Spiritualism Defended.

Even In Far-Off India It Has Noble Defenders.

Sir.—As a spiritualist I would like come pronounced Spiritualists.

to answer C. M. G.'s letter an wing "All heathen religions," writes this

spirits," which by the way admits that lying and slandering and moral wick-spirits or rather the so-called dead? are edness affoat in the world without conscious, I would refer him to the any personal devil to incite these 9th Chapter of St. Mark in which, what we would now call "a spiritualistic By the way, who made the Seventh we would now call "a spiritualistic seance," was held by Christ and his disciples, and that according to the 4th verse of that Chapter "There appeared unto them Elias with Moses," rational man ever saw the devil? If and also Christ after his death apneared to his disciples when they were in a room with all the doors closed or in other words he "materialised." So that Christ both when he was alive dead? and when he was dead"? or as spiritualists say "passed on to a should do the same.

municates with us either by knocks ticed . . . His eyes were cunning, on a table, or by writing or speaking shy, and showed great penetration. through a trance medium or by any other method we do, as St. Paul adhung loosely, about his face and hands. As I beheld him, his chin ask them to prove that they are the persons they represent themselves as being or in other words, prove their smile was upon his countenance w identity, and if "C. M. G." or any of your readers would like to know how his is done I would refer them to the following books as it would take too much time and space to explain:

1. Mrs. Piper and the Society for Psychical Research with an introduc-

tion by Sir Oliver Lodge.
This book gives the methods and results of the British Society for Psychical Research in their investigation of the trance medium Mrs. Piper which investigation extended over a

riod of more than 14 years. Researches in Modern Spiritulism by Sir William Crookes. 3. Miracles and Modern Spiritualby Alfred Russell Wallace the iend and fellow worker of Darwin, id numerous other books by Dr. recbles, E. Wallis, A, Smedley, etc

Dr. Peebles Replies. To the Editor of the "Englishman,"

will allow me a reply. head-center in Battle Creek, Michigan, birth, And physically death is simply where I have lived much of the time the severing of the co-partnership was a visionist who professed to have it is reported that Paul said "there is visions from God stating that the world was about to end and Jesus Theosophists term it the "astral body" Christ was to immediately come in His Glory, destroying the wicked and saving the elect. These prophesying have all along proved complete failures. This "C. M. G.," with all Adentists, believes that there is nothing naturally immortal in a man-that he dies as does the mosquito or the grass-hopper-that Plato and Socrates. Tennyson and Abraham Lincoln with the countless millions of the great and the good of the past are llead-unconsciously dead and will remain dead till some future resurection, which will take place no one nows when. It is recorded esus said:—"Now that the dead are raised Moses showed at the bush" and so forth; and Moses and Elias "apeared on the Mount of Transfiguraion," appeared and "talked." Other passages of the Scriptures teach a devil. similar doctrine. However, this mat-Christian denominations, for they all established fact—a blessed truth believe the conscious soul to be im-mortal. Personally, I never use the the sick and brushing away the the phrase the "immortal spirit," a trious Alfred R. Wallace, pensioned by much stronger and more potent word the late Queen Victoria, say, "My poto express the continuity of conscious sition, therefore, is that the phenome life. God is called the "Father of na of Spiritualism in their entirety do the Spirits of all flesh." Jesus upon not require further confirmation. They hands I commend My Spirit.". In Job are proven in other sciences." we read thus: "In whose hand (nepherh) is the soul of every animal. and the (ruach spirit of all flesh that Phenomena, (page 206) thus—"The is human." I quote from memory but man who denies the phenomena of I am sure I give the correct idea. The central truth of Spiritualism

is that the dead are conscious," says this "C. M. G." This remark of his is but half of the truth. truth of Spiritualism, is that the conscious spirit the "atma" in man, is immortal and has the power after death, under proper conditions, to This writer also says that it is "forbidden" in the Bible to converse or with familiar spirits." But Burely, the Bible would not condemn what did not exist. This class of Bible texts clearly prove so far as they are authoritative that Spiritualism was a fact in Jewish times. B a recorded fact in all Bibles. The Shastras abound in the facts and phenomena of spiritual manifestations. The most learned men of the world today such as Sir William Crookes, Sir Oliver Lodge the distinguished Alfred Not for thyself, poor, tired heart; R. Wallace, the compeer of Charles Darwin, the distinguished W. T. Stead, editor of the London "Review of Re-Professor Hyslop of the New

York University, and I might quote

To the Editor of the "Englishman," scores of similar illustrious men who Calcutta, India:

your issue of the 24th inst. And critic, "teach a conscious existence Regarding his statement that the in death, and therefore, are susceptheory of man's inherent immortality" tible to the influence of Suiritualism. is itself anti-Christian I would refer "Heathen religions" in so far as they this modern Sadducee to Christ's ans- teach "the conscious existence of the wer to the Sadducees of his day vide spirit in an after death, prove them-Mark XII Chapter, 26th and 27th selves to be infinitely superior to the verses. "For as touching the dead soul-sleeping doctrine of the Adventhat they rise; have ye not read in tists, or the endless hell torments of the book of Moses, how in the bush Calvinistic sectarians.

God spake unto him saying I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. He is not the own advocates." This is a shameful false statement; for Spiritualists do false statement; for Spiritualists do God spake unto him saying I am the "That Spiritualism is a doctrine of God of the dead but of the living."

Regarding it being wrong to hold communication with the so-called dead? or as "C. M. G." puts it "one to form the earth dedeving people. There is quite enough deception and

the devil through mediums proves a future existence to atheists and ma-terialists and exhorts people to be good and spiritually minded is he not to be honored both for his industry communication with the so-called and his high moral teachings? never knew of but one person that ever actually saw this personal devil as spiritualists say "passed on to a higher life" he communicated and that was Eldress E. G. White, held intercourse with his disciples and if we would follow his example we should do the same. Regarding the statement that it is bears a kingly form. His features "the devil and the fallen angels that represent the dead relatives and friends of people," when a spirit comwas resting upon his left hand. He appeared to be in deep thought. A

smile was upon his countenance which In line with this she further says "Satan was seeking a dispute with Jesus, concerning his being the Son of God, and Satan, to manifest his power, (page 27) carried Jesue (she not say just how he carried him) to Jerusalem and set him upon the pinnacle of the temple and there tempted him." Now mark! This Seventh Day Adventist devil some-times "smiles," has a kingly form, a noble brow, a receding forehead, cunning eyes, and a "large frame with the flesh hanging loosely about his hands;" and yet strange-strange to tell "seven" of "Him"-seven of these monsters "were cast out of Mary Mag-dalene." These are Luke's words These are Luke's words "Out of whom (Mary) went seven devils." Adventists insist that we must

take the Bible just as it reads. And yet, when we read in the 20th chapter of Isaiah that "the Lord command ed his servant Isaiah to walk naked and bare-foot three years for a sign" and so forth, they think there Calcutta, India-Sir: In your issue must have here been a mistranslation. of January 24th my name is men- This writer in quoting from that old tioned and a direct attack is made pessimistic agnostic (Ec. 9:6) was not upon Spiritualism by one "C. M. G." in a sense so very wide from the mark whose full name and address should simply because there are no "dead." have been given. I am sure that your In fact, there is no absolute death in combined liberalism and hospitality God's universe. Modern science shows that the very corpuscles that consti-This writer who so vigorously at tute the atom are alive. God is contacks Spiritualism has all the religious scious, energy and life "imminent" in ear-marks of the Seventh Day Ad- all the universe. What we in our ventists, a small sect with its original blindness call death, the angels call for fifty years. I personally knew existing between the physical body Elder and Eldress White, the latter and the conscious spirit. To this end a natural body and a spiritual body.

and the American Transcendentalists term it the "etheric body." It is this spiritual body that aided by the intelligent spirits of the Heavens can so manipulate the auras, emanations atomis, electrons, ions and other subtle substances as to produce what are termed the "Materialisation of spirits.". This I have repeatedly seen, and seen them also after a few moments, dematerialise and vanish. ple, this little narrow-minded sect of Seventh Day Adventists whom the Evangelical denominations do not recognise as orthodox Christians, are called in America "Soul-sleepers," of "Devil-admirers"? because they insist that Spiritualism, mesmerism, hypnotism, clairvoyance and kindred occult phenomena are all the works of the

Spiritualism is not as this nameless "C. M. G." asserts "anti-Christ, Adventist must settle with all nor is it anti-Krishna, but is a well-"immortal soul" considering mourner's tears. Well did the illus-Cross cried out into "Into Thy are proven quite as well as any facts

And the eminent Dr. Thomson J Hudson writes in his Law of Psychic Spiritualism is not entitled to be called a sceptic; he is simply ignorant; and it would be a hopeless task to attempt to enlighten him."

J. M. PEEBLES, M. D. NOT FOR THYSELF.

Not for thyself, O violet fair, To bud and bloom and die; The maiden plucks thee for her hair - In children's hands you lie.

Not for thyself, alone, dear bird,

Is sung that plaintive song; Some tender human soul is stirred. As thy sweet notes prolong. Not for thyself, pure little child, Those dimpled cheeks and hands; Those tresses bright, and blue eyes

A mother understands. Toll on and hope anew;

Some loved one, of your life a part, Is glad because of you.
ALICE M. WARREN, Proctorsville, Vt;

Dr. Hidden and Spiritualism.

Some Mistakes and Corrections Noted by Harrison D. Barrett.

in question. There are more than the movement as their souls' religion. There are at least 1,500,000 port, as it seems to them, at times, to be the truth they need.

Dr. Hidden said many kind things of Spiritualism and its followers with which neither they nor the writer have any exceptions to take. Some of his statements are not clear, while others are quité misleading. Let me place Spiritualism's central claim in its true light before your readers. claims to be a religion, pure and unde-filed, impressing its followers to be doers of good deeds, and inspiring them to maintain pure moral characters before all of the world. works and the maintenance of pure moral characters," as laid down by the Apostle James, means something to them. With this statement from the only New Testament writer who ever presumed to give a definition of relig-ion, the Spiritualists link the recogni-

tion of God.

The following is our "Declaration of Principles," adopted at our National Convention, held in Chicago in Octo-

We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

2. We believe that the phenomena of nature, physical and psychical, are expressions of infinite intelligence. We affirm that a correct under-standing of such phenomena and livng in harmony therewith, constitute the true religion.

4. We affirm that the process of life is not interrupted by the change called death, but that man lives on, a conscious being beyond the tomb. We affirm that communion be ween the seen and unseen worlds is a fact scientifically proven by the phe-nomena of Spiritualism.

6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye even so unto them.'

The foregoing is offered in evidence of the claim that to all intelligent Spiritualists, Spiritualism is a religion. Let me at this point further correct Dr. Hidden. No intelligent Spiritualist presumes to claim that psychic phenomena, or demonstrations, prove the immortality of the Soul. They ena only prove that men and women, as intelligent entities, survive the change called death. No living being can prove the soul's immortality until t can be shown that at least one intelligent entity has lived eternally. This is a mathematical impossibility. demonstrated Immortality. the existence of Infinite Intelligence, is accepted, then, by inference and the New Testament. ogical reasoning, man's eternal dura- are so contradictory within

With Dr. Hidden's denunciations of tions practiced by fricksters in the name of Spiritualism, every true Spiritualist is in full accord, with this advantage on the side of the believerhe is trying to clean out the Spiritualistic temple, and has no time to mind other people's business. Had Dr. Hidother people's business. Had Dr. Hidden, as a Spiritualist, worked heart tion that he was about to die for the and hand with the anti-fraud: anticommercial elements in our own ranks, it would have been more to his credit than it was to openly consort with some of them for the sake of official position, and possible leadership. I want to be just to him, however, and must say here that he has always been an open opponent of the shams practiced under the cloak of materialization, trumpet and other dark seance nonsense. When he was a Spiritualist, it is known that he did little or nothing to remove the evils of which

he complains. the honest Spiritualist has not one word to say. That Primitive Christlanity and Modern Spiritualism are great scholars and critics from Ireneus branches of the same great tree of to the present day, and all of these lapower for good in the world is on the proof as to the origin of the four goswane, any intelligent person can see s a mistake. It is moving scientists, philosophers, and even the theologians as they never have been moved before The intelligent ministers of the present day are turning to its sacred truths for bread with which to feed the despairing members of their flocks. It is softening pulpit utterances as never before in the history of the ministry, and is comforting untold renius, some nine years, later: millions as they stand weeping beside Walte, 3rd edition, page 322; also Dr. the biers of their beloved dead, with Brown's Researches in Oriental Hisiplifting assurance that the departed live beyond the grave. It has scholar of Protestant Commany be put scientific Athelsin and its twin heard, Schleiermacher, the most inbrother, Materialism, to flight, and glorified the grave as the open door to a brighter world. Its motto is "Equal rights for all, special privileges to none," while its watchword on earth and in spirit spheres is "Pro-

gression." It has been called upon to aid Sci-It has been called upon to aid Sciot he English reading public; his ence, and has shown the children of work is of research and critical exammen that sulphur can be put to far ination, and deserves a liberal patron-better uses than to be wasted in burn-age from the publics all who diligent ing those non-material things.—human souls—throughout all time. It has absurdities of the myster gods and proved itself the strong ally, the gen-saviers of past ages r. Let Wate and uine friend of philosophy by giving it a true basis, far removed from the one | will furnish much valuable matter for offered by Materialism. It has be-the considera come the expounder of ethics, and led ligious lore. the way to a higher civilization for all will find the beautiful flowers of love housekeeping. Anca.

Editor Daily News: - My attention and sympathy to inspire him; to press has been called to your review of an address given by Dr. C. W. Hidden of ly to the sight of all who have eyes your city, in the Dudley street Baptist Church, Boston, Feb. 17. As Editor-at-Large of our movement, and presimilar to see, the perfect law of consequences, and demonstrated that each mortal must reap as he sows: It has dent of the National Spiritualists' As- told every traveler over the roadway sociation of the United States of of life, that there never was and is not America and Dominion of Canada, I now any forgiveness for sin, save that espectfully request space in your col- obtained by each individual through umns to reply to certain statements his personal efforts to perfect his charthat the speaker made on the occasion acter. In fine, Spiritualism is the religion of life, here and hereafter. It 300,000 avowed Spjiritualists in has gone into the laboratory of God, America, who are actively supporting and there in the rare alembic of purity, rewrought the lessons of life eternal. It has rolled the stone away from tached believers and investigators, the sepulchers of millions of human who accord Spiritualism a quasi sup-souls, and bidden the smiling angels souls, and bidden the smiling angels of Love and Wisdom to come forth. t is God's truest revelation to man-a religion by which to live—a religion to sustain men as they graduate from he world of sense into the radiant spheres of the supernal world.

Yours for truth, HARRISON D. BARRETT, President N. S. A. and Editor-at-

Evolution of the God and Christ Ideas. The word God is to me a sound conveying no clear or distinct affirmation. -Chas. Bradlaugh, -Cnas. Bradlaugh, Any person who attempts to define

he absolute, to describe that which les below phenomena, attempts the impossible.-B. F. Underwood. From the most remote period of

primitive man, the various races have and a belief that there must be some thing outside, independent and superior to, the universe, and from this ab solutely impossible hypothesis all of the various forms of religion, have arose. This work dilates on this idea and shows that there is absolutely no exception in civilized and semi-civilized races of man.
In Huxley's "Man's Place in Na-

ture," this assumption of a God does not occur. The word "God" is, not within its pages.

This work will be found beneficial

to all inquiring minds that are eager to have a full and fair understanding of those mystic nonentities that have n all ages been a fetter upon the intellectuality and individuality of man.
The Gods must be dethroned, and man, instead of gazing into void and empty space, will sooner or later realze the necessity of his own attention.
The Vedas is the the oldest bible in existence. The Shasters, Puranas and Zendavesta are of very ancient date, and are held in sacred remembrance

The author, Hudson Tuttle, has clearly set forth the ideas of these anclent bibles in shape so that the reader with due diligence can comprehend them. Man in all past ages and the present has been the prey of priests and kings. A few heroic souls have stemmed the tide against, the encroachments of these, and labored to free the mind from the thraldom of superstition. Man has not only had imaginary gods but virgin-born saviors as well. This may be fully realized by reading the work in question. But the Jewish Savior is considered of Spiritualism, however, does affirm the eternality of God, and declares that or was he a myth? This question has nan is the child of God, hence is as engaged the attention of some of the old and will continue to live as long as his parent lives. In this sense only must confess that while there is no contemporary history to saubstantiate a demonstrated importality. When the claim, I think he lived. There must have been some foundation for

But the accounts set forth therein selves they cannot be a solid foundation to stand upon. This matter is fraud, of counterfeiting, of the dark, very clearly brought out in Waite's commercial seance, and other decep Halary by you's profit these custs History ch. xxvli, a work that ought print. Let Mr. Waite be heard:

"It is true that Jesus himself at no time during his preliminary examination, either before the council or be fore Pilate or on his way to execution sins of the world."-- 5th edition, page

531. The greatest Biblical acholars hold that the four gospels were not in existence in the first century. How. then was it that the sayings and doings of this man were kept and hand ed down to the writers of Matthew, Mark and Luke, saying nothing of John, which was of later date.

"Was Christ Crucified?" by Austin Bierbower, a Jewish lawyer of Chicago, labors to the end to prove that there were no laws in those days in that country demanding a crucifixion; Against the true teachings of Jesus, if this an irrefutable fact, the crucifix ion of Jesus Christ is a falsehood. It has proven to be a worthless tax of Truth, no intelligent person among us bors have been, and will continue to will deny. That Spiritualism, as a be futile of demonstration or even

> It is held that the Savior was to be of the blood and seed and root of David. If that is true, he was of human origin and forever vitiates the claim of an immaculate conception; and being the son of any ghost real or imaginary. Matthew says he was born in the days of Herod, the king; Luke says he was born in the days of Cytory, page 213. Let the most learned dispensable conditions are wanting No one has yet met with the slightest degree of success." He means in attempting to reconcile their chronologi

Mr. Tuttle has endeavored to nor tray this matter to the noderstanding ly read its pages will know more of the Brown be read in connection the consideration of all students of re B. O. FENTON. Chardon, Ohio.

REFLECTIONS. is Presented by Miss Elizabeth

To the Editor:-A late Progresshas set me to thinking, I wish to express myself as well. First, Mr. Barrett's splendid arti-cle that has run through two issues, one that should make every true Spiritualist think, and deeply too. We certainly have the broadest concept of life yet unfolded to man, and if truth is worth anythings it is worth thing, that the individual who practices it has no realization of its

ception are weaving around their own spirit nature a web that will be most dreadful to them when they stand face to face with themselves the morning after death. I firmly believe that all the dollars they have reaped from such practice will become as needles on which they will find themselves resting; and the more suave and sympathetic they

teachings, for if the law of cause and

effect is a fact, these very creatures that are making a business of de-

dress up their fraud to get into the confidence of their dupes, the more dreadful will be their own state.

I know of no crime so heinous as to play upon the heart-strings love and grief for money, as the no-torious Moore did, and as many more do whom I might mention, that are not in the field of materialization. As to those who have left us, it is, indeed, a sad commentary upon us. But is Spiritualism or Spiritualists

ALL to blame? I know full well that the Cause does not support TALENT and WORTH as much as it should, and no one deplores it more than I, and with Mr. Barrett I say the days of martyrdom are past, and the age of tramp Spiritualism is PAST. So long as we will consent to be tramps, so long we will get a tramp's portion and place. I WANT and Demand MORE for myself and the CAUSE I represent. To the men and women who had others dependent upon them and could not get support on our platform, I have nothing to say; but there are two instances which come to my mind I would use for illustration: One our friend Jamieson, who converted our Moses. It is always amusing to me, but as well disgusting, when I read the excuses he makes for leaving the Cause. To me it is evident he did not intelligently understand the teachings of Spiritualism; if he had, no matter how many fake ma-terializations he ran against, he would have been a Spiritualist still. To me, if every medium in the country is proven a fraid; I AM A SPIR-ITUALIST; there is no other same view of life to me. So if Mr. Jamieson had no deeper grasp of this truth than that, it was a most fortunate exchange for the Cause when Moses came in and he went out. We have lived and grown in spite of it all. The other one is the "Backslider" you quote this week. I happen to of Salvation Army preacher, into a Doctor, playing patent medicines, or

Pleasant when he and Bradley Newell created such a furor, and during it they lined their pockets. He personally said to me orice when we were in Cummington, Mass., that I was a fool to work for what I did; that such opportunities for getting money never lasted long, and we must use them, and be ready for the next that came. It is a well-known Doctor, and two or three since his day, The Waverly Home for Aged Spiritualists at Boston, would now be paid for. I feel we are better off

Wherever he has been he has cre-

ated a "brain-storm" for a little while

and then has sunk into oblivion.

into Spiritualism.

with him as a backslider. I feel that Spiritualism is not all to blame. There are so many that can work for awhile when everything is going fine, but when the tests come, they are found wanting. "Any dead rat can float with the tide, but it takes a good live one to go against

Just's word to Mr. Barrett. No one deplores "big words" more than I. A lot of words, big or little, nev-er set the people thinking, but the man or woman who has a few ideas, even though you do not agree with them, always do. And dear Mrs. Luther was the Master who went before and made the trail that I might follow after and build. never have been the iconoclast she was had it not been for the "intensity of her Soul," you speak of, and I feel she did leave much in the place

And with Mr. Barrett, I feel the Spiritualists are not devoted enough, to try, at least, to LIVE THE LIFE of the Spirit, and this will be the one condition to draw us together and make us better. I plead for more vital effort in living what we teach. To me religion is simply finding our spiritual place in the spiritual Universe. This found, all

ELIZABETH HARLOW.

Wanted-Crumbs of Knowledge. To the Editor:-I am still seeking for truth and knowledge upon the

subject of reincarnation. In The Progressive Thinker, No. 906, Jessie S. Pettit-Flint, in "A Reply to Mr. Dague," says, "My experience and studies of thirty years lead me to accept re-incarnation as a fact," also, "I gladly share all the crumbs of knowledge I have been able to gather in this great school of life." With your permission, Mr. Editor.

will kindly ask our friend to share "the crumbs of knowledge" she has gathered on this subject—with the readers of The Progressive Thinker, giving the full particulare of the why and wherefores that make her such a firm believer in the theory.

evidence in three score years, and or four weeks, but was peremptorily have never met a person who could give me one. L. P. WHEELOCK.

Madison, Wis. With all the consecration ceremo ness poured over a church it is not half; so holy as the home.—L. K. WashStartling Prophecies.

Giving the Views of a Spirit and a Mortal.

Mr. W. J. Colville is a Spiritualist some years ago in the East. There lecturer, and claims to get all his was a woman on the cars who was ideas from the spirit world. He says clairvoyant. She suddenly called out, that he never prepares his lectures, "I see a vision of a terrible accident and doesn't know beforehand what he is going to say. He pours forth a flood out at the next station. I warn all fighting for if necessary. That such of eloquent discourses for two hours, fraud is practiced in its name, is concluding with an impromptu poem most dreadful to me. It proves one on any subject selected by the audience. On a recent Sunday (at San Diego)

> will be swallowed up in great chasms thought her crazy, and paid no attento appear in the bed of these oceans, tion to her; so what is the good of the result of which will be that this globe (like the planet Mars) will ties, if they do happen, all work out have no more oceans, and the dry for good. We are all safe in God's

> and cultivation.
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> Upon the vast and fertile plains thus restored to man's use a and higher civilization on earth is to ing over a precipiee. I would rather be developed, and all nations are to pay heed to a prediction than reject live there in peace and harmony,

Inasmuch as many people are liable to be alarmed and disturbed by the terrible nature of these predicted catastrophes, it is interesting to know what a prominent lecturer claiming to be the inspired mouthpiece of the spirit world, has to say on the subject

of the predictions.
Mr. Colville said: "I don't believe these visions are to be taken literally, any more than St. John's visions in the Revelations are to be taken liter-

ally.
"I have never, had any vision of Chicago and New York being swal-lowed up. These prophecies are largely exaggerated."

Then he went on to say that great changes on earth are usually preceded by signs and wonders, both inwardly and outwardly and the inward and outward changes were connected. He and wonderful future. Russia will even hinted that in the past the suroutward changes were connected. He and wonderful future. Russia will even hinted that in the past the surface of the earth had caved in owing slavonic race will show a wonderful to the errors of mankind, and made the startling statement that a planet the startling statement that a planet through a great scourging and suffer-Mars and Jupiter, and was destroyed ing great humiliation, but will emerge through the sons of the people dis-obeying God's laws, and the fragments people will rise in their might and of this planet now form

tain course is followed. Edward Bellamy wrote two epoch making books, "Looking Backward" inorgi and artistic development, and "Equality," the purport of which was to show that if we work to the above lecture.] The other one is the "Backsider" you quote this week. I happen to know this gentieman and his history all the way from the humble home of boyhood up through the days of being a Temperance lecturer, a kind of Salvetton Army prescher into a competition, strife and disharmony it would result in disaster and revolu-

But the world to-day is in a state of great upheaval and unrest strikes, lockouts, and war between labor and capital! Well'do I remember the days at Lake

A change is coming over the minds of the people. Instead of blind worship of mammon the day is coming when to be unduly rich will be considered a calamity. The people are turning from their idols; brightened by rays from the celestial spheres a great change for good is beginning, and the upward tendency is increas

ing. The wise ones will say:
We want no extremes of poverty
on the one hand or riches on the other, but a comfortable competency

for every one.

This is the ideal for the co-operative commonwealth which is coming. I don't believe in these predicted overwhelming disasters. I don't believe and thus impliedly advises others to the destruction of San Francisco or be "on the side of safety" in connection of the side of safety" in connection of the side of safety in connection with Mr. Lee Spangler's prophecy. wrath. There are a great many good people in Chicago and New York, and a great deal of evil, but all cities are guides that they are unable to forepretty much alike in this respect.

and is the natural consequence of our own acts, and not from the external. Vandals from the North; that was merely the natural inevitable consequence of the internal dissensions within the state between patricians and plebeians. The seeds of destruction were first sown within the Roman empire. You can't have a healthy, clear complexion outwardly if you are inwardly diseased.

I admit that a tidal wave is coming, and an upheaval in New York and Chicago, but it is a spiritual upheaval, the result of the present dis satisfaction with political and social conditions, and this will be the new heaven, it will leave the people purer, happier and more united.

All these changes work for good If sudden death comes from earthquakes and tidal waves, it is not nearly so calamitous as people suppose. Those who are suddenly Hilled experience no pain, and when they wake up on the other side many of them precaution by removing human lives up on the other side have passed and treasure from the threatened over.

hides are so thick that no warning slon we can deduce and that is that hides are so thick that no warming such we can deduce and that is that will penetrate, and the only thing for California will be a safe refuge for will penetrate, and the only them is to experience the calamity; it all who can get away, them is to experience the calamity; and good F. A. BINNEY. does them good spiritually; and good people are there because their aid is needed right there, and the helpies ones could not get through without them.

On the other hand others who live in the light are warned away because their time to pass over hasn't come; they are needed liere and have other work to do. ..

I was in San Francisco just before the earthquake, intending to stay three body? steamer to New Zealand after only five days in San Francisco, I did so, and the first thing on arrival in New Zealand was to read about the earthwork on earth isn't done yet.

a warning whilst traveling by rail husiness .- Voltaire.

"I see a vision of a terrible accident to this train, and I'm going to get to get out, there's danger along the road." I got out with her, and as I stood

by her on the platform the passengers stood on the cars and laughed and he gave an interesting address on the hooted. I told them I preferred to be "Now Heaven and the New Earth," on the side of safety, Next morning with especial reference to the sensa- we read in the paper that the train on the side of safety. Next morning we read in the paper that the train with especial reference to the sensa-tional prophecies made by Mr. Lee had been wrecked and many injured. Spangler of New York, who has pre-dicted the coming destruction of Chicago, Boston and New York, and that the Atlantic and Pacific oceans thought be covalloused by in great chasms thought her crazy, and paid no attenwarning people? But these calami-

beds of the Pacific and Atlantic will keeping, but it is not pleasant never-be available for man's use, occupation theless to go through some of these experiences, I admit.
I would rather err on the side of credulity than take chances of plung-

> all truth. Chicago and New York will be overturned, I do believe, but it will be spiritually, not necessarily materially. We are entering on a new cycle in

the world's history—we are in a state of interregnum. Self-seeking and competition means a state of independence—every man for himself. Before the competitive age appeared we were in a state of de-

pendence. Now we are entering on an age of inter-dependence-mutual co-operation. First it was dependence, then independence, and now it is to be inter-dependence, when through the co-operative commonwealth man will work out his destiny and make this earth a terrestial paradise.

·When a new age begins, there is a new climate. Siberia had once a tropical climate. Siberia has a great the shake off the chains of selfdom.

There is no fatalism in prophecy.
All we can do is to point out the tendency of the age and foresee that certain results must follow if a certain course is followed.

In conclusion the speaker predicted a glorious future for San Francisco and all the Pacific Coast which will be centres dotted with cities that will be centres to find the course is followed. of culture and civilization—there will be commercial prosperity, but more valuable than that will be spiritual,

> So far us concerns throwing any doesn't believe it, and if true it is not a physical calamity that is threatened but a spiritual upheaval: and curiously enough he omits all reference to the prophesied swallowing up of the oceans in the earth's interior -- a prophecy which in one respect would be more stupendous in its consequences to mankind than the destruction of a dozen cities, and yet he hints at a change of climate, which latter would assuredly be one result of the disappearance of the oceans.

According to Mr. Colville's own admission, it is quite possible for Mr. Spangler to receive a true vision of. future events, whilst Mr. Colville is unable to receive any evidence whatever since he tells us he stood by the side of a clairvoyant who predicted the train wreck which saved his life and yet he foresaw nothing. And further, he justifies himself by saying he preferred "to be on the side of safety" tell coming events. By analogy, a All destruction comes from within, man on top of a high mountain can see much further than one on a lower elevation and yet that would be no Rome was not destroyed by the reflection on the latter, who in turn can see much further than those in the valley, who may be highly moral and good people.

So it is with regard to prophecy. Only the loftiest spirits can foresee coming events, and if they see fit to give warning to mankind they select a suitable mouthpiece like Mr. Spangler who may possess little ability on other lines. In fact, prophecies have sometimes in the past come through the mouths of halfwitted boys or old

Mr. Colville's criticism leaves the matter where he found it, though his advice is excellent, and he sees the true spiritual significance of it all. In the writer's opinion it takes a bold man, in view of the recent earthquakes, to say that these prophecies are impossible. They are quite possible-similar things have happened before and we ought to take everyver. Why don't the forewarned is to be forewarned. If spirits warn us and save the lives of the people were to take these prophe-many good people?"

In the first place some people's fering can be obviated. One conclu-

San Diego, Cal.

Who Knows? Editor Progressive Thinker: Recent developments have led me to ask a question that may, to many, savor of the grotesque. Can disease be communicated from an excarnate spirit to a living hyman

HERDERT A. HARRELL, Chicago, Ill.

A good Christian should never go to law; rather should he give up his coat and his pants, and everything quake, I was warned, because my that he hath. Churchmen never go to law; they are the most docile and e Again I had a similar experience of creatures in the world on matters of

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Spiritualism Defended.

To the Editor of the "Englishman," scores of similar illustrious men who Sir.—As a spiritualist I would like come pronounced Spiritualists. to answer C. M. G.'s letter appearing in your issue of the 24th instant. theory of man's inherent immortality" tible to the influence of Suiritualism.

wer to the Sadducees of his day vide that they rise; have ye not read in tists, or the endless hell torments of the book of Moses, how in the bush Calvinistic sectarians. God of Abraham and the God of Isaac the devil is admitted by some of its

we would now call "a spiritualistic eance," was held by Christ and his lisciples, and that according to the 4th yerse of that Chapter "There appeared unto them Elias with Moses," 4th verse of that Chapter "There appeared unto them Elias with Moses," and also Christ after his death appeared to his disciples when they were peared to his disciples when they were in a room with all the doors closed or in other words he "materialised." So that Christ both when he was alive to be honored beth for his industry that Christ both when he was alive held communication with the so-called and his high moral teachings? dead? and when he was dead"? or never knew of but one person that as spiritualists say "passed on to a higher life" he communicated and that was Eldress E. G. White, held intercourse with his disciples and the corner-store visionist

should do the same. Regarding the statement that it is the devil and the fallen angels that ("Early Writings," page 24) are still noble that brow which represent the dead relatives and friends of people," when a spirit communicates with us either by knocks on a table, or by writing or speaking through a trance medium or by any this frame was large, but the flesh hung loosely, about his face and hands. As I beheld him, his chin was resting upon his left hand. He appeared to be in deep thought ask them to prove that they are the persons they represent themselves as being or in other words, prove their identity, and if "C. M. G." or any of your readers would like to know how this is done I would refer them to the following books as it would take too much time and space to explain:-Mrs. Piper and the Society for Psychical Research with an introduc-

tion by Sir Oliver Lodge.
This book gives the methods and results of the British Society for Psychical Research in their investigation of the trance medium Mrs. Piper which investigation extended over a

riod of more than 14 years.

2. Researches in Modern Spiritulism by Sir William Crookes. m by Alfred Russell Wallace the lend and fellow worker of Darwin, d numerous other books by Dr. eebles, E. Wallis, A. Smedley, etc.,

Dr. Peebles Replies. To the Editor of the "Englishman," Calcutta, India-Sir: In your issue upon Spiritualism by one "C. M. G."

will allow me a reply. naturally immortal in a man-that he grass-hopper-that Plato and Socragreat and the good of the past are

emain dead till some future resurection, which will take place no one nows when. It is recorded that raised Moses showed at the bush" and i o forth; and Moses and Elias "apeared on the Mount of Transfiguraion," appeared and "talked." assages of the Scriptures teach a devil. similar doctrine. However, this matter of "the immortality of the soul," less "C. M. G." asserts "anti-Christ," Christian denominations, for they all established fact-a blessed truth to express the continuity of conscious sition, therefore, is that the phenom life. God is called the "Father of na of Spiritualism in their entirety do the Spirits of all flesh." Jesus upon not require further confirmation. They we read thus: "In whose hand (nephesh) is the soul of every animal,

and the (ruach (spirit of all flesh that I am sure I give the correct idea. The central truth of Spiritualism is that the dead are conscious," says this "C. M. G." This remark of his is but half of the truth. The central truth of Spiritualism, is that the conscious spirit the "atma" in man, is immortal and has the power after death, under proper conditions, to communicate with human beings. This writer also says that it is "for-bidden" in the Bible to converse or "deal with familiar spirits." But surely, the Bible would not condemn-what did not exist. This class of

Bible texts clearly prove so far as they are authoritative that Spiritual-ism was a fact in Jewish times. It 3 a recorded fact in all Bibles. The Shastras abound in the facts and phenomena of spiritual manifestations. The most learned men of the world to-Oliver Lodge the distinguished Alfred R. Wallace, the compeer of Charles Darwin, the distinguished W. T. Stead, editor of the London "Review of Re-Professor Hyslop of the New York University and I might quote

after years of investigation have be-

o answer C. M. G.'s letter appearing "All heathen religions," writes this i your issue of the 24th instant.

Regarding his statement that "the in death, and therefore, are suscepis itself anti-Christian I would refer "Heathen religions" in so far as they this modern Sadducee to Christ's ansspirit in an after death, prove them-Mark XII Chapter, 26th and 27th selves to be infinitely superior to the For as touching the dead soul-sleeping doctrine of the Adven-

and the God of Jacob. He is not the own advocates." This is a shameful God of the dead but of the living." false statement; for Spiritualists do God of the dead but of the living."

Regarding it being wrong to hold communication with the so-called dead? or as "C. M. G." puts it "one is forbidden to deal with familiar There is quite enough deception and the so-called down the earth deceiving people. is forbidden to deal with familiar. There is quite enough deception and spirits," which by the way admits that lying and slandering and moral wick-spirits or rather the so-called dead? are edness affoat in the world without conscious, I would refer him to the any personal devil to incite these 9th Chapter of St. Markin which, what

the devil through mediums proves a future existence to atheists and mawould follow his example we do that she saw him and that he "still Regarding the statement that it is bears a kingly form. His features

appeared to be in deep thought. smile was upon his countenance which made me tremble," and so forth.

In line with this she further says

"Satan was seeking a dispute Jesus, concerning his being the Son of God, and Satan, to manifest his power, (page 27) carried Jesue (she does not say just how he carried him) to Jerusalem and set him upor the pinnacle of the temple and there tempted him." Now mark! This Seventh Day Adventist devil sometimes "smiles," has a kingly form, a noble brow, a receding forehead, cunning eyes, and a "large frame with the flesh hanging loosely about his hands;" and yet strange—strange to tell "seven" of "Him"—seven of these monsters "were cast out of Mary Mag-These are Luke's words dalene.' "Out of whom (Mary) went seven devils." Adventists insist that we must take the Bible just as it reads. And yet, when we read in the 20th chapter of Isalah that "the Lord commanded his servant Isaiah to walk naked and bare-foot three years for a sign" and so forth, they think there must have here been a mistranslation of January 24th my name is men- This writer in quoting from that old tioned and a direct attack is made pessimistic agnostic (Ec. 9:6) was not in a sense so very wide from the mark whose full name and address should simply because there are no "dead."

have been given. I am sure that your In fact, there is no absolute death in combined liberalism and hospitality God's universe. Modern science shows that the very corpuscles that consti-This writer who so vigorously at tute the atom are alive. God is contacks Spiritualism has all the religious scious, energy and life "imminent" in ear-marks of the Seventh Day Ad- all the universe. What we in our ventists, a small sect with its original blindness call death, the angels call head-center in Battle Creek, Michigan, birth, And physically death is simply where I have lived much of the time the severing of the co-partnership for fifty years. I personally knew Elder and Eldress White, the latter was a visionist who professed to have visions from God stating that the world was about to end and Jesus Theosophists term it the "astral body Christ was to immediately come in and the American Transcendentalists His Glory, destroying the wicked and term it the "etheric body." It is this His Glory, destroying the wicked and saving the elect. These prophesying have all along proved complete fall-telligent spirits of the Heavens can so manipulate the auras, emanations, manipulate the auras, emanations, and other subventists, believes that there is nothing atomis, electrons, ions and other subnaturally immortal in a man—that he dies as does the mosquito or the termed the "Materialisation of spir-This I have repeatedly seen, and with the countless millions of the seen them also after a few moments dead—unconsciously dead and will ple, this little narrow-minded sect of Seventh Day Adventists whom the

Evangelical denominations do not recognise as orthodox Christians, are esus said:—"Now that the dead are called in America "Soul-sleepers," of "Devil-admirers"? because they insist that Spiritualism, mesmerism, hypnotism, clairvoyance and kindred occult Other phenomena are all the works of the

Spiritualism is not as this namethis Adventist must settle with all nor is it anti-Krishna, but is a wellbelieve the conscious soul to be im- proving a future existence, comforting mortal. Personally, I never use the the sick and brushing away the phrase "immortal soul" considering mourner's tears. Well did the illustho phrase the "immortal spirit," a trious Alfred R. Wallace, pensioned by much stronger and more potent word the late Queen Victoria, say, "My pothe Cross cried out into "Into Thy are proven quite as well as any facts hands I commend My Spirit." In Job are proven in other sciences."

And the eminent Dr. Thomson J Hudson writes in his Law of Psychic Phenomena, (page 206) thus-"The I quote from memory but man who denies the phenomena of Spiritualism is not entitled to be called a sceptic; he is simply ignorant; and it would be a hopeless task to attempt to enlighten him.

J. M. PEEBLES, M. D.

NOT FOR THYSELF.

Not for thyself, O violet fair, To bud and bloom and die; The maiden plucks thee for her hair In children's hands you lie. Not for thyself, alone, dear bird, Is sung that plaintive song; Some tender human soul is stirred, As thy sweet notes prolong.

Not for thyself, pure little child, Those dimpled cheeks and hands; Those tresses bright, and blue eyes mild .--A mother understands.

Not for thyself, poor, tired heart; Toll on and hope anew; Is glad because of you.
ALICE M. WARREN. Proctorsville, Vt.

Dr. Hidden and Spiritualism.

Even In Far-Off India It Has Noble Defenders. Some Mistakes and Corrections Noted by Harrison D. Barrett.

> America and Dominion of Canada, I in question. There are more than the movement as their souls' religion. There are at least 1,500,000 unattached believers and investigators who accord Spiritualism a quasi supbe the truth they need.

Dr. Hidden said many kind things religion by which to live a religion of Spiritualism and its followers with to sustain men as they graduate from which neither they nor the writer the world of sense into the radiant have any exceptions to take. Some of spheres of the supernal world. others are quite misleading. Let me place Spiritualism's central claim in its true light before your readers. claims to be a religion, pure and unde filed, impressing its followers to be doers of good deeds, and inspiring them to maintain pure moral characters before all of the world. "Good works and the maintenance of pure moral characters," as laid down by the Apostle James, means something to only New Testament writer who ever presumed to give a definition of relig-ion, the Spiritualists link the recogni-

tion of God. The following is our "Declaration of Principles," adopted at our National Convention, held in Chicago in Octo-

1. We believe in Infinite Intelli-gence. 2. We believe that the phenomena

of nature, physical and psychical, are expressions of Infinite Intelligence.

3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such phenomena and living in harmony therewith, constitute within its pages.
This work wil

We affirm that the process of life is not interrupted by the change to have a full and fair understanding called death, but that man lives on, a of those mystic nonentities that have conscious being beyond the tomb. We affirm that communion be-

fact scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism. 6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule, 'Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye even so

unto them." The foregoing is offered in evidence of the claim that to all intelligent Spiritualists, Spiritualism is a religion. Let me at this point further correct Dr. Hidden. No intelligent Spiritualist presumes to claim that psychic the immortality of the Soul. They assert, with truth, that such phenomena only prove that men and women, as intelligent entities, survive the can prove the soul's immortality until it can be shown that at least one intelligent entity has lived eternally. This is a mathematical impossibility.

This is a mathematical impossibility.

Solvitivelies have a sould be made to the work in question. But the Jewish Savior is considered of the most transfer and the many than the most transfer and the Spiritualism, however, does affirm the eternality of God, and declares that old and will continue to live as long as his parent lives. In this sense only. a demonstrated Immortality. When the existence of Infinite Intelligence, is accepted, then, by inference and the New Testament.

fraud, of counterfeiting, of the dark, very clearly brought out in Waite's commercial seance, and other deceptions practiced by fricksters in the name of Spiritualism, every true Spiritualist is in full accord, with this advantage on the side of the believerhe is trying to clean out the Spiritualistic temple, and has no time to mind other people's business. Had Dr. Hidden, as a Spiritualist, worked heart and hand with the anti-fraud, anticommercial elements in our own ranks, it would have been more to his redit than it was to openly consort with some of them for the sake of official position, and possible leadership. I want to be just to him, however, and must say here that he has always been an open opponent of the shams practiced under the cloak of materialization, trumpet and other dark seance nonsense. When he was a Spiritualist, it is known that he did little or othing to remove the evils of which he complains.

Against the true teachings of Jesus. word to say. That Primitive Christianity and Modern Spiritualism are Truth, no intelligent person among us bors have been and will continue to will deny. That Spiritualism, as a be futile of demonstration or even power for good in the world is on the proof as to the origin of the four goswane, any intelligent person can see s a mistake. It is moving scientists, philosophers, and even the theologians of the blood and seed and root of Daas they never have been moved before. vid. If that is true; he was of human The intelligent ministers of the pres- origin and forever vitiates the claim ent day are turning to its sacred of an immaculate conception; and beent day are turning to its sacred of an immaculate conception, and per truths for bread with which to feed ing the son of any ghost real or imagine the despairing members of their inary. Matthew says he was barn in flocks. It is softening pulpit utterances as never before in the history of the ministry, and is comforting untold renius, some nine years, later. millions as they stand weeping beside the biers of their beloved dead, with Brown's Researches in Oriental Histhe uplifting assurance that the detory, page 213. Let the most learned parted live beyond the grave. It has put scientific Athelem and its twin put scientific Athelsm and its twin heard, Schleiermacher, the most in-brother, Materialism, to flight, and glorified the grave as the open door to glorified the grave as the open door to a brighter world. Its motto is Equal rights for all, special privileges to none," while its watchword on earth and in spirit spheres is

It has been called upon to aid Sci- of the English reading, public; his ence, and has shown the children of work is of research and critical exam-It has been called upon to aid Scimen that sulphur can be put to far ination; and deserves a lib hetter uses than to be wasted in burning those non-material things—human souls—throughout all time. It has absurdities of the mystic gods and proved itself the strong ally, the gen-sayiors of pastiages. Let Waite and uine friend of philosophy by giving it Brown be read in connection, which a true basis, far removed from the one will turnish much valuable matter for offered by Materialism. It has become the expounder of ethics, and led the way to a higher civilization for all mankind over the broad read of duty on each side of which every traveler will find the beautiful flowers of love

Editor Daily News:-My attention and sympathy to inspire him to press has been called to your review of an forward. It has receated night clear-address given by Dr. C. W. Hidden of ly to the sight of all who have eyes your city, in the Dudley street Baptist to see, the perfect law of conse-Church, Boston, Feb. 17. As Editor-quences, and demonstrated that each at-Large of our movement, and presi-mortal must reap as he sows: It has at-Large of our movement, and president of the National Spiritualists' Association of the United States of of life, that there never was and is not now any forgiveness for sin, save that respectfully request space in your col- obtained by each individual through umns to reply to certain statements his personal efforts to perfect his char-that the speaker made on the occasion acter. In fine, Spiritualism is the religion of life, here and hereafter. 300,000 avowed Spjiritualists in has gone into the laboratory of God, America, who are actively supporting and there in the rare alembic of purity, rewrought the lessons of life eternal. It has rolled the stone away from the sepulchers of millions of human souls, and bidden the smiling angels port, as it seems to them, at times, to of Love and Wisdom to come forth It is God's truest revelation to man-

> Yours for truth. HARRISON D. BARRETT, President N. S. A. and Editor-at-Large.

Evolution of the God and Christ Ideas The word God is to me a sound conveying no clear or distinct affirmation. -Chas. Bradlaugh,
Any person who attempts to define

the absolute, to describe that which lies below phenomena, attempts the impossible.—B. F. Underwood. From the most remote period, of rimitive man, the various races have had a belief that there must be some thing outside, independent and supe-

rior to, the universe, and from this absolutely impossible hypothesis all of the various forms of religion have arose. This work dilates on this idea and shows that there is absolutely no exception in civilized and semi-civilized races of man.

In Huxley's "Man's Place in Na ture," this assumption of a God does not occur. The word "God" is not This work will be found beneficial

to all inquiring minds that are eager tellectuality and individuality of man. The Gods must be dethroned, and man, instead of gazing into void and empty space, will sooner or later real ze the necessity of his own attention.

The Vedas is the the oldest hible in existence. The Shasters, Puranas and

Zendavesta are of very ancient date

and are held in sacred remembrance

The author, Hudson Tuttle, has clearly set forth the ideas of these anclent bibles in shape so that the reader with due diligence can comprehend them. Man in all past ages and the phenomena, or demonstrations, prove present has been the prey of priests stemmed the tide against; the encroachments of these, and labored to free the mind from the thraldom of change called death. No living being superstition. Man has not only had man is the child of God, hence is as engaged the attention of some of the most learned critics. To my mind must confess that while there does Spiritualism have aught to say of contemporary history to substantiate the claim, I think he lived. Ther must have been some foundation for

is accepted, then, by internal dura-logical reasoning, man's eternal dura-are so contradictory within them with Dr. Hidden's definiciations of tion to stand upon. This matter is time during his preliminary examination, either before the council or before Pilate or on his way to execution.

> or at the crucifixion, gave any intima tion that he was about to flie for the sins of the world."-5th edition, page 531. The greatest Biblical scholars hold that the four gospels were not in existence in the first century. How. then was it that the sayings and doings of this man were kept and handed down to the writers of Matthew,

Mark and Luke, saying nothing of

John, which was of later date. "Was Christ Crucified?" by Austin Bierbower, a Jewish lawyer of Chicago, labors to the end to prove that here were no laws in those days in that country demanding a crucifixion; f this an irrefutable fact, the crucifixthe honest Spiritualist has not one ion of Jesus Christ is a falsehood. It has proven to be a worthless tax of great scholars and critics from Ireneus branches of the same great tree of to the present day, and all of these la-

> It is held that the Savior was to b says he was born in the days of Cy-Waite, 3rd edition, page 322; also Dr. scholar of Protestant Cormany be No one has yet met with the slightest degree of success." He means in attempting to reconcile their chronological absurdities.

Mr. Tuttle has endeavored to nortray this matter to the understanding age from the public; all who diligently read its pages will know more of the the consideration of all students of religious lore. B. G. FENTON.

Heart heeping is the secret of happy housekeeping. Area.

REFLECTIONS.

As Presented by Miss Elizabeth

To the Editor:-A late Progressive Thinker has so much in it that has set me to thinking, I wish to express myself as well.

First, Mr. Barrett's splendid article that has run through two issues, is one that should make every true Spiritualist think, and deeply too We certainly have the broadest concept of life yet unfolded to man, and if truth is worth anything, it is worth fighting for if necessary. That such fraud is practiced in its name, is

most dreadful to me. It proves one thing, that the individual who practices it has no realization of teachings, for if the law of cause and effect is a fact, these very creatures that are making a business of de ception are weaving around their own spirit nature a web that will be most dreadful to them when they stand face to face with themselves

the morning after death. I firmly believe that all the dollars they have reaped from such practice will become as needles on which they will find themselves resting; and the more suave and sympathetic they dress up their fraud to get into the confidence of their dupes, the more dreadful will be their own state.

I know of no crime so heinous as to play upon the heart-strings love and grief for money, as the notorious Moore did, and as many more do whom I might mention, that are

not in the field of materialization. As to those who have left us, it is indeed, a sad commentary upon us. But is Spiritualism or Spiritualists
ALL to blame? I know full well that the Cause does not support TALENT and WORTH as much as it should, and no one deplores it more than I, and with Mr. Barrett say the days of martyrdom are past, and the age of tramp Spiritualism is PAST, So long as we will consent to be tramps, so long we will get a tramp's portion and place. I WANT and Demand MORE for myself and the CAUSE I represent. men and women who had others dependent upon them and could not me, but as well disgusting, when I to the errors of mankind, and made development in art, and ing the Cause. To me it is evident he did not intelligently understand the teachings of Spiritualism; if he had, no matter how many fake ma-terializations he ran against, he would have been a Spiritualist still. To me, if every medium in the country is proven a fraid; I AM A SPIR-ITUALIST; there is no other same view of life to me, So if Mr. Jamieson had no deeper grasp of this truth

than that, it was a most fortunate exchange for the Cause when Moses came in and he went out. We have lived and grown in spite of it all. The other one is the "Backslider" you quote this week. I happen to know this gentleman and his history all the way from the humble home of boyhood up through the days of being a Temperance lecturer, a kind of Salvation Army preacher, into a Doctor, playing patent medicines, or trying to, on into Spiritualism. Wherever he has been he has created a "hrain-storm" for a little while and then has sunk into oblivion. Well'do I remember the days at Lake Pleasant when he and Bradley Newell created such a furor, and during it they lined their pockets. .

He personally said to me when we were in Cummington, Mass., that I was a fool to work for what did; that such opportunities for getting money never lasted long, and we must use them, and be ready for the next that came. It is a well-known fact if it had not been for this very Doctor, and two or three since his day, The Waverly Home for Aged Spiritualists at Boston, would now be paid for. I feel we are better off with him as a backslider.

I feel that Spiritualism is not all to blame. There are so many that can work for awhile when everything is going fine, but when the tests come, they are found wanting, "Any dead rat can float with the tide, but t takes a good live one to go against

Just'a word to Mr. Barrett. No one deplores "big words" more than I. A lot of words, big or little, nevset the people thinking, but the man or woman who has a few ideas. even though you do not agree with them, always do. And dear Mrs. Luther was the Master who went before and made the trail that I might follow after and build. She would never have been the iconoclast she was had it not been for the "intensity of her Soul," you speak of, and feel she did leave much in the place where she took away.

And with Mr. Barrett, I feel the Spiritualists are not devoted enough. to try, at least, to LIVE THE LIFE of the Spirit, and this will be the one condition to draw us together and make us better. I plead for more vital effort in living what we teach. To me religion is simply inding our spiritual place in the spiritual Universe. This found, all s well.

ELIZABETH HARLOW.

Wanted-Crumbs of Knowledge. To the Editor:-I am still seeking for truth and knowledge upon the

subject of reincarnation. In The Progressive Thinker, No. 906, Jessie S. Pettit-Flint, in "A Reply to Mr. Dague," says, "My experience and studies of thirty years lead me to accept re-incarnation as a fact,' also, "I gladly share all the crumbs of knowledge I have been able to gather in this great school of life." With your permission, Mr. Editor, will kindly ask our friend to share "the crumbs of knowledge" she has gathered on this subject with the readers of The Progressive Thinker, giving the full particulare of the whys and wherefores that make her such a firm believer in the theory. I have not gathered one crumb of

evidence in three score years, and have never met a person who could give me one.
L. P. WHEELOCK.

Madison, Wis. With all the consecration ceremo ses poured over a church it is not half Startling Prophecies.

Giving the Views of a Spirit and a Mortal.

Mr. W. J. Colville is a spiritualist some years ago in the East. There lecturer, and claims to get all his ideas from the spirit world. He says clairvoyant. She suddenly called out, that he never prepares his lectures, and doesn't know beforehand what he is going to say. He pours forth a flood out at the next station. I warn all to get out there'd are not the station. I warn all the station of a control of the station of the station of the station. I warn all the station of the station. I warn all the station of the station o of eloquent discourses for two hours, concluding with an impromptu poem on any subject selected by the audi-

with especial reference to the sensa-tional prophecies made by Mr. Lee Spangler of New York, who has pro-dicted the coming destruction of Chicago, Boston and New York, and that the Atlantic and Pacific oceans will be swallowed up in great chasms thought he care and nature thought he care and nature thought he care and nature thought her crazy and nature thought her crazy and nature. have no more oceans, and the beds of the Pacific and Atlantic will keeping, but it is not pleasant neverbe available for man's use, occupation and cultivation.
Upon the vast and fertile plains

thus restored to man's use a new credulity than take chances of plungand higher civilization on earth is to be developed, and all nations are to pay heed to a prediction than reject live there in peace and harmony.

Inasmuch as many people are liable

to be alarmed and disturbed by the what a prominent lecturer claiming to be the inspired mouthpiece of the of interregnum. spirit world, has to say on the subject of the predictions.

Mr. Colville said: "I don't believe these visions are to be taken literally, age appeared we were in a state of deany more than St. John's visions in the Revelations are to be taken liter-

"I have never, had any vision of Chicago and New York being swallowed up. These prophecies are largely exaggerated." Then he went on to say that great get support on our platform, I have nothing to say; but there are two instances which come to my mind I and outwardly and the inward and tropical climate. Siberia has a great would use for illustration: One is outward changes were connected. He and wonderful future. Russia will our friend Jamieson, who converted even hinted that in the past the surbe reconstructed and the great Moses. It is always amusing to face of the earth had caved in owing slavonic race will show a wonderful

> formerly existed between the orbits of through a great scourging and suffer-Mars and Jupiter, and was destroyed ing great humiliation, but will emerge through the sons of the people dis- into a new and glorious life when the obeying God's laws, and the fragments people will rise in their might and of this planet now form the asteroids. There is no fatalism in prophecy.

> Edward Bellamy wrote two epoch-making books, "Looking Backward" more and "Equality," the purport of which was to show that if we work to the show that if we work to the show lecture.] gether co-operatively (as the angels So far as concerns throwing any do in heaven), we can establish a light on the probability of Mr. Lee new heaven on earth, and Ignatius Spangler's prophecy being realized, Donnelly wrote another book entitled, "Caesar's Column," to show tory. He simply says he doesn't know that if we pursue the life of selfish anything; he's had no vision, and he

> strikes, lockouts, and war between oceans in the earth's interior -- a

labor and capital! A change is coming over the minds be more stupendous in its of the people. Instead of blind worwhen to be unduly rich will be conby rays from the celestial spheres agreat change for good is beginning, and the upward tendency is increas-

ing. The wise ones will say:
We want no extremes of poverty on-the one hand or riches on the other, but a comfortable competency

for every one.
This is the ideal for the co-operative commonwealth which is coming. I don't believe in these predicted overwhelming disasters. I don't believe the destruction of San Francisco or any other city is a sign of Divine tion with Mr. Lee Spangler's prophecy. wrath. There are a great many good people in Chicago and New York, and the power of Mr. Colville's spirit a great deal of evil, but all cities are guides that they are unable to forepretty much alike in this respect.
All destruction comes from within,

and is the natural consequence of our own acts, and not from the external. Rome was not destroyed by the Vandals from the North; that merely the natural inevitable consequence of the internal dissensions within the state between patricians and plebeians. The seeds of destruction were first sown within the Roman empire. You can't have a healthy, empire. 10u can thanking if you a suitable mouthpiece like Mr. Spangare inwardly diseased. .

I admit that a tidal wave is coming, and an upheaval in New York and Chicago, but it is a spiritual upheaval, the result of the present dissatisfaction with political and social conditions, and this will be the new heaven, it will leave the people purer, happier and more united.
All these changes work for good.

If sudden death comes from earth- bold man, in view of the recent earthquakes and tidal waves, it is not nearly so calamitous as people suppose. Those who are suddenly Hilled experience no pain, and when they wake up on the other side many of them up on the other state have passed and treasure from the threatened

We are asked, "Why don't the hides are so thick that no warning will penetrate, and the only thing for them is to experience the calamity; it does them good spiritually; and good people are there because their aid is needed right there, and the helpless ones could not get through without

On the other hand others who live in the light are warned away because their time to pass over hasn't come; they are needed liere and have other

I was in San Francisco just before the earthquake, intending to stay three or four weeks, but was peremptorily ordered by the spirit voices to steamer to New Zealand after only five days in San Francisco. I did so, and the first thing on arrival in New Zealand was to read about the earthquake. I was warned, because my work on earth isn't done yet.

Again I had a similar experience of a warning whilst traveling by rail

Mr. W. J. Colville is a Spiritualist some years ago in the East. There

on a recent Sunday (at San Diego) by her on the platform the passengers on the gave an interesting address on the "New Heaven and the New Earth."

I got out with her and as I stood by her on the platform the passengers stood on the cars and laughed and hooted. I told them I preferred to be on the side of safety. Next morning will be swallowed up in great chasms thought her crazy, and paid no attento appear in the bed of these oceans, tion to her; so what is the good of the result of which will be that this warning people? But these calamiglobe (like the planet Mars) will ties, if they do happen, all work out dry for good. We are all safe in God's

> theless to go through some of these experiences, I admit. I would rather err on the side of

all truth. Chicago and New York will be overturned, I do believe, but it will be terrible nature of these predicted ca- spiritually, not necessarily materially. We are entering on a new cycle in the world's history—we are in a state

Self-seeking and competition means a state of independence—every man for himself. Before the competitive pendence. Now we are entering on an age of inter-dependence-mutual co-operation. First it was dependence, then independence, and now it is to be inter-dependence, when through the co-operative commonwealth man will work out his destiny and make this earth a terrestial paradise

tropical climate. Siberia has a great read the excuses he makes for leav- the startling statement that a planet superb literature. Now she is going

shake off the chains of selfdom. In conclusion the speaker predicted a glorious future for San Francisco All we can do is to point out the and all the Pacific Coast which will be tendency of the age and foresee that dotted with cities that will be centres certain results must follow it a certain course is followed.

There is no factors in promisers and all the Pacific Coast which will be centres dotted with cities that will be centres of culture and civilization—there will be commercial prosperity, but more valuable than the course is followed.

So far as concerns throwing any

competition, strife and disharmony it doesn't believe it, and if true it is not would result in disaster and revolu- a physical calamity that is threatened but a spiritual upheaval; and curious-But the world to-day is in a state ly enough he omits all reference to of great upheaval and unrest - the prophesied swallowing up of the prophecy which in one respect would ship of mammon the day is coming tion of a dozen cities, and yet he hints at a change of climate, which latter sidered a calamity. The people are would assuredly be one result of the turning from their idols; brightened disappearance of the oceans.

According to Mr. Colville's own admission, it is quite possible for Mr. Spangler to receive a true vision of future events, whilst Mr. Colville is unable to receive any evidence whatever since he tells us he stood by the side of a clairvoyant who predicted the train wreck which saved his life and yet he foresaw nothing. And further, he justifies himself by saying he preferred "to be on the side of safety" and thus impliedly advises others to be "on the side of safety" in connec-The fact is, it is no reflection on

tell coming events. By analogy, a man on top of a high mountain can see much further than one on a lower elevation and yet that would be no reflection on the latter, who in turn the valley, who may be highly moral and good people. So it is with regard to prophecy.

Only the loftiest spirits can foresee coming events, and if they see fit to give warning to mankind they select ler who may possess little ability on other lines. In fact, prophecies have sometimes in the past come through the mouths of halfwitted boys or old

Mr. Colville's criticism leaves the matter where he found it, though his advice is excellent, and he sees the true spiritual significance of it all. In the writer's opinion it takes a

quakes, to say that these prophecies are impossible. They are quite possible-similar things have before-and we ought to take everyprecaution by removing human lives points to places of safety. To be forewarned is to be forewarned. If spirits warn us and save the lives of the people were to take these prophecies seriously, nine-tenths of the suf-in the first place some people's fering can be obviated. One conclusion we can deduce and that is that California will be a safe refuge for all who can get away. F. A. BINNEY.

San Diego, Cal.

Who Knows? Editor Progressive Thinker; Reask a question that may, to many, savor of the grotesque. Can disease be communicated from an excarnate spirit to a living human

body? HERDERT A. HARRELL, Chicago, Ill.

A good Christian should never go to law; rather should he give up his coat and his pants, and everything that he hath... Churchmen never go to law; they are the most docile and eas creatures in the world on matters of business .-- Voltaire.

Helena Blavatsky.

A Wonderful Psychic Who Founded the Theosophical Society.

We present below a thrilling history of the woman who for many years mystified scientists and occultists all over the world.

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TRATES THE IMPORTANT FACT WILL. THAT PSYCHIC POWER IS OFTEN THUS THIS WOMAN PERFORM-POSSESSED BY THOSE WHO ARE ED HER PSYCHIC MARVELS, AND

THE LIFE OF HELENA BIA- SUCCEEDED, OR FURIOUS WRATH part pure and uplifting spiritual VATSKY IS ONE THAT DESERVES AT THEIR LACK OF SYMPATHY IF TO BE STUDIED. SHE WAS A CON- SHE FAILED. SHE PRODUCED AN ENIGMA, A PROBLEM TO BE CHIEFS GROW WHERE ONEGREW SOLVED, YET AT, TIMES ONE OF BEFORE; SHE DEPOSITED WRIT-THE BEST PSYCHIOS THAT EVER TEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS LIVED, AND THE FOUNDER OF A ASKED A MOMENT BEFORE, BE-SECT. NOW NUMBERING 100,000 HIND PICTURE FRAMES; SHE-ABHERENTS. THE PHENOMENA GREW BUNCHES OF GRAPES OUT OCCURRING IN HER PRESENCE OF BOOKCASES; QUOTED FROM AT TIMES BORDERED CLOSELY ON BOOKS SHE HAD NEVER SEEN, THE MIRACULOUS, AND ATTRACT- IN LANGUAGES SHE DID NOT ED TO HER MANY ADHERENTS. KNOW; SHE CAUSED OBJECTS SE-HER LIFE IS A VOLUME TO BE LECTED BY THOSE PRESENT TO STUDIED, INASMUCH AS IT ILLUS- APPEAR AND DISAPPEAR AT

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MADAM BLAVATSKY WOULD HAVE FAR MORE THAN THAT, SHE BEEN POWERLESS TO PERFORM COULD ALWAYS EXTRACT THE THOSE WONDERFUL FEATS. THUS GREATEST AMOUNT OF JOYOUS IT IS THAT SPIRIT RETURN IS THE AND ROBUST EXCITEMENT OUT SUPERSTRUCTURE NOT ONLY OF OF THE ASTONISHMENT OF HER SPIRITUALISM, BUT THEOSOPHY SPECTATORS, IF HER ATTEMPT -RIVALS IN MANY RESPECTS.

In the last century arose a woman adept in occult science; but the party fas comprehensively and interestingly broke up soon after their arrival in set forth in the Chicago Record-Her- India, in the complete inharmony ald], who with inspired certainty | which always followed Madam Blayat turned aside from worn out sources of excitement, and blazed a new trail left India and returned to England; into a new world where excitement is thence to New York and to Chicago. to be had for the asking-excitement that never palls; that in her case grew keener and intenser during all years of a long and infinitely varied life. Leaving on one side the too well known and constantly narrowing bonds of the material world, Helena Blavatsky, by stepping into the as yet almost wholly unexplored world of psychic phenomena, succeeded in liv ing a life of sixty years in which there was not one dull moment. The true and disinterested tover of risk and excitement must feel a bitter envy in reading the life of Madam Blavatsky. She had more than her share: with every breath she drew she lived through a crisis in her life-which most of us can manage only two or

three times. Her worshipers insist that she was animated solely by a love of humanity and a pure desire to give it a new and true religion. Her detractors cry-that she was a cheap impostor, dealing in coarse tricks of jugglery to deceive her credulous disciples.

Long before her special and wonderful powers as a soldier of fortune in the world of the unseen were developed: she showed the same craving for risk and excitement that she later grew to be able to satisfy in so complete a manner. She was born, in 1831, in Russia, a daughter of a family of good though not noble A wild, undisciplined girl, descent. fond of dark corners and paroxysms of adventurous exploits, she was the despair of her family. She rode any horse on a man's saddle, and defied any and all orders or requests with dashing and unfailing rebellion, keeping her family in the wildest turmoil of apprehension of her next crazy notion. But more than this, she surrounded herself constantly with a throng of invisible companions, playfellows or frightful enemies, until she frightened the younger children almost into convulsions. She insisted that everything had a personamy, even to her shoes and chest of drawers, some kindly, some terrifying. She disappeared at times wholly, and could be found only after long search in out of the way, remote locality, and - she had a strange power over birds and Of course, like all imaginative chil-

dren, she made up "pretend" play mates, many and divers, and was often found talking and playing with them. One such vision of early childhood she claimed to have met in later life and to have known him as though she had been brought up with him. At seventeen she married a man enough to be her grandfather, be-cause her governess laid her a wager that she couldn't make him proposeanother striking proof of the sporting instinct carried to the nth power. After three months of the cat and dog battle that would naturally result from such a marriage, she ran away from her husband, her family, her country, and for ten years indulged to its fullest extent her passion for adventure by world wide wanderings.

Her father supplied her with money; and there are a few hints to be gained through his connection with We see her in Paris, arousing the enthusiasm of an old mesmerist, who sees in her the possibility of great development as a medium; we catch a glimpse of her in London; we see her rushing to Canada to try to meet a real James Fenimore Cooper Indian, and then, disgusted with the contrast between the real and her ideal, descending to New Orleans and studing the voodoo Negro experts in the lack arts, and continuing through Texas to Mexico. About this time she received a large legacy from a godmother, which she dissipated in a short time, throwing the money, as she always did when she had any, to the winds with both hands, She thought that she had bought some large tracts of land in America, but soon forgot where they were located, and thought no more of them, as the project of She withdrew from them when they going to India to study the Oriental mystic science took possession of her. Around the Cape she went to Ceylon, and thence to Bombay. It is to able examples of conversions known be remembered that all this took place in religious history, in attaching Colthe domestic pastime it has since be- time a monstrously fat, middle aged come. For the first time, just before woman, excessively ugly, with a taste this expedition, she joined forces with in dress both barbaric and slovenly. others and went with two companions, She smoked incessantly, she swore like an English occultist and a Hindu a trooper, she was subject

sky's attempt at co-operation. She at that time the crudest of Western boom cities. There were no railways to the far West, a circumstance which allured one of her temperament, and she made the trip to San Francisco in an emigrant's caravan.

A Himalayan Retreat.

From there she went back again to India, where she was lost to sight for wo years, during which she always said she was making a "Himalayan re treat" and laying the foundation for her system of philosophy. In 1858 when she returned to Russia, the world knew of her. Vaguely, with curious, distorted versions, the story of her eccentric wanderings and strange powers began to be known. For ten or twelve years she lived

with various members of her family in Russia and in the Caucasus Moun tains. During this time her remarkable powers as a medium showed themselves more and more clearly. No disinterested person, reading of psychic phenomena which took place about her, can doubt that she had more than he can doubt the intense delight she took in exercising them to the mystification of her observers, a passion which grew upon her_as the years passed; until there can be little doubt of the fact that when she failed to control these powers, or they were not complete enough to satisfy her,

she pieced them out with various tricks and devices. For a period of years she lived thus. reveling in the excitement produced by her gifts as a medium. There was not one of the familiar phenomena which she did not spring on her amazed and long suffering family; who, unless they shared her sublimely robust taste for excitement, must have grown heartily weary of so disconcerting a visitor. She surrounded the most simple operations of every day ife with mystery. Arm chairs glided about like house cats. Tables became alternately as light as a feather or impossible to move, according as she could most thoroughly dismay her skeptical brother, and she played pranks on her father, a rugged . unbeliever in the occult, until she rightened the poor man into the most

bject credulity. Involved with the Police. Once indeed she nearly involved the whole family in an alarming fracas with the police, by her suspiciously complete knowledge of the details of murder which had been committed near them. The hard hearted police officials pooh-poohed at the idea of supernational powers, and Colonel Hahn (Blavatsky's father) had all the difficulty in the world to assure them that there was no foul play in the matter.

When family life grew dull, Helena would liven things with a few phe-nomena calculated to drive any housekeeper mad. She waved her hand, and in the ensuing darkness her invisible forces turned all the furniture topsyeven the heavy sideboard. is related to her credit that this was gently done so that none of the carving was injured; but it is not stated she set them upon their feet again or lighted the lights. One imagines it difficult to keep housemaids under such conditions. Some of the phenomena sound like the cheapest of

claptrap mediumistic tricks, and others foreshadow the amazing and inexplicable powers that were displayed in her later life.

After a-time, this lover of change

felt the need of making more than a few people shake in agitated shivers, and the early '70's saw her launched upon a new sea, as tumultuous and gratefully productive of tempests as any she had known. The next twenty years, the last of her life, are a veritable kaleidoscope of every imaginable and unimaginable variety of spice She allied herself with the Spiritualists when they were throwing all America into convulsions of wonder. were discredited by a series of detected impostures.

She made one of the most remarkable examples of conversions known 1852, when globe trotting was not onel Olcott to her. She was at this

governable fits of passion over the slightest incident of every day life; she was notoriously unwise in her judgment of people, taking up with the most fervid eagerness creatures who turned out unscrupulous sharpers; she was regarded by the world in general as a prodigiously enter-taining charlatan. Yet she attached to her Colonel Olcott, well known man of letters, gallant ex-soldier in the Civil War, refined gentleman, and a prominent figure in the best circles of New York intellectual society. From that time to the day of her death, he lived on terms of great though respectful, not to say venerating, intimacy with her, and never failed to regard truths to suffering humanity. noteworthy of the patent purity of their relations that, in spite of the closeness and intimacy of their daily life together, there never was a breath of scandal about them; nor indeed ever about Madam Blavatsky, notwithstanding the amazing amount of talk which centered on her, and the wild eccentricities of her life.

With Colonel Olcott she founded the Theosophical Society in 1875, in New York, after a lamentable failure of a beginning she had made in Cairo a few years before. At this time she was immensely talked of in American press; and the stories that are told of her remarkable psychic powers are startling. All during the second half of her life she performed every day feats, or tricks, or illusions —whatever one may choose to call them—that sound incredible. From time to time she was exposed in some luggling of secret cabinets, with sliding doors, absent confederates, and the like; but she continued to do things that seemed impossible to suspect of fraud. People who did not believe in her at all, were constantly forced to amazement by her powers.

One skeptic was told to think of

something that he wished. In a stuffy little room in a city flat, he wished for a fresh plucked rose; and, looking up, saw one descend toward him, all dewy and fresh. He put it in his buttonhole, where it wilted and died like any rose, and he always kept the leaves as a souvenir. Another time she took a ring, which some-one had admired, from her finger, held it closely for a moment, and then opening her hand, showed two rings identical, but for the color of the She would read the contents of a letter by holding it closely to her forehead, and mark the paper inside of a sealed envelope in any way that

Skeptical reporters from the news-papers went to her strange, cluttered ittle apartment, prepared to make fun of the fat Russian woman, and to this day they shake bewildered heads over the wonders she showed them, and the disconcerting tricks played on their incredulity. The furniture of the whole room hummed and sang at her word, and from a closed and locked piano flowed forth the strains of any selection desired. She said that she was in the hands of "The Masters" (high priests of occult science in India), that they took possession of her and used her as an instrument for furthering their holy ends; and she frequently was able to show their apparitions to those about her.

Instances of Her Magic. It is impossible to record the inumerable instances of seeming magic which arose every day, the grotesque and useless tests. with which she delighted to mystify people. Although many of her wonders appear incontestably genuine, they all have one curious trait in common. Never were they of any moment or significance. Like the idle writings of Planchette, they were indubitably psychic in origin, but wholly lacking in dignity or worth. It seemed to be her idea that people would be converted to Theosophy by marveling at her dis-

Far more than that, she could always extract the greatest amount of joyous and robust excitement out of the astonishment of her spectators, if her attempt succeeded, or furious wrath at their lack of sympathy if she failed. She produced strings of beads out of the air; she deposited written answers to questions asked a moment before, -behind picture frames: she grew hunches of grapes out of bookcases; quoted from books she had never seen, in languages she did not know; she caused objects selected by those present to appear and disappear at will; and she produced phenomena that would not materialize in her spectators' experience till long afterward.,

New York in particular, and America in general, stared and exclaimed and wondered; but the most amazing and fantastic feats of mediumship did not impress hard headed Americans as the best material for building a new philosophy of life; and, finding such crass materialism somewhat daunting, she went to India in 1877 taking with her the devoted Colonel Olcott. Here the society took a firm grip on life and began to increase mightily. Colonel Olcott's dignified and sincere personality added much to the general credit of the organization, and consistency was given to the in tellectual side of the esoteric move ment by his keen mind and his grasp on the significance of some of tangled maze of facts and powers and psychic capacities of Madam Blavat-

sky. She practised her marvels, had air sent letters from the snow mountains of Tibet, produced teapots from under her chair, walked about familiarly with visionary "masters," and the Hindus bowed down and worshiped her. She was ostracised by the white population of Madras for her association with the natives; but this was far from a disadvantage to her in the eyes of the outside world. She wrote vigorously with the furious energy of her actions, spreading far and wide her doctrines, and it was not long before she was heard of.

She and her Theosophical Society became vastly important. People who believed in her and in the mixture of Buddhism. Spiritualism. and Blavatskyism which she was de veloping, were becoming more numer ous, and people who intensely disliked what one English review called round ly "the complex and repulsive nature of the impostor," became louder and more sweeping in their accusations of The Theosophical Society fraud. Rourished like a green bay tree, and its detractors racked their brains and the dictionary for epithets vigorous

enough to apply to it. In Whirling Excitement. Again we see the . powerful - and enigmatic figure of its founder, placed where she fain would be and was all the days of her life, in a whirling stream of excitement. She wrote books—"revelations of divine truth unexampled," or "coarse and stupid plagiarisms," according to the point of view. She made triumphant cir cuits in India, was received with great pomp by native sovereigns, with a circus like array of elephants and processions of white horses, fit make a small boy's mouth water. She to un- ran a sort of Hindu retreat in India

where she was worshiped by white UNIQUE SPIRITUALIST SOCIETY. robed, brown skinned acolytes, and when she wanted a change she went Its Celebration of the Appiversory of to London, the strong wold of conservative conventional feeling, and was worshiped by dark grobed, English-

Grave scholars took her up and cast her down, wrote articles trying pondfalse in her doctrined: flisciples turned cheats and sleight of hand perform-After one such frightful explosion in the ranks of the faithful, the indomitable woman wrote triumphantly to an ex-devoted who had tried her best to ruin hers "I have a thousand strings to my bow, and God Almighty Himself could not make some of my disciples disbelieve

As she grew older and feebler, so that she was necessarily more sta-tionary, she still procured for herself the wherewithal to live in a state of furious excitement; she repelled with a feroclous virulence attacks on her; she took part with a wild absence of restraint in the continued and turbulent quarrels in her society. :

Could Not Be Daunted. Up to the last she continued the dauntless and irresponsible soldier of fortune. Where the intrigante, where the imposter pure and simple, where the religious enthusiast, would have striven by smooth words and placating actions to keep the loyalty of those devoted to her, she risked it a thou-sand times by her roughness and utter indifference to them. She swore at the devoted and refined Colonel Olcott, the mainstay of her enterprises like a dragoon of the guard, and he took it as "one of the hardships of his initiation into a higher world. She confessed certain frauds callously to non-believers, and as callously de-nied the confession afterward. Never for a moment did she attempt to direct the seething flood of her impulses into the channel of "good policy." And like all true soldiers of fortune

who put their trust wholly and with a sublime insouciance in chance, her indifference served her well. She began her adult life as the run away girl bride of an obscure Russian of-ficer, and by the sheer force of her personality molded to her will a considerable part of modern intelli molded to her will a gent society. During a long life she not only had more variety, excitement spice, danger, risk, notoriety, and influence than any other woman in the world, but when she died, on May 8, 1891, she was the acknowledged head of a community of one hundred thousand followers, scattered all over the globe, organized into a powerful force with journals in London, Paris, New York, and Madras. What soldier of fortune of the opposite sex can point to as great an achievement? DOROTHA CANFIELD.

THE CLINTON CAMP.

Reflections in Regard to Same by the Secretary.

While arranging the program the coming meeting? which will be held at Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, beginning July 128, and closing August 25, I am reminded that it is the 25th anniversary of this camp. A quarter of a century has passed since it was spoken into existence; a quarter of a century and it has sprung from a weed-grown forest to a place of man to here establish a park center for the teaching and preaching of the gospel of Spiritualism, which means a new heaven and a new earth through new and humane spiritual concepts, a committee banded together to arrange for the first meet ing. Speakers and mediums were engaged, tents secured at an enormous rental in which to domicile the guests, while crude boards composed a speaker's stand in the grove for the comfort-of the audiences.

Time speeds on. One by one the tents gave way for more substantial cottages, until today the tent city is no more A commodious lodging hotel, pavil-

ion, auditorium, dining hall- and res-taurant are permanent fixtures, while beautiful flower beds dot the grounds, and electric lights equal the noon-day sun in their brilliancy, Holmes has said the one great thing

in life is not so much where you stand but which direction are you going. Each year has found the M. V. S. A. pressing forward, and the interest spreading until this season's program, scintillating with names of the most eminent statesmen and divines from sectarian churches, will in all probability prove to be the most interesting in the history of the camp. Hon. Champ Clark, who is famous

for his loyalty to his state, Missouri, has consented to deliver one of his most popular lectures August 18. Mr. Clark is conceded to be one of the wittlest and most entertaining speakers on the floor of Congress, and his eulogy on Lincoln in a recent speech at Pittsburg touched the heart-strings of humanity and proved the spirit of reconciliation and fraternity. Some two or three ministers from

Clinton have suggested a willingness to assist us and will find a place on our platform. Unity is the teaching of God. The dissemination of the truth from the individual standpoint of these friends help to make Spiritualism felt in all the circles of life. Let us then honor intellectual labor in all its forms, and from whatever source

We are proud of our own brillian leaders when we name Mrs. Cora L V. Richmond, Thomas Grimshaw Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, Mrs. Cooley, Mrs. Catharine McFarlin, W. F. Peck, Frank Ripley, Mrs. Jaquet and others ing problems and make the assembly of 1907 a grand success, jo... Come friends and learn with us, for

knowledge and truth can never be exhausted. The most earnest seeker must confess that for all his attainments he seems only a child playing by the sea shore, while the great by the sea shore, while the great ocean of undiscovered truth stretches away before him. MRS. M. B. ANDERSON,

Clarksville, Mo.

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Its Celebration of the Anniversary of

The 59th Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism was a memorable day in the history of the People's Spiritual Association of Los Angeles, Cal. memorable not only because of the many interesting features of its program and the large audiences which enjoyed them with hearty appreciation, but memorable especially cause of the marked success of the principles of its inauguration.

The People's Association which as sembles every Sunday in Burbank Hall is not yet a year old, and this 59th anniversary is the first one it has been possible to celebrate. There seems a popular significance in the fact that this should have occurred on Easter Sunday, as though in commemoration of the spirit which gave it birth from the earnest desire of its founders—a desire for the resurrection of the true Christ Spirit within the material body of Spiritualism and the opening of broader fields of wisdom and enlightenment.

In harmony with the spirit of its inception all mediums, speakers, musicians and others who have in an way aided in the unbuilding of the Association, or in its anniversary program have donated their services while those of other Spiritualist Socleties and churches have usually been qaid.

This People's Association has organization save for the transaction of business. It has no rules or regulations, no aspirants for office, no lobbies or wire-pulling machines and no "axes to grind," but from its success thus far, it occupies one of the largest halls in the city. . It has a free developing circle every Sunday morning at 9:15, which has been one of the best and most harmonious within the knowledge of its many attendants. "It has a People's Confer ence open for all at 10:30, and tests given later. This association owns tract of about eighteen acres of en ceptionally desirable land within wenty minutes ride from the business part of the city, where many of its members are preparing to build A large auditorium is expected to be in readiness for the camp-meeting in August, where some of the best talent in the United States is expected. A State Charter has also been secured and an organization per fected for building an educational institution on the grounds, to be known as The American University of the Science and Philosophy of Life," and designed to cover all phases of sci ence, phenomena and philosophy per taining to life here and hereafter. The Convention proper began with

feast of good things on Saturday afternoon, a feast of music, a feast of eloquence, and a feast of spirit comculminated superior work of Mrs. Sanford John-son, slate-writing medium, who answered numbers of questions passed in from the audience and placed on a table without any possibility of her seeing them. Those who sat near could distinctly hear the spirit raps as they rapidly indicated where to find each question after it, was an Without looking at question Mrs. Johnson then passed it to the chairman or to someone who read it to the audience, proving in every instance the accuracy of names and details with which it had already

been answered.

A feast of coffee, sandwiches, cake, and countless othes substantial things followed the afternoon session.

The evening program was greeted with a very large and enthusiastic audience. The opening address was made by Prof. or Rev. McLean, so widely known in many cities' for his eloquence and inspirational poems. Certainly never could his genius or his gifts have lifted an audience on the crest of thought waves which enveloped them more successfully than on Saturday night, until from the state of their exaltation he landed them gracefully amid the breezy merriment and pungent spices of several extemporaneous poems; then a final and touching poetical tribute to the little daughter who brings to him so many helpful messages from the Unseen World.

Fine music and other excellent addresses followed before Mrs. J. J. was filled with an earnest class Whitney was called to the platform as a message bearer. Mrs. Whitney is widely known as one of the best if Palms and cut flowers with other not the best trance medium in the decorations made it most aftractive United States, yet she has for many and a small chain draped in white months donated her time and services in the People's meetings at Burbank tipy white blossoms, reminded many ganize and lead the Sunday morning circle where so much of good and helpfulness has come from her labor of love. Never did she give more striking evidence of a masterful and unseen intelligence linking her vocal organs with the unseen world than in the messages, incidents and prophecles so clearly and rapidly given, together with long and difficult names in full of the spirits, who brought them and the individuals in the audience or their friends to whom the messages were given. Incidents and names unknown to the medium and brought in more flowers she described unknown to anyone in the audience the spirits who came before, at the save to the ones addressed, which same time presenting them with a fact was repeatedly vouched for by the ones receiving the messages, who arisen friends. Then after singing, in some instances declared they were my guide, Miss Rosa Lathrop, gave total strangers in the city and strangers to the medium and to everyone After the messages, Dr. Althea

Briggs was called to the rostrum and they appeared before me, which I stated that her call was merely to hope brought sunshine into the lives find an owner for a small gold watch of the recipients. I must not fail to and chain which she held in her mention the singing by babe Penna, hand. It is a very plain and unpre- so sweet and yet so comforting. She tentious one, she said, which doubt is simply a musical prodigy that will tentions one, she said, which doubt is simply a musical prodigy that will less would not attract the attention of be heard from later. Thus closed the casual observer, but as I scan it another anniversary which was one of closely it appears the most beautiful the best ever held in this city.
watch I have ever seen, for it is studded full of priceless jewels, jewels of every form and tinting set in many powerful designs of symbolic meaning. Beautiful thought jewels which the alchemy of love and lasting gratitude have created deep in the hearts and memories of all who had given these jewels or conceived the symbols of their setting. May the brilliancy of these priceless gems ever illumine the pathway of her to whom they are given, enriching life with softer tints and warmer glow than the past has given: proving themselves to be of far more value than gold for which so many strive and more lasting than Time which this, trinket measures. Before Mrs. Whitney had fairly recovered from the trance in which she had so recently stood before the audience she was "chained" with the golden thread and dragged to the

front.
"May its rhythmic 'ticks' ure for you the cycle of many happy future years—years in which you will always feel that the time given to the Sunday morning circle at Burbank Hall was time well spent, to you as well as to the many members who have been so greatly benefited in parture of the speaker, Mrs. Whitney

was left in a genuine confusion and

Spiritualism.

embarrassment which the audience evidently enjoyed much more than did the lady herself. "I don't know what to say—I just do not know what to say"—she faltered at last in such unfelgued bewilderment that a ripple of spontaneous laughter shot through the entire audience." the one side and rich, merry laughter on the other were happily mingled for some moments, sending everybody home with sharpened appetites for the sessions of the following day, which were both largely attended by cultured, intelligent and highly appreclative audiences.

The Sunday morning session had

many very interesting features, including also the usual song service Offers Free Readings to All Who Write

Sunday afternoon Mrs. Mattle Hull

delivered a very able and interesting

address, reviewing the history of Modern Spiritualism which all thorhave ever known Moses and Mattie ter gives an idea of Mr. Postel's ability:
Hull have ever been touched by the sweetness and heavity. sweetness and beauty of the un-felgned devotion which cemented such a perfect union during the many years of their married life, and sustained them ever in the labor of love and sacrifice which they gave for the Truth they loved and fearlessly proclaimed; the Truth for which Moses Hull in reality sacrificed his mortal life so recently. All who know the meaning of the deepest human heartthrobs know that from a human standpoint, Mattie Hull has nothing left to live for. Were it not for the solace, which comes to her from the touch of invisible hands and the whisper of unseen lips there would be little indeed to feed the flickering flame of life which still sheds forth its helpful light to the world in the fragile frame of Mattie Hull.

There were numerous other speakers, musicians and helpers in the various sessions of the convention who received warm appreciation, but space will not here permit the tribute they merited. Among these were Mrs. Brooks, who sang so beautifully the words and music which were inspired as she sang from the guidance of an unseen singer; Miss Freda Geltzer, one of the youngest mediums who has ever appeared before the public in giving test messages, and last of all much-very much of appreciation due to Mrs. Nettle Howell, whose never ending faithfulness and devotion to the cause, planned and directed the convention through its more laborious stages, just as she has arranged or financed or pushed ahead many thankful letters Prof. Postel has so many other helpful or philanthropic undertakings in the interests of Spiritualism and the interests of humani-ALTHEA C. BRIGGS.

Los Angeles, Cal.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK. At Montrose, Colo., Mrs. Amanda erself as city treasurer. She was

and Democrats. graduated from the law school of the Iniversity of New York. Women physicians are employed in

the State Hospitals at Toledo, Cleveland, Dayton and the institution for epileptics at Gallipolis, Ohiq. Those appointments are made by the Govern-Woman suffragists of Illinois had

legislative hearings at Springfield, March 29th, on three important measures. In the evening they were given a reception by Governor and Mrs Deneen at the Executive Mansion. At the woman suffrage meeting held in Exeter Hall, London, the night following the defeat of the suffrage bill a collection was taken which

ettes" are evidently acquainted with the American maxim that "money talks." A petition for equal suffrage, signed by 142,128 women, has been presentd to the Swedish Parliament.

Anniversary in Detroit, Mich. I conducted anniversary seances, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Penna, Sunday evening, at 55 Grand River Ave., Detroit, Mich., and although the rain fell in torrents, still the hall Spiritualists and investigators. The hall was simply a bower of decorations made it most aftractive, with ferns and smilax covered with parents of the little ones who have been transplanted to more congenial climes, but with the knowledge that at our transition we shall meet them again in the sweet sometime. A large chair was also covered with the sweetest of flowers, each flower representing our arisen friends, while a white dove was nestled among the foliage at the top of the chair, which seemed like a benediction of peace that fell over the assembly. Mrs. Penna gave several demonstrations of spirit power. Her messages seemed to comfort many hearts, and as the friends flower in loving remembrance of their nearly all of her messages in poetry that brought tears of joy to those fortunate enough to receive them, after which I described the spirits as

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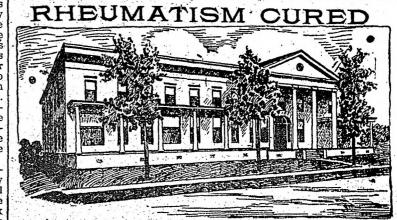
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Not Wiser or Better for Preaching

That learned English scholar, author and Parliamentarian, Samuel Laing, in his "A Modern Zoroastrian," thus casually compliments, over the left, the Christian clergy:

"In the course of a long life I have gained innumerable ideas, and experienced innumerable influences from contact with the world, with fellowmen, and with books; but although I have heard a good many sermons. I cannot honestly say I ever got an idea or an influence from one of them which made me wiser, or better, or different in any respect from what I should have been had I slept through them."

There are other persons who can write in the same strain with Hon. Mr. Laing. The writer who was in the weekly habit for years of listening to the preaching of an endless hell, learned to hate, with all the intensity of his nature, a system of religion taught in those sermons, which so dishonored the Almighty Father as to represent him the founder of an infernal prison for purpose of eternal torture of those who would not believe he held incestuous relations with his own child, a finite Jewish maiden, and then allowed the fruit of that union to die on a cross, to appease his own infinite anger. That hatred drove us from the church, and made us despise a religion fabricated along such damnable lines.

Col. Ingersoll on Spiritualism.

The brave Ingersoll, who joyed to find the grain of gold in every creed, thus expressed himself in regard to the religion of the immortals:

"There are several good things about the Spiritualists. First, they are not bigoted. Second, they do not believe in salvation by faith. Third, they do not expect to be happy in another world because Christ was good in this. Fourth, they do not preach the consolation of hell. Fifth. they do not believe in God as an infinite monster. Sixth, the Spiritualists believe in intellectual hospitality. In these respects they differ from our Christian brethren, and in these respects they are far superior to the saints. . They ask all to investigate, and then to make up their minds from the evidence. Hundreds of thousands of well 'educated, intelligent people are satisfied with the evidence, and firmly believe in the existence of spirits. For all I know THEY MAY BE RIGHT."

· There was candor and cordiality something rarely met with from churchman.

The Coward's Castle.

Rev. Dougherty, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill., entered his pulpit on the 6th inst., "armed with a gun," says a news dispatch, which he placed on the sacred desk beside the Bible. A warrant. was sworn out against the preacher by one of the members of the church, who said the pastor threatened to shoot daylight out of any person who

should interfere with his preaching. The pulpit has been known for many years as a coward's castle, because the occupants decline to allow of Jews. Bricks made without straw any person to controvert, or even question statements made therein. Rev. D. made his cowardice conspicuous by-his display of a deadly wenpon, and his faith in orthdox teaching by threatening to use force in the promulgation of his creed.

RESIGNED.

The secretary of the Illinois State Association, Dr. H. A. Cross, of Chicago, has resigned. The name and address of his successor will be anat some future date.

Reason must be our last guide and church professeth faith in Christ," adge in everything.—John Locke etc. The headlines illy 22 the libidi-

The Mosaic Account of Creation.

We are asked to relate facts in re gard to ancient Christian writings which are claimed to have been recently discovered; and give an account of late "finds," which completely upset the Mosiac account of creation.

The subjects would require too much space to be treated in a single article, so we will reserve the "Christian writings" for reviewal at another

We have before us as we write 'Fresh Light from the Ancient Monuments," by Rev. A. H. Sayce, A. M., LL. D., professor of Comparative Philology in Oxford University. It was published by the Religious Tract Society, London. Where can better Christian authority be found?

The author: a Sanscrit scholar. after telling how it chanced the great library of Assurbanipal was discovered, and the pantiles covered with inscriptions in wedge-shaped characters were deciphered, and the language was discovered, then relates what was found on those plates.

The translations are too numerous and comprehensive to be detailed at length, so we will briefly recount some of the points detailed.

There was found the story of crea-

tion by the gods, as related in Genesis, before the translator changed the plural gods into a single person These gods performed the same tasks, and in the same order as the "inspired" Bible writer relates' them. These gods made living creatures, the cattle of the field, the beasts of the forests, the creeping things. They made man and woman. On a gem was found engraved a tree. On either side of the tree sat a man and woman and they were pointing to the fruit on the tree, as if the subject of conversation. Behind the woman, standing on its tail, was a snake, the serpent of the inspired volume.. It seems in conversation with the woman. It was doubtless on this occasion the serpent told the good Eve: "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt not surely die," thus giving god the

lie, who had asserted to the contrary. Of course the Fall of Man, occurred at that time, requiring the death of the Son of God on a cross 4,000 years after for redemption. The Garden of Eden, in the valley of Euphrates, planted by the hands of the gods, from which our first parents were expelled, was found. Yes, and the cherubs, with their bright swords glistening in the sun, were there guarding the gate, to prevent the return of the unfortunate Adam and

Adam proves to have been a Babylonian word, and the Adamites were "the white race," whilst the Semites were known as "black heads."

Strange, is it not? That Sabbath which we were taught to keep holy, proves to have been a Babylonian sacred day before a Jew was ever

Light from the Monuments." p. 24: The seventh day was observed as a day of rest among the Babylonians, as it was among the Jews. It was even called by the same name of Sabbath, defined in an Assyrian text as 'a day of rest for the heart.' * * On that day flesh cooked on the fire may not be eaten, clothing may not be changed, white garments may not be put on, a sacrifice may not be offered, the king may not ride in his chariot or speak in public, the augur may not mutter in a secret place, medicine of the body may not be

given, nor may any curse be uttered. This paragraph on page 10: "The monuments of Egypt, of escued from their hiding-places, and

Babylonia, and of Assyria have been the writing upon them has been made to speak once more in living words. dead world has been called again to life by the spade of the excavator and the patient labor of the decipher-er. We find ourselves, as it were, face to face with Sennacherib, with Nebuchadnezzar, and with Cyrus, with to us from childhood, but who have hitherto been to us mere names, mere shadowy occupants of an un-real world. Thanks to the research of the last half-century, we can now penetrate into the détails of their daily life, can examine their religious ideas, can listen to them as they themselves recount the events of their own times or the traditions of the past which had been handed-down to

Without following the revelations from the monuments further, giving an account of the Deluge, the Tower of Babel, and the many attendant events, which priestcraft has taught is was revealed by God to man through the inspired Moses, we open to the same author's "Hibbert Lec-tures," and there, in an extended note, pages 26 and 27, find the story f Moses in the Bullrushes, where the kid was found, and is almost unquestionably proved an occurrence on the Euphrates, instead 'of on the Nile. and related to Sargon. The story was stolen from the monuments, and was made to do duty in Egypt, to the glory of a mythical Moses.

The whole account of the Jews in Egypt is believed by critical scholars to have been fiction. The Egyptian Exploration Fund spent many years of zealous labor in an earnest search for some trace of the Jews in that country, but found nothing. Those who have searched among the Babylonian records are confident they were drawn upon, and were adapted to the needs of possibly Ezra, to make it appear the Jews resided for a time

We are conscious attempts have been made by theologians to interpret discoveries in Egypt as traces vere found and that has been cited as evidence, and of the cruelty of the Egyptian taskmaster. Bricks made without straw were found in the ruins of Babylon—so wrote Sayce. This is corroborative evidence that Babylonian records were drawn upon for facts

when Genesis was complied. The truth is, the Old Testamentall of it of a historical character—is a compilation of very late date, plagiarized from the records of Phenicia Syria, Babylonia, Egypt, etc., and adapted to the formation of what constituted a Jewish library, consist ing of a series of tracts. The love address of his successor will be an stories, and songs of the seraglio, now nounced in the columns of this paper labeled Songs of Solomon, with chapter head lines to deceive: "The church's love of Christ; The mutual ove of Christ and the church;

nous songs which, published outside the Bible, would arouse the watchful Anthony Comstock Into immediate activity, and a prosecution for obscenity would follow.

Only Church Pettifoggers,

Wrote Rev. Minot J. Savage: "I had a minister say to me some years ago: 'What I think in my study is one thing; what I think wise and best to give the people from my pulpit, that is another thing."

These words of Rev. Savage quoted by him from an orthodox preacher, coincide with the statement of Bishop Grafton, of Fond du Lac, Wis., before reported, who said:

"We of the clergy have been made by the church her ministers to teach, not what we think is true, but what she puts into our mouths to teach." According to this idea, an Agnostic

who denies the fall of man, of total depravity, of an atonement, by a crucified Savior, and who repudiates the whole story of the immculate conception, birth, growth and preaching of Jesus, is all right so long as he keeps in line while preaching, with what his clintele have taught him to

Thomas Paine's Creed.

"I believe in one God, and no more; and I hope for happiness beyond this life. • • I trouble not myself about the manner of that future existence content myself with believing, even to positive conviction, that the power that gave me existence is able to continue it in any form and manner he pleases, either with or without this body. • • I do not believe in the creed professed by the Jewish Church, by the Roman Church, by the Protestant Church, nor by any church I know of. My mind is my own church To do good is my religion."

The above extracts are all from Thomas Paine's Age of Reason, as is the following, showing very clearly he possessed mediumistic powers, and that he was conscious of it.

"There are two distinct classes of what are called Thoughts: those we produce in ourselves by reflection and the act of thinking, and those that BOLT INTO THE MIND OF THEIR OWN ACCORD. I have always made it a rule to treat those, voluntary visitors with civility, taking care to examine, as well as I was able, if they were worth entertaining; and IT IS FROM. THEM I HAVE ACQUIRED ALMOST ALL THE KNOWLEDGE I

Many a medium has made the same statement, almost in Paine's own words, but ignorant that he, or others, had made the same admission.

Here is another statement of Paine's on which the eye fell as we were closing the book:

"Any system of religion that has anything in it to shock the mind of a child, cannot be a true religion."

The Wisconsin State Spiritualists' Association.

Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond has been the speaker for every evening of the Wisconsin State Association Convention, April 16, 17, 18. This is the fourth annual convention Mrs. Richmond has attended of the Wisconsin State Association. We know what hat means.

TATE HOSPITAL

Clever Recitations and Impersonations by Mrs. Richings.

The entertainment given at the Hospital Opera House, Gowanda, N. Y., March 26, by Mrs. Helen Stuart-Richings, the Scotch-American reciter and impersonator, was a very pleasing and diversified performance Mrs. Richings has a happy way of establishing friendly relations her audience, and her elocutionary efforts were rewarded with hearty applause and an unusual number of encores. Her first selection was patriotic legend of "Christmas, 1776," n which a certain bewitching Pene lope Penwick occupies the attention of the British revelers while Washington is crossing the storm-beaten Delaware In the "Yellow Bird" she gave a delightfully life-like imitation of a feathered songster, and in "Fine Feathers' the dialogue between a haughty rooster and a humble gosling was highly amusing. Especially good was a group of three old-fashioned songs sung in the old-fashioned way—the Scotch "Laird o'Cockpen" as rendered by a braw Highlander, 'Lord Lovel" as a demure English dame of uncertain age and voice would have sung it, and negro hymn shouted with all the nious fervor of a good Methodist colored sister in camp meeting time. The last recitation, representing a wild and dance in a "Colorado Ball Room," amused the audience extremely. The first impersonation in costume

on the program, "A Naughty Little Girl," was one of the cleverest things ever seen on the Hospital stage. It is not so very hard for an actress in the early twenties to seem to throw off a dozen years, but Mrs. Richings is at the meridian of life and yet she counterfeited "a cute and sassy kid" of ten years or thereabouts with a perfect accuracy that was really amazing. The child's naive of turning somersaults on her mother's bed, eavesdropping under the parlor sofa and drinking stolen champagne evoked the liveliest applause. The next number was a costume impersonation of "A Broth of a Boy," a rollicking young Irishman who sang and danced and bragged about the colleens in true Tipperary style. entertainment concluded with "Simple Mary Ann," a backwoods damsel whose excruciating costume and baby red parasol provoked almost as much mirth as her ludicrous confidences about her "paw and maw." and the ear-splitting results of the twenty-five cent singing lesson. Musical interludes by the Hospital orchestra under the direction of Prof. Jay completed the program of a very successful enter-

True politeness is perfect ease and reedom. It simply consists in treating others just as you love to be

treated yourself.—Chesterfield. as the unequal and untimely inter- gersoll change of power, pressed too far and relaxed too much.—Bacon.

THE NEW LIGHT.

In Which We See Death Under a New Aspect.

Every day that passes brings us nearer our home where we lay our burdens down," and where we shall meet those who long since have de-parted hence. "May we be so fitted through the disciplinary life of earth that we shall feel worthy to stand in the presence of these risen souls. How our hearts should throb with rapture when we think of that time. Far from being filled with fear or dismay at the thought of death, we should rejoice that we are counted worthy to go-that we are not to be left to longer suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, but that our release has come and we are to go home to our father's house, that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heav-

Great should be our joy that we are chosen to take that journey. If our faith is worth anything it should support us at such a time.
"Yea, though I walk through the

valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me. Such should be our thought wheneve we hear the call "Come up higher." But, alas! how few those who call themselves Christians are of this mind. There must be something wrong with their theology, when they lose all hope and courage, and are so full of fear when death touches them

'See how we grovel here below, Fond of these earthly toys, Our souls, how heavily they go,

To reach eternal joys." It must be that we don't really be lieve it is "eternal joy" we are seek Why is it that all our churchgoing does not help us at such a time? We surely ought to have more to comfort us when our loved ones leave us It must be because we cling to earthly form, and cannot rise to the higher thought that the body is not our friend, our mother, our brother, our child. We see only the prostrate form, our thoughts are with that, our tears blind us and our grief prevents us from seeing the risen spirit.

There is no death-although grieve When beautiful familiar forms That we have learned to love

From our embracing arms 'Although with bowed and breaking

With sable garb and silent tread We bear their senseless dust to rest And say that they are "dead" 'They are not dead! They have bu

Beyond the mists that blind us her Into the new and larger life Of that serener sphere.

They have but dropped their robe of clay, the To put their shining raiment on; They have not wandered far away, They are not lost nor gone.

Lo! disenthralled and glorified, They still are here and love us ye The dear fones they have left behind

They never can forget. "And sometimes when our heart grow-faintel Amid temptations fierce and deep Frank Montske, "Trumpet Medium"; Louis J. Cohen, "Do."; Martin Telt-zen, "Magnetic Healer," Mrs. H. E. Strickland and Miss Tessie White. Or when the wildly raging waves

Of grief or passion sweep; 'We feel upon our fevered form Their gentle touch, their breath of

Their arms enfold us, and our hearts Grow comforted and caim. For, ever near us, though unseen The dear immortal spirits tread:

For all the boundless universe Is Life. There are no dead!" "He is not the God of the dead, But of the living, for all live unto

And as Gerald Massey wrote: 'Nor fear the grave, that door of heaven on earth, All changed and beautiful ye shall come forth. As from the dark, cold winter showers

Go underground to dress, and come CLEORA.

RACE SUICIDE AGAIN. A Mother's Explicit Views on .the

Subject. In The Progressive Thinker of April 13, I notice an article from the pen of Hattie Winter, in answer to an article by E. C. Barnett, who it seems, had given his opinion in a rather curt manner, in regard to race suicide. Miss Winter is right. It truly was very hard a few years ago for the children of the poor to obtain even a common school education. I myself am one of that class; a poor man's child, I wanted to learn. I read the old Webster's spelling-book at home, learned to write at home, and at seventeen got married, raised eleven children, and I love them everyone. My oldest is a man, almost fifty-five, and is still my darling son. He lives in Idaho, and though he was the oldest of eleven, we are lovers yet. He is almost a self-taught man; but I am told by his youngest brother, who was with him ten years, that he can hold an argument on any subject and come

out ahead of his opponent.

I say these things to show Mr. Barnett that poverty need neither make children degenerates nor ignoramuses; and a real mother will love and have the welfare of a dozen children in her heart; and though sickness poverty, and death are inmates of the home, that mother's love remains the same. And here I want to say that I believe the destruction of the little ones, a racel suicide, as Roosevelt terms it, to be the lowest, meanest, and wickedest kind of murder; and I fear that those who commit that crime will find no place of forgiveness, either here or hereafter. I am seventy-three years old, have no excuse to make for poor writing.

MRSPCAROLINE JACKSON. North Baltimore, Ohio.

DR. LEWIS BUSHNELL.

Dr. Lewis Bushnell, at the ripe age of 81,-passediserenely to spirit life on the evening of Afril 19, at his home on Randolph street, this city. He was a most excellent man from every point of view, a prominent Spiritualist of responsible for any person in many years' standing, and a powerful magnetic healer. "He had a host of friends who will miss his genial presence. Further particulars next week.

I belong to the great church that holds the world within its starlit aisles; that claims the great and good of every race and clime; that finds with joy the grain of gold in every ereed, and floods with light and love Nothing destroys authority so much | the germs of good in every soul.—In-Soft is the music that would charm

forever. Wordsworth.

The Notorious "Rev.Dr." Moore

A Gomprehensive Pen Picture of Budd Lake Camp Meeting Resort, Illustrating the Trend of Legerdemain Spiritualism, the Greatest Curse our Heaven-Born Cause Has to Contend With.

is now in Los Angeles, Cal., and is any one to hold a materializing probably carrying on the same game seance where deception is practiced that he did in New York.

for those who have been compelled to a place where young girls are led to leave the East in consequence of ruin and despair. questionable practices in connection | Read the following from Robert with occult phenomena.

of-hand performer deceived his audience by his-artful tricks.

In Los Angeles Moore is protected license, and thus will be able to carry smirching our Cause.

and Mrs. Cora H. Moore and Com-

describing a seance held by the "Rev.

trouble. Previous to the trouble. Previous to the trouble. "Materializing Seance" were held

end of the third floor of the Forest

House Hotel. The rooms mentioned

and east walls, the three rooms con-

nected with each other from the in-

Moore, children of the "Rev. Dr.";

the second the bedroom of the "Rev.

Dr." and wife, also was used as the

cabinet: the third was the seance

room and contained nothing but a few

chairs. The rooms were numbered, first 49, second 47, and third 45.

When I first visited the Budd Lake

Assembly there were about 70 guests,

among whom were the 'following:

appearing after supper every evening, and were not seen again until after

a seance the next morning. This created suspicion among the "Rev.

Dr.'s" followers who thought and

late in afternoon, it of a consequence resulted in failure, "Pansy" being the

Mrs. Moore was very indignant and

apparently much hurt by the follow-

ers questioning her mediumship, and

as a consequence the gentlemen who on behalf of the rest of the communi-

Mr. Moore, and expressed their re-

gret for having caused the trouble.

The "Dr.," however, decided that he

would convince the most skeptical.

nd the next morning called a meeting

of his "spirits," and asked their ad-

vice on giving a test seance, the meet-

ing resulting in Martin Teitzen, Tessie White, and Mrs. Strickland being

selected as the persons to perform at

the "test seance" that evening. Frank

Montske being very much scared

dropped out, and did not impersonate

Dr.'s" father, Chas. Moore, was then

summoned to prepare the hiding places for the "spirits." The hiding

places were of course in the rooms

of the Moores; in room 49 was a bu-

reau from which Chas. Moore re-

moved the back and also the bottoms

of the drawers; in room 47 the same

(50 directly opposite room 49), and

concealed between the mattresses. On

after supper, the three selected "spir-

When this was done, the "Rev. Dr.'

seance that he would have no doubt.

found nothing. During the inspec-

tion Mr. Rice suggested the locking

of the connecting door between room

49, the bedroom of Niobe and Irma Moore, and room 47, the bedroom of

as a cabinet. Mr. Moore, however, de-

clined to do so, saying that the chil-

operation was performed on the bu-

again for some time.

only one who "materialized."

The notorious "Rev. Dr." Moore on his legerdemain work. To license is almost as bad as to license a gamb-California is an attractive place ling hell, a house of prostitution, or

H. Crowe, of New York, illustrating During Moore's whole remarkable the low strata occupied by that notoricareer, he never presented a genuine ous resort, Bndd Lake Camp, a place materialization, yet his methods de- that has reflected from the start the ceived the public, just as the sleight- feats of bogus mediumship, and at the same time bear in mind that the Light of Truth has been the acknowledged organ of Moore and all other by law, paying \$50 a month for a fake mediums in our ranks, thus be-

To the Editor: With regard to ruled. The "Committee" then declared the matter published in your paper, their satisfaction; the lights were concerning the "Rev. Dr. Hugh R. turned down and the "seance" began. "Dr." Moore began his usual lecture pany." I may state I have made a patient and thorough search into the "phenomena" produced at 120 West 13th St., New York City, N. Y., by Moore who sat in room 47, the cabithe above mentioned parties, and net, and whispered to him that the have accumulated a mass of facts, "spirits" were suffocating in their which if you deem fit for publication, confined quarters and could not be rewill startle all believers in "materialization. If you can procure a "Light sing, the noise of which would drown of Truth" of the latter part of July, the moving of the bureaus. The 1906, you will find therein an article seance proceeded and before the openwritten by 'Col. Charles McArthur, ing hymn was finished Martin Teitzen appeared in the full regalia of an Dr." and Co. in the large tent on the Indian Chief, Big Moose, a guide to camp grounds at Budd Lake, Morris J. Wallace Bunker. Immediately Co., New Jersey. The first of the article written by the Col. explains Mrs. Taylor as her mother, and Teshow the camp ground was selected, sie White to Col. Chas. McArthur as and will explain this matter better his adopted Indian daughter, Bluethan I can and will save time and bell. After this the farce went mer-Previous to the first and rily along, and was voted by all held huge success, thus once more estabin the tent, seances were held in the lishing "The Rev. Dr.'s" reputation, "Moore's" living rooms, three in but still leaving a little suspicion in number, situated at extreme south the minds of a few.

Perhaps the explaining away of who 'Pansy' really is will be a help were situated so that they were entirely cut off from all others, the first room being at the head of the is the "Chief Guide" of the "Rev." stairs and the third at the end of the Dr.," is supposed to be the spirit of corridor, and bounded by the south a little Indian girl who passed over some sixty years ago, at the age of four; she always "returns" form of a little child as she claims nection with the hall. The first was that by coming back in a childish the bedroom of Niobe and Irma form she is able to win the sympathy and affections of the admirers better than if she came in a grown up form daughter Niobe, aged 12, performs the "Pansy" large form, and younger daughter, Irma, aged 7, takes the part of the small "Pansy." children never do any talking; Mr. Moore being an excellent mimic proposed to emanate from "Pansy" as she sits on "her Moories" knee (this is what she terms him), and addresses her admirers. Previous to the camp.

promised that the seance would held in a large tent there. Col. Chas. McArthur's article in the Light of Truth of the latter part of July gives a good description of what occurred asserted that they recognized in the at that one and only "materializing 'Spirits," the voices and mannerisms seance" as seer from the inside, but of some of the persons I have men-tioned as suspects, especially Louis Cohen and Mrs. Strickland. The out-and Louis J. Cohen, were in the audicome of this suspicion resulted in the ence, for "Pansy" appointed these demand for a test seaned, which depersons, with the addition of Chas. mand worried the "Rev. Dr." very Moore, to act as patrols to keep watch much, as the seance was demanded on the outside of the tent while the seance went on. On the evening of this seance the

confederates went upstairs immediately after supper and donned their spirit garb which was concealed by their ordinary clothing; came down and mingled with the rest of the people on the grounds. Shortly after eight o'clock the lights were put out in the tent and the "seance began. During the first hymn, Mr. Chas. Moore obligingly pulled the stakes and raised the back wall the tent where the cabinet was situland, Tessie White, Louis J. Cohen Martin Teitjen, Frank Montske and the two Moore children, Niobe and Irma, to enter. They then prepared to give the promised seance which passed off successfully, the spooks getting out a few minutes before Moore allowed the lights to be turned up. This seance, however, was the ast of its kind held in the tent, as the natives of the district proved too curious for the "Rev. Dr." and he dared not repeat the performance for fear of discovery, so he had to go back to room 45.

Mr. McArthur asserts (in the Light of Truth in the article previously men tioned) that 17 spirit forms appeared then taken to Mrs. Strickland's room at one time on the platform at this seance. I am able to state on good authority that there were only the evening of the same day, directly after supper, the three selected "spir-"medium," Mrs. Moore, and the two

children, thus making in all eight its" disappeared and went straight to 'very material forms."
When "materializing seances" were the "Moore's" room, where they re-mained and prepared for work, put-ting on their "spirit robes," veils, etc. not going on at room 45, the "Rev.' S. O. Fenner, the famous trance bal After the people gathered for the lot test medium, and wife of Philaseance. Mrs. Moore told her confederates to get to their hiding places. delphia, held "etherealizing" se Martin Teitzen went into the bureau in that room. Mrs. Strickland delphia, held "etherealizing" seances from which the back had been reformed the "ethereal forms" at all moved. The bureau was then pushed of these seances held by Fenner. At into place against the wall; this took one of these, Col. Charles McArthur, place in room 47; Mrs. Strickland go-Lieut. W. Sheppard, U. S. A., Milo ing through the same performance in Grant Rice, Mrs. Etta L. Taylor, Mr. room 49, while Tessie White went and Mrs. Fred A. Baker, Mr. Isaac into a large trunk in the same room. Mann, Miss Jennie Marland, Mrs. Sarah Walters, Mrs. Von Kanzler announced to his audience in room Mrs. Pills, and Mrs. Hannah Beard, 45, as the seance held on the previous were present. Mrs. Strickland apevening had not proved entirely satispeared as the "ethereal forms"; to factory, that this seance would be under strictly test conditions. He then and Indian; to Lieut. Sheppard, U. S. der strictly test conditions. He then and indian; 10 Lieut. Steppard, U. S. invited Mr. Fred A. Baker, Milo A., as his sweetheart, Bessie Lynch; Grant Rice, "Leut." Wallace Shepto Milo Rice as his wife Anna and pard, and Mr. Fred D'Ath, to inspect daughter; to Mrs. Taylor as her pet the rooms. Mr. Baker at first de- Indian Walbo, her mother and daughter. clined, saying that if the people under ter; to the Bakers, as his mother suspicion could be located during the Margaret L. Baker; to Mr. Mann as his wife and daughter; to Miss Mai-Mr. Moore replied that as he was not land as her brother; to Mrs. Von Kanthe zler, Sarah Walters, as their mother: hotel, he could not satisfy Mr. Baker to Mrs. Pills as her guide Bertha; to in that respect. The above mentioned Mrs. Hannah Beard, as her sister Cargentlemen then proceeded to "ex-amine" the rooms, and of course they Rock, and her adopted spirit daughter

The forms of course being "ethe real" could not talk, and Mr. and Mrs Fenner kindly officiated by trumper as each form appeared. Mrs. Walter Mr. and Mrs. Moore, which was used and Mrs. Von Kanzler, about this time, wrote a note to Williard J. Hull of the Light of Truth informing him that they had at different times seen dren might be suddenly taken sick the persons suspected enter Moore's or become frightened, so Mr. Rice's rooms on seance night in their spirit suggestion unfortunately was over- robes, and denouncing him (Moore)

Lottle.

as a trickster, but Mr. Hull instead of publishing the letter sent by the ladles forwarded it to the "Rev. Dr." with a copy of his answer to them, and a note; nothing further has been heard of this in the Light of Truth. ROBERT H. CROWE. 1788 Amsterdam Ave., New York City, N. Y.

WHEN THE SOUL IS FULL OF WOE

Respectfully dedicated to Georgia Gladys Cooley, of Chicago, and Elizar Beth Schauss, of Toledo, O., each of whom has recently parted with a mother, and each an active speaker and medium in the out-field work. It is hard to smile with gladness unto all the world around.

When the bursting heart of sadness is in teardrops almost drowned: It is hard to bring much sunlight to the souls in trouble bowed. When one's own life seems so darkened by the presence of a cloud.

It is hard to give sweet comfort, with one's own soul full of woe; It is hard upon the moment to let all one's sadness go: It is hard to calm tornadoes in one's

own life when they come, And breathe sweet cheer to others who in sadness are struck dumb. It is easy to spread splendor and good

feeling when the heart
With its rhythmic, vibrant pulsing,
plays its full harmonic part;
But with sunlight almost banished from one's spirit for the time By the death of a sweet mother, there seems little left sublime.

But to think of her arisen to a brighter, purer sphere Than she ever could have entered

while her spirit lingered here Seems to touch a chord responsive and a smile excludes the cloud, And sweet flowers and bright sunlight tint the darkness of death's

were better to go smiling from the tomb of grief and woe, and resume again your labors ere the teardrops cease to flow,

For the world is starving ever for the comfort you can give, In the proof that their dear kindred

in a higher life shall live. But 'tis hard to smile with gladness unto all the world around,

When one's bursting heart of sadness is in teardrops almost drowned; And 'tis hard to bring bright sunlight to the souls in trouble bowed. When one's own life seems so darkened by the presence of a cloud. DR. T. WILKINS.

ANNIVERSARY POEM.

During this anniversary season, my mind dwelling upon it. I received clairaudiently the following poem which I believe was given me by James G. Clark:

Arise and hail the glorious day 'Foretold by seer and sung in When error's fortress would give way

And all the world be crowned with Dark clouds have rolled from o'er the sky,

The sun is rising in its splendor, Which drives away the darksome And gives the dawn rays warm and

And with the night has risen and flown An ominous brood, on noisesome They hate the light, and will not stay,

And hasten back to hell's dominion Old superstitions bald and grey, Dogmas and doctrines long time

Have risen and flown at dawn of day, Or in the light of Truth have per-Let them begone!

brood Will not be bound by error longer; The soul of man sees Freedom's dawn; The light of Truth is mightier, stronger

She comes, and on her radiant brow Shineth the light of love in splendor And man receives her message now, In words of love so sweet and ten-

She points, and through the mists that hang, We see the faces, long-time van-

ished: They live, they speak, they love, they know Thus are our fears forever banished. Let us rejoice and hold our feast,

Our Easter and our Christmas ever, Arisen from power of creed and priest Salvation comes by soul endeavor. O, souls immortal, who have wrought This precious boon to sorrowing

mortals. Accept our heartfelt tribute now. For throwing wide the heavenly portals.

Help us to hold the banner high, With its silken folds of white un-Until the wrong shall disappear, And freedom crown a suffering

world. MRS. R. S. LILLIE. An Excellent Test.

In New Hampshire where 1 was raised, there was a young girl of my acquaintance who died soon after I came West. Planchette will write very readily under my hand. One night I was writing and this girl came and wrote for me. I asked her (mentally) if she could be seen if we had a medium. She said There was living in the same house with us Mrs. E., a very good clair-voyant. I said, "Mrs. E. is coming in this evening, will you show yourself

She said, "I'll try."

I then said, "You stand at my left." She said, "I will."
In the evening Mrs. E. came and sat conversing with my wife. I sat on the opposite side of the room about twelve feet away. Mrs. E. stopped in the midst of her conversation and said "Mr. Stevens, there is a young lady standing at your left." She then described her perfectly.

Now Mrs. E. never saw or even heard of the young lady. There is no one (except myself and wife) west of New Hampshire who ever saw her or even heard of her. Mrs. E. was not in a trance state; she just broke in on her regular conversation, and after saying what she did, resumed conversation with my wife. I asked her afterwards how she could describe the young lady so, well. She said, "Why, I saw her just as plain as I now see you."

C. N. STEVENS.

One solitary philosopher may be great, virtuous and happy in the midst of poverty, but not a whole nation.-

Success is full of promise till men get it; and then it is last year's nest from which the bird has flown .- H. W.

What a Martian Would Think If He Visited the Earth.

Discourse by Mrs. Gora L. V. Richmond, Chicago, Feb. 17, 1907

cernod, yet in these days of many systems of knowledge of your thoroughfares and roads when there might be and of many ways of arriving at knowledge, we are not good roads throughout the country. The automobile is obliged to wait for the laggard footsteps of science to the compulsory agent for bringing about good roads. declare that some things are known under the sun that That wonderful man from Ohio who started out for Washit takes science a long time to accept. People have known ington with his wonderful advance guard (Coxies Army) about spirit and about spirit intercourse many years be-could not compel the government, even with his unarmed fore the Psychic Research Society was thought of, There army to listen to the cry of the people, but the automobile are thousands of people who are living now who knew can compel it, of course, because its demonstration of the about the other world by clairvoyance and spirit mani, necessity must be responded to. festations long before the Psychic Research Society condescended to have existence.

are those endowed with other gifts, and among those of the people. Your sapient legislators were sitting in inspiration concerning other worlds.

when all are discovered in the solar system.

Admitting that there may be visitants from Mars, they be ready. have to pass into the atmosphere of Earth first to become . Of course you have a great many new things, and a Grecian mythology were "Jove's Thunderers," those gods that the present civilization regards as necessities that a who dwelt near men as tutelar deities. Among the in- later civilization will put aside. habitants of India they were divas, divine messengers, Avatars chosen to bear a message to the time and place, not as inhabitants of Earth simply, but as superior beings.

An inhabitants of Mars approaching the Earth would not approach it as you would approach with uncertainty vitality that the sunshines and fresh air can give. Now a primary school, but as, civilized nations, so-called, approach some of those islands of the sea where civilization has not extended. Of course there must be a degree of sympathy between the condition of Earth and the inhabitants of Mars, or nothing could be done for you by those ministering presences from Mars.

Supposing such a life were approaching the Earth and there was an object for its finding expression here in as veritable prophets for the time fulfilling their work, human form. From the very first that child would be different from other children. From the first the Earth would seem to be an alien place; perhaps there would be some years of nostalgia, a sort of reminiscence of something lost; the Earth would seem to be different from the preceding state. If you were taken from a beautiful home, even in early childhood, and surrounded by inferior things to those that you had been accustomed to, there So there are people who from the very time of their govern them.

spiring her to go forward to save France, might have he first heard the voice concerning the abolition of cannot fight. That argument has been knocked out. Of of the sword, but always the higher and more perfect is best to be done will be done. Of course, if it is best posing this. But suppose in the midst of earthly existence that there would be those feelings that it is cold, cheerless, lonely.

It is true that substances are not as pliable here as on seem to them as grown up children. Their knowledge to walk directly to a height, to some particular position right to live) may come to them in various ways, but alwhile others were slowly plodding on; but usually it would be the case that the visitor from Mars would present something so far in advance of the age that the tidings would be in fact only to those vivified by knowledge from

But suppose a Martian could plant the seed of a great truth and could live to bear it forward to maturity and could then realize its rigening, and suppose in doing this that all the time he' was aware that no one in the world knew, necessarily, that he was doing this; as certain older teachers set an example for the children to follow. Many times those who announce a great mathematical proposition or a great mechanical discovery know that it cannot be adopted in the age in which they live. They place it on record; they place it where people will be able to realize it when they grow up to it and know that it has non of citizenship. If the ballot is of any value to man it been announced. The announcement of a truth in the is equally valuable to woman as a citizen. If it is of no Earth's atmosphere, that is two or three hundred years, or a thousand years in advance of the growth of the people, nevertheless produces an impression on the most think the state of man's advancement makes the ballot; advanced lives here and remains a permanent possession and we think the time will come, perhaps, when women until the people grow up to it.

for instance, like Dr. Parker, was to come and visit all announced becomes the fulfillment of the age when lawsome directions similar.

of these faster and finer methods refuse to yield to them, the high ideal announced by some prophet, reaches the improved methods of transportation have been in their dominion of that angelic life that makes the announceadoption. Think how long a suffering people have been ment.

Of course it is hypothetical as far as you are con- in the adoption of these methods. Think of the condition

But the great perception is to know that these things can be foreseen hundreds of years before their adoption. Planets are under the scrutiny of astronomers, but there | Steam as a motor power was slow in possessing the minds who have these gifts are these who are the recipients of Congress declaring that the steam engine could never be practical; while it was demonstrating its practicality. The Our teaching is, that the planets in proportion to their telegraph was thought to be merely a matter of ornament distance from the sun are more perfect; those nearer the or amusement. When Dr. Franklin, imitating Prometheus, sun are less perfect. As far as you know the planets stole the same fire from the heavens, he was not impaled Mercury is the least unfolded and Neptune is the great- upon a rock for doing this, but his discovery was impaled est in unfoldment. Although there will be found to be for a long time. There have been thousands of inventwelve planets, including the Asteroids as one planet, tions put aside as impractical and useless, merely because the people were not ready, and commerce would not adopt So naturally the planet Mars is the next in advance of them. How many improvements have been in the same the Earth, and if our teaching be true, then the inhabi- way set aside! Air ships could have been practical long tants of Mars are in every way superior to the inhabitants ago if the people had been ready, and even now the most of Earth. The planet Mars itself being the next step in successful ones are not encouraged. The truth is, when advance is realizing in its material, mental and spiritual a Martian comes and announces an air ship, and goes aspects that which you are just hoping to realize, or long- away, the world grows up to it by the birth of the inventor ing to realize. It is like the next grade in school. You and manufacturer who are ready for the idea. But comhave to pass the examination in the lower degree before merce responds the latest because commerce must be you can enter the higher. So with the inhabitants of "safe." There are a great many possessions in the earth Earth; their next step or degree will be the planet Mars. today and upon the earth that are but waiting for you to of Europe that one can spring up from obscurity and power will aid in awakening in human lives something of

dwellers upon the Earth. 'The special" messengers in great many mysterious things and a great many things

By and by you will not shut out the fresh air and sunshine from your dwellings and places of work or business. There will be room enough for all occupations and room enough for all buildings where there will be sunshine and all the you regard it as a wonderful thing that you have these immense structures, and you never think them too high, however high. If there is a Martian embodied here today, doing his best for people not to have them, you do not know him. By and by you will. If there is a Martian embodied here today teaching civilization a better way. you are not ready, the world is not ready. They must be not heeding the sluggard and laggard steps of the people.

The truth is, these various steps that are taken emphasize and exemplify the better way. It requires a poet to perfectly read and interpret a poet; but you all have more poetic perception than you are aware of. It requires of human progress, and he knew that industrial freedom an artist to clearly understand what an artist means by his picture. It requires an artist to gaze upon the sunset and know what the Master has painted there in men of this country to beware of the gradual encroachwould be a sort of reminiscence and a longing for the colors. It requires a real humanitarian, a true philanthroling power of capital. What did he mean? He meant beautiful lake, the beautiful mother you might have left pist to know the great step that is needed, and not to just that which is surrounding you today. And he would need to the heaviful blues that he behind, for the beautiful things that had surrounded you. heed the hue and cry that goes forth, that "it will wield so disturbing an influence—it will upset all existing insti- citizenship; and what did he mean? He meant that one tutions." Certainly. Institutions are the outgrowth of half of the race should be recognized as equal with the Perhaps some of these in growing older will evince some human conditions, they do not make them, and just as other half—Prof. Thomas to the contrary, notwithstand—ber brain. But it now transpires that Camilla Flamgreat power, some great ability, and often in such cases soon as they do not serve their purpose there comes some they come for a distinct purpose which they had in view, one along to knock them down. But you are not ready, in the air, for the voice that compelled him to govern the marion, one of the first astronomers of this age, has suggested that the marion, one of the first astronomers of this age, has suggested that the marion, one of the first astronomers of this age, has suggested that the marion, one of the first astronomers of the has age, has suggested that the marion, one of the first astronomers of this age, has suggested that the marion, one of the first astronomers of the first astronomers. a distinct mission. In such cases although the parents or you do not want them torn down, you are not ready for family might seek to govern them, they are not able to the next structure. But at the same time "Thy will be fulfill. None the less is that great spirit power upon them. done." Oftentimes it is done through seas of human the nation today to fulfill his ideals in those other and bloodeled. bloodshed.

One of the arguments raised against woman's suffragebeen a messenger? Suppose William Lloyd Garrison, when and that cannot be any more—is, they say that women slavery, when the great cry of the world was for the recourse, we know that with the urgency or necessity of the solar rays. The time will come here when it will not reconstruct the recourse, we know that with the urgency or necessity of the solar rays. The time will come here when it will not reconstruct the recourse, we know that with the urgency or necessity of the solar rays. lease of those in thralldom, still not accepting the thought the time, whatever it is, the thing that is to come and that methods, suppose him as a messenger. We are only sup- the Houses of Parliament may see it clearly sooner than your legislators, because England is very susceptible when vibrations of the sun will be employed in your conversathe riot act is being read. The members of Pariament are afraid to meet the women in argument. In such an it now, who is impressing and inspiring inventors along The day of scoffing and ridicule is at an end. Anything emergency England took an added step in advance in that line. Edison is closely allied to that thought and that is worthy of being thought about is worth being insome other planets; and grown up people here would abolishing the corn laws, because the people went up expects not only to feel the pulse of the sun with regard vestigated; and when added vision shall reveal more and there and demanded bread; they DEMANDED BREAD! would seem to be infantile. You have known some people So the "bread of Life" that the people hunger for (the ways along the pathway where there has been some one to sow the seed.

We do not think the women of this country are ready to go up to the state legislature or to Congress in the same attitude that the women of England went to the Houses of Parliament, but Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and others have been doing this morally and mentally for the last sixty years. Their fruitage has come in the steps that woman has taken in advance in schools, in colleges, in industrial pursuits, in the privileges of labor, and added compensation for her work; all this is the result of the Woman's Suffrage Movement. Men will give women higher wages and all that, but not the ballot, but that is what they are crying for, for that is the sine qua value, where is the need of discouraging woman? Politiclans assume that it is the ballot that makes the man. We will vote, but it will be at such a time when voting may Supposing a teacher, a greater teacher than any you not be so necessary as it is now. The world grows to know in this city, and you have some very great ones, the achievement of its ideals by what we have said of avas to visit you; suppose some one especially endowed these particular visitants. What Elizabeth Cady Stanton. with the divine sympathy for children and for teaching, as first president of the Woman's Suffrage Association. the schools and give something so far in advance of the making and law-fulfilling will be the least thing and the thought of the age that every one would know that it least necessary. People who are well governed, individuals could not be adopted-but it would form an ideal, even as who are well governed, are not restrained from stealing Freebel did, and wait for the inture teaching to adopt or attempting murder by the laws on the statute books, the plan; that would be with regard to the Earth, or nor do they aid in the perfect well being of the community with regard to the schools of Earth what the visitant from by the fear of the penalties for these crimes. If you are Mars would be with regard to the Earth. It would not honest in your daily dealings it is because you are honest. be the result of a long line of prophets like those in Israel; If you are dishonest you employ a lawyer to keep you out It would not be a culmination like the result of some of jail, as many bankers and senators do to enable you to schools of art or philosophy, but it would be a scintillant, do a thing within legal boundaries that you will not do shining light, not as great as that of a Messiah, but in outside. But the average honesty of the world is based upon the old adage that "honesty is the best policy." . We You may not know where to place Edison, since he not would drop the last word, so the world, grows announces, but realizes, and seems to fulfill in his to its inheritance by the announcement of cerpersonality that which others have announced; yet, he tain principles that you aim to live up to. We

says, all these best things come to him, his inventions, think the world is living up to the highest that it can tohis discoveries, in those hours when his body is asleep, day meaning not the highest that it ever will be able to, and his spirit is apart from the earth. How do you know but in accordance with the highest conditions considering but what Edison has known and experimented on the the state of growth, and the state of the personal and colplanet Mars, where substances are more pliable, where lective morality of the community. The morality of the the atmosphere does not offer so great a degree of re- community consists of the individual morality of the memsistence? Would not your slow progress in the adoption bers of the community. So when public opinion, under and all material influences discourage anyone unless that realization of that ideal, of course, it may be long ages one was really endowed by a mission, and came to present lafter the prophet is dead to the world. But both the something to you? Think how long, comparatively, the announcement and the fulfillment may come under the

to one from Mars to be very inferior, it would seem a desert place almost sompored to Mars. It-would also be a place in which an dehabitant from Mars would exercise a distinctive mission and influence, and in his coming written upon the slab of marble, or printed in the obituannounce a distinctive purpose, whether it be like John the Baptist, saying: "Propare ye the way of the Lord and make his paths straight," or whether it be like Victor Hugo, saying: "The time will come when you France, you Italy, you Spain, you Russia, you Germany, you England, you America, you all the nations of the earth will be linked together in one Sisterhood of nations." Victor Hugo saw that viston, the poet-prophet who knew he would not remain in the physical form long enough to see it fulfilled, but he also knew that inevitably the time would come when it would be fulfilled. How dreary and desolate the waiting would seem if the prophet or teacher did not see through all the shadows of the intermediate years and know that the triumph would ultimately

The day of peace has been declared. Peace societies, national and international, world wide, have been formed for the abolition of war; for the disarmament of nations, using the elements of physical destruction; but that announcement stands clear in the horizon of the few, though would intervene through all these hundreds of years, that "Peace on earth and good will to mankind" would not have immediate fulfillment.

The love of peace prevails after justice prevails, and it can no more be peace until justice prevails than it can be during the time that injustice is here. All injustice is warfare. Therefore, when the nemesis from Mars comes to inspire tion and of human thought so there are more people ready something. We know that it is not simply military ambi- fore. Perhaps that is why legislation is neglected; pertion like that of Napoleon; we know that it is not just haps that is why you do not go to the primary meetings. to overcome an army equally well equiped, but it stands The one thing the people need to know is, that they must for a light in the world. The difference between a vote, and act, and think each day according to their Napoleon and a Grant is, that a Napoleon is the nemesis highest convictions for that day; and perhaps exalting the of ambition. He taught the sublime lesson to the nations ideal and the bringing in the knowledge of the spiritual make all the nations of the earth, even Rome, quail; and this up-building from within. yet he could illustrate but one thing, personal ambition. A Grant can say to the world, that a citizen, a quiet, unambitious man can take possession of the sword for a irms of war were laid aside.

nation has at last accepted the wonderful light of his scure. great personality, and has made a national holiday of the anniversary of his birth here, and business has consented frame for the ordinary necessities of life, the great misshould follow, and in that message that he gave to congress, that especial last message, he urged the working

an especially wonderful and beautiful arrangement of angels in ancient days saw them with wings. Whatever be electric light nor storage batteries, but the solar light already learned to navigate the air; those who had and heat will be stored up in the summer time for winter learned, the powers that you are trying to grasp which use. The time will come when the higher range of the are already fulfilled in Mars. They wonder that the peotion with Mars. There is a Martian here who is seeing to as navigable as your seas here are. to its action upon the earth, but expects that his solar en- more that in your midst there are not only "clouds of gine will be fulfilled in his day. When you have im- witnesses" of your own arisen ones, statesmen, scientists, prisoned the solar light and solar heat this Martian will seers and philosophers, but from those other worlds benehave fulfilled his mission, and will have gone on his way. ficent angels and spirits who are helping to guide and who is the visitant; perhaps the one who declares in the instead of being clad in red, the messengers of Mars, not most peaceful and unostentatious way his lines of life, the red planet, will come clothed in white, and will teach his desire for doing the best to all humanity, is a visitor. you to know the strength and the legitimate light of the You do not recognize who may live next door to you; he next step of planetary existence.

Therefore, while the earth, as said before, would seem, may be called eccentric, but when he dies the greatest obituary you will read, the greatest monument you will build to his memory is: "He was an honest man." So rare is this, so wonderfully does it shine out when it is ary notice, it forms one of the most beautiful monuments that a human being could have. If you leave a legacy to your sons and daughters, which would you rather leave that record or a hundred million dollars? 'A man may think he is perfectly honest and have a hundred million dollars; but he is not, he cannot be-though he has no perception of the proposition—he is the victim of the conditions of the times that permit one man to accumulate so much money. He does not realize that there are no distinguished alienists employed to feel the mental pulse of the multi-millionaire to decide, by his mental vibrations, whether he be sane or not. But there will be something more potent than that:-The time will come when every sane man will refuse to have more money than is necessary for his daily bread or needs. That will be sanity,

The visitant that is upon the earth today is ferreting out, is finding out all these weaknesses, and is showing you the better way. Not always by warfare; sometimes it and for the ceasing to celebrate your national holiday is in the lines of peaceful and direct unfoldment and with loud noises and loud acclaim like that of battle. But education, and the great steps that have been taken toall this prophery the nations do not heed; they go on get. Ward this end are expressing themselves. There are more ting armies; they go on building warships; they go on people today amenable to the Golden Rule than in any other age of the world. With all the crime and the luxurious living that there is in the world, there are more the one who made the singuncement first knew that wars people ready for the simple life, for the light that is shining upon the world today is illuminating the spiritual avenues until there is such an awakening, such a desire to know, and such interest in that which shall be the spiritual enlightenment that you cannot keep the people back.

One thing is perfectly evident at this hour: A visitant from Mars has opened up the spiritual avenues of informasword like that of General Grant, we know that it means to build up society from within than eyer there were be-More and more the visitant from Mars is telling you

abroad in the world that the Martians are waiting for you to recognize the signals that have been placed upon Mars cause and show the world what freedom means; then for years and years, waiting for you to advance sufficiwhen it is no longer necessary withdraw as speedily from ently. The means have been suggested here for the purthe sword as it was taken up. Without any personal am- pose. If you had attained more knowledge, if there were bition, but receiving an ovation from the world as no one more powerful telescopes; if there was recognition of inelse ever did, was General Grant's experience after the tuition; if there were protected messages through mediums who can give them without being influenced by their The truth that when one has a work to do, as surroundings, or by position, or by money, that which they know to be true, and more perfect methods of arriving at celebrated his birthday sinte you last met here. The the fruition of the inventions by inventors who are ob-

You may not know it, but it is positively true, from information received through the Patent Office in Washto stop in memory of Abraham Lincoln. Dreaming along ington, prominent electricians for the benefit of electric the waters of the western rivers or using his muscular companies have kept back inventions through which many of these things would have been realized today. And, but sion that he came to fulfill was upon him from the first, for persecution and oppression and ridicule many revealand when he stepped forth with the words against chattel ments from the realm of spirits would have been long slavery, he also carried within his soul the next great step ago an adjunct in established science for scientific men to realize what is passing in the great realm beyond.

Fifty years ago when a woman in Boston was entranced to paint as well as she could, not being a trained artist, what were called pictures of the inhabitants of Mars and by no means exclude woman from the full privilege of and a number of his brother professors went to her studio ing. And the fact that the great herald of Freedom was her brain. But it now transpires that Camille Flamnation was the result of what his birth was destined to gested that if Mars and Jupiter are inhabited they have So, to return to other themes, this electric light which to planets they might not have laughed so heartly at the you is so wonderful, is superseded on the planet Mars by pictures of the lady. It may be those who saw the

Perhaps the man most unheeded, one least recognized, lead you, will you not be more ready to open the door of from whom the machinist steals an invention, is the one intuition to allow these messengers to enter? And then

THE NEW THEOLOGY.

A Segment of it is Located in England. and it Stirs the Whole World-Religious Belief of Coming Century Is Sketched by Pastor Campbell-City Temple Thronged — Reform Wave Reaches Into All Corners of Society, Displacing Frivolity.

A man has sprung up in London who has set the whole of Britain by the ears as regards religious beliefs. He is Rev. R. J. Campbell, M. A., minister of the City Temple, London. This church was built by the admirers of he late Dr. Parker, and from its pulpit was expounded the orthodox Christian faith until his death.n

There is some question as to the ethics of Dr. Campbell's course in taking possession of the temple built by Dr. Parker's admirers; and making it the place of expounding what is now termed the New Theology, But this criticism does not appear to have weight with Dr. Campbell, for in the book just issued, wherein he sets forth fully his ideas concerning, the Christian religion, and his manner of interpreting it, he does not mention this stricture on his present position. After all it ought not to matter to the men whose money built the beautiful temple what kind of theology was preached from the pulpit, so that

The important thing about Dr. Campbell's preaching is that it is effective. He has aroused England as it has not been aroused before since the days of the Reformation. Everybody, almost, seems to be talking re-

it had in it the salt that has not lost

So much criticism was leveled at Dr. Campbell that he wrote his book o explain his position. In the opening

chapters he says: Christianity has for the moment lest its hold. Can it recover it? I am sure it can, if only because the moral movements of the age, such as the great labor movement, are in reality the expression of the Christian spirit, and only need, to recognize themselves as such in order to become

irresistible. The wagon of socialism It is only the sectarian Unitarians who needs to be hitched to the star of re- would try to claim it for their own ligious faith. But have the churches spiritual energy enough to recover their lost position? That depends upon themselves. If they consent to be bound by dogmatic statements inherit- historically speaking they have not ed from the past they are doomed. The consistenty stood for it, any more than world is not listening to theologians any other denomination. The New today. . They have no message for it.' Soul Is Self-Consciouness.

Dr. Campbell thinks he has. He believes in moral honesty, to begin it another thing to realize it, hedge and lie."

about himself," is one of his defini- unity that lies below all creeds. tions. "The body is the thought-form Dr. Campbell is a theorist. He through which the individuality finds writes well, and his book will give

as the highest expression of God's consclousness in the human form, and tion, he would have found this state-you would seem to have compassed ment: "Nothing that as without be-the article of faith in the New Theologianing can have an end." Also the gy, as interpreted by Dr. Campbell.

The author of "The New Theology" I refer to the book—is a clear and lofty reasoner. He has a sublime idea of man and his relations to the uni-thing less than immortal if he is any erse. He does not doubt the divinity thing. But the poor we have always of Jesus, but he declares it to be a limited divinity, a man made perfect preaches a religion more vital by love. To this state, says Dr. Campbell, all men are to finally come. Dr. Campbell denies that the New Theology is Unitarianism, although, he says, "present-day Unitarianism is Bland. Interesting, instructive and preaching with fervor and clearness helpful; Spiritually uplifting. Cloth preaching with fervor and clearness helpful; the foundation of the New Theology. bound, price \$1.

denomination; the best and most outstanding exponents of Unitarianism would not wish to do anything of the kind; for they know well enough that Theology does not belong to any one church, but to all.

' Does Not Believe in Conversion. "For my own part, I would not even with. "It is one thing to know that take the trouble to try to turn a Royou are a lover of truth," he says; "It man Catholic into a Protestant. Let every man stay in the church whose your immediate safety would bid you spiritual atmosphere and modes of worship best accord with his tempera-"The universe is God's thought ment, but let him recognize the deeper

expression on our present limited delight to religious controversialists plane: the soul is man's consciousness for a long time to come. But after of himself, as apart from all the rest all, religion is something more than of existence and even from God.

The soul, therefore, according to the "New Pheology," is what we make it. What we are here to do is to years ago, and then telling the poor grow in soul until it becomes pure starving soul in the garret that Jesus spirit. There is nothing peculiarly took with him to heaven all his healnew or startling in this. In fact, Dr. ing powers, all the blessing that Campbell in his book does not depart might serve to relieve the human famfrom any of the fundamental beliefs ily of its heavy burdens of sorrow and of accepted Christian doctrine. Add woe? What the world wants today is to the teachings of the New Testament an active spirit of help, not a finethe Hindu teachings, and explanations drawn theory of the evolution of the of consciousness by modern psycholo-soul. Had Dr. Campbell read further gists, together with a belief in Jesus into his Hindu books, from which he evidently draws his theory of incarna-

> reverse reasoning, "Whatever has a beginning must have an end." This is certainly logic, and it makes it impossible that man should be anywith us, and the Salvation Army words.-Charles Eugene Banks in

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about the other world by clairvoyance and spirit mani, necessity must be responded to. festations long before the Psychic Research Society con- But the great perception is to know that these things descended to have existence,

distance from the sun are more perfect; those nearer the or amusement. When Dr. Franklin, imitating Prometheus, sun are less perfect. As far as you know the planets stole the same fire from the heavens, he was not impaled Mercury is the least unfolded and Neptune is the great- upon a rock for doing this, but his discovery was impaled est in unfoldment. Although there will be found to be for a long time. There have been thousands of inventwelve planets, including the Asteroids as one planet, tions put aside as impractical and useless, merely because when all are discovered in the solar system.

Admitting that there may be visitants from Mars, they be ready. have to pass into the atmosphere of Earth first to become | Of course you have a great many new things, and dwellers upon the Earth. The special" messengers in great many mysterious things and a great many things Grecian mythology were "Jove's Thunderers," those gods that the present civilization regards as necessities that a who dwelt near men as tutelar deities. Among the in- later civilization will put aside. habitants of India they were divas, divine messengers. Avatars chosen to bear a message to the time and place, from your dwellings and places of work or business. There

not approach it as you would approach with uncertainty vitality that the sunshines and fresh air can give. Now a primary school, but as, civilized nations, so-called, ap- you regard it as a wonderful thing that you have these proach some of those islands of the sea where civiliza- immense structures, and you never think them too high, tion has not extended. Of course there must be a degree however high. If there is a Martian embodied here today, of sympathy between the condition of Earth and the in- doing his best for people not to have them, you do not habitents of Mars, or nothing could be done for you by know him. By and by you will. If there is a Martian those ministering presences from Mars.

there was an object for its finding expression here in as verifable prophets for the time fulfilling their work, human form. From the very first that child would be not heeding the sluggard and laggard steps of the people. thing lost; the Earth would seem to be different from the more poetic perception than you are aware of. It requires things to those that you had been accustomed to, there sunset and know what the Master has painted there in

govern them. Suppose Joan d'Arc, when the voice came to her in- bloodshed. spiring her to go forward to save France, might have been a messenger? Suppose William Lloyd Garrison, when and that cannot be any more—is, they say that women lease of those in thralldom, still not accepting the thought the time, whatever it is, the thing that is to come and that that there would be those feelings that it is cold, cheer- the riot act is being read. The members of Parlament

It is true that substances are not as pliable here as on some other planets; and grown up people here would abolishing the corn laws, because the people went up seem to them as grown up children. Their knowledge there and demanded bread; they DEMANDED BREAD! would seem to be infantile. You have known some people to walk directly to a height, to some particular position right to live) may come to them in various ways, but alwhile others were slowly plodding on; but usually it would be the case that the visitor from Mars would present something so far in advance of the age that the tidings would be in fact only to those viyified by knowledge from

But suppose a Martian could plant the seed of a great truth and could live to bear it forward to maturity and could then realize its rigening, and suppose in doing this that all the time he' was aware that no one in the world knew, necessarily, that he was doing this; as certain older teachers set an example for the children to follow. Many times those who announce a great mathematical proposition or a great mechanical discovery know that it cannot be adopted in the age in which they live. They place it on record; they place it where people will be able to realize it when they grow up to it and know that it has been announced. The announcement of a truth in the Earth's atmosphere, that is two or three hundred years, or a thousand years in advance of the growth of the people, nevertheless produces an impression on the most until the people grow up to it.

Supposing a teacher, a greater teacher than any you some directions similar.

You may not know where to place Edison, since he not his discoveries, in those hours when his body is asleep, and his spirit is apart from the earth. How do you know but what Edison has known and experimented on the planet Mars, where substances are more pliable, where sistence? Would not your slow progress in the adoption of these faster and finer methods refuse to yield to them, something to you? Think how long, comparatively, the announcement and the fulfillment may come under the improved methods of transportation have been in their dominion of that angelic life that makes the announceadoption. Think how long a suffering people have been ment.

Of course it is hypothetical as far as you are con- in the adoption of these methods. Think of the condition cerned, yet in these days of many systems of knowledge of your thoroughfares and roads when there might be and of many ways of arriving at knowledge, we are not good roads throughout the country. The automobile is obliged to wait for the laggard footsteps of science to the compulsory agent for bringing about good roads. declare that some things are known under the sun that That wonderful man from Ohio who started out for Wash; it takes science a long time to accept. People have known ington with his wonderful advance guard (Coxies Army), about spirit and about spirit intercourse many years be-could not compel the government, even with his unarmed fore the Psychic Research Society was thought of. There army to listen to the cry of the people; but the automobile are thousands of people who are living now who knew can compel it, of course, because its demonstration of the

can be foreseen hundreds of years before their adoption. Planets are under the scrutiny of astronomers, but there | Steam as a motor power was slow in possessing the minds are those endowed with other gifts, and among those of the people. Your sapient legislators were sitting in who have these gifts are those who are the recipients of Congress declaring that the steam engine could never be inspiration concerning other worlds. practical, while it was demonstrating its practicality. The Our teaching is, that the planets in proportion to their telegraph was thought to be merely a matter of ornament the people were not ready, and commerce would not adopt So naturally the planet Mars is the next in advance of them. How many improvements have been in the same the Earth, and if our teaching be true, then the inhabi- way set aside! Air ships could have been practical long tants of Mars are in every way superior to the inhabitants ago if the people had been ready, and even now the most of Earth. The planet Mars itself being the next step in successful ones are not encouraged. The truth is, when advance is realizing in its material, mental and spiritual a Martian comes and announces an air ship, and goes aspects that which you are just hoping to realize, or long- away, the world grows up to it by the birth of the inventor ing to realize. It is like the next grade in school. You and manufacturer who are ready for the idea. But comhave to pass the examination in the lower degree before merce responds the latest because commerce must be you can enter the higher. So with the inhabitants of "safe." There are a great many possessions in the earth Earth; their next step or degree will be the planet Mars. today and upon the earth that are but waiting for you to

By and by you will not shut out the fresh air and sunshine not as inhabitants of Earth simply, but as superior beings. will be room enough for all occupations and room enough An inhabitants of Mars approaching the Earth would for all buildings where there will be sunshine and all the embodied here today teaching civilization a better way, anniversary of his birth here, and business has consented Supposing such a life were approaching the Earth and you are not ready, the world is not ready. They must be

different from other children. From the first the Earth The truth is, these various steps that are taken emphawould seem to be an alien place; perhaps there would size and exemplify the better way. It requires a poet be some years of nostalgia, a sort of reminiscence of some- to perfectly read and interpret a poet; but you all have preceding state. If you were taken from a beautiful an artist to clearly understand what an artist means home, even in early childhood, and surrounded by inferior by his picture. It requires an artist to gaze upon the would be a sort of reminiscence and a longing for the colors. It requires a real humanitarian, a true philanthrobeautiful lake, the beautiful mother you might have left pist to know the great step that is needed, and not to behind for the beautiful things that had surrounded you. heed the hue and cry that goes forth, that "it will wield so there are people who from the very time of their so disturbing an influence—it will upset all existing instiearliest thought and existence seem to be "home-sick." tutions." Certainly. Institutions are the outgrowth of Perhaps some of these in growing older will evince some human conditions, they do not make them, and just as great power, some great ability, and often in such cases soon as they do not serve their purpose there comes some they come for a distinct purpose which they had in view, one along to knock them down. But you are not ready, distinct mission. In such cases although the parents or you do not want them torn down, you are not ready for family might seek to govern them, they are not able to the next structure. But at the same time "Thy will be fulfill. None the less is that great spirit power upon probably unfolded along different lines from the inhabituation of Farth and they really may be endowed with done." Oftentimes it is done through seas of human the nation today to fulfill his ideals in those other and tants of Earth, and they really may be endowed with

One of the arguments raised against woman's suffragehe first heard the voice concerning the abolition of cannot fight. That argument has been knocked out. Of slavery, when the great cry of the world was for the re- course, we know that with the urgency or necessity of of the sword, but always the higher and more perfect is best to be done will be done. Of course, if it is best methods, suppose him as a messenger. We are only sup- the Houses of Parliament may see it clearly sooner than posing this. But suppose in the midst of earthly existence your legislators, because England is very susceptible when are afraid to meet the women in argument. In such an emergency England took an added step in advance in So the "bread of Life' that the people hunger for (the ways along the pathway where there has been some one to sow the seed.

We do not think the women of this country are ready to go up to the state legislature or to Congress in the same attitude that the women of England went to the Houses of Parliament, but Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and others have been doing this morally and mentally for the last sixty years. Their fruitage has come in the steps that woman has taken in advance in schools, in colleges, in industrial pursuits, in the privileges of labor, and added compensation for her work; all this is the result of the Woman's Suffrage Movement. Men will give women higher wages and all that, but not the ballot, but that is what they are crying for, for that is the sine qua non of citizenship. If the ballot is of any value to man it is equally valuable to woman as a citizen. If it is of no value, where is the need of discouraging woman? Politicians assume that it is the ballot that makes the man. We think the state of man's advancement makes the ballot; advanced lives here and remains a permanent possession and we think the time will come, perhaps, when women will vote, but it will be at such a time when voting may not be so necessary as it is now. The world grows to know in this city, and you have some very great ones, the achievement of its ideals by what we have said of was to visit you; suppose some one especially endowed these particular visitants. What Elizabeth Cady Stanton. with the divine sympathy for children and for teaching, as first president of the Woman's Suffrage Association, for instance, like Dr. Parker, was to come and visit all announced becomes the fulfillment of the age when lawthe schools and give something so far in advance of the making and law-fulfilling will be the least thing and the thought of the age that every one would know that it least necessary. People who are well governed individuals could not be adopted-but it would form an ideal, even as who are well governed, are not restrained from stealing Froebel did, and wait for the future teaching to adopt or attempting murder by the laws on the statute books. the plan; that would be with regard to the Earth, or nor do they aid in the perfect well being of the community with regard to the schools of Earth what the visitant from by the fear of the penalties for these crimes. If you are Mars would be with regard to the Earth. It would not honest in your daily dealings it is because you are honest. be the result of a long line of prophets like those in Israel; If you are dishonest you employ a lawyer to keep you out It would not be a culmination like the result of some of jail, as many bankers and senators do to enable you to schools of art or philosophy, but it would be a scintillant, do a thing within legal boundaries that you will not do shining light, not as great as that of a Messiah, but in outside. But the average honesty of the world is based upon the old adage that "honesty is the best policy." . We would drop the last word, so the world grows only announces, but realizes, and seems to fulfill in his to its inheritance by the announcement of cerpersonality that which others have announced; yet, he tain principles that you aim to live up to. We says, all these best things come to him, his inventions, think the world is living up to the highest that it can today, meaning not the highest that it ever will be able to. but in accordance with the highest conditions considering the state of growth, and the state of the personal and collective morality of the community. The morality of the the atmosphere does not offer so great a degree of re- community consists of the individual morality of the members of the community. So when public opinion, under the high ideal announced by some prophet, reaches the and all material influences discourage anyone unless that realization of that ideal, of course, it may be long ages one was really endowed by a mission, and came to present after the prophet is dead to the world. But both the

desert place almost compared to Mars. It would also be build to his memory is: "He was an honest man." So a place in which an dehabitant from Mars would exercise rare is this, so wonderfully does it shine out when it is a distinctive mission and influence, and in his coming announce a distinctive purpose, whether it be like John ary notice, it forms one of the most beautiful monuments the Baptist, saying her "Prepare ye the way of the Lord that a human being could have. If you leave a legacy to and make his paths straight," or whether it be like Victor your sons and daughters, which would you rather leave, Hugo, saying: "The time, will come when you France, you Italy, you Spath, you Russia, you Germany, you England, you America, you all the nations of the earth will be linked together in one Sisterhood of nations." Victor Hugo saw that vision, the poet-prophet who knew he would not remain in the physical form long enough to see it fulfilled, but he also knew that inevitably the time would come when it would be fulfilled. How dreary and desolate the waiting would seem if the prophet or teacher did not see through all the shadows of the intermediate years and know that the triumph would ultimately

The day of peace has been declared. Peace societies, national and international, world wide, have been formed for the abolition of war; for the disarmament of nations, and for the ceasing to celebrate your national holiday with loud noises and loud acclaim like that of battle. But all this prophecy the nations do not heed; they go on getting armies; they go on building warships; they go on using the elements of physical destruction; but that announcement stands clear in the horizon of the few, though luxurious living that there is in the world, there are more the one who made the announcement first knew that wars people ready for the simple life, for the light that is shinwould intervene through all these hundreds of years, that "Peace on earth and good will to mankind" would nues until there is such an awakening, such a desire to not have immediate fulfillment.

The love of peace prevails after justice prevails, and it can no more be peace until justice prevails than it can beduring the time that injustice is here. All injustice is warfare. Therefore, when the nemesis from Mars comes to inspire tion and of human thought so there are more neonle ready a sword like that of General Grant, we know that it means to build up society from within than ever there were besomething. We know that it is not simply military ambi- fore. Perhaps that is why legislation is neglected; pertion like that of Napoleon; we know that it is not just haps that is why you do not go to the primary meetings. to overcome an army equally well equiped, but it stands The one thing the people need to know is, that they must for a light in the world. The difference between a vote, and act, and think each day according to their Napoleon and a Grant is, that a Napoleon is the nemesis highest convictions for that day; and perhaps exalting the of ambition. He taught the sublime lesson to the nations of Europe that one can spring up from obscurity and power will aid in awakening in human lives something of make all the nations of the earth, even Rome, quail; and this up-building from within. yet he could illustrate but one thing, personal ambition. A Grant can say to the world, that a citizen, a quiet, unthe sword as it was taken up. Without any personal ambition, but receiving an ovation from the world as no one arms of war were laid aside.

The truth is, that when one has a work to do, as celebrated his birthday since you last met here. The nation has at last accepted the wonderful light of his scure. great personality, and has made a national holiday of the the waters of the western rivers or using his muscular frame for the ordinary necessities of life, the great mission that he came to fulfill was upon him from the first, and when he stepped forth with the words against chattel of human progress, and he knew that industrial freedom should follow, and in that message that he gave to Congress, that especial last message, he urged the working men of this country to beware of the gradual encroaching power of capital. What did he mean? He meant other half-Prof. Thomas to the contrary, notwithstanding. And the fact that the great herald of Freedom was

you is so wonderful, is superseded on the planet Mars by pictures of the lady. It may be those who saw the an especially wonderful and beautiful arrangement of angels in ancient days saw them with wings. Whatever the solar rays. The time will come here when it will not their method of flight, they may have seen those who had be electric light nor storage batteries, but the solar light already learned to navigate the air; those who had and heat will be stored up in the summer time for winter learned, the powers that you are trying to grasp which use. The time will come when the higher range of the vibrations of the sun will be employed in your conversa- ple have to walk upon the earth, when to them the air is tion with Mars. There is a Martian here who is seeing to as navigable as your seas here are. it now, who is impressing and inspiring inventors along The day of scoffing and ridicule is at an end. Anything that line. Edison is closely allied to that thought and that is worthy of being thought about is worth being inexpects not only to feel the pulse of the sun with regard vestigated; and when added vision shall reveal more and to its action upon the earth, but expects that his solar en- more that in your midst there are not only "clouds of gine will) be fulfilled in his day. When you have im- witnesses" of your own arisen ones, statesmen, scientists, prisoned the solar light and solar heat this Martian will seers and philosophers, but from those other worlds benehave fulfilled his mission, and will have gone on his way. ficent angels and spirits who are helping to guide and Perhaps the man most unheeded, one least recognized, lead you, will you not be more ready to open the door of from whom the machinist steals an invention, is the one intuition to allow these messengers to enter? And then who is the visitant; perhaps the one who declares in the instead of being clad in red, the messengers of Mars, not most peaceful and unostentatious way his lines of life, the red planet, will come clothed in white, and will teach his desire for doing the best to all humanity, is a visitor. you to know the strength and the legitimate light of the You do not recognize who may live next door to you; he next step of planetary existence.

Therefore, while the earth, as said before, would seem may be called eccentric, but when he dies the greatest to one from Mars to be very inferior, it would seem c obituary you will read, the greatest monument you will written upon the slab of marble, or printed in the obituthat record or a hundred million dollars? A man may think he is perfectly honest and have a hundred million dollars; but he is not, he cannot be-though he has no perception of the proposition—he is the victim of the conditions of the times that permit one man to accumulate so much money. He does not realize that there are no distinguished allenists employed to feel the mental pulse of the multi-yillionaire to decide, by his mental vibrations, whether he se same or not. But there will be something more potent than that:-The time will come when every sane man will refuse to have more money than is necessary for his daily bread or needs. That will be sanity.

The visitant that is upon the earth today is ferreting out, is finding out all these weaknesses, and is showing you the better way. Not always by warfare; sometimes it is in the lines of peaceful and direct unfoldment and education, and the great steps that have been taken toward this end are expressing themselves. There are more people today amenable to the Golden Rule than in any other age of the world. With all the crime and the ing upon the world today is illuminating the spiritual aveknow, and such interest in that which shall be the spiritual enlightenment that you cannot keep the people back.

One thing is perfectly evident at this hour: A visitant from Mars has opened up the spiritual avenues of informaideal and the bringing in the knowledge of the spiritual

More and more the visitant from Mars is telling you abroad in the world that the Martians are waiting for you ambitious man can take possession of the sword for a to recognize the signals that have been placed upon Mars cause and show the world what freedom means; then for years and years, walting for you to advance sufficiwhen it is no longer necessary withdraw as speedily from entily. The means have been suggested here for the purpose. If you had attained more knowledge; if there were more powerful telescopes; if there was recognition of inelse ever did, was General Grant's experience after the tuition; if there were protected messages through mediums who can give them without being influenced by their surroundings, or by position, or by money, that which they Abraham Lincoln had, he comes equipped for it. You have know to be true, and more perfect methods of arriving at the fruition of the inventions by inventors who are ob-

You may not know it, but it is positively true, from information received through the Patent Office in Washto stop in memory of Abraham Lincoln. Dreaming along ington, prominent electricians for the benefit of electric companies have kept back inventions through which many of these things would have been realized today. And, but for persecution and oppression and ridicule many revealments from the realm of spirits would have been long slavery, he also carried within his soul the next great step ago an adjunct in established science for scientific men to realize what is passing in the great realm beyond.

Fifty years ago when a woman in Boston was entranced to paint as well as she could, not being a trained artist, what were called nictures of the inhabitants of Mars and just that which is surrounding you today. And he would Jupiter, her own brother, who was a professor at Harvard, by no means exclude woman from the full privilege of citizenship; and what did he mean? He meant that one to see these pictures just to please her. They went away half of the race should be recognized as equal with the shouting with laughter as soon as they were on the street, thinking, of course, that something was the matter with her brain. But it now transpires that Camille Flam in the air, for the voice that compelled him to govern the marion, one of the first astronomers of this age, has sugnation was the result of what his birth was destined to gested that if Mars and Jupiter are inhabited they have wings. Had those professors known of the life on those So, to return to other themes, this electric light which to planets they might not have laughed so heartily at the

THE NEW THEOLOGY.

A Segment of it is Located in England, and it Stirs the Whole World-Religious Belief of Coming Century Is Sketched by Pastor Campbell-City Temple Thronged - Reform Wave Reaches Into All Corners of Society, Displacing Frivolity.

A man has sprung up in London who has set the whole of Britain by the ears as regards religious beliefs. He is Rev. R. J. Campbell, M. A., minister of the City Temple, London. This church was built by the admirers of the late Dr. Parker, and from its pulpit was expounded the orthodox Chris-

tian faith until his death...
There is some question as to the ethics of Dr. Campbell's course in taking possession of the temple built by Parker's admirers; and making it the place of expounding what is now termed the New Theology; But this criticism does not appears to have weight with Dr. Campbell; for in the book just issued, wherein he sets forth fully his ideas concerning the Christerpreting it, he does not mention this stricture on his present position.

After all it ought not to matter to the men whose money built the beautiful temple what kind of theology was preached from the pullit, so that it had in it the salt that has not lost its savor.

The important thing about Dr. Campbell's preaching is that it is effective. He has aroused England as has not been aroused before since the days of the Reformation. Every-

So much criticism was leveled at Dr. Campbell that he wrote his book to explain his position. In the opening chapters he says:
"Christianity has for the moment

lost its hold. Can it recover it? I am sure it can, if only because the the great labor movement, are in reality the expression of the Christian spirit, and only need, to recognize

irresistible. The wagon of socialism It is only the sectarian Unitarians who ligious faith. But have the churches ed from the past they are doomed. The today. They have no message for it.' Soul Is Self-Consciouness.

Dr. Campbell thinks he has. He believes in moral honesty, to begin with. "It is one thing to know that you are a lover of truth," he says; your immediate safety would bid you hedge and lie."

The universe is God's thought about himself," is one of his defini-tions. "The body is the thought-form through which the individuality finds expression on our present limited delight to religious controversialists plane; the soul is man's consciousness for a long time to come. But after of existence and even from God.

spirit. There is nothing peculiarly new or startling in this. In fact, Dr. gy, as interpreted by Dr. Campbell.

The author of "The New Theology"

-I refer to the book-is a clear and lofty reasoner. He has a sublime idea it impossible that man should be anyof man and his relations to the uni- thing less than immortal if he is anyverse. He does not doubt the divinity thing. But the poor we have always of Jesus, but he declares it to be a with us, and the Salvation Army limited divinity, a man made perfect preaches a religion more vital than by love. To this state, says Dr. words.—Charles Eugene Banks in Campbell, all men are to finally come. Chicago Examiner. Dr. Campbell denies that the New Theology is Unitarianism, although, he says, "present-day Unitarianism is Bland. Interesting, instructive and preaching with fervor and clearness helpful; Spiritually uplifting. Cioth themselves as such in order to become the foundation of the New Theology, bound, price \$1.

It is only the sectarian Unitarians who would try to claim it for their own denomination; the best and most outstanding exponents of Unitarianism would not wish to do anything of the kind; for they know well enough that historically speaking they have not consistenly stood for it, any more than any other denomination. The New Theology does not belong to any one church, but to all. needs to be hitched to the star of re- would try to claim it for their own spiritual energy enough to recover standing exponents of Unitarianism their lost position? That depends up-would not wish to do anything of the on themselves. If they consent to be kind; for they know well enough that bound by dogmatic statements inherit- historically speaking they have not world is not listening to theologians any other denomination. The New church, but to all.

Does Not Believe in Conversion. "For my own part, I would not even take the trouble to try to turn a Roman Catholic into a Protestant. Let it another thing to realize it, when every man stay in the church whose spiritual atmosphere and modes of worship best accord with his temperament, but let him recognize the deeper unity that lies below all creeds.' Dr. Campbell is a theorist. He

writes well, and his book will give of himself, as apart from all the rest all, religion is something more than The soul, therefore, according to that it was possible for the Savior to the "New Theology," is what we make conquer sin, sickness and death 2,000 it. What we are here to do is to years ago, and then telling the poor grow in soul until it becomes .. pure starving soul in the garret that Jesus ing powers, all the blessing that Campbell in his book does not depart might serve to relieve the human famfrom any of the fundamental beliefs ily of its heavy burdens of sorrow and of accepted Christian doctrine. Add woe? What the world wants today is to the teachings of the New Testament an active spirit of help, not a finethe Hindu teachings, and explanations drawn theory of the evolution of the of consciousness by modern psycholo- soul. Had Dr. Campbell read further rists, together with a belief in Jesus into his Hindu books, from which he as the highest expression of God's con- evidently draws his theory of incarnasciousness in the human form, and tion, he would have found this state-you would seem to have compassed ment: "Nothing that is without bethe article of faith in the New Theolo- ginning can have an end." Also the reverse reasoning, "Whatever has a beginning must have an end."

This is certainly logic, and it makes

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Seventh Annual Convention

Of the Wisconsin State Spiritualists' Association.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

The Seventh Annual Convention of the Wisconsin State Spiritualists' Association is bringing together a large number of delegates and friends from Mrs. Richmond; congregational singall parts of the State. The St Charles ing; answers to several questions Hotel, one of the finest and most sent up from the audience; by Mrs home-like in the city, is the headquarters for the officers, delegates and visitors at the convention.

The reception tendered to visitors and delegates by the Association Monday evening was well attended, notwithstanding the day had been most unpleasant.

The President, Geo. H. Brooks, genial as ever, showed the results of closed the exercises of the evening.

Itis recent illness, but all were glad to

Thursday Morning.—9 A. M. see him well again.

Mrs. McFarlin, the vice-president

had also arrived and was looking well

Milwaukee, was most charmingly active in receiving and introducing the guests to each other. All the speakers and delegates who had arrived in the city—and a goodly number of lo-cal workers and prominent Spiritualof the city, were present. eral students from the Morris Pratt Institute were present, having been granted their usual, spring vacation of one week at this time in order to enable them to attend the convention.

Mr. Brooks, in brief, and appropriate introduction called upon the officers of the State Association for remarks. After a most beautiful musical selection by Mrs. Dr. Ray, of Smead (local worker), Mrs. McFarlin, Miss Loebel and Mrs. Cora L. Richmond, all made brief addresses,

concluding with a poem by Ouina. Refreshments were served and the delightful evening closed with promises to meet early on the morrow for the work of the convention

Tuesday, April 16 .- 10:30 A. M. Invocation by Mrs Richmond.

The convention was called to order by President Brooks, and two Committees appointed on Rules and Credentials Pending the reports of these com

mittees an informal meeting was held. The chairman called on Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. Witte, Miss Spaulding, Mrs. Smead, and Mr. Jones, who made remarks and suggestions for the com-Committee on Rules (chairman,

Mrs. Smead), reported Roberts' Rules of Order. -Committee on Credentials (Mrs. McFarlin chairman), could only make partial report.

Afternoon Session.

Secretary (Miss Louise Loebel). read minutes of last convention and subsequent board meetings, which occupied all the time until 3 p. m., when Mrs. Catharine McFarlin, vice-president of the association, made an address, replete with interesting personal experiences, pathetic and humorous, and an earnest appeal to all Report of Committee on Resolutions. workers to bear forward the real work of the association.

Messages followed from two home workers, and remarks from Mrs. Smead, an earnest and beautiful spirit in the body.

Evening Session.

The evening session was delayed in the near future; and whereas, both opening (announced at 7:45) waiting the letter and the spirit of modern for the promised presence of the Spiritualism are in perfect accord with Mayor, who was to welcome the con-vention to the city. But no Mayor or representative of that official came, National in significance and scope is and the convention welcomed, itself now in session in New York favorable and went on with the program. A to and a preparation for the Interna-

preciated.

preamble and resolutions which were read by the chairman and were passed by a rising vote of the audience:

[See Report of Committee on Resmond were incorporated.1 (The vote was preceded by a brief

and glowing tribute to Mr. W. T. Stead for his courage in announcing his belief in the knowledge of the truth of Spiritualism, and his great spirit of these resolutions to Mr. Stead work in the Cause of Enternational Peace through arbitration.)

Mrs. Nivers, teacher of oratory at the Morris Pratt Institute, daughter Whereas, we recognize the great of Moses Hull, was introduced, and progress that our cause has made more than delighted the audience with throughout the world; in the organ two recitations. Her work is indeed ization of a new Scientific Association surpassingly fine.

excellent satisfaction in the messages of the essential truths of our philososhe gave, although she is weary from phy in general literature, and in the bedside of her mother, recently arisen. clergy of all denominations, and be tion by Mrs. Richmond.

Wednesday Morning .- 10:30 A. M -Convention called to order. Mr. Brooks called for reports of committees, this State, one of the ploneer states, the morning session was occupied in giving Spiritualism to the world.

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Resolved that the organization of with the reading of the President's Resolved that the organization of Report, and that of the Secretary local societies and their continuance Your correspondent can truly say that

cover an amount of work accom-plished that amply justifies the selection of those two officers to serve the that three or four towns unite in em-Wisconsin Association. remarkable feature is that in A remarkable leature is that in Resolved: That the importance of make our day one of immens both instances they are the first retraining the children of Spiritualists both socially and spiritually. The hall was nicely decorated by the children of Spiritual. Mr. Brooks), and the Secretary (Miss ism cannot be too urgently stated and Loebel) ever made. pondent would mention some of the Sunday-Schools and Lyceums even i

salient points, but feels certain the there are only a few children. entire reports will be published in The Progressive Thinker for the beneMorris Pratt Institute the one desirant of the societies throughout the ble school in advanced studies (Actal) State of Wisconsin, and encourage lished by the spirit world through the ment of workers in other states.

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hoard, took up the work.

At 2 p. m. pending reports of committees, the meeting took up the subect of the Morris Pratt School, and the various speakers made enthusias. lic remarks concerning it.

At 3 p. m., Professor Weaver gave

the regular address of the afternoon, on "Nature's Laws." It was a mas-terly address and adapted to students A Life in all ages and conditions. Professor Weaver was most enthusi-

Evening Session. The evening session was taken ur with the regular program.

Music by Mrs. Ray; invocation by Richmond, one of which, "Spirit Life, was chosen by the audience to be the subject of the address. All who have heard or read the addresses by Mrs Richmond's guides know what it vould be in dépth, analysis and scope Mrs. Nivers again followed with two recitations, and Mrs. Copley's mes sages, clear, and all acknowledged

Thursday Morning .- 9 A. M.

Convention called to order promptly at 9 o'clock. Reports of all committees, not previously received, were and beaming as usual. mittees, not previously received, were made, the last of which was the reefficient secretary, being a resident of port of the committee on resolutions a conv of which is appended herewith All the other business having been finished, the election of officers and trustees for the ensuing year took place. Re-elected President, Geo. H. Brooks, Milwaukee; re-elected first vice-president, Mrs. C. McFarlin, Plainview, Minn., elected second-vicepresident, Mrs. E. R. Abbott, Milwau-

kee; re-elected secretary, Miss Louise G. Loebel, Milwaukee; re-elected treasurer, Mr. W. E. Bristol, Oakfield, Wis.; trustees: Mrs. A. U. Snyder (re-elected); elected, Dr. E. W. Sanderson, LaCrosse; Mrs. E. D. Frost, Almond: Mrs. Alice Barrett, Baraboo.

This board of officers and trustees Milwaukee, Mrs. Abbott and Miss is pretty evenly distributed through-Spaulding gave recitations (students out the state, according to represent of the Morris Pratt Institute), Mrs. tatives at the convention, and is a most satisfactory and efficient board Only one other item of business remained: the report of the committee on ways and means. Afternoon Session.

Report of Committee on Ways and Means closed the business session of the present convention.

At 3 p. m. the meeting, mostly in the hands of the German societies and workers in the city and delegates from other parts of the state. more earnest or intelligent workers are found than these Germans .-

Afternoon Session.

Music by Mrs. Ray, Miss Smith. Invocation, Mrs. Richmond, congre gational singing. Address by Mrs. Richmond, after

answers to questions, on "The Majesty and Power of the Human Spirit." Inspirational poem, subject given by the audience. Brief remarks by Chairman.

Recitations by Mrs. Nivers (better than ever). Messages by Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley, all recognized. The platform workers have been

thoroughly appreciated by the convention and audiences. Thus closes one of the most harmonious, business-like and spiritual conventions ever held in the state. (or Perfect harmony preelsewhere.

Whereas, a great International, world-wide and heaven inspired moveunder the name of International Arbitration. The peace movement so long delayed, so fervently longed for promises to bring effective results in

large audience was present.

A plane sole by Mrs. Dr. Ray, a song by the congregation, invocation

Resolved: That this convention and address by Mrs. Cora L. V. Rich- send to our esteemed and eminent comond, who received a warm welcome, worker, W. T. Stead of London, now and whose guides reached the people in New York, our greetings and the with an address that was greatly ap- hearty sympathy of the Spiritualists At the close of Mrs. Richmond's whole United States) with the moveaddress she presented the following ment for Universal Disarmament, Arbitration and Peace of which he is so devoted a champion, and we invoke the blessings of heaven and Our Arisen Statesmen and Philanthropists and olutions, in which those of Mrs. Rich-lovers of peace on the deliberations of the Conference, now in session in

New York. Resolved: That the President this Association and Convention empowered to send the substance and and the Conference in New York.

(The above was unanimously passed

by the Convention, Tuesday evening. for the investigation of the phenome Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley gave na by scientific men, and in the spread ng journey and watching by the liberalizing of the sermons of the The meeting closed with benedic- lieving that the time is not far distant when Spiritualism will be the religion

of the world; Resolved: That this association press forward with the work so wel depends on the securing of local by the Ashtabula Psychic Research

these reports are brief, masterly and workers and settled speakers, and if one society is not able to bear the fi- At the evening service the hall was nancial burden alone, we recommend crowded beyond its capacity. Friends Resolved: That the importance of

Your corre- we recommend the establishment of Resolved: That we recognize in the mediumship of Mrs. Haves) and earn-The most encouraging financial fea- estly urge our friends throughout the thre of the year's work will be the state and everywhere to sustain that of the largest debt school; for we have evidence by the

some of the students of that school of the good work it is doing. Resolved: That as the Spiritualistic press must be for some time to with some wholesome remarks. come the principal means of dissemnating our philosophy and knowledge of the phenomena, we urge upon our

sustaining that press.

Resolved: That we thank most fervently the Spirkhallets and mediums of Miwaukee and throughout the State, who give their services and the smoot their sources for the purpose of

tion. And also to those who have donated articles to be sold for the penefit of the Association.

Resolved: That too much praise cannot be given to our Sisters, Mrs. Schneider, her two daughters and Mrs. Waite, Mrs. Hattie Smith, Mrs. Smead and Miss Richards for the wonderful work they have accomplished under difficulties in creating and serving meals during this Con-

Resolved: That we thank the friends in this city who have so freely extended the hospitality of their homes to delegates and members of this convention—this spirit and action is most sincerely appreciated.

Resolved: That we thank all who have assisted in the work of this convention (without hope of reward or fear of punishment) who were no members, and many of them not residents of the State.

Resolved: That in furnishing de-lightful music, Mrs. Dr. Ray, Miss Golden and Miss Grace Smith have our sincere thanks. Resolved; That this Convention acknowledge with thanks and appreciation the courtesies of the Press o this city for their friendly attitude toward this Convention and the Cause in general, and the Manager of the St Charles Hotel for rates and favors to

officers and visitors. The Arisen Ones.

Whereas, As in the course of the year, the harvest of arisen ones has been quite large and many of our prominent workers and dear friends

have been called home; Resolved: That this Convention extends its sympathy to the friends of Mrs. King of Milwaukee, Geo. B. Mc-Knight of Oldfield, Mrs. Winter of Milwaukee, Mrs. Robert Schilling of Milwaukee, Miss Jennie Botiker of Milwaukee, Master Oscar O. Vitig, for the loss in mortal form of these arisen ones, but we rejoice in the knowledge

if their continued life and activity.
Whereas, That in the passing on of our Brother Moses Hull, life-long worker for humanity, teacher, leader, friend, President of the Morris Pratt School, the cause in this State and throughout the world has lost in the mortal side one of the gran st, noblest and best of men, one of the most intellectual and spiritual minds and one most devoted to the highest interests of humanity;

Resolved: That we extend to the wife, Mrs. Mattie E. Hull, noble woman and worthy companion of Moses Hull, and to the daughters and household, our sincere and heartfelt sym-Morris Pratt Institute, its faculty and pupils our most fervent love sympathy. But we know that not being dead, "He yet speaketh" and that his noble spirit worketh ever for

our grand cause. Whereas, In the transition of Theodore J. Mayer, the treasurer of the N. S. A., the National Association has met with a loss that is not to be measured in words. An earnest and devoted Spiritualist, a sympathetic friend, a promoter of valuable and beneficent institutions, a financial bul-

Resolved: That we extend to the officers and trustees of the N. S. A and the members throughout the United States our sympathy and appreciation of this great vacancy that has gone, but ever realizing that he will still watch over and aid as far as possible the work of the N. S. A, so dear to his heart. We trust and know that in his arisen state, he will more than ever be a helper and friend.

Resolved: That in the passing on of Jennie Hagan Brown the cause has been deprived of one of its most iners, whose lectures and improvisations have charmed thousands. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved husband, and share the mortal loss with all Spiritualists who have known her. Yet, she also has joined the

band of arisen workers. Respectfully submitted, CORA L. V. RICHMOND. CATHARINE MCFARLIN. Committee

Milwaukee, April 18, 1907 Unanimously adopted by the Con-

Personnel of the Convention. The long and short of it is that Brother Brooks (long) and Sister Mc Farlin (short) make a good more than average president and vice-pres-

It is no libel on others to say that Miss Louise Loebel should have a label marked "First Prize" as secretary. Brother W. E. Bristol has never never, never decamped with the sur plus in the treasury of the W. S. S. A Why? First, Because he is honest and, Second, there is money in the

Professor A. J. Weaver of the Morris Pratt Institute is delegate from that society to the Convention, but he can't get away from his pupils, several are at the Convention.

idolize him. Yet, we are told the M. P. I. does not uphold idolatry. Mrs Abbott, of the Morris Pratt Institute is assistant secretary of the Convention, and no wonder, for be sides being genial and accomplished, she has a most prodigious memory, as that recitation she gave us Monday evening at the reception proves. all the minutes (and hours, too), the Convention were lost, she would find them in her memory box

Delegates and members all markably good looking. A number of young people.

The 59th Anniversary at Ashtábula

Ohlo. The 59th anniversary of modern Spiritualism was fittingly celebrated Society at G. A. R. Hall, March 31st

from Geneva and Conneaut assisted

with their presence and helped to

make our day one of immense value, The hall was nicely decorated with bunting and flags. Beautiful flowers were everywhere in evidence. The sweet harmonious conditions seemed to baptise us all anew, and invigorate us in our efforts to do honor to the

occasion. The readings by Mrs. Van Tassell of Ashtabula, and Mrs. Grant of Conneaut, were of a very high order, and strictly in keeping with the oc casion, so beautifully rendered; they were a valuable feature of our pro-

At the beginning of the afternoon session the President called upon Mrs. Lyman Ward, who chanced to be in the audience. She responded Mrs. Sadie Herrick, whom we were fortunate enough to have with us. favored us most pleasingly with sev- it for their own protection. It tells people everywhere the importance of eral solos. Messages were also given in the evening by Mrs. Herrick and were very favorably received.
Mrs. Wallace spoke both afternoon

Mrs. Wallace spoke both afternoon and a red stamp to us and we will do ber of the author's most popular songs, the mind onward into the purer atmosphere firefulle and did much to page 11 NOW. Livit the duding "Only a Thirt Veil Between the rest. DO 17 NOW. Livit the duding "Only a Thirt Veil Between the purer atmosphere of exalted spiritual grath. A book for the higher life. Price, cloth, page 12 and 13 department of the mind onward into the purer atmosphere of exalted spiritual grath. A book for the higher life. Price, cloth, page 13 and 13 department of the mind onward into the purer atmosphere of exalted spiritual grath. A book for the higher life. Price, cloth, page 13 department of the mind onward into the purer atmosphere of exalted spiritual grath. A book for the higher life. Price, cloth, page 14 department of the mind onward into the purer atmosphere of exalted spiritual grath. A book for the higher life. Price, cloth, page 14 department of the mind onward into the purer atmosphere of exalted spiritual grath. A book for the higher life. Price, cloth, page 15 department of the mind onward into the purer atmosphere of exalted spiritual grath. A book for the higher life. Price, cloth, page 15 department of the mind on ward into the purer atmosphere of exalted spiritual grath. A book for the higher life.

GLORINIE WHI HRRATION

By the Oldest Massociation in the World.

The First Association of Spiritual ists of Philadelphia, Pa., which is also the oldest society in the world, may well be proud of the celebration a its temple. 12th and Thompson sts. Philadelphia, on Sunday, April 7, in commemoration of the 59th anniverpary of the advent of Modern Spirit ualism, for it was deserving of more than passing notice. The venerable president, Captain

Francis J. Keffer, "The Dear Old Captain," who is well loved by young and old, presided over the morning and evening service The faithfu secretary and treasurer, F. H. Morrill was at his post of duty. Samuel M. Stretton did good service at the organ, and the other officers were on hand looking after the interest of the society. . The work of the . Woman' Progressive Union was noticeamle everywhere. Lunches were served to large number of people. The decorations were indeed beau-

tiful, the rostrum being transformed into a hower of loveliness, with a pro-fusion of blooming plants and choice fragrant cut-flowers, fitting emblems to inspire all with higher, more noble living, for truly this is the real mision of the religion of Spiritualism the religion of a right everyday liv-

In the morning service, G. Tabor Thompson, the speaker of the Associa tion, read part of a chapter from the Bible, and took for the subject of his morning discourse, "Woman's Place in Spiritualism," paying a fitting tribute to the Fox Sisters, and the long list of noble women workers in our cause.

The afternoon was devoted entire ly to lyceum work. The recently elected conductor, Robert Williams, is in stilling new life into this work at the temple, and the little ones acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner. The Guardian, Mrs Myers, and the secretary, Mrs. Birtwistle are also deserving of special mention in the training of these little blossoms of humanity. It, was a beautiful sight to behold so many bright young faces animated with the spirit of joy and happiness, and many showed marked talent in their different ways.

The lyceum conducted by George W. Breisford, at Parkland, Pa., was invited to participate in the exercises and rendered several numbers in

pleasing manner.
Floral Heights Lyceum was also in vited to co-operate with the Temple Lyceum, but the conductor being un able to take her tittle band, prepared and read a paper on Lyceum work, closing with one of the Lyceum pieces, "Floral Heights: Happy Lyceum Band."

Tabor Thompson spoke kindly and interestingly to the children, giv-ing some good and wholesome advice, recognizing the good this work is destined to do. Mrs Hannah Luce also spoke in a loving manner to the children. Nearly sthree hours were given to this work, which was much

Following: the song service in the evening, G. Tabor: Thompson delivered a very fine address on, "What Does Spiritualism Stand For?" Handling his subect in a scholarly, master ly manner, which left a good impression on his large andience. Mrs. F. Essenwanger, who is a very pleasing message shearer followed._

Throughout the day music and sing ing formed a prominent part of the program. The solos by Alexander Jackson, a Philadelphia boy only 15 years of age, is deserving of special mention.

Mr. Thompson has recently lished a song book, called the "Psy-chic Songster," mostly his own compositions. This book has met with great favor, and is in general use at

the temple.

During the morning Mr. Thompson introduced a novel and original plan to raise the debt of \$200 against the society, to Mr. Morrill, the treasurer who had paid the amount out of his own pocket for incidental expenses Mr. Thompson brought forward a glass dish containing 200 chestnuts, on the top of which rested a good fresh hen's egg, He told how chestnut represented one dollar of the indebtedness, that for every dollar pledged a chestnut would be given, and he desired to raise the full amount before the day closed; not only the full amount, but he hoped to raise a sum over as a nest egg. Should he succeed, Mr. Morrill was to have

the egg for his breakfast. The chestnuts were to be planted, and the young plants brought to the Temple one year hence, and the largest one selected to be placed in some public park, as a memorial of the 59th anniversary. The rest of the trees to be sold at auction, and the proceeds turned into the treasury of he society.

Well! It was a grand success money sufficient to liquidate the deb was pledged, and some over for the "nest egg." The egg was presented to Mr. Morrill, who received it with many thanks to the audience for raising this debt, which relieved him greatly. He was then presented with one of the finest bouquets, and Captain Keffer received another. And now, friends, I hope to have very good report to make next year in regard to some very fine young chest nut trees.

ELIZABETH M. FISH.

and value of Spiritualism. D. A. Herrick, the speaker of the day, delivered three masterly addresses. His language was beautiful logical and convincing. The most sweeping claims were made for Spirit-ualism. Tendar and touching were his references to our arisen friends Every address was listened to with

rapt attention and caused many strangers to enquire and wonder. Truly a sweet ending of a very profitable month's work. A great work has been done, great good has

been accomplished. to our cause, has aided us with our Temple fund; by why of seances and contributions; this; with several additions to our membership, makes u feel frateful.

JOHN WALLACE. Ashtabula, O., April 7, 1907.

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Hear the song of the Easter Bells, as joyfully they fling Their gladsome notes in the morning breeze, in the hours of budding

spring: Hear them tell their merry notes, un changed through changing years, Notes with love's message vibrant, as the nascent spring appears. How comes it that your nimble tongue so early taught to sing Your prayerful song in joyous notes at opening of the spring? How comes it that those tongues of

sadder, graver tone. Until like mine they utter notes of gravity alone? How comes it that, (they answer

back with notes of laughing scorn) How comes it that yourself's so changed since in life's budding Morn? Then laughter's shout was on your lips, your heart o'erflowed with

And even to your finger tips, you thrilled at mother's kiss And now, to-day, you're silv'r'd, gray, your voice rings not with joy; And whither fled the vaulting pride that stirred you when a boy?
These notes, they said, are clanging loud, they unisoned reply, Are echoes of the song which thrills through human destiny.

That song sometimes is sung in glee, surchanged with joyful note, But oftener far it but vibrates the swelling in the throat. For sorrows played upon our chimes since first they poised us here hundred hundred times for once that laughing joy comes near. But learn ye this (and murmuring low they settled down to rest),

Not those alone who listen to the song of joy are blessed, But blessed are they, thrice happy blest, who gather from the roll Of sorrow's chimes a subtler joy, to stay the fainting soul.

Nay, of the million notes we chime but few are caught by men, And even pleasure's song contains a thousand notes of pain; thus has nature planned her scheme, that those who keenest quaffed

The cup of pleasure, these should drink of sorrow's deepest draught. CHAS. MONTAGUE. Spokane, Wash.

SUNSET ON THE RIVER. How grand the beauteous sunset when shadows slowly fall! Across the flowing river the echoes softly call. The sky a brilliant opal, the sun's rich

- golden ray, Spread shifting varied lights as twilight shadows play. No artist brush can paint the mingling light and shade. The opalescent searchlight that tints the forest glade

Harken from the distance to echo of the hailing, From snowy-plumed heron across the The gentle, waving wing, like white and floating mist, Will carry him across the Western

amethyst.

The purest angel white and downy feathery garment, Was given to the heron for his nuptial How proud the egret moves through air ere comes the night! With noble grace and rapid, he taxes aerial flight.

And as the shadows fall, peeps forth While distant echoes call so like a dy-For far across the river, in yonder willow's pond,

His lonely mate is calling, of whom he is so fond. The sun is slowly sinking while Luna proudly looms, lights the snowy heron and folds his magic plumes.
While yonder ship at anchor awaits the break of day,

The evening star is shining while the

currents sweetly play. song of the deep, deep sea the lonely sailor sings: will lay the book down until he has A distant melody the south wind gentfinished it."-The Arena. ly brings. And when the day is done we bless the

Mighty Giver For all the glowing splendor, the sunset on the river -Marie Elizabeth Lamb. BEYOND.

It seemeth such a little way to me Across that strange country-the Beyond; yet, not strange, for it has grown to be The home of those of whom I am so fond: They make it seem familiar and most dear.

regions near. So close it lies that when my sight ern lands, all tending to show the per is clear
I think I almost see the gleaming tion. Clairvoyance, Telepathy, and strand know I feel those who have gone

from here Come near enough and sometimes touch my hand. often think but for our veiled eyes

When from this dear earth I shall Journey out.
To that still dearer country of the dead, And join the lost ones so long dreamed about.

I love this world, yet shall I love to go

cannot make it seem a day to dread

never stand above a bier and see The seal of death set on some wellloved face with a rational setting forth of intelli-But what I think, "One more to well gible spiritual philosophy, has led me come me to appear once again before the public with a book." Price \$1.00.

I know.

death.

before.

Between this land and that one over there;'
One more to make the strange Beyond seem fair. And so for me there is no sting to

tory,
It is but crossing—with a bated To find the loved ones waiting on the shore, More beautiful, more precious than

-Selected.

Mrs. Jacquet in Iowa. To the Editor: Here I am in the hospitable home of Mr. J. D. Sketch-

ey, one of your long time subscribers to the Spiritualist paper of America. Mr. Sketchley and friends are of the old Virginia stock, and know how to most loyally entertain. I am meeting with fine success here; have had two large circles. I lectured last Sunday afternoon in the Universalist Church, and every pew was filled; so you see, friends, Webster City, is not so far behind the times in spiritual affairs.

Brother N. G. Olmstead and wife

are true and very enthusiastic workers also. I held a circle in their beautiful home, and met with excel-lent success. Both Mr. Sketchiey and Olmstead are never so happy as when communing with the dear departed

It would pay any good honorable medium to come here and hold a series of meetings. And, oh, that such speakers as Elizabeth Harlow, Mrs. Lillie, Dr. Geo. B. Warne, and our most-worthy president pass through such towns as Cedar Rapids and Webster City. Iowa towns certainly need a revival of true spirit-

ual work.
I said in my last that after I got through with Webster, Leigh Lemars, I would be done with Iowa, but I should have added, "with my engagements in the state; but I find I will not be through with Iowa even then, as I am expecting to re-main until after the Glinton Camp meeting I will be here some time, and any mail will reach me here if addressed in care of J. D. Sketchley. MRS E I LACOURD

MRS . E. J. JACQUET, Webster City, Iowa.

The Anniversary at Galveston, Texas

Our Anniversary extended over ten days. On the 22nd and 23rd we held our annual Bazaar. The night of the 22nd the Lyceum gave an entertainment consisting of recitations, singing and tableaus. It was well attended Sunday, the 24th, Mrs. S. J. Chambers was ordained a minister of the gospel of Spiritualism by Mrs. Carrie Hinsdale, President of the Texas State Association, who has been engaged as our speaker for three months. On March the 31st we celebrated the anniversary of the 59th advent of Modern Spiritualism. The rostrum was elaborately trimmed with palms and cut flowers arranged in an artistic manner, rendering it a bower of beau-ty. Coming as it did, on Easter Sunday, we combined with it our usual memorial service. Two chairs were beautifully decorated in memory of Moses Hull and Mr. Mayer, and placed on the rostrum. Many others were decorated, their loved ones sitting beside them, knowing that the one passed on occupied the vacant chair. Mrs. Hinsdale's remarks were soulstirring; very touchingly she spoke of the loved ones who had passed to higher life. She is indeed a fine in-spirational speaker. On the afternoon of the 31st, she named the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wil-Our society is increasing its son. membership.
MRS. J. E. MUNN, Sec'y.

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"The work is written in an easy, pleasing style, and is so interesting that we doubt if one reader in a score who commences one of the. sketches

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Spirit Communion in All Ages, Among

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

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 death,
And so the grave has lost its vicment that may be made by preachers I re-pectfully request all Spiritualists to forward the same to me at their breath
And white, set face—a little strip earliest convenience.
HARRISON D. BARRETT. 600 Pa. Ave., N. E., Washington, D.C.

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Correspondent writes:

Mrs. Alice Sexsmith, of Chicago, ministered to the Psychical Research Society, of Rockford, Ill., on Sunday evening, April 14, to a very good house. Her address was well received and happily adapted to the occasion. This was followed by spirit messages, nearly all of which seemed acceptable to recipients, and were welcomed as truths from the unseen. President McDougall, in introducing Mrs. Sexsmith, related the experience of Dr. Funk, of the Widow's Mite memory, and intimated the learned gentleman's critical tests, were over critical, and the conclusion unreasonable. Mrs. Weaver is engaged for service to the society for the evening of April 21."

Rev. Alice Baker, State Missionary for Oklahoma, writes that the anniversary services held at Lawton were exceptionally fine. The meeting was closed with a consecration service—consecrating several children to the gospel of Spiritualism. The Lawton church is the leading one in the state, Mrs. Baker has also visited Walter and found quite an interest manifested. Until May 1, letters will reach her addressed in care of Rankin Hotel, Lawton, Okla. Her home address is 449 Live Oak street, Dallas,

Charles S. Simmons writes: "Our working away faithfully in Lawton, She has many calls from difuals who have the cause at heart, and wish to organize societies and build our missionary is hampered in her efforts by the State organization not but she works away courageously meeting every opposition with a faith that is sure to win all in the end. I wish to say a few words of com-mendation for the officers of Lawton President, · Brother Rankin, and his family have attended meetings when they were sick, and scarcely able to be about; our faithful secretary, B. Parmenter, never fails. Other members do their work quietly in their own way, only caring for the approval of a happy conscience and the loving communion of the angel world."

Mrs. S. A. Smith writes from Excelsior Springs, Mo.: "The Anniversary meeting was held here April 7, the first of the kind we have ever had. It was also the anniversary of Mrs. Progressive Thinker. I find a large McHenry's work here in the Cause. Fifteen years ago she first took up the work to advance our beautiful religion, with many phases of ignorance to contend with here. She has blazed Here is where you find the best of a way for our blessed cause. meeting was crowded, and good order prevailed.'

Wm. Lynch writes from Portland, Me .: "I will try to briefly outline the Anniversary Exercises held by the First Spiritualist Society of Portland, Me., March 31, 1907. Two services minster, occupies our platform at G. were held, afternoon and evening.

A. R. Hall, 35 Pearl street. Her The hall was very prettily decorated and an abundance of flowers, potted plants and ferns were placed upon the rostrum. Professor R. A. Macurof Lynn, was the speaker and medium of the day. The evening service was especially impressive. Prof. Macurda lecturing, following it with spirit messages of a remarkable degree for correctness. The day will 59th Anniversary of Modern Spiritbe long remembered by the Spiritualists of Portland as one beautifully Smith, gave a descriptive historical spent. At the close of the evening account of the birth of Modern Spirservice the President and Board of itualism, its growth and power as an Directors waited upon Mr. Macurda organized movement, standing to-day and tendered him a call to serve the as a great factor in the world's progsociety as pastor for the coming year from June 1907 to June 1908, placing as an inducement a nice weekly sala-ry. The Professor made the board happy by accepting the call and will Gray, and address and ballot reading enter upon his duties the First Sun- by our speaker, Mrs. Ruth A. Swift.

28th inst., a special memorial service 27, and met with unusual success, adwill be held at the evening meeting ding over one hundred dollars to our of the Christian Spiritualists, Buren Palace, Madison street and California evenue. A cordial invitation is extended to our co-workers, as this evening is to be devoted to the memory of mediums now passed on. Hall; 631 Mass., ave., Mrs. Emma E. This will be Mrs. Gill's last meeting Zwahlen president. Miss Nellie Puttill fall, as she must take a needed rest till camp opens. Sunday, the 14th, we had another very large audience in the evening. Our speaker to the Cambridge audiences. The lectured on the subject, "Seek and ye shall find," Mrs. Gill following with Miss Putney will be the speaker." Mary Hahn writes from San Fran-Juliet H. Severance will speak for the spirit messages.

cisco, Cal.: "I am glad to send to The Hyde Park Occult Socity. Progressive Thinker the joyful ti-dings of San Francisco's 59th Anniver-sary of Modern Spiritualism, by all the societies under the auspices of the The Progressive Thinker, which we ing after the fire and we did not know medium, Miss Emma C. Resch, is dohow we would come out; but the ing a grand work in spreading the Ladies First Spiritualist Aid Society truth. She has occupied this platstarted the ball rolling, electing the form, not missing one Sunday, different committees; they started the out salary of any kind, unassisted by work with a will. Everyone they anyone, and as a diurch body we feel 945 Golden Gate Avenue. Jefferson Iva. Mr. Loeb is to be thanked for Square Hall, at 10 a. m.; conference the solos he has sung gratis during and circle led by Mrs. Sarah Seal; the past three years. We wish all very interesting. 2 p. m., instrumen-societies success, and invite any who tal music by Mrs. Norton; opening reshould be in Brooklyn to be with us marks by Mrs. Ella York, chairman of at our services."

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VARIOUS SPEAKERS SAY WILL the committee; address by Mrs. M. H Howe, missionary California State Association; messages by Mrs. Wren; song by Edith Norton; measages by Mrs. Kate Harveston; address by Mrs. Addle_L. Ballou; messages by Mrs. Canaly; recitation by Mrs Price; messages by Mrs. Place; address by Mrs. Mary Welsh; closing song by audience; 7:50 p. m. instrumental music by Leonard Brothers; address by Mrs. Kate Harveston; Instrumental luet by Prof, and Madame Young; address by Mrs. Sarah Seal, also mes sages; Indian music led by Prof Young, for the benefit of the Indian guides; messages by Madame Young; address and messages by Mrs. M. E. Howe: messages by Mrs. Sadie Eberhardt; solo by Mrs. Arthur Melvin; closing song by the audience. What a glorious and harmonious work was lone on the 59th Anniversary stricken San Francisco Spiritualists.

The Spiritual Science Society of Rockford, Ill., has for the past weeks been holding a series of Sunday evening meetings in K. of P. Hall, on South Main street, under the leader-ship of Madame Brunswick, of Chicago. The meetings have been well at tended and the message work was most excellent. On the 7th of April, the rostrum was occupied by Mrs Susie Thompson, of Chicago. This was her first appearance in Rockford, and she created a very favorable im-pression. Her message work was

bright, direct and of such a positive character that the large audience present was well pleased. She will again serve the society on the even-ing of April 21. The society is doing well and the large attendance they are having shows an increasing in terest in the cause for which all Spiritualists will rejoice. - W. D. Noyes writes: "We left Ta-

coma, Wash., March 7, and went direct to Cottage Grove, Ore., and held two public meetings in Masonic Hall, one parlor meeting. and entertained by that true Spiritualist. Mrs. Stouffer. Then to Roseburg, State Missionary, Rev. Alice Baker, is and held the first public Spiritualist meeting there. Quite a large number for the local society there. She does, however, fill engagements in the adjoining country towns through the We held three meetings in the Court House, and then to Medford, one pubferent parts of the state from individ- lie meeting. Then to Ashland, one meeting to a large audience. The Ashland Society owns its building. up the Cause of Spiritualism. But A store on the ground floor; office and hall on second floor. The society has a fine hall, library, banquet-room, having funds to assist in the work, and kitchen. The hall is rented every week night. The front office and store rent for \$90 per month. Profits on the building, \$80 per month. Other societies ought to become wise We go from here to Chico, Cal."

Frank T. Ripley writes from Ash tabula, Ohio: "The First and only Spiritualist Temple ever built in Ohio from the ground up, is to be dedicated here the last of May. It is built of brick with stone facing. It has an auditorium that will seat 400 people It has a dining room and kitchen in the basement. It is a beautiful build ing. The society here is very pros

perous, for it owns the temple. John Wallace, a long-time Spiritualist president, Brother Sheldon is its treasrer. Both are subscribers to The subscription list to the paper here in Ashtabula-larger than any other Spiritualist paper. I have the pleasure of serving this society this month harmony, all working together for the good of the cause."

Dr. C. A. Burgess lectured Rockford, Ill., on Sunday, April 14. in March, Rev. Juliette Yeaw of Leowork is too well and favorable known to need any comment. The second and third Sundays in March, Mr. Thomas Cross, of Fall River, served our society very acceptably. The last two Sundays in March Mrs. Ruth A. Swift, of Haverhill, occupied our platform. Sunday, March 31st services were held in commemoration of the The President, Woodbury C. ism.

Inspirational poem by Miss Florence Nichols, followed by spirit The annual Fair and Supper of the J. W. Gill writes: "Saturday, the Woman's Auxiliary was held March

Van treasury. Miss Ada M. Came writes from Cambridge, Mass.: "The Cambridge Spiritual Industrial Society held its regular meeting in Cambridge Lower nam was the speaker and messag bearer, and gave great sitisfaction to the many present. She is a stranger

California State Spiritualist Associa- sell readily from week to week, we It was the first great gather- will let others hear from us. called on to help gave their hearty very proud of her. We have a buildco-operation. Madam Young, Pastor ing fund nicely started and hope to of the Church of the Soul, Mrs. S. soon have our home church. We have Eberhardt, minister in the Medium's opened our doors from the start free Protective Association; Mrs. A. Sex- to all, and have been more than sucton, president of the Ladies' Ald; Mrs. cessful. Our work goes on in perfect Kate Harveston, minister under the harmony, and harmony is the founda-California State Spiritualist Associa- tion of success. Anyone who would tion, and many others gave very sub- like to donate to our church in loving stantial evidence towards, meeting memory of some loved one, can do so What hig hearts they all by sending the same to the treasurer The Anniversary opened at J. P. Loeb, JOS Hancock st., Brook-

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

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

THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF SPIRITUALISTS .- Ferd. C. Suhrer, 95 Loomis street, Chicago, writes: "The apparent lack of co-operation among Spiritualists in general and the extreme need of the fraternal Soul of Brotherhood which draws , closer and makes stronger the fles of human sympathy , was fully realized by Alex Caird, M. D., who conceived the idea of establishing the Fraternal Order of Spiritualists in Chicago, whose influence will permeate the entire world. That our object is being slowly and surely understood, is apparent from the growing correspondence with those seeking information and otherwise showing a pleasing interest. -We have already had the services of speakers and mediums of national fame, and have been successful in carrying out our idea of interchanging workers with societies in this and other cities to the extreme satisfaction of those interested, which will in time lead to the establishment of a Fraternal Camp Association, and will enable us to engage the foremost workers in cieties in Illinois and other states, We are now furnishing platform and circle mediums to societies in places near Chicago, and to those who are in need of such help our mediums will accept the first call for car fare and entertainment, when arrangements can be made for future engagements. This offer is a grand opportunity for or meeting. Any society or person wishing to join or ask for further information will please address, Ferd. C. Suhrer, Secretary, 95 Loomis st., Chicago."

Despite the nervous strain to which she has recently been put, watching at the sick bed of her now arisen mother, the pang of sorrow caused by the loss of that sweet physical presence, the long journey to and from Portland, Oregon, and the still more recent dispatch announcing the serious illness of her husband, Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley filled her engagement with the Wisconsin State Association, by becoming its message bearer at the convention, April 16, 17, and 18. And from reports, she was even more highappreciated for her excellent work that ever before, and was the recipient of an armful of pink and white carnations, and lots of enthusiasm from the audience besides.

Our Sandusky, Ohio, correspondent, writes: "W. V. Nicum, of Dayton, O., visited our city Sunday, April 14, and delivered two eloquent addresses before the Psychic Research Society. Mr. Nicum is a forceful and logical tion to the minds of all who hear him. This was his first visit here, but it is hoped that he may be induced to cross the state again, and lend his talents for the benefit of the cause in this section at another date. Spiritualism has need of such able and willing workers as Mr. Nicum, and his tures cannot but reflect credit to the cause

E. H. Thompson writes: "The Fraternal Daughters of the First Society F. O. O. S., held their semi-weekly teaparty, April 17, at 406 Ogden ave., sist in giving readings and forming that it was both a social and financial success. In the evening at 8 p. m., we had tests and messages, and short talks from the following: Sisters Squire and Knapp, and Mrs. Dr. Caird, and Brothers Thompson and Travis. This being the first time in our society for Sister Knapp and Brother Travis, to speak from the rostrum, and we sincerely hope to hear from them M. Lizzie Beals writes from Wor-cester, Mass.: "For the first Sunday is Wednesday, May 1st, 2 p. m. All is Wednesday, May 1st, 2 p. m. All

are cordially invited." Mrs. M. E. Jenkins writes from "The First National Windsor, Ont.: Spiritual Church, Detroit, Mich., celebrated the 59th Anniversary in Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., with special services. The hall was nicely decorated with festoons, and palms, flowers, and potted plants were grouped about the platform, making an altar of flowers. A beautiful white dove was susended over the desk by white ribbons. Mrs. W. E. Jenkins was the principal speaker for the evening, assisted by Mrs. M. Cain. Special music was given by Mrs. Bebeley and son, who gave excellent selections of classical music, on piano and violin: also Miss Nellie Goucher played some fine selections, which were enjoyed by all, making a pleasant anniversary

Mrs. Geo. Williams writes from Cleveland, Ohio: "The Ladies Spiritnalist Temple First Society of Fuller ton street, Cleveland, Ohio, have the pleasure of having with them the Rev. Geo. W. Kates and wife. These two estimable persons are drawing large audiences on Sundays, and also on Thursday evening, at the message meetings. They will remain with us during April and May. The Church Fair will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 23 and 24. A fine supper will be served at all these meetings for the small sum of fifteen cents. Everybody is welcome at all of these services. Come and have a good social time with us."

-8. Stephenson writes: "The Anni versary Services held in Sandusky, O., was a grand success. Mr. W. E. Jenkins of Windsor, Canada, was the speaker for the season. Her lectures were of a high order, and many spirit messages were given, which were recognized. Special singing by the choir, with piano and violin selections. Prof. Longley's beautiful song, "Only a Thin Vail Between Us," was rendered with feeling and sweetness by a quartet. The President, Mr. Jackson and his officers deserve much credit for the able manner they have kept their meetings open every Sunday, in spite of the late disaster by fire of the old hall. The temple was beautifully decorated with flowers and notted plants. The large and commodious hall was crowded to its utmos

capacity." A Markel writes: "Sunday evening April-14, The Students of Nature, 461 W. North avenue, had the pleasure of listening to an inspired lecture by Mrs. Schumacher, the pastor, on Be Careful What You Say!" Sister Smith and Sister Buntrock gave messages, which were recognized. Mrs. Schumacher has gone to Milwaukee Wis., answering a mission call to the Christian Science. Will return April 20."

Addie Jeter writes from Apalachicola, Florida: 'There being a little band of us here who are interested in psychic research, we secured the services of Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, who came here at the close of the camp at Lake Helen, and delivered a series of lectures, beginning April 6, and clos-ing April 14. She gave some soulstirring addresses: also many test eadings which were all good. At the close of the meeting we organized with thirty members, what will be known as The Apalachicola Psychic Research Society. Officers elected were, Dr. W. T. Marler, president; Mrs. U. M. Wright, vice-president; Mrs. A. Jeter secretary and treasurer. We have applied for charter to the Board of the N. S. A."

Ferd. C. Subrer writes: "The ser vices of the Fraternal Order of Spiritualists, on Sunday, April 14, were attended with their usual success. Messages and the reading of sealed letters by the guides of our mediums proved advantageous to many. The nitiation of members followed and al who were present assumed the obligations of the Order. This service is impressive and each one fully realized its importance. In May another opportunity will be given those to be nitiated who were not present; the The circles date will be given later, at 4 o'clock were all filled with anxious ones awaiting a greeting from some loved one, and the mediums were kept busy for another hour, when the march to supper began, in which nearly everyone in joined. The sweet music of Professor Singer's violin was welcomed, as that able artist was absent for several Sundays, being out of the city. Mrs. Edith Hill has accepted the duties of planist, to the delight of the congregation, and we are fortunate in securing the services of such an efficient musician. Rev. Thos. Seeley Warner was not with us in the evening on ac count of illness, and we missed his usual timely discourse. Our platform mediums again voiced messages that carried hope and comfort to those in need. Do not forget Sunday, April 28. Rev. Thos. Grimshaw, pastor of the Spiritualist Temple of St. Louis, will be with us again, and no Mo., Spiritualist can afford to miss hearing what he will have to say. Our ser vices commence at 2:30 sharp. Hy gela Hall, 406 Ogden avenue, corner Robey street, top floor. All are made

Mrs. S. A. Walters-White writes "The Second Spiritual Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., will continue its meetings through May, and possibly June; that, however, will depend on the Thermometer. The Church was opened the first Sunday of December, last, and has held successful meetings Sunday evenings since, at 1246. Bedford avenue, with Mrs. Louise Miller as message bearer, and your correspondent as lecturer. The Progressive Thinker is on sale. All are welcome, and the seats are free; 8 o'clock the service begins.' U.S. Weeman writes: "Miss Chrissie M. Bartle, of New Brunswick, N. J.,

addressed the Cathedral Classes of the First Spiritual Church of Brooklyn, last Sunday afternoon. The Jady dem onstrated a very unique study called the "Vibration of Names and Num-bers." This is not a new science, but an old truth revived and reinforced. Its origin can be traced into the mystical depths of Egypt and India, and around it hovers the psychic atmosphere of ancient occultism. For more han an hour and a half, Miss Bartle kept her intelligent audience in close rapport with her subject, and their interest continued to the finish. The science can be taught to any person of average intelligence, even a child may learn how to keep within the law of his vibration. Miss Bartle intends to visit some of the camps this summer, including Lily Dale, Onset and learn to help himself and others. Her class at Lake Pleasant last Summer was large and enthusiastic, and more than one business man can testify to the practical application of her science.

S. A. Huntington of Malden, Mass. writes of the Progressive Spiritualist Society, F. S. Sheriff, president: "The Rev. F. A. Wiggin served our Society the second time in his second course of lectures and ballot reading, on Thursday evening, April 11. He chose for his theme, "All Roads Meet Out Yonder." His address was able and logical. After the lecture he devoted about 40 minutes to ballot reading, giving many fine messages. He will be with us on the evening of the 18th and 25th. Sunday services, April 14, at the 3 p. m. circle. Sisters Barry and Johnson of Everett, Mass. and others took part. Mrs. R. A. Swift of Haverhill, Mass., was the speaker at the evening service. She gave a very interesting address, after which many ballot readings. Mrs. Carrie H. Tainter of Derry N. H., will be the speaker on the 21st, and Mrs. B. W. Belcher of Marlboro, Mass., on the 28th.' Helen Stuart-Richings closes

ville (Pa.) society, on Sunday, April 21st, and then goes to Conneaut, O. Mrs. Stuart-Richings is desirous to correspond with secretaries for unengaged dates, in 1907-8. Address her at Boston, Mass., General Delivery. Mary B. Hill writes: "April 17 was the last of the meetings in the hall of the Band of Harmony, but in spite of the absence of the pastor. Mrs. Richmond, who was spirited away to par ticipate in the Wisconsin State Spirit ualist Association, the hall was filled and great tribute was given to her who has borne this banner of light for 56 consecutive years, one whose of Truth" thas shielded her from all missiles of dogma, superstition and ig-norance, and who has never failed or grown weary incrowing the seeds of truth, but has been a most earnest advocate, a most willing instrument in the hands of the spirit world, a bright and shining star in the spiritual ranks. Or May 2nd, the Band of

month's engagement with the Mead-

Harmony will meet at the home Mr. and Mrs. Richmond, 3802 Ridge Boul., Rogers Park. Supply yourselves with supper. Afternoon seq-sion begins at 3,30 o'clock; evening at 7:30. Clark street and Limits car take Halstead to end of line; there take Evanston caf to Lunt avenue. William Hassmann writes: audience at the ball of the North Star Spiritual Union, 1546 Milwaukee ave.,

last Sunday evening, April 14, had the pleasure of welcoming Sister C. Mu-eller, who for the first time after her illness for the past eight weeks, came to greet her hany friends. Brother Winters opened the ceremony with a short prayer, followed by Sister Mueller, who, hardly able to stand on her feet, gave a very touching lecture, thanking the mediums and her many friends for the charity which they had bestowed upon her during her illness Many tears were shed listening to the nathetic voice of the frall little sister. Brother and Sister Winters, who so never been so fair and painstaking a faithfully conducted the meeting book put forth on this subject as this during the sister's absence, were pre- one." Price, \$1.00.

can Beauties: also Sister Mueller was presented with a large bouquet flowers from the Society. Sister Winters then gave some very fine tests to those present, followed by Sister Mueller, who, being so weak, not be-ing able to stand, was seated in a chair, giving many messages and brought sunlight and happiness to many.

Mr. Thomas Grimshaw of St. Louis Mo., lectured for Dr. Caird's Society last Sunday, delivering one of his ele quent, soul-stirring addresses.

Mrs. McBride writes: "I, for one feel that the Spiritualists of Lansing Mich., are looking at the true High that Spiritualism brings to all seek it in truth. We have between twenty-five and thirty good workers in our Ladies' Aid. We have a sum in the bank toward building a Temple The Local Society holds meetings I the Magi Temple every Sunday, and we always get something good.

Brother Orrin Merritt writes from Genoa, Ill.: "During the past three or four years, we have been holding public meetings once a month, with interest steadily increasing. We were disappointed last month in not being able to hold a meeting as usual. . Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley, who was to be with us was compelled to cancel the date owing to the sickness and death of her mother What we fost in March, however, we made up on the tenth of this month, when Mrs. Sexsmith of Chicago was with us. She gave one of the most interesting talks that it has been our privilege to hear in a long time. There were 150 people present in the hall and all were so vell pleased that they made the meeting a financial success as well as showing unusual interest in the Spiritualistic belief. We expect Mrs. Cooley with us some time in May. D. G. Hill writes: "On Sunday, April 4, the Golden Rule Spiritualist So-

14, the Golden Rule Spiritualist Society was granted the usual fine audiences, both afternoon and evening In the afternoon we had a dear sister, Mrs. Wasson (formerly Mrs. McEntyre), lately from Canada, as speaker and message bearer. To mention her name is evidence of the splendid work she did. In the evening Dr. J. H. Randall was the speaker, with Mrs. McIntyre-Wasson as message bearer their work gave great satisfaction. Sunday evening, April 28, our speaker will be sister Mrs. J. L. Fravel of Austin, followed by the beautiful chris-This service will be conducted by the guides of Mrs. Nora E. Hill. speaker for Sunday evening, May 5, will be Dr. George B. Warne; May 12, Dr. J. H. Randall, with Mrs. Isa Cleve land as message bearer; May 19, Attorney Charles Hughes. O'Donnell College Hall, S. Paulina st., between Washington boul, and Park ave. Open loors: all welcome."

The Chicago Herald has the following dispatch from Pittsburg, Pa.: "A 'ghost" has kept the Thaw family in fear of Lyndhurst, the family mansion here, for five years. Belief that the specter of a relative of the family who killed herself in the house in 1902, nightly stalks its halls is said to have determined Mrs. William Thaw to sell the property. The secret came out to-day, after having been suppressed for years. In the spring of 1902 a Kentucky woman, wife of Presbyterian minister and a relative Mrs. Thaw, at Lyndhurst committed suicide by hanging in the bath room Not a word of the tragedy was allowed to go any further. Mrs. William Thaw, mother of Harry K. Thaw, has since declined to stay in Lyndhurs save when surrounded by a large par ty, as she is superstitious. She advertised Lyndhurst for sale and has built another residence near. It is said that Harry Thaw has always urged his mother to sell this house which he asserted was "haunted" since the suicide, and that Harry never vould sleep there without a light his room."

C. L. Hatch writes from Appleton street, Boston, Mass.: "The First Spiritualist Ladies" Aid Society met as usual with business meeting at 4:30 p. m. The evening was devoted to varied sources of amusement, recitation (comic), by Mr. Griffith; Whistling solos, by Mrs. Lewis, and sing-ing of many war songs, led by Mrs Lovering. Dancing was then enjoyed until 10:30 p. m. Mr. Sam. Graham violinist, and Miss Sanches, pianist All enjoyed a good time on this, our Colonial Holiday. Next Friday a benefit will be given the society by Mrs. B. W. Belcher, medium. Miss E. Fielding writes from Wash

ington, D. C.: "Memorial Services were held in Guge's Hall, in honor of the late Theodore J. Mayer, treasure of the National Spiritualists' Associa tion. Mrs. Mary T. Longley was the speaker of the evening, assisted by H. D. Barrett, president of the N. S. A. Rev. Grimshaw of St. Louis; Dr. G. B Warne of Chicago, vice-president of the . N. S. A.; Mr. Stevens of burg; Mr. I. C. I. Eyans, and all the dium.

7—The Occult Life of Jesus, by Alexdo honor to the occasion. Mr. F. A. Wood, president of the First Associa-tion of Spiritualists of this city introduced the speakers. It is needless to say the occasion was sad but beautiful, each speaker doing honor to his memory by clothing in language the choicest thoughts and sayings, coming from the fertile brains of the high estimation in which he was held by rich and poor, high and low. Henry C. Brumhaus, of Wheeling, West Va., was a caller at the headquarters of the N. S. A., The annual election of officers for the First Association: Mr. F. A. Wood, president; Mrs. M. J. Stephens, vice-president; Mrs. H. D. Morgan, secretary: Mr. W. Crowell, treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Perrie Keeler will entertain the Lalies' Auxiliary, with a euchre party. The Temple League holds meetings as usual in the Pythian Temple. Mr. Alfred Terry and Miss Susie Clarke will close their meetings in April. Miss Clarke will go to Jamestown, and then home to Cambridge, Mass."

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thought. For a long time Spiritual- characteristic-its angelic bright side, ist papers absolutely refused to pub. Its dark side, and the road that leads lish cases of obsession, or moral ob- to a hell (and as some claim to anliquity on the part of takes and medinihilation), and the one that leads to ums, fearing the same would hurt a heaven surpassing in BEAUTY, the cause. This paper recognizing GRANDEUR AND LOVELINESS the NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH as the fundamental basis of Spiritualism, it pher or seer. has, therefore, often presented conditions that existed in our Cause and which are exercising a baneful influwhich are exercising a baneful influ-ence, retarding progress in the right direction. Cecult and Spiritualistic subjects to return to the Image, and prayed awhile for help. Returning to the woman he commanded the ghost, who

SESSIONS frequently occur, often re- that can not be obtained from any sulting in insanity, should be known other source in this country. Read by all Spiritualists.

educated along correct lines, who Calcutta, India:

The sacred books of the Hindus Roff's residence. declare that there are seven lokas or lifty and the spiritual world as, for did not know her parents, and took instance. Hhu, Bhuba, Swa, Juna, no interest in family affairs. In fact,

for practical purposes we have divided to go home ed to go home ed the lokas into three only, viz., the "Mrs. Roff and her daughter, Mrs. ed the lokas into three only, viz., the Hell, the Hades, and the Heaven. In the Hell reside earth-bound souls; in the Hades, the souls of ordinary men; Roff, in Lurancy's body rushed to

come to communicate with mortals, their daughter (her body possessed unless they have some great object in by Mary Roff) to Mr. Roff's residence, view. Thus the high inspirations, in-tellectual and religious, come from knew where everything was about the them. Spirits from the second sphere house, and talked of hundreds of come only when they are summoned things that happened when she was or to serve mortals to whom they a girl in her own body. She said the might be attached. Thus, they will angels told her that she was to stay give warning of a danger, they will with them till some time in May, a even sometimes give information lead- happy, contented daughter, and a lov-

a rule, come of their own accord. We she recognize them. She declared that she frequently saw spirits. are summoned by those who deal in frequently went to heaven, naming black magic. But as they are very those whom she there met. Some much earthy, the other world does of her tests were remarkable. not please them much, and so they never let slip an opportunity to come back to this earth whenever they find into her body again. It was a sad an open door, which, however, they and tearful hour. Mary, after saying do but rarely. Thus if they find a good-by sat down, was entranced, and medium, they enter his body slowly and gradually, and eventually they obtain complete possession of it. And and asked, 'Where am I? I was never when they have done this, they refuse here before.' to leave it, and make it their own as did the old man to Sindabab in the Roff's, brought here by Mary to cure Arabian Nights. And this is called your body.'

demoniacal possession.

This demoniacal possession, or ob- go home.' session, though very dreadful to the tablish the survival of men after death joyed, asking them to sing her girl—a knowledge most precious to man-hood song, 'We Are Coming, Sister

mortals an opportunity of knowing proofs of the future, immortal exsomething definite about the spirit istence."

walking amongst men? If so you find wonder. It absolutely establishes him in a man or woman who is ob- survival after death. sessed. Do you want to see a spirit face to face in broad daylight? Then mon in India that hospitals have been find a man who has been possessed by established in this country solely for an earth-bound soul.

session of the faculties of the medium are so plentiful in India. Among Hinand come in contact with mortals. But dus the opinion prevails that an earththese spirits, as a rule, cannot take bound soul can liberate himself or complete possession of the faculties herself by the help of men below. So, of their mediums; and the result is when dead, it tries to find a medium that the mind of the mediums asserts to communicate its condition and itself at times, so that the communica- wishes to friends. If it has no such tions from the spirits become unre-liable. And this is the reason why even good mediums commit mistakes, for their own sake, to liberate the and often talk nonsense.

faculties of his victim; and so obquote from Dr. Peebles' "Spirit Ob- "Spirit Obsessions":

to by Professor James, of Harvard, and Cunch Ganga, and Dr. Hodgson, I can speak know-"I saw several ingly, positively, for Mr. Asa B. Roff, there. The place is very famous for only recently deceased, was one of curing people suffering from obses my patients several years 2go. I sion. knew him not only intimately, but Ar After, sister of Mary Roff, that possessed the body of Mary Lurancy Vennum. It was my further are relieving persons from the second for relieving persons from the second from Vennum. It was my further privilege pichases (earth-bound souls), The to know other members of this excel- informant of Dr. Peebles saw a score lent Roff family, and some of the of times the phenomenon at the Hanu-Watseka citizens who were witnesses manta and Durga Temples." of this singular psychic, not of a Regarding these obsession hospitals double consciousness, but of an actual a friend writes that formerly he had

this: Miss Vennum when about four a History of Sivaji, which he was teen, had a series of attacks called then contemplating and which he She was so annoyed by spells of hearing her name called out visit a beautiful place situted on the of the silence by night that her mother frequently slept with her.

she declared that she saw spirits, at Raigarh, and while there I heard describing and identifying them. In the fame of the Temple of Rari Harethese further trances she saw angels shwar." and beautiful spirit scenery. Physi- Our correspondent continues: "In clans, the Rev. Mr. Baker, and others course of conversation, my host in-pronounced her insane and proposed formed me that a very interesting

her sitting by the store, hands upon he informed me that people obsessed her knees, eyes staring wildly, thor- were brought to the Temple of Hari oughly obsessed. Dr. Stevens, by Hareshwar for cure, and they were almost treatment and a strong will, most invariably relieved of their dispossessed the evil influences; and "possessions." Hearing this I lost had a noble President in Brother. then Miss Vennum said, I see many no time in paying a visit to the Brooks, and he has had a good and good, bright spirits here, and among Temple. My curiosity was soon satisthem one Mary Roll, whereupon Mr. fled. After the worship of the image Roll remarked promptly, That's my had been finished, the patients were

to the spirit-world. On Feb. 1, 1878, gan to show the anguish of their soul she took complete control of Lurancy's in various ways.

Dody, and dressed to go home to Mr. But a woman among them attract-

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The readers of this paper are the Return in all of its kaleidoscopic The fact that DANGEROUS OB- characteristic, possessing knowledge the following chapter from The Hin-The one is guided rightly, and is du Spiritual Magazine, published at

Maha, Tapa and Satya. It was not her, but Mary Roff dwell-These are scientific divisions; but ing in her body, and she hourly plead-

and in the Heaven those of superior meet them. She threw her arms men.

Spirits in the higher spheres rarely On Feb. 11, 1878, the Vennums sent

ing to the discovery of a lost article, ing sister in a borrowed body.

or the detection of a criminal.

Spirits from the lowest sphere, as did not know the Vennums, nor would

"On May 7, she told Mrs. Roff that Lurancy Vennum was coming back Lurancy had control of her own body "Mr. Roff replied, 'You are at Mr.

"Lurancy wept and said, 'I want to

"In about five minutes the change is of very great use to man- came again, and Mary was once more For, such cases completely es- in Lurancy's body. She was over-

Mary.' Her conversation at this time, Scientists like Crookes, or careful though joyous, was exceedingly serinvestigators like Hodgson may prove ous. She informed them that the this truth in a scientific way after a good angels told her she could not great deal of research, trouble and remain long, as her work was about ingenuity, but a case of obsession done; but she assured them that sne proves the survival after death at once should often return to them as a and to the meanest intellect too. Just loving spirit and expressed the fear the account of the ghosts at the dark Bungalow in Hazaribagh (vol. I.e., No. 2). Who can, after such experience, refuse to believe in spirits and the moral government of the universe? These obsessions also give a limit of the dark Bungalow in Hazaribagh (vol. I.e., No. 2). Who can, after such experience, refuse to believe in spirits and the moral government of the universe? These obsessions also give almost unbounded joy to her parents the fully spiritual Alliance, with large, audiences and pleasant atmosphere to work under. Then came the structure of leave the fully spiritual Alliance, with large, audiences and pleasant atmosphere to work under. Then came the structure of leave the fully spiritual Alliance, with large, audiences and pleasant atmosphere to work under. Then came the structure of leave the fully spiritual Alliance, with large, audiences and pleasant atmosphere to work under. Then came the structure of leave the st

This case is certified as true by The knowledge can be obtained in Prof. James, by Dr. Hodgson and Dr. Do you want to see a spirit zens. The case is known as Watseka These obsession cases are so com-

the cure of obsessed persons. In spiritual circles spirits take pos- have already tried to explain why they soul from bondage. Thus it is that But in the case of obsession the cases of obsession are so frequent in spirit obtains complete control of the ladia.

When Dr. Peebles came to India besession means practically a spirit fore, he made enquiries about some among men on earth. One of the most of these hospitals. These institutions wonderful cases on record is that of are more frequent in Southern India. Lurancy Vennum and Mary Roff. We Thus we find, in Dr. Peebles' work on

"There is a small temple at Datta-'Of this case of possession, referred trya, on the confluence of the Krishna "I saw several obsessed persons

And again:-

re-possession again by a spirit of hu- no knowledge of their existence. But an body.
The history very briefly told is for the purpose of collecting facts for subsequently wrote. He was led to shores of the Arabian Sea. Besides

the place being considered a sani-"Not feeling well on the eleventh tarium, there is a celebrated temple, day of July, she fell to the floor, apparently dead. She thus lay five bay for it. "My object was," says he, When falling at other times, "to see the principal Fort of Sivaji

putting her into a lunatic asylum.

"At the crisis, Mr. Roff and Dr. Stevens, of Janesville, called, finding at first understand what he meant, but Gaughter Mary. She has been in brought forward. They were made heaven these twelve years. to sit in a row, and the priest brought "Counseling with the spirits it holy ashe and sprinkled them on the was here arranged that Mary Roff persons of the obsessed. The effect take the place of the former wild was instantaneous—some swooned demon influences. Miss Roff had many away and some fell down as dead, strange experiences before she passed Others should while still others be-

ed my attention as also of other spec- PROGRESS IN PPITSPIELD, MASS. She was repeating the Vedas! First, a woman is prohibited from reading the Vedas. Secondly, she belonged to a very low caste and was, therefore, illiterate. The Vedas are, As I knew Sanskrit I could understand what she said, and I was, I assure you, enthralled by the spectacle CATIONAL along new lines of it is, in all of its KALEIDOSCOPIC of a low-caste perfectly illiterate woman repeating the Vedas!

"But my attention was soon distracted by the howlings of another woman. It appeared to me that she was possessed by perhaps the most feroclous ghost in existence, whose object was evidently the destruction of the world. He was making himself disagreeable in every way and trying to frighten every one. The possessed her, to come to the post. This time the ghost perhaps found himself unable to disobey, for he came humbly to the post. The priest then ordered some invisible spirits, who evidently attended upon the Deity to tie the hands of the woman to the post. But though no chain was visible, nor any spirit, the possessed woman twined her hands round the post as if she was being-tied by others. It looked as if the attendant spirit had heard the command of the priest and tied the woman's hands to the post with an invisible chain. The priest next ordered the spirits to thrash the ghost soundly. And though nobody saw anything it appeared that some invisible hands were really ap-plying an invisible birch on the back of the ghost or rather the woman, as every stroke was being followed by a piercing shrick from the woman, that is, the evil spirit who possessed her, till at last the latter prayed for mercy. He was forgiven and the woman relieved of her tormentor."
Now it appears that every such hos-

pital is in charge of some guardian spirits, who evidently were, when on Temple. Their work lies in helping the priest to exorcise ghosts. The exorcising means not only the relief of the possessed patients, but also the liberation of the earth-bound souls who possess them. Their object then by this means they might be brought to the Temple and helped by the attendant spirits in being liberated from their bondage.

The correspondent continues: "I saw the woman who repeated the Vedas at her lodgings when I heard she had almost given up her that food. Ordinarily she talked to herfood. Ordinarily sue tannous self but occasionally a Brahmin restant the Vedas through her. This Brahmin at last quitted her."

STRENUOUS WORK.

Account of Labors in Minnesota, and Some Practical Reflections.

During the early part of the winter could not dare accept of the many calls for my services, mother's health permitted me to do some work after the holidays I engaged with the Minnesota State Spiritualist Association to serve them for two months, and began my labors the first Sunday in February, by speaking for the Band of Peace Society of Minneapolis, of which Mrs. Lowell is

regular pastor. The next three Sundays' I served Thinker as a "Grand Success."

The first Sunday in March I spoke for the North Minneapolis Spiritualist Society of which Mr. Harry Hegdahl this manner. A man obsessed is noth-ling but a dead man with a material was seen by a large number of citi-strong band of willing workers there also. Then the State sent me out to Blue Earth for a series of meetings assisted by Mr. Hegdahl and Mrs. Paul Buehler of Minneapolis. The meetings increased in number and interest until there was not even any more standing room the last evening, and many wishes for a speedy return. I was next sent to Bemidji, Minn.,

accompanied by Mr. Hegdahl and Mrs. Harold Courtney of Minneapolis, for another series, with grand results. We held our meetings in the beautiful Court House Hall and it was well filled. Bemidji once had a nice prosperous society, we were informed, but when Mrs. Smith, who was the regu-lar speaker, ceased her labors there, the society was suspended on account of not having the proper speaker to carry it on. And right here I wish to make this point: Many societies are in the same condition for the lack of capable ministers to keep them anve.

Our cause needs qualified workers badly and that is one of the reasons the Churches of other denominations are so full of our people, and it is shame too. The complaint one continually hears is, We would attend Spiritualist meetings if we could endure it; but one is continually annoyed with listening to outraged English, bad grammar and poor logic, reminding one of the need of an educated ministry or at least of having cultivated brains through which to reflect inspiration.

But to return to my report, after returning from Bemidii to the cities I learned of the serious filness of Brother Brooks and as I am the vicepresident of the Wisconsin State Association I felt I owed my office my first duty, hence asked to cancel my weeks' engagement and came home intending to start for Milwaukee to assist the secretary to put on the coming annual convention; but on returning found my mother quite feeble again, and learning of Brother Brooks' improvement, I did not go. But as her health is much improved, I will be en route for Milwaukee the 11th of April and stay there for about ten days, then I return again to the Twin Cities to make up the canceled engagement again for the Minnesota

Friends. Spiritualism is dear to me! And I love to do all in my power to promote it wherever I can, and while found the Minnesota Association gractous, courteous and fine to work for, I cannot help but feel a part of a tion-Wisconsin-and I do hope the Spiritualists of that state will wake up and not let the state of Minnesota leave them too far behind. You have willing state board backed by a willing and conscientious Secretary, and no one could help seeing that President Brooks has strained every nerveduring his yearly service to wipe the blot of indebtedness from off the State Calendar of Wisconsin, until he collapsed. But I am sorry to say I-fear too few have appreciated his efforts, as he has surely manifested, a. spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice. For if every Spiritualist in the state "But a woman among them attract- had even contributed one dollar it

Celebration by a Young Anniversary Society.

To the Editor: A very busy woman has been trying for months to find time to write you a little about the work for Spiritualism which has been going on in Pittsfield for the past

A little more than a year ago the Massachusetts State, Assaciation was invited to come to Eitsfield and hold a meeting for the purpose of ascertaining whether there were any people in the place sufficiently interested to attend a meeting in the interest of Spiritualism. A hall was procured and the meeting advertised in the local papers. About one dozen people as twenty it would be a surprise and would be well worth holding the meeting. The president of the Associ-ation, Dr. Fuller, who is as every one knows, a fine speaker, with Mr. Hatch, teaches. the treasurer, and Mrs. Hatch, his wife, the secretary, came. They also brought a good medium, Mrs. Maude Litch. The meeting was a grand success. Contrary to all expectations 100 people were present. Through the efforts of Dr. Fuller and Mrs. Hatch a temporary society was formed called The First Spiritualist Church of Pittsfield. Later a more permanent organization was completed and meetings have been held weekly ever since. As is the case with all beto hold meetings with speaker but been good all the time showing that effort should be made to have the cause represented here although it

J. Pettengill of Malden, Mass.; Mrs. Whiting of Springfield, Mass.; Oscar A. Edgerly, Mrs. Butler of Lynn, Mass.; Mrs. Reynolds of Troy, New Mrs. Cunningham from Cambridge,

meeting, with Helen Temple Brigham ple. We are hoping to continue the

work, and though our growth may it has fought its way until there is be slow we trust it will be healthy and sure. The following paper was written

and read by myself at our anniversary meeting: Fifty-nine years have rolled by since the advent of Modern Spiritualism. It has been the custom on these anniversary occasions to have a somewhat detailed history given of the origin and onward march of this movement. Of the past I shall say but little. Spiritualism came to a world fast lasping into materialism, and in a simple way, through little children. The common people heard of it gladly, and were comforted, and assuredly

its teachings and the facts given, prov-

ing the continuity of life. Reverends and men of learning were also drawn into giving it attraction. Nearly all the reverends were not long in deciding it to be the work of the Devil. The men of learning that there must be some other explanation of the phenomena found than that which it claimed for itself. So they have tried, each in his own way, these 59 years to put it down, to smother it, but like Banquos ghost, it will not down. It has come to stay. and is fast taking its place in the world as a Science, a Philosophy and a Religion.

Another class of learned men have pronounced it unworthy of investigation, and have ignored it, except, maybe, to sneer at its claims. Among those who have after fair and thorough investigation: acknowledged its truth we find the names of Flammarion, Prof. Robert Hare, Cromwell F. Varley, Zoliner, Rudolph Virchow Carl Du Prel, Count Alexander Aksakof and many others. Prof. Thomson Jay Hudson, as our N. S. A. president has written, "of just name fame, and exceptionally gifted in his special line of study, has gone so far as to declare that he who doubts psychic phenomena is not entitled to be

called a skeptic, he is simply ignor-ant." I am moved to speak particularly this evening of Alfred Russel Wallace, as I have recently read his Life, written by himself, in which he so candidly speaks of all his investigations of Spiritualism, and of his associations with Spiritualists. The latter do indeed owe him a great debt of gratitude. Now that so many men of science are looking into the matter and the Psychic Research Society is doing its work. Spiritualists need no longer be so much on the defensive, but can take time to live more in the present of Spiritualism.

Although fifty-nine years is not very' long when compared with the rise and progress of other forms of religion, yet we can see greater progress in the ength of time than in all that have preceded it, and a glorious future for it. Many deny us the term religion. Well, this depends on ones definition of the term. If as one Great Book says, "Pure religion and undefiled is to visit the widow and fatherless in their affliction and keep one's self unspotted from the world"; and in another place "What is required of thee but to deal justly, love mercy and walk humbly with thy God," and "Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you." I chaim Spiritualism teaches all this. Ifriyountell me its

would have gone a good ways toward lifting the burden stor dafeel sure your officers are conscientious about this debt, if you are not, and I can't understand how you can feel the joys that the message of the spirit brings without a pang of fear atyrour neglected duty. 101 gr Minnesota can raige bundreds of

dollars to carry on anissionary work in their state and par their workers ungrudgingly, and what is Wisconsin I do hope whoever the coming of-ficers of the incoming election will be, they will be sufficient financially

until the banner of Spiritalism in the state of Wisconsin is white as snow. Friends, you owe it to the cause and to your spirit friends, and to selves, if you are true Spiritualists. and we hope you are, as to us Spiritualism is the grandest religion on earth.

And now I bring this sirealy too long letter to a close by stating that still have the month of June to engagements and am engaged to erve the Clinton Camp for the first two weeks of their session. Would be glad to serve any other camp after that and am also open to engagements for the coming winter season. Will serve at funerals, weddings, etc. 'My

address is: CATHARINE MCFARLIN, Plainview, Minn.

followers do not practice all this, say, let the followers of other religions who are without sin, cast the first Spiritualists have to most bitterly acknowledge the short-comings of many of its professed follow-

It would seem that this Truth came to the world simply for the purpose of establishing the fact that man can not die. I have sometimes felt to say: Would that it had stopped there, because of the many things which have attached themselves to it-the things which have been done in its name. It has been well night aisgraced by commercialism and fakism as well as by the unholy lives of some of its professed followers. As I write there arises before my subjective vision a pure white banner with the word Spiritualism inscribed in letters were interviewed as to whether they of gold upon it, and these words come would like to attend such a meeting; to me: Oh, Spiritualists, hold high would like to attend such a meeting, further than this it was not known whether there would be any larger and misunderstanding are seeking to cover it, this pure white banner, and the shall remain to you. So I would be applied to the debris with which ignorance and misunderstanding are seeking to cover it, this pure white banner, and the shall remain to you. So I would fain cast to the winds all that which greed and malice would attach to it, and speak only of its present best and of the eternal progression which it Thorough students of Spiritualism

seek to understand life by tracing through cause and effect its successive developments from the lowest forms of vegetable life on through all the forms of animal life up to man as we find him today, a dweller on this planet earth, everywhere subject to natural law. Recognizing an unseen power which in the vegetable may be termed motion, in the animal, sensation; and in man, soul! not stopping here they go on, and through the esginnings, finances are slow to come, and we have only been able thus far nomena of Modern Spiritualism seek to learn of his future and of natural once a month. The attendance has law in the spirit world. All forms and expressions of religion have had somewhat to do with an unseen power Among those who have ministered to us, all of them good, are Mrs. A.

J. Pettengill of Malden Man. A. which men have little understood but of this power and a life hereafter are more rational and natural than those of any other religion; so natural that I would from this time on we might On April 30th we are to have | call it as I am sure we one day shall, Naturalism; but not because of the ridicule and unpopularity with which We have just held an anniversary the word Spiritualism has been surrounded. It is fast outgrowing all that. As a form and expression of religion

scarcely a city or town where effort being made to have it represented, and many cities and towns maintain flourishing societies. We have our State Associations and a national Association working for the benefit of all smaller organizations. We have, too, one educational insti-

Whitewater, Wisconsin. These institutions do not claim perfection, but aim to put Spiritualism before world in its highest and best form. The true workers in these associations are trying to help those who are called to espouse this unpopular cause, to worthy of their work and to make it sacred.

I should be false to duty if I neglected this opportunity to say that Spiritualism as an organized movement must fail in part of its mission if it does not stand and work for the three great reforms upon which all others hinge, that of the equality of life, the emancipation of the industrial world from the system of wage slavery, and last but not least the temperance reform. Oh! Spiritualists, pray without ceasing, but while you pray work, for what does to pray without ceasing mean but to work. Every obstacle in the way of the education and the Spiritualization of humanity must be removed, until we have a people where though intoxicating liquors should flow through the streets as rivers to the ocean there would be none to drink it because none would J. M. KINGMAN.

Pittsfield, Mass.

Ascended Higher. Passed to spirit life from his home in Alliance, Ohio, April 2, 1907, Mr. Harry C. Russell, aged 51 years. The disease was cancer of the stomach from which he suffered terribly the

last few weeks of his illness. On the evening of April 4th, the local fraternal orders, the K. O. T. M. and the Ben Hur, gave their impressive ritualistic services at the home and on the following day the fra-ternal order of Eagles gave their touching service at the Independent Church (Spiritualist), and under the leadership of Mr. Reese Jones, rendered sweetest music, and also served as pall bearers. - This was followed by the funeral address by the writer, and was the fulfillment of a request made several years ago by Mr. Russell. In his address the speaker gave a brief explanation of the teachings of Spiritualism, and said that Mr. P .ssell had proved to his own satisfaction that they were true, and he gladly and fully accepted them. He also explained that the deceased wanted the listeners to know that he was a Spiritualist, and requested that the speaker explain its teachings on this occasion.

The speaker made it clear that Spiritualism was the true comfort at the time of death, both to the one departing this life, and the bereaved one left behind.

There were many relatives and friends present from out of town, and the large attendance and many beautiful floral offerings were evidence of the love and esteem in which the deceased was held.

His wife, Mrs. Flora Russell. well known, and has many friends among Spiritualists, as her sweet voice and Spiritualistic songs have charmed them at their camp meetings state and National conventions for years. Their kindly thoughts and sympathy will bless her in this hour of sorrow.

Harry Russell was a good man, a

true Spiritualist, a faithful member of the Alliance Society and a good worker in the cause of Spiritualism. His earthly form will be greatly missed in the home, but his spiritual presence will comfort and cheer his good wife and children, his dear aged mother and sisters and brothers in their sorrow. E. W. SPRAGUE.,

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The sacred books of the Hindus | Roff's residence. declare that there are seven lokas or places in the spiritual world as, for did not know her parents, and took

instance. Bhu, Bhuba, Swa, Juna, Maha, Tapa and Batya.

These are scientific divisions; but for practical purposes we have divided the lokas into three only, viz., the Hell reside earth-bound souls; in the Hell reside eart the Hades, the souls of ordinary men; Roff, in Lprancy's body rushed to men them the Heaven those of superior men.

Spirits in the higher spheres rarely On Feb. 11, 1878, the Vennums sent come to communicate with mortals, their daughter (her body possessed

pulless they have some great object in by Mary Roff) to Mr. Roff's residence, view: Thus the high inspirations, intellectual and religious, come from knew where everything was about the them. Spirits from the second sphere house, and talked of hundreds of come only when they are summoned things that happened when she was or to serve mortals to whom they a girl in her own body. She said the might be attached. Thus, they will angels told her that she was to stay give warning of a danger, they will with them till some time in May, a even sometimes give information lead-happy, contented daughter, and a loving to the discovery of a lost article, ing sister in a borrowed body.

a rule, come of their own accord. We she recognize them. She declared say as a rule, for sometimes they too that she frequently saw spirits, are summoned by those who deal in frequently went to heaven, naming black magic. But as they are very those whom she there met. Some much earthy, the other world does of her tests were remarkable. not please them much, and so they never let slip an opportunity to come Lurancy Vennum was coming back an open door, which, however, they and tearful hour. Mary, after saying do but rarely. Thus if they find a good-by sat down, was entranced, and medium, they enter his body slowly and gradually, and eventually they She looked anxiously, wildly around, to leave it, and make it their own as

"Mr. Roff replied, 'You are at Mr.
did the old man to Sindabab in the Roff's, brought here by Mary to cure Arabian Nights. And this is called your body.'
demoniacal possession. "Lurancy wept and said, I want to demoniacal possession.

This demoniacal possession, or ob- go home. session, though very dreadful to the victim, is of very great use to man-For, such cases completely es--a knowledge most precious to man-

read the account of the ghosts at the that they would not be able to recogdak Bungalow in Hazaribagh (vol. nize her. She had been the instrusomething definite about the spirit istence."

this manner. A man obsessed is noth- Peebles. It occurred in Watseka and. ing but a dead man with a material was seen by a large number of citi-body. Do you want to see a spirit zens. The case is known as Watseka walking amongst men? If so you find wonder. It absolutely establishes him in a man or woman who is obsessed. Do you want to see a spirit These obsession cases are so com-

session of the faculties of the medium are so plentiful in India. Among Hin and come in contact with mortals. But dus the opinion prevails that an earththese spirits, as a rule, cannot take bound soul can liberate himself or complete possession of the faculties herself by the help of men below. So, of their mediums; and the result is when dead, it tries to find a medium that the mind of the mediums asserts to communicate its condition and itself at times, so that the communication wishes to friends. If it has no such tions from the spirits become unre- friends, it makes itself disagreeable liable. And this is the reason why in every way, so that the victims try, even good mediums commit mistakes, for their own sake, to liberate the and often talk nonsense.

But in the case of obsession the

spirit obtains complete control of the India. faculties of his victim; and so obquote from Dr. Peebles' "Spirit Ob-

to by Professor James, of Harvard, and Cunch Ganga. and Dr. Hodgson, I can speak know-ingly, positively, for Mr. Asa B. Roff, there. The place is very famous for only recently deceased, was one of curing people suffering from obses my patients several years 2go. I slon.' knew him not only intimately, but An knew his cultured daughter, Minerva After, sister of Mary Roff, that pos- Vishnuvite temples which are famed sessed the body of Mary Lurancy for relieving persons from obsessing Vennum. It was my further privilege pichases (earth-bound souls). The to know other members of this excellent Roff family, and some of the of times the phenomenon at the Hanu-Watseka citizens who were witnesses manta and Durga Temples." of this singular psychic, not of a Regarding these obsession hospitals double consciousness, but of an actual a friend writes that formerly he had

this: Miss Vennum when about four- a History of Sivaji, which he was waukee to assist the secretary to put teen, had a series of attacks called then contemplating and which he on the coming annual convention; but

these further trances she saw angels shwar." and beautiful spirit scenery. Physical putting her into a lunatic asylum.

"At the crisis, Mr. Roff and Stevens, of Janesville, called, finding at first understand what he meant, but her sitting by the stove, hands upon he informed me that people obsessed her knees, eyes staring wildly, thoroughly obsessed. Dr. Stevens, by Hareshwar, for cure, and they were almost invariably relieved of their dispossessed the evil influences; and "possessions." Hearing this I lost had a noble President in Brother than the state will wake them too far behind. You have dispossessed the evil influences; and "possessions." Hearing this I lost had a noble President in Brother and the base had a good and then Miss Vennum said, 'I see many no time in paying a visit to the good, bright spirits here, and among Temple. My curiosity was soon satis-them one Mary Roff, whereupon Mr. fied. After the worship of the image

was here arranged that Mary Roff persons of the obsessed. The effect take the place of the former wild was instantaneous—some swooned demon influences. Miss Roff had many away and some fell down as dead. strange experiences before she passed Others shouted while still others be-Dody, and dressed to go home to Mr.

The Progressive Thinker is EDU- wants to know SPIRIT RETURN as

or the detection of a criminal. "While in Mr. Roff's house, she
Spirits from the lowest sphere, as did not know the Vennums, nor would

"On May 7, she told Mrs. Roff that back to this earth whenever they find into her body again. It was a sad obtain complete possession of it. And and asked, 'Where am I? I was never when they have done this, they refuse here before.'

"In about five minutes the change ame again, and Mary was once more in Lurancy's body. She was overtablish the survival of men after death lived, asking them to sing her girlhood song, 'We Are Coming, Sister Mary.' Her conversation at this time. Scientists like Crookes, or careful though joyous, was exceedingly seriinvestigators like Hodgson may prove ous. She informed them that the this truth in a scientific way after a good angels told her she could not great deal of research, trouble and remain long, as her work was about Ingenuity, but a case of obsession done; but she assured them that she proves the survival after death at once should often return to them as a and to the meanest intellect too. Just loving spirit and expressed the fear L., No. 2). Who can, after such experience, refuse to believe in spirits Lurancy's health restored, of giving almost unbounded for to her parents and the moral government of the almost unbounded joy to her parents universe? These obsessions also give and relatives, and of adding tangible mortals an opportunity of knowing proofs of the future, immortal ex-

This case is certified as true The knowledge can be obtained in Prof. James, by Dr. Hodgson and Dr.

face to face in broad daylight? Then mon in India that hospitals have been find a man who has been possessed by established in this country solely for n earth-bound soul. the cure of obsessed persons. We In spiritual circles spirits take poshave already tried to explain why they soul from bondage. Thus it is that cases of obsession are so frequent in

When Dr. Peebles came to India be session means practically a spirit fore, he made enquiries about some among men on earth. One of the most of these hospitals. These institutions wonderful cases on record is that of are more frequent in Southern India. Lurancy Vennum and Mary Roff. We Thus we find, in Dr. Peebles' work on "Spirit Obsessions":

"There is a small temple at Datta-"Of this case of possession, referred trya, on the confluence of the Krishna

And again:—
"There are various Salvite and

informant of Dr. Peebles saw a score

re-possession again by a spirit of hu- no knowledge of their existence. But first duty, hence asked to cancel my man body.

he went to Konkan in Southern India last two weeks' engagement and "The history very briefly told is for the purpose of collecting facts for hysteria. She was so annoyed by subsequently wrote. He was led to on returning found my mother quite spells of hearing her name called out of the silence by night that her mother frequently slept with her.

Subsequently wrote. He was led to on returning found my mother quite feeble again, and learning of Brother shores of the Arabian Sea. Besides Brooks' improvement, I did not go. the place being considered a sani-But as her health is much improved, er frequently slept with her.

"Not feeling well on the eleventh tarium, there is a celebrated temple, day of July, she fell to the floor, appropriate a vessel leaves Bomparently dead. She thus lay five bay for it. "My object was," says he, hours. When falling at other times, "to see the principal Fort of Sivaji she declared that she saw spirits, at Raigarh, and while there I heard describing and identifying them. In the fame of the Temple of Rari Hare-

Dr. Brahmin ghost had made his ap-Dr. pearance in the Temple. I could not Roff remarked promptly, That's my had been finished, the patients were daughter Mary. She has been in brought forward. They were made heaven these twelve years. "Counseling with the spirits it holy ashes and sprinkled them on the

ed my attention as also of other spectators. She was repeating the Vedas! First, a woman is prohibited from reading the Vedas. Secondly, she belonged to a very low caste and was, therefore, illiterate. The Vedas are, as you know, only accessible to the highest and most learned Brahmins. As I knew Sanskrit I could under stand what she said, and I was, I assure you, enthralled by the spectacle of a low-caste perfectly illiterate wom-

an repeating the Vedas! "But my attention was soon dis-tracted by the howlings of another woman. It appeared to me that she was possessed by perhaps the most ferocious ghost in existence, whose object was evidently the destruction self disagreeable in every way and trying to frighten every one. The priest accosted this terrible soul and asked his name, but he refused point blank. Thereupon the priest left him to return to the Image, and prayed woman he commanded the ghost, who possessed her, to come to the post. This time the ghost perhaps found himself unable to disobey, for he came humbly to the post. The priest then ordered some invisible spirits, who evidently attended upon the Delty to tie the hands of the woman to the post. But though no chain was visible, nor any spirit, the possessed woman twined her hands round the post as if she was being tled by others. It looked as if the attendant spirit had heard the command of the priest and tied the woman's hands to the post with an invisible chain. The priest pext ordered the spirits to thrash the ghost soundly. And though nobody saw anything it appeared that some invisible hands were feally applying an invisible birch on the back piercing shriek from the woman, that is, the evil spirit who possessed her, till at last the latter prayed for mercy. He was forgiven and the woman relieved of her tormentor."

Now it appears that every such hospital is in charge of some guardian spirits, who evidently were, when on earth, votaries of the Deity in the Temple. Their work lies in helping the priest to exorcise ghosts. The exorcising means not only the relief of the possessed patients, but also the liberation of the earth-bound souls who possess them. Their object then in obsessing persons generally is that by this means they might be brought to the Temple and helped by the attendant spirits in being liberated from their bondage. .

The correspondent continues: saw the woman who repeated the Vedas at her lodgings when I heard that she had almost given un her Ordinarily she talked to self but occasionally a Brahmin re-peated the Vedas through her. This Brahmin at last quitted her."

STRENUOUS WORK.

Account of Labors in Minnesota, and Some Practical Reflections.

During the early part of the winter could not dare accept of the many mother's health permitted me to do some work after the holidays I engaged with the Minnesota State Spiritualist Association to serve them for two months, and began my labors the first Sunday in February, by speaking for the Band of Peace Society of Minneapolis, of which Mrs. Lowell is regular pastor.

The next three Sundays' I served the St. Paul Spiritual Alliance, with large audiences and pleasant atmosphere to work under. Then came the State Mass Meeting, which has been before repeated in the columns of the Thinker as a "Grand Success.

The first Sunday in March I spoke for the North Minneapolis Spiritualist Society of which Mr. Harry Hegdahl is regular speaker, and found a nice strong band of willing workers there Then the State sent me out to Blue Earth for a series of meetings assisted by Mr. Hegdahl and Mrs. Paul Buehler of Minneapolis. The meetings increased in number and interest until there was not even any more standing room the last evening, and many wishes for a speedy return.

I was next sent to Bemidii, Minn. accompanied by Mr. Hegdahl and Mrs Harold Courtney of Minneapolis, for another series, with grand results. We held our meetings in the beautiful Court House Hall and it was well filled. Bemidji once had a nice prosperous society, we were informed, but when Mrs. Smith, who was the regular speaker, ceased her labors there, the society was suspended on account of not having the proper speaker carry it on. And right here I wish to make this point: Many societies are in the same condition for the lack of capable ministers to keep them anve. Our cause needs qualified workers

badly and that is one of the reasons the Churches of other denominations are so full of our people, and it is a shame too. The complaint one continually hears is, We would attend Spiritualist meetings if we could endure it; but one is continually annoyed with listening to outraged English, bad grammar and poor logic, reminding one of the need of an educated ministry or at least of having cultivated brains through which to re-

lect inspiration. But to return to my report, after returning from Bemidii to the cities I learned of the serious filness of Brother Brooks and as I am the vicepresident of the Wisconsin State Association I felt I owed my office my came home intending to start for Mil-I will be en route for Milwaukee the 11th of April and stay there for about ten days, then I return again to the Twin Cities to make up the canceled engagement again for the Minnesota

State Association for May.
Friends, Spiritualism is dear to me! And I love to do all in my power to promote it wherever I can, and while gractous, courteous and fine to work for, I cannot help but feel a part of a jealous pride in the state of my adoption-Wisconsin-and I do hope the Brooks, and he has had a good and willing state board backed by a will-ing and conscientious Secretary, and no one could help seeing that President Brooks has strained every nerve during his yearly service to wipe the blot of indebtedness from off the State Calendar of Wisconsin, until he collapsed. But I am sorry to say I fear too few have appreciated his efforts, as he has surely manifested a to the spirit-world. On Feb. 1, 1878, gan to show the angulah of their soul spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice. she took complete control of Lurancy's in various ways. "But a woman among them attract- had even contributed one dollar it

PROGRESS IN PITTSFIELD, MASS. | followers do not practice all this, I Anniversary Celebration by a Young Society.

To the Editor: A very busy wom-an has been trying for months to find time to write you a little about the work for Spiritualism which has been going on in Pittsfield for the past A little more than a year ago the

Massachusetts State, Association was invited to come to Rittsfield and hold a meeting for the purpose of ascertaining whether there were any people in the place sufficiently interested to attend a meeting in the interest of Spiritualism. A hall was procured and the meeting advertised in the local papers. About one dozen people were interviewed as to whether they would like to attend such a meeting: further than this it was not known whether there would be any larger number in attendance, and it thought if there should be as many as twenty it would be a surprise and would be well worth holding the meeting. The president of the Association, Dr. Fuller, who is as every one knows, a fine speaker, with Mr. Hatch, the treasurer, wife, the secretary, came. They also brought a good medium, Mrs. Maude Litch. The meeting was a grand success. Contrary to all expectations 100 people were present. Through the efforts of Dr. Fuller and Mrs. Hatch a temporary society was formed called The First Spiritualist Church of Pittsfield. Later a more permanent organization was completed and meetings have been held weekly ever since. As is the case with all beginnings, finances are slow to come plying an invisible birch on the back of the ghost or rather the woman, as every stroke was being followed by a once a month. The attendance has been good all the time showing that effort should be made to have the cause represented here although it may be only in a small way.

Among those who have ministered

to us, all of them good, are Mrs. A. J. Pettengill of Malden, Mass.; Mrs. Whiting of Springfield, Mass.; Oscar A. Edgerly, Mrs. Butler of Lynn, Mass.; Mrs. Reynolds of Troy, New York. On April 30th we are Mrs. Cunningham from Cambridge

Mass.

We have just held an anniversary meeting, with Helen Temple Brigham for speaker, who captivated the peo-ple. We are hoping to continue the work, and though our growth be slow we trust it will be healthy and

The following paper was written and read by myself at our anniver-

sary meeting:
Fifty-nine years have rolled by since the advent of Modern Spiritualism. It has been the custom on these anniversary occasions to have a somewhat detailed history given of the origin and onward march of this movement. Of the past I shall say but little. Spiritualism came to a world fast lasping into materialism, and in a simple way, through little children. The common people heard of it glad-ly, and were comforted, and assuredly its teachings and the facts given, prov-

Reverends and men of learning were also drawn into giving it attraction. Nearly all the reverends were not long in deciding it to be the work of the Devil. The men" that there must be some other explanation of the phenomena found than that which it claimed for itself. So they have tried, each in his own way, these 59 years to put it down, to smother it, but like Banquos ghost, it will not down. It has come to stay, and is fast taking its place in the world as a Science, a Philosophy and a Religion.

Another class of learned men have pronounced it unworthy of investigation, and have ignored it, except, maybe, to sneer at its claims. Among those who have after fair and thorough investigation; acknowledged its truth we find the names of Flammarion, Prof. Robert Hare, Cromwell F. Varley, Zollner, Rudolph Virchow. Carl Du Prel, Count Alexander Aksakof and many others. Prof. Thomson Jay Hudson, as our N. S. A. president has written, "of just name and fame, and exceptionally gifted in his special line of study, has gone so far as to declare that he who doubts psychic phenomena is not entitled to

called a skeptic, he is simply ignor-I am moved to speak particularly this evening of Alfred Russel Wallace. as I have recently read his Life, written by himself, in which he so candidly speaks of all his investigations of Spiritualism, and of his associations with Spiritualists. The latter do indeed owe him a great debt of grati-tude. Now that so many men of science are looking into the matter and the Psychic Research Society is doing its work, Spiritualists need no longer be so much on the defensive, but can take time to live more in the present of Spiritualism.

Although fifty-nine years is not very long when compared with the rise and progress of other forms of religion, yet we can see greater progress in the length of time than in all that have preceded it, and a glorious future for Many deny us the term religion. Well, this depends on ones definition of the term. If as one Great Book says, "Pure religion and undefiled is to visit the widow and fatherless in their affliction and keep one's self unspotted from the world": and in another place "What is Fequired of the but to deal justly, love mercy and walk humbly with thy God," and "Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you." I claim; Spiritualism teaches all this. In youdtell me its

would have gone a good ways toward lifting the burden; store an leel sure your officers are conscientious about this debt, if you are not, and I can't understand how you can feel the joys that the message of the spirit brings without a pang of fear atwood neglected duty. ioi er Minnesota can raige hundreds of

dollars to carry on applesionary work in their state and par their workers ungrudgingly, and what of Wisconsin going to do? oing to do?

I do hope whoever the oppming of

ficers of the incoming election will be, they will be sustained financially until the banner of Spiritalism in the state of Wisconsin is white as snow. to your spirit friends, and to yourselves, if you are true Spiritualists, and we hope you are, as to us Spirit ualism is the grandest religion on earth.

And now I bring this already too long letter to a close by stating that I still have the month of June sen to engagements and am engaged to serve the Clinton Camp for the first two weeks of their session. Would be glad to serve any other camp after that and am also open to engagements for the coming winter season. serve at funerals, weddings, etc. 'My

address is: CATHARINE McFARLIN, Plainview, Mina.

say, let the followers of other religions who are without sin, cast the first Spiritualists have to most bitterly acknowledge the short-comings of many of its professed follow-

It would seem that this Truth came to the world simply for the purpose of establishing the fact that man can not die. I have sometimes felt to say: Would that it had stopped there, because of the many things which have attached themselves to it—the things which have been done in its name. It has been well night dis-graced by commercialism and fakism as well as by the unholy lives of some of its professed followers. As I write there arises before my subjective vision a pure white banner with the word Spiritualism inscribed in letters of gold upon it, and these words come to me: Oh, Spiritualists, hold high above the debris with which ignorance and misunderstanding are seeking to cover it, this pure white banner, and it shall remain to you. So I would fain cast, to the winds all that which greed and malice would attach to it, and speak only of its present best and of the eternal progression which it teaches.

Thorough students of Spiritualism seek to understand life by tracing through cause and effect its successive developments from the lowest forms of vegetable life on through all the forms of animal life up to man as we find him today, a dweller on this planet earth, everywhere subject to natural law. Recognizing an unseen power which in the vegetable may be termed motion, in the animal, sensa-tion; and in man, soul! not stopping here they go on, and through the established scientific facts of the phenomena of Modern Spiritualism' seek to learn of his future and of natural law in the spirit world. All forms and expressions of religion have had somewhat to do with an unseen power which men have little understood but have named God, also with a life hereafter. So the followers of Spiritualism have found that its teachings of this power and a life hereafter are more rational and natural than those of any other religion; so natural that would from this time on we might call it as I am sure we one day shall. Naturalism; but not because ridicule and unpopularity with which the word Spiritualism has been surrounded. It is fast outgrowing all

As a form and expression of religion it has fought its way until there is scarcely a city or town where effort is not being made to have it represented, and many cities and towns maintain flourishing societies. We have our State Associations and a Na-Association working for benefit of all smaller organizations. We have, too, one educational institution, the Morris Pratt Institute, at

Whitewater, Wisconsin. These institutions do not claim perfection, but aim to put Spiritualism before the true workers in these associations are trying to help those who are called to espouse this unpopular cause, to be worthy of their work and to make it sacred. I should be false to duty if I neg-

lected this opportunity to say that Spiritualism as an organized movement must fall in part of its mission three great reforms upon which all others hinge, that of the equality of men and women in all the walks of life, the emancipation of the industriery, and last but not least the temperance reform. Oh! Spiritualists, pray without ceasing, but while you pray work, for what does to pray without stacle in the way of the education and the Spiritualization be removed, until we have a people where though intoxicating liquors should flow through the streets as rivers to the ocean there would be none to drink it because none J. M. KINGMAN. desire it. Pittsfield, Mass.

Ascended Higher. Passed to snirit life from his home in Alliance, Ohio, April 2, 1907, Mr Harry C. Russell, aged 51 years. The disease was cancer of the stomach,

from which he suffered terribly the

last few weeks of his illness. On the evening of April 4th, the local fraternal orders, the K. O. T. M. and the Ben Hur, gave their, impressive ritualistic services at the home and on the following day the fraternal order of Eagles . gave their touching service at the Independent Church (Spiritualist), and under the leadership of Mr. Reese Jones, rendered sweetest music, and also served as pall bearers. - This was followed by the funeral address by the writer and was the fulfillment of a request made several years ago by Mr. Russell. In his address the speaker gave a brief explanation of the teachings of Spiritualism, and said that Mr. Pos tion that they were true, and he gladly and fully accepted them. He also explained that the deceased wanted the listeners to know that he was a Spiritualist, and requested that the speaker explain its teachings on this

occasion. The speaker made it clear that Spiritualism was the true comfort at the time of death, both to the one departing this life, and the bereaved one left behind.

There were many relatives and friends present from out of town, and the large attendance and many beautiful - floral offerings were evidence of the love and esteem in which the deceased was held. His wife, Mrs. Flora Russell,

well known, and has many friends among Spiritualists, as her sweet voice and Spiritualistic songs have charmed them at their camp meetings state and National conventions for years. Their kindly thoughts and sympathy will bless her in this hour of sorrow.

Harry Russell was a good man, a true Spiritualist, a faithful member of the Alliance Society and a good worker in the cause of Spiritualism His earthly form will be greatly missed in the home, but his spiritual presence will comfort and cheer his good wife and children, his dear good wife and children, aged mother and sisters and brothers in their sorrow.

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cussion, has suggested a new theory and locality for it [as set forth in Harbinger of Light]! It is remarkable that a matter of such importance to of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe. humanity should have remained in obscurity so long and that no rational theory with regard to it has been formulated by the theologians of any of the Christian denominations. A city paved with gold, a great white throne an authronomorphous God the knewledge that the majority of their brethren were suffering hell toring that the biblical description and strictly orthodox presentation. How puerile and insufficient to satisfy the aspirations of a thinker! Annihilation would be preferable. This is a question which is and has erable. The Archbishop's suggested

Day" (which is in perspective, and meantime we must assume that the spirits of the dead are sleeping) and that it was a place of everlasting after that event all life on our earth would be destroyed. The New York the spirits of the dewould be destroyed. The New Jerusa-lem would descend from heaven and in this recreated state there would be continuous to the de-parted burned, or were otherwise tor-mented and punished in a very ma-terial, physical sort of manner by

ascend and form a circle or zone some ligions listed. fifty miles from the earth's surface; be called the second sphere. Still their teachings, and now at the present day it is seldom one heart and from a third sphere, and so on until a more universal plane is reached where spirits from other worlds mingle. Each of these spheres is a step in the ladder of progress, and the judgment—so to speak—is at death, the spirit gravitating to the plane that it belongs to according to its life and actions in the body. Those who have led a good life find conditions in harmony with their desires and broader truths. Reformers are higher conditions the way of attainment is shown them, which is not for of the masses; hence the reason they the asking, but for the earning. Hud- have so tough and uphill a fight to son Tuttle, the mediumistic author of get reforms for the benefit of the huson Tuttle, the mediumistic author of Arcana of Nature, and the Arcana of Spiritualism, two admirable scientific works (the first of which is largely quoted from by Buchner in his "Force larly when it interferes with his habits and Matter"), says, in the course of of life; and the older one grows in his explanation of the philosophy of the formation of these zones: "Spiritting and habits the harder it is to get him to alter them, even if he be a physical wreck ual atoms, being affected by the same laws, partake of the earth's rotary in consequence of such wrong habits motion, and revolve with it. If the motion, and revolve with it. If the spheres completely surrounded the spheres completely surrounded the earth, as first supposed, the earth remaining at rest, as soon as it began to move the superior velocity of the equatorial regions over the poles would draw away the particles from awaiting him on the other side to include the superior velocity of the equatorial regions over the poles would draw away the particles from awaiting him on the other side to include the family, friends and his brother Odd Fellows.

Save an eloquent address of one hour, that pleased the family, friends and his brother Odd Fellows.

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the spheres corresponding with what we subsequently read in Hudson Tut- the fittest. tle and Andrew Jackson Davis' work. Professor Robert Hare's experiences

who had been in the spirit world for various distances, all the spheres gradudescription of the spheres pertaining to this world in harmony with what marcation between each. Those near we have described. The refined matter when it aggregates in these zones or spheres is prone to assume the ness, wretchedness, and misery mos form it had here, though more perfect appalling reign supreme. and delicate in its expression and, as everything corresponds in relative den- life of a man who has lost his physical sity, all is as natural to the spirit as is this world to the mortal. To quote has given full rein to the desires of Tuttle again:

root, and the waters of the ocean ing for the gratification of his miser surge perpetually on the shore. An able perishable body only. Such a othereal sky surges overhead, and man, on passing out of his physical the stars shine with increased efful habitation, finds himself so weighted gence. The spirits breathe its spirit- with the magnetism of earth, so gross ual atmosphere, they drink its crystal waters, they partake of its luscious that he cannot rise beyond the earth, fruits, they bedeck themselves with so earth perforce must be his dwelling gorgeous flowers.'

Andrew Jackson Davis, the seer and author of Nature's Divine Revela- the body he now functions with and tions (now in its 36th edition) and through is the spirit counterpart of twenty-eight other volumes, in a glow- his physical body which permeates the ing description of scenes in the sum-

of leaves the vines gave out countless class of vibration which the physical throbbing flowers. Each corolla pul-sated like a harp, and when I looked therefore to us he is invisible, inmore intimately and carefully I saw tangible, imponderable, except to those that every flower seemed to be con- whose spiritual senses are aroused scious that it was a part of a divine and active and who possess clairvoyplan. Along the river, of which I ant vision. On the contrary, he him first spoke, I saw what appeared to be self would tell you he is as solid, real, grasses, but they were not such as I and as alive as when encased in a have seen on earth, and yet they were physical form. He still retains all his emanations from the heavenly soil. likes and dislikes, gross passions, and They were what might be termed mos- strong desires for physical gratificasy grasses, but the fibres were silken tions, but he finds to his utter dismay reflected the rainbow colors of he cannot gratify them. the diamond. The exquisite fine fibres, composing the mossy grasses along the of like attracting like, he haunts the margin of the ariel Gulf-stream on a dens of vice and iniquity as was his purple brilliancy which was mellowed custom, and poor fellow, he is doomed solftly down until it seemed to lose to witness others gratifying them itself in a sort of atmospheric immensity of its own! As I gazed, it seemed desires impel him to do, now, but to blend and lose itself with innumerable seas of color! I have tried to strument—his physical body by which get some repetition of the effect of alone it was made possible. Everythat color by visiting our Galleries of thing to him is cold, miscrable, wretch Painting; but I have seen nothing like it on canvas in the picture of any, earthly artist. Church's 'Heart of the Andes'—the deep, rich, immense collisis spiritual faculties quite dormant ors of the Corderillas, and the infi- and undeveloped; his associates on nito repose expressed in the marvelous the spirit side are people who are depths of that picture—seem to be gross, carnal, selfish, and cyli-minded the merest physicalism compared with like himself. His footsteps are dogged

vey an idea, far transcending in beauty, and adaptability to the desires and requirements of humanity, and give a higher conception of the his alarm he cannot turn a deaf en orthodox description or conception of kind and bitter thought and word heaven we have met with. The idea levelled at him is like the stab of a of an arbitrary dividing line between sharp knife.

There has recently been in two of Heaven and Hell is utterly repugnant the Melbourne papers a discussion on to human ideas of justice; the major-What and (incidentally) Where is ity of mankind would be near this Heaven? and the Anglican Archidividing line, and to assume that the bishop, whose discourse led to the dis-

throne, an anthropomorphous God, they found it, will get a foretaste of supported by the Son and Holy Ghost, heaven while in the body, and conand surrounded by the multitudes of genial conditions in "The house of the saved, praying and singing, with many mansions" spoken of by the

This is a question which is and has theory, though an improvement, is been agitating the mind of Christenlamentably insufficient. It is based dom [as set forth in the Two Worlds]. upon the doctrine of "The Judgment and a question which still remains un-Day" (which is in perspective, and solved by the Christian world) in this recreated state there would be entirely changed conditions, everything would be spiritualized, and pain, sorrow, and death would be unsupported by the spiritualized and pain, sorrow, and death would be unsupported by the spiritualized and pain, sorrow, and death would be unsupported by the spiritualized and pain, sorrow, and death would be unsupported by the spiritualized and that there would be unsupported by the spiritualized and the spiritualized Contrast this with the Spiritualists' belief became more and more of a Contrast this with the Spiritualists' belief became more and more of a belief derived from modern seers, and confirmed by thousands of exaited intelligences now dwelling in the spirit spheres, all but the lowest of which are heavenly in degree. First as to its location, it is affirmed that this (and other inhabited worlds) is constantly spiritualizing matter, and throwing off refined emanations, which ascend and form a circle or zone some The student of the past will observe

until a more universal plane is reached trine preached. It is wonderful what officiated at the funeral. who have led a good life find condi- is able to grasp and assimilate greater and when their aspirations are for usually men and women with ideas and knowledge somewhat in advance

the latter and concentrate them at flict punishment upon him. God works the equator, producing a zone, the through law and law only. There are axis, or it would revolve parallel with spiritual laws and physical Physical laws govern physical atoms Forty-five years ago an advanced and if for instance you abuse the spirit communicating with the writer laws of physical health; whether wilfully or ignorantly; the punishment is "Not a flower dies upon the earth the same. You simply bring it upon but its counterpart spirit rises to yourself by your own acts. Man's form another flower in the spheres," evolution upward toward physical and and followed with a description of spiritual perfection is by means of natural selection and the survival of

The abodes of those spirit beings who once lived upon earth as men and were the same as our own; his father, women are all around the earth at years, giving him a detailed ally and harmoniously blending into each other, there being no line of de est the earth are the hells, the lowes being the worst where profound dark

To make it plainer, let us follow th body, and who during his earth life the flesh; who has made no endeavour "The surface of the sphere is solid earth, in which trees and flowers take faculties; who was grossly selfish, livso closely approaching physical matte

place. -He is exactly the same man only latter during his earth life, only with the difference that his spirit body is "There were also curious vines that composed of atoms in a different form grew all over very lofty trees, instead and arrangement which give off a

selves as he once did, and as all his that which, in 1855, was first reflected by many of those to whom he has upon the cerebro-telescopic eye."

These brief "word pletures" con-who, being perhaps as gross as he, entertain no thought of pity or for giveness, and bitterly reproach .him with his wrong-doing. He finds to om and Justice of God than any to them, that somehow, in some un-

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PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE

Jacob G. Drake, a veteran Spiritualist, was born in Virgil, Cortland Co., New York, October 4, 1829. Passed to spirit life April 7, 1907; aged 77 years. He has been a resident of Toledo, Ohio, forty years, having come there from Dunkirke N. Y., in 1867, to take a position with the Lake Shore railroad. This position he held up to the time of his death. Funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at o'clock, at his late residence, 1839 Woodland avenue, conducted by Rev. Fred. D. Dunakin, of Cecil, Ohio. Interment was in Woodland.

Mr. Charles Bates, for 73 years highly respected resident of Grand Blanc, Mich., passed to the higher life, March 30, 1907, in the 98th year His genial good nature made him a favorite with all. He was a strong advocate of Spiritúalism, and was for many years-blessed with strong healing powers. T. P. McWAIN.

Passed to high life from his home in Converse, Ind., Mr. Joe. Darby, "Uncle Joe," age 86 years. Mr. Dar-by was a man of great intellect, having been a close student of liberal thought for more that 50 years and also known through the entire section as one of the best posted men in that vicinity. He leaves several daughters and grand-children to mourn his departure and joins a host of loved ones beyond the "Border Line." Services were conducted by Will J. Er-

Passed to high life from her home in Elkhart, Ind., Mrs. Katherine Palmer, who has had nearly two years of physical weakness and pain. Mrs. Palmer was thoroughly convinced of the continuity of life, and many times expressed her confidence that the grave does not end all. She leaves companion and several children and a number of grandchildren to mourn the absence of her physical presence. At her request the services were conducted by Will J. Erwood.

Mrs. Eliza Allen, wife of Oscar Allen of Fredonia, N. Y., formerly of Lilly Dale, passed to higher life April 4, aged 58 years. She lived and died a true Spiritualist, a dear, patient, good woman. Her friends are legion. Mrs. Clara Watso: of Jamestown, Her discourse was fine. Friends and loved ones came from far and near to pay their last respects of love and sympa-L. D. PUTNAM.

Dr. A. B. Spinney went on March 29, near Maple Rapids, Mich., to give the funeral discourse of Lewis Reynolds, one of the most prominent citizens in that section. a member of the Middleton and Maple Rapids Odd Fellows lodge, and was the owner of a large, beautiful farm and farm house. He passed to spirit life March 29, 1907, aged 80 years. Mr. Reynolds in his early life was a Methodist; after that he was a United Brethren and for about thirty years he has been a Spiritualist. He was a man of the highest integrity and lived in Reeping with his religious profession. Dr. Spinney of Belding, gave an eloquent address of one hour,

He moved to the township of Otisco in 1844, helping to subdue the wilderness in that part of Michigan. One of his sons, Frank T. Luick, is a Spiritualist and editor of the News, as is also the widow of the deceased, Louisa Luick. Eight children survive him. The deceased earnest-ly requested that Julia M. Walton give his funeral address, "that" as he remarked, "my children, most of whom are in the orthodox and Catholic speakers as brilliant and polished as any that the orthodox church possesses." The funeral was held at his residence, and largely attended, by the most respected and intelligent of the citizens of Belding.

Passed to the higher life March 25, 1907, Mrs. Rhoda Ann Robert, age 79 years, from her home on Vega ave., Sleveland O. She was the mother of six children, five of whom, with her husband, had gone before, and awaiting her coming. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Rufus Roberts. Three grand-daughters and one great grandson. She was a true Spiritualist, and had been for over forty years. At her request, I W. Pope conducted the services at the house and Riverside Cemetery. COR.

Mrs. Mary Kinner Grute passed into the higher spiritual life April 2, 1907, at the residence of her son John, 11234 Bellflour Rd., Cleveland, O., aged 81 years; a pioneer Spiritualist whose soul was in tune with the infinite. The beauties of heaven and the joys of the spirit world will all join to give honor and love to such noble souls as hers. The husband Charles Grute passed to spirit life several years previous. Her life was a prayer and benediction. By request W. Pope conducted the services. COR.

aged 65 years. He became a Spirit-ualist about 20 years ago. His wife, Mrs. R. A. Harris, and one daughter, and one son survive him. . A. F. SEE. Passed to spirit life, from the home of his grandson, Geo. W. Jewett, Sanford Taylor, aged 90 years. Mr. Taylor had been an expert accountant and book-keeper, and a believer in Spiritualism many years. He was an ex-

ceptionally intelligent and thorough-

good man; and had been tenderly

Mr. J. M. Harris of Williamsfield

to the higher life, April 10,

ared for in the home of his later years. The writer conducted the funeral service JULIETTE YEAW. Leominster, Mass. The transition of Miss Anna A. Baker, Sturgis, Mich., occurred at Frost, Minn., April 5th, in the 78th year of her age. Miss Baker was one of the early settlers of Sturgls, A staunch Spiritualist, a member of the Harmonial Society for many years, and one of its official board at her death. The funeral services were held at the home of her nenhew Ed B. Gray, with whom she lived in Sturgis, and was conducted by the writer, assisted by Hon S. B. McManus, an

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ic FOR THE FUTURE.

A Few Thoughts by One Who Believes That in Union There is Strength,

President Barrett's article in the recent issue of the P. T. should not be allowed to go by without deep and serious expressed thought by the individual who believes in the beautiful philosophy of spirit return. He has shown many things in their true light, and has put many propositions squarely before those who should constitute the individual units to help to lift upothis beautiful cause.

No one in the ranks of organized effort in this behalf is better fitted for these thoughts than he is, and his words should bear great weight on the future action.

Look up! Lift up! could be used very appropriately for those who are auxious to do all they can to lift up this beautiful philosophy.

Spiritualism is not new. It is as old as mankind itself. It has always been disgraced and brought in dis-repute by its own devotees. However, the opportune time for its development came when in free and intelli-gent America its phenomena was again presented in a way that made men think. The seed at this time fell in good soil, and was watered by good, intelligent men, and if carefully watched and cultivated will become a mighty giant that will furnish shelter for all mankind.

hundred and fifty years to prepare for the work it has done in the past fifty years. This is also true with this philosophy. The printing press, broadminded, liberal editors, a country with a broad constitution that allows men to express their own convictions; a country also in which criticism is a goad to compel men to do right, and this unmercifully used at times by the newspapers: which are today the creators and regulators of public thought, has been, and will be a powerful factor to pave the way for the true spiritual kingdom of brother-

It is said that it took science one

esus, but misunderstood even by his own immediate disciples Thus the proper psychological era has arrived in which this Christ principle is beginning to grow, and it should be our duty to encourage in the right direction all that we can. Some fourteen years ago broad minded, intelligent men and women said we will write and aid all we can. Questions of policy will be discussed and acted upon in a united intelligent way. We will show the world that we

ly love so earnestly advocated

the chaff, and straw as well as-from the tares. This process is now going on, and the result already is shown in the higher opinion men have of these brethren. Spiritualism by this united effort

stand for right, truth and justice. We

will help to separate the wheat from

is on a higher plane than it eyer was before in the world's history. This should be encouragement enough to act as a stimulus for each individual unit who believes in it to help lift it to a still higher plane. We can help to lift it up by becom-

ing individual units in this organized effort. In union there is strength: any thing that will tend towards diversion is a backward step. Encourage the leaders and aid them. Each society should be a unit for strength In these days men have learned that

to do things in a modern way great combinations of units are required. Organized Spiritualism can do well to

ganized Spiritualism can from them.

Good intelligent teachers are needed and these should be encouraged in the right way so that they may take pleasure in their calling.

·But what of these teachers? Are they simply to spout like the preachers of bygone days, with a large stock of enthusiasm to sing, talk, pray and eat chicken? No. Right here is where Spiritualism can make itself or land upon the rock upon which the church is about to strand. However, the church has learned that it can do some good, and everywhere church hospitals are springing up that are of great benefit to humanity. The practical work of the Y. M. C. A., the social center, the real practical prison re-form work of the Volunteers, and also the practical work of the Salvation "Straws show Army will never die. "Strawhich way the wind blows."

"What we want is a religion that will teach the people how to live." To the man who knows Gray's Anatomy, life has no future terrors."-Conan Doyle.

"If mothers were educated like doctors for race reproduction, the latter would be less needed."-Dr. Alice B. Stockham. "Inasmuch as ve have done it unto

the least of them, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—Jesus. The future religious teacher must

burdens. The man or woman who can tell the mother that it is not teething, but improper or bad food that makes her child sick, is the one who will be apalcohol-destroys the arteries, kidneys and heart, preaches a temperance lecture that bears weight and permanent

good. : Y HE: The practical help and training for this life is perhaps of infinitely as much advantage as the theoretical about the future life;

Ashtabula County, Ohio, was called A practical 'Suggestion to Spiritualanatomy physiology, hygiene and bacteriology, at their school in Whitewater. This could be begun without any extra expense or hardship, in a small way, and gradually enlarged un-til their teachers would combine many practical things that would make them teachers that any community would desire, and indeed could not do with-

> Literature on health could emanate from this center. Practical hospital work and nursing could be taught. Mothers could be taught that the enormous death rate in childhood is mainly due to ignorance and neglect. By such a course, Spiritualism could by a united effort show the world that it is no whit belind, but a leader in this practical Christ principle of brotherly love, and hence be lifted to a igher plane of practical usefulness

> than it is even now. The one important thing that is needed is a united effort to help to put the practical suggestions of President Barrett vinto effect, and I am quite sure tais can best be done. by organization. Let the uplifting process go on. Organize! Encourage your seciety to become a unit in this mighty force that is doing so much to lift up and place upon a higher plane, this beautiful altruistic cause.

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Character Building.

An Important Movement for Spiritualists to New External Remedy Consider.

systematic teaching of /kindness and injurious to their moral and aesthetic justice to all, both human and dumb feelings.

to those that cannot strike back as Hon. Andrew D. White, LL. D., late to those that cannot strike back as well as to people who can—to furnish an ideal of nobleness that strikes at the very roots of both cru-elty and crime, since crime is but

cruelty grown up. vital omission in our educational system, which can be remedied only by laying more emphasis on acter-Building through the Co-educa-tion of Heart and Head.

George T. Angell, Pres. American Humane Education Society: "All the criminals of the future are children now, the men who may throw railmite under our churches, or burn half a city some windy night. They are them. Shall we give them an education of mercy or not?

"All the Governors and Legislators and Presidents of the future are children now; the men in whose hands will be the great questions of peace and war. Shall we train them in thoughts and habits of mercy or

"Just so soon and so far as "Just so soon and so far as we pour into our schools the songs, the oems and lessons of mercy toward the lower creatures, just so soon and so far shall we reach the roots not only of cruelty but of crime. A thousand cases of cruelty and crime can be prevented by humane educa-

tion for every one that can be prevented by prosecution."

Col. J. W. Cottrell, Supt. Detective Association: "With twenty years experience as an officer, I find in searching for the cause of crime that the lack of humane education is the principal one." (It is fast becoming a matter

statistics "that humane education lowers the criminal record.") The Boston Journal of Education: This teaching kindness to animals

may seem a simple thing; but the more one looks into its merits the more penetrating this spiritualizing nfluence proves to be, causing change of conduct, inspiring justice and compassion in the place of selfishness and cruelty.

"Kindness to animals is not

mere sentiment, but a requisite even a very ordinary education. Nothing in arithmetic or grammar s so important for a child to learn as humaneness. As a discipline it is most valuable.

Meeting of New York Associa-tion of Principals of Schools: "It is certainly true that many teachers deplore a tendency to unruliness and disregard to lawful authority among the children in the public schools.

The feeling that there should be some factor for obtaining a moral effect in the pupils' training seems well night universal over the

General Federation of Women's Clubs, St. Louis: "Whereas, It is the conviction of many people inter-ested in the right development of children that, although thousands of hoble and conscientious teachers are voluntarily doing a great work in character-building, the schools not yet provide sufficiently for the moral education of the young; Resolved. That this conference recommends that the matter of more definite and more intelligent ethical instruction shall receive special consideration by the educational section of the General Federation for the next

two years." Conference of the Congress Mothers, Chicago: "Resolved, that we pledge our efforts to secure through the general consent of educators, through legislation or through some method some system of definite training in morality * * in our training in morality * * in public schools. The saving to country in prisons, reformatories and police service would be incalculable.'

B. J. Tice, A. M., Supt. of Schools "Fellow-teachers, let us make Mass.: our teaching stronger and richer. Let us reach out and take in humane education.

Too many of us are buried in our text-books; are mere word-jug-glers, fact-peddlers and mind-stuffers. Let us put away all these things and do practical things—he must be able teach. Let us become character build-to help his brethren to share their ers. Such work will compel people to ers. Such work will compel people to realize the grandly important truth that teaching is the profoundest science; the highest art; the noblest profession."

To the many noble, thoughtful teachers of our state who have already learned the moral value of humane teaching, the passage of this bill can be neither a reflection on nor a hardship, while it can but prove a help to those younger or less experienced teachers whose attention has not been called to the subject. One teacher said, "Nothing helped me so much to manage these rough boys as teaching kindness to Another teacher after two years' trial of humane education wrote, "I find it to be the best kind of discipline and worth any amount of effort."

The bill also prohibits vivisection in all public schools. To familiarize children with the dissection of either living or dead animals is not only unnecessary (since all needed facts can be illustrated by charts and manikins) but morally dangerous, shocking to the sensibilities of a normal child and likely to wake the latent criminal tendencies of an abnormal one. What more dangerous than to argue that horrible sense of satisfaction at the sight of blood and to have in common with the very instinct of murder. Better a child ignorant of anatomy rather than one from whom all the bloom of sympathy and wonder has been crushed.

Two. little girls after witnessing experiments at schools went home and to the horror of their friends were found cutting open the throat quack came from." A boy was found nailing down a cat preparatory to cutting her up alive "since thh was the way the teacher did. These two instances are not quoted as having taken place in our state but enough cases have come to our soon to put up the bars against such brutalisation of childappd."

Following the example of over | William T. Harris, A. M., LL. D., one-fifth of the states of the Union, a bill has been introduced in the Illistates: "I am glad to learn of some mois Legislature, requiring a certain movement against a practice too amount of moral and humane instruction in all public schools, the aim be-imals before children in the element against a practice. ing not only to teach children how to mentary schools. I think it wellconduct themselves as social beings night useless, so far as teaching chilin relation to each other as regards dren a knowledge of anatomy is conright and wrong, but through the cerned, and at the same time very

President of Cornell University: "In my opinion experiments involving either the infliction of pain or death upon helpless animals in the presence of children should be discouraged.' That crime is increasing, that Hon. Arba N. Waterman, ex-Judge morality does not keep pace as it of Illinois Appellate Court, Chicago: should with the rapid growth of "Civilization in its moral aspect conmental authors chows the second mental culture shows there is some sists in a heightened sympathy with and consideration for, those men or animals in our power. It is impos-sible to train a child to indifference as regards the suffering of a helples dog, and at the same time to be mind

ful of the rights of little children." Rev. Dr. H. W. Thomas, Chicago "The practice of vivisection in the higher schools of our country, medical road trains off the track, or put dyna- and other colleges, has been carried. to say the least, to the borders of abuse, and its introduction to the all children now and we are educating public schools should be discouraged and condemned by all who have the highest good of the rising generations at heart.

Samuel J. Barrows, Editor of The Christian Register, Boston: development of the spirit of love mercy and justice is more important than to turn the school room into a butcher's shop or a dissecting room to gratify an intellectual curiosity." "Better even a world without physiology than without pity."

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND.

Ladies Overcome—Remarkable Scenes at a Spiritualist Meeting-One woman Carried Out-Others Had to leave-Mrs. Loie F. Prior, the Central Fgure. Some remarkable scenes were wit-

nessed last night in the Co-operative Hall, Downing street, where Manchester Spiritualists celebrated the 59th anniversary of modern Spiritualism. Though the gathering was not in the nature of a seance, the proceed ings and the atmosphere had rathe an overpowering effect on a number of ladies.

at one stage the proceedings were interrupted for some-time by the col lapse and subsequent hysterical outpreak of a woman near the platform Efforts to calm her failed, and she had to be carried out by a number of gentlemen. The scene had the effect of upsetting others, who also left the

Several had to leave the hall, and

All the doors were thrown wide open, but even then a number of highly-wrought women might be noticed leaving their seats, and weakly making their way out into the air. Some of those who left, it was ex

plained, were not Spiritualists, people who came in anticipation of a seance, and who had worked themselves up to a high pitch of nervous excitement in anticipation of a communication from the spirits.

Rev. R. T. Campbell, Prophet. Some remarkable speeches were

Councilor J. T. Ward, of Blackburn held that there was not sufficient investigation in home circles. Many of the mediums were receiving remuneration and not giving that amount of friendly helpfulness that was given in former times.

The address of the evening was delivered by Mrs. Lole F. Prior, American National State missionary mediwho described Spiritualism as the greatest cause in the progress of religion that the world has ever

Spiritualism, if rightly understood, eliminated selfishness and compelled toleration to all men. It was wide as the universe, and knew no horizon, and in time would destroy the lines of nations, and would prove to the world that all men were brothers. This was the message that had

been brought to her when the invisible ones thought fit to communicate with Spiritualism was older than fiftynine years. If they were to take the

phenomena out of the various Bibles of the world what would be left? When the demonstration of spiritual communication was taken out of them there was nothing left but philosophy. Referring to "that noble, wonderul, inspired man, Rev. Mr. Campbell of the City Temple," Mrs. Prior de-clared "as one who has met this gen-

If there was ever a prophet born into this world he is one.

"It is true that what he has given to the world as a New Theology is old Spiritualism. But I honor the man who stands up and says: "Spiritualism don't know as yet, but I hope it is

leman, I feel I must bow before him.

true.'
"He recognizes that what is vital in religion is impressed in Spiritualism.'

No Homes for Aged Mediums.

Proceeding the speaker claimed that the wonderful gift of mediumship was either a glorious blessing or a damnable curse. 'I don't wish to be personal," she

continued, when I say that Spiritual-

ists do not make the right conditions for the mediums. "If all the Spiritualists of the world acknowledged themselves as such in these days it would be a society of two millions.'

.Commenting on the growth of the movement during the last 59 years, Mrs. Prior said they had not enough for the spirit world. , Where are our meeting places?" she asked, our hospitals, and homes for the aged mediums, our representatives in

Mr. John Walreck expressed the hope they had done Rev. Mr. Campbell no harm that night. He was doing a lot of good in the right direction, and if he were to declare himself a Spiritualist he cound not go on doing it. Daily Despatch, Manchester, Eng.

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