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### WHEN I RETURN. I'm getting dazed o'er prospects as I

never was before, For so many folks 1'd like to be when I come back once more. I'd like to be a millionaire and hold

mankind in hand. And make the tyrant rue the day he

set foot on this land. I'd like to feed the starving poor whom tyrants here oppress,

When I come back to earth sometime to grow, unfold, express.

And sometime I would like to be girl, a woman, wife; 'A mother of a family, and live

grandma's life, Or be a queen o'er some fair land of

earth to rule awhile, And teach my subjects how to bow and tip their hats and smile. I'd like to grace the throne of love

ishing people with the manifestations that occur from woman's place sometime, 'And touch the hearts of men who scoff and laugh at things sublime. them, but shall speak of them on my return, in

So many things I'd like to do when return once more; I'd like to work a little less and res

when work is o'er. I'd like to organize a trust upon this

earthly plane, Control the sun, and moon and star the zephyrs and the rain.

I'd like to do so much next time, bu how can I expect

To not repeat my work when I must fail to recollect?

I'd like to be a Washington, a Lincoln or a Paine.

A Horace Greeley, Henry George, Grant or James G. Blaine,

I'd like to be the President one term within this land; I'd like to join the labor and the mon-

ey hand in hand; I'd like to be McKinley and a Bryan

through one life, And then I'd like to come and be

presidential wife.

I'd like to be a Dewey or a Miles, and such great men. I'd like to be the Great of Earth when of matter through matter" is not the

I come back again.

But what's the use of coming back to this same earthly spot

To learn through all experiences the things to be forgot? to

Why not move on from sphere sphere, and rung by rung arise In spirit on the higher plane, remem-

ber and grow wise? If all must come to earth again their

knowledge to complete, And have experience never had, no act of life repeat. And that without a consciousness of

scenes and things we pass Retained, how can we know each time our next succeeding class? What just recording angel guide will

keep our progress-free And full recorded through the route

of all Eternity? It may be true we shall return upon some future day,

grow, . unfold, express, arise, through contact with the clay, But if the soul of the lives on be-yond this mortagine,

Wonderful Results at certain times. And it is the same with other criminals. A statement was once made by a criminal previous to his execution that

At the Seances Held by W. T. Stanford with before he committed a robbery he felt an uncontrollable impulse to steal and under that influence or impulse to steal he was a helpless child.

How shall we reform criminals? By making the gaol or the prison a criminals. school house. These unfortunate ones should be taught. Hundreds of men and women are in your penitentlaries to-day whose minds are darkened and clouded. They know nothing of the sult. Your legislators, not knowing joys which you experience even when they are free. Thir tastes are depraved, they see no beauty in life, but you. are often anxious to drown their cares in drink and ribaldry, and in the fellowship of others as svil as them-selves. Let me tell you that no great change will be effected until the crimiin his presence. I have not time to enumerate nals are educated and taught. But you may ask how this is to be done with men who are receiving their sentences? I will tell you. The judge, in passing sentence upon the criminal, should have the power' to say, "I do not state the time during which you will be incarcerated, it depends en-tirely upon yourself how long you remain in the prison house,"

An indeterminate sentence is what is needed in your midst, and there shut up or destroyed." pravers written in black and red will then be an incentive for the man from Thibet. Bird's nest brought to behave aright. He should, more-over, be paid for the work he doesfor Dr. Peebles. Clay with spear heads. Hindoo spirit grows plant a reasonable remuneration-so that when he goes forth from the prison house he will have something in his pocket, and he enabled to withstand temptation. Take the case of most of these criminals. They herd together, they exchange thoughts and ideas, and bitter feelings are engendered against their gaolers and against society. Let them realize that society is not against them but desires them to be good men and women, and I say you will touch the chords in their, hearts perhaps Ad never touched before;

Thousands of these men and women go forth from the prison house without money, without friends, with nowhere to go and nothing to do. If perchance, they get some amployment becomes known immediately, that they have been in prison. They drift back into the old paths, and in a very short time they are up again before the judge and standing in the felon's dock.

Again, it should be a crime for any officer of the State, policeman or de tective, to hound a man after he has come out of prison. I know of instances where detectives have shad-owed men from the time they passed the portals of the gaol. Some of them

intended to live aright, and to get employment. I know of the case where the detective went and said to the man's employer, "Do you know whom you have got in your employ?" "No," said the contractor, "I don't." "You have So-and-So, the criminal," said the detective.

The man was discharged that night. I would make it a crime for any officer of the Crown to to such thing. child may rest the spirit of a Shake-Is it not often a true complaint of riminals that they were forced into criminals that they were forced into ing "moved on" as it? were, with no resting place for their feet, no place where they could stay in safety and begin life anew. There are, however, men and women who wilfully do evil. who make up their minds to be criminals. Such men an women should be separated from the communitynot behind prison walls, but upon some island where they could not es-They would have their freecane. tom there, they would have to work out example it is impossible to rear to live-the men on one island and the women on the other for criminals should never be allowed to populate he world. Until your governments realize selves. heir duty towards criminals this terrible torrent of criminality will go surging on and on. Concerning pun shment: How often are you struck with the fact that for certain offences punishment seems inadequate, while for other offenses it is too.comere? This is mostly brought abothrough El the ignorance of the persoiditions. idjudicate on the cases. In char. zis-trates and judges too, for ito fratter, You know we say in American and you say in your land also, teg. lawyers said "I have a string of pearls, it cost make the best judges. I yuestion it. a king's ransom;" another said, "I It is abhorrent to me that any man who has made money out of criminals should at last be elected to fill the position where it is necessary for him to condemn them and pass nunishment ting them before these Roman ladies. upon them. But how often is it othsaid, "These are my jewels." erwise? ' In some lands the extreme penalty for murder has been abolished. Let me say that from the spirit side of life we declare that it is wrong to punished as sure as truth reigns. hang, electrocute of strangle any living being. This is so for two reasons -one of which is not apparent to most people, and certainly not to legislaget there. tors. A man commits a murder, and the law says he must pay the penalty with his life. Let me tell you, that in fulfilling that law, society is car rying out that obsolete revengeful Mosaic law which demands "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tootly No man or company of med, no so ciety has a right to take that which they cannot give-life. Secondly, and this is the most serious reason the execution of murderers lets loose upon the world in which you live depraved spirits or demons who return and sometimes in revenge; cause oth ers to perpetrate similar crimes. You are constantly jerking into the spirit world hundreds of those depraved rightly. Society at present is so conspirits, who, filled with revenge, return, and as I said; cause misery and

craving and gnawing which cannot be HERBERT SPENCER'S HERESIES. satisfied is producing in him an awful punishment. ' Here he sees an oppor lis Opinion of the Christian God-Cruelty of a Fijian Deity Small

tunity whereby he can gain a mo-ment's respite. He takes possession Compared With That of Jehovahof that drunkard who gets drunk **Reprobation and Atonement Termed** again, and on the morrow is haled Abhorrent-Will and Intelligence before the magistrate and fined 5s., or perchance, twenty-four hours impris-Cannot Be Ascribed to the Cause oument. of All Things.

And so it is with other crimes and Murderers have been deprived of life, and often-for I know it-have they returned and taken possession of depraved men and women and another murder has been the reof this, would close their materialistic ears to the advice that I am giving They put me in mind of a judge who once sat in the High Court of England, a stern old man. He said that he believed in giving one chance to the criminal, and, after that, if he sinued again he should be destroyed as vermin. I tell you that when that man passed into the spirit world he would be sorry for such an utterance. I believe there is good in everyone. Deep down, as I told you the other night, in the human heart there is a spot that may be touched and redeemed by love and sympathy. The. cold, cruel judge says, "Away with them! why trouble about them? they won't live right, let them forever be

Ah, my friends, I would say to that man, had you been in his place, had you encountered the adverse circumstances, or events, or environment, that he has done, you would be perhaps to-night in the place of those

outcasts. Again, and this is a subject for the psychologist, as well as the criminolo-gist, I do not affirm that there is a deficiency in brain power or brain matter in the criminal, but there is some defect which needs to be investigated. The results of scientific research will yet prove that many of those people are more sinned against than sinning. Do not think that I am pleading for an easy life for criminals. I abhor all that is wrong and evil, because l know that perfect happiness is only compatible with a good and true life. Some of you have been born in the lap of luxury, you have never known temptation. How easy it is for people who have never known temptation to speak against others.

I wish to say to the ladies present to-night, that during my earth life, and since passing to the spirit, I have observed that women, as a rule, are more severe and quicker to condemn their own sex than men are. Think of the number of fallen women in this and every other large city-pariahs of society, outcasts! Ah! if we could trace that life to its source we should find in most cases that there was some defect in the person, and that she could not help what ultimately produced such disastrous results. Little children! I have always loved children -innocent, prattling children, who will some day possibly be the war 'rs

glamour of earthly impressions which of your land, its scientists or medianics. Who knows but in that prattling prevents them from thinking, they will refuse to imply a trait of charac-

PLYMOUTH SPIRITUAL CHURCH. OF ROCHESTER, N. Y.

An Interesting Letter from the Pastor, Rev. B. F. Austin, Giving Cheerful and Encouraging Data Concerning Its Condition and Prospects.

To the Editor :--- I am often asked by letter for some report of our church work here, and to all interested would say, we are making slow but healthand ful progress in our work. Our large attendance of last fall fell away conas characterized by the prophets, siderably during the cold weather, as, owing to a variety of reasons, our power along with nature increasingly church was uncomfortable during the severe weather.

Our membership has increased, both in. Rochester and our non-resident membership, which now embraces a number who regularly contribute to church funds. A large number of pews have been taken (on the voluntary principle) and the receipts during most of the year have been encouraging. One cheering feature of our work

is that it is not confined to those who attend our church, but through the powerful agency of the liberal press in Rochester we are reaching every week from 50,000 to 75,000 of an audience through the published reports of my lectures in the "Democrat and Chronicle," "Union and Ad-vertiser," and the "Post Express." The two former regularly devote from one-third to one-half column or more to a summary of the morning and evening lectures in Plymouth Church, and thus we are missionizing the public with our liberal teaching.

Another encouraging feature is the fulfillment we are finding of a spirit prophecy given to us when we were debating and deliberating on the question "to purchase or not to purchase" this property. Our spirit friends re-peatedly said to us: "You will get, aid from unexpected sources." See how this statement has been verified, and is being verified more fully from

time to time. We were in difficulty over our heatng when friend Kelsey, from Cortland, came up one Sunday "just to see how we are getting on." As is well known, he is an expert in heating buildings. He soon pointed out a change necessary in our pipes, and as it involved cutting through the floor and new radiators, he very generously paid the \$50 required and gave us advice and radiators free. The angels reward him.

A little later I foresaw a payment of \$150 to be made (balance due on our church cushions) this spring, and there seemed no provisions for meet-ing it. One morning in my mail found a letter from a Rochester merchant-a stranger to me-asking me o call on him, which I did.

who during millions of years of the no After inquiring about our work in honoring by its inhabitants, should friendly way, he told me he had be seized with a craving for praise; and having created maukind, should been out to hear me a few times and liked our services (though he is a be angry with them if they do not pew-holder in another church. He also said that his mother formerly perpetually tell him how great he is. As fast as men escape from that attended Plymouth Church, and that they had decided to pay off the remaining \$150 we owed on the cushions. Angels reward him and his personally and thanked. A few weeks since, at Hartford, I met Margaret Gaule Reidinger, where she was delighting large audiences at the State Convention with her mar-velous readings. We talked over Plymouth Church interests at Mrs. Helen P. Russegue's home, where we were stopping. On returning to Rochester I sent Mrs. Reidinger a fine photo of Plymouth Church, and she exhibited this to her Ladies' Aid Society and sent us a pledge for \$100. And thus the good work goes on. We need a considerable sum next month to close up our first year's operations successfully. It will come-possibly the reader of this will contribute a B. F. AUSTIN. part of it.

your readers each month?" SRD SEANCE, March 22nd, Ad-"Some dress by Dr. Robinson or MThe Hityears ago, before I began to closely study the scientific side of the phetites." He draws map "of. Asia Minor, etc., on black board. Phenomena, I might have said the same, nomena. Bone tablet from Thibet. was my reply. "Since then, however, Spiritualism has entered on a new It has a rude carving of Buddha with Thibetian inscription which Dr. Whitcomb translated "The En-The latest conclusions and experiments of leading scientists like Professor Larkin, for instance, of the lightened One." Bird caught in the light by Abdul. 'Second bird in Lowe Observatory, California, have shown us that it will be possible ere long to demonstrate that "the passage small cage. Spear heads in day. 4TH SEANCE. March 29th. A dress by Dr. Channing entitled, "The Master Christian." Phenomwild, visionary, unreasonable thing that the man in the street imagines, ena. Unbaked cake of Indian meal but that it is in accordance with laws composed of three kinds. Plant 18 of nature that are only just being inches high, grown by Yogi as re-In the demonstrated by science. lated above. April number of this paper the arti-5TH SEANCE. April 5th. Address cle by Professor Harry C. Jones, "Is Matter Disappearing: Is it simply by Dr. Channing, on "The State and Condition in the Spirit World of Evil Men." Phenomena, Spear head in clay. Two birds from sit-

a few inches.

Electricity?' showed that the elec-tron, the latest definition of what we call matter, is Electricity pure and ter's coat. Manuscript on outer rind of Palm tree; Thibetian simple. The Law of Vibrations teachprayers pricked in and placed as an offering to some idol. Electrical es us also that what we call matter is the result of lower rates of motion, that the planets and their satelconditions prevented production of more phenomena. Short address lites thrown off from the sun in the by Mrs. Robinson. form of vapor have by a natural law also cooled down and become solidified

the Medium, Charles Bailey.

Dr. J. M. Peebles writes from Australia: "I

am attending Mr. Stanford's seances each week.

Mr. C. Bailey, one of the greatest, if not THE

greatest medium to-day in the world, is aston-

connection with the marvels that I saw in the

plesence of India's Yogis in the suburbs of Cal-

cutta and also in the mountains."

A friend said to me the other day---one who has been a professed and

earnest Spiritualist for many years-

What good is the physical phenome-

na that you present so persistently to

as the rate of velocity slackened.

phase.

DDRESS by Dr. W. Ellery Channing. What is more natural then-and we specially Reported by Mrs. W. Wilinquirers know it to be a fact-for the son, Shorthand Writer and Typist, spiritual chemists on the other side Premier Building, Collins St., Meito resolve matter into its original bourne .- "Crimes Against Orimiether and again solidify it? It is this nals.'

aspect of Spiritualism that is going to arrest the attention of scientists and Perhaps you have been wondering why I selected the subject as an-nounced by Dr. Whitcomb to-night. intelligent inquirers into Spiritualistic phenomena and we shall presently rind It is one which should be brought ut dress in the April number, that later, der the not by of every man, woman when we understand the laws that ob-and child in the community as it aftain in this universe "a motor car or fects all-believer and unbeliever a steam engine will appear an anti- alike. From the spirit side of life we quated means of getting about." Just see many misdirected efforts, much as it is set forth in that remarkable misspent energy, applied in trying to book of Lord Lytton's, "The Coming stem the awful torrent of criminality Race," when we shall have called Which is round about you. To-night I 'Vril" or Electricity to our aid in purpose calmly viewing this matter in a common sense light, and I trust you these matters. It was by the exercise of these same will agree with me and go forth from laws of nature that the growing of a this place with the desire to bring plant, 18 inches high, at the circle about a better state of things in the held on March 29th became possible. community. A Yogi was present, and it was by the For long ages past man has been power over nature obtained by the tortured and killed for crimes that he Yogis when in earth life that this rehas committed. Even at the present markable phenomenon was produced. day murderers are hanged by the It cannot be too often remembered neck till they are dead and before the corpse is cold there is another murthat this mundane existence of ours is full of marvels. Which of us by our derer ready to take his place. In days own power could make a seed germigone by penalties inflicted upon humanity for paltry crimes were terrinate, or clothe with beauty the grass of the field? It is only by "hastening" ble and appalling, such crimes as larsomewhat these powers of nature that ceny and forgery being visited by the such a thing is possible as the growth penalty of death. Thank Heaven, of a tree during a comparatively short sitting. It could not be accom<sub>7</sub> those laws have been repealed. By repealing them it was not intended to plished by the Hindoos, Abdul and S produce more crime, but, alas, round lim, who have not learned to subjugate about us we see hundreds and thous-Nature as the Yogis of India have. ands of our fellows still steeped in To him was handed by the Yogi the vice and criminality and we know not seeds which were planted one inch how to deal with them. deep in the flower pot. Yogi, who First, let me say, the law should not seek to "punish" a man for his gave the name of "Ram, Ram, Gee," watered the seed, and said in broken wrong doing. Perhaps you have nev-English. "Yog! come from India. Yo- er heard that statement made before: gi go sleep in cave, no eat much, learn I am very pleased to make it to-night. great secret. Masters teach Yogi The law should not seek to punish make tree grow big." but to reform the criminal. And it The pot was covered with a large should be instilled into him that his basket and after Dr. Channing's ad- fellowmen are not his enemies-that dress. lasting half an hour, it was lift- the law is not seeking to rob him, to ed and the plant was found to be persecute him, or to vent its spleen some inches high. The Yogi then upon him. In the past this has been magnetized the plant. It was again only too common. It is, moreover, covered, and after another control, impossible to find any punishment Abdullah, had spoken and sung, Yogl that will act absolutely as a deterrent announced that the basket was not if death is made the penalty as in the big enough. It was taken off and there past, men will still thieve and forge was displayed a most beautiful plant, and murder. You know this is the 18 inches high, the top apparently truth without my telling it. Take pressed down for want of room to any number of men in society with grow higher and with leaves of ex-, certain defects in the quality and ceeding freshness and beauty. Dr. quantity of brain, with evil passions whitcomb explained it was the Cam-and appetites and environments and phor tree of India. and beside it were you will have a group of criminals. also growing small plants from a pea- The criminal is often a product of innut, and a hulbous Indian plant, plant- numerable causes. He is a creature ed by Dr. Peebles. But the great largely of his environment and a vic-power of the Yogi had been expended tim of heredity. In the city of New on the large plant promised. It is York a certain woman had been arnot expected that people who know rested 154 times for drunkenness. nothing of these things can accept at The authorities traced her ancestors once all these facts, which are great and found that both her father and spiritual verities to those privileged her brother were drunkards and had committed suicide. On the mother's to witness them. . The minds, even of some Spiritualside there were three drunkards in ists, have to be prepared by study for the family as well as the grandfather a knowledge of Nature's laws trans- and the great-grandfather. Now, this cending our ordinary notions concern- poor woman should in some way have ing matter. And 1 remarked to my received the commiseration and the friend in conclusion that as Jesus said pity of her fellows, rather than the to the unbelieving crowd, "Even if condemnation and the punishment one rose from the dead" they would that was too often inflicted upon her. It is remarkable that for so fong a not believe, so it is not our aim so much to convince unbelievers, who are period the wisest people of the earth too densely materialistic to appreciate have failed to recognize that in certhe miracles of daily life, as to gradu- tain people crime is a disease. Take ally learn ourselves more of nature's the habitual drunkards of whom we laws, and point the way for those who have been speaking. Time and again they are brought before the magistrate are craving for more knowledgeand a fine is imposed. There would more light. The following is a brief record of be just as much reason in inflicting a ittings held since March 8th: 2ND SEANCE, March 15th. Ad-have fits in the streets. The drunkard dress by Dr. Uhanning on "The in-discussed as the oplication of the streets of the Street of the sittings held since March 8th; 32ND SEANCE. March 15th. Ad- have fits in the streets. The drunkard

diseased man, and unable to with-

stand the craving that came upon him

Why should it not Delond progress. and grow, and learn, and climb? Why need the soul fall back to rise anew to heights once passed? Why not pass on, and on, and on, while consciousness may last? DR. T. WILKINS.

Thoughts are Forces that Go On For a Time.

Thoughts are things, or rather, Forces, that go on for a time, and maybe eternity; if so, what we say or do is of vast moment. To uplift others we must be above them. To be no better or wiser than your ancestors or neighbors, is not the proper aim. Don't fossilize, but go on toward perfection. To love or be loved is all in all. Tasteless and joyless is life if this is dead or lacking. Be selfpoised; not too serious or crafty and funny: not too reticent or talative. especially with the women. Never get a noisy rage and abuse especially the ones who are in no way to blame for it. How dreadful to see one snapnish with loved ones because of something provoking in business, for which they may feel as unhappy as yourself. Try, if possible, to realize how awful it is to put in a child's mind a vicious idea to take poot and work havoc and destruction. To poison the fountainhead is surely the crime of all crimes. Don't give way to a gust of anger, and rave and swear; in a word, do nothing to shock or confuse people to make them lose faith in you or your fellow men. Do nothing that will thereafter bring remorse, shame or regret. Seldom is the chance to do good on a big scale afforded; let us, then, improve the many little ones. This is all that is required of us. C. F. SHORT.

THE ANGEL BABY.

Come, baby, come: Loving angels bring you, pretty, from -I cannot see just where I am sure it's from some garden in the sunny Boulland fair: Come, baby, come,

Smile, baby, smile: I can see your bright eyes, pretty, and your little mouth and nose And your rosy hands and fingers, and your teenty-taunty toes: Smile, baby, smile. 

Rest baby, rest: In my loving arms I fold you, as you gaze deep in my eyes, And the beauty and the sweetness soom a vision from the skies: Rest, baby, rest."

Sleep, baby, sleep: Fly away to happy Dreamland, while I sing my Jullaby: Peaceful is your quiet slumber, with your angels ever nigh: Sleep, baby, sleep.

Gone, baby, gone: Loving angels take you, pretty, to-I cannot see just where-I am sure it's some sweet garden in the sunny Soulland fair: Gone, baby, gone.

Bye, baby, bye: Come again to me, my pretty, well I love to have you come; Loving spirit mothers bring you from

your sunny Soulisnd home: Bro, haby, bro

trouble. I will quote a case that happened in this land some years ago. I am indebted to Dr. Whitcomb for the instance: A young man cut his sweetheart's throat, and a day origino before he

was swung from the gallows, he said, "I felt something come over me that was irresistible, I could not help it, I had to do it.

Over people like yourselves, living good lives and guarding yourselves against all that is evil, these depraved spirits have no power. But look abroad upon seciety to-night, and see lon] began, in woulder it the hundreds and thousands steeped

speare, a Milton, a Michael Angelo! ful.

If we contrast the Hebrew God de

scribed in primitive traditions-man

emotions-with the Hebrew God as

there is shown a widening range of

remote from that of man. And on

passing to conceptions of him which

are now entertained we are made

By a convenient obliviousness a deity

who in early times is represented as

hardening men's hearts so as that

and as employing a lying spirit to

deceive them, comes to be mostly

thought of as an embodiment of vir-

tues transcending the highest we can

The cruelty of a Fijian god who,

epresenting as devouring the souls of

the dead may be supposed to inflict

torture during the process, is small

compared with the cruelty of a God

who condemns men to tortures which

are eternal; and the ascription of this

cruelty, though habitual in ecclesias-

tical formulas, occasionally occurring

in sermons, and still sometimes pic-

torially illustrated, is becoming so in-

tolerable to the better natured that

while some theologians distinctly de-

ny it, others quietly drop it out of

Clearly, this change cannot cease

until the beliefs in hell and damna-

Disappearance of them will be aid

ed by an increasing repugnance to in-

justice. The visiting on Adam's de-

scendants through hundreds of gen-

erations dreadful penalties for a

small transgression which they did

not commit; the damning of all men

who do not avail themselves of an al-

leged mode of obtaining forgiveness,

which most men have never heard of; and the effecting a reconciliation

by sacrificing a son who was perfectly

innocent, to satisfy the assumed ne-

cessity for a propitiatory victim, are

human ruler, would call forth express-

ions of abhorrence; and the ascription

things, even now felt to be full of

difficulties, must become impossible

So, too, must die out the belief that

Power present in innumerable

worlds throughout infinite space and

earth's earlier existence needed

them to the Ultimate Cause of

modes of action which, ascribed to a

acts.

they may commit punishable

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their teachings

tion disappear.

aware of an extremetransfiguration

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Similarly will the logical incongruities be more and more conspicuous to growing intelligence. Passing over the familiar difficulties that sundry ney. Hundreds of thousands of chilof the implied divine attributes other dren to-day would be better in the spirit world, because their parents wise ascribed-that a god who reknow not how to rear them or how to pents of what he has done must be lacking either in power or in foreteach them. In me plead for the little ones for a moment. In teaching sight; that his anger presupposes an occurrence which has been contrary them that which is right and good and to intention, and so indicates defect true, remember always that example is better than precept, and that withof means; we come to the deeper difficulty that such emotions, in common your child to be a good man or wo-man. Try to make them happy, give with all emotions, can exist only in a consciousness which is limited. them good books and pictures if you Every emotion has its antecedent can afford them, let them enjoy themideas, and antecedent ideas are ha-The weary, crabbed and bitually supposed to occur in God; he is represented as seeing or hearing crotchety business man, who returns home at night after money-grabbing this or the other, and as being emo tionally affected thereby. That is to all day., has shrivelled still more his say, the conception of a divinity pos small soul, and his nerves cannot stand the merry prattling of his chilsessing these traits of character nec essarily continues anthropomorphic; dren. He calls for the nurse to remove them because they irritate him. not only in the sense that the emo tions ascribed are like those of hu Shame on such men! That old Roman beings, but also in the sense that man matron, the mother of the Gracchi, whom you read of in history, they form parts of a consciousness was once conversing with other Rowhich, like the human consciousness man ladies about their riches. One is formed of successive states. And such a conception of the divine consciousness is irreconcilable both with "T" have the most beautiful jewels in the unchangeableness otherwise alleged, and with the omniscience oth-Rome.". When they returned to this grand woman to recount her rich erwise alleged. For a consciousness trinkets she called her sons, and setconstituted of ideas and feelings caused by objects and occurrences.

cannot be simultaneously occupied Yes. your children are the lewels with all objects and all occurrences that God has given you, and I tell you throughout the universe. To believe that if you do not do right by them in a divine consciousness, men must refrain from thinking what is meant that in the spirit world you will be If by consciousness-must stop short

you send them to an orthodox Sunday with verbal propositions; and proposchool, and you are a Spiritualist sitions which they are debarred from vou are inconsistent. if you do not add rendering into thoughts will more and more fail to satisfy them. your testimony to the teaching they

Of course like difficulties present Make no mistake. I cannot underthemselves when the will of God is stand any man who believes in the spoken of.

spiritual philosophy sending his chil-So long as we refrain from giving dren to an orthodox Sunday school a definite meaning to the word will, we may say that it is possessed by the and saying nothing about the great truths that are not taught there, but Cause of All Things as readily as we letting the myths and fables and the may say that love of approbation is legendary stories sink into the minds nossessed by a circle: but when from of those children without telling them the truth as you understand it.

they stand for, we find that we can I have just been told that my time no more unite in consciousness the has expired. I trust you will think terms of the one proposition than we can think of the other. Whosoever conceives any other will than his own over my few remarks on this subject. and that you will realize with me that we commit offences against criminals must do so in terms of his own will, inasmuch as we do not deal with them which is the sole will directly known to him-all other wills being only instituted that we are turning out crimferred. But will, as each is conscious inals every day, and it behooves someof it, presupposes a motive—a one to protect and to show a more prompting desire of some kind; abperfect way, which I have done this solute indifference excludes the conception of will. Moreover, will, as night, with pleasure, and to the best of my ability. CHARLES BRIGHT. implying a prompting desire, connotes -Harbinger of Light, Australia. some end contemplated as one to be

achieved, and ceases with the achieve-Religion must always be something ment of it; some other will referring emotional, and the culture of emoto some other end, taking its place. tion is not carried on advantageously That is to say, will, like motion, necin ordinary school-teaching. The essarily supposes a series of conscious system that is best for securing the in-The conception of a divine ness. tellectual element is not best for se will, involves, like it, localization in curing the emotional element .--- Bain. space and time; the willing of each In wonder all philosophy [say religend, excluding from consciousness for ends, and an interval the willing of other ends admiration fills up the interspace: but It is the same with the ascription of the first wonder is the offspring of igintelligence. Not to dwell on the se torance, the lass and the second seco riality and limitation implied as be

fors, we may note that intelligence, as sloke conceivable by as, presup-

#### A CORRECTION.

Professor Denton Was Never a Materialist.

To the Editor: -- In the interesting reminiscences of Mr. Newman Weeks. published in your issue of May 18th, find an error which I am certain he will be willing to see corrected.

Weeks places the name of William Denton in a list of "good men and true," who, he says, in the early days came into the ranks of Spiritualism from Materialism.

This is a mistake. Mr Denton was never a materialist; he was a Methodist, and from his boyhood commenced preaching Methodism; but the road from Methodism to early (or Wesley's) Spiritualism was short and direct, and he soon found it. Hence he was ready to join the modern movement as soon as the first call was sounded

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terms of changes primarily wrought by alien activities—the impressions. generated by things beyond consciousness, and the ideas derived from such impressions. To speak of an intelligence which exists in the absence of all such alien activities, is to use a meaningless word. If to the corollary that the First Cause, considered the words we pass to the thoughts as intelligent objective activities, it is replied that these have become such by act of creation, and were previously included in the First Cause: then the reply is that in such case the First Cause could, before this creation have had nothing to generate in it such changes as those constituting what we call intelligence, and must therefore have been unintelligent at the time when intelligence was most called for. Hence it is clear that the intelligence ascribed, answers in no respect to that which we know by the name. It is intelligence out of which all the characters constituting it have vanished.

These and other difficulties, some of which are often discussed but never disposed of, must force men hereafter to drop the higher anthropomorphic characters given to the First Cause, as they have long since dropped the lower .--- "Principles of Sociology."

Duty is carrying on promptly and faithfully the affairs now before you. It is to fulfill the claims of to-day .---

True politeness is perfect ease and freedom. It simply consists in treat-ing achieve duct as you love to be

a Store Contractor

Progrezzive Thinker.

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#### WHEN I RETURN.

WHEN I RETURN. I'm getting dazed o'er prospects as I WOMDEPFILI Results For so many folks I'd like to be when come back once more.

I'd like to be a millionaire and hold mankind in hand,

And make the tyrant rue the day he set foot on this land. I'd like to feed the starving poor whom tyrants here oppress,

When I come back to earth sometime to grow, unfold, express.

And sometime I would like to be a girl, a woman, wife; A mother of a family, and live

grandma's life, Or be a queen o'er some fair land of

earth to rule awhile, 'And teach my subjects how to bow and tip their hats and smile.

I'd like to grace the throne of love from woman's place sometime,

'And touch the hearts of men who scoff and laugh at things sublime.

So many things I'd like to do when I return once more:

I'd like to work a little less and res when work is o'er. I'd like to organize a trust upon thi

earthly plane, Control the sun, and moon and stars

the zephyrs and the rain. I'd like to do so much next time, but how can I expect

To not repeat my work when I must fail to recollect?

I'd like to be a Washington, a Lincoln

or a Paine, A Horace Greeley, Henry George,

Grant or James G. Blaine, I'd like to be the President one term

within this land: I'd like to join the labor and the mon-

ey hand in hand; I'd like to be McKinley and a Bryan

phase.

but that it is in accordance with laws

of nature that are only just being

April number of this paper the arti-

call matter, is Electricity pure and

simple. The Law of Vibrations teach-

tion, that the planets and their satel

as the rate of velocity slackened.

What is more natural then-and we

inquirers know it to be a fact-for the

spiritual chemists on the other side

demonstrated by science.

Matter Disappearing:

Electricity?'

In

showed that the elec-

through one life. And then I'd like to come and presidential wife

I'd like to be a Dewey or a Miles, and such great men. I'd like to be the Great of Earth when

I come back again. But what's the use of coming back

to this same earthly spot To learn through all experiences the

things to be forgot? Why not move on from sphere to sphere, and rung by rung arise

In spirit on the higher plane, remember and grow wise?

If all must come to earth again their knowledge to complete, And have experience never had,

act of life repeat, And that without a consciousness of scenes and things we pass

Retained, how can we know each time our next succeeding class? What just recording angel guide

keep our progress.free And full recorded through the route

of all Eternity? It may be true we shall return upon

some future day, grow, unfold, express, arise,

through contact with the clay. But if the soul of an lives on be-

At the Seances Held by W. T. Stanford with the Medium, Charles Bailey.

Dr. J. M. Peebles writes from Australia: "I am attending Mr. Stanford's seances each week. Mr. C. Bailey, one of the greatest, if not THE greatest medium to-day in the world, is astonishing people with the manifestations that occur in his presence. I have not time to enumerate them, but shall speak of them on my return, in connection with the marvels that I saw in the plesence of India's Yogis in the suburbs of Calcutta and also in the mountains."

A friend said to me the other day--prayers written in black and red one who has been a professed and from Thibet. Bird's nest brought earnest Spiritualist for many yearsfor Dr. Peebles. Clay with spear heads. Hindoo spirit grows plant 'What good is the physical phenome na that you present so persistently to a few inches. your readers each month?" "Some years ago, before I began to closely BRD SEANCE. March 22nd. Ad-

dress by Dr. Robinson or, "The Hitstudy the scientific side of the phe He draws map of . Asia tites." Minor, etc., on black board. Phenomena, I might have said the same, nomena. Bone tablet from Thibet. was my reply. "Since then, however It has a rude carving of Buddha Spiritualism has entered on a new phase. The latest conclusions and experiments of leading scientists like with Thibetian inscription which Dr. Whitcomb translated "The Enlightened One." Professor Larkin, for instance, of the Bird caught in lightened Une." Dird tangent the light by Abdul. Second bird in small cage. Spear heads in day. Lowe Observatory, California, have shown us that it will be possible ere 4TH SEANCE. March 29th. long to demonstrate that "the passage dress by Dr. Channing entitled, "The Master Christian." Phenomof matter through matter" is not the wild, visionary, unreasonable thing ena. Unbaked cake of Indian meal that the man in the street imagines

composed of three kinds. Plant 18 inches high, grown by Yogi as related above. 5TH SEANCE. April 5th. Address cle by Professor Harry C. Jones, "Is Matter Disappearing: Is it simply by Dr. Channing, on "The State and Condition in the Spirit World of Evil Men." Phenomena. Spear head in clay. Two birds from sit-ter's coat. Manuscript on outer tron, the latest definition of what we rind of Palm tree; Thibetian prayers pricked in and placed as an es us also that what we call matter

offering to some idol. Electrical is the result of lower rates of moconditions prevented production of lites thrown off from the sun in the phenomena. Short address by Mrs. Robinson. form of vapor have by a natural law also cooled down and become solidified ADDRESS by Dr. W. Ellery Channing.

specially Reported by Mrs. W. Wilson, Shorthand Writer and Typist, Premier Building, Collins St., Melto resolve matter into its original ether and again solidify it? It is this bourne .- "Crimes Against Criminals.'

aspect of Spiritualism that is going to arrest the attention of scientists and Perhaps you have been wondering intelligent inquirers into Spiritualist why I selected the subject as anic phenomena and we shall presently nounced by Dr. Whitcomb to-night. find, as Dr. Channing said in his ad- It is one which should be brought undress in the April number, that later, der the notice of every man, woman when we understand the laws that ob- and child in the community as it aftain in this universe "a motor car or fects all-believer and unbeliever a steam engine will appear an anti- alike. From the spirit side of life we quated means of getting about." Just see many misdirected efforts, much as it is set forth in that remarkable misspent energy, applied in trying to book of Lord Lytton's, "The Coming Race," when we shall have called "Vril" or Electricity to our aid in purpose calmly viewing this matter in

diseased man, and unable to with- eraving and gnawing which cannot be HERBERT SPENCER'S HERESIES. stand the craving that came upon him at certain times. And it is the same with other criminals. satisfied is producing in him an awful punishment. ' Here he sees an opportunity whereby he can gain a mo

A statement was once made by a ment's respite. He takes possession criminal previous to his execution that of that drunkard who gets drunk before he committed a robbery he felt again, and on the morrow is haled an uncontrollable impulse to steal before the magistrate and fined 5s., or and under that influence or impulse perchance, twenty-four hours impristo steal he was a helpless child. onment.

How shall we reform criminals? And so it is with other crimes and By making the gaol or the prison a criminals. school house. These unfortunate ones prived of life, and often-for I know should be taught. Hundreds of men it-have they returned and taken pos and women are in your penitentlaries session of depraved men and women, and another murder has been the reto-day whose minds are darkened and clouded. They know nothing of the sult. Your legislators, not knowing joys which you experience even when of this, would close their materialistthey are free. Thir tastes are de-praved, they see no beauty in life, but ic ears to the advice that I am giving you. They put me in mind of a judge are often anxious to drown their cares who once sat in the High Court of in drink and ribaldry, and in the fel-England, a stern old man. He said lowship of others as svil as themthat he believed in giving one chance selves. Let me tell you that no grea to the criminal, and, after that, if he change will be effcted until the crimisinned again he should be destroyed nals are educated and taught. But as vermin. I tell you that when that you may ask how this is to be done man passed into the spirit world he with men who are receiving their senwould be sorry for such an utterance. I believe there is good in everyone. tences? I will tell you. The judge, in passing sentence upon the criminal, Deep down, as I told you the other should have the power to say, "I do night, in the human heart there is a not-state the time during which you spot that may be touched and will be incarcerated, it depends en-tirely upon yourself how long you re-main in the prison house," deemed by love and sympathy. cold, cruel judge says, "Away with them!

An indeterminate sentence is what

is needed in your midst, and there shut up or destroyed.' will then be an incentive for the man to behave aright. He should, more-over, be paid for the work he doesa reasonable remuneration-so that when he goes forth from the prison house he will have something in his pocket, and he enabled to withstand outcasts. tem-tation. Take the case of most of these criminals. They herd together, they exchange thoughts and ideas, and deficiency in brain power or brain matbitter feelings are engendered against their gaolers and against society. Let them realize that society is not against them but desires them to be good men and women, and I say you will touch the chords in their hearts perhaps never touched before,

Thousands of these men and women go forth from the prison house without money, without friends, with nowhere to go and nothing to do. If perchance, they get some employment, becomes known immediately, that they have been in prison. They drift for people who have never back into the old paths, and in a very short time they are up again before

the judge and standing in the felon' dock. Again, it should be a crime for any officer of the State, policeman or de tective, to hound a man after he has come out of prison. I know of instances where detectives have shadowed men from the time they passed the portals of the gaol. Some of them

intended to live aright, and to get employment. I know of one case where the detective went and said to the man's employer, "Do you know. whom you have got in your employ?" "No," said the contractor, "I don't." "You children! I have always loved children have So-and-So, the criminal," said the detective. will some day possibly be the war 'rs

The man was discharged that night of your land, its scientists or mediun-I would make it a crime for any ofics. ficer of the Crown to to such thing. child may rest the spirit of a Shake Is it not often a true complaint of speare, a Milton, a Michael Angelo! criminals that they were forced into But let me tell you that much, almost crime because they were forever be- everything depends on how that child ing "moved on" as it were, with no is instructed, and how his little footresting place for their feet, no place steps are guided through life's jourwhere they could stay in safety and begin life anew. There are, however, men and women who wilfully do evil, spirit world, because their parents who make up their minds to be criminals. Such men an women should be separated from the communitynot behind prison walls, but upon some island where they could not escape. They would have their free- is better than precept, and that withdom there, they would have to work out example it is impossible to rear to live-the men on one island and the your child to be a good man or wowomen on the other for criminals man. Try to make them happy, give

His Opinion of the Christian God-Cruelty of a Filian Deity Small Compared With That of Jehovah-**Reprobation and Atonement Termed** Abhorrent-Will and Intelligence Cannot Be Ascribed to the Cause

If we contrast the Hebrew God de Murderers have been dethought of as an embodiment of vir tues transcending the highest we can imagine.

re-The why trouble about them? they won't live right, let them forever be Ah, my friends, I would say to that man, had you been in his place, had you encountered the adverse circum-

tolerable to the better natured that while some theologians distinctly deny it, others quietly drop it out of Again, and this is a subject for the their teachings.

> until the beliefs in hell and damna tion disappear.

ter in the criminal, but there is some Disappearance of them will be aid defect which needs to be investigated. ed by an increasing repugnance to in-The results of scientific research will justice. The visiting on Adam's de yet prove that many of those people scendants through hundreds of genare more sinned against than sinning. erations dreadful penalties for Do not think that I am pleading for small transgression which they did an easy life for criminals. I abhor not commit: the damning of all men all that is wrong and evil, because who do not avail themselves of an alleged mode of obtaining forgiveness which most men have never heard of; and the effecting a reconciliation by sacrificing a son who was perfectly innocent, to satisfy the assumed necessity for a propitiatory victim, are modes of action which, ascribed to a human ruler, would call forth express ions of abhorrence; and the ascription of them to the Ultimate Cause of observed that women, as a rule, are things, even now felt to be full of more severe and quicker to condemn difficulties, must become impossible. their own sex than men are. Think So, too, must die out the belief that of the number of, fallen women in this and every other large city-pariahs a Power present in innumerable of society, outcasts! Ah! if we could worlds throughout infinite space and who during millions of years of the trace that life to its source we should earth's earlier existence needed find in most cases that there was some honoring, by its inhabitants, should be seized with a craving for praise; defect in the person, and that she could not help what ultimately proand having created mankind, should duced such disastrous results. Little be angry with them if they do not

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OF ROCHESTER, N. Y. An Interesting Letter from the Pastor, Rev. B. F. Austin, Giving Cheerful and Encouraging Data Concerning

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Its Condition and Prospects.

To the Editor:-I am often asked by letter for some report of our church work here, and to all interested would say, we are making slow but healthful progress in our work. Our large attendance of last fall fell away considerably during the cold weather, as, owing to a variety of reasons, our church was uncomfortable during the severe weather.

Our membership has increased, both in Rochester and our non-resident membership, which now embraces a number who regularly contribute to church funds. A large number of news have been taken (on the voluntary principle) and the receipts during most of the year have been encouraging.

One cheering feature of our work is that it is not confined to those who attend our church, but through the powerful agency of the liberal press in Rochester we are reaching every week from 50,000 to 75,000 of an audience through the published reports of my lectures in the "Democrat and Chronicle," "Union and Ad-vertiser," and the "Post Express." The two former regularly devote from one-third to one-half column or more to a summary of the morning and evening lectures in Plymouth Church, and thus we are missionizing the pub-

lic with our liberal teaching. Another encouraging feature is the fulfillment we are finding of a spirit rophecy given to us when we were debating and deliberating on the question "to purchase or not to purchase" this property. Our spirit friends re-peatedly said to us: "You will get aid from unexpected sources." how this statement has been verified, and is being verified more fully from time to time.

We were in difficulty over our heating when friend Kelsey, from Cortland, came up one Sunday "just to see how we are getting on." As is well known, he is an expert in heating buildings. He soon pointed out a change necessary in our pipes, and as it involved cutting through the floor. and new radiators, he very generously paid the \$50 required and gave us advice and radiators free. The angels reward him.

A little later I foresaw a payment of \$150 to be made (balance due on our church cushions) this spring, and there seemed no provisions for meetng it. One morning in my mail I found a letter from a Rochester merchant-a stranger to me-asking me to call on him, which I did.

After inquiring about our work in friendly way, he told me he had been out to hear me a few times and liked our services (though he is a pew-holder in another church. He perpetually tell him how great he is. also said that his mother formerly As fast as men escape from that attended Plymouth Church, and that glamour of earthly impressions which they had decided to pay off the remaining \$150 we owed on the cushprevents them from thinking, they reward poor old mother, whom I called on personally and thanked. A few weeks since, at Hartford, I met Margaret Gaule Reidinger, where she was delighting large audiences at the State Convention with her marvelous readings. We talked over Plymouth Church interests at Mrs. Helen P. Russegue's home, where we were stopping. On returning to Rochester I sent Mrs. Reidinger a fine photo of Plymouth Church, and she exhibited this to her Ladies' Aid Soclety and sent us a pledge for \$100. And thus the good work goes on. We need a considerable sum next month to close up our first year's operations successfully. It will come-possibly the reader of this will contribute a part of it. B. F. AUSTIN.

PLYMOUTH SPIRITUAL CHURCH,

of All Things.

scribed in primitive traditions-man like in appearance, appetites, and emotions-with the Hebrew God as as characterized by the prophets, there is shown a widening range of power along with nature increasingly remote from that of man. And on passing to conceptions of him which are now entertained, we are made aware of an extremetransfiguration. By a convenient obliviousness a deity who in early times is represented as hardening men's hearts so as that they may commit punishable acts, and as employing a lying spirit to deceive them, comes to be mostly

The cruelty of a Fijian god who representing as devouring the souls of the dead may be supposed to inflict torture during the process, is small compared with the cruelty of a God who condemns men to tortures which are eternal; and the ascription of this cruelty, though habitual in ecclesiastical formulas, occasionally occurring

in sermons, and still sometimes pic tances, or events, or environment, torially illustrated, is becoming so in that he has done, you would be perhaps to-night in the place of those

psychologist, as well as the criminolo-Clearly, this change cannot cease gist, I do not affirm that there is a

to-night, that during my earth life, and since passing to the spirit, I have

know that perfect happiness is only compatible with a good and true life. Some of you have been born in the lap of luxury, you have never known temptation. How easy it is known temptation to speak against others. I wish to say to the ladies present

yond this mortal line, Why should it not by lond progress, and grow, and learn, and climb? Why need the soul fall back to rise anew to heights once passed? Why not pass on, and on, and on, while consciousness may last? DR. T. WILKINS.

Thoughts are Forces that Go On For a Time.

Thoughts are things, or rather Forces, that go on for a time, and maybe eternity; if so, what we say or do is of vast moment. To uplift others we must be above them. To be no better or wiser than your ancestors or neighbors, is not the proper Don't fossilize, but go on toward aim. perfection. To love or be loved is all in all. Tasteless and joyless is life if this is dead or lacking. Be selfpoised: not too serious or crafty and funny: not too reticent or talative. especially with the women. Never get in a noisy rage and abuse especially the ones who are in no way to blame for it. How dreadful to see one snappish with loved ones because of something provoking in business, for which they may feel as unhappy as yourself. Try, if possible, to realize how awful it is to put in a child's mind a vicious idea to take foot and work havoc and destruction. To poison the fountainhead is surely the crime of all crimes. Don't give way to a gust of anger. rave and swear; in a word, do nothing to shock or confuse people to make them lose faith in you or your Do nothing that will fellow men. hereafter bring remorse, shame or regret. Seldom is the chance to do good on a big scale afforded; let us, then, improve the many little ones. This is all that is required of us,

THE ANGEL BABY.

C. F. SHORT.

Come, baby, come: Loving angels bring you, pretty, from --- I cannot see just where; I am sure it's from some garden in the sunny Soulland fair: Come, baby, come.

Smile, baby, smile: I can see your bright eyes, pretty, and your little mouth and nose. And your rosy hands and fingers, and your teenty-taunty toes:

Smile, baby, smile. Rest baby, rest: In my loving arms I fold you, as you gaze deep in my eyes, And the Beauty and the sweetness seem a vision from the skies: Rest, baby, rest.

Sleep, baby, sleep: Fly away to happy Dreamland, while I sing my fullaby; Peaceful is your quiet slumber, with your angels ever nigh: Sleep, baby, sleep.

Gone, baby, gone: Loving angels take you, pretty, to-I cannot see just where-I am sure it's some sweet garden in the sunny Soulland fair: Gone, baby, gone.

Bye, baby, bye: Come again to me, my pretty, well I love to have you come; Loving spirit mothers bring you from your sunny Soulland home: Bye, baby, bys. TALO, UNDERMILL,

more light.

these matters. a common sense light, and I trust you It was by the exercise of these same will agree with me and go forth from laws of nature that the growing of a this place with the desire to bring plant, 18 inches high, at the circle about a better state of things in the held on March 29th became possible. community.

A Yogi was present, and it was by the For long ages past man has been power over nature obtained by the Yogis when in earth life that this retortured and killed for crimes that he has committed. Even at the present should never be allowed to populate markable phenomenon was produced. day murderers are hanged by the neck till they are dead and before the It cannot be too often remembered corpse is cold there is another murthat this mundane existence of ours is full of marvels. Which of us by our derer ready to take his place. In days own power could make a seed germigone by penalties inflicted upon hunate, or clothe with beauty the grass nanity for paltry crimes were terriof the field? It is only by "hastening" ble and appalling, such crimes as larceny and forgery being visited by the somewhat these powers of nature that such a thing is possible as the growth penalty of death. Thank Heaven, of a tree during a comparatively those laws have been renealed. By short sitting. It could not be accom repealing them it was not intended to. plished by the Hindoos, Abdul and Seproduce more crime, but, alas, round lim, who have not learned to subjugate about us we see hundreds and thous-Nature as the Yogis of India have. ands of our fellows still steeped in To him was handed by the Yogi the vice and criminality and we know not how to deal with them. seeds which were planted one inch

deep in the flower pot. Yogi, who First, let me say, the law should not seek to "punish" a man for his gave the name of "Ram, Ram, Gee," watered the seed, and said in broken wrong doing. Perhaps you have nev-English, "Yogi come from India. Yo- er heard that statement made before. gi go sleep in cave, no eat much, learn I am very pleased to make it to-night great secret. Masters teach Yogi The law should not seek to punish, make tree grow big.'

the pot was covered with a large should be instilled into him that his hasket and after Dr. Channing's ad- fellowmen are not his enemies-that dress, lasting half an hour, it was lift- the law is not seeking to rob him, to ed and the plant was found to be persecute him, or to vent its spleen some inches high. The Yogi then upon him. In the past this has been magnetized the plant. It was again only too common. It is, moreover, covered, and after another control, impossible to find any punishment Abdullah, had spoken and sung, Yogi that will act absolutely as a deterrent. announced that the basket was not if death is made the penalty as in the big enough. It was taken off and there past, men will still thieve and forge was displayed a most beautiful plant, and murder. You know this is 18 inches high, the top apparently truth without my telling it. Take pressed down for want of room to any number of men in society with grow higher and with leaves of ex- certain defects in the quality and ceeding freshness and beauty. Dr. quantity of brain, with evil passions Whitcomb explained it was the Cam-and appetites and environments and phor tree of India. and beside it were you will have a group of criminals. also growing small plants from a pea- The criminal is often a product of innut, and a bulbous Indian plant, plant- numerable causes. He is a creature ed by Dr. Peebles. But the great largely of his environment and a vic power of the Yogi had been expended tim of heredity. In the city of New But the great largely of his environment and a vicon the large plant promised. It is York a certain woman had been ar not expected that people who know rested 154 times for drunkenness. nothing of these things can accept at The authorities traced her ancestor once all these facts, which are great and found that both her father and spiritual verities to those privileged her brother were drunkards and had committed suicide. On the mother's to witness them. The minds, even of some Spiritualside there were three drunkards in

ists, have to be prepared by study for the family as well as the grandfather a knowledge of Nature's laws trans- and the great-grandfather. Now, this poor woman should in some way have cending our ordinary notions concernreceived the commiseration and the ing matter. And 1 remarked to my pity of her fellows, rather than the friend in conclusion that as Jesus said to the unbelleving crowd, "Even if condemnation and the punishment that was too often inflicted upon her. one rose from the dead" they would not believe, so it is not our aim so It is remarkable that for so long a period the wisest people of the earth much to convince unbelievers, who are too densely materialistic to appreciate have failed to recognize that in certhe miracles of daily life, as to gradu- | tain people crime is a disease. Take ally learn ourselves more of nature's the habitual drunkards of whom we laws, and point the way for those who have been speaking. Time and again are craving for more knowledge--- they are brought before the magistrate and a fine is imposed. There would The following is a brief record of be just as much reason in inflicting a ittings held since March 8th:

fine upon poor epileptics because they S2ND SEANCE. March 15th. Adhave fits in the streets. The drunkard dress by Dr. Channing on "The In-flarnce of the Press, Puipit and to, "But," may someone, "he may brane at press and the solution of the solu

the world. Until your governments realize selves. their duty towards criminals this ter- crotchety business man, who returns rible torrent of criminality will go surging on and on. Concerning pun- all day, has shrivelled still more his ishment: How often are you struck small soul, and his nerves cannot with the fact that for certain offences punishment seems inadequate, while for other offenses it is too.comere? This is mostly brought abothrough th man matron, the mother the ignorance of the persorditions. idjudicate on the cases in, char sistrates and judges too, for ito fratter, You know we say in American and you say in your land also, type. lawyers make the best judges. I vuestion it. It is abhorrent to me that any man who has made money out of criminals should at last be elected to fill the position where it is necessary for him to condemn them and pass punishment upon them. But how often is it othsaid, "These are my jewels." erwise?

In some lands the extreme penalty for murder has been abolished. Let me say that from the spirit side of that in the spirit world you will life we declare that it is wrong to punished as sure as truth reigns. hang, electrocute of strangle any living being. This is so for two reasons -one of which is not apparent to most people, and certainly not to legislators. A man commits a murder, and get there. the law says he must pay the penalty with his life. Let me tell you, that in fulfilling that law, society is carrving out that obsolete revengeful Mosaic law which demands "an eye for an-eye and a tooth for a tooth.

No man or company of med, no soclety has a right to take that which they cannot give-life. Secondly, and this is the most serious reason: the execution of murderers lets loose upon the world in which you live depraved spirits or demons who return, and sometimes in revenge; cause others to perpetrate similar orimes. You are constantly jerking into the spirit rightly. world hundreds of those depraved spirits, who, filled with revenge, return, and as I said; cause misery-and trouble. I will quote a case that happened in this land some years ago. I am indebted to Dr. Whitcomb for of my ability. the instance: A young man out his sweetheart's

throat, and a day or two before he was swung from the gallows, he said, "I felt something come over me that was frresistible, I could not help it, had to do it.'

.Over people like yourselves, living good lives and guarding yourselves against all that is evil, these depraved snirits have no nower. But look abroad upon society to-night, and see the hundreds and thousands steeped in vice and wickedness-the cringing, crawling drunkard, for instance, is he

Nothing destroys authority so much, ne the sponsel and untimely inter-

will refuse to imply a trait of charac ter which is the reverse of worship ful

Similarly will the logical incongruitles be more and more conspicuous to Passing over growing intelligence. ney. Hundreds of thousands of chilthe familiar difficulties that sundry of the implied divine attributes other dren to-day would be better in the wise ascribed-that a god who reknow not how to rear them or how to teach them. Lat me plead for the litpents of what he has done must be lacking either in power or in foresight; that his anger presupposes an tle ones for a moment. In teaching them that which is right and good and occurrence which has been contrary to intention, and so indicates defect true, remember always that example of means; we come to the deeper difficulty that such emotions, in common with all emotions, can exist only in a consciousness which is limited. them good books and pictures if you Every emotion has its antecedent ideas, and antecedent ideas are hacan afford them, let them enjoy them-The weary, crabbed and bitually supposed to occur in God; he is represented as seeing or hearing home at night after money-grabbing this or the other, and as being emotionally affected thereby. That is to say, the conception of a divinity possessing these traits of character. stand the merry prattling of his children. He calls for the nurse to reessarily continues anthropomorphic: move them because they irritate him. not only in the sense that the emo-Shame on such men! That old Rotions ascribed are like those of huof the man beings, but also in the sense that Gracchi, whom you read of in history, they form parts of a consciousness was once conversing with other Rowhich, like the human consciousness man ladies about their riches. One is formed of successive states. And said "I have a string of pearls, it cost such a conception of the divine con a king's ransom;" another said, "I sciousness is irreconcilable both with have the most beautiful jewels in the unchangeableness otherwise al-Rome." When they returned to this leged, and with the omniscience othgrand woman to recount her rich erwise alleged. For a consciousness constituted of ideas and feelings trinkets she called her sons, and set-

ting them. before these Roman ladies, caused by objects and occurrences cannot be simultaneously occupied Yes, your children are the jewels that God has given you, and I tell you with all objects and all occurrences throughout the universe. To believe that if you do not do right by them in a divine consciousness, men must that in the spirit world you will be refrain from thinking what is meant If by consciousness-must stop short you send them to an orthodox Sunday with verbal propositions; and proposchool, and you are a Spiritualist, sitions which they are debarred from rendering into thoughts will more you are inconsistent, if you do not add your testimony to the teaching they and more fail to satisfy them.

Of course like difficulties present Make no mistake. I cannot underthemselves when the will of God is stand any man who believes in the spoken of.

The conception of a divine

spiritual philosophy sending his chil-So long as we refrain from giving iren to an orthodox Sunday school, definite meaning to the word will and saying nothing about the great we may say that it is possessed by the truths that are not taught there. but Cause of All Things as readily as we etting the myths and fables and the may say that love of approbation is egendary stories sink into the minds possessed by a circle; but when from of those children without telling them the words we pass to the thoughts the truth as you understand it. they stand for, we find that we can

I have just been told that my time no more unite in consciousness the has expired. I trust you will think over my few remarks on this subject, terms of the one proposition than we can think of the other. Whosoever and that you will realize with me that conceives any other will than his own we commit offences against criminals must do so in terms of his own will inasmuch as we do not deal with them which is the sole will directly known Society at present is so conto him-all other wills being only instituted that we are turning out crimferred. But will, as each is conscious inals every day, and it behooves some presupposes a motiveone to protect and to show a more prompting desire of some kind: abperfect way, which I have done this solute indifference, excludes the connight, with pleasure, and to the best ception of will. Moreover, will, as CHARLES BRIGHT. implying a prompting desire, connotes -Harbinger of Light, Australia. some end contemplated as one to he

-innocent, prattling children, who

Who knows but in that prattling

Religion must always be something ment of it; some other will referring to some other end, taking its place. emotional, and the culture of emotion is not carried on advantageously That is to say, will, like motion, necin ordinary school-teaching. The essarily supposes a series of conscious system that is best for securing the in-tellectual element is not best for seness. will, involves, like it, localization in uring the emotional element. -Bain apace and time; the willing of each In wonder all philosophy Isay religend, excluding from consciousness for ion] began, in woulder it ends, and admiration fills up the interspace; but an interval the willing of other ends, it is the same with the ascription of the first wonder is the offspring of igintelligence. Not to dwell on the se norance, the last is the parent of adorighty and limitation implied as beration.-Coleridge.

fore, we may note that intelligence

#### A CORRECTION.

#### Professor Denton Was Never a Materialist.

To the Editor: -- In the interesting reminiscences of Mr. Newman Weeks, ublished in your issue of May 18th, find an error which I am certain he

will be willing to see corrected. Mr. Weeks places the name of William Denton in a list of "good men and true," who, he says, in the early days came into the ranks of Spiritualism from Materialism.

This is a mistake. Mr Denton was never a materialist: he was a Methodist, and from his boyhood commenced preaching Methodism; but the road from Methodism to early (or Wesley's) Spiritualism was short and diect, and he soon found it. Hence he was ready to join the modern movement as soon as the first call was sounded.

ELIZABETH M. F. DENTON. Wellesley, Mass.

terms of changes primarily wrought by alien activities-the impressions generated by things beyond consciousness, and the ideas derived from such impressions. To speak of an intelligence which exists in the absence of all such alien activities, is to use a meaningless word. If to the corollary that the First Cause, considered as intelligent objective activities, it is replied that these have become such by act of creation, and were previously included in the First Cause; then the reply is that in such case the First Cause could, before this creation have had nothing to generate in it such changes as those constituting what we call intelligence, and must therefore have been unintelligent at the time when intelligence was most called for. Hence it is clear that the intelligence ascribed, answers in no respect to that which we know by the name. It is intelligence out of which all the characters constituting it have achieved, and ceases with the achievevanished.

These and other difficulties, some of which are often discussed but never disposed of, must force men hereafter to drop the higher anthropomorphic characters given to the First Cause. as they have long since dropped the lower .--- "Principles of Sociology."

Duty is carrying on promptly and faithfully the affairs now before you. It is to fulfill the claims of to-day .----Goethe

True politeness is perfect ease and as alone conceivable by us, presup-prover existence independent of it and ing others just as you love to be consistent with a straight of the set of the straight of the set of

ed with perseverance and love for the cause, ways would suggest themselve for securing a foothold in unworked towns, by getting in touch with out or more good reliable Spiritualists as a nucleus, and by applying the meth odical system of modern business institutions, interest could be awakened and the influence of our movemen

largely augmented. The work of this bureau could be made the forerunner to the work of the Missionary and Mass Meeting, the one complementing the other-all cooperating for one general purpose. Spiritualists of New York State, are you willing to make the moderate sacrifice which will enable the incoming board of trustees to give this system a trial?

## Memberships.

As was stated in your president's ast Annual Report, until local societies' are established in many more of the towns and villages of the State, there will be a demand for direct individual membership, to enable isolated Spiritualists and those in localities where there is insufficient numbers to support a local society, to become a part of the organized movement. Direct individual members are entitled to participate in the deliberations of the Annual Convention and have a voice in directing the work of

Lyceums, Mrs. Reynolds, will report to the convention. We are, however, the association. At the last Annual Convention a rule was adopted requiring the trusber of young persons identified with tees of the State Association to pass upon the acceptance of applications for membership, which rule has been complied with for the past year. As we have already stated, if the

thousands of worthy Spiritualists in the State would uphold the hands of the State officers and faithful workers by becoming members of this association, their influence would count for much, and their dollars as annual in their summer program as "New York State Day," and for the Assemdues would materially assist in enlarging the scope of the work of our bly season of 1907, July 24th is desigmissionaries and organizers along the nated as New York State Day. Mrs. lines heretofore mentioned.

T. U. Reynolds and your president In addition to the active member are named to speak on that day. The ships, provision is made for Life Memdate is about the middle of the Assemberships by the payment of \$25, which bly season, and comes in a week entitles life members to all the priviwhich bristles with good things, and leges of direct individual members it will be a good week for New Yorkduring life without payment of annual ers to attend that beautiful Spiritualdues ist resort. Thomas Grimshaw, of St. We now have quite a list of Life Louis, pastor of a very flourishing

Members, and will gladly welcome additions to this list during this convention, and on through the coming year. The money which I invested a few

years ago in a Life Membership is the best investment I have, and the world. The Spiritualist Press.

While the Spiritualist press is not officially a part of the State or National organizations, the editors of all Spiritualist papers are doing a great deal for the organized movement. Their columns are always open to notices of important public ings, reports of conventions and general information concerning our organized work. The advertising thus given gratis for our New York State Assoliation, if paid for at regular advertising rates, would amount to a goodly sum each year, and while we all feel very grateful to the editors, I feel that we owe them something more than gratitude, and that we can, at least, assist these men who are doing so much for our department of the Spirtualistic work; by soliciting subscrip-

ions and doing all in our power to enlarge the circulation of their papers. In doing this we not only help the editors of the papers, but we do much

etween the two worlds will become generally recognized fact. But that s for the future, and to-day we must neet and deal with the conditions of

o-day. It Brother Alstin has well said, "The Ethical Standard of Modern Spiritual-ism is not surpassed by that of any other system of feligion or philoso-hy". "Dat ethical locations on particular of the system of the standard of the surplices of the standard of the system of the standard of the stan phy." That ethical' questions are re ceiving increased attention is unquestionably truë!<sup>1</sup> But the practical appli-sation of the lotty principles and ideals which constitute the essence of Spiritualist teachings, by bringing them into and making them a part of the everyday life; is the legitimate work of Spiritualism.

That thoughts are things, has in this 20th century become something more than a beautiful theory. It is a recognized fact in Nature; and the thought atmosphere of to-day is becoming surcharged with those lofty principles of Love, Equity and Justice, which stand for Brotherhood.

The stirring of conscience is maniseek to counteract the evil influence festing itself in the minds of the peowhich is spread abroad by the ignorant, the low and vicious among them. When it is known that this low class ple, and the Brotherhood of Man, exemplified and lived on this earth, is the ideal toward which the thought creates so much and unspeakable misof to-day is pointing. We, as Spiritualists, have opened ery among the dwellers on both sides of life, it is but fair and reasonable

the way for master minds in Spiritual realms to bring this thought more to expect that the higher developed forcibly before the people.

For a generation the American people have been money mad, and life has been measured by accumulations of wealth. The poor have imitated the rich, the rich have made new records of extravagance, while selfish-ness and greed have run riot. But indications now point to a Spiritual awakening. A change for better material conditions seems to be coming. From the press, the pulpit, the platform, and from the home also, is coming a healthy protest against measuring life by dollars and cents; and Spiritualism in opening the way for angelic teachers to be heard, has been largely instrumental in this awaken-

ing of the people. Spiritualism ever stands for free dom. It is educational in its methods. It teaches men and women to think. They have thought themselves out of the bondage of creedal theology; and it is now a fact that the whole tone and subject matter of modern preaching has been modified and elevated by spirit teaching and the propaganda

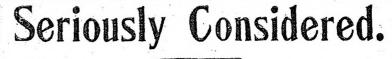
f Spiritualism, Brother and sister Spiritualists, this ictory is yours. You have, by the

aid of your angel helpers, won this great battle in the war for Freedom. But a greater conflict is before you. Momentous problems now confront the American people, upon a wise solution of which depends the future wel-

fare and happiness of generations yet unborn. The money power is now in control of the means of production in this country. The lands, the machinery, and the means of transportation are owned and manipulated by this tremendous power of concentrated wealth, in a way to deprive the masses of a just and equitable share of the wealth being produced.

Men, women and children are fettered and bound by this system. Spir-itual growth and progress are thus hampered and hindered and the world's progression is held in check. The cry of Freedom from this material thradom is going, up from millions of fettered souls. The cry for Justice and Equality of opportunity are vibrant in the air, and as soldiers in the battle for Freedom, and as the

natural leaders in reform, is it not our duty to move forward in the educational work of teaching the people to put into practical application in the everyday affairs of life the spirit



A Devout Spiritualist Takes into Consideration Subjective Mediumship and Promiscuous

Control, and Reasons Therefrom.

Subjective mediumship and the pro- zers which too often lurk in the back miscuous control of sensitives is and must be recognized by those who have ground of the others. Those who charge the Masters of any experience along this line as a menace to both mortals and spirits.

(See Psychological Crime.)

that School with selfishness and intel-lectual pride, or worse yet, with gross ignorance and stupidity, overlook While exceptions may justly be claimed, they should only be claimed tirely the most conspicuous points in their exact formulary, which plainly in cases where, strict and constant indicates that such qualification safeguards are provided by competent spirit controls, who in all sincerity would bar anyone from attaining to mastership-at least in that school.

Now, I am not doped or developed enough to declare with others that 'whatever is is right," or that "al is right in the ultimate:" but I would rather say that whatever is right, let that be right, and don't twist it out of shape and place and make it unrecognizable thereby.

class should feel a strong desire to Aud as to the ultimate. I know abso prevent, check or counteract such nelutely nothing about it, except what farious work, and enlighten the igno-I get in the soap bubbles from others rant, elevate the low, and tame the Is it any wonder that so many go vicious with kindness, and liberate wrong when the line of demarkation their victims from bondage, and by is blurred to indistinctness? And that reforming them, increase the numbers by maxims and axioms which seem to of invisible helpers for the work of have been the ejaculations of some gentle toper while being ousted from a barroom, and ever since have passed Granted that we recognize in the

law of nature a Constructive and De-structive Principle, as taught by the as the Oracles of Delphi? Mediumship demands a sacrifice much greater than is bargained for by Masters of the School of Natural Science, and granted that the enlightened the shallow flippants who crave for spirits and their willing mediums vioa cheap notoriety and seek renown late this law of nature, and invoke through its attainment. For them Mastership is out of the question until this Destructive Principle to carry on their noble work, and are fully aware duly and truly prepared they can real of its penalty, and cheerfully suffer the consequence, would this not be ize its superiority G. A. WOLTER.

a great sacrifice offered on the Altar of Love for the sake of humanity?

DR. J. M. PEEBLES. Would not the exact Scale of Justice at least balance even when the good He Is Still in Australia Doing an Exmotives and its good results are concellent Work. sidered? In other words, could no amount of good works overbalance the To the Editor:-It gives me pleasharm done in this case? Are the vioare to forward you by this mail a porlators forever doomed to sink below tion of the controversy that I've been the line of despair and irrevocably lost having with preachers and clergymen in dissolution? Or may they enter the in Australia. The Rev. Mr. Brazier, an English clergyman, attacked Spirbroad field of hope and restitution where to recuperate their lost presitualism through the press, and of tige? I hope they can, and do, and will, so love and duty won't get rusty. course I promptly replied. In theological controversies I am in As long as spirits of the higher

my element. The daily "Age," in this suberes cannot be seen nor approached city, refused to publish my last reply to the Rev. Mr. Brazier, and so the by those on the lower planes, violations of this law of nature and the Destructive Principle can hardly be Victorian Association of Spiritualists took the matter up, and put it into print, Mr. Stampford alone taking avoided by those in their labor of love and rescue. And while I most highly esteem the Great School and its exact 500 copies. A copy will be sent to and profound science, and its wise every Preacher in Australia. I have now lectured in this city to and true Master's aim and endeavor, the V. A. S. Society about two months as exemplified in the peerless work of

the three volumes, comprising the and have three more Sundays to fill Harmonics of Evolution, The Great out my engagement. They now wish Psychological Crime, and the Great to employ me for six months, but Work, I cannot but feel exceedingly must be on my way homeward. 1 left sorry to know that the Master's noble Michigan, you know, last September I go soon from this city, a very plou efforts are so misjudged, misconstrued. unappreciated-yea, even scorned and city, running no street cars on Sunday condemned, and, alas! even by those who seem so eager in search of truth; until about 2 o'clock in the afternoon and printing no daily newspapers on Sunday. The city numbers about 500,000, and on each Sunday evening and lo, behold! when they find it, turn the other way, because there are so many lions in the way. there are 27 places, including parlors, It is this ultra-exactitude of this drawing rooms and halls where Spir

School which allows no exception to itism is proclaimed. the rule of its formulary, that is the I go from here to Sydney, New stumbling block to so many, and South Wales, where I lecture for two the cause of so much rash and unfair Sundays, morning and evening, in the criticism; and critics, instead of her- Unitarian Church, of which the Rev.



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Dr. Eugene Crowell, whose writings

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follows: "I am much pleased with the

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ciple and construction, and I am sure

HUDSON TUTTLE.

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son, daughter, and their mother

beth Harlow, of Columbus, Ohio, and Hon. Wendall C. Warner, will be there during that week, and in behalf

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bers of the State board. Under the conditions that have pre

that shall make it possible to accomplish much larger results during the coming year. There is a broad field for missionary work. Several large cities in this State have no organized Spiritualist societies, which is also true of a multitude of villages and hamlets. In many of these places there are no avowed Spiritualists, or at least none are willing to come for-

the good things there to be presented. Mediums' Certificates. Under the rules and instructions

#### of the Lily Dale Assembly I invite you all to come to Lily Dale for New York one upon which I expect to receive State day, July 24, 1907, and enjoy dividends when I enter the spirit

Spiritualist church in that city; Mrs. R. S. Lillie, of California; Miss Eliza-

adopted at the last convention, medicertificates and other printed blanks were provided to be used for meeting the needs in this direction. Few mediums have thus far availed

themselves of this privilege. But I realize that those intrusted with the duty of determining who of our mediums are, and who are not competent and worthy, to receive the recognition which these certificates are intended to convey, have no easy task before them, should conditions arise whereby large numbers of mediums

Thus far, however, the system can hardly be said to have had a fair trial, consequently I have no suggestions or recommendations to make regarding the matter.

#### Legislation.

At the time of our last annual conward and assist in the arrangements vention there was then pending before to forward our own work in the gene-for holding meetings. But with ample the Common Council of the City of ral movement. The press is the great-

mate practice of clairvoyance.

y able counsel.

I attended the hearings given by the

ordinance committee and was assisted

Finally an old State law was un-

earthed which prohibited the practice

trol of the practice of medicine.

In some respects this law is more

sweeping than the old law. But since

Among the exemptions from the ap-

plication of this law is the practice

of religious tenets of any church," and

since the New York State Association

s chartered "to conduct religious and

other meetings" to foster charter and

maintain Spiritualist societies and en-

terprises for religious and missionary

purposes germane to the phenomena,

science, philosophy, and religion of

Spiritualism, it would seem that ours

is clearly a religious organization

within the meaning of the law, and

that Spiritual healing in all its forms

fairly comes under this exemption

lause, especially when done by those

who are working under the State or-

ganization or its auxiliary local socie-

The Pioneer

to the pioneers in their movement.

The veteran worker who has

or she ventured to express truths that

The National Association maintains

Some of us are regular contributors

The Spiritualists owe a great deal

ties.

thought atmosphere, we will not care so much who shock the tree, or who Spiritualism is not what it should be, There are obstacles in this work, as and the person who will demonstrate some practical method for strengthen-

New York State Association.

Annual Report of Pres't H. W. Richardson.

In submitting this, my report, to the 11th Annual Convention of the New York State Association of Spir-At the last National Convention the

say that more people are now investi- State Associations was given consider

gating psychic manifestations than at ation, and a request was to be sent any time before since the birth of to all such societies in States that

research is done in a quiet, independ- National Association asking them to

more gratifying would be to see these tion the benefit of their influence and

matter of exclusive jurisdiction of the

are chartered auxiliaries to the

relinquish their National Charter and

take charters from the Association of

the State in which they are located

In this connection I suggest that these

societies within the border of New

York State be invited to transfer their

allegiance and give the State Associa

support, which benefit I trust will be

Children's Lyceums.

visit many of the local societies pre-

cludes his giving any detail report on this part of the State work. But

our State superintendent of Children's

confronted with the fact that the num-

State Days and Camps.

The inability of your president to

there are in all reform' movements, philosophical way is to work but the in patic se and perseverance, remem-bering that there is strength and growth in the overcoming of obstacles and the more formidable the obstacle the greater the victory and the greater the possible gain in growth and development.

itualists, I am glad to be able to

Modern Spiritualism; but much of this

ent way, and outside of the public

the doorway, and the angels are reach-

ing the people, which is certainly

gratifying to conscientious workers in

this cause. But what would be still

their influence as well as their finan-

But we are glad the people are re-ceiving the knowledge of our beauti-

ful philosophy. And when Spiritual-

ism is generally understood and ac-cepted, and the human race lifted out

more progressive, more spiritual

new converts take part in society support, work, giving the added strength of mutual.

materialistic thought into

The organized movement has opened

work of our societies.

cial support.

gathered the plums.

of , its

#### Missionary Work.

This department of State work has been continued by your faithful missionary and organizer, Mrs. T. U. Rey-nolds, during a considerable part of the past year, the details of which will be given you in her report of the Convention.

This is a very important feature o the organization work, and the duties of those to whom it is intrusted involves the inconvenience of being continually on the move from place to place, and consequent lack of many home comforts, and of that quietude which contributes so much to human happiness. But devotion to the cause, and the consciousness of doing good to others, seems to have inspired our missionary to put forth her best endeavor and to throw her whole life

into this work, the result of which cannot be measured in dollars and cents, nor even known to the human mind, but which I am certain is greatly appreciated by the multitudes who have been privileged to attend her meetings, as well as by the mem-

vailed, perhaps all has been done in this direction that could have been expected. But I want to urge upon this convention, and upon every Spir-itualist in the State of New York, the importance of providing conditions

## apply for certificates.

ing this weak point in our movement will confer a great favor on the workers and do much to promote the cause The management of Lily Dale

Assembly recognizes this State Association. In 1906 a day was set apart

funds available, suitable meeting Buffalo a proposed ordinance imposplaces could be engaged, meetings ading a license to be paid by persons vertised, and the people would come who practice clairvoyance, fortune out, and an interest would in most telling, etc. Your president opposed this ordicases be awakened that would bear

fruit in the future of our movement There is still much ignorance concerning Spiritualism and its mission, fication so as to exempt the legitiand when these truths are presented in their proper light, prejudice will give way to knowledge, and the advo cates of our cause will be multiplied and the number of auxiliary societies largely increased.

There are thousands of Spiritualists of clairvoyance, witchcraft, etc. This in New York State, and one dollar old piece of legislation had been annually from each of these would forgotten, but answered a convenient create a fund sufficient to put more purpose in this instance, for it was an missionaries in the field, carry for- easy matter to show the Councilmen ward a much larger work in the direc- the inconsistency of licensing persons tion I have indicated. I trust this to practice a thing which was prohib-convention, or the incoming board, ited by a State law. Hence the whole may be able to devise some method matter was dropped and nothing for largely increasing this branch of heard from it since. State work.

#### Mass Meetings.

During the year State Association Mass Meetings were held in Potsdam. in New York City, and in Buffalo, and the results in each instance were favorable to the State Association as well as to the societies in the localities where held, not so much in a financial way as in creating interest

and reaching new people. After missionary work, perhaps Mass Meetings, conducted as an organization movement for propaganda work, are next in importance. Wherever such State Association meetings have been held, the outcome has been favorable, the interest increased and beneficial results have followed

I recommend that the incoming board be instructed to extend this feature of State work, so as to reach more of the larger towns of the State. As to the smaller towns, the missionary work is supposed to reach them, although in some instances it might be advantageous if an assistant could accompany the regular mission

ary for a State meeting.

#### Local Societies.

Our local auxiliary societies, as a the brunt of the battle in the heat rule, seem to be doing good, effective of the day; the ploneer who has stood work, and I am of the opinion that up for these truths when the oppotheir reports to the convention will sition was strong, sometimes almost show that the cause is progressing fierce, and who was met with ridicule. favorably through this branch of vituperation and ostracism because he State work.

This is especially true of those were not understod, consequently were societies where speakers have been not appreciated by the masses, is cerengaged for the year or a term of tainly entitled to some consideration months at a time, which indicates at the hands of us whose ways are the advantage of settled speakers ways of pleasantness as compared with where it is possible.

the road they were forced to travel. Two local societies in the State have since our last convention purchased a pension fund and receives donations occupy their own meeting and disburses these funds to the veteplaces, notably the Plymouth Spirit- rans who are needy and worthy. ual Church of Rochester, and the Spiritual Society of Hornell. This is to the National Pension fund. But I gratifying and augurs well for the submit to you the question and ask permanency of the movement. These you to consider it. Has not the time already arrived when New York State are good examples to follow.

The State Association has issued six Association should move in this direcnew charters during the year, largely tion and begin to make provisions for the result of the missionary work; and our superannuated workers? I urge that this convention give besides these six, some two or three other societies are about ready to careful consideration to this matter. apply for charters, and will, we be-Correspondence and Literary Bureau. lieve, do so soon.

With sufficient available means for We welcome these groups of workers to our ranks, believing mutual carrying on a correspondence and lite-advantages and added force will accrue to them as well as to the State son in charge, it would seem that Association in this co-operation for much good work could be done, the uplift of humanity. Judiciously selected and carefully

There are still three or four socieedited literature could be used to good ties in this State holding charters advantage.

est educational factor in the world today. And the Spiritualist press is doing for our cause in particular what

the secular press is doing for the world in a general way. Every Spirifualist should take at nance and endeavored to secure its least one of the Spiritualist papers. defeat, or at least to secure its modi-And I urge that the workers resolve

> themselves into a committee of the whole, and work with one accord to extend the circulation and the influence of the Spiritualist press. We had hoped to have Brother Bach, of the Sunflower, with us at

this convention, but he wrote your president a few days ago that he would be unable to come, which we all very much regret. But let us remember him with something substantial in the way of subscribers, as well as the editors of "Reason," "The Progressive Thinker," and others. We are not unmindful of the kindly attitude and attention shown by the

During the present session of the secular press toward psychic manifestations and Spiritualist teachings, and New York State Legislature a bill has as our movement and its purposes bebeen enacted and become a law called the Medical Unification bill, which come better understood it will receive revolutionizes the system of State constill greater attention from that

source The Future of Spiritualism. We claim for - Spiritualism that it

is a progressive movement. Almost sixty years of co-operation between advanced teachers in higher spheres and conscientious men and women on the earth plane have borne its fruit and made a marked impress upon hu-man thought and contributed largely to the world's advancement, intellect tuality, materially and spiritually. The foundation for this progressive movement is the proof of continuity of life, together with the fact of spirit intercommunion.

Through the one the prevailing materialism of fifty years ago has been practically wiped out, while through the other many useful and beautiful lessons have been revealed from mas ter minds in the spirit world, which has changed the whole modern con ception of the future life, of the universe, and of God.

Spiritualism has removed the sting of death by showing that it is a natural and beautiful event, a welcome visitor to the matured soul whose abors on earth are finished, and who through this change graduates into a higher department of life's great

chool It immensely enlarges man's con ception of the universe, and of an allpervading inteligence called God: and confirms the poetic ideal that "This universe is one stupendous whole, whose body Nature is, and God the So that to-day science is Soul." forced to recognize the all-pervading life-force pulsating in every atom of a Spiritual universe, of which this world is only an infinitesimal part. Mediumship in its varied forms is could not act upon the human mind. Thought force is an instrumentality used by the higher intelligences to convey the messages and impress them upon the sensitive brain of the mediumistic individuals. And Spiritualism is the one religious movement encourages and defends mewhich

diumship. The time may-come-yes, we believe the time will come, in fact it has already come to many people, but we believe it will eventually come to

of Brotherhood and the principles of Justice? Universal Brotherhood is the ideal as sour.

of to-day. Sometime it is to become a living reality right here on this earth: and I should feel that I was recreant to my duty if I failed to do my humble part toward liberating the people from the present thraidom of commercialism and establishing in its stead a system of Justice and Brotherhood.

It is a Spiritual movement, born in the angel world, and they need our loving co-operation in establishing these ideals here on earth.

Many of our speakers are earnest advocates of this reform movement, and some societies are making it a part of their regular work. I notice one society advertises Universal Brotherhood meetings for Sunday afternoons. I suggest that this convention set apart an hour for the discussion of ways and means whereby more effectual work can be done along these lines and not unduly encroach upon

the other society work. Ha Sin ICHARDSON, President. Hil sphepra, New York. he ele

reing "Med WATER WITCH." Some Reflections on What the Writer

**Regards** as a Superstition.

To the Editor :-- I have been very much interested in the discussion going on with regard to the "Water Witch," or the finding of water with a crotched stick. I was surprised at finding such intelligent persons clinging to the old, superstition that has attached to so natural a phenome

non. A crotched stick, a witch hazel or anyone of the elastic wood is taken in the hands, the palms upward, with the point of the stick upward, grasped firmly. Then the hands turned inward, thus bending the prongs out of

ward, thus bending the prongs out of their natural position which they will try to regard as a matter of course. The "Witch" now commences to walk around, holding the point up-ward, the hands well pressed toward each other, and the muscles on the inside of the hand, are released, either consciously, or unconsciously, and at once, the stick begins to turn in either direction to regain its natural posi-

One will at once observe that in the beginning the prongs of the stick are bent upward, and after it has turned in the hands of the "Witch," they are

The hands of tight which, they are straight. If in the practice anyone can cause the stick to turn in either direc-tion, toward or from, the person hold-ing it, whether walking or standing, simply by the action of the muscles. on the inside of the hands. The "Witch" touching the person who an important agency in this work, has hold of the stick, has no effect on without which the higher forces the same, it only attracts the attention of the person when he uncon

sciously releases the muscles of the palms of the hands and allows its natural position. The prong should be about as stiff

as the person can easily bend. GEO. THOMAS. Easton, N. Y.

"Longley's Beautiful Songs." A new edition comprising in one volume the heretofore published, to four parts we believe it will eventually come to all-when, through the intuition of which is added part five, also a num-impressional mediumship, each indi-widsal, will be directly assound by including "Only a Thin Voll Between

alding its truths, do like the fox in Mr. Walters is the pastor. He is fahung too high, and so denounced them

DAWNING OF A MILLENNIAL DAY, Brisbane to speak a month of Sunbut I also realize that between now day's, morning and evening; then to and then there lies a wide stretch of the Fiji Islands, where I expect to time, and a great need of charity for remain two weeks, witnessing several constant exercise; and as the harvest of the manifestations among the nais overripe and the laborers few, 1 lives, known for their power to walk feel constrained to plead for the hon- oin burning coals with bared feet est mediums and the exalted spirits then on among other Islands of the who are prompted by love and charity, Pacific Ocean, tending towards Honoand work unselfishly for the benefit of Julu and Vancouver.

their fellow-beings. The man who steals a million dol lars is a thief, and so is he who only times during the week upon yegeta- ter when its superior merits become steals a loaf of bread, for both have violated the same law: they only differ in degree. But the one who steals a loaf of bread to feed the starving will surely be exonerated through the law of love, if love is the fulfillment of the law. music and declamations and speeches

If honest mediums and their good and some fine presents, they sent me spirit friends are guilty of breaking along the line of my 86th milestone the law, they stand on the same level march with a real zest. Some of my with the one who stole the bread to old friends were present who listened feed the hungry; and therefore I to me 35 years ago, on my first visit would gladly laud such mediums and to Australia. Never do I forget my such spirits, whose life-work is dedi-cated to uplift humanity, educate the ship of a true friend. friends, and never do I lose the friend

I am attending Mr. Stanford's sespirits in darkness, relieve the obsessed and obsessing, even though ances each week. Mr. C. Balley, one they must infringe upon the laws of of the greatest, if not THE greatest nature, and stand good for its penmedium to-day in the world, is astonishing people with the manifestations altv.

When we consider the vast numbers that occur in his presence. I have not of spirits who are but the victims of time to enumerate them, but shall our faulty social and educational sys- speak of them on my return in contems; who wander about an aimless, necction with the marvels that I saw in the presence of India's Yogis in the homeless and hopeless throng, forever menacing and victimizing the consuburbs of Calcutta and also in the stantly increasing multitudes of sensimountains.

tives; when we observe the reckless Pardon this prosy letter I only hypnotist, who knows but little and called my typewriter to mention the cares less about the fatal psychologi- enclosing of the printed brochures. cal consequences of his science, and I sorrowed to tears over the departthereby multiplies the number of senure of my friend, Moses Hull. I last sitives, and when we reflect upon the saw him in San Diego, Cal.. and lisplanchette and kindred instruments tened to his burning words of eloand devices which look so nice, neat quence. He was a great biblical exand harmless, and are interesting to pounder. Though slightly differing play with, and yet so insidious, and have proved so dangerous that dyna-we were for nearly forty years the god-send instead, then we stop and Biego we talked of our white hairs calmly reflect. and what we believed was awaiting us

They open the way to subjective in those higher realms invisible. Excontrol of any and all kinds of spirits, pecting then to go first, I promised to and they have wrought wreck and ruin manifest to him on the first feasible in many a family, and also have in opportunity. Well, he went He was a good and a grand man, sitives; and yet the feeble voice of and unquestionably has gone up high-warning will be lost in the roaring er into those holier realms of exist-

May heaven's choicest blessings rest

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the parable, for whom the grapes vorably inclined to Spiritualism, and is very popular in the city, doing active work in all the reform move-I sense in the Master's work THE ments. From Sydney I go on to

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## THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

Lettie M. Allen.

## Dr. J. M. Peebles In Melbourne, Australia.

As it is not possible [as set forth in the Harbinger of Light] to give detailed reports of Dr. Peebles' most successful course of lectures in Mel-but traveled on, inspired by faith bourne, which are all expressions of within, and warmed by God's sunshine the outlook he has attained from an above me. Never did I witness a star-advocacy of its claims during more less night. If clouds shut away the than half a century, a chat I had with glimmerings of the stars from my him on the trend of Spiritualism will vision, 1 knew that they were still convey to readers the heart of his above shining in peerless radiance, He speaks on the platform and that the morning would come with all the enthusiasm of a young Spiritualism has been an anchor to my man, and is as ready to defend the soul. It demonstrates a future exist truth as when he paid his first visit ence, encourages the desponding, and to Australia over 30 years ago. For does not say good-night to the dying, one whose life is so harmonious, so but tells of a good-morning just over full of deep religious sentiment, it is there, where the loved meet, and partastonishing to him that Spiritualists ing is unknown. "Never happier hours did I pass

generally have not become more spir-itual-minded and more harmonious. than when hearing the good, grey, "I am sorry," he says, "that many American poet, Walt Whitman, read consult spirits not for ennobling ends, to me paragraphs from his inimitable but to get glimpses of the future, "Leaves of Grass." These lines struck me as exquisitely beautiful:---

which they should realize must be the "I tell outcome of their life to-day.' you," he says, "what I have learned, "All seems beautiful to me, myself, from an exalted source, though, I can repeat over to men and women I do not wish you to accept it unless it appeals to your own reason, regarding the commencement of what is called

You have done such good to me I would do the same to you; will recruit for myself and you modern Spiritualism by the Rochester Knockings. At the initiation of this new gosper to the world there was a as I go, will scatter myself among men and women as I go,

Spiritual Communications,

Sir:-The contribution in the 'Age'

'our departed friends exist," and that

thus communicate. There are thou-

To the Editor of the "Age."

will toss a new gladness and rough a combination of great souls in the ness among them.

spirit realms, who gave the first im-petus to this movement which will Whoever denies me it shall not trou presently fill the world. Many great ble me.

souls withdrew when the awakening Whoever accepts me, he or she shall was complete, and future work was be blessed, and shall bless me." left to other controls. As is known

to most leading investigators, includ-Among Dr. Peebles' other activities during his stay in Melbourne was a newspaper controversy in the "Age" ing Dr. Hodgson, and others, it is as little known in the spheres as on the with Rev. Mr. Brazier, an Anglican earth that communication between the two is possible. Mr. W. T. Stead's "After Death" shows this in Julia's clergyman, in answer to that gentleman's strictures in the columns of the 'Age" on "Spiritual Communica-tions." We give the whole of Dr. impatience at not getting established at once "A Bureau of Communication" tions.' Peebles' letter for the benefit of for both discarnate and incarnate spirfriends at a distance who may not The truth began to spread after the first awakening in lower spiritual otherwise see it:

spheres and, as a consequence, the movement, as a whole, became controlled and obsessed by a lower class

of spirits. The outcome of this deof 9th inst., reporting the Rev. Mr. generation is that the more thinking Brazier's sermon upon Spiritualism and earnest Spiritualists are rapidly was interesting, much of which was in moving toward a religious philosophy my own line of thought, such as that which is in perfect harmony with the religion of the Christ. Jesus said to they "exist in conscious and intelli-gent state." He might have gone fur-His disciples. "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you," simply because they were "Sensitives," and gent state." ther, and said that in Biblical times there were trances and visions. and the early Apostolic Church was Christhe gift of tongues and healing, and ian Spiritualism. Jesus of Nazareth the "discerning of spirits (I Cor., xii: 10), and inasmuch as spiritual beings tood on the very pinnacle of ancient lebrew Spiritualism, and Paul, incommuned with mankind in the past, spired by this thought, said: shall be saved by His life." 'We should they not still continue to communicate with mankind? They do

#### She World Advancing Toward Spiritualism.

sands-ave, millions-in the most enlightened countries in the world noted Everyone is progressing spiritually said Dr. Peebles, in his optimistic for their intelligence, conspicuous for their integrity, famous for their scienfashion. Christian denominations as tific attainments, prominent for their well as Spiritualists are receiving the good moral characters and scholarly The Methodists of U.S.A. light. research, who will solemnly testify are proposing to modify their creeds. that after years of candid investiga-tion, and upon strictly scientific prin-Orthodox churches, generally, are progressing toward the ideal of a Christian Spiritualism and away from ciples, they have demonstrated the gramping creeds and professions of truth of present-day spiritual manifestations-manifestations from their faith. Spiritualism is a universal force friends whose bodies rest beneath the in the world not confined to Spiritualists, but influencing many who have willows. The testimony of these millions is as direct and overwhelming never seen a medium. This applies to Spiritualists also. Some of the best as it is unimpeachable. Both Spiritualism and theosophy are the direct know have never sat in a circle, but have developed their own spir- antitheses of materialism. Take Spiritual natures by "living the life" and itualism from the Bible and you rob the study of our grand literature. It of all life, for it is the "spirit that They have thus grown to that state of giveth life." The primitive Christians consciousness in which they just as were religious Spiritualists. When naturally converse with spirits as John was about to worship a spirit music responds to music, and love re- whom he took to be God, the voice

A VERY IMPORTANT MATTER. THE CAUSE AT LOS What Is the Present Status of Spiritualism?

It is to be hoped that the Spiritu-

alists of the United States have some pride in presenting their movement to the world as it really is in respect to numbrs, societies, and wealth, UI to the present time, less than one third of the 760 societies in the United States have made their returns to the Census Bureau. Naturally, many interested people are asking if less than one-third of our leaders have

any love for their religion. It rests with the Spiritualists to have their movement properly presented in the report of the Director of the Census. Mr. North is doing everything in his power to collect reliable statistics with regard to Spiritualism. I have done my best to aid him; I have sent out over 600 letters of inquiry to which very few replies have been received. Some of the good people to whom I have written inform me that they are too busy to furnish desired information; others write long letters about their societies but do not fill the

cards as requested; others still make no reply whatever. It is probable that some of the people to whom these letters go, think that they are getting even with the N. S. A., or splting its President, by refraining from giving attention to these important letters. They are simply injuring the cause they profess to love by withholding the desired facts. Neither the N. S. A. nor its President, gains anything prionally by receiving these communications. The statistics gathered are turned

over to the government by whose clerks compilations are made, showing the standing of Spiritualism in our country, It should be a matter of pride to all Spiritualists to have their religion

stand on equal footing with other denominations by having authenticated data placed in the hands of the gov-ernment. Is it not the duty of the officers of all local societies and camp meetings to make returns at the earliest possible moment in harmony with Why should not all the memfacts? bers of the Board of Trustees of the N. S. A., likewise the members of all

State Boards, be willing to aid in this good work? We have very few days remaining

the Spiritualistic movement. Prompt action is now ncessary. I appeal therefore, to the officers of all the local societies, and other associations, to fill the cards forwarded them, according to instructions, and mail them labor has been undertaken. Unless there is co-operation on the part of all local workers, Spiritualism will make a poorer showing in the census report of the present year than it did itualists. in the one made by Supt. Porter, in 1890.

Spiritualists, will you not arouse giving your immediate attention to this important work? It will be your fault if your religion shows a falling off where it should show a decided gain. Once more let me urge you to give this matter considerate attention. Yours for Spiritualism.

HARRISON D. BARRETT.

Poem by Theodore Tilton.

I stood beside a burial urn And thought how life is but a day And how the nations each in turn Have lived and passed away.

The earth is peopled with the dead

#### PRESENT CLAIMS OF ANGELES, CALIFORNIA Mrs. Russegue Explains What It Communication from Mrs. E. G. Howe. Stands For and Gives Psycho-During the last few, weeks the cause

metric Tests,

SPIRITUALISM.

of Spiritualism in Los Angeles has been attracting much, interest among the outside people. The Tauthseeker's Society, the oldest in the city, has had such speakers as J. L. Dryden, Dr. Adah Patterson, Emilie Kratz, and Lottle M. Allen Special Spiritualistic services are eing held here this week under the auspices of the Montreal Church of Spiritualism. The services express the initiatory stages of a permanent organization, which those interested in occult manifestations intend to establish. The idea is to secure the services of a pastor or lecturer, who will promote the study of spiritualistic phenomena and form a continuous bond of union between the members.

In order to give stimulus to the movement, Mrs. Russegue, one of the most celebrated mediums and clairvoyants on the continent, is here on a visit. She opened the campaign yesterday with two exceedingly able and interesting addresses, in Karn Hall, and these will be followed up by others to-night, to-morrow night ' and Wednesday night-all expository and explanatory of modern Spiritualism. The services were well attended, and there can be no doubt Mrs. Russegue succeeded in exciting the inter-est and riveting the attention of her audiences. She speaks with great fluency and charm. Her diction is lofty and pure. Her voice thrills and She has great mental penetrates power; and she appeals to the reason as well as the imagination of her hearers. After each of her addresses which she preceded by prayer, and Scripture readings, she gave a series of psychometric tests, in which by means of articles collected from members of the audience she located their owners, and sketched their life history in a way that made the subjects feel that they were under the scrutiny of some subtle. mysterious and uncan ly power that was capable of probing the hidden depths of character and bringing to light qualities that those concerned may have believed themselves to possess, but which they could in few cases have defined with such precision and none with such wonderful eloquence.

years, has evidently had ripe experience of life and a profound knowledge of human nature. Her morning discussion was an exposition of what Spiritualism stands or, while in the evening she explored the world of thought, showing how much mankind owed to thought in the general industrial economy and social conditions under which we lived.

complementary to the morning one. Spiritualism, it was explained, im-

spiritually minded, and Spiritualism implied this as well as closer relationship between the souls of men and women and the infinite-between the human and divine. Spiritualism meant the living of higher and holier lives-purity of life and character, for it was through pure, godly and holy lives that we became the medium of the transmission of the divine messages to mankind.

**Revelation Still Going On.** 

The great distinction between the church of Spiritualism and other churches was that the dogmas and doctrines of the other churches were fixed and definite. The revelations from the divine power, the infinite and absolute Ruler of the Universe, ended with the sacred writings. Spiritual-ism, on the other hand, believed in their continuity. The emanations from the divine were as potent in the and my time had come, and I know world to-day as they had ever been.

#### SPIRIT MESSAGES. Given Through the Mediumship of Mrs. Nellie Davis, of

Kewanee, Ill. I should like to send out a letter this

evening, if I thought mamma would see it, and I would give her a little comfort, for mother and my sister Adjust God could take me away, when I was needed so badly at home, and I want to explain now that I want ambitious spirit.

I know all you have to contend with. Yes, dear Mamma, I know all, and that is the reason I come here where the Great I find the gateway open to everyone. Knowing that there are those con-nected with the family who are inter-ested in Spiritualism, and there are many who knew me that have tried to comfort my people by geting, them to understand that the spirit capper-turn, so I am here to-day, hoping to say something that will be convincing Knowing that there are those consay something that will be convincing such as we often indulge in."-From to them. I want to say to my brother title-page. Price, 35 cents. that I was with you on May 28 when you went out leaving Mamma so sad, and did not return until two o'clock the next morning. You first entered live in your thought world, that, sooner a saloon, two blocks from home, or later, you will find objectified in your where you met Frank W. and Ira M.,

ville show. You accepted the invitation. There you met Blanche and accompanied her home. She stopped on the way at a friend's home for about twenty minutes, and you waited on the outside and sat down on the curbing. You told her that you were going away, and was not going to tell anyone where you were going. When

you returned home Mamma was sitting up waiting for-you.

Now, some may wonder why I write as I do. But I have often heard my brother say, if some one would come and tell him something \*that he was sure they had no way of knowing about, that he would believe that we could return. Then again I thought if he knew that father and I knew what he was doing, he would lead a better life. So for his good and for Mamma's happiness I write as I have.

I wish also to send thanks and appre ciation to the ones who were so kind to me at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, New York City, as that is where I passed out.

Now I don't know of anything more to say of interest, more than trying to prove my identity. My mother's name is Nancy and my father's William.

Please put me down as Effie Geneva Sargent. 1 passed away about 16 years ago. EFFIE GENEVA SARGENT.

How beautiful it is to be able to

send out a few words to those in earth-life, after passing away.

I have been some little time in the spirit world. As near as I can count the time, I think it is about seven years. I was a young girl when 1 passed away-only seventeen, and as I look back now to that life with its faded memory, I realize how little I knew of life, nor what I must pass through if I had lived on earth longer. I dreaded to leave home and my parents and brothers, for I knew just how they would miss me; and while

they knew where I was going, and that I would be happy, it did not make it much easier for them to part with me.

Oh, I wanted to tell them that all was done that could be done for me. if they could only see the beauty and

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The Society of Spiritual Progression has a regular paster in Mary C. Vlasek, who, in addition to her duties

in connection with her society, is the conductor of the Union Lyreum, the only lyceum in Los Angeles. This society has also a Ladies', Auxiliary, The Sunshine Club, which is organized for, and does, a great deal of charitable work in Los Angeles. A Young People's League was recently organized in connection with this work, with 36 members, which affiliated with the State Association on May 12, with special services. The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Truth Seekers, "The Guiding Star," held a basket picnic at the Spiritualist camp grounds at Edendale on May 30, at which time they presented the camp association with a large American flag. Arthur

S. Howe, president of the State Asso-ciation, presided, and made the presentation speech for the Guiding Star Association, of which he is a member, which was ably responded to by the president- of the camp association, Arthur Prentice.

The day was a most enjoyable one although the recent exposure and arrest for not paying a license had brought among a few of the Spiritualists a little discord, which, however, was on the outside, and did not interfere with the meeting. At the present time the movement

in Los Angeles is one of complete harmony among the affiliated socie-ties, although the city officials are compelling a few to pay the license of thirty dollars a month or leave the city, it is hoped that as an organized movement we may soon receive recognition.

There are a few self-styled Spiritualists in this city who do not belong to any society, are not interested in consolidation of effort, and who through their own classification of everything into one class, and that Spiritualism, which has been very misin which to report the facts regarding leading to the general public, as well the various activities connected with as to Spiritualists themselves, who were not in touch with the organized movement.

We have had in this city for some few months Hugh R. Moore, recently of New York, who, while he has been known in the East as a Spiritualist, at once to me. Credit is given to came to this city and established a everyone who makes returns for his "Church of Humanity," and as he did local organization. I am gaining nothing for myself by doing this work; it is for Spiritualism that this added though through recent exposure by those who feel it their duty to expose such impostors who work under the cloak of Spiritualism," Mr. and Mrs. Moore were classed as with the Spir-

The enclosed copy from the Lo Angeles Herald of June 5 will explain the position of the State Association yourselves to the duty of the hour by Board. All who claim Spiritualism as their religion are not working with the organization of Spiritualism, and while we deplore the fact, we are unable at present to do more than protect those who are, and do work for it.

A mass meeting was held at Long Beach on Sunday, June'2, which was one of the best we have held. Three sessions were held, and each was well attended, and many were turned away in the evening for lack of room, although the Odd Fellows' Hall is a large one. This society was recently organized, and bids fair to be a strong one. Other locations in California are awakening to the fact that the only protection, as well as

Mrs. Russegue is well advanced in

The evening address was in a sense

plied a larger spiritual perception, the betterment of humanity, a higher conception of spiritual unity, a better and higher conception of truth, a closer relationship between God and ma. Paul had said that he who would

learn spiritual things must become

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music responds to music, and love re-sponds to love. Spiritualists should said, "See thou do it not, for I am work in every reform movement. Dr. thy fellow-servant and of thy brethren Peebles has carried this out during the prophets." On the mountain of his long career. Anti-vaccination, Transfiguration there appeared in temperance, both in eating and drink- glory two men (long dead)' Moses and ing-he is both a teetotaller and vege- Elias, and "behold they talked," and tarian-and every movement tending so forth.

True, as the Rev. Mr. Brazier states, toward peace and harmony have had his consistent and hearty support. Dr. there were, and there are, evil spirits. No intelligent Spiritualist denies this, Peebles says the best speakers on the spiritualistic platforms in America are and the Roman Catholic Church has giving forth the higher teachings he had its exorcists for the casting out of these obsessing spirits. Hence it advocates, and mentions in this conis wise, as the apostle taught, to "try nection Mrs. Brigham, of New York; the spirits." But Spiritualists as Mrs. Cora Richmond, of Chicago; Mrs. body do not "deny that Jesus Christ Lillie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mr. Wiggins, was the Son of God;" but do deny of Boston: B. F. Austin, Plymouth that He was the very God. They Church, Rochester, and some others. accent these words of Peter-Jesus

Dr. Peebles' 85th Birthday.

Christ, "a man approved of God by On March 23d a birthday celebrawonders," and so forth. Personally tion was held at the V. A. S. rooms, and most emphatically, do I believe that "Jesus Christ came in the flesh James Smith read a poem written and that he reigns to-day in the heavens," the brightness of theFath especially for the occasion, and pubdresses were given by Mr. Waschatz, sorrow, spiritists-not Spiritualistspressures: Mr. W. H. Terry, Mrs. who deny that Jesus Christ existed. Bright, Miss Hinge and Mrs. Was- This is the output of a painful ignohatz. Replying to the several ad- rance. Spiritism should never be condresses, Dr. Peebles said, with some founded with Spiritualism. The two emotion and a striking enthusiasm, words are not synonymous. Spiritism that he was almost overjoyed with is little more than Babylonian or the manifest appreciation and warmth Judaistic necromancy, telling fortunes of expression breathed from the old hunting coal fields, and divining for selfish purposes. Spiritualism and true Christianity friends and otherkindly souls present,

sending him with so many kindly words and good wishes along by sea are in perfect accord. And certainly and by land on his 86th year of life's Spiritualists believe that they should "try the spirits"---test the communijourney. He referred to several present-W. H. Terry, James Smith, and cating spirits; and they also believe others---who greeted him on his first in testing Spiritualists themselves, as arrival in Melbourne in 1872. And to whether or not they "walk in the referring to his lectures in the theater spirit"—the spirit of truth, integrity, and the Temperance Hall, he men-tioned Mr. Charles Bright (husband of believe in trying or testing Christians the present editor of the "Harbinger | --- Christian believers--- and they test Light") as the chairman of his them by these words of Jesus Christ, first meeting. At this time the daily press was that believe in My name, they shall

severely critical and sometimes radi-cally unjust, pronouncing Dr. Peebles a bold blasphemer, and Spiritualism a tongues. \* \* \* They shall lay hands Yankee-begotten humbug, but a gene- on the sick, and they shall recover. ration of years has wrought wonders Do these signs, these phenomena, folwith the Australian press. With a low Christians to-day? Here is a fur-few exceptions, its impartiality and ther test of a Christian rule laid down

Ilberality are commendable. Speaking of his age, he said: "People are about as old as they do also, and greater works than these think they are. They grow old be-shall he do, because I go unto my cause they expect to. It is a bad Father" (John xiv:12). This language cannot be misunderstood. Do Most unwisely many act as habit. aged persons are expected to act. Christians do these "greater works"? Will they turn to II Corinthians, xiii: 5, drop business and doze in rocking-chairs, and recalling the the past, where they will read:--- 'Examine babble about it. The dead line of yourselves whether ye be in the faith." score years and ten should be blotted out of both consciousness and versed with the spirits from both the memory. Laziness I abhor, and con- heavens and the hells for 27 years, sider industry the best stuff for the wisely opposed promiscuous spirit inmaking of both statesmen and saints. tercourse for selfish, sordid interests. Books feed me, while crowds and par- I do the same. It was really unfortulor tattle starve me. Often do I go nate in Mr. Brazier to be so deceived ay hungry from the multitude, and by a spirit-"a lying spirit"--and in enter into the silence where I find the my opinion the only way to effectually bread of inspiration that the masses prevent lying spirits from returning know not of.

to earth and communicating, is for "If you have jealousles and envies our world to prevent sending so many among you, do not mention them to conscienceless liars over into the spirit me; they are the blotches on the face world. Is it not possible that this humanity. They indicate a low lying spirit that deceived Brother Braphase of spiritual unfoldment. Natu- zier was the very spirit--or one of rally I am myself an optimist. Often that class--whom the Lord sent forth in my lifelong journey, misunderstood, to persuade Abab? These are the sometimes misrepresented, at other words: 'Now, therefore, behold the ture. Scholari, times shamefully slandered and fre- Lord hath put a lying spirit in the Price 25 cents.

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Who live again in deathless hosts, And come and go with noiseless tread, A universe of ghosts.

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The throb of human hearts.

They waken us at morning light, They cheer us in out chily care; They bring a weary world at night To bow the knee in prayer. Their mission is of heaven assigned,

To comfort sorrow 'til it cease, And in the dark and troubled mind To light the lamp of peace.

Ob, what a wondrous life is theirs, To fling away their mortal frame, Yet keep their human loves and cares And yearnings still the same.

Oh, what a wondrous life is ours, To dwell within this mortal range, Yet parley with the heavenly powers, Two worlds in interchange

So leaning on the burial urn, I thought how life has double worth If man were only wise to learn That heaven is on the earth. THEODORE TILTON.

mouth of these thy prophets, and the Lord hath spoken evil concerning and Jeremiah exclaimed from thee. the depths of a sorrowing soul. "Oh. Lord, thou hast deceived me and I was deceived."

"It should be understood that dying effects no moral or spiritual change in a human being. They all take with them to the future life their consciousness, their memories and their tendencies, and they retain them until they progress and unfold, becoming more Christ-like. To this end Jesus Christ, we are told, descended into hell (Hades) and preached to the "spirits in prison," and the fact of this preaching implies future repentance and progress. Spiritualism has come to stay. It is

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recognition, to the Spiritualist movement, can only be obtained by a more united and uniform effort for organization, and are uniting with the State Association for more efficient work and a greater protection for the orker. MRS. M. E. G. HOWE, 323 Temple St. State Organizer. worker.

#### A SPIRITUAL MESSAGE.

#### The Progress of Soul Development Is An Impulse of the Infinite.

Every created soul has an atmosphere, an aura of its own. During life the concentrating and refining forces constitute a self-restoring power. In all processes of life the spiritual essences are evolved containing the elements of form, consistence color-all the characteristics of life

they represent. The rose has within the spirit germs of the whole family making the most stupendous asserof roses. The lily—the peerless im-mortal imer-has the undying estions, based on pure assumptions and preconceived ideas, which no reasonsence of Furity and beauty to become embodied in still finer life through all spiritual spheres and conditions. All evolve the elements of form, character, to be reincarnated into finer forms, re-endowed with conscious life logians." serts that Sir Oliver Lodge recently lectured on "Scientific Immortality," of immortality. Animals, yegetables and that this "nothing but sound lee and minerals are endowed with im-mortal life and being. turer" offered not a single "scientific

argument to prove his glowing be-lief in immortality." Lodge, in his pa-The spiritual essences are delicate, fine, formed of ethereal elements, transfused in harmony, beauty and inconceivable superiority of indestructible life.

Thus with the soul, evolved in the current of magnetic force, it brings forth the material for reincarnation, walks forth amid the beauty of a true men. reincarnation which is the keystone of Some men reason to a contrary con the arch that unfolds the true faith clusion, after reading the most logical in immortality. The soul cannot be corrupted or destroyed; it is the life statement, and this writer, in speak ing of the "facts" in Hyslop's book, "Evidence for a Future Life," says inspiration and fulfillment - eternal

unfoldment, the reincarhation, Folded close within the soul is the that its author has never found any rolated close within the solit is the organism of a true himanity. The soul develops according to the laws of its own life—its capacity the pro-gress. The progress of soul develop-ment is an impulse of the infinite— wave meets wave with intensified emo-tion thought stirs the developscientific proof of immortality. Hys lop is a professor of logic ond the logic of his book in favor of spirit identity, seems unanswerable.

tion, thought stirs the soul with in-finite love. Sympathy and love are the great powers of life."

Love generates spiritual radiance which transcends expression. Every true aspiration clothes the soul in brightness. The tender blooms of flowers are like living sunbeams where color blends in perfect harmony with ethereal vibrations, Through the mist of new-born harmonies, ethereal light breaks upon the higher spheres; the reincarnated soul ascends the heights clothed in divine beauty, sandaled with light, robed in perfect whiteness, scattering over all the bloom of love, the awakening of a new life divine, with love, harmony and happiness. PLANET.

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A GREAT FELLOW.

Immortality.

The theologians are in the habit of

So often we think of saying, "Some

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dogs are more logical than some theo-

Canada.

ing will touch.

Speaking of immortality, Mrs. Rus-I had planned have been outwrought and fulfilled in my spiritual home. segue contended that it was through said I would have little children Spiritualism alone that proof around me (for I always wanted to spiritual life was to be obtained. "No have a sister) that I could train. spirit," said she, "ever came back to would have music and other studies the world to tell us that we were to that would be helpful to them. die. They all told us that we were to live forever."-Montreal Daily Herald,

Now in my spirit home I have little ones that I am training, and we have music and flowers and beautiful things to cultivate their love of them and all that is refined and sweet.

badly about my going away.

And other plans that I had in view. The Devil Has Helped to Demonstrate young as I was then, but inspired, I

> not understand, they have all been years have passed, while my people on earth have been going through times, that if they could only know that Maggie was with them, looking after them, they would be glad that

waiting to meet them in the bright beyond; to welcome them to my spirit home, where there is music and

pers and addresses has always sumthem something of the joys which 1 marized the most advanced discoveries am sure they will be pleased to find and theories bearing on a future life. after the cares and trials of earth-life He utilizes the material furnished by are gone.

the best reasoners and master logi-I hope they will know of my coming cians of every age. These facts can here, and I have some things I would no longer be ignored by thinking like to tell them about that will be great benefit to them.

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## Dr. J. M. Peebles In Melbourne, Australia.

'As it is not possible [as set forth quently walking on thorn-piercing In the Harbinger of Light] to give pavements, I stopped not by the way-detailed reports of Dr. Peebles' most successful course of lectures in Mel-but traveled on, inspired by faith bourne, which are all expressions of within, and warmed by God's sunshine the outlook he has attained from an above me. Never did I witness a staradvocacy of its claims during more less night. If clouds shut away the than half a century, a chat I had with glimmerings of the stars from my him on the trend of Spiritualism will vision, I knew that they were still convey to readers the heart of his above shining in peerless radiance, teaching. He speaks on the platform and that the morning would come. with all the enthusiasm of a young Spiritualism has been an anchor to my man, and is as ready to defend the soul. It demonstrates a future exist-truth as when he paid his first visit ence, encourages the desponding, and to Australia over 30 years ago. For does not say good-night to the dying, one whose life is so harmonious, so but tells of a good-morning just over full of deep religious sentiment, it is there, where the loved meet, and partastonishing to him that Spiritualists ing is unknown. generally have not become more spir- "Never happier hours did I pass generally have not become more spir-

itual-minded and more harmonious. "I am sorry," he says, "that many consult spirits not for ennobling ends, to me paragraphs from his inimitable to me paragraphs from his inimitable "Leaves of Grass." These lines struck me as exquisitely beautiful: but to get glimpses of the future, which they should realize must be the outcome of their life to-day." "I tell you," he says, "what I have learned, myself, from an exalted source, though "All seems beautiful to me, I can repeat over to men and women, I do not wish you to accept it unless it appeals to your own reason, regarding will recruit for myself and you the commencement of what is called modern Spiritualism by the Rochester Knockings. At the initiation of this new gospel to the world there was a will scatter myself among men and women as I go, I will toss a new gladness and rough-

a combination of great souls in the spirit realms, who gave the first impetus to this movement which will presently fill the world. Many great souls withdrew when the awakening

Whoever accepts me, he or she shall was complete, and future work was left to other controls. As is known most leading investigators, includduring his stay in Melbourne was a ing Dr. Hodgson, and others, it is as little known in the spheres as on the earth that communication between the with Rev. Mr. Brazier, an Anglican two is possible. Mr. W. T. Stead's clergyman, in answer to that gentleman's strictures in the columns of the 'Age" on "Spiritual Communica-tions." We give the whole of Dr. Death" shows this in Julia's impatience at not getting established at once "A Bureau of Communication" Peebles' letter for the benefit of both discarnate and incarnate spirfriends at a distance who may not its. The truth began to spread after the first awakening in lower spiritual otherwise see it: spheres and, as a consequence, the movement, as a whole, became controlled and obsessed by a lower class

of spirits. The outcome of this .degeneration is that the more thinking and earnest Spiritualists are rapidly moving toward a religious philosophy which is in perfect harmony with the religion of the Christ. Jesus said to disciples, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you," simply because they were "Sensitives," and the early Apostolic Church was Chrisian Spiritualism. Jesus of Nazareth tood on the very pinnacle of ancient lebrew Spiritualism, and Paul, in-spired by this thought, said: "We

#### shall be saved by His life." She World Advancing Toward Spiritualism.

sands-aye, millions--in the most enlightened countries in the world noted Everyone is progressing spiritually, for their intelligence, conspicuous for said Dr. Peebles, in his optimistic fashion. Christian denominations as their integrity, famous for their scienwoll as Spiritualists are receiving the tific attainments, prominent for their good moral characters and scholarly light. The Methodists of U.S.A. research, who will solemnly testify are proposing to modify their creeds. that after years of candid investiga-Orthodox churches, generally, are progressing toward the ideal of a Chris- tion, and upon strictly scientific prin-Spiritualism and away from ciples, they have demonstrated the tinn gramping creeds and professions of truth of present-day spiritual manifestations--manifestations from their faith. Spiritualism is a universal force in the world not confined to Spiritual- friends whose bodies rest beneath the ists, but influencing many who have willows. The testimony of these millions is as direct and overwhelming never seen a medium. This applies to Spiritualists also. Some of the best as it is unimpeachable. Both Spir-I know have never sat in a circle, but have developed their own spiritualism and theosophy are the direct but have developed their own spir-itual natures by "living the life" and itualism from the Bible and you rob the study of our grand literature. It of all life, for it is the "spirit that They have thus grown to that state of giveth life." The primitive Christians consciousness in which they just as were religious Spiritualists. When naturally converse with spirits as music responds to music, and love reg whom he took to be God, the voice sponds to love. Spiritualists should said, "See thou do it not, for I am work in every reform movement. Dr. thy fellow-servant and of thy brethren Peebles has carried this out during On the mountain of the prophets." Transfiguration there appeared in his long career. Anti-vaccination, glory two men (long dead)' Moses and temperance, both in eating and drink-Elias, and "behold they talked," and ing-he is both a tectotaller and vegetarian-and every movement tending so forth. True, as the Rev. Mr. Brazier states, toward peace and harmony have had his consistent and hearty support. Dr. there were, and there are, evil spirits Peebles says the best speakers on the No intelligent Spiritualist denies this, spiritualistic platforms in America are and the Roman Catholic Church has giving forth the higher teachings he had its exorcists for the casting out advocates, and mentions in this con- of these obsessing spirits. Hence it nection Mrs. Brigham, of New York; is wise, as the apostle taught, to "try Mrs. Cora Richmond, of Chicago; Mrs. the spirits." But Spiritualists as a Lillie, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mr. Wiggins, body do not "deny that Jesus Christ of Boston; B. F. Austin, Plymouth was the Son of God;" but do deny Church, Rochester, and some others. that He was the very God. They accept these words of Peter-

A VERY IMPORTANT MATTER. What Is the Present Status of Spiritualism?

It is to be hoped that the Spiritualists of the United States have some pride in presenting their movement

to the world as it really is in respect to numbrs, societies, and wealth, Up to the present time, less than onethird of the 760 societies in the United States have made their returns to the Census Bureau. Naturally, many interested people are asking if less than one-third of our leaders have any love for their religion. It rests with the Spiritualists to have their movement properly presented in the report of the Director of the Census.

Mr. North is doing everything in his power to collect reliable statistics with regard to Spiritualism. I have done my best to aid him; I have sent out over 600 letters of inquiry to which very few replies have been received. Some of the good people to whom I have written inform me that they are too busy to furnish desired information: others write long letters about their societies but do not fill the cards as requested; others still make no reply whatever.

It is probable that some of the people to whom' these letters go, think that they are getting even with the N. S. A., or spiting its President, by refraining from giving attention to these important letters. They are simply injuring the cause they profess to love by withholding the desired facts. Neither the N. S. A. nor its President, gains anything prsonally

by receiving these communications. The statistics gathered are turned over to the government by whose clerks compilations are made, showing the standing of Spiritualism in our country. It should be a matter of pride to

all Spiritualists to have their religion stand on equal footing with other de-Among Dr. Peebles' other activities nominations by having authenticated newspaper controversy in the "Age" data placed in the hands of the government. Is it not the duty of the officers of all local societies and camp meetings to make returns at the earliest possible moment in harmony with facts? Why should not all the members of the Board of Trustees of the N. S. A., likewise the members of all State Boards, be willing to aid in this

#### Spiritual Communications. To the Editor of the "Age."

You have done such good to me

I would do the same to you;

Whoever denies me it shall not trou-

be blessed, and shall bless me.

as I go.

ble me,

ness among them,

We have very few days remaining Sir:-The contribution in the 'Age" in which to report the facts regarding the various activities connected of 9th inst., reporting the Rev. Mr. with Brazier's sermon upon Spiritualism the Spiritualistic movement. Prompt action is now neessary. I appea was interesting, much of which was in my own line of thought, such as that therefore, to the officers of all the lo-"our departed friends exist," and that they "exist in conscious and intellical societies, and other associations, to fill the cards forwarded them, acgent state." He might have gone furcording to instructions, and mail them at once to me. Credit is given to everyone who makes returns for his ther, and said that in Biblical times there were trances and visions, and local organization. I am gaining nothing for myself by doing this work; the gift of tongues and healing, and the "discerning of spirits (I Cor., xii: 10), and inasmuch as spiritual beings it is for Spiritualism that this added labor has been undertaken. Unless communed with mankind in the past. should they not still continue to comthere is co-operation on the part of municate with mankind? They do all local workers, Spiritualism will make a poorer showing in the census thus communicate. There are thoureport of the present year than it did in the one made by Supt. Porter, in 1890.

good work?

Spiritualists, will you not arouse yourselves to the duty of the hour by giving your immediate attention to this important work? It will be your fault if your religion shows a falling off where it should show a decided Once more let me urge you to gain. give this matter considerate attention. Yours for Spiritualism,

HARRISON D. BARRETT.

## Poem by Theodore Tilton.

stood beside a burial urn And thought how life is but a day, And how the nations each in turn Have lived and passed away. earth is peopled with the de

#### THE CAUSE AT LOS PRESENT CLAIMS OF ANGELES, CALIFORNIA Communication from Mrs. E. G. Howe, Mrs. Russegue Explains What I

Stands For and Gives Psychometric |Tests,

of Spiritualism in Los Apgeles has been attracting muchuinterest among Special Spiritualistic services are the outside people. The Tnuthseeker's Society, the oldest in the city, has being held here this week under the auspices of the Montreal Church of had such speakers as J. I., Dryden, Dr. Adah Patterson, Emilie Kratz, and Spiritualism. The services express the initiatory stages of a permanent or-Lettie M. Allen. The Society of Spirifual Progression ganization, which those interested in occult manifestations intend to estabhas a regular pastor in Mary C. Vlasek, who, in addition to be duties in connection with her society, is the lish. The idea is to secure the services of a pastor or lecturer, who will promote the study of spiritualistic conductor of the Union Lyceum, the phenomena and form a continuous only lyceum in Los Angeles. This society has also a Ladies' Auxiliary, bond of union between the members.

SPIRITUL LISM

In order to give stimulus to the The Sunshine Club, which is organized movement, Mrs. Russegue, one of the for, and does, a great deal of charitamost celebrated mediums and clairble work in Los Angeles. A Young voyants on the continent, is here on a People's League was recently organ visit. She opened the campaign yesized in connection with this work terday with two exceedingly able and with 36 members, which affiliated interesting addresses, in Karn Hall, with the State Association on May 12 and these will be followed up by othwith special services. The Ladies 'ers to-night, to-morry w night ' and Auxiliary to the Truth Seekers, "The Guiding Star," held a basket micnic Wednesday night-all expository and explanatory of modern Spiritualism. at the Spiritualist camp grounds at The services were well attended,

Edendale on May 30, at which time they presented the camp association and there can be no doubt Mrs. Russegue succeeded in exciting the interwith a large American flag. Arthur S. Howe, president of the State Assoest and riveting the attention of her audiences. She speaks with great clation, presided, and made the pre fluency and charm. Her diction is lofty and pure. Her voice thrills and sentation speech for the Guiding Star Association, of which he is a member penetrates. She has great mental power; and she appeals to the reason which was ably responded to by the president of the camp association as well as the imagination of her hearers. After each of her addresses The day was a most enjoyable one, although the recent exposure and which she preceded by prayer, and Scripture readings, she gave a series of psychometric tests, in which by arrest for not paying a license had brought among a few of the Spiritual-ists a little discord, which, however, means of articles collected from members of the audience she located their owners, and sketched their life histofere with the meeting. At the present time the movemen ry in a way that made the subjects feel that they were under the scrutiny of some subtle, mysterious and uncanin Los Angeles is one of complete harmony among the affiliated socieny power that was capable of probing ties, although the city officials are the hidden depths of character and compelling a few to pay the licens bringing to light qualities' that those of thirty dollars a month or leave the concerned may have believed themcity, it is hoped that as an organ selves to possess, but which they could ized movement we may soon receive in few cases have defined with such precision and none with such wonder-There are a few self-styled Spirit ul eloquence. ualists in this city who do not belong

Mrs. Russegue is well advanced in to any society, are not interested years, has evidently had ripe experi-ence of life and a profound knowledge in consolidation of effort, and who through their own classification of of human nature. Her morning discussion was an exeverything into one class, and that

Spiritualism, which has been very misosition of what Spiritualism stands leading to the general public, as wel for, while in the evening she explored the world of thought, showing how as to Spiritualists themselves, who were not in touch with the organized much mankind owed to thought in the general industrial economy and so-cial conditions under which we lived. We have had in this city for some few months Hugh R. Moore, recently The evening address was in a sense of New York, who, while he has been known in the East as a Spiritualist

complementary to the morning one. Spiritualism, it was explained, imcame to this city and established a olied a larger spiritual perception, the "Church of Humanity," and as he did betterment of humanity, a higher connot affiliate with the Societies, they ception of spiritual unity, a better and paid no attention to his work, alhigher conception of truth, a closer though through recent exposure by relationship between God and ma. those who feel it their duty to expose

Paul had said that he who would such impostors who work under the learn spiritual things must become cloak of Spiritualism," Mr. and Mrs. Moore were classed as with the Spirspiritually minded, and Spiritualism implied this as well as closer relationship between the souls of men and The enclosed copy from "the Los women and the infinite-between the Angeles Herald of June'5 will explain human and divine. Spiritualism meant the living of higher and holier the position of the State Association Board. All who claim Spiritualism as their religion are not working with ives-purity of life and character, for it was through pure, godly and holy lives that we became the medium of the organization of Spiritualism, and while we deplore the fact, we are unable at present to do more than the transmission of the divine messages to mankind. protect those who are, and do work

#### **Revelation Still Going On.**

A mass meeting was held at Long The great distinction between the Beach on Sunday, June 2, which was church of Spiritualism and other churches was that the dogmas and Three sessions were held, and each doctrines of the other churches were fixed and definite. The revelations was well attended, and many were turned away in the evening for lack from the divine power, the infinite and of room, although the Odd Fellows' Hall is a large one. This society was absolute Ruler of the Universe, ended Hall is a large one. This society was recently organized, and bids fair to be a strong one: Other locations in their continuity. The emanations

## **"THE LIFE BOOKS"**

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#### BY RALPH WALDO TRINE.

What All the World's A-Seeking, or

I should like to send out a letter this The Vital Law of True Life, Greatness, Power and Happiness. Conevening, if I thought mamma would tents-The Principle; The Application; see it, and I would give her a little The Unfoldment; The Awakening; The comfort, for mother and my sister Addie and my brother Herschel are still nearth-life Mauma thought that no

i was needed so badly at home, and I want to explain now that I was the only support the family had after only support the family had after Father passed away, and I tried to do more than my frail body could endure, lumination; The Realization of Perfect so my body would no longer hold my Peace; Coming Into Fullness of Power; Plenty of All Things-The Law of Pros

ambitious spirit. I stand by you so many times, perity; How Men Have become Proph-Mamma; I read your heart and I ets, Seers, Sages and Saviors; The Basic sense your thoughts, and you wonder Principle of All Religions-The Universo many times if I am happy, and if sal Religion; Entering Now Into the I know all you have to contend with Realization of the Highest Riches,

so many times if I am mappy, and I know all you have to contend with. Yes, dear Mamma, I know all, and that is the reason I come here where I find the gateway open to everyone. to build our own world even as God builds His."-From title-page. Price, nected with the family who are interested in Spiritualism, and there are 35 cents. many who knew me that have tried

Every Living Creature. "The tender to comfort my people by getting them to understand that the spirit can reand humane passion in the human heart is too precious a quality to allow it to turn, so I am here to-day, hoping to say something that will be convincing such as we often indulge in."-From to them. I want to say to my brother that I was with you on May 28 when title-page. Price, 85 cents. Character Building Thought Power.

you went out leaving Mamma so sad, "A thought, good or evil, an act, in time a habit, so runs life's law; what you and did not return until two o'clock a habit, so runs life's law; what you the next morning. You first entered live in your thought world, that, sooner a saloon, two blocks from home, or later, you will find objectified in your where you met Frank W. and Ira M., life."—From title page. Price 35 cents. and they asked you to go to the yaude-

ville show. You accepted the invita-tion. There you met Blanche and The Wonders of Life. By ERNEST HAECKEL, Author of "The Riddle of the Universe." This book is confined to the realm of organic science, and treats of "The Knowledge, Nature, Functions and Histo ry of Life." Price, cloth, \$1.60. accompanied her home. She stopped on the way at a friend's home for about twenty minutes, and you waited on the outside and sat down on the curbing. You told her that you were

going away, and was not going to tell BOOKS BYanyone where you were going. When you returned home Mamma was sit

ting up waiting for-you. Now, some may wonder why I write

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brother say, if some one would come and tell him something that he was

about, that he would believe that we could return. Then again I thought if he knew that father and I knew what he was doing, he would lead a better life. So for his good and for Mamma's happiness I write as I have wish also to send thanks and appreciation to the ones who were so kind to me at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, New York City, as that is where I passed out.

Now I don't know of anything more to say of interest, more than trying to prove my identity. My mother's name is Nancy and my father's William. Please put me down as Effie Geneva

Sargent. 1 passed away about 16 years ago.

EFFIE GENEVA SARGENT.

How beautiful it is to be able to send out a few words to those in earth-life, after passing away.

I have been some little time in the spirit world. As near as I can count the time, I think it is about seven years. I was a young girl when 1 passed away-only seventeen, and as I look back now to that life with its faded memory, I realize how little I knew of life, nor what I must pass through if I had lived on earth longer.

I dreaded to leave home and my parents and brothers, for I knew just how they would miss me; and while they knew where I was going, and that I would be happy, it did not make it much easier for them to part

with me. Oh, I wanted to tell them that all was done that could be done for me. California are awakening to the fact from the divine were as potent in the and my time had come, and I know if they could only see the beauty and

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#### Dr. Peebles' 85th Birthday.

Dr. Peebles' 85th Birthday. On March 23d a birthday celebra-Wards and approved of God by Christ, "a man approved of God by Christ, "a man approved of God by , and most emphatically, do I believe tion was held at the V. A. S. rooms, which was largely attended. Mr. that "Jesus Christ came in the flesh James Smith read a poem written and that he reigns to-day in the especially for the occasion, and pub- heavens," the brightness of theFathlished in the April issue. Short ad-er's glory. There are, be it said with Aresses were given by Mr. Waschatz, sorrow, spiritists-not Spiritualistspresdent: Mr. W. H. Terry, Mrs. who deny that Jesus Christ existed. Bright, Miss Hinge and Mrs. Was- This is the output of a painful igno-Replying to the several ad- rance. Spiritism should never be condresses. Dr. Peebles said, with some founded with Spiritualism. The two emotion and a striking enthusiasm, words are not synonymous. Spiritism that he was almost overjoyed with is little more than Babylonian or the manifest appreciation and warmth Judaistic necromancy, telling fortunes, of expression breathed from the old hunting coal fields, and divining for friends and otherkindly souls present, selfish purposes. Spiritualism and true Christianity

sending him with so many kindly words and good wishes along by sea are in perfect accord. And certainly and by land on his 86th year of life's Spiritualists believe that they should journey. He referred to several pres-"try the spirits"-test the communi-ent-W. H. Terry, James Smith, and cating spirits; and they also believe others---who greeted him on his first in testing Spiritualists themselves, as arrival in Melbourne in 1872. And to whether or not they "walk in the referring to his lectures in the theater | spirit"--the spirit of truth, integrity, and the Temperance Hall, he men-purity and love. And they further tioned Mr. Charles Bright (husband of believe in trying or testing Christians the present editor of the "Harbinger -Christian believers-and they test of Light") as the chairman of his them by these words of Jesus Christ, 'And these signs shall follow them first meeting.

At this time the daily press was that believe in My name, they shall severely critical and sometimes radi- cast out devils (demons, obsessing cally unjust, pronouncing Dr. Peebles spirits); they shall speak with new a bold blasphemer, and Spiritualism a tongues. \* \* \* They shall lay hands Yankee-begotten humbug, but a gene- on the sick, and they shall recover. ration of years has wrought wonders Do these signs, these phenomena, fol-with the Australian press. With a low Christians to-day? Here is a furfew exceptions, its impartiality and ther test of a Christian rule laid down liberality are commendable.

berality are commendable. Speaking of his age, he said: on Me the works that I do shall he "People are about as old as they do also, and greater works than these think they are. They grow old be-shall he do, because I go unto my cause they expect to. It is a bad Father" (John xiv:12). This lan-Most unwisely many act as guage cannot be misunderstood. Do persons are expected to act. Christians do these "greater works"? habit aged drop business and doze in rock- Will they turn to II Corinthians, xiii: 5 Thev ing-chairs, and recalling the the past, where they will read: -- "Examine babble about it. The dead line of yourselves whether ye be in the faith." three score years and ten should be "Swedenborg, who consciously con blotted out of both consciousness and versed with the spirits from both the memory. Laziness I abhor, and con-heavens and the hells for 27 years, sider industry the best stuff for the wisely opposed promiscuous spirit inmaking of both statesmen and saints. tercourse for selfish, sordid interests. Books feed me, while crowds and par-lor tattle starve me. Often do I go nate in Mr. Brazier to be so deceived way hungry from the multitude, and by a spirit-"a lying spirit"--and in enter into the silence where I find the my opinion the only way to effectually bread of inspiration that the masses prevent lying spirits from returning to earth and communicating, is for know not of.

"If you have jealousles and envies our world to prevent sending so many among you, do not mention them to conscienceless liars over into the spirit me; they are the blotches on the face world. Is it not possible that this of humanity. They indicate a low lying spirit that deceived Brother Brarally I am myself an optimist. Natu- zier was the very spirit-or one of rally I am myself an optimist. Often that class-whom the Lord sent forth in my lifelong journey, misunderstood, to persuade Abab? These are the sometimes misrepresented, at other words: "Now; therefore, behold the times shamefully slandered and fre- Lord hath put a lying spirit in the Price 25 cents.

Who live again in deathless hosts, And come and go with noiseless tread, A universe of ghosts.

They follow after flying ships, They flicker through the city's marts,

They hear the cry of human lips, The throb of human hearts.

They waken us at morning light, They cheer us in our daily care; They bring a weary world at night To bow the knee in prayer. Their mission is of heaven assigned,

To comfort sorrow 'til it cease, And in the dark and troubled mind To light the lamp of peace.

Ob, what a wondrous life is theirs. To fling away their mortal frame, Yet keep their human loves and cares And yearnings still the same.

Oh, what a wondrous life is ours. To dwell within this mortal range Yet parley with the heavenly powers Two worlds in interchange.

So leaning on the burial urn. I thought how life has double worth If man were only wise to learn That heaven is on the earth. THEODORE TILTON.

mouth of these thy prophets, and the Lord hath spoken evil concerning thee," and Jeremiah exclaimed from the depths of a sorrowing soul, "Oh Lord, thou hast deceived me and I was deceived."

"It should be understood that dying effects no moral or spiritual change in a human being. They all take with them to the future life their consciousness, their memories and their tendencies, and they retain them until they progress and unfold, becoming more Christ-like. To this end Jesus Christ, we are told, descended into hell (Hades) and preached to the "spirits in prison," and the fact of this preaching implies future repentance and progress. Spiritualism has come to stay. It is the genuine gospel of the Christ. It is God's living witness of a future tion, thought stirs the soul with in-conscious existence. It reproves the finite love. Sympathy and fove are erring, comforts the sick, and dries the great powers of life. the mourner's tears, and is making rapid strides throughout the world.

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A SPIRITUAL MESSAGE.

#### The Progress of Soul Development Is An Impulse of the Infinite.

Every created soul has an atmosphere, an aura of its own. During life the concentrating and refining Canada. forces constitute a self-restoring power. In all processes of life the spiritual essences are evolved contain-The Devil Has Helped to Demonstrate

ing the elements of form, consistence color-all the characteristics of life they represent. The rose has within the spirit germs of the whole family

of roses. The lily-the peerless immortal flower-has the undying essence of purity and beauty to become embodied in still finer life through

all spiritual spheres and conditions All evolve the elements of form, character, to be reincarnated into finer forms, re-endowed with conscious life of immortality. Animals, vegetables and minerals are endowed with immortal life and being. The spiritual essences are delicate,

fine, formed of ethereal elements, transfused in harmony, beauty and inconceivable superiority of indestructible life. Thus with the soul, evolved in the

the best reasoners and master logicurrent of magnetic force, it brings cians of every age. These facts can forth the material for reincarnation walks forth amid the beauty of a true reincarnation which is the keystone of men. Some men reason to a contrary conthe arch that unfolds the true faith clusion, after reading the most logical in immortality. The soul cannot be corrupted or destroyed; it is the life statement, and this writer, in speak-

ing of the "facts" in Hyslop's book. inspiration and fulfillment - eternal 'Evidence' for a Future Life," says Folded close within the soul is the organism of a true himanity. The soul develops according to the laws of that its author has never found any

scientific proof of immortality: Hys-lop is a professor of logic ond the logic its own life—its capacity hid pro-gress. The progress of soul develop-ment is an impulse of the infinite of his book in favor of spirit identity, eems unanswerable. Now, if spirits have proved their dentity, they exist; if they exist, then wave meets wave with intensified emo-

a future life is a fact." Our Spiritual stic friends believe that immortality has been demonstrated, and that spir itistic experiment has so far furnished Love generates spiritual radiance which transcends expression. Every true aspiration clothes, the soul in the only valid evidence; but the theologians assert that Spiritism is work of the Devil. Let us give the brightness. The tender blooms of Devil his due, assuming that the Devil flowers are like living sunbeams exists. If the Devil has helped to where color blends in perfect harmony

with ethereal vibrations, Through the mist of new-born harmonies, ethethe Devil some, because he has done more for us than the theologians have real light breaks upon the higher been able to do. Can the theologians spheres: the reincarnated soul ascends furnish us with any proof of immorthe heights clothed in divine beauty, tality, or any clear and definite state-ment assuring it? If not, I fear the sandaled with light, robed in perfect whiteness, scattering over all the Devil will get them at last bloom of love, the awakening of a new life divine, with love, harmony Lancaster Ohio.

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world to-day as they had ever been. happiness that surrounds me in my God's laws were eternal and unchangespirit home, and how good and kind able; but we were in the midst of everyone is to me, they would not feel changes, and modern Spiritualism pro-vided the means by which the divine badly about my going away. I used to talk to the girls about message could be conveyed to all genwhat I was going to do when I got erations of mankind. It was a spiritolder, and I am glad to come back ual intelligence that brought forth and tell them that many of the things wireless telegraphy.

A GREAT FELLOW.

ing will touch.

I had planned have been outwrought Speaking of immortality, Mrs. Rusand fulfilled in my spiritual home. segue contended that it was through said I would have little children Spiritualism alone that proof of around me (for I always wanted to spiritual life was to be obtained. "No have a sister) that I could train. I spirit," said she, "ever came back to would have music and other studies the world to tell us that we were to that would be helpful to them. die. . They all told us that we were to

Now in my spirit home I have little live forever."-Montreal Daily Herald, ones that I am training, and we have music and flowers and beautiful things to cultivate their love of them and all that is refined and sweet.

And other plans that I had in view young as I was then, but inspired, think, by spirits, by forces that I did

Immortality. not understand, they have all been The theologians are in the habit of outwrought and fulfilled. making the most stupendous asseryears have passed, while my people tions, based on pure assumptions and preconceived ideas, which no reasontheir experiences, sometimes they So often we think of saying, "Some to bear, and I have thought so many dogs are more logical than some theo-logians." One of these writers as-

serts that Sir Oliver Lodge recently after them, they would be glad that lectured on "Scientific Immortality," I had not gone far away. And 1 am and that this "nothing but sound lecwaiting to meet them in the bright turer" offered not a single "scientific beyond: to welcome them to my spiri home, where there is music and

> them something of the joys which I am sure they will be pleased to find after the cares and trials of earth-life

I hope they will know of my coming here, and I have some things I would no longer be ignored by thinking like to tell them about that will be

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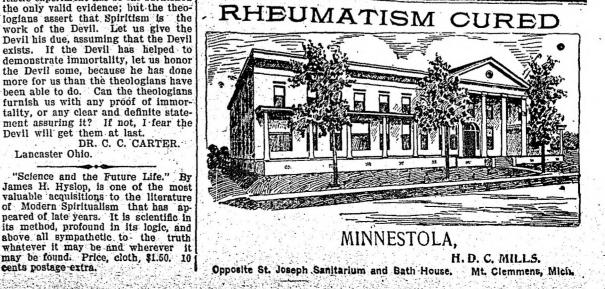
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a great venefit to them. I will say that my father's name is Thomas and my mother's name Mary. I know they will all be glad to hear from me. I must go now. I send my love to all my friends. MAGGIE HARDY. The Universe By L. fl. Rose. This booklet contains The Universe By L. fl. Rose. This booklet contains of things, and ends with a poem entitled "Song of Psyche," by Emma Nickerson-Warne. Price

LIFE OF THOMAS PAINE.



#### argument to prove his glowing be-lief in immortality." Lodge, in his paflowers and sunshine, and to show pers and addresses has always summarized the most advanced discoveries and theories bearing on a future life. He utilizes the material furnished by are gone.

### AN AWAKENING CONSCIENCE.

It Will Come to All Sooner or Later-The public Awakening to the Great Need of Reforms-The Spiritualist Conscience Becoming Quickened. It is sometimes well to look backvard and see the progress that has been made instead of ahead to the goal that has not yet been reached. Secretary Root has taken this backward glance and reports to the nation through the medium of an address to Yale students that the public conscience tolerated conditions in the past which would be unimaginable to-day. "The whole system of federal government has been lifted to a higher plane, with a clearer moral vision," and this moral elevation of the government corresponds with a public demand that old abuses be ended.

Among the specific instances of a change for the better, which can be appreciated only by a comparison with the past, is the attitude of the public toward the manipulation of railroads now and thirty years ago. The secretary asserts that the Chicago and Alton affair would not have attracted any attention in the days of the wrecking of the Erie and the Union Pacific.

Another specific instance is prosecution of the land thieves for ofenses which had been allowed to continue so long that they had come to be looked upon almost as vested rights.

If one were to look upon local affairs inChicago with the same purpose, that is to say, to find improvements already made, rather than those which ought to be made, the same

conclusion would be reached. It is not a long time since it was thought legitimate for a sheriff to grow rich from the profits in feeding prisoners. Certain fee offices paid higher wages than the office of president of the United States. Justice of the peace, prosecuting attorney, and police of-ficials grew rich at the expense both of the criminal classes and of the public, and it was taken as a matter of course by people in general. Now, the few instances remaining of the fee system cause so much protest that the public forgets how much of it has been abolished.

In the business world the same progress is discoverable. Methods indorsed by merchants a generation ago are felt to be immoral now. Large corporation in underselling and ruining competitors in order to have a free field in which to demand high prices are applying what was considered sound business principles once. Thir-ty years ago few saw the immorality

rebates. The conception of railroads as common carriers with obligations to treat all alike was in the statute books, but was not a part of the common consciousness of the pub-·lic. Now a man who gets a rebate is not looked upon simply as lucky. He is considered a conspirator and a

No one person can be credited with this awakening of the public conscience. Courageous statesmen, the public press, and other agencies have Plaisaunce begged the reporters not to all had something to do with creating print his name, declaring it would the present conditions. So much is hurt him in business should it become now taken for granted that the world needs someone to come along, as Secretary Root did, and remind it that The police say they have not far to the advance leaders of an earlier day would have died happy if from some

mountain height they could have seen If the predictions of the detective such a land of promise as this. The bureau are not far wrong, the dragfact that there is complaint now about net will bring in a dozen more cases matters which never troubled of practicing without a license in a fathers is a good sign and not a bad

> The above from the Chicago Tribune should have gone further, and illustrated the "awakening conscience" in the ranks of Spiritualism, in the unceasing demand now being made for honest mediumship and pure Spiritualism. All along the line the signs of the Times show great improve-

clates are of a purely judicial nature in affairs of this kind. 'The board of directors of the State Association is not an inquisitorial body, but an executive and judicial body. Those outside our organization

we have no power to restrict. Moore is not in any way affiliated with the California State Spiritualists' Association .- Los Angeles (Cal.) Herald. WILL CLEAR THE CITY

> OF FAKE MEDIUMS. Officials Take Determined Stand.

tion. The powers of myself and asso-

Mayor Harper Revokes the License of H. R. Moore, Exposed at Fake Trumpet Seance Last Tuesday Night.

Mayor Harper is determined that mediums who are caught red-handed conducting swindling games shall be forced to discontinue practice in Los Angeles.

"We do not put the license fee at a prohibitive or exorbitant figure,' said the mayor yesterday afternoon, "and we are determined that those who get fortune tellers' licenses shall not conduct a business of fleecing the

their work and know it couldn't have public. I have instructed the licens been done except by mediumship,' flice not to issue a license to H. R. This is absurd, 'Tis THEIR TRICK Moore or any member of his family. The public must be protected, The NOT YOURS! and you simply didn't police department has instructions how to proceed in these cases."

Captain Paul Flammer is watching Where so-called mediums resort to fraud, they are either not mediums at the Spiritualistic fakers closely and it is believed his men are gathering eviall or they have so LITTLE of it that dence in half a dozen cases. it would be like looking for a needle Men from Captain Flammer's dein a hay stack. THEY HAVE confedpartment who worked up the evidence erates, and information, and helpers in the Mazzini case say they can procure convictions in half a dozen more in every city. That is what Spiritual-They began operations by get ists and Spiritualism have to contend ting "readings" from the man who with now. That is what is making organized the Mediums' Protective association.

the work more and more difficult for The fraudulent mediums are in honest women and men who have left fear and trembling. They freely preall to follow this Christ of truth, and dict a heavy sentence for the hostler who find their cross so heavy, and humbug. At the Spiritualists' picnic the way so hard. Spiritualists hear held at Glendale last Thursday, Moore, who was arrested in the raid these words. Spiritualists are, many Tuesday night, took up a collection inof them, dissatisfied now with medibehalf of Mazzini. He succeeded in umship as it is. Sensationalism has raising \$15. [Moore is also working vitiated their spiritual appetites until for his organ, the Light of Truth.] Yesterday afternoon Harry Pierce, they are ready to leave the faithful a bartender employed by Dan Jerrue workers they have known for years, at his saloon at Fifth and Los Angeles.

Mazzini.

short time.

Herald. '

and run after "false gods" in search and G. A. Plaisaunce, of 241 North of the marvelous. Bunker Hill, who says he is with the McCord company, of 312 South Broad-Spiritualists who should have deway, went to the city jail and called veloped long ere this, enough spirituon Mazzini. Later Pierce gave bail al discernment to read the word LIAR for the pseudo Hindoo priest. when it's written all over a man's This is the second time Plaisaunce has aided the little faker. When Mazface-but no, their unbounded love zini was previously arrested and and sympathy overbalances for the thrown into jail Plaisaunce was active time their judgment, and they become in procuring bail for the discredited unconsciously and unintentionally.aidfortune teller. During Mazzini's trial, when witness ers and abettors in the crime of these after witness gave evidence showing thief. him to be a humbug, Plaisaunce tried to convince newspaper men in the

BY SPIRITUALISTS

Fakers - Officials of Reputable

Organization Refuse to Allow New

Yorker to Speak at the Edendale.

worst of criminals, who are carrying on their work in New York, Boston. Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles, court-room that the cockney hostler and all great cities, onward they was a seer of marvelous power. Then move, a caravan of pretenders, fakirs, deceivers, leeches, barnacles, attaching themselves to Spiritualism and known that he was connected with

causing it to become a by-word and reproach. Who will point the way out of this? Who will arise and save Spiritualism from this condition? R. S. LILLIE.

quired. MOORE SCORNED

ord as one who believes the platform of Spiritualism should not be contaminated by such as Hugh R. Moore." who has been so ind

Californians Are Awake! Fettered in Infancy. A Contrast.

"Rev. Dr." Hugh, R. Moore Is Re- |easy," and California a rich field for pulsed by the Summerland Camp fakirs, it will, be found that there are Management-That Camp Has No some in California whose eyes are not Use, Knowingly, for Any of His lik closed, and who are at work, and Mrs. R. S. Limië, a Strenuous and Hugh R. Moore, the "Rev. Dr." (isn't Honest Worker, Writes Burning prefixes and titles?), will find that Words Against Fraudulent Doings Los Angeles has occasional hot waves

of Base Deceivers in the Garb of which will make the climate uncom-Mediums. 1. igi fortable for him, all in good time. One of those waves struck him last To the Editor: HISummerland, Cal.,

is to have its Camp Meeting as the week when both Mr. and Mrs. Moore were arrested; full details of this are closing of our winter's work with not at hand. them, as we have held a service there

Some of those who have befriended each Sunday afternoon since the him believe he is a medium. If so, month of Novemher. The camp will open June 23, closing June 30. Col. then just so much the more is he to blame to willingly drag his medium-J. L. Dryden of Los Angeles, is engaged for the week, as is Mrs Cowell ship and his spirit friends into the depths, where for mercenary purpos of Oakland, to serve as test medium Mrs. Grace E. Aitken will also give es he is willing to descend. Again others will say, "I witnessed messages, and John W. Ring will give

series of lectures. Mr. Lillie will have charge of the music. see through it.

My guides, of course, serve through the session.

Notwithstanding the many articles appearing in your valuable paper regarding the faking of mediumship by the notorious Hugh R. Moore and aids, the Summerland society and myself found ourselves in a very unpleasant dilemma. One of their number went to Los Angeles to attend the recent "Flesta,' commissioned to look after test mediums, as new and good talent for the coming meeting.

Mr. Moore's meetings are well intended to deceive, as both he and Mrs. Moore have the appearance of people of refinement and sincerity, and they tell a story of martyrdom, of how they have been persecuted by people in the east, etc., until, as is always the case, there are plenty of Spiritualists ready

He who supposes the hand of to defend them and help to establish themselves in a city where again they progress has reached its culmination should keep one eye on Rome. and will be assured a rich following. Of course, the person who went the Vatican. Of course the powers in from here heard only their public command, to be consistent with their work, and thought it was remarkably past, must do all they can to keep fine, and so reported, and before I alive ancient customs which they rewas aware of it they had been enceived from the pagan founders of gaged for the entire time of the camp. their system; but to the critical ob-A meeting of the board was called and server evidence is daily accumulating I carried a file of Progressive Thinkthat a bloodless revolution is pend-

ers, a copy of May No. of "Reason" with its editorial by Dr. Austin, adding these to the experience I had at the time Lfly Dale camp suffered such humiliation at his hands, and others

of his-craft, some ten or twelve years is convinced of the truths of spirit ago, through which I passed, and saw communion with mortals. An allothe evidence of their treason. cution from his pen is all that is The Summerland Board would by needed to set every priest and pre-

the bars.

NOW!

of all fair-minded people.

fly to other fields.

no means have apperson with such a record upon their platform, and immediately took action, notifying him that his services would not be re-

I was asked 41 I was willing my name should be used, and I answered. most assuredly so. I hide behind no bush, am ready to put myself on rec State Society of California Repudiates

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#### Calls Methuselah a Myth.

"Prof. Frederick Starr, leader of the department of Anthropology at the University of Chicago, has exposed Methuselah. The professor told his class that he did not believe Methuse lah ever lived 969 years, or within

centuries of that age. "Although the Bible says Methuselah lived on earth this length of time, and divides his life into periods. Prof. Starr, with the cold criticism of science, deprived, him of the honor he has borne for centuries. surpassing the life-clinging efforts of every venerable person in history, and making the centenarians of 1907 seem mere strip

lings. "An attendant assertion by Prof. Starr was: 'People live longer nowadays than in those early times.

"Prof. Starr is also doubtful if Saul, David and Solomon ever reigned forty years each, as the Bible declares."

Other Worlds to Conquer, Bishop Fallows, of St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, this city, in recent Sunday morning discourse

declared that missionary work in heaven will be carried on for the benefit of souls inhabiting the multitude of other worlds than the planet earth; and he warned his congregation it would be well to be prepared to con-, lief, and doubling the real membercontribute liberally to the missionary ship of the church. The church acts funds which will be needed in Para-

That information is highly important, and comes when it is most antagonizo their faith, if parents and

long ago by the preachers, that all who shall reach that heavenly shore will become choristers on their arrival, and that "Glory, glory, glory to God and the Lamb" will be the burden of their song, and it will continue forever. After singing that song errors of childhood, which they are for a few million years it would be ambitious to engraft on Spiritualism. supposed it would become somewhat Very few embrace the whole truth at once. Taught the Bible was inspired monotonous, and the desire would be felt that the words ought to be by God; that Jesus was sired by the Eternal Father, and was virgin born, occasionally changed. Well, Brother Fallows has made a and made familiar with some good

sayings his blographers credited to grand discovery. He assures us missionaries will be sent out from the him, these are the most difficult to pearly courts to proselyte sinners, not get rid of.

only residents of our solar planets, Accustomed to the church from inbut they will skip out to the innumerfancy, such persons at first wish to make Spiritualism an appendage of able planets of other solar systems. and thus the good work of saving that institution, and can hardly toler ate those who see no virtue therein, souls for Jesus will go on forever. Of course the clerics, God's earthly and nothing worthy of perpetuation. Their humanitarianism is not an offrepresentatives, on advent to the streets payed with gold, with infallispring of Christianity, but is an outble Bible written by the fingers of growth of our common needs. Were we to ask deliverance from the Supreme, will continue on duty. anything it would be from the We half way tumbled to Bishop Fallow's discovery two weeks ago, when, preacher who inherits his religion and who never had the bravery to in "A Subject for Thought," we said:

think along other lines of thought "It is but reasonable to presume all the other planets of our own solar than those he drank in with his mothsystem, as the innumerable planets er's milk. of all the other millions of suns, are inhabited by beings similar to man. Sleepers, Awake; the Day Dawns.

Were the inhabitants of all that reti-nue of worlds affected by the sin of our first parents? And do they, too, need a savior to redeem them from the awful consequences of that sin?"

We then expressed a desire to learn from headquarters if we were correct. Almost immediately thereafter there comes the desired information, and we are told in addition by the Bishop: "I am not sure that Christians in heaven will not have to raise money and with equal ardor and enthusiasm labor for the salvation of souls of

other worlds than ours." ing, which will bring Catholicism into True, a doubt seems to be expressed, the foreground. Protestantism must but in consideration of that doubt it take many steps forward, else fall a would be well enough for Christians great distance in the rear. on earth, when taking their depart-It is almost certain that the Pope ure, to lay in a good supply of ready cash to supply imperative needs, else,

possibly, some of the outer planets may fail to be visited by Christian missionaries, and immortal souls may late, every cardinal and Jesuit, at be lost. work promulgating the truth. Pro-

testants cannot remain silent on-Welcomed from the Other Shore. lookers. They will come to the front, The late death of Mrs. McKinley, and swear, if need be, that they were as described by those who were in the original discoverers and promulattendance at the passing of this good gaters of the new faith, and, possiwoman, relict of the murdered Presibly they will find proof that the dent McKinley, seems confirmatory of Fox girls had been educated by Prothe teachings of Spiritualism. One testant parents; were, therefore, made of those who watched at the deathcapable of holding communion with bed speaks of the last moments as disembodied minds. Here is a very

The hope of the church is based on indoctrinating youth, and getting them into the folds of the church before they have learned to think. In many churches, particularly in the Catholic, the infant is baptised and enrolled a member when it is christened, thus inheriting its religious be-

on the theory, "Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined." Children are not allowed to read books that

priests can prevent it. needed. We had been taught in the The ranks of Spiritualism, on the contrary, are augmented by thinkers from the church, who, in mature life, have discovered the falsity of their paternal teaching. They naturally bring along with them many of the

Thus an Associated Press dispatch. That University of Chicago seems to have thinkers as Professors, and the whole world should be glad.

... It is known to all persons, or should be, that primarily all peoples noted time by moons, just as the American Indians still do. These moons constituted a year, requiring nearly thirteen to make a solar year. Methuselah's 969 "years," divided by 13, and he was about 74 1/2 of our years old when he was drowned in the great deluge. It was probably this old-time citizen who was refused a place in the ark, and who yelled to old Noah: "Go to 'l with your ark; I don't think there'll be much of a shower."

All the moons of Adam were 930, her loved husband. otherwise 71 and a fraction years. Soth lived 912 moons-a little more than 70 years. Enoch lived 960 moons-nearly 74 years.

Later the seasons were used for noting time, summer and winter each constituting a year. After the division | ments. Something is seen that causes of the starry vault into constellations, the features to light up with joy, as by the Babylonians, and the Zodiac if loved ones from the other shore was completed, then it was found the had welcomed the arrived spirit to its sun seemed to circle the entire new home. Can there be a doubt that heavens, and then reached the place of | her loved one was there to greet her, beginning, then the solar year was and fold her in his arms? No slumdetermined, and all the ancient modes bering in the grave in good orthoof noting time were dropped out of dox fashion, but "when she died on use. earth she was born in heaven," a con-

But they who swear by the Bible as the inspired word of God know that because of our sins human life has been greatly abridged. Had it not been so man would have scaled heaven and captured that ivory throne ere this.

Ingersoll's Apostrophe to Liberty. O Liberty! Thou art the god of my

Under arrest, and held as a prisoner idulatry. Thou art the only deity that for the crime, and representing himhateth the bended knee. In thy vast and unwalled temple, beneath the self as the tool of others, with probroofless dome, star-gemmed and lumi- ably a promise of freedom if those he represents as his employers are connous with suns, thy worshipers stand erect. They do not cringe or crawl, victed, he tells of scores of murders perpetrated by himself, with a coolor bend their foreheads to the earth.

The dust has never borne the impress ness and bravado worthy a -better of their lips. Upon thy altars mothers cause.

do not sacrifice their babes, nor men' If Orchard escapes justice by turntheir rights. Thou askest naught ing informer, then prepare to expect

from man except the things good men every other criminal to imitate his hate--the whip, the chain, the dunexample, and swear he was a willing geon key. Thou hast no popes, no and paid tool of another, probably priests, who stand between their an enemy. The Progressive Thinker fellow-men and thee. Thou carest not has no opinion of the guilt or innofor foolish forms, or selfish prayers. cence of Haywood, and hopes if guilty Thou hast no monks, nor nuns, who, he will be properly punished, but it in the name of duty murder joy. At does not hesitate to declare, a prosecuthy sacred shrine hypocrisy does not tion must be in desperate need which bow, virtue does not tremble. supercalls such a wretch and black-hearted stition's feeble tapers do not burn, but assassin as Harry Orchard admits Reason holds aloft her inextinguishhimself to have been, as the principal able torch, whose holy light will one witness in support of such prosecuday light the world. tion.

recent cablegram from Rome that re-"I will never believe that Mrs. Mcveals what is in the wind (reader, Kinley did not know at the very moment of the soul's transition that she pause and reflect): was passing from death into life. "A remarkable open letter, which

'I bent over her at that moment broadly attacks the idea of infalliand saw her face transfigured as though animated by great joy.

bility of the Pope, has been addressed "Sweetly, tenderly, spiritually beauto Pius X. by a group of Italian tiful was its aspect. The breathing priests. It is a reply to a censure by had grown shorter, shorter, shorter the pontiff in his allocution of April there was a convulsive tremor; the 17th against the modern school ecmuscles of her shoulders and throat slightly struggled; she raised her clesisstics. The letter contends that arms, her lips parted, and through Catholicism should abandon its archthem came a sound not articulate. aic position and by recognizing claims but like a sobbing, joyous sigh. "Once more she breathed gently of science and democracy, regain its

Not more soft was the flight of the hold on mankind. It indicates the soul than was that exhalation. right of the young men in the church of us were kneeling at the bedside to a certain amount of liberty in and it seemed as though we almost saw the reunion between the wife and their work. Certain pontifical appointments to high dignities are "In death Mrs. McKinley's face i

strongly criticised. The Pope is stamped by a beauty ineffably sweet charged with paralyzing the work and and a contentment not less than diinstitutions of his predecessors, par-Clairvoyants who have watched the

dition awaiting all humanity.

Desperation.

According to his own confessions

under oath, Harry Orchard, an as-

sumed name, used as a witness in the

prosecution against Wm. D. Haywood

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ticularly of having introduced reacsoul's parting from its earth tenement, tionary theologians into Biblical comall agree in making similar statemissions. The writers repudiate the Pope for wisdom, equity and clemency."

> This is only a side thrust. The whole system is involved, and modern their conduct, when people of repute thought is sure to be triumphant ere the end of the agitation is reached. able evidence of the fraud and trick-

### Too Bad!

Dr. Chaimers, high medical authority of Glasgow, Scotland, declares emphatically that there is death in kissing: that the kissing of infants frequently transient germs of disease. Must mothers forego that luxury of love to save the darling from death?

for the murder of Governor Stuenen-The Honest Question. berg, of Idaho, was a hired assassin. A thousand men, says the Detroit without a parallel in modern history. Press, can go to work at 7 o'clock in the morning without the ringing of a bell. Why is it 300 people cannot assemble in a church without a previous ding-donging lasting half an hour?

The priest, alone, can answer.

## TAKE NOTICE! 4

Spiritualists Everywhere Be On the Alert.

Spiritualists of the United States, do you want Spiritualism properly represented in the report of the Director of the Census? If so, urge the officers of your local and State assoclation to fill and return the card sent them long ago, by the Department. Every opportunity has been given us to prove by figures how many we are, and it will be our own fault if we are incorrectly reported. Spiritualists. have you the courage to stand up and be counted? If so, send in the reports of your local societies. HARRISON D. BARRETT.

600 Pennsylvania Ave., S. E., Washington, D. C.

such a trail behind him, with all of The California State Spiritualists his apparent brightness, that some are Association, through its president, Ar-

thur Howe, utterly repudiates H. R. not working upon hearsay evidence. Moore, whose fortune teller's license or even that they have seen parapherwas recently revoked by Mayor Har nalia and means he made use of, but per immediately after his arrest for have heard also, by his own word of trying his weird arts on the Los Angeles public. The fact that Moore's mouth his methods.

unsavory record, together with his charlatanic practices, is known to There is a class of faking pre tenders who have "obtained money the local members of the State Spiritunder false pretenses" so long that ualists' Association bars him from any chance of gaining admittance to the their place rightly and legally is in a local organization, and should he ever states prison or penitentiary, behind attempt to gain a place on the roster of the association he would be refused

The humiliation of loyal workers President Howe of the State Asso in Spiritualism, who have been comclation repudiates Moore, and is emphatic in his statement that the lat pelled to do their work and be folter can never hope to gain a place in lowed immediately, too often by such the ranks of the reputable Spiritualists as he is, has been more than words until he disproves the reports of his can express, and has been the cause conduct, which have followed him here from all over the country. of many leaving our ranks and either were that possible, it is not probable going into the churches or standing. that he would be admitted, for Moore's waiting to see what action is going to work as a medium is not at all in be taken by the body of Spiritualists accord with the ideas of local Spir-Itualists. regarding such people. "Moore has never applied to the

THE TIME FOR SOME ACTION IS California State Spiritualists' Association for a certificate of membership, said Mr. Howe, "and should he do so When persons have repeatedly it is almost certain that it would be brought Spiritualism into disgrace by refused.

#### Opposed to Fakers.

testify that they have found indisput-"The Association is decidedly against persons such as Moore, judging by his ery made use of by certain individurecord, must be. While we have never been called upon to investigate als, that should be sufficient, I believe, this record, it appears to me that if to cause those in authority in Nation-Moore were all right he would enal and State Associations, to send out deavor to refute it at once; but this officially a note of warning to all soci- he has never done. 'Two sections of Article 9 in the

eties, that it would at least be wise by-laws and qualifications of the State for them not to employ those under Association would at once bar Moore the ban of such accusations until they from membership. One of these, Seccan clear themselves in the estimation tion 2, says: 'Proof of good charac-of all fair-minded people. ter covering a period of five years prior to application.' Part d.

The people here did not seem to understand<sup>i</sup> the fact that a man by evidence of the genuineness of the the name of Moore, operating as a applicant's mediumistic gifts.'

Moore was at the picnic held by medium in Los Angeles, was the same the Guiding Star Association at Eden-Moore who, had left a society in New dale recently, and I was approached York so disgraced by his flight and by two or three persons and asked if silence, and so humiliated that when would not invite him to address the such grave charges were made against assemblage. I personally did not care to have him, but thought it best to him, and gvidences accumulated, he consult with other members of the should fail to meet it like a man. Association. They one and all stated These same people would not take the ositively that he should not be alexperiences and testimony of those lowed to speak.

"As to his having taken up a col who had paid so dearly for it at Lily lection of \$15 at the time, it might Dale, nor ofeothers in Philadelphia, have occurred, but without my knowland other places;"but believed him to edge, and certainly without the sancbe a persecuted.""innocent." Now, tion of myself or any other member of the State Spiritualists' Association. they are reaping what he has sown. of course, we did, not particularly and they have prepared the field. watch his actions, but it is certain

Now there are some of the best, that whatever money he obtained at the picnic was solicited at odd times most sincere and true Spiritualists in and in secret. Los Angeles, who are doing the same

#### Not Inquisitorial Body.

thing, who are nursing the same Mr. Howe also stated that were it "suckling," and who will sooner or in his power he would at once bring later be in the dust and ashes of huabout an investigation of Moore's miliation, when he has gotten all he methods, and, if they were as crude can out of them and is forced again to and charlatanic as reports state, help in the expose.

For although some of the articles | As president of the state Anove, have spoken of Californians as "dead "I cannot bring about an investiga-

EMPORIA, KANSAS, TO HONOR FOUNDER.

seek for the motives of men who es

A close watch will be kept on the

Moore family, now that they are de-

prived of a license, and the police say

arrest is likely to follow violation of

the ordinance .- Los Angeles (Cal.)

pouse the cause of humbugs.

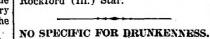
Dr. G. W. Brown to be Guest at Semi-Centennial-Founded City in 1857 -Last Survivor of Five Interested How Many Are We?-Shall We Be An Locating of City in Rich Neosho Valley-Dr. Brown Plans to Attend.

Dr G W Brown 907 Kilburn avenue, is to be the honored guest of the citizens of Emporia, Kan., at the semicentennial celebration July 3 and 4. of the founding of the pretty city that nestles in the Neosho Valley. Dr. Brown was president of the company that promoted the founding of Emnoria, and with the late General Deitzler located the town site in February, fied with the early history of the now flourishing city has been demanded by the citizens of Emporia, and W. A. White, editor of the Emporia Gazette, on behalf of the committee has invited Dr. Brown to be the guest of honor at the celebration, with all ex-

penses incident to the trip paid. July 3 will be given over to an Old Settlers' reunion, at which Dr. Brown will be one of the speakers, and as he is thoroughly conversant with the history of the thrilling times in Kansas, his presence on the program will be the feature of the reunion. Dr. Brown was a witness to the stir-

ring acts of old John Brown and hisraiders, and his presence on the ground where his band roved at will half a century ago will be a most noteworthy event, and the opportunity of hearing first-hand the many incidents connected with the locating of a town in those stirring days will not be overlooked by the people of Em-

poria and vicinity. Dr. Brown has accepted the invitation and will leave Monday, July 1, to participate in the fiftieth anniversary of the city he founded in 1857 .-Rockford (Ill.) Star.



So Says a Prominent Physician.

In regard to the query for drunkenness in a late Progressive Thinker by your correspondent from San Diego, Cal., I wish to inform him that there is absolutely no specific known that is worth "a tinker's ----." The drug, tartar emetic, is sold by fakers who triturate it with other harmless drugs. These are put up in powders and sold at exorbitant prices. Antimony, the

Chicago, Ill.

principal ingredient, is a poison, and is not used very much, if at all, by the modern up-to-date physician, who, in fact, uses comparatively few drugs, it by hoarding what you know and exand if the people were educated to pect it to unfold you in the future. the point where he could be appre-Let us make the acquaintance of clated, would prefer to use only our neighbors, and record our names

in which he absolutely knows there as SPIRITUALISTS beside our Methis a positive remedial value. Strychodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Cathnia and atrophine, used in the Keelv olic brothers and sisters, and show the cure, have slight value in acute alcoearnestness and the enthusiam we claim for our beloved Cause.

holism, and this only when indicated. Suggestion is considered of value, Let each society "get a move" on especially where the patient wishes to itself, and send in the Spiritualistic co-operate and is sincere. In the Census at once. We have but little French school, the result of the im- time, and that is all the more reason Census at once. We have but little mortal Charcot, this has given some we should increase our motions in satisfaction. D. S. HAGER, M. D. this instance

T. WILKINS, Sec'y. I. S. S. A.

ment, in the on awakaning JUS TICE. conscience.

THE SPIRITUALIST CENSUS.

Listed as Spiritualists on the National Census Records?

Brother H. D. Barrett is making a masterly appeal to the Spiritualists of the nation to get in action, and make the showing upon the National Census Books that they are justly entitled to. He has presented the necessity and numerical value of being registered among other religious organizations. We certainly believe we have the most practical religion and provable 1857. The presence at the celebration of the only survivor of the five identi-and upon the scientific side it penetrates the ether space and reaches other habitable planets, and isn's there enough in it to make it worth recording before the world of religions?

It will require but a few momentsfor the young, active Spiritualists in every part of America to take the census of the Spiritualists--the believers in the possibility of spirit re-turn, and the other short clauses in the Declaration of Principles, in part or as a whole. in their immediate surroundings and send them in to the Secretary of your State Association, to be forwarded to the National Sec-

retary. To the friends-the Spiritualists-

of Illinois, I wish personally to repeat the appeal of President Barrett, and ask that you constitute yourself a committee in your own town to hunt up the names, or at least the number, of real Spiritualists and send the same to me, at 15 Park avenue, Chicago, and I will forward them to the National Secretary.

I hope by this means to gather in the numerical standing of the Illinois Spiritualists.

Do not say you have no time, but employ some of your leisure toward hunting Spiritualists. Get in touch with your fellowman. Don't write me long-winded letters, for 1 shall have no time for long-winded replies. and don't fill up with regrets and "knocks" against our innocent little 'Declaration of Principles."

If you love your angel friends do something to prove it to them. They are in a condition of continuous activity and must hold at least a wave of pity for the inactive, mildewing friends who have found the truth of continuity and retired into wise (?) and conceited seclusion to gloat out · useless existence.

If you love the truth you have found you will not be afraid to tell it to the world. Don't dwarf your spir-

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## SCIENCE OF THE SOUL. An Address by Geo. W. Lewis, A. M., at Golonial Hall, New York Gity.

BY ACQUIRING A KNOWLEDGE AND IT CAN THEREBY COME IN following it, is what mathematicians OF THE INTRINSIC CHARACTER CONTACT WITH GROSS MATTER, call one hundred septilions. But that AND FACULTIES OF THE HUMAN AND THE PHYSICAL FACTS OF expression is about as incomprehensi-AND FACULTIES OF THE HUMAN MIND AS MANIFESTED HERE, WE SHALL BE ABLE THEREBY TO KNOW SOMETHING OF THE MEN-REAL SUBSTANCE, AND ALWAYS KNOW SOMETHING OF THE MEA-REAL SUBSTANCE, AND ALWAIS TALITY AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SUBSTANCE OF ITS EN-DIED by 100 millions. And this is the plied by 100 millions. And this is the the astounding number of corpuscies which the scientists of to-day have de-termined that exists in one drugstore IS THE SAME SOUL THAT WAS IN- ING, CONTROLLING AND DIRECT- grain of matter. This is, indeed, a CAENATE HERE. IT IS CO-ETER- ING THE PHYSICAL FORCES, most astounding statement. NAL WITH THE UNCREATED COR- THROUGH ITS INHERENT POWER it may be a fact. But who can tell? PUSCLES OF MATTER. IT IS THE OF VOLUNTARY AND AUTOMATIC It is given, not as a postulate, not as ARCHITECT AND BUILDER OF ACTION, WHEREBY IT POSITS THE an approximation, but as a scientific deduction. The statement that any THE HUMAN BODY, AND ELEC- ULTIMATE CORPUSCIES OF MAT- human intellect can accurately count TRICITY IS THE CONNECTING TER IN POSITION TO FORM THE measure or weigh such infinites thanks LINK BETWEEN MIND AND MAT- SPECIFIC ORGANIO STRUCTURE, small, invisible corpuscles of matter, TER. IN EARTH-LIFE IT CON- THROUGH PASSION IT LAYS THE is astounding beyond all human com-prehension. Is it within the scope of STRUCTS ITS BODY FROM TER- FOUNDATION OF THE HUMAN EDI-RESTRIAL-PHYSICAL SUBSTANCE, FICE IN PROTOPLASM.

About four hundred and sixty years But in 1904 Dalton's theory, which before Christ, Democritus, an eminent had been accepted by the scientific Greck philosopher, of the New Eleatic School, was born in Abdara, Thrace. ruthlessly swept aside to give place He inherited a large fortune and trav-eled extensively in Asia and Egypt, acquiring an extensive knowledge of were claimed to be nothing more nor the philosophy of the most eminent less than electricity. And thus the scholars of his age. He wrote many works on the physical and moral sci-sprung upon the scientific world. on mathematics, music and In August, 1904, at a meeting of technical subjects. He was the foun- the British Association, Mr. Balfour, with an ambition to excel his fellow der of the atomic theory of the universe. He taught that every thing in existence, in its last analysis, con- when, as president of the Association, sists of infinitely small, indivisible he made a sudden demand upon scien-atoms, each having a definite form, tific men for a re-examination of the quality and movement, whose inevit- foundation for their beliefs and theoable union and separation shape all ries. different things, construct all forms, Mr. Balfour warned them that the

produce all laws and effects, and disscientific structure they were rearing solve them again, that new forms and could not stand. But when he heard combinations may again be builded Mr. Lamb's address in the Mathematiup, and thus insure the perpetuation cal Department, he declared that his and continuity of all material forms own iconcelasm was outdone by the and forces, in succession. He contended that the gods themselves, the hu- in Section D. the biologists turned man organisms and mental faculties, strenuously against the time-honored all originate from these ultimate, indi-wishle atoms of matter. visible atoms of matter.

The school of Democritus was suc- was a flat rebellion against the theory ceeded by that of Epicurus, a Greek of the constitution of matter. And iphilosopher, born in the island of from the conflicts that arose many of Samos, 342 years before Christ. At the scientific men .returned to their the age of eighteen he went to Athens, homes, it is said, with saddened hearts. became a pupil of Pamphilius, and an The scientists pointed to the philosoardent admirer of the atomic theory phers and metaphysicians as being of Democritus. He traveled for several years, and at the age of thirty they took a pledge against the use established a school of philosophy at of metaphysical terms. Athens. He was a man of the purest morality and of unimpeachable char- physicists in the exposition of pheacter. It is said he wrote over 300 nomena that seemed to overturn all the never used a quotation. He en-deavored to clear up the uncertainties the existence of real material corin the philosophy of Democritus by puscles acted upon by physical forces. reconstructing the atomic theory. He But now suddenly their indivisible

set forth the following axioms: "Nothing comes from nothing." of having exploded-blown up, and of "And (2) "That which exists can never having hurled the little fragments of be annihilated." He contended that itself, designated by them as corpusall matter consists of atoms, and these cles, in all directions with inconceivare indivisible aand unchangeable; able rapidity. And they claimed these that the only properties they possess corpuscles to be electricity, and there-

are shape, volume, gravity and num-That the universe is infinite bers. and unchangeable, the aggregate universe. quantity of matter always remaining the same. He broke away from the he atoms of matter.

Possibly finite minds? It draws most heavily upon human credulity. It is further

said: "And a row of them (corpuscles) placed side by side an inch long would contain 12,500,000,000,000."

This number is 12 trillions 500 bilions. Or, in other words, it is 12,500 times 100 millions. These are most extraordinary statements. Instead of being sound deductions of scientific inquiry, they would rather seem to be overdrawn hypotheses and fantastic imaginations of some ardent scientist. scientists. Even Professor Larkin, the eminent scientist that he is, in one brief sentence dispels all these scientific vagaries as to weighing, measuring and counting these infinitesi-mally small, invisible corpuscles of

matter. He says: "No brain, not even that of the ablest mathematician, can commence to think about a corpuscle, of its weight or diameter."

If, therefore, the weight and diameter of these corpuscles transcend human comprehension, how can the number of corpuscles in a drugstore grain be counted? How can they be veighed?

Or if the diameter and dimensions of a corpuscle passes human comprehension, how, I repeat, can the number placed side by side to form a linear inch, be counted or determined? As easily could you count the num ber of animals, whose size and dimen "blind leaders of the blind." And sions you do not know, which, being placed side by side, would form a line 300 feet long. The statement fur-A revolt sprang around from the ther represents:

"Nothing whatever exists but cor puscles. This seems to render obsoworks, and that in all his writings current theories of the constitution of lete the prehistoric word soul. If souls exist they are congeries of corpuscles. \* \* Since no thing nor entity. exists but corpuscies, or ever did, they cannot end and are immortal." and indestructible atom is suspected

An Eternal, Uncreated Mental Entity. In dealing with the invisible, intangible, imponderable elements of nature, who can state it as a scientific fact that there is nothing in existence but corpuscles? It may be stated as a by they established, in their own estipostulate, but not as a fact. By no mation, the electrical theory of the means do we undervalue the great importance of scientific research, nor

Therefore the constitution of matwe minimize scientific deduction ter as we thought we knew it was If the above statement were given as Ithe same. He broke away from the ter as we thought we knew it was if the above statement were given as if the above statement were given as is the universe could not have been created by the gods. The whole processes bf. nature were the result of the pre-cipitation, shape and aggregation of the pre-cipitation, shape and aggregation of the prethoughts, theories and opinions about another thing to give it as a clean-cut these elements. He is only dealing deduction of science. May there not from an aggregate of the infinitesi- with phenomena of whose intrinsic be an eternal, uncreated mental entity, thal, unseen, indivisible atoms, and reality he knows nothing. Indeed, if a vis dirigens, which from its inherent that it must again be resolved back he were consistent he would have to uncreated energy can modify and coninto its constituent elements, and that ignore the very existence of mind it- trol the physical forces, so as to segretherefore the soul is not immortal. self. But Mr. Balfour, in his address, gate these corpuscies and build them But when he commenced reasoning called the attention of the assembled up into the multiplied forms that exabout the gods, he deviated from the scientists to the fact that in passing ist on the earth? I submit, when we from the consideration of the visible, depart from demonstrated fact and go tangible and ponderable elements of into the realms of hypothesis, it is of human form, composed of ultimate nature to the phenomena of the in-as reasonable to postulate the exist-ntoms: yet he held that they are im-visible, intangible and imponderable ence of an eternal, uncreated psychic agencies, they must necessarily de- entity, a vis dirigens, with its inherent mortal. He endeavored, nowever, to assure that part from the processes of the physi-powers, as it is to postulate that noth-the could But it remained for Lucre-cist to those of the philosopher and ing exists in the universe but corpowers, as it is to postulate that nothtius-one of the most brilliant of the the metaphysician. He contended that puscles of matter. Yes, the hypothe-Roman poets, a contemporary and if the scientist returns to his right sis of eternal, uncreated, individuate mind, and contents himself with a psychic entities with their own inher patient study of experience, he will ent powers is more reasonable than find no difficulty in acknowledging the that "nothing exists but corpuscles." supremacy and priority of mind. Does the energy that resides inherent I read with much interest an artiin the corpuscles build up the infinite cie bearing upon this subject in Num- variety of organic forms? For many ber 902 of The Progressive Thinker, years I have followed the trend of under the heading of "Scintillations. cientific research. I have paid close from the facile pen of the accomattention to current deductions. nlished scholar and eminent scientist have given careful attention to the Edgar L. Larkin, of Lowe Observa-

immortal soul, then the experiments would establish the fact that the soul entity is a subschedule to the physical law of gravity. But on the 11th, 12th and 13th of the present exquisite make and living beauty. Thus it is and ever has been. The Thus it is and ever has been. The psychic entity, the immortal soul, un-created and eternal, has existed as a month the daily papars have given accounts of similar experiments under psychic unit through all eternity past, and will continue with a permanent

and eternal existence through all the the supervision of five physicians in Boston, headed by Dr. MacDougal of ages and eons of the future, while Haverhill, Mass. all forms of matter are unstable, tran-These experiments, it is said, exsient and fleeting. In sunshine or in

tended over a period of six years, and shadow, in gleaming light or Egyptian the conclusions reached by these emi-nent physicians is to the effect that darkness, through all the fleeting forms of matter, the psychic unit, the the human soul weighs from one-half conscious, intelligent soul has persisounce to one ounce avoirdupois. From their experiments on dogs, they ted and will endure through all the cycles of the future. "The stars shall fade away, the

find that the weight of a dog imme diately after death is precisely the same as it was before death. This would signify either that the dog has no soul, or that its soul entity differe from that of man, in this that it is not subject to the law of gravity These experiments, if accurately conducted, and all errors carefully elimit nated, open up to psychologists a ques tion of the most vital and far-reaching importance. I contend, however, that the experiments and tests have not as yet been sufficiently crucial to warrant a scientific deduction free from doubt and suspicion.

There is surely a discrepancy be tween the results of the former experiments and those of recent date. Errors are not all eliminated from the former, the latter or both. Other experiments along these lines with absolutely scientific precision are requiste before the results announced can be accepted as scientific deductions. Many of the most delicate factors are the same, Forever. involved in this problem, all of which must be taken into account before a satisfactory result can be reached.

A few of these factors are the following. For instance, the human organism is built up not alone from food and drink, but from an infinitude of invisible particles, or corpuscles of matter absorbed from the atmosphere and ether, and incorporated into the physical organism. During old age and illness the affluent corpuscles exceed in weight the influent

ones. At death the last inhaling breath enters the lungs before the last exhaling breath departs therefrom. And how do these balance? These elements have weight, however small, and in the solution of the problem these, with other elements, must be taken into the account. The difficulty or the impossibility of doing so is no answer to the question. The accurate scientific conclusion is what is demanded.

Matter and the Soul.

The question should, and undoubt\* edly will, be pursued until unques-tioned results shall be obtained. But experiments along this line shall finally establish the fact that the conscious intelligence, the reasoning and mental faculties of the dog are the product of corpuscles of particled mat-ter, a problem of the gravest importance will confront the psychologist All who believe in the immortality of the human soul will be brought face to face with this, the most momentous problem they have ever considered. For the mental faculties and conscious intelligence of the dog are the same in kind as those of man. They differ only in degree. "And if it can be scientifically established that the mentality of the dog is the output and product of particled matter, how can you escape the conclusion that the conscious, intelligent "mentality of man, the human soul, does not originate from the same source? How can you prove that the mental faculties of the dog arose from unthinking matter, and that the mentality of man, the human soul, could not so arise. Please

As has been said, in 1904 modern scientists swept away Dalton's theory of chemical atoms, which had borne

solve the riddle, you who can,

warrant the belief that man has an ultimate elements that they may be intellect, the human soul, how long Remarkable forked and zigzag lines across heaven's high dome before it would have driven a trolley car or lighted the streets of a great city?

But the uncreated intellect, the uncreated soul, known by whatever name, with its inherent powers of mentality, has so modified and directed the physical forces that under its potential energy all the works of art, science and civilization have arisen. Every stone in the great pyramids was hewn from the mountain sides, in opposition to the force of cohesion, and in defiance thereof Every block of granite was by the inherent energy of the human mind, the immortal soul, placed in position against the force of gravity and in

Grow dim with age and Nature defiance thereof. sink in years, But man shall flourish in immor The human mind, the psychic entity, is vested with the inherent power of directing and controlling the physical forces, and of modifying, influencing and directing the actions of

life at death, commences its pilgrim-

age in realms eternales moment after

And it commences there with the same

state of progression with which it

terminated its existence here. For

life is eternal progression, in con-

sonance with natural and eternal law.

It is a natural and eternal growth.

No man can be swung from the gal

lows into glory, for all progression is

mental development, character

The wreck of matter and the human beings and psychic entities. The traction manager of a great rall-road can sit in his office and direct Immortal and Eternal Existence.

and control the actions of hundreds The human soul, the psychic enof human beings. It is, I submit, a more reasonable hypothesis to hold tity, being uncreated, is irrevocably stamped with an immortal and eter that the universe is dual, consisting of nal existence. It is unchangegd and uncreated corpuscies of matter with unchangeable, except in its mental and their inherent physical forces, and of psychic unfoldment in knowledge and uncreated psychic units, uncreated souls, containing their inherent faculprogressive development. Fire cannot destroy nor frost congeal it. It can ties and attributes of conscious, intelnot suffer from hunger, thirst or dis ligent mentality, than to assume that ease. No cosmic change nor curse of God can affect it. It is not a compound and cannot be destroyed. It is "Yesterday, To-Day, and of man are superior to the physical forces. For the conscious mind can

The Soul Builds the Physical Body. harness these forces and make them subservient to its will. Matter has its own inherent quali-And if man is immortal, it is the

ties and properties. The ultimate corpuscles, the atoms, the molecules, the masses and the rolling spheres in the stellar universe are all acted upon and attracted by the physical forces. But none of these are inherent qualities of the soul. Human beings are attracted to each other, not by any one of these forces, not by corpuscles, atomic or molecular action, nor by the force of gravity. Mind is attracted to mind and soul to soul by kindness, gentleness, sympathy, affection and love. These are the psychic forces that bind heart to heart and coul to soul.

Sun himself

elements;

tal youth Unhurt amid the wars of

crash of worlds."

an eternal growth under natural and By acquiring a knowledge of the intrinsic character and faculties of the psychic law. If, as the scientist contends, the human mind as manifested here, we shall be able thereby to know something of the mentality and characterentity; if the soul is derived from istics of the soul in the realms supernon-soul, then at death it must return nal. For the soul over there is the to its original status, to its primary same soul that was, incarnate here. condition. If this be true, you may It is co-eternal with the uncreated henceforth and forever, once for all. corpuscles of matter. It is the archibid a last farewell to the cherished tect and builder of the human body hope of immortality. Then forever and electricity is the connecting link between mind and matter. In earthafter you may class the old historic belief, and the modern psychic faith life it constructs its body from terres in immortality, as a fallacy and a detrial physical substance and it can thereby come in contact with gross usion BUT IT IS NOT TRUE. THE SOIL matter, and the physical facts of its IS AN ETERNAL AND UNCREATED environment. And in ethereal realms ENTITY, AND THE WISDOM its body will be composed of ethereal THE SCIENTIST, THE MACHINA-TIONS OF THE PRIEST, OR "THE substance, and always of the substance of its environment. The soul GATES OF HELL, CANNOT PRE-VAIL AGAINST IT." builds the physical body by modify ing, controlling and directing the physical forces, through its inherent power of voluntary and automatic action, whereby it posits the ultimate corpuscles of matter in position to Cannot See the Utility of Worshiping. form the specific organic structure. Through passion it lays the founda-

tion of the human edifice in proto plasm, and by appelite and hunger it supplies sustenance for building and replenishing the organism, and at death the soul takes its departure. Then must the body be dissolved into the corpuscles of matter from which it arose, and the spirit shall go to the realms supernal from whence came. Then "Will Death be swal lowed up in victory."

progression, ignoring superstition? Shall we believe in irrefragable

The two beliefs are entirely

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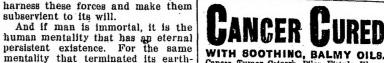
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The Psychic Riddle.

By I. K. Funk, D.D., LL.D., Editor-in-Chief of "The Standard Dictionary"; Author of "The Widow's Mite, and Other Psychic Phenomena." Next Step in Evolution," etc.

A book full of psychic suggestions, supported by startling experiences, all told in a wonderfully conservative way. It harmonizes with the judgment pronounced by The Review of Reviews. New York, on the author's previous publication of this subject: "A very

sensible, cautious, level-headed piece of work all through;" and also with the judgment on the same book pronounced To the Editor:-- A Chicago Bishop by the Cleveland Record: "There has of the Episcopal Church deplores the never been so fair and painstaking a decadence of religious piety among church-going people. "Many," he book put forth on this subject as this one." Price, \$1.00. says, "go to church because it is the

fashion. They go to have a good time, while a few go to meet with God THE LEADING WORKS OF E.D. BABBITT, M. D.

He held that the soul was formed trend of his philosophy. He contended that the gods are living beings mortal He endeavored, however, to the could. But it remained for Lucrefriend of Cicero, born 96 years before Christ----to clearly develop and formulate, in an attractive manner, the atomic theory of the universe. He accomplished this in his immortal 'De Rerum Natura," the greatwork, est of didactic poems the world has ever seen. But the atoms of Democritus, Epicurus and Lucretius, we must remember, were not the chemical atoms of the last century, formu lated by John Dalton in 1804. tory.

The atoms of Democritus, Epicurus and Lucretius corresponded more exactly to the corpuscles of the scientists of the present day. The science of chemistry is of ancient lineage; it came down to us, in one form or another, from remote antiquity. ----

The Phlogiston Theory.

The views and theories advanced were modified and abandoned from caused in any other way.' time to time as new discoveries were made or new theories advanced. The

"phlogiston" theory advanced by Stahl, who was born in 1734, was swept aside by the system advanced by Lavoisier, an eminent French chemist born in Paris in 1743.

He first caused the quantitive meth pd to be recognized.

But John Dalton, an eminent Englian font of heathen wisdom. . They lish chemist, born at Eaglesfield, in have gone back to take counsel of Cumberland, England, September 5. the heathen philosophers of antiquity, 1765, was the author of the atomic who devised their corpuscular theory. theory of chemical combinations. 'He to disprove the existence and immor discovered the law of chemical equivatality of the soul, and to annihilate lents, of multiple proportions, and their gods, and sweep them from the that the atomic weight of compounds is the sum of the atomic weight of cosmic universe. The article then proceeds to give an outline of some of all their ingredients. He commenced the astounding deductions of very rethe formulating of his chemical atomic in 1803, and gave it to the world in 1804. But these atoms, as and chemistry were based upon the absolutely indivisible atoms of matter, stated, were not identical with those of Democritus, only that they were the smallest bodies in existence, the conceived to be indivisible. The atpms of Dalton were the minimum proatom of hydrogen being the least in portions of different substances that weight. could enter into chemical combinations, while the atoms of Democritus, is now broken up into 700 parts called Enfourns and Lucretius were the ultimate, indivisible corpuscies of matter. into 200,000 parts. Then follow these astounding deductions: They were similar to the corpuscles

represented by the scientists and physicists of to-day. Matter and Electricity. .

In 1903 Sir Oliver Lodge, one of England's most noted scientists, in an address before a body of British scientists. In speaking of matter and electricity, and dealing with electrons as the units of electricity, made an attack upon the atomic theory of Dalton, suggesting, but not then concluding, that the atomic theory which has stood the unquestioned scientific test for 99

son, one of England's greatest scien tists; to those of Lord Kelvin, and In this article the writer aims to give an outline of the trend of the others-the most eminent scientists of leading scientific thought of to-day, both Europe and America. I followed day, and in accordance with modern their researches and deductions in electricity, in their attempt to count, thought, says: "All thoughts, dreams, activities, weigh and measure the number of atoms of matter that could be con-

impressions, influences, intuitions, and entities whatever, that ever appeared tained in an ordinary thimble. in my brain were caused by the oscil They gave out as scientific conclusions some of the most astounding relations of matter, and they cannot be sults-results akin to those mentioner nergin, in relation to the corpuscles in a drugstore grain. But, I could not Atomic Theory of Democritus. say then, nor do I believe now, that This seems to indicate that the sci-

t is within the scope of mortal man entists of to-day have returned to the to count. measure or weigh with preatomic theory of Democritus and his cision the invisible atoms or corpus successors; that they have gone back nearly 2,400 years to adopt the corcles of matter, with numbers running up into the octillions, nonillions of puscles of Democritus, Epicurus and decillions. Approximations, postulates Lucretius, and to drink at the Castaand hypotheses are one thing, but ex-

researches of Professor J. J. Thomp-

act scientific deductions are another. Given the ancient atoms, or the modern corpuscles, it is difficult to see how scientists can by scientific deduction account for the infinite variety of forms, organized and inorganic. Life cannot arise from non-life. Mind cannot arise from non-mind. Ex nihilo nihil fit-

"Out of nothing nothing comes," is cent science. The statement then sets as true to-day as it was in the days of forth that from 1804 to 1904, physics Democritus or Lucretius.

The Soul and Laws of Gravity.

Some years ago a number of scientific tests were made and carefully It states that the atom of hydrogen conducted to determine whether or not the soul entity is a substance corpuscies, and the atom of mercury subject to the laws of gravity. Scales were carefully made and adjusted for the purpose, on which was placed the bed with the invalid who was to be made the subject of the experiment The matters of weighing and carrying

out the process in matters of detail was supervised by trained scientists. In these experiments the body weighed precisely the same a moment after death that it did a moment before accurate in all respects, and correct

results made known, it would logically follow, either that there is no soul, or that the soul is an entity not | temporary productioned scienting test for sale into the figure 1 with twenty-six ciphers the evidence aligned is sufficient to forms will again be resolved into their built? Were it not for the human

ininterrupted and unchallenged sway Shall we believe in spirit guidance? in the world of science for one hun-If we believe in the former, we

dred years, and substituted in place thereof the theory of corpuscles of shall believe in a systematic and orderly cosmos, with no hiatus or which we have spoken. But this has cataclysm in its essential continuity been the history of science through all its journey from remote antiquity If we believe in the latter we shall believe in a mentally directed unio the present day. Each theory verse with nurnose and forethought though honored and respected in its carrying on its evolutionary processes day, has been swept aside and another from an eternal past to an unending future, with a definite aim, not left substituted in its place, so that what was science yesterday is only nescience to-day. And to-day no scientist to the random control of physical forces, like a ship without a pilot. Or shall we believe that both of these can say when the corpuscular theory of the universe will be swept aside to give place to another. And no one systems of forces are working in harcan predict what scientific theories monious relations throughout the universe? will obtain in the scientific, world one consistent with each other. For we hundred years from to-day. No one must remember that the universe concan tell how many of the scientific sists not of matter and motion alone, notions of to-day will, at that time. have been swept into a common grave nor yet of spirit and volition alone but of both, which always work toof oblivion.

Mathematics is the only science that has reached any degree of certainty, or made any approximation toward a finality. On the other hand the speculative sciences are all at sea. None of them has reached any finality. There is no finality in the science of guidance and personality, of sym-Biology, Zoology or Physiology. There is none in Astronomy, Geology or Chemistry. There is absolutely no finality in any of these sciences, nothing even approaching a finality in any of them, except in Mathematics. They are at all at sea, drifting at random like a ship without a rudder. And no scientist can predict whether or not any of the current theories shall be foundered upon the treacherous reefs and go down beneath the lashing waves, or whether they shall ride. triumphantly into a haven of safety, unchanged and unimpaired.

#### The Conscious Soul. ~

In entering upon the second branch of my subject I shall, for the purposes otic flowers. It can cause the waste of this address, postulate that the places of earth to be covered with vermind, the individual, conscious, intelligent ego, the spirit or soul-known by to produce sustenance for cattle upon whatever name-is an iddividual, un-created entity. I aluse, these terms ges in the species, and produce new synonymously, as meaning one and the and fresh varieties of organic life. same thing.

I hold that the soul is a substance having, peculiar to Uself qualities and attributes different and distinct from those inhering in the substance we ordinarily know and designate as mat-ter. I take it that the human being as he exists on earth is's dual unit.

consisting of an ultimate, uncreated psychic body composed of uncreated corpuscles of matter. The mental or soul entity is the eternal, uncreated individuate psychic unit, having inherent in itself all the powers, attributes. faculties and impulses manifested by the human mind on earth, plus all the mental energies, faculties and attributes potentially inherent, and as vet undeveloped and undisplayed here on earth, for the progressive development of the mind, is endless and eternal.

The substance we know as matter is particled, consisting of ultimate, uncreated atoms or corpuscles, and from these units the human body is constructed. Hence every form of matter. organized or inorganic, except the ultimate corpuscle, is a transient and structure, and sooner or subject to the laws of gravity. But if later, in minutes or cons, all material worship him?

date.

No church has even ever reported having entertained God. To worship God, we, in order to excite our admiration for Him, must

met with God in

to worship him," thus inferring that the worship of God is going out of

Is this a sign of retrogression or

But speaking of meeting with God, The Principles of Light and Color.

church t

CANNOT DISCERN GOD.

behold Him so as to know He is God; otherwise we cannot in reality or truth worship Him.

Why should humans worship that which they do not handle, touch or see? What use, anyway, would human worship be to the Divine?

is not the whole thing a delusion and the invention of an ancient foxy priestcraft?

When the Lord of the Universe wants humans to worship Him, He, I think, will present Himself for that purpose. He does not present Himself now.

Alleged worshipers do not behold Him. Houses of worship are therefore a misnomer; hence, the worshingether in harmony. Scientific men contend that the first of these condiing masses are losing faith in their alleged houses of worship, seeing tions alone exists, and they scout the nothing there to worship: nevertheless idea of existence of the soul. It is they have been bled and fleeced and unscientific and absurd, I contend, to kept on their knees in ignorance and deny the attributes of intelligence rags, while their clergy, contributing nothing to the material wealth of pathy, affection and love, to the whole the world, have lived on the fat of For man is a part of the whole, and the land, or, as Clara Watson has put the whole contains all of its parts. it, "reveling in luxury and regal splen Individual conscious intelligence candor not be eliminated from the universe.

But which of the Gods does th The planet, even, is subject to congood Bishop favor for worship? The scious intelligent control. The intel-God of Nature or God of the Jewslect, the human soul, can so modify the Christians' "Our Father" ? and control the physical forces and If the God 'of the Jews, the Christhe elements of nature as to construct tians' "Our Father," I am dubious of inland seas and join ocean to ocean. His existence. 1 am inclined to think It can construct and maintain highthat He, like our Christmas-tide Santa ways of travel under land and sea. Claus, has no existence except in the and can traverse the heavens above. imagination-a mere myth of the It can denude the continent of its mind and the direct invention also of primeval forest, and produce climatic an ancient foxy priestcraft.

changes. It can cause the barren des-The Christians' "Our Father," the ert to become a bed of roses and exclergy say, forced us into existence, sinful and depraved as we are, and damned us because we are so. He dure and golden-headed wheat, and created, they say, everything good and yet He made hell and the Devil When we cannot help ourselves, He allows us to starve, drown or burn and what is still worse, "no evil,

In all of these things, and in un-told millions of others, there is no they say, "can be done in the city that he has not done." clash, there is no cataclysm, between

The God of Nature, I think, mus the mental faculties and the physical be different and more benignly benefiforces. They work hand in hand tocent. We do not see Him nor expect gether; they dwell in peace and harto discern Him. But in His works we mony through the infinite and eternal can discern Him and infer that behind realms of the universe. Yes, the soul all these wonders and beauties and has the inherent power to modify and bounties of Nature He exists. No one direct the physical forces of the unican tell where, but anyone endowed verse. And in this control of mind with intelligent reason can judge that over matter there is no hlatus, there He is not the Christians' s no break, there is no cataclysm. 'Our

Father." Tell me not, then, that it is unscien-It is not the writer who would seem tific, or unreasonable, to hold that the ent on berating the Christians' "Our mind, the human soul, can modify, Father"; it is the Christians them direct and control the physical forces and hold dominion over the forms of scriptures, a line of conduct unworthy of man, much less of God. matter. Our powers on earth, it is If, however, this service of church

true, are circumscribed, but we posworship is intended as a pretense or sess the inherent potentiality to do substitute for the imagination, and no far more that has ever yet been done response thereto ever received, would on earth. With nothing in existence it not be wiser to change the form of but corpuscles and physical forces, how long think you would it have worship to that of bestowing deeds of been before the pyramids of Egypt loving kindness upon our fellow beings, one and all, which, I am sure would have arisen, terrace above ter would be more acceptable to the Gods than that of shouling to them Hallelurace, from foundation to apex? How

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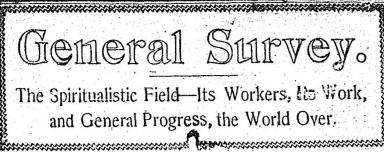
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There is prospect of Georgia Gladys Cooley spending a week or ten days at home pretty soon, to rest from her extremely strenuous labors in the field spiritual. Good reports come regarding her work. She will he a welcome member of the Elgin Picnic if she can be spared from those who love her et Meadville, Pa.

Brother Burgess handed the Secre tary of the State Association \$18.37 cents for the medium's Defense Fund of the State Association of , Illinois, last week, collections from Maggle Waite's meeting the Sunday before. Let the good work go on. There is need of a good fund of this kind. It will not be otherwise handled than for the good of good mediumship.

Frank T. Ripley has closed a-suc cessful two weeks' engagement West Grove Hall, at Balbec, Ind. 21 has the last weeks of June open for engagements for lectures and tests. Address all letters to Oxford, O., 112 North Beech street.

J. W. Mover of Boston, Mass. writes "J. M. Semple, one of our foremost and well known test mediums, has been doing exceptionally good work in Massichusetts this year. After cerving the society in Worcester for a month, interesting large audiences. he has just concluded a two month's engagement at Ayers' Temple. He was greeted by large and enthusiastic cudiences who listened with much interest to his lectures on the "Plancts," and demonstrations of spirit re turn. His work here is of sterling worth and appreciated by all. Some learned and scientific of the most thinkers of the "Hub" were present. His method of giving readings through the planets is clear, concise and to the point, a phase peculiar to himself given through his ancient Persian Magi guide, who gives the astrological delineation. He has well been called the Prophet medium. Noncan deny or even distrust that his messages are spirit given." Hattie W. Wood writes: "We are having good meetings and good success at Fall River, Mass. We have bought a little church, and hold meet ings every Sunday under the name of the First Spiritual Church and Lyceum. May 6, our speaker was Mural F. Litch; June 2, Lizzie D. Butler; June 9, R. L. Bishop; June 16, Mrs Call, of Salem, Mass. Friends desiring to see Mrs. Gill for private readings will please note that she is at present out of the city, and is visiting her brother and his family at Warsaw Ind. Mrs. Hamilton Gill will retuln to Chicago about June 26, for a few weeks before camp meeting The usual Tuesday and Thurs opens. day circles have been discontinued till fall. Secretary of Detroit, Michigan, writes: "On May 26, this First Church of the Soul closed its meetings for the summer, and instead of our regular | est, thoughtful people. Societies near meeting we let the Lyceum children have full sway. They gave a most delightfully interesting program to a in this part of the State. I am anxlarge and enthusiastic audience. We have closed a progressive year, and feel that we have been of some good in bringing light into a good many homes in Detroit. Last Sunday, June 9, the children surprised their pastor and leader, Mrs. Crawford, with a beautiful gift and bouquet of flowers, it being her birthday. The pretty little presentation speech gotten up by a boy of twelve was worthy of a good deal of admiration. The pastor deserves all credit for the work done by these children, and they in turn deserve a great deal for their interest. Even now they are looking forward to opening up the class again in the Fall." Etiennne Faukes writes: "The Progressive Spiritual Society held its regular Sunday evening meeting at N. W. Corner of North ave and Burling st. two months past." Once more we heard the voice of one of our greatest-generals in the field of Spiritualism, Dr. Warne. He made it is clear to us all that it is necessary for Spiritualists to wake up and perceive our most dangerous enemy, the of Rome, whose leaders do their utmost to wipe out mediumship through the laws. I regret that so Spiritualists and societies are many not awakened to perceive the danger. The State Association and the N. S. A. need the help so badly and how easy could every member of every society give 25 cents a year for their assistance. What a great help it would be for our generals who have to be on all ends and cornrs to fight for our rights against our most dishonest and cunning enemy, the AntiChrist of Rome.

BEAR IN MIND that the editor of The Progressive Thinker is in no wing responsible for the views examples of the contributors. He part, or may not, agree with the? respective views. every Thursday.

Mrs. Susie L. Thompson, one of our well known West Side mediums, has given \$5.00 to help the State Association in its grand work in defense of mediums. Many of the mediums have responded well to the call for help, but should we look only to the hard working mediums? Should not every Spiritualist that has ever received a message feel that it is not only a duty, but a pleasure to help in this work for freedom and independence from ob-noxious laws. The State Association must be sustained; it has done a glorious work,

Samuel A. Huntington writes from Malden, Mass.: "At the evening service June 9, a fine audience gathered to meet and hear again our ex-president, Mrs. Alice M. Whall of Everett, Mass., who was the speaker and message bearer. She prefaced her work by reading a beautiful poem entitled "Be-yond," by Ella Wheerer Wilcox, after which, she devoted over an hour to giving many interesting messages. Mrs M, A. George of Boston, will be the speaker and message bearer on June 16, and Oliver Thomas Newcomb of said city on June 23. We will have a social with refreshments on the 3rd Thursday evening, and an apron and bag sale on the 4th Thursday evening.

Contributions respectfully solicited. Circles every Thursday evening, and 11 a. m. and 3:30 p. m., Sundays." Correspondent writes: "The New York State Association met for their annual convention in Plymouth Spiritual Church, Rochester, N. Y., Presi-dent Richardson in the chair. Mrs.

May A. Price of Washington, gave the opening invocation. Friday evening the large and beautiful church was crowded. Dr. Austin gave a very beautiful welcome to the convention, to which Mrs. Reynolds responded. Mrs. May A. Price gave the lecture of the evening, setting forth the truths of Spiritualism as scientifically demonstrating the immortality of man and

the progressive life as the condition in the hereafter, The lecture contained much food for thought, proving Mrs. Price's ability to interest and instruct her audience. She was ordained to the ministry Sunday at the afternoon session, Mrs. Reynolds conducting the ordination service, and Dr. Austin gave the charge. Mrs Price will remain in Rochester for a time, working in connection with the Plymouth Church. But is open for engagements with societies for the coming season."

The well-known young worker, H. M. Lizzie Beals writes of the Wor-Arnold, will serve the Hyde Park cester Association of Spiritualists, G. A. R. Hall, 35 Pearl street: "For the Occult Society on Sunday, June 23rd. The society holds its meetings at 319 first two Sundays in May, Mrs. Carrie East 55th street. F. Loring of East Braintree occupied our platform. May 19 and 26, Miss Mrs. Sayers writes from Smithville, Fexas:-Mrs. Isa Wilson Kaynor, pas-Kate R. Stiles of Onset, served our society The Massachusetts State Asso-ciation held a mass meeting in G. A. R. tor of the Truthseekers' Society of Dallas, spent a week on her semi-Hall Friday, May 24, and was greeted annual visit, as is her custom, with by a large and appreciative audience the First Progressive Spiritualist Society of Smithville, which she organat both services. The members and ized three years ago. Since then she has organized the First Bohemia friends of the Worcester society look forward to these annual occasions Church of Spiritualists at Koaver, and with pleasant anticipations. Oscar A. Edgerly will serve our society for the on this trip received the applica-first two Sundays in June, which clos- tion for a society at Taylor, Texas. es our meetings for the season of Friends from Koaver and Taylor, as well as Smithville, were made happy through the instructions re-Mrs. A. J. Pettengill writes from Cleveland, Ohio: "I closed a very succeived through Mrs. Kayner from their spirit friends, and will always welcome cessful engagement with the Progressher, because of the thorough and conive Society of Spiritualists in Elyria, Ohio, for the entire month of May. This month, June, I am serving the vincing work she has done in Texas where she has spent four years in the socitey at the First Spiritualists' Temservice of the cause of love and truth. ple, Fullerton street, Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. J. O. Ellis writes:-Rev. W. F. I am gratified to find so-many of the Peck was with the Spirit of Truth Society of Springfield, Mo., during the young people who seem to be intermonth of May, and notwithstanding the inclement weather, entertained ested, many of them young men." Mrs. Mattie Burnham, Secretary, writes from Macomb, Ill.: "Mrs. Henquite a few besides the faithful. We were very much pleased with his rietta L. Lichtig is serving our sociework, and think he has no superiors. ty during the month of June. She is creating a great interest. The atten-He could only stay with us one month and left just as he was getting well dance has been good. The people are acquainted. We hope that he will find it in his line of duty to return beginning to realize that there are truths in Spiritualism. Her message to us in the near future.- We will work is of the best, and the materialist, along with the prejudiced mind welcome him gladly, as Brother Peck is certainly able to lend the light, cannot fail to recognize the messages given. A part of the time we have All honor to our State president, Bro. McArthur, for the good work he is message seances, at which we charge doing to make our cause beyond rean admission of ten cents. In that way we have for our audiences earnproach, and also thanks to him for using his influence to bring Brother here desiring a good worker will do Peck amongst us. May the good work well to write Mrs. Lichtig while she is go on. The Illinois Sunflower Club will ious to see the cause grow." serve tea on June 25th from 2 to 5 The noted medium, May S. Pepper, p. m. in Lincoln Hall, 70 East Adams Street. Each cup of tea entitles the and Edward Ward Vanderbilt, a very holder to a reading by one of our mediums. Come and bring your wealthy man, have been united in marriage. They are now on their way to friends. Europe. We congratulate them most Mrs. Cora Wagner has returned heartily. to Defiance, Ohio, and will resume R. Cowell writes from Oakland, Cal.: "Services have been held at the Trinity Spiritual Church, No.521 12th meetings there at the homes of the members. The officers elected are as follows: President, Mr. Best Ide; vice-president, J. W. Stewart; secrestreet, during the last 4 years by Mrs Dr. Stewart Ellis, with an occasional tary, Mrs. Minnie Smith; cashier, Mrs. visitor from the East. Mrs. Mattie Hull was with us one Sunday. Her Hettie Abele; trustees. H. W. Kline. engagement was such she could not Mrs. Story and Mrs. Ide; Mrs. Clara be with us any longer. We expected Wagner, speaker. John W. Ring, but as yet he has not Geo. A. Letford, the noted Drummer gotten this far, having devoted the Medium, was in the city last week. most of his time in the southern part of the state. We have had the pleas-He will visit St. Louis, Mo." Des Moines, Ia., Minneapolis, Minn., and ure of hearing Dr. N. F. Ravlin, the then to his summer cottage at Beardsley. Minn., where he goes to rest a OBIT while. He will attend the camps in Mrs. Turk writes from Hinsdale, Ill.: "Mrs. L. A.Griffin the renowned Michigan the last of July. Ferd. C. Suhrer writes "The Frater-English speaker and medium, is now nal Order of Spiritualists has secured the services of Mr. P. B. Hadley, who will organize and drill a choir for our residing in Shisdale, Ill. She will be pleased to accept engagements with ocietles, camps, etc." services next season. We have some excellent talent, and this will be one Mrs. Clara Wagner, Deflance, O. writes: "The First Spiritual Society of the new features. We are plan ning to present a number of theatrichad a business meeting June 6, and elected officers. The society has held al entertainments which will also at very few meetings in the past year. tract the younger element of histri-The cause of it was, the writer was onic ability. This will afford an exthe speaker for the society and in the cellent opportunity for those desiring meantime had moved to Bowling voice culture, and those desiring to Green, Ohio, and that made it very enlist should address Alex Caird, M. difficult to hold meetings. Now I have moved to Defiance again, and I D., 598 W. Monroe street, as soon as convenient. Owing to the unfavoraam glad to say the members are ble weather on Tuesday, May 28, we making arrangements to have meetdid not have as many people out at ings at their homes. Our worthy president added to the officers two the Chutes as was expected; however, the attendance was encouraging and young ladies that are of a very sweet next year we will secure a later date. disposition. We feel that they will be it is encouraging to meet with a great help to our meetings. One is friends who express regret at not Pearl Ahele, our correspondent for having our meetings to attend on Sun-The Progressive Thinker, and the othdays. They are all eager for our er is Mary Kline, for organist. The names of our officers are as follows: opening, as in transmitting messages our mediums are a credit to their President, Bert Ide; vice-president guides and to the Fraternal Order. Mrs. Susle Dill, one of the most pop-J. W. Stewart; secretary, Mrs. Minnie Smith; cashier, Mrs. Hettie Ahele; trustees, H. W. Kline, Mrs. Story, ular mediums of the West Side, having recovered from a recent illness, will be added to our efficient corps Mrs. Ide: Mrs. Clara Wagner, speaker,

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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,

The Illinois Sunflower Club will have an excursion and picnic to Michgan City, on Saturday, July 13, on the famous new steamship. Theodore Roosevelt, Chicago's greatest ship. It leaves Chicago 10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Leaves Michigan City 4:20 p. m. and 7:45 p. m. Tickets, only 75 cts. round trip. Children, 5 and under 12 years, 40 cents. Get your tickets early. Docks: South end Clark St. Bridge. Tickets can be purchased of Mrs, Belle Cartis, 615 Otto street; Mrs. A. W. Bloom, 1113 Lincoln aveme, on the North Side; Mrs. Dr. Cross. 560 E. 55th street, and Mrs. O. B. Wilson, No. 6 East 47th street, on the South Side; Mrs. Peet, 874 W. Madison street, and Mrs. E. J. Bloom, 896 Turner avenue., and Mrs. J. R. Francis, 40 Loomis street, on the West Side, and also at the boat landing. We expect a delightful tline, and invite everyone to come and join Remember the date, July 13; in the sultry summer time, for what is so healthful and invigorating as a day spent on beautiful Lake Michigan.

Geo. A. Letford, Drummer, goes to St. Louis, Des Moines, Ia., then to Minneapolis, Minn, then to Beardley, Minn., where he has a cottage; goes there for a rest. Will attend the camps in Michigan the last of July. R. N. Crane writes: "Inclosed you will find an order for \$1.00 for the

Morris Pratt Institute. Who would not contribute one dollar to the Morris Pratt Institute, which, at the same time is a tribute to the memory of Moses Hull? When a proposition was made to Mattie that the Spiritualists should erect a monument in memory of her husband, she nobly said: "No!" Mr. Hull would feel the greatest injustice had been done his work were money to be contributed for such a purpose and the school to which he his life were to fail, for lack of financial support."

Peter J. Loeb whites from Brook-lyn, N. Y.: "I want to tell you that with all the darkness made by Moore-ism in New York City, and many other so-called mediums coming into our field of labor, our Rev. Emma C. Resch has done splendid work and has made a foundation for the Church of Divine Light. I also want to thank you for the interest you have taken in our Church through your worthy paper.'

LOOK OUT!

There will be a Committee of Elgin Spiritualists who will meet all trains spiritualists who will meet all trains to conduct the visitors to the Grove, where the Spirgualist meeting will be held Sunday, Fine 25: There will be a special train that will leave the 5th avenue Station at 11:50 for Elgin. BE ON TIME.

During the season of 1906 and 1907 Oscar A. Edgely, has filled engage-ments in the following named places: Newport, Ky, Clucinnati, O.; Cleve-land, O.; Boston, Mass.; Pittsburg, Pa.; Washington, D. C.; Baltimore, Md. and Worgester, Mass. His en-gagements as, mada, for the Camps and lecture season of 1907, 1908, are as follows: Sunday June 16 and 23.

as follows: Sunday, June 16, and 23, at Unity Camp, Lynn, Mass.; Sunday, July 14, he will speak at Lake Brady Camp, Ohio; from July 21st to August 16, he will act as chairman at Grand Ledge Camp, Mich.; from August 22 to 26 inclusive, he will fill an engagement at Lily Dale, N. Y. He still has the entire month of September open for engagements. During Octoher, November and December he will fill an engagement with the First Spiritualist Association, of Columbus, O. For January, 1908, he is engaged with the Ladies' Spiritual Temple Fund Society of Cleveland, Ohio. During February and March, he will fill an engagement with the First Association of Spiritualists of Washington, D. C.: during April and May he will serve the Spiritual Fraternity at Ayer's Temple, Boston, Mass. Mr. Edgerly will be pleased to hear from societies desiring to employ trance speaker for September, 1907. Permanent address, 442 Smith street, Lynn, Mass.

W. B. Dixon, of Cache, Okla., says that in spirit he saw the transition of Mrs. McKinley to spirit life. Mr. Mc-Kinley was present and conducted her to their future home.

#### (Advertisement) The Grand Ledge Camp, Michigan.

Grand Ledge, Michigan, Spiritualist camp meeting opens July 21. The speakers and mediums engaged this year are among the best known on the Spiritualist platform.

The programme for the forenoons Sundays and Mondays excepted, will be varied and interesting, consisting of mediums' meetings, conferences Mediums who are developing, as etc. well as others, will have an opportunity to participate. These exercises are a great aid to those expecting to take up the work. The fact that Oscar A. Edgerly is

being engaged for the fourth season as speaker and chairman of our camp is sufficient warrant of his congenial and affable manner as chairman and entertaining and instructive as a speaker, to insure the successful direction of our present camp.

Mrs. A. E. Sheets, our former president and chairwoman for many years, is so thoroughly established in the hearts of the progressive and initiated public mind that theymere mention of

her name as the first speaker upon the list is an agreeable insurance of intellectual eminence in, spiritual ethics and oratorical pleasures for the opening session. Her homely welcome to each and all, wilk be a cordial and sympathetic feature in the

social environments of the camp. Mrs. R. S. Lillie, known throughout the length and, breadth of America as the "Queen of the Rostrum," is comparatively ... new speaker . with . the patrons of Grand Ledge Camp, but who has been in the spiritual field since (nearly) the advent of modern Spiritualism, but because of the unremitting demand in other fields for her labors have we been unable heretofore

to secure the services of this far-famed oratress. That her inspirational gems of Magnetism as a Therapeutic Agent, of thought will be a delightful treat and also some advice as to the Deis forecast in her presence with us.

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persons in a room, Write to the Manager and secure your rooms. THE ANNUAL RECEPTION will be omitted this year, owing to five days' Convention. 'The sessions will begin Monday, October 14, at 10 a. m. All are invited.

HARRISON D. BARRETT, President MARY T. LONGLEY, Secretary.

AN EXCELLENT REPORT.

The Annual Meeting of the First Spin itual Union of Norwich. Ct.-

The First Spiritual Union of Norwich, Ct., held its annual meeting in the Spiritual Academy on Park street, Thursday evening, June 6, at 8 o'clock.

An unusually large number were present and listened to the reports of the secretary and treasurer. which showed the society to have had a successful season, and various matters of interest to the Union were brought up for discussion. The old board of management was re-elected to serve the coming year.

Secretary, Mary P. Clapp; Treasurer, William F. Bogue; auditors, Henry Bellows and H. R. Hayes; speakers' committee, William F. Bogue, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Brewster, Mrs. R. A. Jennings and Robert B. Parker; music committee. Mrs. M. E. Twist. Mrs. A. Gould, and Mrs. C. J. Edger-

Mr. Albert P. Blinn, whose services have proven so satisfactory to the Union during the past two seasons, remains the coming year as resident speaker; and to his untiring labors, as well as those of his good wife. the society owes much of its present success.

The regular service closed May 26, to be resumed the first Sunday of Oc-tober, but through the kindness and efforts of our organist, Mr. Charles A. Dowsett, the special concert services which have ben held on the first Sunday evening of each month, will be continued through the vacation season, and we are pleased to have such an attraction to draw us together : few times through the summer.

The members of the Union Dramatic Club have issued tickets for a shirt waist dance to be given at Miller's Dancing Academy, June 19, and pre-parations are on foot for a lawn pary to be held at the residence of Mr William F. Bogue on June 24, with ice-cream, cake and candy for sale; a palmist in attendance, and Foine short dramatic sktches to be given by young people. Much credit is due the members of

both the Union and the Helping Hand for their earnest labors during the past season, and a cordial feeling of good fellowship prevails among us.

MARY P. CLAPP, Sec.

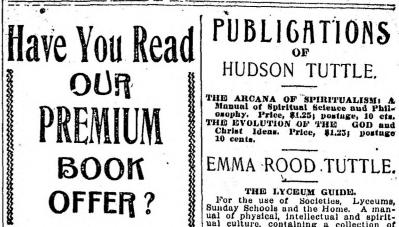
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Jas. R. Little, age 66 years, passed

10-Seers of the Ages, or Spiritualism Past and Present, by Dr. J. M. Peebles, 11-The Great Debate Between Moses Hull and W. F. Janleson. 12-Letters from the Spirit World, to spirit life at his gold mine in Calaveras Co., Cal., May 30. He was a resident of Oakland.Cal., and leaves written through the mediumship of a wife and sister who will greatly miss Carlyle Potersiles. 13-Gems of Thought, by SEVENhis material presence, counsel and loving ministrations. Brother Little TEEN leading authors, is our last Prewas an old, earnest and effective workmium Book. er in our spiritual cause, and made the closest friendships whenever, and Montana State Association.

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wherever he appeared. His mortal remains were cremated at the Oak land Crematory, on the 3rd inst. The writer of this notice made a brief Billings, Montana, the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th of June, with Rev. Wilson address and officiated at the chapel of Fritch as speaker, and Mrs. Eva Mcthe crematory. B. F. SLITER.

Coy as test medium. We had large Passed to spirit life from Ottumwa, audiences and a very successful Iowa, May 25, Dr. J. W. Nichols, aged 77 years. He was a firm believer in well as a harmonious convention. Mr Fritch being a powerful speaker impressed the people with his sincerity, Spiritualism and a Magnetic Healer eloquence and gentle manner throughof some note. The funeral services out his many discourses in our city. were in charge of the Masons, and Eastern Stars, of which orders he was and the members have prevailed on him to remain during the summer an honored member. months. Mrs. McCoy, who has en-

honest medium and-friend, will soon treasurer of the Truth Seekers' Society and wife of President, Geo. W. depart for the Eastern Camps, to re turn in the fall to Montana. Officer Morris, passed to spirit life June 8. elected for the ensuing year: Mrs A popular and useful member, loved Lillian McCormick, president, Bill-by all who knew her. Our loss will ings; Miss Ida Gustafson, vice-president, Anaconda: Mrs. Jennie Selbeede deeply and sincerely deplored. The funeral was largely attended, and secretary, Billings; Mrs. Carrie Smith, the floral offerings and designs numerous and beautiful. The services at her home were conducted by Mrs.

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of Dr. Macdougall, whereby he claims to weigh the soul or spirit as it de-parts from the body at death, I ask clearly at loss. I have never met a for further information. A. Dr. Macdougall of Haverhill,

Mass., has sprung into sudden noto-riety by taking the reporters into his confidence, like many another aspirant thent was approaching death, he had Mim removed to this bed. Then he stationed himself at the indicator and to conthing that the indicator and to conthing the indicator and to conthing the indicator and itching for fame. He prepared a bed in a hospital, on a delicately adjusted found that immediately after death the body lost about an ounce in weight. He concludes that this is caused by the departure of the spirit, which

therefore weighs an ounce. If notoriety was what he wanted, he has it to his heart's content. A oppy's bloom is as lasting, for after he shouting he will sink into obscurity with the host of those who have rushed before the public with crude conclusions from illy observed facts. Scarcely a newspaper or magazine hat has not mentioned these remarkable experiments, either with ridicule or as worthy of scientific notice. Even more attention has been given them than was called forth by the claims of pure and unselfish are surrounded by another doctor who, with special apparatus, was able to observe the life or spirit of a rat leave its body as a shadow.

Hudor Genone, a writer for the Truthseeker, seems to be highly displeased at the breach of trust made by Dr. Macdougall, for they were working along the same lines together, and had promised each other to keep the matter from the public until both were ready. The Doctor, like General Custer, wanted credit for the whole affair, rushed ahead and gave the rereporters an interview, which Custer was unable to do.

Mr. Genone confesses that he had the nerve, or facil dying human beings who were helpless in a hospital. He confined his observations to animals, and found that they all lost weight at the moment of death! He made an attempt to weigh a dying elephant, but its owner would not allow him to do so. He wanted to confirm preceding experiments which seemed to show that the loss was in proportion to size. He had found that a horse lost more than a rat, and he was anxious to know if the rule would hold good with an elephant, which if weighing ten tons, should lose nine pounds! If a man's spirit weighs an ounce, an elephant's would weigh that much more. For he logically concludes that the loss in dying animals proves that they also have spirits.

nished by the rascals are made for their own use and have no reliability. Every dollar that has been given them by their dupes, and the sum has been millions, might as well have been thrown into the sea, for any benefit received by the givers. The whole scheme has been repeatedly exposed as a fraud.

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Jas. Mettler.-Q. What is the name of the specimen I send you? How

spondents, that to give all equil hear-ing compels the answers to be made in the most confidenced form, and often the most confidence form, and often the most confidence form, and often for the form of the form, with crystalclearness is perhaps sacrificed to this line transparency, is characteristic of forced brevity. Proofs have to be omitted, and the style becomes there-always—have a waxy, non-transparent texture. Calcite is carbonate of lime, be deprecated. Correspondents often and occurring, as it is said to do in this instance, has no signification as to the presence of the precious metals, although it may accompany them.

How any crystal found in the rocks was formed, requires, for explanation, almost the entire history of the evolution of the globe. The melted mass of rock, injected into a crevice or pushed between strata subject to enor-

C. C .--- Q. What is meant by "astral colors" in one's horoscope?

Phillip Brown.—Q. So much has A. Of the phraseology of astrology been said lately about the experiments I confess to not having a very clear clearly expressed definition, but, as I understand, I can see no difference between the astral and spiritual body. Some writers seem to hold to a difference between a spirit recently departed from its body and one long to earthly things. And others hold that when spiritual beings claim to communicate it is only these "astral

shells." which have - retained for a time their individuality. These are opinions, and opinions only. Clairvoyants always perceive colors of the aura or atmosphere surrounding persons and spirits, and these vary from pure white to black. The color depend on the mind, for every thought is correlated with a color vibration. The lower depths are represented by darkness, murkiness and opacity; the higher by opalescence, clearness and brightness. A spirit of the higher order is clothed as with light, and brilliancy. The passions are red; the a halo of azure pearl. So through

acter, and to spiritual sight there can be no deception or misrepresentation.

RESOLUTIONS.

Adopted by the New York State As sociation of Spiritualists, Rochester, N. Y., June 8, 1907.

New York State Association of Spir itualists in Convention Assembled: We, your Committee on Resolu-



In a seance of the Circle of Light | fruit, but there were no jifts in them. in February, after the Sanskrit Tablet All heaven was a "dazzling sight, had been received and translated, the There was no earth! there and the Swami Vivegananda, a spirit guide ground was of gold."The angels were of one of the mediums speaking rela-all white and word wings [probably tive thereto, said that greater things would be seen in the way of spirit went barefooted. No! I cah't describe manifestations than had yet been ob-served in this city, a prophecy which has most emphatically been fulfilled. noblest expression concertable. He had Kindly reprint the following en-closure from the Engle, of Wichita, in that he had no wings. 'I met and

Kan., as it is another living proof of talked with people who had died when the truth of the Spiritual Philosophy. Great and mighty truths are never "Most of the angels are children without an abundance of evidence and there is lots of room for more.' which is self-sustaining, and the cen-When asked the reason she was re tral postulate of our faith is again turned to the earth, the girl replied that the Lord sent her back to save

vindicated by the experience of this young lady. souls. The writer called at the home of Miss Wilson and obtained in substance At this point Mrs. Wilson said: "Eula died at 8 p. m. Wednesday. She the details of her wonderful experi-

had been having violent convulsions ence from her own lips. Not being versed in the sacred writall day and the doctor predicted she would not live through the night. She ings of the Hindoos, she mistook the was actually dead. It was impossible spirit of a Mahatma for God. This to detect the pulse or breathing, and fact is not to be wondered at when all death tests we knew confirmed it is known that she knew absolutely the fact. We set about at once prenothing of Oriental philosophy. paring for the funeral, as the condi-. She expects to remain in the Ortho-dox church, where she will introduce interment. To our great astonishment She expects to remain in the Orthoand promulgate the fundamental truth at 2 o'clock Thursday morning life on which Spiritualism is based—that returned, and she remained in a semi-THERE IS NO DEATH, and that we conscious condition, dying again Friwhen given conditions, can behold and day night. Saturday about 10 a. m. she revived and called to me. I gave her'a drink and she arose from the converse with the spirits of our departed friends and relatives. In this

capacity she will . render substantial support to our cause in a way that of all disease." will be productive of the greatest good where it is the most needed. DR. JOSE MONTOYA.

Wichita, Kan. transformation of three days and to Says She Saw God-Remarkable Experience of Eula Wilson - Dead,

Yet She Lived-Preparations Were Made to Bury Her-Tells About her left eye a week ago, but to-day Heaven --- Her Doctor Is Puzzled her seeing is perfect. Balley Wilson, the girl's father, is a

To die and return to life and graphically relate her experiences in another world is the interesting and almost uncanny tale told by Eula Wilson, the fifteen-year-old -daughter of Bailey Wilson, 1226 Cleveland avenue.

been an invalid, treated by many local doctors, with varying diagnoses. Last Friday she was given up by friends, emerged from her death-like state and for the first time in several months was able to walk and to take nourishment. It was reported she had been raised from the dead. An Eagle rep-

statement: dle of December. Nine different doc- thing like it in my practice," he de-tors treated me during that time, but clared. "I do not understand how she

none could give relief or even tell revived Saturday, as when I saw her what was the matter. Last Wednes- Friday she appeared to be near death. day I became much worse; my head In fact her friends had begged me to ached and it seemed decomposition give her oplates so that she might die was setting in. The doctor said I could while asleep and out of pain. Her not possibly live until sundown. eyesight was affected and, in fact, I

night. I was thoroughly conscious of that she was almost 'totally blind in an ascending motion and was borne one eye. She is now while to see to heaven in a white cloud, attended clearly with either neve. " Another by two angels and my dead brother. thing I do not fully comprehend is

The Lord opened the gates. Inside the great rally of her hervous system. was a running stream, from which the She still has a little fever, or did the Lord bade me drink. I ate of the last time I visited her.

itualism and in reporting the same in the youth of our people from the pertheir columns which is accorded to inclous effects of the old theology and inspire in them a noble devotion to our philosophy, if we as Spiritualists perferences in this line. Dr. Savage perferces and Opiniors. tions, beg leave to report as follows We sympathize deeply with the our cause. Lake Pleasant Camp Meeting Associa-| We reco Resolved. That we extend our cor-We recognize the value of, and most dial and fraternal greetings to the tion in its great loss which came to heartily endorse the missionary work various Associations of the State and to the large body of Spiritualists who Emerson: them in the recent destruction by fire of this Association under the efficient of so many beautiful cottages and labors of our State Missionary, Mrs. are not identified with our State Asbuildings upon their grounds, and Tillie U. Reynolds, and believe the sociation, and many of them not conhope that the generous liberality of Spiritualists in New England will ed as rapidly as the resources of this nected with any Spiritualist organizations. We congratulate them upon soon enable them to restore their Association will permit. the rapid extension of liberal thought . We extend our grateful thanks to the Pastor and Trustees of this church in our day, and the many hopeful camp to its wonted capacity and usefulness. signs of the speedy adoption of the Spiritual Philosophy on the part of the general public. We extend our kindest sympathy We rejoice to know that Spiritualfor the use of this edifice and for exism is to be represented so fittingly penditures incurred in connection has suffered for humanity. and ably at the Hague Peace Confer-ence by Cora L. V. Richmond, whom therewith, thus relieving us from the cost of reutal; to the choir of Ply and good will to our beloved Viceve bid a hearty God-speed on her nomouth Church for the charming and President of this Association, Sister ble mission-who will doubtless voice harmonious music discoursed at the Carrie E. S. Twing, in the indisposiin that august assembly the teachings tion which has prevented her from atpublic meetings: to the press of Rochof the spiritual philosophy and of ester for their full and fair reports tending all the sessions of this conthe spirit world in favor of universal of the sessions of this Convention: pcace. We place on record our deep sense for many courtesies received by Trusof loss in the removal from our midst tees and Committees in the use of during the past year, of the gifted and their house as Convention Headquar-eloquent Sarah A. Byrnes, of Dorchesters; and to the citizens of Rochester er, Mass.; of that scholarly and powwe could not build the temple of Spir-itualism. Therefore, with full recogwho, in such large numbers, by their erful advocate of our philosophy, Moses Hull, whose works remain as presence and patronage, have cheered nition of its importance, be it and supported us in the work. Resolved, That it is our duty to provide and foster the conditions neclasting benediction to Spiritualism B. F. AUSTIN, Rochester, N. Y and the world; of that wonderful psy- MARGARET GAULE RIEDINGER, chic and devoted advocate of Spiritu essary to the proper unfoldment of New York, N. Y. this gift: to become the supporters GERTRUDE I. MUDGE, alism, Mrs. Jennie B. Hagan Brown; and of that noble philanthropist and Syracuse, N. Y loyal and devoted friend of medium- HARRIET M. RATHBUN, ship and our cause, Theodore J. Mayship and our cause, Theodore J. May-er, whose munificent generosity to R. W. SAVAGE, Hamburg, N. Y. education and philanthropy have placed his name among the benefac-

A MEDIUM RESPONDS. Georgia Gladys Cooley Gives Tangible Proof of Gratitude to the Illi-

nois State Association. Dr. T. Wilkins, Secretary of the Illinois State Spiritualists' Association:

Having just read your words ringing praise and appreciation regarding the good work done at Spring-field by President Warne and his associate, Dr. Burgess, in behalf of the mediums, I take this opportunity of saying it was a noble effort put forth in the right direction, and we owe the State Association and these noble

workers a lasting debt of gratitude. Inclosed please find five dollars as a little mark of appreciation on my

part. I believe it was Pericles who said: "We are lovers of the beautiful, yeb simple in our tastes, and we cultivate the mind without loss of manliness. Wealth we employ, not for talk and ostentation, but when there is real use for it. We regard a man who takes no interest in public affairs not as a harmless, but as a usless charac-

I hope we will find no useless characters in our ranks, especially among our workers, and that all will do what they can to assist in this matter. The fight is not ended, although one battle is won, for no doubt some day our gallant fighters will have more work to do for us, in the city of Chicago and elsewhere, as there will be city ordinances to be deféated, etc.

Another ban has been put upon our mediums in the courts at Indianapobed and walked across the room, cured lis, Ind., in its decision of the Albertsmeyer will case.

The neighborhood is astounded at the incident. They have known the While the court declared that "It is right for the wife to consult her husband's wishes and that it is a girl to have been an invalid whom they expected to die at any time for the past six months, and to see the well-known fact that many of brightest and clearest intellects have sincercly believed in Spiritualism and hear her story is most miraculous to other vagaries, and that it cannot be them. Her parents further youch 'for said as a matter of law that such bethe fact that she was totally blind in lief is evidence of unsoundness of mind," it declared "when such pre-tended counsel comes through the delusive channel of a medium as an orasidewalk finisher, and is employed in cle from one possessing knowledge of this city. The family moved to Wichthe hereafter, under the solemn surroundings of the seance, its influence They are members of the Christian on a credulous mind can hardly be church and are well spoken of by their measured. The indulgence of such neighbors. Previous to her illness the belief and practices may be so long girl was a pupil at the Kellogg school. continued, and of such a character as Tonight she will relate her experiences to affect the mental status." at the Nazarene Mission on Murdock

It seems they are bound to class us a rather uncertain character and are determined to place mediumship on the scale of ridicule.

It behooves mediums to be careful and cautious in giving advice on such affairs, and should be an incentive toward awakening the determination of the Spiritualists to do something for the Cause while they live here in stead of waiting until they have passed on. A bird in the hand is worth two

in the bush," and one-half of the amount given while the donor is with us, to my mind, will prove more sat isfactory than twice the amount left after death, to be wrangled over in court, as a greater part of the sum left is used for lawyer fees, court expenses, etc.,

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For the past three years she has

resentative called at the residence last night and the girl made the following

"I had been very sick since the mid-

Perhaps the most curious portion of vention, and hope she may be restored speedily and fully to wonted health of Mr. Genone's argument is his calculation of the amount of matter deand usefulness. As the alphabet is to the English parting spirits would remove, and language, mediumship is to Spiritualthat such a constant elimination ism. Without mediumship for a base would result in physical disturbances,

as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, From the beginning of human beings on the earth, he says: "Up to January 7, 1907, at 12 midnight, there had been abstracted from the earth's mass 6,564,956,872,017 tons" for the creation of these spirits!

and counselors of mediums chosen by If, however, the theory includes anithe spirit world to bring to humanity mals as well as man, then the sum becomes equivalent to 78,675,000 the knowledge, aid, and guidance of their arisen friends and guides; and square miles of earth's surface reachin every way possible to strengthen ing down as a wedge to its center. Yet he assures us that the material the cause of Spiritualism through mediumship. In view of the wide-spread devas is by no means exhausted, and will

last for 90,000,000 years! Mr. Genone does not indulge in round numbers. His calculations are tation of crime and disaster, of illborn children who grow into deplorable manhood and womanhood, all accurate to the hour and decimal-due largely to intemperance, no thoughtful, conscientious person can very good if he had any reliable data from which to calcualte. Unfortu-nately this he has not. He starts ignore duty in the field of temperance from erroneous conclusions and his reform; therefore be it Resolved, That we as a representa apparently ingenious calculations have no more value than figures made at tive body of Spiritualists, will seek random.

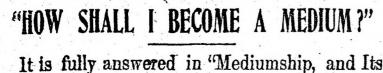
The 'spirit body, formed of sub- fill it. stance, as distinct from matter, is not al endeavor we can, in union with subject to the laws of gravitation, and other organizations and masses of in-The immor- dividuals, do much to stem the tide hence has no weight. tality of man cannot be proven by the of intemperance with its train of resteelyards. If this were possible, sults, by promoting the principles inphilosophy taught by spirits since the berent in temperance of all kinds. We extend to the trustees of the Plymouth Spiritual Church our hearadvent of modern Spiritualism would have to be fundamentally revised.

Mr. Genone should have pity for tiest congratulations on the magnifithe ambitious doctor, instead of envy, for the whole business shows the piti-able results when material scientists and liberality displayed by them in attempt spiritual investigation.

If there is loss at death, it must be and imposing a structure in its histor explained on material grounds, for it is birthplace. We believe that Spir-is purely physical.

Geo. A. Williams .....Q. Where can of the Purchase Fund of this church, I obtain a list of names of those who and we commend it in particular to have died intestate, and whose money is now in chancery in England?

Perhaps no delasion was ever State. fostered more profitable to a set of fostered more profitable to a set of Resolved, That we recommend our shysters and sharks than that there local Association to ask from the pubare fabulous fortunes awaiting claim- lic press the same measure of liberal-ant heirs in England. The lists fur- ity in announcing the services of Spirlic press the same measure of liberal-



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We affirm our conviction that it Rev. Anna H. Shaw, noted woman should be considered the duty as well lecturer and president of the National Woman Suffrage Association, is buildas the privilege of all Spiritualists who are not so situated that they can ing a handsome home for herself at become active members of a local as-sociation, to become identified in St Louis

some practical way with our cause, St. Louis boasts of a girl black-either in joining the State Association ( smith, Minnie Hagmann, aged 16, who or becoming non-resident members of shoes horses as quickly and neatly as some Spiritual Association at a dis-

We recommend the practice father. of the First Spiritual Church of Rochester, in having a non-resident The Finnish Legislature, which will membership roll, and hope that all only, will convene on May 22. Of the the Spiritualists of this State will 199 members 19 are women.

J. Y. Callahan, candidate for Railroad Commissioner in Oklahoma, said

Recognizing the fact that woman's the other day in an address before the And in sorrow I'd build it again. Recognizing the fact that woman's Democratic Nominating Convention of influence is needed on all lines, and in all affairs of life, governmental, the First Congressional District, "We have given the right of suffrage to But sometime it will be all completed, Each alcove, each hall and each

e it Resolved, That this Convention en-In the beautiful realm of the spirit I will find all my castles in hir. LAURA CUMMINGS dorses the movement seeking to place our cultvated, ntellgeint women. The Hardwick, Vt. have the right to votes"

Mrs. Laura Howie, secretary of the State Library Board in Helena, Mont., child labor as heretofore permitted Attorney General has given as his

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and cruelly practiced: opinion that she is not legally quali-Resolved, That it is the duty of ev-ery citizen to see to the enforcement is not a voter. Mrs. Howie has been the successful legislation, and to secretary of the board for years and work for further conquests in the line has given satisfaction. Now she and of consideration, relief and protection all the other women serving on State of the future men and women of our Boards find their positions endancountry. gered. A test case will be made and

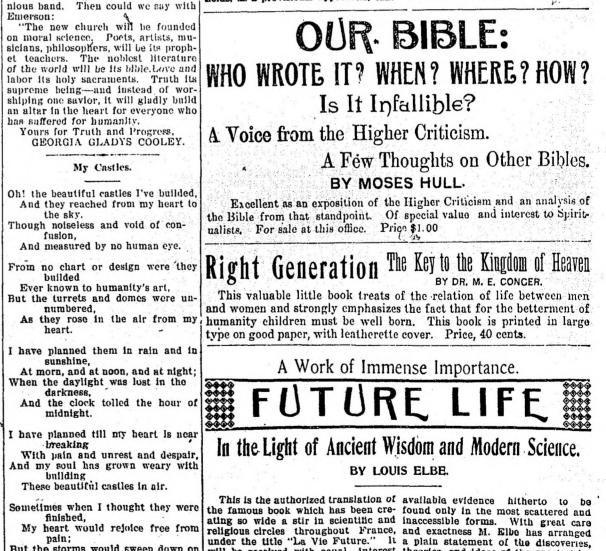
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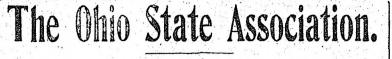
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brother man, equal in rights ol all this commonwealth and ther ought to woman on the same plane with her kinds including that great weapon of power, the ballot. Rejolcing over the enactment of is experiencing the practical disadvan-law in favor of the abolishment of tages of being without the ballot. The

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educational, social, and in the home.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.



The Convention at Sherwood was a concerted action lies the power of suc-Grand Success—The Sherwood cess; therefore be it Change of the sherwood Resolved, We reaffirm our loyal

erywhere:

Resolved that our heartfelt grati-

izens of Sherwood, O., for the use of

the kind and bountiful entertainment

Chronicle to report the proceedings

Resolved, That"due consideration

be given to the resolution offered by

our state treasurer, in his report as follows: "That the president appoint a committee of no less than five to

draft a form of resolutions embodying

a declaration of principles of the Ohio State Spiritualists' Association."

Wilson, but which, by previous vote

of this convention, had been covered,

Secretary of Com.,

O. B. CLARK, Chairman, ELIZABETH SCHAUSS,

HATTIE G. WEBSTER.

The Meeting as Viewed by the

Secretary.

The 10th Annual Convention of the

Ohio Spiritualists' Association con-

vened at 10:30 a. m., at the Opera

House, Sherwood, Ohio. All officers

The people are hospitable. Not be-

ing Spiritualists they turned the town over to our people. The mayor and

council called off a Base Ball Game

which was to be played on Sunday,

May 26th, out of respect to the con-

vention. The best of harmony pre-

vailed throughout and a great deal of

At the evening services, standing

room was at a premium. Sunday ev-

ening we had a severe thunder storm

with terrible rain, but the place could

not half hold the people desiring ad-

first Basket Collection taken, found

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present except · 2nd. vice-president.

leed not be repeated.

Thomas D. Bellis.

good was accomplished.

A resolution offered by Mrs L. A.

Chronicle Gives a Delightful View of the Convention. Its Speeches and Deliberations.

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The big convention has arrived and departed. Commencing Thursday afternoon,

when delegates began to arrive and from then on to Monday afternoon; when the last of them left, Sherwood had the honor and the pleasure, at least to those who had an opportunity of getting acquainted with any of formatory movements in operation for the betterment of humanity. them, of entertaining the brainlest,

pleasantest and jolliest lot of folks that ever visited our town, and we gratitude the efforts of all of our have entertained conventions before. Nor were they hard to get acquaint-

ed with. With every excuse for be- the year, have passed on to the highering big feeling or haughty, that will activities, among them, Carrie Firth make many people proud, by reason of wealth to some, the high educational attainments of others, and the high known as "Our Moses;" Jennie Hapositions occupied in their organiza- gan Brown, Theodore J. Mayer and tion by others, there was no way of others: telling one from the other in their manners, they were all nice, well- tude is herewith extended to the cit-

bred people. They had no hobbies; attacked no this hall for the deliberations of our creed or philosophy; were tolerant of 10th annual convention and also for everything and everybody.

The awful weather seemed to make they have provided for us; to the them more cheerful if anything. They Sherwood quartette for their sweet laughed over missing the trains or songs; to dr. Johnson Miller for flags bad connections; they, laughed if and bunting with which to decorate things did not go to suit them in the this hall; to Mr. Carl E. Dickey for convention: their deliberations and space in the columns of the Sherwood debates, while, at times sharp, had the spirit of good humor when it was all of this convention; to both of these Everything looked good to gentleman for their valued assistance done. them, now and hereafter, and they generally;

carried that spirit of optimism with them. It was in their lectures, in their conversation, in their deport-

And they liked Sherwood. In fact such an optimistic crowd could be entertained any place and be satisfied, for they simply refuse to see any but the bright side, but just the same they persistently told the Sherwood people that they had never been treat-

ed more nicely and in calling our town a little city because of our pretty hall, our pavements, our handsome stores and the way we did things, and the praise of a bunch of people like they were, coming from every city in the state, and having been entertained in every city, is something to be proud

They liked the places where they stopped, the reception and welcome they got; what was done to make it pleasant for them. They spoke of i on the platform that Sherwood must have a class of peoplé, preachers and all, extremely and nobly tolerant of every other belief.

And Sherwood, and all the country around, has and will profit by their Maving visited us. They set us a nace in seeing the bright side of life, in being hopeful, in being tolerant of the othr fellow's opinion, and especially in showing what can be accom-plished by a person in the acquisition of knowledge and culture by work and study, without at the same time throwing away any of the legitimate pleasures of life, for they all are people who thoroughly enjoy living, Nearly all of them had worked their

only 3 pennies-the smallest amount own way by self-study and by co-opeof pennics I have ever counted at and vicinity will benefit by this and by the lectures which told of a BROAD PHILOSOPHY, OF A BROAD WIEW OF A DECAMPTER AND A D ration with their fellows. Sherwood enjoyed first class lecturers. The speakers, Miss H. E. Boerstler, D. A. profit by

one had unitedly done his part. Ceaseless effort is the price of success. Strict adherence to the principles of Spiritualism will make success a fact. Now if the members of the auxiliary societies of the Ohio State Associa-tion feel that simple affiliation with our organization is all that is necesco-operation to our national associasary for success, if they feel that their tion and to all spiritual workers evmembership is all that is required of Resolved, That discrimination them and that the Ohio State Association will run itself without their asagainst American citizens because of sistance, far better would it have sex is tyranny, and we extend our been for them if they had never orhearty co-operation and moral supganized, as they would save themport to the men and, women who laselves the disappointment which is inbor to secure political equality: evitable with that kind of societies. Resolved, That we maintain our at For those societies which have titude of co-operation toward all refallen by the wayside, we have positive sympathy in severing their relations with the Ohio State Association. Resolved, That we remember with They have hurt themselves. If their paths are lined with rocks, they must workers, both local and at large, we be overcome sooner or later. Then tenderly remember those who during withdrawal is by no means final, and we expect for all and many more to Curran, of Toledo, Ohio, our former

come into the fold. We are only the pioneers who are blazing the way for state president; Moses Hull; better those who are to follow, and that our work is just begun, is patent. The thoughtless, purposeless and ignorant who think only of themselves

with never a thought for their fellowcreatures or their future, will in time find the truth in our glorious Cause. If our association is conducted correct ly its history shows irrefutable evidence that the benefits which accrue are so vast that even the most careless and thoughtless must realize the salutary effect it is having on their very existence. To our present and prospective members we urge that the coming year shall be made the banner one in our history. I can see a great leap forward in intelligence. The respect we have forced for Spiritualism from the general public and the secular press is very satisfactory. We can make the coming year the banner one easily, and thereby enjoy the benefits which must of necessity accrue. Say but two words: "Be Sniritualists." To the officers of the Ohio State Association I extend sympathy. At times a man feels like giving up the struggle, but cowards only let that feeling gain the mastery. If you have and petty spite against anyone, or if you feel a rankling for some fancied slight, or if your ambition was thwarted by another, forget it; consider yourself a guide the members look to for inspiration and advice. You can make or mar success by your ac tion. Teach others to be Spiritualists by being one yourself, and you will have done your duty. We want bigger hearts, bigger and broader minds, and

a truer conception of our duty toward one another. The ethics of our movement, we regret to say, are very often overlooked. Teach higher principles. We are under a moral obligation to secure for ourselves and posterity the greatest of blessings and happiness that it is possible to obtain in this world.

We should be kinder and more tolerant of one another; to agree and disagree, and to recognize and support even those whom we consider our enemies in the views they may present for the advancement of our cause, when we can clearly see merit in them-in place of that blind selfish spirit that knocks just for the sake of knocking, and for fear the other fellow will reap some advantoverabundance of selfishness with

memorial and anniversary services.

During the last year the Ohio State

Association has chartered two new so-

cieties; one at Columbus and the oth-

Up to date, 12 Societies have sent

Statement of the Treasurer.

To the officers and delegates of the

Received during the year as fol-

Treasurer of the O. S. A. \$320.98

Total ......

Statement of Funds.

Medium Fund..... \$58.05

Building Fund,.... 47.87 Missionary Fund,... 43.60

General Fund,.... 52.18

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151.83

Association.

meetings.

Of the Ohio State Spiritualists' Assoby ciation. We affirm the existence of a Supreme Intelligence or Soul Force in he Universe. We affirm that this Soul Force is omnipresent and the source of all life visible and invisible. We affirm that the incarnation of this Soul-Force incites the truest love and service to mmanity. We affirm the moral responsibiliy of the individual@that no one can escape the just penalty of wrong doing, and that in the development of the spiritual nature lies the only hope for the upliftment of the human race. We believe that progression is the law of life, and the door to reforma-

tion is never closed. We affirm that continuity of life is fact; also the continued identity of the individual after the change called death. We affirm that the phenomena of

the Bible and Modern Spiritualism are produced by the operation of natural law, and that the exchange of intelligent thought between the excarnate spirits and people in earth life, is scientifically proven.

Items From Snokane. Washington To the Editor:--- A few words from

our Spiritual Science Society may interest you. We are not flourishing as well as our beautiful religion should We have set-backs frequently. Grafting medi-

ums, traveling fakirs, etc., are a greater detriment to our cause than any outside element that we have to contend with. We celebrated the 59th anniversary

with appropriate songs and exercises The writer spoke to them upon "What Has Modern Spiritualism Done in 59 Years?"

Miss Hooganboozum and Mr. Will Curtis gave some fine instrumental music.

At a conference in the afternoon Mr. Davis, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Ankerson Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Shere, and Mr. Hooganboozum, all told why they were Spiritualists. The writer spoke at some length on

the "Beauties of Our Philosophy, Science and Religion." emphasizing the great good that spirit communion

brings to the pople. We had a quiet little wedding in our own society, both parties being members: Prof. H. O. Crocker, the III. healer, and Mrs. Anna Koontz, were

married by the writer, May 15. was a somewhat romantic affair, with a wedding to close the tale. Some eight years ago the writer healed the bride, and from a pale, sickly woman she was slowly transformed into one beautiful and healthy, whose sweet disposition attracts friends to her wherever she goes, and through the writer's persuasive powers, the groom, Prof. Crocker was put to his work of healing, and I have no hesitancy in saying

that he has very few equals as a heal er. They were received into our so ciety by the writer, and married by her. May they live long to enjoy the beauties of a truly spiritual home. We-walt every week for The Progressive Thinker, because from it we eceive spiritual inspiration and instruction. We enjoy the poems and

lectures especially man in the market of the second SpokaneeWash

DESIRES AND DUTIES.

would come in rapport with friends

Tomple Heights Spiritualist Camp Send in Your dates and Names of Sec-Meeting commences August 10, and retaries at Once. ends August 18. For full particulars address A. D. Champney, secretary, Interest in the various Spiritualist Rockport, Me. camp-meetings has commenced, and Harmony Grove Camp, Cal. secretaries of the same should report Harmony Grove Spiritualist Camp at once to this office, so that proper at Escondido, will open August 11, and close August 25. For full partic-ulars address T, J. McFeron, 528 announcement as to dates and officers

Temple Heights Camp.

Vicksburg Camp.

Mantua Camp, Ohio.

Queen City Park Camp, Vt.

lington, Vt., commences July 29, and

QueenCity Park Camp, South Bur-

retary, Mantua Station, Ohio.

Fir, San Diego, Cal.

can be made. Los Angeles, Cal. The Semi-Tropic Spiritualist Asso

LIST OF CAMP.MEETINGS.

clation desires to correspond with Vicksburg Camp, Mich., opens July, 28 and closes August 18. For full speakers and mediums for engage-ments at Camp-meeting, to be held in particulars address Mrs. Jeanette Fraser, Vicksburg, Mich. Los Angeles, from August 15th to

September 15th,1907. GEO. E. LYON, Sec'y. 19741/2 E. First St., Los Angeles, Cal. tion, Ohio, will open July 9, and continue to August 27. For further par-ticulars, address F. H. Sherwood, sec-

Onset Camp.

Onset camp commences its thirty first annual meeting, July 21, and closes August 25. For full programs address the Secretary, Onset, Mass.

New Era Camp, Oregon. ends September 3. For programs address A. F. Hubbard, president, Ty-son; S. N. Gould, vice-president, Ran-dolph, or Effle L. Chapman, Cam-The New Era Camp-meeting begins July 6 and ends July 29. For full programs, address Geo. H. Lazelle, president, Oregon City, or F. F. Dunbridge, Vt. After the camp opens address each of the above at Queen City ton, secretary, Liberal. Park, Vt.

Forest Home Camp, Mich.

Verona Park Camp. This camp opens Aug. 4 and closes August 25. Any person desiring pro-The Verona Park Camp-meeting, Me., will open August 25, and close September 1. A. F. Smith, president, Bangor, Me.; F. W. Smith, secretary, grams of information regarding campgrounds or camp work, will please write to the secretary, who will answer all inquiries. Mrs. Millie Mitchell, president; Mrs. Ruth Eastman, secre-Rockland. Me. tary, Mancelona, Mich.

"Chesterfield Camp.

Begins July 25 and ends Septem-Oak street, Norwich, Conn. cor 1. Mrs. Flora H. Millspaugh, secretary, Chesterfield, Ind. Send to her for full programmes.

Winfield (Kansas) Camp.

The Winfield Camp Association, will hold its fourteenth annual camp-meetman, secretary, Mancelona, Mich., ining commencing June 30, and closing closing stamp. July 14. Mrs. A. McAlister president. Central New York Camp. North Manning street, Winfield, Kan. Mrs. M. C. Sailing, secretary, 1602 South Church street, Winfield, Kan. Located at Freeville, commences July 20 and closes August 19. B. L.

Lily Dale Assembly. Robinson, McLean, N. Y., secretary. W. K. Kelsey, President, Cortland, The season opens at Lily Dale N. N. Y. Y., July 13, and closes September 3. For program address Laura G. Fixen.

Secretary, 1047 Carmen ave., Chicago, Sunapee Lake Camp, N. H.

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most harmonious and enthusiastic Eighteen auxiliarles sent delegates. they ever had and that the organization is in the best shape. They reelected all the old officers, and arranged to put some missionaries on the road to organize new societies.

The convention was formally opencome by Johnson Miller instead of A. G. McCord, who was obliged to go out State Missionary. of town, and Johnson made a very nice talk, which was highly appreciated by the visitors, and did much to make them feel that the people of Sherwood were heartily glad to have them here. The response was made by F. D. Dunakin, president of the association, and Fred did it in his usual eloquent way. The program was carried out almost to the letter as printed in his paper a few weeks ago, and we can only say that all the speakers were simply excellent. The music was furnished by a quartett composed of Mrs. H.-C. Lindersmith, Miss Belle Reyff, J. B. Overholt and C. E. Dickey, and Miss Lyel Etchie, planist. There were also solos by Mrs. D. A. Herrick, of Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Carl A. Sollinger, of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. H. C. Lindersmith. Below we append the resolutions passed:

> 124 Resolutions.

Resolutions adopted at the 10th made, and by careful forethought can annual convention of the Ohio Spiritualists' Association: Whereas: We recognize that is some

which dowed. Herrick, Miss Elizabeth Harlow, Wm. V. Nicum and C. A. Sollinger, gave entire satisfaction and kept their audience spell-bound. This was especially noticed Saturday night, Miss Harlow, and Sunday night, Mr. Nicomply with all the wishes of the cum. convention. I have kept in touch with

We would challenge the world for all auxiliary societies, also the N. S. anyone to deliver a more scientific or philosophical lecture. Miss Harlow's A., with the spiritual papers. subject, "The foundation of Spiritual-First Spiritualists' Temple in Cleveism, What Is It?" was handled in a way to force admiration from all. land every Sunday during the month Brother Nicum's subject, 'Progress of July and August, and assisted in Is An Eternal Law," was handled by I attended board meetings and mass

the speaker with such force its effect will be felt for some time to come Mrs. H. G. Webster gave several inspirational poems. Between the reporting of different

er at Chillicothe; the latter by Mrs. committees, the time was filled in with E. Schauss. One more application short talks by D. A. Herrick, H. E. Boerstler, Sam. Mahaffy, F. D. Dunfor charter from Loraine by Mrs. E. Schauss received. The society from akin, Mrs. E Schauss and Mrs. L. A. Clyde, Ohio, returned its charter. Wilson. Mrs. S. Herrick and Mrs. C. A. Sol-

lipger with the Sherwood Quartette furnished the vocal music. The Mayor of Sherwood sent Mr. Board. Johnson Miller to bid the O. S. A. welcome. He called the Spiritualism the great Van Guard of civilization. appreciated. .The president responded. The

Convention unanimously extended a vote of thanks to The Progressive to express his sincere thanks to all the secretaries of the auxiliaries, to the Thinker, The Sunflower, also the Sherofficers of the Ohio State Association, wood Chronicle and all others who and every other individual member who aided and co-operated with him assisted in making this the most harmonious Convention ever held. Fiin the discharge of his duties. nancially it turned out better than we expected, and spiritually, a great deal in their per capita tax, also one Laof good has been accomplished.

dies' Aid. \$156.90 have been received This Convention indorsed the ordiat this office. C. A. SOLLINGER. Secretary Ohio State Spiritualists nation of D. A. Herrick of Akron. W. V. Nicum of Dayton, and Mrs. E. G. Reed of Toledo. Mrs. S. Harris of Columbus was ordained to the ministry of Spiritualism; one licentiate,

They say that this meeting was the B. F. Wallingford of Kenton, O. Ohio Spiritualists' Association Convention assembled at Sherwood, O. All officers were re-elected except sec-I submit he following annual report for the year ending May 24, 1907.: ond vice-president, Mrs. L. A. Wilson of Martin's Ferry being the new incumbent.

Mr. H. E. Boerstler of Columbus lows: May 28, 1906, of retiring was elected delegate to the National ed on Friday by an address of wel- Convention: F. D. Dunakin alternate. May 28, 1906, of Secretary, Brother F. D. Dunakin was appointed C. A. Sollinger, ...... May 24, 1907, of interest on Columbus was selected for the next convention meeting. May 24, 1907, of Secretary,

### Secretary's Report.

To the Officers and Members of the Ohio State Association in Convention

assembled: Amount paid out for year ending May 24, 1907, in Another milestone passed in the path of life, another year with its pain and pleasures, hopes and ambitions, struggles and victories never to re-turn. We are commencing another Balance on hand may 24, 1907..... year in hope its ending can only be orecast by a higher power than mankind.

For us in the long and hard struggle for the emancipation of truths we have the world ahead of us. Our defeated efforts are a thing of the past; our ambitions unsatisfied are a thing f yesterday which can never come again. Worry cannot bring it back nor can its work be undone. It is gone beyond the call of man for all

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plore. retary appointed to assist me. I have my daughters help. I have tried to would travel with speed like the

lightning's flash, would hear the response as the waves that dash-The waves, which are never restrained September. I have held regular services at the

in force, Nor turned aside from their regular course! O, the bliss that comes in the charlot

of love, As a messenger that came from realms above.

United our souls may be on this earth; Surely this may be deemed a glad new

birth.

Quietly to sit in our own pleasant homes, Accepting the spirit whenever

comes, 'No ordinations for the ministry of We may learn what may never be Spiritualism were granted up to date, found in books, there being one application before the

But is sometimes conveyed in Nature's nooks!

The courtesies extended to the secretary by individuals and societies in Nor is this all we are required to do. general have been helpful and well The wealth of experience we may woo; To give it forth is a duty made plain-Naught for self alone can a soul re-In conclusion your secretary wishes

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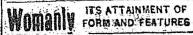
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Opens on Suday, June 4, and continues every Sunday until the last of

Harmony Grove Camp Harmony Grove Camp-meeting As-

sociation will hold its annual camp, France, Germany, Italy, and other mod July 22 to August 5. This camp is located three and one-half miles from Escondido, Cal. For further partic-Escondido, Cal. For further partic-ulars in regard to the camp, address Psychic Phenomena in general is dealt

T. J. McFeron, secretary, 528 Fir st., San Diego, Cal. Niantic Camp, Conn.

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The Grand Ledge Spiritualist Camp Meeting opens July 21, and closes August 18, with Mr. Oscar Edgerly as presiding chairman. For full partic-ulars address J. W. Ewing, Grand Ledge, Mich.

Summerland Camp, Cal.

The Summerland Spiritualist Asso clation will hold its annual campmeeting the last week in June, begin

ning June 23 and closing June 30. Solon Smith Secretary, Summer

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