los Angeles, Cal.; Parkland, Pa.; Chesaning, Mich.; Pittsburg, Pa.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Indianapolis, Indi; Decatur, Iowa; Portland, Me.; That clings each day with firmer hold That groweth on through good and ill Portland, Ore.; Galveston, Tex.; Bal-What the' the walls on which it climbs timore, Md.; Detroit, Mich.; Billings, Have lost the grace of former times?" Mont.; San Diego, Cal.; Hoboken, N. J.; St. Louis, Mo.; Seattle, Wash.; Rupert, Ark.; Washington, D. C. So you see the list is growing. Send in the name of your lyceum and the number of children or adults who are nembers. Address me during March and April, at 180 Calhoun street, Bat-

Lyceums, Attention!

ANNA L. GILLESPIE.

Having been directed to carry on the work of Editor-at Large in connection with the N. S. A., I am desirous of obtaining all press notices for or against Spiritualism, and reliable information with regard to attacks upon our move-Some impose upon the world that ment that may be made by preachers. repectfully request all Spiritualists hey believo that which they do not; to forward the same to me at their others more in number, make themselves believe that they believe, not earliest convenience. being able to penetrate into what it is

HARRISON D. BARRETT. Box 580, Seattle, Wash.

Will then the ivy lose its hold, Forget the sunny days of old? Nay, rather will it closer cling With loving clasp, remembering That it had hardly lived at all Without the kindly, shelt'ring wall. True love is like the ivy green Than ne'er forgetteth what has been tle Creek, Mich. What though the tree where it may cling Shall hardly know another spring? What the its boughs be dead and bare?

IMPORTANT NOTICE. With stronger love than that of old, When time was young and life was glad

Feb. 23, 1907.

# THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

### ence; that "Jesus was an initiate" and "to this school Jesus went for his spiritual instruction." "In it he spent the years of his special preparation." School contain a detailed history of the life of Jesus, of his education and

world."

way which opens to individual intelli-Truth and night. The author draws a very pretty par- gence the seemingly infinite possibilallel between physical light and intel- ities of other and higher realms of belectual knowledge. He illustrates ing. This new and wonderful truth of with imaginary experiences in the use another life sheds its radiance over all of light, from one candle to twenty, the experiences of the remembered and the electric light, and finally the past. It gives to individual existence great light of the sun; and notes the a new motive and a new inspiration. impressions on the lone observer, and | Here, in the higher realm of spiritual finally a most radical and wonderful truth, he comes to recognize and apchange surprises him. I will let the preciate the vital fact that he has author tell this in his own ingenious 'present limitations.' And here again he is at the beginning of wisdom. way:

<sup>56</sup>The Great Work."

A Review, by Lyman C. Howe, and Reply by

Wm. Omer Butler.'

"But in the midst of your contem-"A critical study of the foregoing plation of this interesting vision the analogy should disclose to the sun slowly rises and adds its majestic thoughtful student a number of inand transcendent light to that already teresting and significant facts. Among in the room. Slowly but surely there these it would seem that the following comes to your consciousness the real- might be of special value:

"1. The presence of one light does ization of a remarkable change. A complete transformation has occurred not extinguish another light. It only in the colors which everywhere before multiplies its intensity and effect. were distinctly apparent. The vari-"In like manner, one truth does not ous objects have taken on added hues extinguish, nor in any manner conflict and more delicate shadings. Their with, another truth. It only adds to beauty and richness are many times its potency and value. "2. The greater the candlepower of intensified.

"Under this flood of combined light light the more definite and distinct is you find yourself able to say, with the sense of physical vision, until the seeming certainty, that you now see limit of the power of resistance of things as they are. You seem to real- the physical ofgan is reached. "Equally true is it that the greater ize that any stronger light would only dazzle your sense of sight and obscure the number of correlated truths at our your vision, because your capacity for command the more definitely and clearly we are able to distinguish light is limited by the power of resistthe subject matter under consideraance of the physical optic nerve. "You now note the fact that you tion, within the limits of our rational

seem to be alone in a large and beau- powers. "3. Light dispels darkness. tiful room. Its furnishings are of rare quality and exquisite workmanship. which is intellectual darkness). Its walls are hung with the paintings of great masters and its decorations are works of rarest art and the most fascinating beauty. You stand in ical organisms.

"With added emphasis, truth is the mute admiration and wonderment. To your charmed senses the vision is comvital principle at the foundation of all plete. It would seem impossible to Constructive Spiritual Unfoldment add to or take from it without mar- and Soul Growth. "5. The greater the candlepower ring its perfect symmetry of expres-

sion. "Not so, however, for even in the the true colors of things physical.

"In like manner, the greater the midst of your wondering there comes volume of truth at our command from an unknown source a sudden burst of added light. It is a light to the more clearly we are able to diswhich your soul seems a stranger. It cern the delicate shadings of princiis not within your memory of earthly ple which color all life. Those who possess the patience and

things. It is the light of another world. You understand its meaning. the courage to amplify the analogy in You now realize for the first time in all its bearings cannot fail to obtain physical life that your spiritual eyes a clear and definite understanding of have opened. Again you survey the the purpose of the preceding chapter splendid palace. A seemingly mag- on "The Classification of Data.' That ical change has occurred. To your purpose is to establish beyond all quesamazement you observe that you are tion the true relation which mere no longer alone. All about you are dogmas and beliefs sustain to actual men, women and children of match- knowledge, and suggest the relative less grace and unrivaled loveliness. value and importance of each to the The robes and the flowers they wear individual. "It appears to be a well considered far surpass anything ever beheld by

mortal eye. They reflect the delicate axiom that, 'Those who believe the colors of a world above and beyond all most know the least." .: No one, I think, is likely to frown that we know as physical.

"The records of the Great preparation for his work in the The "Birth of a New School" was accomplished by the ambitious scheming of men having a knowledge of the influence of the Great School in guiding Egypt "over the rough pathway to the summit of its splendor and

power." This New Departure became "The School of Egyptian Black Magic," represented by Paganism, Egyptian and Roman; Mohammedism; the Greek Church, and Roman Catholicism. This is but a very hasty glance at this interesting , and instructive chapter; but it is all that

my limits permit. Chapter 5 follows with interesting quotations, and reasonings on "The Conflict of Authorities," Professor Lodge, Robert Kennedy Duncan, and Prof. A. E. Dolbear are shown to hold opposite views on great questions. This is supposed to prove that phys-

ical science is not the end of the lawis not wholly reliable. In fact the author regards the School of Natural Science, or the "Great School" far superior to the scientific schools known to civilization. This "Great School"

is in the sphere of civilization, but seems to be not of it. Its students and masters are among us. distributed through every land, but 'unknown to the people thereof. Our author, I

think, aims to be accurate and just in all he writes. This gives to his occasional inaccuracies, even in the statement of facts, and quotations, more emphatic

significance. If in writing a book, and presumably examining it when "So also, truth dissipates ignorance published, he is found to have committed errors as to facts stated, we "4. Light is a fundamental neces may reasonably conclude that his sity to the proper growth of all physstudy of science, and presenting its claims, there is some allowance to be

made for mistakes, and possibly such mistakes as radically change his whole system of reasoning. There are statements to which we will soon arrive in this review, that seem to me of light the more perfectly we discern so thoroughly absurd and contrary to

the best knowledge we have, that I can see no other way to reconcile them with reason. He quotes from "New Knowledge" by Professor Duncan, this: "There are certain new conceptions which, while we can hardly say they are ascertained truths, shadow themselves as such. It ds in the realization of two of these conceptions that during the next two hundred years the great work of the world

will lie." "The first is the transmutability of the elements. Our reason bids us assent to its actual accomplishment, not with our aid, but in spite of it, in the case of the heavy elements." This seems to imply

that Professor Duncan believes that there has been transmutation of the elements. But I see nothing in his words to indicate that he knows it,

or even thinks he knows it. His rea-"So completely is your conscious- at this charming picture even though | son "assents" to it; that is all. But

tion occurs to me, Do we as believers in the genuineness of the phenomena and claims of Modern Spiritualism, dare raise an objection of this kind? Will it not apply with equal if not will it not apply with addal if not greater force to Spirituelism, which in some form has i been Sknown on earth or ages? The objection or diffi-culty, I repeat, might he raised with even greater force against Spiritual-ism for the reason that it is a com-paratively easy matter for any one to test its cloims Its, best evenopents

test its claims. Its, best, exponents claim that in almost any home circle

the test can be made and the demon-stration obtained, by mining a few simple conditions and patiently siting for a few weeks or months. This claim is undoubtedly true, and has probably always been true, and still the world is debating the question of immortality. Why has it not been settled long ago by this comparatively easy method?

On the other hand the disciples of the Great School frankly admit that the seeker after a personal (the only real) demonstration of immortality following their system, cannot hope to

obtain it until he has, through a course requiring some years, undergone a veritable evolution, moral mental, and physical, whereby spirit ual sight becomes easy and natural Is it to be wondered that the world has not as yet availed itself of this system, granting its claims are true? The objection proves too much. Like two-edged sword it cuts both ways As I understand the teaching of the book in question, the scientific demon stration of a future life, which the Great School offers to the world, is, and in the nature of the case must be only the result of personal experience and actual knowledge resulting there from. It cannot be hearsay, or sec ond-hand, which evidence might well

serve for constructing a "creed." but counts for little with him who demands exact knowledge. The only way that I can surely know that any mortal has ever survived the grave is to actually meet such a one, see, hear, and touch him, and that under such

conditions and for such a length of time as actually precludes all possibility of deception of the senses. In other words, if I am to actually know that there are "spirits," I must ac-quire the ability to see them. Not simply a materialized form, which at best is but a temporary and abnormal condition, but I must learn to spirits, in the spirit world, and on their plane of life.

The philosophy of snirit-seeing "The Great Work," that he who would know of the existence of spirits and the spirit world must learn to "rise" to that world which is "above" us, not in miles but in altitude of being, and for this the long training re-ferred to above is said to be necessary.

It is also claimed that a considerabl part of this training is opurely ethical,-a moral unfolding. Now, these two facts alone-the time required and requisite monal 'development easily answer the question as to why the world has not as yet demonstrated immortality by this method, and it may be doubted whether even now, with the race enjoying the highest de-velopment it has ever known, any onsiderable percent of seekers be found who are willing to make the sacrifice required. ... From our knowledge of human weakness, it is far more reasonable to suppose that the multitude would avail itself of the comparatively easy method of medium-

ship in settling this question, rather than that method which might truly be called "The Way of the Iron Cross." The race as a whole has hardly yet passed out of its stage of infancy, and we do not expect an infant to reason nor to consider, in endeavoring to obtain a desired object,

friends.

It Comes to L. H. Warren, of Albany, Wis., and is Given Through the Mediumship of Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley.

A Loving Spirit Message.

My Dear Husband:-I know your then. 'Tis still grander to live the soul yearns for knowledge regarding truth as all is gain to the spirit. the spirit world, and especially the con- The first to meet me when I entered ing to an extent by telling you of some and had anticipated the change, and f our conditions and privileges. First, we are real entities—not vague saw many forms coming into the room of our conditions and privileges. specters, for we have bodies as real before I left my body, and the old faithand tangible as the one you possess, ful Indian kept moving his hand in a yet more refined. The basis of these circular motion directly over my head, bodies is, as I understand, spirit mat. When our dear girl took my two hands ter, or matter in a more sublimated and said, "Come, mother, I followed as she led, but turned and looked back,

These bodies have sensations as my as I reached the door, and saw he was experience teaches me, and as we move still moving his hands thus, from place to place or change condi-I also saw you still holding my hand, tions our vibration changes to harmo-nize with the changes of condition. but just as I left you, laid them down, and I shall never forget that look of On coming close to earth we experi- sadness and sense of loneliness that ence heavier sensations much accord- came over you, nor the kiss you gave ing to the state of things and persons that I could only return in spirit. we come in contact with. On these Earth scenes with its sensation of occasions we even sense depression of suffering soon faded from me as we spirit and pain, although temporary, floated or glided along, and I soon as real for the time as such sensations found myself happy and quite strong. The more we have progressed, the first joined our hands and hearts to are to mortals

greater the knowledge and we are start on our earth's journey of married able through will power to rise above life.

those conditions immediately if we I was taken to a beautiful home of choose, and we generally chose to do rest, and there left alone. I soon fell this at once, as the person freed from into a sweet, restful slumber and on pain and depression is more capable awakening found I was perfectly well. of assisting those they come in contact | While lying on the couch in a kind of with than one who is not free from peaceful reverie our dear one reapsuch condition, as in sickness a well peared, saying, "Mother, Dear, we will person or healthy nurse is always pre- now resume our journey," and we were ferred. soon on the way.

We generally come to our friends on I cannot describe the beauty of th earth through the law of sympathy and country we passed through; words can a desire to assist them. Chiefly to as- never do justice; beautiful landscapes sist them mentally and spiritually, but such as artist soul would long to put frequently materially, the latter help on canvas, rivers, lakes, and streams has come about by the longing of mor- of water with such clearness as I never tals, for the arisen ones will try to aid saw before; trees large and green as along that line when possible, although well as smaller ones and no dead leaves to be seen. Flowers of all colit would be better for mortals if they depended chiefly on themselves in this ors and shades, and a sense of fresh-line. We would progress more rapidly ness and real life everywhere.

and they would become more self-relia-As I was admiring all this beauty of ant. As a rule a mother, and father nature, what appeared to me as buildcare for their young, but when they beings began to show up in the distance, come men and women the world ex- and as we drew nearer, a city or vilpects them to use their own judgment lage of magnificent splendor was seen. in all affairs. The birds of the air and the beasts of the fields do likewise. We ed in all the structures and one at once Beautiful architecture was manifest-

would be astonished if we saw a mothbegan to admire. We passed through this city, meeting er bird trying to fly for her grown off-spring, or the father bird carrying them many grand looking men and beautiful food, but we often see mortals doing women. No confusion or hurry was as much for strong sons and daughters, noticed, and a perfect sense of harmony

and peace prevailed. We neared the outskirts of said city often to their detriment. We have houses and homes in our world, also some very beautiful ones and I looked into our girl's eyes and with gardens and such ornamentations said, "We are nearing home." She an as pleases the inmates of these homes swered, "Yes."

Writing desks, musical instruments, Our soul possesses knowledge, and etc., are in many of these homes, and we know many things here without being informed by others. in speaking of music let me tell you the spirits produce such much as you of A neat little cottage drew my atten-

along various lines here as on earth, roses bloomed in profusion in the yard. CHIC LIGHT-THE CONTINUITY OF A border of pansies was a frame LAW AND LIFE." It is a There are also instruments connected by something like wires and tupes to around a beautiful green lawn, making volume of 600 pages. It will hold your the great musical centers that produce an ideal picture for one who loved na-music for those who do not care to ma-ture as I did to enjoy. music for those who do not care to ma-nipulate an instrument. You have We entered, and I was invited to leads. Price of this large volume, only

such mechanical means for music and rest on a convenient couch near the \$1.50 postpaid. sight-seeing on earth, but nothing as door. Such rest and comfort as comes yet to compare with what is in our to the traveler was mine and I fell into

world. quiet sleep. A highly progressed soul need not When I awakened my dear mother, use time or energy moving from place and father, as well as your dear parents to place in order to enjoy a beautiful and many of our dear relatives, as well scene. concert or lecture, but has the as children were there to greet me and

which is the safest way so much as faculty of connecting itself with any welcome me home. which is the easiest and shortest way. center desired and reap the benefit I cannot tell you of the delight that With aplogles to the author of "The therefrom. It is the same in making was mine, but; dear one, you will ex-reat Work," I should like to intro- connection with earth and its inhabi-

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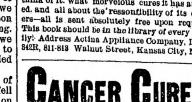
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ion of spiritual life, light and loveli- would not like to enjoy such a splenness that for the time being you forget did surprise? It is what we are all quoting an opposite opinion from this under-world of grosser physical sure to experience as a sublime real-things. But your intelligence is not ity, soon after we arise out of this contemporary, however, of equal in-a chick being batched in an egg. It asleep. All your mental faculties limiting clay and enjoy the opening of telligence and scientific standing, inand powers are awake and active. all of our spiritual senses, which forms us that the transmutability of and powers are awake and active, all of our sparifual senses, which forms us that the transmutability of of its own. Yet it is plainly destined You find yourself instinctively asking shall nevermore be closed. But if the the elements is an accomplished to be an inhabitant of the world in yourself the question: 'If this be true, author means to assume a complete | 'fact' in the case of the heavy elemay it not be possible that there are parallel and agreement between physyet more wonderful, glorious and ex- ical light, and spiritual truth there is alted truths out in the infinite realms one statement that will hardly bear the language of an author, which of nature which lie above and beyond the light of science. It is this: "The the range of my present limitations?' presence of one light does not extin- truthful, which so changes his lan-"At last the great and solemn truth guish another light. It only multi-

has dawned upon you, that you have plies its intensity and effect." In orpresent limitations. No more stupen- dinary experiences this may be true; entitled to the "assent" of his reason. dous fact ever impressed itself upon but physical science has demonstrated There is a radical difference between a human coasciousness; for this is the that "by adding light to light we can reasonable belief, or assent to a fact, birth of true humility which is the beginning of wisdom.

analogy.

"A single truth, however seemingly Insignificant or unimportant, gives added to truth might produce falsethe intelligent possessor some slight hood. Knowledge added to knowlvision of conditions most nearly re- edge might produce ignorance! Al- brilliant and sincere, can be taken as breaking of the shell of an undevellated to it. The light of another though it be not the usual experience, truth added to it concerning the same if it is found in any case, and under subject matter does not extinguish, any conditions possible to occur, that annul nor destroy the first truth, nor truth added to truth produces falsein any manner militate against nor bood, we have something to deal with may be made. This whole chapter is conflict with it. To the observer its that is evidently not anticipated by value and importance are only multi- the author; and this must be the case plied.

"He now begins to reason. From seems to claim really exists; for it is a his reasoning he draws conclusions. sees dim outlines of other truths or seeming truths. He longs to see produce darkness. them yet more clearly. He seeks to know them with greater-- certainty. One by one they come within the a historical sketch of" the "Great range of his intellectual vision. One School," and might justify an extenby one they are added to his increassive commentary, if the limits of this ing store of knowledge. Their aug- review would permit. But there are menting light illumines his surroundings. The darkness of superstition the editor wants me to confine my reand ignorance recedes. The value of view to a few letters. This will make truth is established.

"At last he comes to know himself matter unnoticed, and to condense in the full light of earth's physical the rest to an extent that will not conditions. He has reached the limi- bring out the significance of much lations of 'physical science.' In his that the book contains; for, as we adpride of intelligence he says: 'At last vance, the matter grows in import-I see the world in its true light. I ance, and startling statements, and am but a physical entity. Only this astounding theories assumed to be acand nothing more. I am but making curately scientific; and becomes radimy own little round and playing my cally revolutionary in its philosophy own little part, along with the bee of life and evolution. It is claimed and the ant, in a world of purely phys- that this school of science has existical things. When the round is com- [ed, and has a definite record, reachpleted and the play is ended my life ing back to the dawn of history, and is done. Nature is hostile to all life, far into the shadows of prehistoric and I am but one of her countless time: that it was the source and origin | tial article, but is offered as what apmillions of victims.'

"Then comes that opening of the school is clearly and distinctly tracespiritual vision. With it also comes a able the original impulse of many of sublime illumination from the finer the organized movements of the inworld of spiritual truth. In an in- tervening centuries for the establishstant the darkness of physical materi- ment of human liberty and the protecalism is banished from its life forever. tion of human happiness"; that the Physical death is not the end. It is ceremony of initiation into the Great only a second birth. It is a new gate- School is founded upon an exact sci-

absorbed in this fascinating vis- it be but allegory, or "analogy." Who in using this scientific authority our author puts it in these words: (after ments." Here is a statement in reference to

clearly was intended to be correct and guage as to make him assert as "fact" that which he only claims as produce darkness." So, too, "by addor an apparent fact, and the fact iting sound to sound we can produce siself scientifically demonstrated. This "Now let us go back and draw the lence." If the intellectual and spirit- is not a quibble for the empty satisual correspondence is complete, as faction of finding fault, or with any the author seems to think, then truth purpose to impair the merits and

value of the work under review. But it shows that no author, however grave questions, no matter how vigorously the claim of scientific certainty, and perfect demonstration replete with interest, and 'valuable collections from some of the ablest if the close parallel which the author and most famous schoolmen, as well as original reasoning by the author. At best I can but lightly touch the scientific certainty in physics that one light may extinguish another and rare. expressions, or analyze the apparent errors of the book, in the limits allowed for this review. But

"The Lineal Hey." This chapter, covering 33 pages, is

LYMAN C. HOWE. proceed.

A Reply to Mr. Howe's Article of February 9.

I think the interest will grow as I

To the Editor .-- It gave me much twenty-four chapters in the book and pleasure to read the review of "The Great Work" by Mr. Lyman C. Howe, in The Progressive Thinker of Feb. 9. it necessary to pass much interesting I have read this much-discussed book and must confess that it made a proand must confess that it made a pro-found impression upon me. The au-thor's position is, it seems to me, im-pregnable, and his argument consti-tutes such a complete defense of his claims that I am sure no words of mine could add anything thereto: Yet mine could add anything thereto: Yet I may possibly venture a few remarks upon a difficulty which is suggested in Mr. Howe's article. I desire to add, however, that what I am about to say is in no way intended as a criticism of Mr. Howe's very excellent and imparpears to me to be an answer to the of Freemasonry; that "to this great difficulty in question.

The passage to which I refer, in which the difficulty or objection raised, reads as follows: 'It seems to me that if they (the claims of the

Great Work. point, and for the benefit of those who have not read the book, one of his may be truly said of the chick that it is not yet in this world, but in a world which we live. It is forming lungs with which to breathe this air organs

of digestion suitable to earthly food, wings with which to fiv. etc. Yet for the present it is entirely shut out from this world by a covering which Nature, or God, in great wisdom has provided, which covering is intended not only to keep it in its own world until the proper time to enter the next, but to keep the outside world out until that time. Finally, there are two ways in which the shell may be removed and the chick brought in contact with the outside world,-It may be broken from within (the natural method) or from without (the unnatural method).

The natural method is absolutely safe, for a chick which has vitality enough to pick its way out of its soul requires. shell is sufficiently developed to safely enter upon the new life. But the final authority in the settlement of oped chick from the outside is, to say the least, extremely dangerous. It is certainly not Nature's method, and that for obvious reasons.

The analogy between the chick and the human soul will be readily seen. More than one wise man of old has told us that the human soul is in every way comparable to an egg. This soul, like the chick, is destined and (under normal conditions) developing for another world,-a "higher" world. Infinite wisdom has likewise provided it with a covering which is intended not only to keep the soul in its own world, but to keep the outside world from it until the proper time. Spirit control, which brings the soul in immediate contact with the spirit world, is the breaking of the shell from the outside, and an unfailing analogy proves beyond the shaddy of a doubt that such a method is unnatural and

times, and they radiate power, strength hazardous in the extreme. Nor should an enlightened mind longer and sunshine to souls less grown. It is listen to the Jesuifical sophistry that 'the end justifies the means.' We may not "do evil" (break the laws of nature ) "that good may come from

in harmony with that Infinite Wisdom which governs the universe. Yet, as before suggested, that such a method is not as yet popular on earth is not at all surprising. The time will doubtless come, in the evolution of the race, when this and all other laws of Nature will be cheerfully sought and followed, but it will not be until man has learned by many sad experiences that in reaching a desired goal there are other things to be considered besides the shortness of the route. WM. OMER BUTLER.

Sayanna, Ill.

duce here, as further illustrating this tants, all spirits do not visit earth in join me in that happy home.

person; some send messages, while others, through growth and knowledge, this peace and beautiful, by a power I connect themselves as direct as though could not resist, and on following the they were using a telephone or other impulse of my soul I soon found myself instrument to communicate with their by-your side. You had been looking at what I had left behind-the cold body.

This method of seeing and communi-The funeral time was drawing near cation with earth friends requires much and I remained. I thank you for your study and practice, but thousands of thoughtfulness in the arrangement of spirits are very proficient along such that affair. I was pleased with the spirits are very proficient along such words spoken, as they were full of feel-

World is never labor to us here, and ing and explained to others who did I believe it is because everything is a not understand much of our beautiful mission of love instead of what we of philosophy. I returned to my spirit ten felt as duty while on earth. The

home after hearing those comforting more one does the more of love they words spoken, and remained there un are and have; the greater their ability til again being drawn earthward by a thought wave emanating from yourself

to do and the greater their happiness. Our great pleasure is seeing oneself On this occasion I found night had and others occupied in such work as thrown her mantle of darkness over suits their nature-no misplaced indiyour earth, and on entering our home viduals, and if you should hear of a found you sad and lonely, but not that spirit being in a seemingly unhappy sadness void of hope, or loneliness of condition, you may know at once it is entire despair, but the sadness and ight or natural for them to be thus. loneliness as comes from long and hap-The experiences gained generally help py associations being broken. It was them to rise above said conditions, and your first night without the presence is just the lesson and discipline that of my outer self to look upon, but dear one, you knew I was with you. You

While higher spirits look on seemalso knew I was free from pain, and I ingly unmoved by other spirits' condiknew that while at times you still feel tion, it does not signify they are bereft. your loneliness, you would not have me of sympathy, but indicates growth and knowledge-they fully understand the back to suffer physically pain again. Be of good cheer, we'll meet again situation, as well as often realize the outcome. They always aid when it is am waiting on my side of life for your best, but not just to satisfy or amuse the lower spirit. A mother's kiss often side for the change. coming, and you are waiting on your

takes away the pain from the child, and Be faithful and patient and you will help from a higher spirit works the same way often by aiding the pnes as-wife and companion, even though a thin listed to arise from their state of sorveil is drawn between us, but you will row or lethargy with the desire to asknow as I now know, that we have not sociate with others good and pure, been misled in looking forward to re-Thus in time they become self-reliant union with loved ones, and a continued and need not be carried alone by mislife after the change called death. EM, your loved one.

ionaries or spirits who lead the way. We grow from within; outside of SOMÉ TIME. jects and suggestions may stimulate that growth, but the self-centered man

or woman on either side of life is the Last night, my darling, as you slept grown man or woman and is never I thought I heard you sigh, turned nor swayed by outside condi-And to your little crib I crept. tions. A state of poise prevails at all

And watched a space thereby; And then I stooped and kissed you brow For oh! I love you so

You are too young to know it now, But some time you shall know!

Some time when, in a darkened place Where others come to weep, Your eyes shall look upon a face Calm' in eternal sleep;

The voiceless lips, the wrinkled brow The patient smile shall show-You are too young to know it now, But some time you may know!

Look backward, then, into the years, And see me here to-night-See, O, my darling! how my tears Are falling as I write; and feel once more upon your brow

The kiss of long ago-You are too young to know it now,

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relatives were friends, yet no feeling exists as to slight or indifference, as often noticed on earth. All understand, consequently all abide in peace. By this last remark do not be led to hink there are no unhappy spirits in the spirit world, for there are many souls working their way into higher

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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, Jackson of this 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 disap-pointed. Mrs. Jackson has lived here a great deal of the time since 1888, 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 Spirit-ualist society, and will give 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 very remarkable experience. She and those who hear it. said she was once summoned to the bedside of a lady friend who was dying ('passing to the other side'). Mrs. Cooley said that when she arrived at the bedside she found her friend so far gone that she could not recognize anybody, and as she. Mrs. Cooley stood watching her, she saw her spirit

pass out from the body. Mrs. Cooley said she (herself) passed into the clairvoyant state and in that condition followed the departing spirit until she had witnessed the complete transition from the mortal to the spirit life: had seen the departed spirit received on the other side. This very wonderful story was listened to with rapt attention. Following the lecture Mrs. Cooley received spirit messages, each of which was acknowledged to be recognized by some person in the audi-

ence. Prof. Hyslop, well and favorably known in connection with the investi-gation of psychical matters connected with Spirit Return, was in the city last week. He is doing a great work. along the lines of scientific investiga-

tion of occult phenomena. J. W. Ring, after filling an engagement in Indiana, arrived in the city last Saturday on his way to St. Joseph. Mo., to occupy the rostrum there last

both morning and evening, and our fortnightly suppers are always largely patronized. The lyceum is thriving and prosperious; On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Feb. 20 and 21, the well known toot modium Mar. at the funeral proyed ine esteem in which the deceased was held. Death came a sweet release to the wearled soul,

the well known test medium, Mrs. S C. Cunningham of Cambridge, Mass. will hold seances that will undoubted-ly attract large audiences to the Academy, as her work for us before was very satisficiory. Our custom of presenting only the philosophy Sundays, and occasionally having a medium, but generally having the phenomena at week-evening services, has proved for the best interests of this society, and the excellent music rendered by our organist and quartette has met

A. H. ECKHARDT. Canton, Ohio. Mary J. Lindsey, of Grand Rapids, Mich., aged 64, passed to spirit life on with general appreciation. At each service special mention is made of the splendid work, of The Progressive January 20. birth, and gladly welcomed the call, Thinker, and we always have copies on 'Come home." She was a genial com-panion, a hospitable, sympathetic hand for sale or distribution. It is a sign of progress when a society ap-preciates the spiritual press and co-operates with it." friend, with a heart keenly sensitive to the sorrows of all.

I consider the above title a good

excellent in general.

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With Some Side-thrusts at Certain A Lady of Jamestown, N. Y. in Other Subjects.

Search of Information.

The article by Alex Caird con-I was born in Batesville, Panola, county, Miss., as far as I know, but cerning the matter, I consider to be as to whom were my real parents 1 I believe that the bible and Chrishave always had a doubt. I was tianity, which have been such a curse taught to believe that Dr. Jesse A. world, should be excluded Bounds and wife were my father and from Spiritualism entirely. Chrismother.

SARA C. SCOVELL.

She was a medium from

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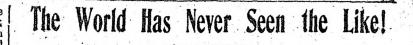
many. She was a dutiful wife and mother, a Spiritualist for over twenty

years, and a regular reader of The Progressive Thinker.

tianity has caused more war, blood-They were kind in their way, but shed and strife in the world than any-thing and every thing else put to-Have You Read from my earliest infancy I perceived a difference in their treatment of me. There was that tender affection for the gether; and is still causing trouble in various parts of the earth. Missionothers that & missed. I was never taken in their arms and caressed as aries are sent from the United States to China (who stir up trouble) to conwere the rest; never had playtlings like the rest, and yet their own were denied an education that I might have vert the "heathen," while at the same time, in the United States, lynching and burning people at the stake a thorough training in the best of takes place. An American here was talking to a Mexican against bull schools. They were poor as thousands of other Southern people were fighting, stating that it was cruel, after the war, for they were of the oldwhich the Mexican admitted, and said est aristocracy of the South. Like that they did not burn people here in Mexico at the stake. The 'American had no more to say upon the matter. many another girl, I sometimes demurred when it came to going to school. At such times I was told that Mr. Caird favors worship. I con-I must perfect my education in order sider worship to be idolatry, no matter what the object " worshiped. What that some day I might be fitted to occupy my rightful position in society. good would it do any being or power Once in an angry mood mother told to be worshiped, and what good would me that I was not their child, or rather she said that I was not her it do the worshiper? Spiritualists sometimes open their child. If I was not her child, I know meetings with prayer. I do not bethat I was not a child of the Doctor. lieve that prayer has any effect furfor there was a girl older than I, the ther than upon the one who utters it, best beloved of that family.

Another curious thing-I was called It does not look well to me, as is Agnes Valentine Bounds, but told that, when only three days old, a phyoften the case, for a Spiritualistic writer to prefix "Rev." to his own sician friend of father had adopted WM. HART. me, and that in all legal papers I must sign or prefix by hyphen the name of Pearson. I never saw this Dr. Pear-LETTER FROM ANNA L. GILLESPIE. son, but just before my marriage father wrote him, and he wrote me a very kindly letter. He was then very After Months of Needed Rest She Reaged. I was married near Little Rock. Ark,, and shortly after moved North,

have never from that day to this After nearly three months of rest, seen one of my people, and all that I the first in many years, I am about takthen knew have passed beyond. Jus ing up the work again. Will lecture for the Battle Creek, Mich., society for the months of March and April. My address during the time will be 180. Calhoun streat, Will answer calls for before father's death he called me repeatedly, but none let me know of his illness until he was buried. Now comes the strange part of my story, Calhoun streat, Will answer calls for funerals through that section, also a and L would like to verify it if I can. I was not a Spiritualist, and did not few open dates for camp work and will believe in mediumship, but was rebe glad to hear from some needing my cently persuaded to visit a medium. services during the camp scason. The home society here in Pittsburg, is in good condition, under the able President, Mr. C. Stevens, who is a Before this I know positively that none knew of my history, for it is contrary to my nature to be very communicative. She told me that someone was looking for me, a man and a wosplendid chairman and leader, aided by a most efficient and harmonious board. man; that during the war my father and the one I thought my father be-came separated in the heat of battle, They have a church second to none. Since my coming home, have had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Brooks, each thinking the other killed; that who is a good lyceum worker. He my own father heard of my mother's was followed by Mrs. C. Fanny Allyn, Who was, like Mr. Brooks, so well apdeath, and did not know of my birth



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fourth of the series of the Illinois speaker or medium. The social part Sunflower Club dances will be given Monday evening, Feb. 25. Tickets 25 cents.' Lunch will be served. All good workers have preceded me, and the seeds sown have taken root. We on these enjoyable occasions, whether you dance or not."

son following my lecture with messages, which were, with few exceptions, recognized. I consider Mrs. for a spring tour of the state. To Jackson one of our honest and conscientious workers who should be kept the state board or myself, this is for Sunday. He then goes to Crystola, constantly in the field you. Can you arrange for one or Colo. may address me at No. 301 Twelfth more meetings where you are? · avenue, Grand Rapids, Mich." Write to me at once. Are you a mem-Captain Geo. W. Walrond, one of ber of the state association? If not. the few remaining survivors of the old | send name, address and \$1 member school of Spiritualistic workers, whose ship fee to R. G. Lee, secretary, home for thirteen years has been in Headrick, Okla., at once, and have a Denver, Colo., has just got over an-other of those severe attacks of nerv-Spiritualist in Oklahoma has a niche other of those severe attacks of nervous and physical prostration, which to fill, something to do. We have the read the cups. since the two paralytic strokes he had light; let us let it shine. Write to. in 1902, comes around periodically. me at once at my home address, 449 Captain Walrond is in harness and on Live Oak street, Dallas, Texas.' S. A. Huntington writes from Malactive service again. Mrs. Alice Sexsmith writes: "Meetden, Mass.: "Sunday services, Feb. 10. ings of interest are still being con- The president presided at both sesducted by the Christian Spiritualist sions. At the 3 p. m. circle Mrs. Car ter, Miss Morton and Mr. Berry occu-pied the whole session in voicing mes-Society every Sunday afternoon and evening. Each meeting brings new The evening meeting, as We had as speaker, Feb. 3, faces. sages. and 10, Mr. H. R. Henay. He is a usual, opened with praise, reading of young man of 19, and is endowed scripture and invocation. Mrs. Annie with a power which only comes to R. Chapman of Brighton, Mass., was Association. those that lead a life of truth. His the speaker and message bearer. She discourses are of a high order. He prefaced her work with reading a will address us again on Sunday evenpoem entitled 'Love Thyself Last,' and Brooks, President of the Wisconsin chose the same for her theme, giving State Spiritualist Association is daning, Feb. 24. Don't fail to hear him. Messages by Miss Thomas, Mrs. Susle a very interesting address, after Thompson and the writer were well which she devoted an hour to giving Miss Thomas will conduct messages. Mrs. Chapman is an interreceived. test circles in her own home, 389 esting speaker and good message West Madison street, every Thursday bearer. Mrs. Carrie H.' Tainter of evening at 8 o'clock. Remember the Manchester, N. H., will be the speaker meeting every Sunday afternoon and on Sunday evening, Feb. 17, and Dr. evening at 3 and 8 o'clock, at Conway C. L. Willis of Boston, Feb. 24. It Hall. Western avenue and Lake street, is understood that Rev. F. A. Wiggin of Unity Church, Boston, will resume over drug store." Wis. E. R. Kidd writes from Canton, his work for the society on Thursday Ohio: "My Progressive Thinker ar- evening, Feb, 21." James I. Mettler writes from rives weekly, and through it we are kept posted as to the work being done Helena, Mont.; "I have had a stroke throughout the country in the ranks paralysis, affecting my left side, of Spiritualism. While we have some and compelling me to abandon writing active workers here in Canton, we any further articles on the Home Cirhave no society. Cause-same old cle, for which I am sorry, for I had a story-inharmony and lack of unity number of interesting as well as inon the part of those who call them-structive subjects I was holding in re-selves Spiritualists. Off and on some serve, but it is too late. I am 68 good medium comes to town for a few years old and for forty years have days, and at present Mrs. Nina C. been investigating Spiritualism." " Challen of Toledo, is in our city, hav-Prof. E. E. Rex writes from Frank-Youngstown, where she did some ex-every Sunday, afternoon and evening, cellent work. However, Mrs. Chal-lon's stay in Canton will be of short duration, since she has been called to hope in time to have more than we her home in Toledo where she as a can accommodate in the small hall we rule is kept quite busy." have secured, which seats only about 100; as yet it has been but half filled Wm. Hassmann, president, writes: "The Sunday evening meeting of the and there is supposed to be over 400 North Star Spiritual Union in its Spiritualists in Frankfort. We hope many of our good friends in life will hall, 1546 Milwaukee avenue, on Feb. 10, was largely attended. For the give us their best thoughts for suc-past two months untold numbers of cess, and that our spirit friends will cess, and that our spirit friends will strangers have visited our meetings, open the eyes of many here and show them the way to these meetings." showing that Spiritualism and the unseen forces are forcing their way into H. J. Cameron writes: "The Golden homes where heretofore the knowl- Rule Spiritualist Society held edge of a life hereafter was unknown, or the angelic forces were not strong this month, at O'Donnell's College enough to inspire them to seek for Hall, 43 S. Paulina street. The after-the truth, and break away from pul- noon was devoted to short talks by pit promises. They join these gather- the pastor, Mrs. Nora E. Hill, which ings in spiritual halls to get a message were greatly appreciated, as-were also from their loved ones. Mrs. T. Muel- the messages given by Mrs. Minnie ler, the lecturer and medium, is doing Field, Mrs. Ingeldue and Mrs. Nora E, grand work; her tests are praised by Hill. The speaker for the evening, all. She has certainly done grand Dr. J. H. Randall, being absent on acgrand work; her tests are praised by work on the Northwest Side, and has count of illness, Mrs. Nellie Kusserow brought new life; love and harmony to presided, and delivered an interesting many homes.' any homes." E. R. Fielding writes from Wash- er Development of Man.' The mesington, D. C.: "The auxiliary of the sage bearers were the pastor, Mrs. First Association gave an entertain- Nora E. Hill and Mrs. Kusserow. A ment, consisting of musical and lit- beautiful solo selection was rendered, making elaborate arrangements for orary selections. The Hatch Brothers entitled, We Shall Know His Angel it. Special scenery is being built at of Dorchester, Mass., favored us with Name.' The society has noted with me comic sketches and musical se- pleasure the"stendily increasing atlections. As they are professionals, tendance. The speaker for the next and up-to-date manner with appropri-we were treated to the best to be had. Sunday evening (Feb. 17) will be the ate costuming. Our services continue we were treated to the best to be had. Sunday evening (Fob. 17) will be the ate costuming. Our services continue ist funeral and engaged the writer to spirituality. None can read it with-Mr. E. W. Sprague read a very unique Hon. Charles Hughes to attract good audiences each Sunday, hold the service. Being an old resi- out pleasure and profit. Price 50c. 1944 34 8

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er year. Mrs. Allyn is, as all know. The Illinois Sunflower Club holds meetings the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at Lincoln Hall, in assisting the little lyceum which will Fraternity Building, 70 E. Adams street, at 2 o'clock. The second Tuesday is the business meeting. The fourth Tuesday a social gathering when tea is served and the mediums

Carrie L. Hatch, secretary, writes: 'The Massachusetts State Association of Spiritualists will hold anniversary 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 will be printed later." Mrs. Carrie M. Hinsdale has an en-

gagement at Galveston, Tex., for March. She is president of the State We regret to learn that Mr. G. H.

gerously sick in Milwaukee, Wis.,and is under the care of a trained nurse. Let everyone send him 'cheering healththoughts, and assist in his recovery. Owing to his sicknes he is compelled to cancel present engagements. Friends wishing to have meetings in the State will address the Secretary, Miss L. G. Loebel, 202 North avenue., Milwaukee,

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. A. Allk in the chair. The Valentine Supper proved a great success, each A. Allbe in the chair. The Valentine heart with varied sentiments pasted upon the same. The social hour after supper is always enjoyed by all. The evening exercise consisted of the fol-lowing talent: Mrs. A. S. Waterhouse, Mrs. Hattie C. Mason, Mrs Lewis, Mrs. Steinen, and Mr. 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, pub-lished in a previous issue of The Progressive Thinker, this society by unanimous vote of the committee has given 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, ever since my work began here two years ago, every encouragement has been given me, and the members have been as earnest workers for success and as interested, as the speaker and most prominent officers. Har-mony, good fellowship, and every sup port, moral anl financial, is our working theory and it has spelled success The young people are to present drama on the evenings of March 7 and 8, entitled 'Above the Clouds' and are

an expense of over \$50, and the play will be staged in a thoroughly artistic · >\*=:::

a most capable lyceum leader, as well as lecturer. She was of great service soon, under the directorship of Miss Mary Clouse, be the Big Lyceum. It is wonderful how the movement

ods with good results. Miss Clouse is young in work, but you would not whom I may comfort, and I am so think so to see the able manner in lonely. This medium said that I could which she attends to every duty. Mr. Oscar Edgerly is the speaker for the present month, and by his scholarly lec-tures is attracting large audiences who are delighted with his teaching. The blind organist, Mr. Evans, takes care of the musical part of the work,

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and his songs are always a comfort and a pleasure to the listener. The months have gone by with lightning speed, and

returning strength and courage is making me feel like a new woman, and I shall hope to be kept busy the rest of the year. Let me say in closing, how much we are enjoying the Great Work review by Brother Howe. Mr. Howe always writes in a manner to call the attention of the thinking readers, and we watch for it each week.

ANNA L. GILLESPIE. PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

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

Passed to spirit life, Jan. 27, 1907, John Resch, a life long resident of Brooklyn, N. Y. For years 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 two daughters, Miss Emma Resch, a medium of the Church of Divine Light, and who is widely known by her good Christian work, and Mrs. P. COR. J. Loeb. 1 b ... 1 b

Mrs. Charles, V. Lively, aged 78 years and a resident of Salt Lake City, passed to spirit life early in the morning of the drst of February, calm and peaceful in the arms of his only and true companion. The world, at large makes much poise about the glory of those famous generals who

glory of those, tamous generals who earn their laurels on the battlefield of bloodshed, but, this same world is si-lent about these hences who encom-passed by the darkness of selfishness, ignorance, superstition and hatred have to fight life's hattle guided by their only star, the hope for a future there a mean convention and there are the selficient of the selficient and the selficient of the selficient of the selficient and the selficient of the selficie 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 be-lief in the Spiritualist principle, be sides being a careful reader of The Progressive Thinker and other occultstic literature. Peace and happiness to his memory. C. K. FLANDERKA.

Passed to spirit life, at 10:20 a.m. Feb. 5, 1907, Brother Henry Bass, aged 70 years, at his residence, 1802 aged 70 years, at his residence, 1002 Virginia avenue, Joplin, Mo. Father "The Religion of Cheertumess. Bass was a devoted Spiritualist. Nine By Sara A. Hubbard, An excellent book for the culture of health and book for the culture of health and None can read it with

had lived in grated to Mississippi after the war. She says 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 king among men. I am all alone in the world, a physigrowing here. During Mrs. Allyn's clan by profession. I need no one to stay she introduced many of her meth- care for me, for I have had my share of success, but there may be some one lonely. This medium said that I could prove what she 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 captain. DR. AGNES V. KELLEY. 331 East Second street, Jamestown,

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all the meetings. All the local talent 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. F. E. IRVINE,

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songs, recitations, short addresses three months with the First Spiritual etc., by friends, and a fine collation Temple of Newport, Ky., which was a very successful series of meetings. served. Come one, come all. Mrs. Sarah A. Crossfield writes: She will be in Lexington, Ky., during February and March. All mail should am serving the New Thought Society

of Grand Rapids, Mich., for the be addressed to her at 110 East Third months of February and March. 1 street." find the. Spiritualists here are wide-

Hattie F.B. Peet writes: "The fourth of the series of the Illinois Sunflower Club dances will be given awake, progressive and inspiring to a speaker or medium. The social part is a feature not overlooked in this son Washington Hall, 70 Adams street, ciety; in fact it is an all around live Monday evening, Feb. 25. Tickets 25 organization. I should judge that good workers have preceded me, and cents. Lunch will be served. All friends cordially invited to be present the seeds sown have taken root. We on these enjoyable occasions, whether held a most interesting and well-atyou dance or not."

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 both morning and evening, and our

C. Cunningham of Cambridge, Mass. will hold seances that will undoubted ly attract large audlences to the Academy, as her work for us before was very satisfactory. Our custom of pre-senting only the philosophy Sundays, and occasionally having a medium, but generally having the phenomena at week-evening 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 splendid work 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 con-cerning the matter, I consider to be excellent in general. I believe that the bible and Christianity, which have been such a curse to the world, should be excluded from Spiritualism entirely. Chrismother. tianity has caused more war, blood-shed and strife in the world than anything and every thing else put gether; and is still causing trouble in various parts of the earth. Missionaries are sent from the United States to China (who stir up trouble) to con-vert the "heathen," while at the same time, in the United States, lynch-

ing 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 at the stake. The 'American had no more to say upon the matter.

Mr. Caird favors worship. I consider worship to be idolatry, no matter what the object ' worshiped. What good would it do any being or power to be worshiped, and 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 those who hear it. It does not look well to me, as is

often the case, for a Spiritualistic yriter to prefix "Rev." to his own name. WM. HART. Los Mochis, Sinaloa, 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 the work again. Will lecture for the Battle Creek, Mich., society for the months of March and April. My address during the time will be 180. Calhoun strept, 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 during the camp season.

The home society here in Pittsburg, is in good condition, under the able President, Mr. C. Stevens, who is a splendid chairman and leader, aided by a most efficient and harmonious board. They have a church second to none. Since my coming home, have had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Brooks, Who was, like Mr. Brooks, so well ap- until years after, for it seems that my.

dent of Joplin, a very large attendance fortnightly suppers are always largely and prospersus: On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Feb. 20 and 21, the well known test medium, Mrs. S.

Mrs. Louisa Eckhardt, wife of Herman Eckhardt, passed to spirit life from her home in Canton, Ohio, Feb. 6, 1907, from paralysis, aged 67 years. She was born in Mullheim Baden, Ger many. 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 friend, with a neuror and 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

They were kind in their way, but from my earliest infancy 1 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 as thousands of other Southern people were after the war, for they were of the oldest aristocracy of the South. Like many another girl, I sometimes demurred when it came to going to school. At such times I was told that 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 their child, or rather she said that I was not her

Truly, the world has NEVER SEEN 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 1, the ualism; look here and there, in every nook and corner of the world, and you best beloved of that family.

Another curious thing-I was called Agnes Valentine Bounds, but told 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 this Dr. Pearson, 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 from that day to this seen one of my people, and all that 1

then knew have passed beyond. Just before father's death he called me repeatedly, but none let me know of his Now illness until he was buried. comes the strange part of my story, and I would like to verify it if I can. was not a Spiritualist, and did not believe in mediumship, but was re-cently persuaded to visit a medium. Before this I know positively that none knew of my history, for it is con-

trary 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 became separated in the heat of battle, each thinking the other killed; that who is a good lyceum worker. He my own father heard of my mother's was followed by Mrs. C. Fanny Allyn, death, and did not know of my birth

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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. Weil, at the present we are having more. Mrs. Crossfield of Muncie, Ind., is with us, and also Mrs. F. V. Jackson of this 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 here a great deal of the time since 1888, 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 will give 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 very remarkable experience. She said she was once summoned to the bedside of a lady friend who was dying ('passing to the other side'). Mrs. Cooley said that when she arrived at the bedside she found her friend so

far gone that she could not recognize anybody, and as she, Mrs. Cooley, stood watching her, she saw her spirit pass out from the body. Mrs. Cooley said she (herself) passed into the clairvoyant state and in that condition

followed the departing spirit until she had witnessed the complete transition from the mortal to the spirit life; had seen the departed spirit received on the other side. This very wonderful story was listened to with rapt attention., Following the lecture Mrs. Cooley received spirit messages, each of which was acknowledged to be recognized by some person in the audi-

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 investiga-

tion of occult phenomena. J. W. Ring, after filling an engage ment in Indiana.arrived in the city last Saturday on his way to St. Joseph, Mo., to occupy the rostrum there last Sunday. He then goes to Crystola,

tended meeting, Feb. 10, Mrs. Jack-Rev. Alice Baker, state Missionary son following my lecture with mes-

sages, which were, with few exceptions, recognized. I consider . Mrs. Jackson one of our honest and consci-

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Wanted by a business BEAR IN MIND that the editor of The Progressive Thinker is in no wise responsible for the views expressed by

entious workers who should be kept constantly in the field. The friends may address me at No. 301 Twelfth more meetings where you are? · avenue, Grand Rapids, Mich." Write to me at once. Are you a mem

Captain Geo. W. Walrond, one of ber of the state association? the few remaining survivors of the old send name, address and \$1 memberschool of Spiritualistic workers, whose ship fee to R. G. Lee, secretary, home for thirteen years has been in Headrick, Okla., at once, and have Denver, Colo., has just got over an-vote in the state meeting. Every other of those severe attacks of nerv- Spiritualist in Oklahoma has a niche ous and physical prostration, which to fill, something to do. We have the since the two paralytic strokes he had light; let us let it shine. Write ' to. in 1902, comes around periodically. me at once at my home address, 449 Captain Walrond is in harness and on Live Oak street, Dallas, Texas." active service again. S. A. Huntington writes from Mal-

Mrs. Alice Sexsmith writes: "Meet- den, Mass.: "Sunday services, Feb. 10. ings of interest are still being con- The president presided at both sesducted by the Christian Spiritualist sions. At the 3 p. m. circle Mrs. Car-Society every Sunday afternoon and ter, Miss Morton and Mr. Berry occusociety every stinday arterioon and ter, miss more and mit. Berry occur evening. Each meeting brings new pied the whole session in voicing mes-faces. We had as speaker, Feb. 3, sages. The evening meeting, as and 10, Mr. H. R. Henay. He is a young man of 19, and is endowed scripture and invocation. Mrs. Annie with a power which only comes to R. Chapman of Brighton, Mass., was those that lead a life of truth. His the speaker and message bearer. She discourses are of a high order. He prefaced her work with reading a will address us again on Sunday even- poem entitled 'Love Thyself Last,' and ing, Feb. 24. Don't fail to hear him. chose the same for her theme, giving Messages by Miss Thomas, 'Mrs. Susle a very interesting address, after Thompson and the writer were well which she devoted an hour to giving received. Miss Thomas will conduct messages. Mrs. Chapman is an inter-test circles in her own home, 389 esting speaker and good message Mrs. Carrie H. Tainter of West Madison street, every Thursday bearer. evening at 8 o'clock. Remember the Manchester, N. H., will be the speaker meeting every Sunday afternoon and on Sunday evening, Feb. 17, and Dr. evening at 3 and 8 o'clock, at Conway C. L. Willis of Boston, Feb. 24. It Hall, Western avenue and Lake street, is understood that Rev. F. A. Wiggin of Unity Church, Boston, will resume over drug store."

his work for the society on Thursday E. R. Kidd writes from Canton, evening, Feb. 21."

Ohio: "My Progressive Thinker ar-James I. Mettler writes from Helena, Mont.: "I have had a stroke rives weekly, and through it we are kept posted as to the work being done throughout the country in the ranks paralysis, affecting my left side, of Spiritualism. While we have some and compelling me to abandon writing active workers here in Canton, we any further articles on the Home Cirhave no society. Cause-same old cle, for which I am sorry, for I had a story—inharmony and lack of unity number of interesting as well as in-on the part of those who call 'them- structive subjects I was holding in restructive subjects I was holding in re-serve, but it is too late. I am 68 selves Spiritualists. Off and on some good medium comes to town for a few years old and for forty years have days, and at present Mrs. Nina C. Been investigating Spiritualism." Challen of Toledo, is in our city, hav-Prof. E. E. Rex writes from Frankfort, Ind.: "We are holding services every Sunday, afternoon and evening,

ing recently arrived from Sharon and Youngstown, where she did some ex-cellent work. 'However, Mrs. Chaland while the audiences are small lon's stay in Canton will be of short they seem to be appreciative, and we duration, since she has been called to her home in Toledo where she as a can accommodate in the small hall we rule is kept quite busy." have secured, which seats only about

Wm, Hassmann, president, writes: 100; as yet it has been but half filled, "The Sunday evening meeting of the and there is supposed to be over 400 North Star Spiritual Union in its Spiritualists in Frankfort. We hope hall, 1546 Milwaukee avenue, on Feb. many of our good friends in life will was largely attended. For the give us their best thoughts for suc 10. past two months untold numbers of cess, and that our spint friends will strangers have visited our meetings, open the eyes of many here and show showing that Spiritualism and the unthem the way to these meetings." seen forces are forcing their way into H. J. Cameron writes: "The Golden homes where heretofore the knowl-edge of a life hereafter was unknown, Rule Spiritualist Society held their usual Sunday services on the 10th of or the angelic forces were not strong this month, at O'Donnell's College enough to inspire them to seek for Hall, 43 S. Paulina street. The afterthe truth, and break away from pul- noon was devoted to short talks by pit promises. They join these gather- the pastor, Mrs. Nora E. Hill, which in spiritual halls to get a message were greatly appreciated, as-were also from their loved ones. Mrs. T. Muel- the messages given by Mrs. Minnie ler, the lecturer and medium, is foing Field, Mrs. Ingeldue and Mrs. Nora E. grand work; her tests are praised by Hill. The speaker for the evening, all. - She has certainly done grand Dr. J. H. Randall, being absent on ac-work on the Northwest Side, and has brought new life, love and harmony to presided, and delivered an interesting many homes."

many homes." E. R. Fielding writes from Wash-ington, D. C.: "The auxiliary of the sage bearers wore the pastor. Mrs. First Association gave an entertain- Nora E. Hill and Mrs. Kusserow. A ment, consisting of musical and lit- beautiful solo selection was rendored, erary selections. The Hatch Brothers | on titled, 'We Shall Know His Angel 'it. Special scenery, is being built at of Dorchester, Mass., favored us with Name.'. The society has noted with 'an expense of over \$50, and the play some comic sketches and musical se- pleasure the steadily increasing at- will be staged in a thoroughly artistic. we were treated to the best to be had. Sunday evening (Fob. 17) will be the ate costuming. Our services continue Mr. E. W. Sprague read a very unique Hoa. Charley Hughes to attract good audiences each Sunday, hold the service; Being an old resi-

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 2 o'clock. The second Tuesday is the business meeting, is wonderful how the movement is The fourth Tuesday a social gathering growing here. During Mrs. Allyn's Tuesday is the business meeting. when tea is served and the medlums read the cups. Carrie L. Hatch, secretary, writes:

"The Massachusetts State Association of Spiritualists will hold anniversary 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 f speakers will be printed later." Mrs. Carrie M. Hinsdale has an en-

gagement 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 sick in Milwaukee. Wis and is under the care of a trained nurse, Let everyone send him 'cheering healththoughts, and assist in his recovery Owing to his sicknes he is compelled to cancel present engagements. Friends wishing to have meetings in the State will address the Secretary, Miss L. 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 A. Allk in the chair. The Valentine Supper proved a great success, each A. Allbe in the chair. The Valentine heart with varied sentiments pasted upon the same. The social hour after supper is always enjoyed by all. The evening exercise consisted of the fol-lowing talent: Mrs. A. S. Waterhouse, Mrs. Hattie C: Mason, Mrs Lewis, Mrs. Steinen, and Mr. Blackstone. Mrs. Lewis sang two original songs, accom-panying 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 addres 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, Nor-wich, Ct., writes: "As mentioned in the letter from our secretary, published in a previous issue of The Progressive Thinker, this society by unanmous vote of the committee has given

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, ever/Bince my work began here two years ago, every encouragement has 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 anl 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

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preciated they are to be with us another year. Mrs. Allyn is, as all know,

a most capable lyceum leader, as well as lecturer. She was of great service in assisting the little lyceum which will soon, under the directorship of Miss 'Mary Clouse, be the Big Lyceum. It

stay she introduced many of her methods with good results. Miss Clouse is young in work, but you would 'not think so to see the able manner in which she attends to every duty. Mr. Oscar Edgerly is the speaker for the present month, and by his scholarly lectures is attracting large audiences who are delighted with his teaching. The blind organist, Mr. Evans, takes

care of the musical part of the work, and his songs are always a comfort and a pleasure to the listener. The months have gone by with lightning speed, and

returning strength and courage is mak ing me feel like a new woman, and l shall hope to be kept busy the rest of the year. Let me say in closing, how much we are enjoying the Great Work review by Brother Howe. Mr. Howe always writes in a manner to call the attention of the thinking readers, and we watch for it each week

ANNA L. GILLESPIE. PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

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

Passed to spirit life, Jan. 27, 1907. on receipt of address. John Resch, a life long resident Brooklyn, N. Y. For years 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 two daughters, Miss Emma Resch, a medium of the Church of Divine Light, and who is widely known by her good Christian work, and Mrs. P. at St. Louis, Feb. 27 and 28. COR. J. Loeb. b i F

Mrs. Charles, V. Lively, aged 78 years and a resident of Salt Lake City, passed to spirit life early in the note, beside our local talent, Brother Grimshaw, Mrs. Hary, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Price, also Mrs. Stephens of Kanmorning of the first of February, calm and peaceful in the arms of his only sas City, and your humble servant. Every Spiritualist in Missouri is inand true companion. The world at large makes much proise about the vited to be present and bring their friends. To be held at the Temple glory of those famous generals who earn their laurels on the battlefield of bloodshed, but this same world is siof Spiritualism, 3015 Pine street, St. Louis, Mo. PAUL MCARTHUR,

lent about these hences who encom-passed by the darkness of selfishness, ignorance, superstition and hatred have to fight life's hattle 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, be sides being a careful reader of The Progressive Thinker and other occultistic literature. Peace and happiness to his memory. C. K. FLANDERKA.

Passed to spirit life, at 10:20 a.m. Feb. 5. 1907, Brother Henry Bass aged 70 years, at his residence, 1802 Virginia avenue, Joplin, Mo. Father Bass was a devoted Spiritualist, Bass was a devoted Spiritualist. Nine By Sara A. Hubbard, An excellent years ago he arranged for a Spiritual book for the culture of health and ist funeral and engaged the writer to spirituality. None can read it with-

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of Minnesota will hold the annual midwinter mass-meeting in St. Paul, J. R. Francis. Ther contain invaluable on February 22. 23 and 24. at Odd data. 4-Art Magic, or Mundane, Sub-Mun-Fellows Hall, corner Wabasha and dane and Super-Mundane Spiritism, by Fifth streets, with an all-day session each day, beginning at 10:30 a. m. Mrs. Emma Hardinge, Britten.

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correspondents is expected. HUDSON TUTTLE.

E. R. M.: Q. I am told that I am words as they are being spelled. I abeyance by force, and the sayage,cannot tell whether it is myself or not. and all criminals are reverts to sav This correspondent meets with

A. an experience which has created doubts in the minds of many, even those who are the best mediums. Mrs, Underwood, one of the most marvelous automatic writers, mentions the fact in her book containing the writings she thus received. 30metimes she was pre-conscious of whole sen-Yet tences before they were written. faith; and is often strongest when she could not keep her hand from there is least foundation for it. writing, or change the phraseology. My own experience emphasizes this

confidence, tells him the experience. I cannot explain this subject more clearly than has been already done by the spirits themselves in "Medium-ship," page 100, which I quote:

This cognizance of the thoughts as they are written is common to all were true. Were any of these dogmas of religions demonstrated to be mediums in a greater or lesser degree, and reflection on the method of communication will show any one that such must be the fact. The spirit does not directly take hold of the lief, in which the belief of one man is and use it as a writer would a as authoritative as another. It was The influence must be exerted belief that the sun revolved around arm and use it as a writer would a pen. The influence must be exerted benefit that that the through the brain of the medium the earth; it is knowledge that the earth revolves around the sun. and hence his mind, however passive, will be cognizant in greater or less de-gree of the thoughts of the controlling intelligence.'

It may be difficult for the medium to distinguish his own thoughts from erring mathematics. those received by inspiration, espe-cially when that inspiration is given by the spirit intensifying the activity

of the brain, instead of through pas-sivity of the will. There is always this means, however, which is conclu-The character of the communications and answers, often so differ ent from what the medium normally

PUBLIGATIONS would or could give, indicating a va-



# Mr. Paul McArthur, the Efficient President of the Missouri State Spiritualists' Association, Gives some Items of News That Will Prove an Object Lesson for Spiritualists Evenywhere

to Consider, and Will Arouse Them as Never Before,-President McArthur is to be Congratulated on the good work He Has Been Doing.

To the Editor :- If any further ex- ers. It is up to the Hilnois Association

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perience had been necessary to con-to get their papers canceled; vince me of the importance and vital On December 24, in the afternoon vince me of the importance and vital necessity for the good of Spiritualism a lady came to my home and said she of a systematic campaign being waged against those who use our religion as a cloak to cover questionable practices, it was furnished me a short time ago. When over a year ago, one known as year. He has such an influence over August Ries, alias Jno. A. Ries, landed me that I gave him money, help him in St. Louis, and in the name of a Uni- commit questionable acts, SECURE in St. Louis, and in the name of a Oni- Commit Questionable acts, SECORE versal Spiritual Association, peddled INFORMATION ABOUT PEOPLE FOR ordination certificates at \$10.00 each. HIM, in fact, do anything HE COM-I am informed that Josie K. Folsom- MANDS ME. I want to break away Stewart, Allan Drumm, Katherine Gra- and need your help. I know you have ham, Mrs. N. Cameron, and Carrie M. no use for Drumm, for I have heard Sawyer nurchased. Some of the friends him curse and denounce you as a fraudbrought me word and were greatly ex-bunter. I asked her in and drew out cited over the matter and wanted me to the following story: About one year ago the lady, Mrs, take steps to find out by what authority he was able to thus WHOLESALE Rose Cordes by name, of 4052 Shenan

doah street. was induced to attend a into a religious enthusiast, as bigoted as those of the Dark Ages, The Quakers or Friends, made the ordanations. At the time I thought it was up to trumpet seance at Allan Drumm's the people who were buying these cer- home, 804 No, Jefferson avenue, by a la-

tificates to find out whether they were dy friend. It was a dark circle (of doctrine of loving their enemies and course) and she being an uneducated getting VALUE RECEIVED, and stated impressible woman was carried away that in view of the fact-that all who had purchased had been either EXPELLED and became a regular attendant at his from organized Spiritualism for ques developing circles. Having some prop-tronable practices or had never been erty, the income of which enables her permitted to hold membership, that it to live quite comfortably, she became was (in my opinion) the best thing an easy mark for Drumm. His guides that could have happened: The sheep and the goats would be separated and we would then be able to show the pub-new outfit, which she-did. Next his age life—cannot be met by love alone. Love must have force back of it. No law or command has any value except there is within it the power to en-force. This is best seen in Nature lie the difference between practical coal and furniture bill becare due, and In the difference between practical coal and furniture bill becar e due, and common sense Spiritualism lived out she was ordered to pay "them; she and the kind these speculators were obeyed. Next she had a piece of prop-using as a means to an end and that end THE, COINING OF THE HEART again she was commanded by the YEARNINGS OF THE MOURNERS guides to let Drumm sell it and earn INTO DOLLARS AND CENTER Wheth the commission. She agreed and left where every law, to the least, is en-(2) There is the widest difference

INTO DOLLARS AND CENTS. Wheth the commission. She agreed, and left the matter in his hands for several weeks without results. Fnally she put it in the hands of a real estate agent

A child believes in Santa Claus be udged from recent occurrences. Six weeks ago Sister E. B. Price, pastor of the Spiritual Research Socie-ty of this city, related to me the followcause his parents, in whom he has wondrous tale. Mankind have believed the that they had brought about the whole wonder-myths of the various religious ing: A young orphan girl, went to one of the Ries brand of reverends, Allan \$100 as agreed. She febelled, as she systems, because the priests, in whom they had confidence, said these myths Drumm, who, however, has several them that she was afraid to do so on account of her husband (who was a skeptic). They replied that they would other names that he uses on convenient ccasions, one especially under which true they would become knowledge. he banks the money he receives from They never have been, never can be, and hence are "faiths," matters of befix him, and wanted her to give him the dupes whom he bleeds in the name some powders which their medium of their angel loved ones; but to my would prepare under their direction; tale: The young girl wanted a reading; she refused. After several weeks' nag she needed the advice of her loved ging from the guides, (?) who scored her for her lack of faith, she handed ones to strengthen her in her hour of temptation. A man whom she loved was endeavoring to seduce her under over the money. From that time on she was a helpless infant in Drumm's hands, and obeyed him without ques

earth revolves around the sun. If an astronomer was asked what his belief was in regard to this mat-ter, he would answer, "I have no be-lief; I know. It is not faith with me; it is knowledge, demonstrated by unpromise of marriage. Mark you, ye fraud sympathizers, the spirit "friends" of this poor girl, it is alleged, spoke through the 'Reverend'' and told her to yield her honor up, it would be all right, and that the man would marry

hold a test seance where he (the skep-tic) could hold Drumm's liands during the trumpet manifestation, He agreed the trumpet maintestation, the agreed the trumpet maintestation, the agreed as he wanted the main's money, and heeded the advice and is to day a de told Mrs. Cordes she must work the serted, ruined outcast, whom good Sis. trumpet in his stead, and told her what to say and do. She obeyed.

to say and do. She obeyed. Another time he was to hold a seance ter Price was treating without cost. When I heard that tale I vowed I Another time he was to hold a seance would have Drumm punished (if it cost in East St. Louis for some investigat-

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gone, And I possess the dear old box alone. Now other treasures in the box are hid There are no little hands to lift the lid No prying eyes in wonderment to view The mystic gems as I once used to do But over all there hangs a magic spell And each fond relic doth a story tell; Again I roam through vistas of the

past-Sweet dreams and visions all too bright to last.

Here is a bow of ribbon trimmed with lace, This is a picture of a pretty face,

And underneath are letters tied with blue. On one is written, "Will you still be true?

Here is an old song with a sweet re frain; (Oh! how it brings the old days back

again;) And here a locket with a broken spring, And in this cashet, mother's wedding

ring. Some'verses marked, entitled "Sunny Hours,

And in this little box are faded flowers; A sliken badge, a colored Meerschaun

pipe solled white fan, an old daguerreo typebookmark "Think of Me" a ring

hair. And here are gewgaws from a fancy

Fair. tarnished epaulet; ah, me! ah, me!

I'll hide them all away and turn the key. What magic with unhidden power holds

swey? Who is the Genii of the bok to-day? W / breathes from every token some

regret-And why no Lethe waters, to forget? Not smiles nor tears the memories can efface;

I see some witchery in every place. Whate'er my destiny; come joy or pain, Still like Pandora's box, let hope re

maín, Now draw the veil; I'll dream no more

to-day; Hope on, faint heart, and firmly tread who sold it, whereupon the guides said

the way, sale, and she must give Drumm the For "all the world's a stage:" I'll learn my part

And strive to play it with a cheerful heart.

The summer days with sunshine and with showers

Will bring again the song-birds and the flowers And when the curtain falls, the last act

o'er, May I be welcomed at the new stage IRENE CLIFTON.

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ten, and the seance revived them. But impressions never received can not be forgotten nor can they "re-cur." It is true the mind is a won-drous storehouse and experiences seemingly passed from memory, often flash up vividly from whence we know not, yet this by no means justifies us in saying that for every thought which thus comes we have had an experience. Peter Wickstrom: Q. (1) The command is, to love thy neighbor as thyself, and love thy enemy; one many love his neighbor, but how can he love an enemy?

love his neighbor, but how can he love, an enemy?
(2) What is the difference between belief and knowledge? For instance I have investigated and studied Spiritualism until to me it is a positive love for an enemy as for a friend, for love is based on reciprocity, similarity, and responsiveness. Yet the mind may be so trained in its spiritual qualities are friend in its spiritual qualities are friend in the spiritual qualities of the prominent citizens and a small admiser or revenge, and the return of blow for the spiritual optimized on the spiritual content of the lower desires for the spiritual content of the lower desires for the spiritual content of the lower desires for the prize and the return of blow for the spiritual content of the lower desires for the spiritual content of the lower desires for the prize and the return of blow for the spiritual content of the spiritual content of the spiritual content of the lower desires for the prize of the spiritual content of the lower desires for the prize and the return of blow for the spiritual content of the lower desires for the prize of the spiritual content of the spiritual content of the lower desires for the prize of the spiritual content of the lower desires for the prize and the return of blow for the spiritual content of the lower desires for the prize of the spiritual content of the lower desires for the prize of the spiritual content of the spirit

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of their ordinations. Drumm (as I aftermards found out) Since the above was written the and warned him to look out as we were Louis Post Dispatch, of February

and warned nim to look out as we were evidently after him. From there he went to Mrs. Bertha Lippman, a woman who is Roman Catholic in belief, but a medium for the sake of the coin. Spirite Use Trumpets to Cheat Woman. Prof. Drumm is Given Two Years in Frison on Charge of Fraud." The St. Louis StarChroniele of another Its is about of the same mental calibre as the one I first mentioned, and who want ordination because It would assist to draw in the suckers. Ries told her he had received, letters from Minima and received in the suckers. Ries told for the bad received, letters from Minima and received, letters from Minima and received in the suckers. The state of the second seco

would have Drumm punished (if it cost me all I had). Sister Price was to get the girl's address for me so that I could get all the necessary facts, but the girl disappeared without leaving a trace behind and for awhile I was in despair.

He was challenged by a skeptic to

About this time Ries again landed sistance. Her husband about that time lost in town and the first news I heard was, that he had ordained for \$10 that poor, his position, and when she refused. ignorant, easy mark, whom L wrote you of a few months ago, who had been duped with bogus spirit pictures by a Mrs Milleron

gold, time piece, commanded her to This woman (who cannot speak plain give it to him; he would redeem it, and whenever her husband wanted it, she English) was made to believe by Ries that by and through this certifi-cate she would be made a bright and could pay him, and he would turn it over to her. She did so and whenever shining star on the Spiritualist, ros-trum; that the barriers which the State Association had erected against promise. Has asked her what she wanted it for?

the manger.

and they would be compelled to do her justice (?), place her on their platforms and listen reverently to the words of wisdom (?) which would fall from her inspired lips. Even the railroads Cordee her inspired lips. Even the railroads would scramble for the privilege of givminded women, and one or two young men who attend his so-called developing her half-rate fares over their roads. ing circles (?) and obey his instruc-

When Brother Grimshaw and myself It is alleged that he has been married waited on the woman for the purpose of learning, if possible, the address of six times. Two of his former wives live here, and both depounce him bit Ries, we found the poor soul in the terly. Two young girls (whose names seventh heaven over her new toy. She and addresses I have) were badly treat declared she would prove worthy of the declared she would prove worthy of the trust placed in her, offered to assist Mr. Grimshaw with his meetings, and also tandered to me for the State As-mother of one of the girls, although aware of the insult, is apparently unalso tendered to me for the State Association her services, and insisted on able to break away, and still attends reading to us some of her inspirational his developing circles.

writing while controlled by a very In the name of common sense, what "high" spirit. If the writings were a kind of development can she hope to attain through such channels? Here is sample of the wisdom of the spheres, about the quicker we hang up the rethe charm he sells to negroes and igceiver the better. norant whites at \$10. There are some We finally secured Ries' address and "mystical" figures with the charm went at once to his headquarters. He

CHARM."

The End-The Penitentiary.

Since the above was written the St

which reads as follows: was stopping in a cheap lodging house THE GOOD, WISE AND CELESTIAL SPIRITS PROTECT FROM ALL on Morgan street, in company with a young woman he introduced to us as HARM THE WEARER OF THIS

his wife. We asked by what authority he was

Besides this, he has quite a trade in

We asked by what authority he was enabled to sell with such disregard to character and ability, religious ordina-tions. He produced certificates of in-corporation granted a Universal Spirit-Ual Association by the Cook County Circuit Court. The names of some of the applicants were, Aug. Ries, presi-dent; Fred N. S. Solsem, M. D., secreta-try; Lucy A. Hodge Koonz, and others, whose names I do not remember. Mr. Grimshaw remarked to Ries that while his papers might be all right, yet they had not been granted his associa-tion for the purpose of peddling ordina-

they had not been granted his associa tion for the purpose of peddling ordina-tion certificates to all who had the price, irrespective of mental or moral qualifications, and could be canceled on proof of such misuse.

I told him that I was after one of his pany me) and myself see forth; we I told him that I was after one of his reverends (without mentioning the name) and might land him in jail for his methods. He at once declared that he (Ries) was all right, that that he had simply made a mistake in ordaning Drumm and Josie K. Folsom Stewart, and was going to revoke both of their ordinations.

When we left he hurried at once to

I noticed lately some of your most advanced spiritual thinkers and writers speak respectfully of the great Medium of Nazareth. As I see it, it is impossible to strike the key note of a safe

Spiritualism through any other medium. While it is interesting to read and note the various mental pyrotechnics that egotistical God-makers use, it is more interesting to me to note that such a savant as N. F. Ravlin, have I

the name correct?) quotes an ancient Indian as the source from whence he got these divine precepts. This was of uncommon interest, and I am waiting to hear more from him.

This ancient Indian may have been one of the wise men from the East that saw the star over the stable at Bethlehem and came to worship the child in

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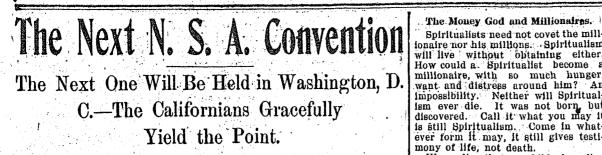
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order of the Executive Board of the nia Delegation, and is in no sense a suf-California State Spiritualists' Associa- fficient excuse for disregarding the tion, are self-explanatory.

N. S. A. Headquarters, Washington, D. December 2d, 1906.

Association; California at Large:you, one and all the sincere tnd Cordial 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 best wishes for your continued success and progress are extended to you.

N. S. A. Executive Board of Trustees tion; and yet yo to ask your reconsideration of a grave OUR invitation and important question;; viz: the plac- WASHINGTON, D. C. ing of location for the next convention of this National Body. In view of the following facts we

as a body to withdraw your invitation Sulu. 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 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 eight of its officers, 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 going west; 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 this section-excursion tickets will have stop-over privileges at in the Spiritualist and other journals, Washington, D. C. and all the dele-gates can come here to convention at n small fare.

We ask, because every convention since 1903 his promised that the city in which exists our Headquarters and in 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 invitater receiving their vised 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 following letters, published by connivance or suggestion of the Califorexpressed will and wish of those actng at the meeting; for the reason that it was the organic representative of the

C., December 2d, 1906. To Officers and Members of the Board N. S. A., acting in a business capacity, and in the absence of undue influence of the California State Spiritualists or ballot stuffing, the yote then taken has the same force and effect in law Dear Friends and Co-workers:--It and in ethics as though taken earlier lived in earth life, not in what gives me much pleasure to extend to in the proceedings. And no assurance has been or can be given by anyone but Greetings of the N. S. A. Trustees and 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 the location by their legal votes personate God or the All-Good. are the ones having the right to rescind

I am instructed at this time by the that choice and make another selec tion; and yet you ask us to withdraw AND VOTE FOR

Upon what do you base that request State Associations and local societies have no more rights in the matter than 'earnestly and urgently plead with you the Mormon Church or the Sultan of the rulers believe on him?"

Their legal representative acted legally and within the scope of their delegat-ed authority; and while there may be

some question about their right to an the N. S. A. will be more than One nul that vote and name a new location at this date, after the Organic Body in which they acted has been dissolved. here can be no question whatever as o the State and local societies. They have absolutely no right to interfere. Hence, without impugning the motives of anyone, and suggesting none but the kindliest and most filial sentiments,

we feel constrained to ask, where would be the use of a Delegate Convention adopting any measure if the official head of the Organization can annul it at pleasure?

Therefore, waiving entirely all the considerations urged by you as reasons embrace it desire the binding upon lus, let us direct your athave the enjoyment of the same. tention to other matters.

Your wish to have that vote rescind ed, and the next convention held at Washington has been widely discussed and the proposed disregard of the expressed wish of the Chicago Convention s well known to the Spiritualists on than the millions.

the Western Coast, and has by no means been favorably received or commented upon. The expressions of satisfaction and enthusiasm with the announcement was received that the next Annual National Convention would be held on this Coast, have not

only been silenced, but are being suption for 1907, because at time of voting plemented by expressions of disgust, for location, many delegates were ab-sent from meeting a good percentage of whom had started for their homes af-vinces us that it would be unwise to vinces 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 Manuonly trouble is our ignorance. facturers' Association joined in the invitation, while other societies and or

ganizations readily pledged assistance in the enterprise. The State Association and the cause represents had received a damaging blow from the April disaster, and not

The majority of the N. S. A. have but friends of the cause outside felt only we, the recognized Spiritualists. voted to appeal to a Referendum for place of next Convention, objections yould be 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 confldent that the promised assistance will not now be forthcoming. The kindly buoyant feeling which prevailed is 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." For reasons that 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 Asso ciation, and we have no wish to en croach upon the prerogatives of the Trustees of the said National Spirit With cordial greetings to all. By order of the Board of Directors of the California Stat Spiritualists' Association J. L. DRYDEN, Sec'y.

WHENCE COMES MURDER? The Money God and Millionalres. Spiritualists need not covet the mill-ionaire nor his millions. Spiritualism An Earness Pleasfor the Lives of Mur-

derers. How could a. Spiritualist become millionaire, with so much hunger When a Iman kills someone the law want and distress around him? An brands him as a murderer. As a punimpossibility. Neither will Spiritual-ism ever die. It was not born, but discovered. Call it what you may it ishment for his crime, he is hanged on electrocuted. 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 cit-izen, indeed! He is paid by the com-We realize that a child is alive when it cries just as readily as when munity for killing men. Therefore, his "crimes" are justified. On the othit laughs. So of the many phases presented, as given in that very in er hand, the criminal is perhaps, giv Thinker. Whether pleasing or other-wise, all give evidence that we live en a sum of money or its equivalent by some few persons for killing someone. Therefore his crime is not justified and after the body dies. Also another important thing. he is hanged.

A criminal of this type-that is, a Spiritualism teaches that happiness murderer- may not be as guilty as he seems. Let me explain this by beginhereafter depends upon how we have ning with the condition of the mother have believed or what we have ac-cumulated. Spiritualists do not covet before the child is born. Previous to' the birth of the child, the mother is in the distinction of being "money get a very sensitive condition. She, perters and money keepers" as has been hans, reads the accounts of murdersaid of Millionaire Sage since he recently died. There are commodities of murder committed in cold blood, of more value that can be acquired murder of innocent women and children, homicides, suicides, etc. These which will not be left behind as the murders are announced in glaring headmillionaire's possessions are. Spiritlines, and depicted in vivid word picualists have no leader but Truth. Who tures. They make an impression on can personate truth? No one can the mother's mind. She sees in her imegination-the crimes committed, the Many years ago a man came teach struggle and sufferings of the victims, ing this truth, of whom it was said: "The common people heard him glad-ly." He taught Sniritualiem It is etc. This vision is transmitted to the He taught Spiritualism. It is unborn child. The child is born with the picture of crime, especially murder, stated that he came that we might have life—and that we might have it indellibly stamped upon its brain. The impression may lie dormant for more abundantly. Some of the snobs of that day asked, "Do any of many years. Then a desire for bloodwill shed rises in the breast of the babe now grown up. This longing to take truth be any truer if it is believed by a life grows stronger and stronger. The will becomes weaker and weaker. the rulers, or any other popular magnate?' I think if I was one of the It succumbs. The deed is done. The rulers. I should be mortified. if not disgusted to have my distinguished name alluded to as evidence of the This so-called murderer is hanged.

'hanging" is the real crime, because t was committed voluntarily against person whose will was too weak to esist hereditary influences. Is the hangman's victim dead? His

The truth is all there is. Nothing body-not his soul-is destroyed. Afelse is real. Our prejudices envelope us but they will pass away. They are not everlasting like truth. They ter his spirit revives from the shock of passing out of this life, the desire of lestroying life\_becomes as powerful as shade the light as the heavy clouds do the sun but clouds do not damage the sun. Neither does prejudice damage before. That desire grows stronger because it cannot be satisfied (the spir the truth. The knowledge that Spirit, unaided, cannot destroy the flesh) itualism imparts is so comforting-The ego of the executed man becomes more determined to fulfill his longing. life abundant so infilling with love He finds as a subject whom he can and hope, no wonder that those who whole control, a person still in the body. The world personality of the spirit dominates this infortunate. Thirst for blood becomes I have nothing against millions or millionaires. It is what they do with

his overpowering passion. His will weakens. It yields. Another criminal the millions and what the millions do with them. Well enough for a man to own the money, but woe to the s hanged. He was not the murderer. True, his

man when the dollars own him. hand did the deed, but the will of Our the spirit caused his downfall. spirit friends regard the man more The horror of the murderer's mis-

That Spiritualism is consistent, scideed is again impressed upon his children through the medium of his wife. entific, reasonable and true, is not Again the crimes are committed; again saying that all who profess to accept it are thus. Yet some people seem to the hangman is called into service; expect it-especially of those

who again the spirits are set free. Thus the number of wrong-doers is have passed on. One says, "If the spirits had always told the truth 1 continually increasing instead of deshould have been a Spiritualist." Another says planchette or the board creasing. Now' the question rises, "What shall be done with the crimi-"told so many lies, I will have nothnals"

Educate them! Educate them out of ing more to do with Spiritualism. What logic! Because people are their mistaken ideas of forgiveness. sometimes prostrated by sunstroke They think if they repent at the last oes not hurt or change the character hour, all will be well. Right here is of the sun; staying in doors or outside where they make a great mistake. They are not forgiven. Everyone must suf-fer for his own misdeeds. They may enjoying its rays does not affect it. The sun still keeps on shining. The

escape punishment in this world-but Spiritualism was just as true before not in the next There the suffering the Rochester rappings as it is to-day. It always was and always will. is much worse than here. The wrong doers are earth-bound, tied to the Calling it new thought or old scenes of their own acts, seeing the thought does not affect. It is new to struggles and hearing the screams of the individual when first coming to their victims. Is not this punishment a consciousness of the same; always a consciousness of the same; always new and always old, just like every-thing else that is permanent. The truth that is will remain the truth; and there is a prophecy that all will one must work out his own salvationno one can suffer for him. Teach the criminals this truth. But do not wait until they are grown up before you reveal the truth to them. Teach the children-all children-right from the cradle,-that they must pay the penalty for their own wrong doing. Impress upon their childish fancy that no one can die for them. Help them to control their passions, especially anger. For bursts of anger are accountable for many acts of violence. Help and educate these unfortunates do not condemn them to death,-this only increases the crimes. Have mercy on them and pity rather than censure their weakness. Then, and only then, will the number of murders decrease.

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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 -the torture of the conscience-the very discouraging to me after taking

A Large Audience Out Friday Night to Hear the Well-Known Medium-Declaring Mrs. Eddy Originally a Spiritualist Medium, She Said That Faith and Christian Science are Much Alike and Gave Some Interesting Tests a

MRS. COOLEY ON SPIRITUALISM.)

the Close of Her Lecture. Mrs Georgia Gladys Cooley, of Chicago, delivered another lecture before the Spiritualist society Friday evening, in the Odd Fellows' temple. Mrs. Coo ey is a lecturer and test medium, and the lecture Friday evening was one of

a series she is giving under the auspices of the society, the next of which she will give on Sunday evening,

Mrs. Cooley had a large and interest-ed audience audience Friday night, and in connection with her interesting led ture she was very successful in the tests, which followed. In connection with the lecture Mrs. Cooley spoke in nswer to a number of questions written by the members of the audience and in answering one of which she stated that Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the

founder and present head of the Christian Science church, was at one time a Spiritualist medium, and gave sitting as such. She claimed that Spiritual ism and Christian Science are alike in

many things, especially when it comes to Science healing, the explanation be ing that the healer is a medium in the Spiritualist sense and operates through the control of a spirit.

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an evil spirit? If so, can he be brought out of that control without his knowl edge or consent? and if so, how?" The reply was that while there are evi spirits, they are more often ignorant rather than evil, and must be edu cated.

"What part of the body is the soul? and is the soul and spirit one?" The soul is no part of the body. There is spiritual body and there is a physical body, etc., etc.

"What will Spiritualism be 5, 10, 20 years from now?" Just what the Spir-itualists make it. Later, returning to this question, Mrs. Cooley said Spirit ualism is the greatest flower even planted in the garden of love. It is the greatest philosophy ever present-ed to mankind. Many other beliefs hint and treat of a life beyond, but Spiritualism is the only religion that

actually proves what it teaches; that after this life there is another world and another life. Spiritualism is a per meating force which will always be sending its shafts of light into every recess of darkness in the human life It is being investigated by many of al calibres to-day. The time is coming when you will be considered behind if you don't know something about psy- free by spirit power. chic law. Many college professors have come out and joined in psychic investigations, and many have been convinced.

20 years it will be fully established known and accepted, to stand as a bea con ight throughout all time. Mrs. Cooley followed her lecture with communication tests in which she described many spirits claimed to be seen through her mediumistic vision, and in every case the descriptions were rec ognized, and many of them had the merit of at least appearing very re-markable.-Meadville, Pa., Daily Re-

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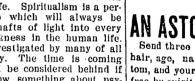
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have been made by two that it may not be Constitutional to do so; a compe-tent Lawyer in the District of Columbia, where the N. S. A. has been incorporated has been consulted by our Executive Board and he renders his opinion that an appeal can be taken 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 ond all; Fraternally yours, MARY T. LONGLEY,

N. S. A. Secretary

### California's Answer.

Headquarters California State Spiritualists' Association, Room 108, 283 W. Second Street, Los Angeles, Cal., January 5, 1907.

Mary T. Longley, Secretary, and the Officers and Members of the National Spiritealists' Association, Washington, D. C.:—Dear Friends and Co-Workers: of the California Acknowledging the receipt of your communication under date of December 1906, requesting the State Spiritualists Association of California to

wathdraw 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 5, 1907, your communication and its request thoroughly and impartially considered and the following decision and the reas ons therefor were ordered to be for warded to you:

In the first place; your many protes tations of friendship and esteem and Yet still they do live and will ever us best wishes for our success, etc., have been, we hope, received in exactly the same spirit in which they were ten dered, and we also trust, have been ac they been received under different cir cumstances, 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 unquestioned 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.

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soon passed away, The spirit was gone from the body of

greet, With other dear friends whom they

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found elsewhere. These homes to inherit we'll seek to

do well. And thus with blest spirits we even

shall dwell. Home, home, spirit home,

Each day spent on earth brings us nearer our home.

implied promise to hold Biennial or These homes are surrounded with

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.

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> up my time for individuals." The authors of the various g

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 them-selves with a needed rest? No; they are working for humanity and cause they love, as hard as ever, ac-cording to their strength, and doing better work than ever before because

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breed. And retribution rolls: There the spirit of true manhood un-

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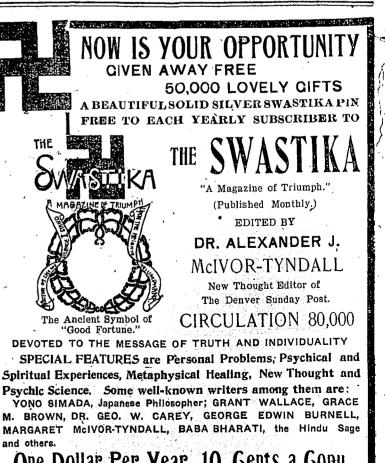
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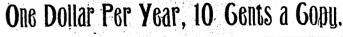
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