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## Sketch of Hallelujah Sam Immertal Personality. A Highly Interesting and Impressive Sketch from Real Life, by Mrs. Ida Lewis Bentley, of Garvanza, Cal.

were agreed upon that point, from the stern old. Calvinist minister to the children that went to Sunday school and learned about Sampson, and Jonah, and Heaven and Hell. Taught from their infancy to by the "conversion" of his son, who immediately believe all men born sinners, Sam, as he was famil- began to preach, but with less enthusiasm than his iarly called, was set apart as having been born a father. more pronounced sinner than is often the case. This opinion hinged upon the fact that Sam at a very early age informed his stern and very orthodox father that he would not love a god who put little babies into hell and burned them forever.

For this, then heretical opinion, he received a severe flogging, which served to close the young sinner's mouth, but plainly wrought no change of heart, for as soon as he arrived of age he flatly refused to attend church or family prayers any more.. For this offense his father turned him out doors and refused him any further admission, in spite of the tears and pleadings of his loving and long-suffering mother. In this respect Sam's father was very god-like, according to his barbarous ideas of God, a fact Sam was not slow in recognizing, A few years later Sam married, and in due course Father who would do just right, and thinking of of time three little ones came to gladden his home, but not for long, for when the two older children were eight and six years old they were stricken with fever and died in one night. The parents were nearly wild with grief, and at first Sam stubbornly refused to permit any clergyman to officiate at the funeral, but when his aged mother came to him and

the church. She wanted to make sure she escaped the "wrath to come," and, as the minister told her, join her little ones in glory."

As for Sam, tears, prayers and arguments failed to move him, and to their exhortations he turned a deaf car. Of a sunny, social-disposition, he now grew sad and reserved. Alone at work on his farm he would often pause for minutes and gaze mutely up at at the silent sky as if in agonized pleading that it would in some way solve for him the problems of life and death; but his mental processes were unknown to any save himse and the unseen, for never once did he confide in anyone ormask for aid or sympathy.

For many months his wife pleaded with him to accept her religion, and one day after an unusually tearful interview, Sam said to her: "It is no use, Mariann, for you to spend your time and strength | among the mountains of his native State. in this way, for I much rather go to hell and burn forever than worship the fiend who put me there." After that Mariann posed before her church associates as a semi-martyr, for was it not dreadful to have such a sinner for a husband? Unbeknown to himself, Sam was a man with high

Samuel Peters was a sinner. His acquaintances Sam went from town to town preaching his ideas of a loving God, and so enthusiastic was he that he was soon well known as "Hallelujah Sam."

In the course of time Sam's heart was made glad

So the years sped onward, and something occurred that broke the evenness of life for "Hallelujah Sam,"-and shattered the peace of mind he had so long believed would last forever. Little Mollie, his youngest grandchild, and the one object on earth upon which he lavished all the pent-up love in his great, strong nature, was stricken with scarlet fever and passed away. Many a time Hallelujah Sam had stood by the coffin that contained all that was mortal of somebody's darling and calmly told theweeping parents, if it was a young child, that God would raise their little one up at the last great day and they, if faithful, should have it again. If an older child lay in the coffin, and he had misgivings about its future, he would tell the mourners to have no fear, but trust their dead to the care of a loving what seemed to him such love and mercy on God's part, he would often shout "hallelujah" by an open grave! No hallelujahs welled from his heart as he stood by little Mollie's grave. For some occult reason he could not seem to trust in God and rest in peace regarding her. He wanted to know what God was going to do with her.

yielded insomuch as to allow a Universalist minister that if Mollie had been a neighbor's child he would have had "misgivings," and he was too candid to have had "misgivings," and he was too candid to think she yould be "saved" because she was his beloved.

Mollie was ten years old, winsome and willful, the most wayward of all the family, and Hallelujah Sam groaned in agony as he sat alone in his desolate home, thinking of the possibilities. The deeper he thought, the more disturbed he grew. He got his Bible and turned its pages restlessly, but he could not find anything that seemed to hit his case. Was he never to see her again?

"O Mollie, my darling," he sobbed, "how can I lose you? How can I have it so? I have not an enemy in all this world that I would deprive of one he loved. Is God less merciful than I?" The thought startled him, as did many other

houghts that would keep crowding his mind. Feeling that he could not endure his darling's absence from his home, Sam took his wife and went to visit an aged aunt who lived on a lonely farm far off,

Alas for those who think by change of environment to find peace or happiness! A man is himself with all his doubts, fears, griefs and longings, whether he is in Greenland orJapan, Paris or New York. Trouble may change its form, but its life

comes from within the one that recognizes it, there-

A Characteristic and Thoughtful Essay From the Facile Pen of the California Philosopher, Charles Dawbarn.

A correspondent complains that in is so anxious to perpetuate. A correspondent companies that in is so anxious to perpetuate. my recent article entitled "Our Own This propagation by two parents much a proved scientific fact as hu-Future," I "shatter the fundamental instead of one changed each parent man mortality. But spirit return is teachings of Spiritualism." "which," physically and mentally from the old he asserts, "is the continuance into the next state of one's personality." see what that means. In this cell ence, that the scientist who accepts personal, mental and moral make-up," which he thinks should remain un-changed throughout eternity. I can-female will be differently shaped, the unit of the scientist who accepts food that will be needed by the un-born offspring. That means that the changed throughout eternity. I can-female will be differently shaped, the personality beyond this life, the personality beyond this life, teachings of Spiritualism." "which," physically and mentally from the old so embedded in imagination, and so 

ence, There are certain obvious objections is thus differentiated. We thus have life in this little planet of ours, and male and female because without like conditions of the hereafter to the interval is the second is a second to be a second to back to be a second to be a second to be a personality is to be changed into that of bright intelligence, how is he to be recognized? A child dies. Must it refuse to grow into manhood for fear of changing its personality? But if the mother of eggs, although they may be mother of eggs, although they may needed that eyelid had to cease to be it grows, how is it to be recognized be unfertilized. by the newcomer into spirit life? And Woman is not an undeveloped man, pose we apply this fact to personality. Sup-from the spirit side we may ask how nor his inferior. They are each in the next life. Here lies the form

is the loving husband who died in shaped by Nature for the part they early manhood, to recognize as his must play in propagating the species. darling the old grandmother who crosses "the divide" half a century are monstrosities, mental hermaphro-later, if the personality of earth-life is to be continued? These are surface questions that should startle my cor-these proved facts because of their questions that should startle my cor-these proved facts because of their all ready for it a form shaped like the respondent into beginning to change bearing upon life after death. The old one. So my darling is wearing a his own "mental" personality, even mother must, and will be home-mak-at the risk of being unrecognized er. It follows as a natural conse-tality. Such is the conception and

over there.' Now let us broaden our theme; and ducer. . She can never shine as a leg- the Spiritualist. But form is always examine for a moment the personality islator or a fighter. The few who at-of form, which is really at the foun-tempt it are, as I have said, monstros-to environment. And that concepdation of my correspondent's trouble. Ities. On the other hand everything tion of the revival of the old personal-Intermingled with all questions of that makes home the happiest spot on ity is opposed to the facts as we now heredity, size and shape are planetary conditions. If man, as we know him, could exist on other planets he would self and his family. The man who not even a whisper comes from the un-

could exist on other planets he would be 50 feet high on Jupiter, and per-haps 24 inches on Mercury. That would be the outer casing of his per-sonality which my correspondent wishes to retain. But our mental the student of natural history ac-dren are not born in that

or as near the beginning as mortal are to be men as in days of yore. remain so, for its shape, its every or-man has been able to creep. Nothing short of that will satisfy him gan, and its mentality were adapted My correspondent and all the rest for he is sobbling at the bare possi-of us, started from a speck of proto-bility of any change in one's personal-plasm in a cell. We do not say that npened I spoke in as loud voice as I could life commonced in that speck of pro-toplasm, but we do say that organic yet discovered either male or female in the way of mental intercourse. He but my mother heard me not. I had no pain, no remorse, no fears; but life takes its start there. That one changing sex in this life. Sex is the cannot go to one medium and con-speck out of which the planet was to rule of Nature by which a world is tinue the conversation he had with be peopled, could split<sup>3</sup> itself. into a to be peopled in endless variety, but his old friend through another. my mother kept up a vigorous massage of my apparently dead body, and when she, as a last resort, filled her number of spooks; each like itself, without the destruction of species. There is an evident attempt to tell This process of multiplication is called The conditions under which life him things in terms of his everyday "parthenogenesis," and results in the manifests in this planet demand sex. mortal experiences, for he can underhands with water, dashed it into my face, I grew weak, trembled all over, and in a moment I disappeared, I offspring being just like the parent. And the necessity of sex compels a stand no other, so that the result is don't know how-right into my other Such dhll monotony would leave life difference mentally and physically in usually a hash of truth and absurdiself. Then awful physical pains folwithout any possibility of progress, the egg-bearing partner or female ty that renders spirit-return useless, lowed. I told mother all she did, afl so the Universal Intelligence tried the from the personality of the active and often dangerous to the mortal, experiment of progeny emultiplied by father of the family. But this differ-two, instead of being evolved by only ence, this distinction first appeared, must be so, for, as we have seen, the old individuality may be there, and became the law of life. The mating necessities of mortal life on this plan-we occasionally get proof that it is, she said, and all her movements. This, of course, mother never understood, but the incident made her and myself Spiritualists, though nearly one-half century has gone since couple each had its share in making et. But form of every kind, from the but it is now encased in a new personthen, I still remember I learned my the child, but the four grandparents giant sun to the microscopic sperma- ality of form, and therefore a new exduality, and my exemption from the are there too, and back of them the tozoon, some day falls to pieces. And pression of the old intelligence. His myriad ancestors of the newborn the personality necessarily also disgrave Zelma, Okļa. child of to-day." Bo that by change appears, for personality is always as- ful student. from one parent to two we have the sociated with form. His loved one passed over twenty The Transition of a Prominent Spirwondrous influence of heredity forced It happens that experience has years ago, yet she appears, or imupon every living form. That is one demonstrated to many folks, and to presses herself on his mentality as at point for the reader to remember, for a few scientists, that something exthe same age, and with the same we shall presently see its bearing upon lists in man, or in most men, however form. Or it may be his old mother the "personality" my correspondent it got there, which remains after the who left in the feebleness of old age. 10.0 and the state of the second division of the s

material form has gone to pieces. A few striking experiences seem to al-most prove that some of the higher animals have also received or evolved this "something" which death of the form cannot destroy. We presume, though we do not KNOW, that man-kind as a whole, have attained or received this magnificent embodiment of intelligence and energy which is not dependent upon what we call 'personality" for expression. That is what we mean when we talk about "immortality." But here we come to a startling truth.

Thinker.

Human immortality is to-day as

quence, from her being the egg-pro- teachings of both the theologian and

Here it is a neces-That monstrosity. s per- The whole fabric of society is and personality, as we know them, are the result. But if there are no chil-

founded on these distinctions of sex. the result. But if there are no chil-The student of natural history ac-dren born in that life after death, personality depends on the shape and cepts these statements as proved by then sex itself becomes unnecessary, quality of our brain, and could not scientific research. We might elabbe the same on two planets. But my orate these consequences of sex into neither egg sustainer nor egg fertilcorrespondent is demanding that the an essay upon natural history. But lizer requiring a specialized form giant and the dwarf shall remain un- that is not our object. "over there," nor specialized organs

changed as a necessify of personal" the first point to notice is that sex to make up the physical and mental recognition. Such faits are also is a dominant factor in personality. personality we know and love here. personality we know and love here. "surface facts," familia: to every stus, My correspondent does not dream of When claivoyants, and revealers dent in Natural History, though they finding a female friend of his posing of mysteries tell me that the new per-may become theologically distorted, as a male in the next life. He wants sonality is a copy of the old one I will sonality is a copy of the old one I will not deny it. But I can assert from But if personality is to be our his wife, mother, sister over there. not deny it. But I can assert from theme, let us begin at the beginning. His" father and his dear old friends all human experience that it could not

She returns so that he identifies her. and magnifies the test, as proof that she is still his dear old mother. Apart from the fact that she will appear to other friends according to their memories of her personality of form there is, as we have seen, the absolute cer-tainty that both her form and her must be very consequent mentality different from what they were in earth life, although her individuality and its memories may remain unchanged.

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of course the old Spiritualist, whose belief has been founded on his phenomena will be "startled at these assertions, and his -impulse will be to deny But if he will study any first them good work on biology, facts to his present and apply bellef in spirit return he will discover why so many talented scientists who accept his facts draw such different inferences and conclusions, and declare that spirit return fails of scientific demonstration.

Let us study the law of heredity. Heredity is the expression of ances -tral force and mentality: Such an expression of earth life influences is, as we have seen, impossible in another life: Just as impossible as that the form should remain the same when motherhood and fatherhood have ceased to be compelling forces.

What the form and its resultant mentality may be for the advancing spirit the present writer does know, nor pretend to guess. and perforce waits till expe same, experience shall teach him its lesson there."' Environment is anoth "over Environment is another.factor in the problem. In earth life we are each shaped exactly by his environment. Our new mental expression will be necessarily as different as our new environment. So that, on the whole, my unfortunate correspondent, who bewails the coming loss of his present personality, will be left ike Charles Lamb, who complained bitterly that Universalist teaching had taken away his "dear devil."

In conclusion I would say to every ike-minded reader, that however much he may bemoan the destruction of his old belief in a continued personality, the responsibility rests upon Nature, and what is called "natural All that the present writer has law." done is to accept the fact, and endeavor to learn its lesson. CHARLES DAWBARN,

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Brought Back to Life.

To the Editor :- In the summer of 1855, at the early and tender age of eight years, I was violently thrown from a vicious horse and instantly killed-so thought my mother and younger brother, as the horse ap-peared at the farm-yard gate rider-After nearly an hour's search less. my lifeless body . (to them) was

found. My experience was this: My horse vaulted in the air and a huge rock lying on the ground came in contact with my physical body. There was a momentary blank, and then I leaped to my feet, joyous at the thought of heing released. I looked around me in wonder, not knowing what had

ideals, and he believed that true religion, whatever that might be, ought to work some change for good in a person's daily life, and the closest observation wandered over the fields and through the cool, ferny revealed to him no change in his wife other than she went to church regularly and deposited certain sums in the collection, and, as the months went by, it grew more and more certain that her religion had taken none of the sharpness from her tongue.

Some two years after Mariann's "conversion, Sam was returning home from "town," as the little of her flesh and blood into hell? country village was called, and passing a back-road school-house he was surprised to find it brightly lighted.

Sam was in the habit of making his trips for groceries in the evening during the hot-weather months, but never before had he seen the old schoolhouse lighted, so out of curiosity he stopped and listened to see if he could solve the mystery. The night was dark and damp, threatening rain. The air was sweet with the odor of new-mown hay and green ferns growing on the moist banks under the willows and alders that lined the roadway, and fireflies glowed and sparkled, flitting here and there. Far a moment or two the only sound that broke the stillness was the champing and stamping of the horses tied to the rail fence back of the schoolhouse; then, through the open window, Sam saw a tall, angular, strong-featured, elderly man come forward with an open Bible in his hand and announce his text: "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" The words struck Sam sharply and he listened to what followed. The preacher was eloquent in a simple way, as one always is who speaks from strong conviction. With great earnestness he "God is a merciful God, my friends, and not said: the flend he is depicted in the church erceds. God is soon as it was light the next morning Sam arose love, and therefore will never destroy a man for his and took his Bible and began to read in a desulsins, but he will destroy the sinner in mercy with tory way. He was much surprised at the number the brightness of his coming at the last great day, of instances angels manifested themselves to morwhen the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll, tals in the days of old. He had never thought about and this earth; swept by purifying flames, shall it before, and he began to question, but the doc bloom again in Eden beauty, the future home of the trines he had preached so many years were not to saints."

churches for their cruel creeds teaching "endless tory the Bible seemed, and he felt wholly at sea, torment" for the sinner, and praising his own theory, which he claimed was kind and just and beautiful.

The deep voice of the preacher thrilled the listening Sam with a strange power. A merciful God who in love destroyed the sinner instantly! Sam did not stop to-think or reason beyond the preacher's words.

Evolution is a slow process, and each individual arrives at certain truths through preliminary experiences, varying according to individual character and temperament. The next evening Sam knelt among the "penitents before the altar"-the altar in this case being a much-defaced wooden box known as""the teacher's desk." After about an hour of exhortation and prayer by the preacher of the previous evening, Sam sprang to his feet shouting, "I am saved-hallelujah !"

Then it\_came to Sam that he must go out into the world and preach his new-found religion, and prove the fallacy of the terrible church creeds which | CANNOT DIE. WE CANNOT WANDER AWAY taught-the endless torment of the wicked. Mariann objected to this course, with many arguments and tears, "for," she said, "this is an unpopular religion," and not half the money in it there is in farming;" but her words fell on deaf ears, and for many years were both gone.

fore it is only within the heart of the individual that it can be annihilated. Silent and sad Sam forests, or hoed diligently in the little garden patch. Mariann remembered that her husband had appeared about the same way after the death of their little girl, and she could not understand, for no doubt regarding Mollie's future entered her mind. Was she not her grandchild? Would God turn one Never!

One day, after an unusually hard tramp and still harder thinking, Sam went to bed, but not to sleep. Hour after hour he lay awake praying that some new light would come to him. Suddenly he was startled by a voice saying softly, but plainly, "Sam!" He lifted his head and gazed about the room. The moon was nearly full and its light poured through the curtainless windows, making every article of furniture plainly discernible, and there, standing but a few feet from the bed, stood a female figure clad in light, fleecy robes. A soft light, brighter than the moonlight, surrounded her, and her features were clearly revealed.

"Mother."

The word broke from Sam's lips involuntarily. The figure drew close to the bed, and in the old, familiar voice, so dear to the listening man, said "THERE IS NO DEATH, MY SON. WHAT MEN CALL DEATH IS ONLY THE LAYING ASIDE OF THE MATERIAL BODY FOR THE SPIRITUAL. YOU DO NOT READ YOUR BIBLE ARIGHT."

She was gone, and Sam lay lost in wonderment too dazed to question what it all might mean. As

be outgrown in a day, and the more he studied the For an hour the preacher went on, pounding the more confused he became, and the more contradic. without any means of guidance.

For several weeks the struggle kept up, and then he began to doubt the evidence of his senses, so new and strange and unsupported was that one night's experience. Many nights, when worn out with his ceaseless, hungry groping after the truth, he would pray earnestly that if it was really true that his mother came to him that night, she would come again, but his prayers were not answered. The days swept onward into weeks, and Sam settled into. a hopeless apathy from which he was again aroused. Again the moonlight flooded the little room where Sam lay wide awake beside his sleeping companion, and again he was aroused by hearing an audible voice speak his name, and there beside his bed stood. his mother-and little Mollie with her! "Mother!" cried Sam. "Mollie! O, thank God!

Hallelujah!" His mother smiled and said: "WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD. WE FROM A LOVING FATHER'S CARE. NEVER DOUBT AGAIN, MY SON.

Mollie waved her hand to him in farewell -just as he had taught her to do in her infancy, and they

At Sam's "Hallelnjah" Mariann awoke, and a lished before he was overwhelmed with exclamations little later demanded to know what all the talking and denunciations, and he caught the words, "infiwas about, but Sam refused to tell her. The next | delity," "evil spirits," "devil," "delusion," "insane," coming with violence from the lips of his day she renewed her, request, and her husband told her the whole story; in fact he was so happy he former friends. Sam looked about him calmly and could scarce refrain from going out into the highsaid quietly, "Brothers, good-bye; I prefer truth to theory. way and telling to the passers-by. . Sam's son had, unnoticed by his father, been sit-

Mariann listened in amazement, and at the conting quietly at the father's side of the hall. He clusion of her husband's story exclaimed fiercely . 'Sam Peters, I am astonished at you! Have you now arose and came to his father's side and laid forgotten what the Bible says about lying spirits gohis hand gently upon his shoulder. "Brothers," ing forth to deceive the elect? What you have seen he said, huskily, 'I know my father, therefore I is all of the devil every bit of it!" is all of the devil-every bit of it!"

Sam replied calmly: "If God will permit the devil or any other power to come here and personate my. mother and little Mollie, and deceive me, I will have nothing more to do with him forever!' "O Sam," wailed his wife, "how can you say

such awful things, and you a minister, too? Why, don't you know this is Spiritualism?"

She spoke the last word in a hushed tone, and glanced about her fearfully as if expecting some fiend would appear at the mention of it. Sam squared his shoulders resolutely as he replied :- "It is no use for you to talk to me in this way, Mariann, for I shall accept the truth as fast as it comes to me, and if what has come to me lately is Spiritualism, then blessed is Spiritualism."

The next-day Sam, in company with his wife, returned to his own home, for there was to be a conference held by his denomination in his town. Sam had received a:letter from the president of the Conference Association, asking him to preach the never again preach for you in my former way, for It is true? Hallelujah !" a great light has shone upon me. I wish to withlraw from the Conference; but before I go I must tell you why I to." So it was arranged by those in authority that Ballelujah Sam should tell his story behind closed doors, with only the "elect" to hear, for they were afraid lest "modern heresy" in ome form had led him astray.

With his massive head crect and his kindly face lighted with joy, Sam told his former associates live' his wonderful experiences, but he had hardly da-

Mrs Charlotte Levis passed away at Providence, R. I., July 17. She was born at Windsor, Ct., November 25, 1832. In her early life she was a devolt member of the Methodist Church, but she began to think upon the great problem of life and to investigate as to the life beyond Finally she became convinced of the truth of Spiritualism, but to be convinced meant for her to become identified with the cause and to work for its interest.

itualist.

G. W. MEEKS.

Spiritualists all over this country who have known that gifted blind lecturer, Mr. Tisdale, will remember this quiet woman who traveled with and cared for him as a mother for her child. After Mr. Tisdale gave up lecturing, Mrs. Lewis made a home for herself at Providence, but she did not cease to work for Spiritualism. Nearly every week she secured some medium for one or more scances where seekers could investigate with out money and without price. The greater part of the summer of -1906 was spent at Niantic, Ct. and although not well, she did not dream of a fatal illness. During all her hard sickness, she remained cheerful, and surprised her friends by the preparations she made for her journey, as she said, all her affairs were attended to so that no trouble should come afterwards. . Every plan was made for her funeral that it might be just as she wanted it. It was not a day to dread when she should say, "Goodbye," but as one prepares for a pleasant journey to old friends, so she prepared for her going, anxious to greet the dear ones whom she knew nieet her at the "Gates of the Morn-

ing," to welcome her home. During the last months of her sickness, she was tenderly and lovingly cared for in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Prouty, who ministered to her every want day and night. When the last hour came she passed peacefully away like a tired child, finding rest in sleep. Her very dear friend, Mrs. Nettie Holt Harding officiated at the funeral which was held July Mrs. Helen Green sang 18. song and Mrs. Ida Whitlock read the poems she had selected weeks before her transition. The body was taken to Forest Hills for cremation, the-ash-, es to be buried beside Mrs. Harding's mother at Mt. Auburn. IDA P. A. WHITLOCK.

Providence, R. I.

The last word rang through the room with a thrill of triumph inexpressible; it was a shout of victory coming from the lips of one who saw doubts and fears forever swallowed up in knowledge. The son laid his father gently down and closed his eyes. then he passed out into the closed and empty liall, and a breath of cool air swept past him and a voice whispered, "Tell the truth, my son; the dead still

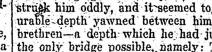
IDA LEWIS BENTLEY.

my father goes, there I will go. Good-bye." The two walked together out into the sunlight where the birds were singing gleefully, unfettered by doctrines, theories and superstitions, therefore free to express themselves in their own way. Unconsciously the two gazed up into the blue depths above them, and drew a long, free breath. Within the hall they had just left the people were singing,

> "Shall such a sinful worm as I. Who sometimes am afraid to die, Be found at thy right hand?"

Many a time Sam had lent his powerful voice to the singing of that hymn, but now the words struck him oddly, and it seemed to him an immeasurable-depth yawned between him and his former brethren-a depth which he had just crossed upon the only bridge possible, namely: Truth.

Six weeks later Sam lay dying. As he struggled for breath his son lifted him into a sitting posture, when he suddenly opened his eyes, and a look of last day, when the largest number of people might joy illumined his face. Stretching his arms out tobe expected. To this request Sam replied: "I can ward the empty (?) air, he said: "Mollie! Mother !



## THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER 1

Why a Spiritualist Organization?

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A Highly Interesting, Suggestive and Impressive Lecture Delivered by Hon. H. W. Richardson, President of the New York State Association of Spiritualists, at Lily Dale Camp They know the pleasu Meeting.

THE LANGUAGE OF THE SPIRIT TIVES BEHIND IT? THIS IS A IS THOUGHT, AND THOUGHTS ARE FACT, WHETHER WE WOULD this earth; but in the spirit world we VISIBLE TO THOSE LIVING IN HAVE IT SO OR NOT. AND THE SPIRIT WORLD, CONSE- FURTHERMORE IN THE SPIRIT QUENTLY ALL THIS GREAT BEAU- LIFE, EACH INDIVIDUAL SPIRIT TIFUL WORLD OF SPIRIT, KNOWS WILL BE DRAWN INTO THAT. CON-HOW OPPORTUNITIES HAVE BEEN DITION. AND INTO THAT SOCIETY IMPROVED, AND HOW CHARAC. FOR WHICH HE OR SHE IS FIT-TER HAS BEEN DEVELOPED. ARE TED. IT MAY BE AMONG THE On entering the spirit world men are WE WILLING THAT THE SPIRIT SELFISH AND IGNORANT, WITH seen for the first time in the Mirror of WORLD SHOULD KNOW OUR EV. STRANGERS IN DARKNESS AND Nature. They see themselves as they ERY THOUGHT, AND. WITNESS SORROW, DEPENDING UPON THE really are. Even now we hide noth OUR EVERY ACT WITH THE MO. LIVES WE LIVE HERE ON EARTH. Ing from spirits.

This question comes to me from a And we to-day speak of these-guardigentleman, who is a devoted church- ans as spirit guides, in conveying the an, a man whom I believe to be an same thought as guardian spirits or opest searcher for truth, consequent- angels. (For are they not all ministering spirits sent to minister unto ly the inquiry deserves a candid, straightforward reply. In, answering I would say, first, bethem who shall be heirs unto salvation, Heb. 1st, 14th.)

cause Spiritualism comes with an im-Communications from spiritual beings were as frequent among -the primitive Christians as they are to-day among Spiritualists, John, the Revelator, conversed with spiritual portant message which other religious movements are not giving to the peo-

The professed Christian teachers Revelator, conversed with spiritual neglect, or refuse to acquaint them- beings, calling them angels, and when selves and their congregations with he fell down to worship the angel spiritual gifts, as St. Paul instructed that showed him the wonderful them to do in Corinthians 12th chap- things recorded in the book of Revepared to prove continuity of life after and the angel said to John, "I am thy fellow-servant and of thy brethren,

These teachers ask us to accept the prophets. Worship God." In this instance one of the old the Bible record filled with the mediprophets conversed with John, as did Moses and Elias converse with Jesus umship of 1900 years ago, but ignore the real living proofs coming through Moses and Elias converse with Je the same channels to-day; and then and his disciples on the Mount wonder why there is so much doubt Transfiguration.

That the exercise of mediumship or and unbelief, why so many are denying a future existence and drifting psychic powers constituted an importfrom the church ant feature of the primitive Christian The Christian teachers of to-day movement in their religious work, is

seem to have lost sight of the fact unquestionably true not only in the that the only tangible proof of a fu- instances above mentioned, but in a ture life that has ever come to the great many others recorded throughchildren of this earth came through out the Bible. Now, I ask concerning these manifestations of mediumship in some of its varied forms. Mediumship has things, If Spiritual manifestations

ever been the channel of communica- were important then, when did they tions and manifestations, which prove cease to be an important part of that the spirit of man continues to Christianity? If God placed live after casting aside the physical gifts in the churches, as St. Paul said in Corinthians, 12th chapter, when Look where you will. Study hisdid God remove them from

tory, ancient and modern; study the churches, or has man removed them Christian Bible, and, with the excep- without God's sanction? tion of those Psychic or Spiritual man-The Spiritualist believes these spir ifestations of which the manifestations itual manifestations recorded in the of to-day are a counterpart, you will Bible did occur, and were a part of find no tangible proof of the contin- the primitive Christian movement.

He believes they are natural now. ued life of the soul. All religions had their Spiritual and were natural then, and that there manifestations at their inception; and is no such thing as a miracle now, nor the primitive Christian movement has there ever been, in the sense that was no exception to this general rule, the overruling power eminent in this and whatever other qualities we at-Universe suspends natural law." tribute to the man of Nazareth, he When the people have in the past

was highly gifted in psychic powers. read of occurrences of 1900 years ago He demonstrated his clairvoyant which they could not explain, they powers in that interview with the were called miracles; to-day we are woman of Samaria at the well, to discovering natural laws, and the age um a stranger ()

returns. We know that these teachings were of miracles is passing: teons. The man has rett told her the history of her past life passing of the miraculous and the recfrom that country. The gateway to ognition of the natural in religion, a long step forward toward the estabthe spirit world has swung open. Wę have heard from the man whom we supposed was dead, and he tells us The woman called him a prophet, lishment of truth will have been tamore alive than ever. We have ken. And when the Christian teachers are heard from the man (the spirit man) who had never experienced the Chris-tian religion and who should, accordready to add knowledge to their faith, ration, Jesus, James and John held and are prepared to dispense the that wonderful spiritual scance and bread of life, by demonstrating ing to the olden teachings, be in eterconversed with Moses and Elias who, through mediumship that there is nal torment. But this man tells us died (so-called) hundreds of years future existence, as did Jesus and the there is no literal hell as taught by before, and who appeared in spirit primitive Christians, then there may the church; that hell is a mental and conversed with these living men, be less need of a Spiritualist organicondition commencing 'right here on the earth and continuing until one outgrows his errors and rights the thus demonstrating that the spirit zation than there is to-day. (the real man) continues to live and But do not for one moment But do not for one moment suppos wrongs he had done his fellows, and can communicate with mortals on that the manifestations constitute the that for a time after entering the spirit world, at least a part of his whole of Spiritualism. They are only Jesus also healed the sick and did the foundation, and as such are a par many wonderful things, and he said of the house itself. With the founda-"He that believeth on me the works tion lacking or faulty, the structure labors will be devoted to the righting of these wrongs. We have heard from Christian men that I do shall he do also, and greater | cannot permanently endure. And ye the Christian churches have eliminatind women after their transition and But where are the prophets and the ed mediumship and spiritual manifesthey tell us they were disappointed inspired teachers of to-day? Where tations, which was the foundation of in not meeting their Savior. That whereas they supposed through con are the followers of the Man of Naz- primitive. Christianity, and now are areth, who are demonstrating these wondering why people are losing infessing Him their sins would be wiped away through the atoning blood, Spirit communion has opened the they now find they must work ou be had? What church is teaching doorway, and higher spiritual intellitheir own salvation. They mus right the wrongs they have done their and demonstrating these greater gences have spoken to the children of works, as Jesus said his followers earth through the various phases of fellows: they must seek forgivenes of those whom they have injured, mediumship, and have given much inand, when this is done and not be formation concerning conditions in fore, they can move forward in their spiritual manifestations attending the spiritual world. And although there are sometimes progression'. We have learned that death is not seeming contradictions (which is not corded in the Bible, clearly indicates strange; coming as the communica an awful calamity, as had been that they were identical in character, tions do from spirits of different ex taught, but simply a moving out-a vacating of the earthly habitation, a and the only rational conclusion is, periences, of different degrees of adseparation of the spirit from the body, a natural incident which is that they were of similar origin and vancement, and transmitted through painless, sometimes conscious, but more frequently unconscious, and the awakening is like the coming from a bewildered sleep. We were the same last night, bethey speak; and there is nothing mi- sions concerning the spiritual world raculous about this. It is simply one and the conditions under which the fore sleep as we are this morning, and we have the same surroundings. disembodied continue to live and act. We shall be the same after dissolu The hypnotist in the body, through For nearly sixty years such commution as before, and probably we shall be in the same place. Where would you go, except to the home you have made, except to those whom you love?---to those who, because they are ignorant of your presence, mourn your abs Death is like birth, with this exretains all his mental powers, and can and expressed from almost every conception: in death one takes with him hypnotize, entrance or influence a per- ceivable standpoint. the knowledge and development ac-quired in this material existence, Through this mass of information and cause that person to express the there are certain well defined princiwhich, we are told, is a period of preparation for eternity. There is no noughts he wills to be expressed. Now, this is just what happened to Des cropping out all along the lines, the same general ideas being expreak; there is only progression to St. Paul, and this is just what hap- pressed over and over again, with selgreater possibilities. If, then, this dom a conflicting thought. In this stage was intended for preparation mediums to-day. They are entranced way many experiences of the spirit imand development, what effort has been made to understand the laws of mediately following transition, ers of some disembodied spirit. In further along in the journey of spirit life? What spiritual understanding has come to the people generally? either case they express the thought life, have been repeated so frequently, of the controlling intelligence. At the age of twelve, Jesus taught we cease to question their authentict-ne wise men, giving forth ideas ty. One has labored here for the accumulation of money for old age, but what wealth has he accumulated for his of a child of his years, that it was cerning the future life which the Spirsupport and maintenance down the pathway of eternity? How is he preitualists claim to know, and from this pared to journey into the spirit world? Who is to blame for the Under Modern Spiritualism instanc- knowledge we draw our conclusion and predicate our teachings. ignorance of the world concerning We have learned that there is but these vital questions? one life for each individual soul. That We are taught that individual spirit is conscious visible thoughtlife is one continuous whole, that life trolling intelligences when questioned in the spirit realm is but a continuacoul-life freed from the confines of as a rule, claim to be disembodied tion of life on the physical plane, mithe physical body; that spirit ap-pears to spirit as material as does spirits who once lived on this earth, hus the physical body. We have but who are now dwellers in the spirit learned that death (so-called) is only man appear to man. a natural event in the larger life of Assuming that he passes over consciously, he may stand beside his body in the same room, see and feel That this earthly existence is a guardian spirits, (for the words ange) That this earthly existence is a and spirit are many times used inter-preparatory course for the advanced himself as in life, move his arms, changeably in the Bible referring to department of life's school in the spirwalk, talk, think and act, just as the same personality) was one of the itual world and that the individual before. His old body is before him. the same personality) was one of the liberal in its interpretations of the liberal in its interpretations of the great lessons of life, as relates both

rating from the body; is identically the same, has the same ideas, the same knowledge, the same ties, and possesses the same spirit that he had a moment before. That progress, growth and develop-ment are the heritage of all for continued life means continued activi-ty, since there is no more stagnation in the spirit world than here. Death does not immediately add to charac-ter, nor detract from it, That progress and evolution have never stopped and never will stop. and that the inhabitants of the spirit world work on and or acquiring understand-ing and perfection in those fields of labor for which they are best fitted. They know the pleasure that comes

We learn also that the earthly life of many people is one great masquer-ade. Their lives are covered by the mask of material, and they are never

really known by their associates on appear as we really are: Suppose that here and now the se cret thoughts, motives, selfishness, greed and desires of men could be protographed; and character made visible, how startled the world would be. How many would hide? At trans-

ition the mask falls from the face.

On entering the spirit world we will know and fully realize that our lives have always been an open book. Here there is hypocrisy and deceit; there, hypocrisy is unknown, and deceit is

impossible. The language of the spirit thought, and thoughts are visible to those living in the spirit world, con-sequently all this great, beautiful

world or spirit, knows how opportunities have been improved, and how character has been developed: Are we willing that the spirit world should know our every thought, and

witness our every act, with the motives behind it? This is a fact, whether we would have it so or not. And furthermore, in the spirit life, each individual spirit will be drawn into that condition, and

into that society for which he or she s fitted. It may be among beautiful characters, in happy homes, surrounded by the loved ones who have gone before; it may be among the selfish and ignorant, with strangers in darkness and sorrow, depending.upon the lives

we live here on earth! The spirit homes can be made beau tiful, for everyone is his or her own architect. Every act of charity, kindness, tenderness and love adds to the beauty and comfort of our spirit nomes, while every act of selfishness cruelty and oppression, casts a shadow. So that when we enter our spir it homes, we face the deeds of the

earth life. The walls are hung with mental pictures, depicting the record made from day to day by the thoughts and deeds of our daily life. Little acts of kindness, a word of sympathy, a tender touch, are reproduced and framed in harmony. Selfishness, unkindness, immorali-

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ty, wickedness and dishonor, are pic-tured and hung on the walls of that home, there to remain until individual restitution shall cover, or remove them

Transition. Under the olden teaching we had

been told that death was an awful thing; a thing to be dreaded and feared; a journey to that country from whose bourne no traveler ever

loyed ones, hear their cries and feel the anguish that fills their hearts He speaks, they do not hear. He cries aloud that he is not dead. His arms are about them: but they cannot feel, Then a great fear, falls why don't they answer? What has happened? This cannot be death. He is still at home, though his body lies in the winding sheet, caim and still. 5 56

· . B What an experience for a new born, soul, just graduating into a higher department of life's school without having learned the simplest lesson ingrelation to the change. Would you take a day's journey

without preparation and thought of your needs and requirements? What, then, of this journey into the beyond? Is it not infinitely more important?

The Fature of Spiritualism. Spiritualism is a progressive move ment. 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 human thought and contributed largely to the world's advancement, intellectually, physi-cally 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 master minds in the spirit world, which has changed the whole modern conception of the future life, and of the universe.

It has removed the sting of death by showing that it is a natural and beautiful event, a welcome visitor to the matured soul whose labors on earth are finfshed; and who through

this change graduates into a higher department of life's great school. It immensely enlarges man's con-ception of the universe, and of an all-pervading intelligence called God; and confirms the poetic ideal that

"This universe is one stupendous whole, Whose body Nature is, and God the Soul."

So that to-day science is forced to recognize the alt-pervading life force

bulaating in every atom of a Spiritual Universe, of which, this material world is only an infinitesimal part. Mediumship in its varied forms is an important agency in this work, without which the higher forces could not act upon the human mind. Thought force is an instrumentality used by the higher intelligences to convey the messages and impress the sensitive brain of the mediumistic in-dividuals. And Spiritualism is the one religious movement which en-courages and defends mediumship. The time will undoubtedly come

when through intuition (or impressional medianship, which is a phase of clairvoyance) bach individual will be directly inspired by higher intelligences and co-operation between the two worlds will become a generally recognized fact. But that is for the future, and we must be practical, for we are dealing with present conditions.

997 00 The Religion of Spiritualism. The religion of Spiritualism is a

natural religion because its every tenet is in perfect harmony with natural law. It is a progressive religion because

recognizes the fact that evolution growth and progress, come through the processes of Nature and are the legitimate heritage of all mankind in all spheres of existence, both in the

THE COMPETITIVE SYSTEM.

ts Exemplification as Outwrought in the Career of John D. Rockefeller-As Depicted From the Standpoint

of a Socialist.

There must be somebody at the very neight, the top pinnace-the oil king whose name heads this article is now in the world the crowning success of system. With a singleness of life purpose, John D. Rockefeller has followed that

system, has put his very soul into it, has exemplified it. He is to day the most powerful creature on the face of the earth, the most conspicuous, in such exemplifications.

It has always been a precept running through the much advice that is offered people, that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well. Is there anyone among all the votaries of the system who feels qualified to give unto John D. Rockefeller yet more direct showing as to how he might and ought to have dominion over all the earth by this time, instead of what he has already accomplished? In view of history and the facts thereof, it may well be doubted whether the subof these remarks needs advisers in his special line, or whether there are those qualified to impart to him knowledge of what he does not himself know about his business.

It seems that it may well be conceded that John D. Rockefeller holds the sceper by virtue of his own powers, and that he is able to hold it against the world."

So much to show he is the great head of the system. This is not the system Tom Lawson

has been prating about these many months and years. His system is but a twig of the great System Tree which

is meant herein. What is the distinct designation of the system of which Rockefeller is the crowning exemplification? It is the

COMPETITIVE SYSTEM. The term which we now so uncon-sciously roll our tongues about and

concerning which so much sophistry is given by the system's temporary beneficiaries is but a sugar coating of what was formerly known as MIGHT

IS RIGHT, REGARDLESS OF THE WELFARE OF ALL OTHER FEL-LOW CREATURES-this and nothing more

The Knights of Industry understand this quite thoroughly, and no one can truly say they are not consistently, living up to their convictions.

Who begat the competitive system? Did Rockefeiler? Absurd proposition!

The Get-AllYou-Can System, Regardless of Whether You Deprive All Others in the World, is at least as old as the present civilization, and to blame Rockefeller and his compeers for the sowing of a seed thousands of years ago, which, under natural law could culminate in but what it is as a fruitage of which they are only the more fore-handed, eager and willing harvesters, is as illogical as it is un-availing. "As ye sow, so shall ye availing.

reap.' Humanity has been sowing this seed for thousands of years, and has built up nations, empires and mighty hosts on the Principle. Thousands still be-lieve the principle is correct, and yet this very day they cry out as loudly as any against the inevitable and logi cal carrying out thereof the legitimate conclusions as exemplified by Standard Oil, Steel and other great trusts and combines in our country.

Oh, Consistency, thou art a jewel. All the earsplitting noise and la mentation now heard directed against the chief beneficiaries of an iniquitous system comes in the main from the many smaller pigs now crowded away precious stones. by these beautifully full-grown hogs

FEEBLE-MINDED CHILDREN.

Some Wonderful Results of Giving Them Sound Training.

A despatch from the daily papers says that the Iowa State institution for feeble-minded children, located at Glenwood, has several "Idiot sav-New External Remedy Found Which, is Curing Thousands. A Postal ants" who are regarded as remarkable. One inmate is used as a calender and date record, another is utilized as a dictionary, another is employed as a ready rapid calculator, and others show the marvelous but unexplainable traits of the "learned A SI PAIR FREE TO TRY.

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tendent of the institution, has just made his report, as required by the Iowa law. The most astonishing case he reports is that of John S., taken into the institution when he was 12 years of age and who has been there twenty-three years. He is the mental book-keeper of the home. When the date of any occurrence about the institution is desired as information, John S. gives it. He recalls without error the date of the employment of any new hand or the entrance or dis-

charge of any inmate. If he has seen a visitor at the home he can recall the exact date of the visit, the condition of the weather at that time and some of the incidents connected therewith, even though it occurred years before any question is asked him concerning

it. If given the day of the month, the month and year of any occurrence as far back as thirty-five years, John S. will, without hesitation, tell upon what day of the week the date fell. Asked how he does it he replies that

he does not know.-Marvelous ability is shown by a boy inmate about 16 years of age. He can neither read nor write, yet he can readily spell any word given him, and as Dr. Schier says: "He has has been tried with uncommon words time and time again and never fails to spell them correctly. He is constantly called upon to settle spell-

ing disputes, and is as reliable as a dictionary." Both his parents were insane. G. F. H., aged 18 years, of Danish descent, can multiply three figures

by three figures as rapidly as they can be written down. He never fails in his multiplication feats, but his addition, subtraction and division are not correct.

A 17-year-old boy, R. G. L., without education, is able to mould the forms of animals with almost miraculous perfection. Other figures he cannot make. He was found one day mixing saliva with dust and moulding the figures of animals, which, from his first attempt, were perfect in al-

## TIMELY ADVICE.

most every detail.

Don't Send Your Children to Sunday School.

To the Editor:--In number 920 o The Progressive Thinker is a shor article under the above title from the

pen of Eleanor K. Eager, who is well known to lyceum workers and pupils as E. K. E. This one little article is laden with so much important meaning, filled with so much soulfood, that it alone is worth far more than the yearly subscription price of the paper, and it needs careful cousideration. It should be read and re read, and well pondered by every Spiritualist in our ranks, especially

those who are parents. Our children are jewels, whose untold worth is, above rubies, gold or

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modern Spiritualism, to those which attended primitive Christianity as re-

were from spiritual beings. .... imperfect instruments, many times St. Paul was entranced while he under unfavorable conditions), yet prayed, just as-many Spiritualist lec- taken as a whole and analyzed under turers and mediums of to-day are the clear light of reason and common entranced while they pray, and while sense, we are enabled to form conclu-

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the wise men, giving which were so far beyond the capacithought to be a miracle.

es similar to this are of frequent occurrence, Young children have given most profound discourses, times almost without number, and the conworld.

The doctrine of Guardian angels or the spirit.

the hereafter. It is a humanitarian religion be-cause it recognizes the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; or the solidarity of the races.

Furthermore, the ethical standard of Modern Spiritualism is not surpassed by that of any other system of religion or philosophy. It recognizes the Golden Rule as the highes expression of justice, and the Sermon on the Mount as in perfect accord with the lofty ideals which the inspired teachers of to-day are giving for our guidance.

Spiritualism stands, for truth, jus tice, and equality of opportunity for every man, woman and child. It recognizes the fact that Brother hood in its practical application to everyday life is the ideal of to-day:

but that sometime it is to become, living reality right here on this earth and I should feel that I was recreant to my duty if I failed to do my hum ble part toward liberating the peofrom the present thraldom of pie commercialism and establishing in its stead a system of justice and brotherhood.

## In Conclusion.

A great spiritual thought current is now sweeping over the civilized world. Men and women are not content to remain in ignorance. They are seeking to solve this mystery of life and death. They are hungering for knowledge. "They want to know what of the future; to know where and under what conditions those they love and hold most dear live and la-To such inquiring minds Spir bor. itualism demonstrates, that there is no death. Those, who have lived their time on this earth, and have passed from sight, still live and love and labor in fields of everlasting life. Make the conditions that nature requires and they will speak to you and greet you as of old. The laws governing split communion are simple and natural! Knowledge of these laws does not mecansarily require the labor of the scientist, who are gen-erally materialists only dealing with material things, having no compre-

hension of the laws that govern life in spirit. The understanding is within the grasp of the family of almost any household, and from this source, knowledge concerning spiritual things can come. 2.1.1.

To be sure there are many great problems which cannot be solved by mortals, but the primary truth of continuity of life beyond the physical condition cand lienvironment may be learned by, almost any household in the world to day by developing the psychic forces h that home.

And the doorway once opened, and loving messages of greeting erchanged, the experiences of the dis embodied, and the lessons of life which they may impart to those remaining on the earth plane, will be a guide and lamp to our feet as we ravel the rugged pathway of this earthly pilgrimage.

The thought of a universal religion is a beautiful ideal, and will, we trust, some day become a living real-

Such a religion will embrace the good, the true, and the noble in every religion the world has known. It will take truth for authority. Anstead of authority for truth.

It will be natural in every sense of the word, and most emphatically

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who monopolize the trough. This may not be an elegant simile but it seems to fit the subject.

Of all the people in the world that defend the system, it seems to me the We who are Spiritualists indeed orthodox Christians, the professed fol-lowers of the meek and lowly Jesus, realize with E. K. E. that the teachings of real Spiritualism are diametriare the most singularly obtuse or hypcally opposed to the mental bondage and creedal. dogmatic superstitions of ocritical (as the case may be), of any, and yet the writer knows people of churchianity, of which the Sundayhigh and respectable standing in the schools are the hot-houses, in which suggestion leading from rock-ribbed, favor of the church's teachings. deep-rooted Churchianity to which Surely all thinking persons know

they are wedded, who can see no wrong in it, and whose only answer to that every church looks to its Sunday-schools for the recruits which the whole question is: "You would do sooner or later, must fill its ranks the same thing if you only had the and carry forward its movement. If the fundamental teachings of

Imagine the sardonic grin that must Spiritualism are right, it naturally come to the ample mouth of old John, follows that the fundamental teach he himself being such a pillar in the ings of the churches are wrong, for church, when he hears his brothers surely the East is not farther from and sisters in Christ thus express the West than are fundamental prin-ciples of Spiritualism and churchism. themselves to those who condemn the system! Truth does not spring forth from

chance."

The grim irony of it ought to make the seeds of error. old Beelzebub chortle. We need not expect to reap a har-

Joking aside, our body politic is in quite a serious condition as a consevest of love by having others plant the seeds of hate in the minds of uence, and the only words of consolaour children for our religion; neither tion that can seemingly be offered are: need we expect our children to be-"Cheer up, for the worst is yet to come Spiritualists if we allow the come!'

Sunday-schools to direct their relig-ious training while young. True, we now have an eminent physician who is giving ailing Uncle Sam I have two little boys, but Sundaysome of his earnest medical attendschools will never taint their minds. ance-Dr. Roosevelt of Washington D. C He has discovered the Rockefelfiv I am still unloading the errors ler -tancer menacing breaking out. that my youth and middle life was He is applying Trust-Busting Salves wasted in learning. "As the twig is in hopes that new skin may heal over bent, so is the tree inclined." the sores. Will this cure the evil now in fact so deep-rooted in the 1939 East Avenue, blood, the bone and the marrow

thereof? Certainly not. Until the Competitive System, now in its fruitage, has

been discovered by true diagnosis to TRUTH. be in fact the old robber system of Might and Right, has been banished, and in place Rational Co-operativeness, aye, a mild Paternalism, has been substituted, perhaps fairly well exemplified in New Zealand at the present day, and in the City of Glasgow, there seems but little hope for tions in the Universe. anything but palliative prolongation of the National life.

We are aware that a doctrine such as this is as obnoxious to the moneychasing Yank, as was the Christ doctrine to the Yewish money-changers

that Jesus drove from the temples, but what of that? If the doctrine be TRUE, however, what matters it what anyone says against it?

Truth is mighty and will prevail, and, religiously speaking, THERE IS NO RELIGION HIGHER THAN

to the now and to the hereafter. It will recognize the fact that inspiration is for all people and for all ages, and that the lofty ideals of master minds in the spiritual world are now, as they ever have been, the incentive to better living, thinking, and a larger soul development here on the earth plane.

Such a religion must be humani-"For time at last sets all things right tarian, and deal with the vital ques-And if we do but bide the hour, tions which confront the people on the physical plane in a way that will There never yet was human power That could evade, if unforgiven. make for justice, equality and broth-erhood. When such a religion is once established in the hearts of the The patient search and vigil long Of him who tressures up a wrong P. O. CHILSTROM. Crescent, Lincoln Co., Nevada, people, we may well question the need of a Spiritualist organisation.

rance, but instead will only pile the rubbish higher and sink the truth farther out of sight, and make it harder to find when sought for.

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Looking over a file of papers written by myself under spirit control one dated in 1882 impressed me. It was headed by the following in quotation marks:

"Everyone is serving, both by word and deed. 'All mankind is growing either wheat

or cheat: 'And as is this sowing will the har

vest be-Words and deeds are growing for eternity.'

"Ye who are searching for truth and sowing the good seeds of truth, love and kindness, will find a harvest of golden sheaves and grain stored for you in the eternal granar-ies of wisdom and truth, which alone is true wealth. for in accordance therewith all external possessions are freely given to all who have provided for themselves heavenly, eternal riches.

Here a change of diction came under the caption of "An Electrical Demonstration," referring to the pentecostal demonstration as recorded in the second chapter of Acts, that was well and carefully prepared-for The disciples were trained occasion. so that they were with one accord in-one place awaiting something in keeping with previous promises, when suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing, mighty wind. It filled all the house where they were sitting and there appeared unto them cloven tongues, as of fire, and it sat upon each of them, etc. This occurrence should in these

days receive closest study and atten-tion, not only by all mediums and psychics, but by the scientific students, especially those endeavoring to become more closely acquainted with the wonders of that queen of all sciences-electricity.

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Note how the demonstration re ferred to resembled forked lightning. The preparations for that event made it possible that the chemical and electrical masters in spirit could induct all grades of electricity and energy in humanity, and in a certain sense the life. It was due to this that all assembled were adressed by those under this electrical stimulus, in their native language, proving that all are included in these wordrous works of regeneration and redemption from their crudities, ignorance and vices due to their undeveloped mental states and true spiritual perceptions; that all peoples on earth, even those afar off, should in time be stirred to true action by the spirit of God in accordance with their unfoldment. Yes; even in that degree wherein they are found on the planes of externalized life in human forms.

In those days of the demonstration referred to, nothing was really known of the wonders of electricity Gradually only, in these latter days, it is being brought forth in its power and utility. Much is in store awaiting to be brought forth for various uses and to give it its rightful place in its highest office as universal en The crude processes of generating electricity as for motive and lighting use will be proofs of how cosmic processes from remotest be ginnings were conducted; but the time comes when these processes can be and will be dispensed with, when student can grasp the ideas of how to evolve the earth electricities and supplement them with that of the elements to so prove grades and qualities, and the strengths of said electrical grades and qualities, which later will be supplemented with the earth's and elemental magnetisms. which then will produce a variegated mellow light superior to any the world ever has had and which will be a true curative agency for all hu man ills.



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Washington, to the readers of The Progressive Thinker, in which he presents some important thoughts on the above subject, for their careful consideration. He refers to the spirit Aspasia, the re- | lectuality directed along distinctive tehanpels, and puted gifted mistress of Pericles, illustrating the all equally applicable to the encouragement of hunecessity of great care being exercised in determin- man endeavor.

ing the identity of the spirit. Any amount of fraud has been practiced under the name of "Aspasia," spirits should be carefully weighed in the balance of Common Sense.

The astonishing familiarity with the stock terms and phrases heard in the seance room on the part is quite possible, but the faculty to issue an extemof those who have entered spirit life, and who, in many instances, were never particularly endowed with the faculty of discrimination in matters appertaining to the relative values of mind force, affords of a foreign intellect, either for the purpose of relieving the embarrassment of the mortal who longingly entertains the hope of communicating with some favored one, or to boldly assume a role under to every stage and form of life is temporarily esa name of greater or less note for the purpose of topped to dispose of the question of the apparent emphasizing the value of the communication given, or the quality of the operating influence.

The theory of deliberate deception, however illogiwould be proper to accord to the excarnate entity the same latitude and benefits of arising doubts as we would expect to entertain in passing on the veracity of a statement issuing from mortal lips.

This suggestion presupposes the hypothesis of impersonation in a large percentage of cases of physiof which is probably much larger than will be readily admitted by the more enthusiastic devotees of the theory the infallibility of spirit communion; and howeve. Alsparagingly this argument may affect the cherished hopes of a communicant in the conviction of personal identity, it is none the less true that instances of genuine evidence of spirit return, free from the intervening and shaping influence of the forces noted in the atmosphere of the psychic, are rare, indeed.

It will be observed that too much caution cannot be taken with respect ot disclosing information in the presence of the psychic.

Not so much is this caution directed toward an honest psychic, as to the fact that the immediate surroundings are permeated with an afflatus precharacteristics of the sensitive to such an extent that, in many cases, the efforts of spiritual forces to impart information with the suggestive aid of the sitter are quite valueless, and are particularly noted as being commensurate with the limitations and qualifications of the sensitive, even to inaccuracies in personal diction.

With rare exceptions the personal likes and disikes of the sensitive are strongly reflected.

No communication may be regarded as complete, as far as the question of identity is concerned, unless the same can be eliminated in every conceivable way from the sphere of influence of the medium, or the peculiar atmosphere surrounding his personality?

This must be fully established in order that the further segregated from the munication man

This was done some three or four times with consummate facility, skill and grace. "The pubjects were given at random by different persons present, and each one calling for the exercise of an intel-

The power to perform this was by no means ordinary, and the faculty to improvise in this manner is not found in the common walks of life. The meas she figured so conspicuously in the past. Spirit dium was incapable of such a production, and, with return is a fixed fact, but what is communicated by all due respect to those who were present, it is safe to say that not one was the proud possessor of such a faculty. Whose form this was I am not prepared to say, but the intellectuality was assuredly not

that of any one present. That it would be possible for one to exhibit a power akin to this on occasion poraneous effusion, apropos, lofty and pure, is the production of genius.

In other instances, displays of sordid personality and petty limitations emphasize as great disparagea striking intimation that such influences are not ment in the qualifications and status of spirit life as in all cases identical with the entifies represented, can be found before this state is reached in the and savors strongly of the interposition or infusion | course of evolution, and clearly indicated that many phases of spirit life are quite inferior to certain developed conditions found on the mortal plane,

The hypothesis of consequent progression incident retrogression to the conditions analogous to the lowest forms of mortal life, as a link in the long chain of unfoldment, or may we assume that the necessary cal or odious, is not in all cases untenable, and it endowments are evolved on the spirit side of life through countless ages of ethereal existence?

Information on this question from spirit sources is as diversified and unsatisfactory as any conclusions resulting from the sophistry of the logician.

The confusion sometimes displayed by the returning spirit involves no little study, and is particucal and independent voice manifestations, the scope larly difficult of clarification on account of the ex parte character of the study, and the peculiar conditions, making only certain manifestations possible, and the intricate maze it is conceivable may surround an entity of mediocre intellectuality, as noted in mortal life.

It would, therefore, seem gratuitous to offer explanations beyond a recital of individual experiences, and the definitions of the manifesting entities in the ratio of their applicability to our rules of logic.

The realism of the new life is designated as so striking that the fact of mortal demise is frequently but imperfectly understood.

The occasional simulation of doubt to'emphasize this striking situation is not modified by the fact that the most labored effort is frequently necessary pared to imbibe and reflect the impressions and to effect evidence of recognition on the part of the manifesting entity, which, when accomplished, awakens the most ardent gratitude and contentment over the realization of a situation which was but mperfectly comprehended.

The question of impersonation is quite impossible of satisfactory determination, since even the most valuable test information may be conveyed to the sitter through an influence unknown to the recipient. I refer to the experience of a gentleman known to me who was constantly receiving communications from a noted historical character, Aspasia-the reputed gifted mistress of Pericles.

At materializing seances forms would appear to At materializing seances forms would appear to ded. He has opened a few of its him giving the name of this noted woman, and at pages, that all may read who will. other seances little messages purporting to come few pages rests a mighty truth-a from the same person would be handed to him, as truth too mighty to be overlooked. would likewise appear, what was claimed by his

## TIMELY THOUGHTS. For the Consideration of Spiritualists

## and Delegates to the Next N. S. A. Convention.

Many months have passed since my return from the N. S. A. Convention held in your city October last, the memory of which is still fresh as the dew in early morn. From the numerous articles that have appeared of late pro and con in the spiritual press and many other advanced publications, and church pamphlets, one can see there is a deep interest being manifested concerning important features in our movement. Our "Convention" should be on the alert and "lend an eye and an ear" to the problems that confront us; also to the important questions laid over, referred to committees to report on in 1907. These questions should find an easy solution, considering such solution will make or mar our cause in the future. Let us hope that sufficient interest and time may be allotted to solve these important questions, that definite plans and purposes may be set forth, that workers in our cause, from the greatest to the least, may know where we stand; that we may have some definite knowledge as to the part our N. S. A. is to take in directing State associations, chartered societies, and specially what

protection to the medium speaker and message hearer. . As mediums, what are-our rights? To whom shall we look for counsel and protection pending this country's license laws, which are growing more

stringent day by day? Is our National Spiritual Association able, as a body, to protect its children?

A workman is worthy of his hire. We must be sustained, and we should have in our great "National" sufficient prestige to help make these laws that affect our welfare.

We have a "National," but are we rganized? In almost every city organized? throughout our land your spiritual medium is forced to pay a license that has actually forced many out of the work, or induced unjust work on the public, that the daily bread may be

had. We have a fair amount of brain among our people; let us use it for a while, and give our hobby a rest. Men and women who think, find there is something to do, if we would get

somewhere. Our cause, which is the "Light of the World," through the tolerance of slack methods of conducting services, with little or no recognition or observance of spiritual rules, has robbed the name of Spiritualism of its sweeter attraction and left nothing but chaff in many hamlets throughout our land.

The N. S. A., with all of its corps of workers, can do but little with such slack co-operation as seems to prevail.

People are becoming more interested every day, and seek information from "Authority," some source, other than "Any Old Rag Time" or "As you like it" piece. One can scarcely help seeing (un-

less it be a crime to think) that our Spiritualist ranks, are ready in need of "discipline," for without system, well disciplined, it will be impossible, as well as improbable, to disguise the approaching cloud that seems inevit-able. Or shall we find, when too late, that we have tried to cover up, smoothe over, the very condition we should stand united in eradicating. The outside world knows more of "Spiritual Spiritualism" than the most of our Spiritualists of forty years standing.

Brother Barrett is to be commen-This is not a on question

its undeveloped unfoldment, has been Practical, Mechanical forced to sell itself for a "mess of pottage" to suit the demand of the sliter, who is the greater spiritual sufferer, think ye? The person who seeks the highest spiritual messages loesn't patronize advertisements that tell names after they have passed

through either a "charcoal" or a 'chalk," or "candled" pad, then The Carpenter's and Builder's burned before your very eyes, so the "dear spirits" can read your ashes. By Fred T. Hodgson, Architect. Awake, ye "blind bats," if ye would

get somewhere. This is not an age of darkness, but of light; this is not an age of demand of unseen forces, such balderdash; Just so long as you seek wisdom in the slums; just so long will our papers be filled with "exposures" of another faker who spreads himself and tells you he is "medium." It is time we awake to the need of progressive mind. Spirits come to bring light, not darkness. When we awake from our long sleep we will find there is something to do beside "wait for a hunch."

As for spirits of the departed burying themselves in the shoddy of this earth's greediness and its gains to suit the whims of selfish mortal, it is something I do not encourage nor approve. Riches are gained only in the light of the soul. That is the light angels ever strive to bring to us, when they - come.

Great care is taken of the unborn babe during its gestative period that nothing may disturb or retard its progress or growth. Similar care, and even greater precaution, should be observed in the "birth" after death. When we are willing to listen to the "still, small voice," and accept its teachings, we shall learn more-

what Spiritualism means to the children of earth. When we have found a response rom our own soul, we won't be loak-

ing after and forcing mediums to fake, just to gratify base appetites and cause some hideous monster to

appear, Cultivate a little "Spiritual Science," "Christian Science," "Mental Science," 'then Theosophical science, and see how far you have got in "self."

Think ye that Harrison D. Barrett is the only one that has made dis-Many others may have overies? learned that "discretion is the better part of valor," and others have and others have

rested in belief that silence (golden. It is about time that we had men and women who are not afraid to follow to the end their logical con-

clusions, and who feel free to give to the world the clearest light of their reasoning. Many valuable sugges-tions could be advanced along these lines, but time and space in our papers are limited, and one must

speak briefly. Already I have encroached on our paper.

In our last Progressive Thinker some mention was made by our N. S. A. of the approaching Convention. Would our delegates be better prepared to act if our President's Message could, appear in all of our spiritual papers before the Convention, instead of after? The delegate that will serve the best is the one that fully understands that his or her voice and vote count for more during the hours of the Convention and its ses-

sion than after. We should all be deeply interested in any fixed law that will mete out, in every State, recognition and respectable protec tion to every honest worker, and in is up to you delegates to do it. Written by a professional mediur from birth.

SOPHIA B. SEIP. Portland, Ore.

TALKING WITH THE MASTER.

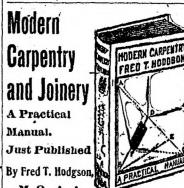
I've been talking with the Master. and my heart grew light and free, For I heard His loving whisper when He said, "Come unto Me." All day long I had been troubled, and His pron was of rest

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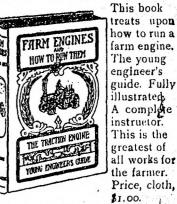


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But all this goes by progressive singes, step by step. It cannot be otherwise, as all these processes are supremely governed.

The time is ripe for greater electrical and spiritual demonstrations than the world has ever yet witnessed. This spiritual outpouring of the present spiritual era was to be largely attended by powerful demonstrations of electrical energy and sofritual wisdom and truth. It fails for a time owing to the worldly spirit, or rather the sordid, covetous desires for worldly gains will be, are, in reality, a hindrance and bar to keep back purposed demonstrations; but in time they will burst forth never theless. Tests and the voices of undeveloped spirits which have thronged back those greater works--and will do so for a season-fill a niche to mark the spirit rampant in general in this age of the world, but otherwise confer no real benefit upon humanfry.

This is truth and will so prove itself. I think, Mr. Editor; this needs to

be given to your readers now. MRS. M. KLEIN. Van Wert, Ohio.

THE POWER OF LOVE.

Love will bind us, cement us and make us one mighty whole, For 'tis the most precious food with which to feed the soul, All other kinds being useless, simply

creating a thirst, Therefore 'tis plainly our duty to par-

take of this kind first. In fact no other attribute so complete-

ly transforms man As love in all its fulness, and nothing

possibly can.

Then let us feed our souls upon pure and holy love,

Such as satisfies the hunger of those darling ones above,

Then harmony will prevail in place of selfishness and hate.

And for all our earthly sacrifices true love will compensate, Thus, filling each and every soul with

satisfying food, Purifying and transforming us; thus making each one good.

Jealousy, hate and discord, are forever breeders of strife

And make the world miserable in all

the walks of life. And such attributes as these will not

satisfy the soul. Nor make your-lives happy, dor lead

you to that goal Where life with all its changes will

end in perfect bliss,

And if such a happy ending in this manner you should miss, ot lay the blame on others, nor

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mentality of the recipient.

. These precautions are often disregarded by the enthusiastic who frequently suggest a plausible reply in every question, or charitably frame the conversation that the desired responses are easily anticipated.

Such manifestations are of little value, and are interesting only to the extent of gratifying a selfish desire to hear from favored sources, or to seek advices which encourage personal bickerings between man and man.

Indeed, it is unblushingly and openly admitted in some quarters if the unseen influences cannot aid us in our machinations and schemes against our fellow men, and if they are not willing to retrograde to the level of the crafty mortal, inspired with an insidious desire to foist stratagem upon the unwary, they can be of little use to us; and the mere fact of spirit return, reluctantly admitted

in a quasi skeptical tone, is, in itself, a matter of be found nothing which would suggest the slightest minor importance to them.

The value of the bare truth has a most economical influence upon them, and it is hardly sufficient til the gentleman suddenly died. It was then supto cope with the more sentimental and all- absorb- posed that he had at last found Aspasia, and would ing interests incident to an era in which the spirit of commercialism predominates, and pervades the

of the continuity of personal characteristics. Fre-

and displaying capabilities and loftiness of senti-

ment far beyond the powers of the medium under

the most favored conditions, are by no means rare.

An instance is here recalled of the appearance of

a form in a room sufficiently well lighted to enable

one to distinguish every person present, giving the

name of a woman, and who permitted her form to be touched by those present. The form appeared

She stated that conditions on this occasion were

unusually poor, and that it was not customary for

her to appear, but she had decided to do so on this

finally asked that some subject be given her that

This being done, she instantly began in a tone

which, for loftiness and divine beauty was a most

Up to this time she had been quite jovial, but

as solid as that of any mortal.

she might spin a rhyme.

occasion.

changed into a being of infinite goodness.

unprincipled mediums.

enlighten us at the earliest opportunity. Much to the surprise of those who knew him best he failed to visit the seances most frequented by very interstices of present-day activities.

of her new acquaintance.

sympathy or kinship between them.

A spirit medium, or control, appears to be as him during his lifetime, and not until six or seven necessary, in so many instances, for the transmis- months afterwards did he appear at another place where he was but little known. To his most intision of intelligence on the part of the various spirit forces, as is the more material medium to the mormate associates in the investigation of psychic phetal; and it appears conclusive that the controlling nomena he has rarely appeared.

influence of a sensitive, spirit or mortal, is master He was asked if he had finally found happiness of the situation, and the fact of such control is in the realization of his spiritual association with tantamount to the degree of potency which conhis famous friend Aspasia.

trols absolutely the passivity and trance state of He replied plainly and deliberately that in this the sensitive, and may modify, receive or reject respect he was most unhappy. He had not, he stated, any or all manifestations between spirit and mortal. ] met Aspasia, as he expected. He said he had dis-Instances are not few where they have been covered he had never met nor spoken to Aspasia, known to co-operate with the mercenary motives of and that all such representations by someone representing her were impositions, and from what he had Data of this character afford further evidence. learned, he had despaired of ever seeing her.

When asked if the imposition was due to mortal quent statements coming from spirit forces convey. agencies, he stated that the deceptions evere those of spirit forces, and such being the case, stated that assurances that death is not a process of purification through which the individual becomes immediately he would not know Aspasia if he should meet her, nor would he know how to govern himself with refer-Evidences of the frequent return of the spirit ence to any representations made to him concerning forces clothed with all the grandeur and nobleness her. We could offer no relief from this predicaof character indicative of an ideal mortal existence, ment, and, as a consequence, his disappointment was very noticeable.

Presently, however, another spinit appeared to come to the rescue, and stated that the visits of Aspasia had always been through one or more spirit mediums, and that on account of her exalted condition in the spirit realms it had been impossible to descend to the coarse level of the mortal plane to meet her friends.

This information seems never to have been vouchsafed during the two years the party believed he was communicating with the identical Aspasia.

It will thus be seen that the field of impersonation embraces every phase of spirit manifestation, and that the question of identity is ever present for determination before any communication may logically and conclusively be accepted.

CHAS. W. KEE. 3224 B St., Washington, D. C.

be discussed by a few who hold office, spirit friends, her photograph on his plate, as a beaubut a subject far-reaching. . There is tiful spirit identifying herself by the star on her a deeper problem, a greater danger forehead. Her spiritual presence was indicated to confronting us than that implied in him in all conceivable ways, and her visits were so the words "Commercial Mediumship." Not to you and to me alone, but to our cause, as a movement. Who has regular that her absence became a matter of remark; and by reason of the intellectuality she is reported a better or larger opportunity to beto have possessed, those present considered them- hold "the mote" and "the beam" than our president, with fourteen years of selves especially honored by her visits to one who

more.

summing up of experience? never would have been able to participate in the Every effort should be made to put Spiritualism on a respectable basis, where spiritually cultured men and associations honored by the recognition of this noted woman. Her visits became the subject of comment women need not shrink when adon account of the reputed genius and attainments dressed as Spiritualists, for fear of of the spirit during her mortal career in Athens. being classed with a lot of immoral, thieving grafters, many of these where her house was the rendesvous of the savants whose advertisements cover columns where her house was the rendezvous of the savants' of our daily papers, headed "Spir of the age in which she lived, and the insignificance itualism." In many cases their "Di-plomas" hang on the wall, and it these that are supported by our Were these two persons to be considered in the Spiritualists, who shout their super-iority, until "bunkoed" out of large sums of money; then "Poor Spiritlight of contemporaneous characters, there would ualism" gets "a black eve," and with a venomous whimpering they hie These visits by the alleged Aspasia continued unthemselves to some "back-woods" and wear a "fake" countenance forever-

> It is such who shine under our light, but never enter its flame. It is high time we ask: "Whither are we tending?"

In Sunday Oregonian, June 16, a lengthy article appeared suggesting remedies for protection to our citizens against fortune telling. That means

protection to mediumship. The world is walting for an answer-a

it embrace? Is Spiritualism a religion? On what are its religious doctrines based? As a Spiritualist body, are we i creedless, irreligious people? If BO, why ordain ministers to preach in

As Spiritualists are we a religious

lected evidence? . By what means can we gain sufficient acquiescence of authority to force our knowledge, our religion, our science, into a respectable and popular acceptance or following? We must unite in some spiritual religion or there will be a worse scattering between the "sheep. with clothing." wolves

A prominent minister in our city, pastor of Trinity Church, Rev. A. A. Morrison, writes in Trinity Chimes,

"No one can be a Christian and not be a Spiritualist." My friends, can one be a Spiritual-ist and not be a Christian? The prophets of old, with the teachings of former gargerded in the Bible of Jesus, as recorded in the Bible give me a clear, clean-cut Spiritual-ism, with God, the legions of angels, and the Voice, all accepted, not re fected.

Wise men of ancient day told us what the spirit said. Wise men o these days tell us what the spirit may say. Now then, my friends, let us find what part, if any, mediumship plays in this great religious spiritual. Spiritualism. If mediumship, during

If I'd bring to Him my burdens, H would make my spirit blest.

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the silence of the night: 'Fear thou not, I will watch o'er thee, thou art never from My sight. Then a vision bright was shown me-

in its midst a golden star, As if bidding me look upward toward the pearly gates ajar. Calmly then my soul seemed resting, and I sank to sweetest sleep, Trusting in that loving promise that lie would my spirit keep.

Silently some loved ones enter from their home beyond the sky, Proving to us by their presence that the soul can never die; If we'd only listen often, we might hear the gentle voice

Of the Master, or our dear ones, that would make our hearts rejoice.

en, how it stills the throbbing heart When 'tis crushed by earthly trials, for each one must bear a part; But the Master's voice can soften

If we'll heed His invitation when He says "Come unto Me." EMMA H. WELLS.

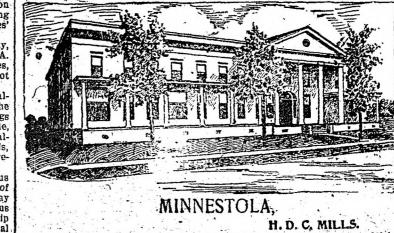
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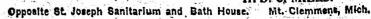
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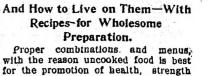
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## THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

### August 10, 1907.

### SOUL SUBSTANCE.

### It is Not Absurd to Suppose It Has Weight.

The hypothesis of Drs. Mcdougal and Sproule, after weighing the bod--ies of men immediately before and after death, which has moved some people to ridicule soul weight, is not their definite conclusion. They have not undertaken to establish a ridicu-

lous proposition by scientific experipeople determined that this unac-countable loss of weight must be at-The Midianites and Amalekites had sathered an immense army, which tributed to something else than the 'lay along in the valley like grassflight of soul? Have they performed any experiment to disprove it? hoppers for multitude; and their cam-

They are either materialists or have some ill-defined belief in Christian theology. They evidently believe in some vague, intangible, immaterial soul. They ask: How could a soul escape so easily, and where could it gol

Gideon gathered an army, small by An intangible, immaterial soul comparison with the enemy, but the would have no difficulty in getting loose from anything. It would go Lord told him there were too many, either to an imaginary heaven or a "lest Israel vaunt themselves against fictitions hell. me, saying, mine own hand hath

If it is immaterial, it is nothing and does not exist. If a soul exists, it must be composed of something. "Now, therefore, go to, proclaim in We should not assume to say how big it is nor how much it should weigh. the ears of the people; saying: Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him To assume that a soul weighs somereturn and depart early. And there thing is a reasonable inference and not absurd. De Lanne and other scireturned twenty and two thousand, entific Spiritualists argue for a fourth state of matter, forming an invisible organism within the body, and called the peri-sprit, because containing the the people are yet too many; bring soul or spirit. 'They furnish an im-mense array of evidence for the ex-istence of this organism. They claim it is the organism seen by clairvoyants them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there. \* \* Every one that lappeth of the water with and mediums and forming what are his tongue, as a dog lappeth, shalt thou set by himself. \* \* And the known as ghosts or apparitions. They have not assumed it to have any weight, but it may have. A man once described to the writer how he saw this organism roll or coze out of the body of a dying child.

A spiritual body may live in a spiritual, ethereal, or met-ethereal world, and having no terrestrial attraction, therefore no weight. It may be as real as radium, or other things which have always existed but are only re-cently discovered. The ancient Brahmin and the modern scientific doctrine of interpenetrating spheres are based on the analogy of the inter-penetration of gases, liquids and solids, they in turn permeated by the universal ether. The interpenetration of sound and light, electric and Hertzian waves, X-rays, and other vibrations, do not interfere with each other's domain. The etheric vibrations which cause light and heat, plunge through the absolute zero abysses of inter-stellar space, black, cold and ininvisible. Only when they strike re-fracting substances do they change into what we know as light and heat. It is not strange, then, if a soul has weight and escapes into a world as real as our own.

The description of the escape of the spirit of the dying child was given to me by an old negro by the name of Dave, a former slave. I found him to be a psychic, or sensilive, and had him relate several of his experiences.

At the time of this occurrence he was living a free man in southern Ohio. Another old negro, by the name of Tom, came to him one day and said: "Dave, you know that my brothers were sold in slavery and I never knew what became of them: I do not know whether they are dead or living. I dreamed last night that I was going up to a big, fine house. I saw into a very fine dining-room, where everything was mighty fine on the table and my brothers were in there, setting the table. They said to me, "Tom, you came mighty near being too late.' Now, Dave, I would like to know what this dream means."

Dave said to him: "Tom, those were your brothers that you saw in there. They are all dead and they. are getting ready for you. You are not going to live much longer, and if you have any business to settle up, you had better do it and get ready, as you do not have much longer to live. So this advice was taken, and as a fact Tom did die a few months later. Some months after that a little girl, a grandchild of Tom's, took very sick and Dave was sent for to visit the child, as he had the reputation of being skilled in treating the sick. The girl grew rapidly worse and in a few days was evidently past hope. Dave came in one day and saw that the child was dying. He stood at the bedside, watching the death struggle. After a time, another child, identical in appearance, seemed to be coming out of the little girl. It seemed to roll out, or ooze from every pore; the feet and lower limbs ap-pearing first. Soon a complete child lay on the bed, a perfect counterpart of the corpse. At this time the mother brought her apron to her face, crying out, "O, my child is gone." The grandmother, who was sitting in another part of the room, also began to cry. The spirit child stepped down on the floor and went over to the grandmother and tried to attract her attention; but the grandmother paid no attention, as, of course, she could not see the spirit. Then, at this time, the spirit of the grandfather came in through the door and seemed to call the child, who went to him and they both went out through the

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Is it not possible the world has been misled by that word prophet, which to the English reader always seems to suggest "one inspired of God to reveal the future." The word itself comes to us through the Latin "propheta," from the Greek ,"prophotes," and is equivalent to "one who declares things; one who foretells future events; a predicter." Cowper. in his Table Talks, says: "In a Roman mouth the graceful

> name' Of prophet and of poet was the same."

Our word clairvoyant, coming to. us from the French, defined as "discerning objects not perceptible by the natural senses," is, possibly, a good salvation. rendering of the word prophet,

The Thoughts of a Schular. To those who have emerged from the narrow teachings of the churchsurvivals of barbaric thought transmitted to modern times through a long succession of ignorant ancestors -how loyous to become acquainted with the productions of the great scholars who have been educated in Nature's lore, who have dared to

think and write as become Heaven's noblemen. Tied back to no school of ancient thought, but ever delving to know the truth revealed by science, when their productions are read we feel much nearer the Infinite. Prof. Goldwin Smith, of Montreal, is a thinker and teacher, whose pen productions bear the impress of an

enlarged mind always in pursuit of knowledge, and never afraid to declare his honest convictions. cial attention in the university to the A late writer in the New York Sun sciences. In two more years he would has caught the ennobling sentiments gain the B. A. degree, then he was of Prof. Smith, and in a review gave to commence a theologic course, and expression to his own advanced confit himself for the Christian ministry. victions, which are good to read while "Of course you will give special at-

sectarians are trying to bolster decaytention to astronomy while studying ing creeds, only useful to caverned the natural sciences," we suggested. bats and benighted priests whose best "Yes, that is in our curriculum, and thoughts had their birth before scimean to be thorough in that study." ence dawned on the world. "Geology and astronomy seem to But to the extract:

me to be the most useful of the sci-"There is a sentiment, delicate and ences to the theologian. Geology profound, so sacred that it lives for gives him a just conception, of the the most part in silence, yet finds earth, its wondrous history as reutterances sometimes through a poet. vealed in the rock; of the eternity It is the inspiration of Dante; it is of matter, and the impossibility of the theme of "In Memomam;". it is its destruction: while astronomy part of the message which makes widens knowledge of the Infinite, and Browning dear; it has been whis-pered by many a seer and saint. It elevates him from merely the creation of a little earth, with a sun to illumiis that the beloved dead may be remate it by day, and moon and stars alized as living, and sometimes in closest communion with us-a reality too profound for word or thought, with more than a hundred millions of but an incomparable source of ensuns, each larger than ours and the ergy and peace, of hope and joy. By center of solar systems, all wheeling this, as an emerging fact of human in space obedient to a common law. experience, we may interpret that of which the Supreme Intelligence is resurrection story to which Christianonceded to be the Master Mind." ity so fondly clings; we may divest Our colloquist had, no doubt, the story of its miracle and legend knowledge of astronomy, would and believe that not once alone, but be useful to a preacher; but "God always, and everywhere it is from has given us a revelation of himlove and sorrow that the immortal self in the Bible, the most instructhope and the undying love emerge. ive and valuable of all books, contain-"Other phases of mankind's new ing all it is desirable for man to spiritual development crowd upon the know along the lines it imparts vnpen. There is no effort to conceive and realize daily toil not as slavery Our friend was all aflame at once.

or drudgery, but as education, as That dear book, the Bible, was the character building force, as social sercivilizer of the world. Without it vice. There is that sympathy with we have no knowledge of the beginall sentient life which takes even the ning; no assurance of the future. brute creation into fellowship. We Our laws were borrowed from it; need not prolong the depiction. society derived its maxims from it; and they who are not acquainted with

"Our outlook upon the world is by right incomparably more cheerful than that of our fathers. We have learned that growth is a law of the universe. The Divine Energy is recognized as working in and through ourselves. 'With the great girdle of God go and encompass the earth.' We see that evil, however perplexing to the intellect, is a perpetual chal lenge to the will. The combat exacts a heavy price, but offers great prizes-fortitude, sympathy, tenderness, spiritual victory. In a world so friendly as ours we are not afraid to laugh. We accept humor as an essential trait of manhood. When the

AN ALARM SIGNAL! A Grave Crisis!

There is a GRAVE ORISIS rising [CELLENT in many respects, yet the in the rabks of Spiritualism. The good work has not yet been carried purport to have been written by an

very foundation of our beloved Cause on to completion. is being THREATENED with destruc-tion. The tendency everywhere in the large towns and cities is to INDOCE large towns and cities is to IMPOSE pers "looked on," without participatels were without number, as the sand a heavy liganse fee on mediums, they ing in the struggle, resulting, during being linked' with fortune-tellers, the past few months, in the death by the seaside for multitude." The Lord appeared to Gideop, and prompalmists, clairvoyants and unscrupu- of the Banner of Light, the Religioised by him to smite the hosts of lous tricksters. Philosophical Journal, the Light of Midian. A WAVE in that direction HAS Truth, and the Occidental Mystic,

HET IN, and a LICENSE long ago leaving The Progressive Thinker alwould have been placed on mediums most alone to carry out the great in this city had it not been for the work of advancing our Cause to a efficient service of the Illinois State higher plane. There can be no greater agent to Association of Spiritualists, headed by advance our Cause than The Progres-

Dr. G. B. Warne. All this serious trouble has arisen sive Thinker. from the simple fact that so many tricksters and charlatans HAVE IN-VADED OUR BANKS, carrying on throughout our ranks, of the arrest their nefarious work, swindling the of Mrs. Noyes had it not been for public generally. this paper?

How can you keep POSTED as to We have continually warned Spirpassing events without it? itualists that unless they took action How can you REALIZE the exact in the matter, and separated genuine Spiritualism from the spurious, that status of our Cause without reading a WAVE OF OPPOSITION would it weekly?. start'against our Cause, resulting in

no end of trouble. The Progressive Thinker has been sounded THE ALARM! Cause has been infested with the mence. WORST SET OF VILLAINS that

ever disgraced any sect or cult, and AN AGENT to solicit subscribers for while the result has been MOST EX. this paper.

A GRAVE CRISIS. It Has Risen in the Ranks of Spirit scope of the license power, whether ualism, and Threatens the Very the laws of the land recognize such Liberty of Mediums-Letter from a act as being criminal or not. As a Prominent Lawyer of Los Angeles, result, nearly every objection offered, Cal., Giving an Account of the or favor requested, no matter how Arrest and Conviction of a Most clearly within the scope of legitimate Excellent Medium, Mrs. Cora B. practice, were promptly refused.

Gifts Without a License.

'Los Angeles., Cal., : Vi ' July 26, 1907. To the Editor :--- At the request of

Rev. W. B. Ndyes, I send you herewith a brief account of the prosecution of his wife, Mrs. Cora B. Noyes, a Spiritualistiomedium and public worker, and having acted as her attorney in the matter, I gladly comply with the request, not merely for the purpose of furnishing you a news item, butifor the further purpose of enabling fithe public generally, and Spiritualist mediums in particular, to see upon what flimsy pretexts and by what unjustifiable methods Spiritualist workers are being deprived of personal liberty and denied the exercise of their constitutional rights.

The trial took place in Santa Barbara, Cal., where Mr. and Mrs. Noyes tana and Washington State Associahero's battle cry has led to triumph have been laboring for a short time. tions, endorsing her work, etc., but we are glad. He should be at ease The city ordinance under which the

We should have at least 100,000 subscribers! Read Mr. Dryden's article carefully, and you will realize that the only Spiritualist paper that has a grave crisis is at hand, and you will see the necessity of adding addi-For several years it has presented tional support to The Progressive incontrovertible evidence that our Thinker. NOW is the time to com-Every camp meeting should have

It stands at the head!

How would you have known,

Noves. for Using . Her God-Given

nor do anything except as a Spirit-

An effort was made to introduce a etter from President Barrett and from officers of the Wisconsin, Mon-

Both of the witnesses for the prose cution testified that neither by word of mouth, nor by newspaper adver-

tisement.coor in any other way, had she "professed" to be a "life reader," nor did she profess to be anything,

ualist medium. The door sign was simply "Spiritualist Medium." Both men testified that they asked, first: "Are you a palmist?" "Are you a fortune teller?" "No, I am a Spiritual medium." and both testified to the kind of spirit messages usually given under such conditions. These were held to come clearly within the scope of "Life Reading," as

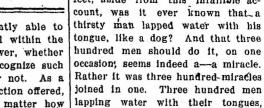
contemplated by the city council, and the accused was promptly found guilty, and a fine of \$35 imposed.

July 13, 1907, we are favored with a short article of M. Severance of North Charleston, N. H., entitled "Waste of Brain Force." all were promptly refused, and in the

laity council is abundantly able to declare any act criminal within the

number of them that lapped were three hundred men. And the Lord said unto Gideon: By the three hundred that lapped will I save you."

The singular thing in this is that three hundred thirsty men lapped water with their tongues "like a dog." In all the history of the world since man has walked erect on two feet, aside from this infallible ac-



Gideon's Band.

Bible history narrates many pecu-

liar - not to say funny - episodes,

whether taken as statements of real

A case in point is the narration

about Gideon and his exploits, the

veracious chronicle of which may be

found in the book of Judges. It

is an interesting story, and does not

and there remained ten thousand.

"And the Lord said unto Gideon.

facts, or as "just talk."

uninspired historian.

saved me.

like a dog-reader, in your mind's eye, just look at 'em. But that was not the only miracle. Gideon divided the three hundred into three companies. Each man carried an "empty pitcher" and "lamps within the pitchers," and a trumpet. "And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and

held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal; and they cried: The sword of the Lord and of Gideon." This occurred at night. The outcome finally was "there fell an hundred and twenty thousand men (Midlanites) that drew sword."

They slew one another, mostly. We make no comments. The story sneaks for itself.

## THE GOD IDEA.

It Is Completely Settled at Last! To the Editor :- In your issne of

 In every period of human existence there have been sensitives who possessed this power of clear vision. It was as common to pagan nations as to Hebrews and modern Christians. History confirms the opinion that the ancient soothsayer and the modern clairvoyant are identical

The Jews claimed their prophets were inspired of God, just as many clairvoyants assume they are inspired by spirits; but is it not probable both nowers were derived from a common source, and that source an abnormal condition of the nervous system? The starveling and the invalid nearing death seem to possess these powers in a pre-eminent degree. The vestal virgins, whose mission it was to watch and keep alive the sacred fires in pagan temples; whose habits of life were regulated by law, and who were generally faultless in character. seem to have frequently been clairvoyant.

Whilst there are many well-marked cases of truthful revelation of future events by clairvoyants, can they be always trusted? In attempts to 1ocate valuable mines, have they not been more frequently at fault than otherwise? Many persons claim to have been financially wrecked by acting on this class of information.

As reason was given to man for his guidance, we venture the opinion that he who lays it aside and allows himself to be wholly directed by prophets. priests or even mediums, are trusting doubtful guides who are liable to mfslead both in material and spiritual affairs.

### A Practical Religion.

Col. Ingersoll's idea of religion, as expressed in an address to the Unitarian Club in New York, January 15, 1892, was of a practical nature, and a good thing. Responding to his own inquiry, "What is, Religion?" the Colonel said:

"Religion is all here in this world, right here. All our duties are right here to our fellow-men. The man who builds a home, marries the girl he loves, takes good care of her, likes the family, stays home nights as a general thing, pays his debts, learns all he can, gets all the beautiful ideas in his mind his brain can hold, has a host of paintings and statuary in his gallery of fine aris, has a niche devoted to music — a magnificent dome fitted with winged notes that rise to glory, and gets all he can from the great ones dead, swaps all thoughts possible with those who are alive. is true to the ideal he has here in his own brain-he is what I call a religious man, because he makes the world better, happier. He puts the dimples of joy in the cheeks of the one he loves, and lets the gods run heaven to suit themselves. I am

We could only crowd in the inquiry: "Do you really think the creator of a hundred millions of solar systems overshadowed a Jewish peasant girl and became the parent of Jesus? And did that son declare: "Unless you hate father and mother, brothers and sisters, wife and children, yea, your own life, you can't be my disciple?""

t are but rude barbarlans, and the

only hope of the reclamation of the

world is through the Bible and the

By this time the dear fellow's voice

had swollen until it equaled that of

a Methodist exhorter of seventy-five

years ago, while a goodly number of

kindred faith with him were adding

chinking to fill up chasms in his

logic. The roar of a hundred wheels

rushing forward at thirty miles an

hour over steel rails was lost in the

eloquence of the "souh" as he took

up the subject of the junior God,

who died on a cross for the world's

Our place of separation reached. the last we heard of our whilom friend he was declàring: "God is capable of anything, and the Bible says he was the father of Jesus and that book is more trusty than human easoh."

But a train of thought was aroused that will bear fruit a few years later, mark that. 200

Only Error Stands Still.

Sixty hours from New York to Liverpool by means of a gliding craft that is to skim along the surface of

the water without penetrating it. is the promise of a French engineer, who has already successfully tested his invention with a twenty-seven-foot boat, which made thirty-eight miles an hour.

If religious thought would keep abreast with scientific advancement, the church would not be clutching at old-time creeds that teach how to placate the anger of jealous and repentant gods.

Successful as an Organizer.

The Supreme Court of New Hampshire has appointed a master to determine the competency of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, of Christian Science fame, to manage her financial affairs. He is to report September 30: Whether competent 'or otherwise, in a business point of view, Mrs. Eddy has led all other founders of new religions in the number of devotees she has enlisted in her service in a given time.

## GOOD ADVICE.

When the weather suits you not, Try smiling. your coffee isn't hot, When

Try smiling. When your neighbors don't do right, Or your relatives all fight, Sure it's hard, but then you might Try smiling

Doesn't change the things, of course, Try smiling. But it cannot make them worse Try smiling. And it seems to help your case Brightens up a gloomy face;

Then it sort o' rests your face-Try smiling.

Where'all are selfish, the sage is no better than the fool, and only rather more dangerous.-Froude.

and his lungs should crow like chanticleer's.

"These elements, old and new, of the religion-visibly dawning among men-is it strange that in their wealth and variety they have not compressed and formulated into neat little verbal symbols? And shall we be impatient that the instrumentall. ties for their practical expression take time in the evolving-when even in busiest New York, and under the shadow of the Vatican, we can see the new life moulding its organs? Already, chaotic as the times may seem; the loyal will and aspiring soul can find ample soil and genial climate. Already, though across decades or centuries, we can see the universal religion into which the older creeds dissolve -- 'as morning drinks the

Even Catholics Think.

morning star.""

A telegram from Rome of date July 18, represents the Pope dissued the day before a syllabus correcting sixtyfive propositions of leading Catholics in regard to dogmas which do not meet his approbation. It is to prevent the acceptance of these errors that the syllabus was issued. Those

'errors" seem identical with the great truths Protestantism is contending with; but the latter lack a general head to sflence opposition regardless of the truth.

It is a pleasure to note that Catholic thinkers, according to this allocution, repudiate the infallibility of raised, and decided, in effect, that a the "holy scriptures." They claim the bodily resurrection of Jesus is not a historical fact. And then they deny that the Roman Catholic Church became the head of all Christian churches by divine ordinances, but maintain that end was obtained by political circumstances, which properly interpreted would mean gross usurpations.

These enemies of the church the Pone combats, teach the church is the enemy of the natural sciences; that Christian doctrine was first Judaic, then Paulinic, later Grecian, then universal; and that the principat articles of the Apostles' Greed had not the same significance to primitive Christians as to those of the present time.

It is apprehended that men of brains will not change their opinions on the subjects mentioned because of papal dictation. And as inquisitional fires have lost their efficacy, division in the church must widen with expanding knowledge, probably ultimate in another reformation later on.

prosecution was held, requires all absence of any regular ordination cerpalmists, hypnotists, card readers, tiffcate, would have been of but little clairvoyants, fortune tellers, etc., to value anyway, under the circum-

first obtain a license at the rate of stances; and because of the absence, \$15 per month, under penalty of not of such official authorization, and for more than \$200 for failure to do so. other reasons, it was decided not best In addition to the occupations or to make a test case of it, and no avocations above cited, the ordinance appeal, was taken.

contained one not usually found in In conclusion, and by way of sugsuch instruments, viz., "life reading." gestion, whether it may meet the apand this was the offense charged proval of the readers of The Proagainst Mrs. Noyes in the Complaint. gressive Thinker or not, in my opin-The language used in the Complaint ion, Spiritualism, as an organic rewas, that at a certain time and place ligious movement, is facing a very she did "profess to practice the art grave crisis." What is commonly of life reading without first obtainknown as the "Police Power" of a ing license therefor," etc. government, or the taxing power, the We moved to quash the complaint power under which municipalities. upon two grounds:--counties, etc., are authorized to impose taxes upon property, fran-First, that it did not charge the

commission of any offense at all; chises, professions, etc., for revenue only that she PROFESSED TO' BE purposes, is practically an unlimited ABLE to do so. nower: and the only reason doctors

Second, even had there been an expriests, preachers, and such profespress allegation, the charge would sions, are not taxed, is because the be insufficient because there is no such power behind the throne is the man offense known to the liws of this who operates the ballot judiciously. State, or of this country, as "life And until Spiritualists generate reading," nor is there any certain enough common sense to get todefinition of the term to be found gether and secure representation in in any standard dictionary or encythe law-making and law-executing clonedia: and therefore the offense functions, they may expect the burcharged, and the method of its comden of public restrictions to grow mission, were not sufficient upon heavier and heavier. It is easier and which to base a conviction. not one-half so expensive and humili-But the court and the prosecuting ating to gain exemption from an ordiattorney, both belonging to the ortho- nance while it is being passed, than It is to-evade its provisions on the dox class, and keyed up to "high C" in the determination to convict, saw plea of religious liberty after it beno legal bone whatever in the points comes a law.

J. L. DRYDEN.

for glory and fortune. Yellow being SIGNIFICANCE OF COLORS the color of gold; but since the Chris-Some Trenthant Thoughts in Regard tian era it has changed in meaning for during the middle ages the Jew were forced to wear yellow, and the doors of traitors were smeared with

Black, which is the absence of al strongest color at present. It is the color, means sadness and mourning Pink is for health, ~ and orange

about these colors, and when we wea if they do not have grass to eat, their colors of any, kind I believe our live eggs are poor." Our milk and our are guided by them. This explains why one person likes one color and

with beautiful white know.

Blue is for fidelity, tenderness, spot- with others instead of deigning symless reputation-the true blue, you pathy with their

The world's people, even at this day, must now certainly owe Brother Severance a debt of gratitude for the prompt warning given as to all this waste.

In harmony with Nature's Law of conservation of force, he has manfully stepped to the breach, and has called a ringing halt to this hitherto endless, and, as he deems it, useless nouring out of brain nower in the quest of a God.

Ever since human beings first came on Earth then, the millions upon millious of human brains have been carried away by a delusion. All the tons upon tons of tomes devoted to the sub-ject are therefore worthless, aye, worse, for they are "waste." says Brother Severance. From the lowest form of savage up to and including Shakspeare, Lowell, Milton, Drvden, Tupper, and thousands of others of world-noted thought-capacity, including Pope, with his immortal lines-"All are but parts of one stupendous

whole. Whose body Nature is and God the

something that only exists in the noddle of man," as Brother-Severance puts it. How did this idea come to enter so many "noddles," and in what fortunate manner did Brother Sever ance escape such impregnation of thought in HIS brain?

It is true that Brother Severance does not define what he means with the term God, further than to say "a God, any God;" nor does he state any of the evidence upon which he bases his positively expressed conclu-sion, neither of which he could in his article of not more than 20 lines.

The only thing to be inferred, then is that Brother Severance, as a great discoverer, has simply announced in the concrete, in the few lines with which he favors us on the subject a disproval. startling, and reaching back through all time, necessitating an absolute reversal of the world God-idea. Naturally, and we might say, fairly,

in a matter so far-reaching through-out all thought and mind conceptions DR. C. C. CARTER. out all thought and mind conceptions of the past, and because of the fact that Brother Severance so far as yet

ordinary school-teaching.

to be inferred, alone possesses the proof positive in establishment of his contention, his conclusive evidence that there is not "a God, any God."

will be laid before a now startled and hitherto deceived world. P. O. CHILSTROM. Crescent, Nevada.

emotional, and the culture of emo-tion is not carried on advantageously In winter the earth is covered over I'say, is the prettiest color. It is the system that is best for securing the intellectual element is not best for se

secret of human happiness is this Never suffer your energies to stagnate Soft is the music that would charm BOTTOWS .--- Max forever .--- Wordsworth.

door. -This is evidence of the existence of a psychic body or spirit, such as is described by A. J. Davis and other We presume it is the same SCOTS. thing that is claimed to be seen by

mediums and called a spirit, or a shost, when seen by others not mediums. De Lanne and others argue for the existence of such a body, sometimes caled the peri-sprit, and supposed to be formed of matter in a different state from what we know. as matter. Who knows but what this is the body or organism which makes conception up to now, of the entire the slight difference in weight noticed by Drs. McDougal and Sproule in weighing the bodies of the dying

Lancaster, O.

WHEN AGE COMES ON.

Love has no age; 'tis always young; Brows may be marred and heads bent down:

Gray hairs may come to gleam among The locks that once were soft and brown,

But not till love forsakes the heart Religion must always be something Does age arrive or youth depart.,

Love laughs' at years which dim the

eyes, And mocks the ruthless lines that mar; Love sees no skles but rosy skles,

And ne'er from childhood wanders far:

Tis only after love is gone That youth departs and age comes on. -Selected.

He who is afraid of asking it ashamed of learning. From the Dane ish.

another person likes another.

the most powerful color in the whole symbol of purity and good, and is world? You may study it as you most becoming to brides. It shines

MRS. M. SUTTON.

There would be more happiness in the world if we would rejoice more

meat we get from the green fields. Most of our fruits are green, and our eyes we protect with a green

like.

clothed in red.

shade. Now, why do I say green is

Next, take red: Red is the fire coler, symbolic of passion, power and riches. Powerful rulers wore robes

St Louis, Mo.

of red. Men of craelty, executioners, and members of the inquisition were

know. It used to be that rellow stood Bewer.

7 tooThem. Freelved a thought about color, as to which are the strongest. Just now the yellow of eggs. it is summer tlike. Green is the

live of the green fields. Why? For stands for inspiration and poetry. It instance; the world is green.

We get our bread from the fields. Our chickens live off the green, and

curing the emotional element .--- Bain. ontward and penetrates the spirit | True politeness is perfect ease and

freedom. It simply consists in treat-ing others just as you love to be treated rourself .-- Chesterfield I have lived to know that the great

## THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

# Religion and Literature. As Graphically Portrayed by that Eminent Thinker and Careful Student of History, Judge Parish B. Ladd, Alameda, Cal.

From out the depths of archeological time when Such books are worse than useless, as their effect reason had not been born; when conception was in embryo, primordial man dreamed, speculated and Some men write books more to exhibit their style promulgated crude theories and drew on the un- of language than to instruct. Many of such books knowable for materials out of which to construct are valuable as arts of composition, and for their an ideal pantheon of divinities. Countless ages flit- rhetoric and logic; many of these books are filled ted on the sunbeams of the meridian and cast their with beautiful words and rounded-off sentencesshadows behind them, while this homo' theorized sometimes at the expense of substance. The smallon the unknown past, the unrealized present and est number of men possess clear, well-defined ideas. dreaded future. Such men are the light of the world; they give us

Out of the chaos of this muddled brain was born facts and opinions in clear, concise and direct lanthe magical germs, which in after years were des- guage, so that all may understand them; ambiguity tined to sway the world. The sun, moon, stars, the and circumlocution are no part of their makeup. heavens, the earth, the oceans and all other visi-Such men are not only our best writers, but they ble phenomena were so many living beings. Thus produce about the only books worth reading, espe this troglodyte created a plantasmagoria for illumi- cially in this age when the reader has no time to nating the pathway of life here and hereafter, Out idle away over an unnecessary array of words. of this pantheon of divinities arose an hierarchal On going through our large libraries, how few embodiment of divine wisdom to pilot the denizens books do we find that could not have been written of earth from the land of sorrow to the elysian on one-tenth of their space and thereby have been fields where dwells immortal life. The numerous, made more intelligible. No one has realized this religions, each in its time, became the predominat- fact more than I in being compelled to read an ing factor in its day. All to-day move in the world's almost endless number of volumes to obtain material dreams. The older ones, dead and gone, live only for my writings. It is the hope of the writer that in history. Some of the living ones sport on the he has been able in his extensive researches to colpinnacle of fame. All are mortal; birth, life and lect, condense and put into numerous writings about death, are the fate of all that is mortal .all that is requisite for most readers to know con-

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But, says science, there is no life nor death; etercerning the birth and early life of the great religions nal change is nature's decree. With all the theories of the world, more especially the Hebrew and Chrisand speculations of the past concerning the source tian systems. Fortunately or unfortunately, dependof life, its continuance beyond the grave, and of ing on whether the world wants facts or fiction, I the existence of an intelligence above that of man, have had the time, patience and will to do this work. the world is just as wise to-day as when primordial The most of book students weary in going over so man first sat down to theorize and speculate on the much for so little in value. The student who is unknowable. More time, study and discussion have seeking for facts only, soon learns by a few superbeen given to this subject than to all others, and ficial glances over the pages of a book what is of whole libraries of books have been written thereon. value and what is mere verbiage. The greater num-Written history comes down to our time loaded ber of the frequenters of our libraries find their down with theories, speculations, doctrines, dogmas, affinities in books of fiction, when the book and the dissensions, quarrels, persecutions, tortures, violent reader are of the same makeup. Among what are deaths, wars and desolation, all growing out of conknown as popular works, there are some of value, flicting opinions on religion, the field of Christianity but of a limited kind, as lessons in rhetoric, style, more prolific in these terrible crimes than all others ethics, composition. Then we have works of art, combined. Nor is the end yet, or soon to be, unless science-and history, whose patrons are real students. the helping hand of reason and humanity intervene but few in number; they are the world's guides: to stay the conflict.

Is it not time that the world, the Christian world, commenced to think, reason on religious matters to give and take, agree to disagree, each to entertain his own opinion, cease quarreling about religious matters, and come to a realizing sense that the thinking world is moving?

Evolution in thought, as never before, is domi nating the world, nor can the feeble efforts of the clergy, however earnest, stop the progress of modern thought. The cleric who refuses to move along this new line must take his old worn-out ox-cart in a book which the believer, if a Catholic, is comfrom the track or be run over or thrown into the ditch from whence there is no exit.

Let us agree to be humanitarians, to cherish and respect the opinions of all who differ from us; live often the result of self-interest at the expense of virtuous lives, not only for our own comfort and truth. happiness, but that our posterity may follow our lead and say, when we are no more, that the world is better because of our lives.

In life's early morn, man, in his savage state, turned his first thoughts to the various phenomena around him, and therefrom constructed a crude religion. This was his first step in advance of the its all to doubt-to the embryotic child of genius. living world below him; the dim light of physical nature forced him to ask himself: "Why all these of to-day would have been sleeping away its time numerous phenomena?" But a step above the brute in the cradle of primordial ignorance. All of our

religious nature, that the writer was induced to enter the field as an conoclast, not in the sense of Babylonia, the home of the disk worshipers, while after the manner of those who pull down old fabrics that new and better structures may be crected on their old sites. ) / Let us have the truth, which is at all times at

the conflict, which has been exemplified during the whole life of Christianity. The numerous and bloody conflicts which have from time to time marred the harmony are the result of errors and crimes, which for more than a thousand years hung like a nocturnal demon over the fact of all christendom, blotting out every vestige of humanity and civilization.

It has been estimated by the most competent authorities that more than 200,000,000 of human lives were blotted out in these disgraceful conflicts. all to appease the wrath and satiate the thirst of the church for power and dominion. All claimed to be in obedience to the precepts and teachings of the Bible, a book which no two readers have ever been able to understand alike, which has produced opinions as diverse and numerous as the pebbles tossed by the rolling deep, cannot be of preternatural or of divine origin, nor the work of intelligent, clear-minded men.

As we now know it is a book written by men whose devotion to religion far excelled their intelligence, and written by unknown men when religion was deemed of all-importance; a book of slow contents of the book itself, which is so apparent on the face of the text. It is the incomprehensibleness of that book which charms the weak-minded reader. The sooner we understand the true history of the Bible, the better for truth, justice and humanity. Let us come together, greet each other in friendship; agree to disagree. Then, and only then, may the world live in harmony, with truth, peace and humanity as its motto.

History and the higher criticism make the Bible the vacillating child of ages that accretions and denudations were the work of time and of numerous writers; first largely from tradition, to which was added scraps of writings of unknown authors; followed by numerous changes, edited, revised, enlarged, curtailed and redacted by numerous other their work.

These writers lived in times when ignorance, credulity, piety and, superstition held the world in their nocturnal shadows. They believed, not in natural law, but in divine revelation-in dreams and sion and prejudice were their guides. How could such a book, written by such men, and in such times, over so long a period, and with so many changes. be made to harmonizes The impossible cannot by

any amount of inspiration be made to harmonize. All of the substance of the Bible is traceable directly back to older religious systems, in which the sun-god of old paganisms, under diverse names, occupied the head of the great pantheon of the world's divinities, and this, our great solar orb of to-day, is but the Jehovah of the Hebrews, and the first god in rank of the Christians. The Christians may theorize that they are worshoping a real supreme being, but who is none other than our great luminary, our bright, material, non-intelligent sun, which gives us light by day and hides its face at night.

SPIRIT VISITATION.

Two Remarkable Cases as Related by That Great Daily, the New York World, Illustrating the Great Inter-

Most of the Old Testament comes from Chaldeothe New Testament is but the revision of the older systems, Jewish and pagan, sifted through Neo-Platonism. The original source was oral tradition, supplemented by scraps of writing, gathered here and there over the Roman empire, and deposited among the archives of the three original branches of the church, East, South and West. All these ori-ginal writings were without times, places or names. This is also true of the Old Testament. When the books and other writings of the Bible were, after breaking down true theories, but as a truth seeker the New Testament is but the revision of the older harmony with itself. It is only error which quarrels; among the archives of the three original branches the more and the greater the errors the more severe of the church, East, South and West. All these oribooks and other writings of the Bible were, after centuries, finally divided and entitled. names other than the purported authors were ascribed thereto.

Let us look at the Bible in its true light. Whatever merit, if any, any religion possesses cannot be harmed by investigation. There can be no greater error than to think any one religion is all true, and all the others false. Nevertheless, all of the religions, past and present, have erroneously attempted to maintain such a position. The old pagan systems, conceding the right of all others to maintain their own, moved in harmony, side by side. Not so with the Christians, who maintained that their systems came from heaven, and that that all others were not only false but pernicious, so they made unrelenting war, not only on all other systems, but on all unbelievers in their particular religion. Hence the long dark night of a thousand years, of poverty, piety and crimes untold.

The materials for my numerous writings on religion have been drawn from archaelogical researches, growth, extending over a period of some fourteen ancient history, the sciences, the higher criticism, hundred years-a thousand for the Old Testament the writings of the church Fathers and other authenand four hundred for the New Testament. That tic sources. As an appeal to honest men, let it be this great diversity of opinion is not the fault of said, no degree of difference of opinion should ever the readers, but of the incongruous nature of the be made the pretext for quarrel. He who is seeking the truth has nothing to fear from investigation. The more discussion, the brighter the truth will appear. It is only error, and he who is seeking to perpetuate the wrong, that want no investigation. Truth may be crushed for a time, as in the dark ages by the church, when torture, murder and desolation swept over the fairest portion of our earth, but it will again return to pay, not only the debt, but the interest thereon.

The great mass of Hebrews and Christians, and not a few Rabbis and clerics, know nothing of the great stream of light which, in the last few years, has flowed in on the two systems from the records of ancient Egypt, Chaldeo-Babylonia and India. These records, with the aid of the higher criticism, have revolutionized the religious world, more espeunknown writers, who left but few footprints on cially the literary part of it. Intelligent men and women no longer believe the things which they were taught were of divine origin. Hence Christianity, at least Protestantism, is rapidly passing away, nor will its demise fail to plant the seeds of death along the pathway of Catholicity and Judaism, for the omens. They were not reasoners; ignorance, pas- stern decrees of fate guided by inexorable laws of evolution move on unmindful of all obstacles, nor will the puny efforts of man impede their onward course.

And now on this 24th of December I close this article, commemorative of the time when the sungod, the deus primus of all the religious peoples of the world, past and present, is in his grave. He died and was buried on the 22d; to-morrow, on the 25th, after three days in the grave of winter, he will come forth, rise from the grave to gladden the hearts of all christendom, as in the long past he did to the joy of paganism. Our Christians, as did the pagans, will make it a day of festivities. The good things, among which the lamb, fish, fig and wine will adorn the table. Let all remember this Pago-Christian sol novis deus.

without sacrificing my boyish vanity the foot. I stopped turning and it or being accused of cowardice, for I stopped moving. By this time the cold perspiration stood on my foremust confess I began to feel a sensation bordering on panic. The men head in drops, and I turned my face tried to convince me that I had fallen quickly toward the wall. asleep and dreamed. It is scarcely necessary to say that I was never As I did so "it" seemed to go

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JUST HOW TO COOK MEALS WITHOUT MEAT.

creation, he commenced to speculate on animate and inanimate nature; the product was a religion.

time, has man continued to theorize and speculate nicus, Galileo, Bruno, Newton, Kepler, the Her-Centuries and countless ages have come and gone. and we ask: Is man to-day any nearer the final goal than when a child of the long time ago? Does he know the whence and why of his religious sentiments?

A dead silence is the answer! Nature still holds her cecrets. Would that all writers on the religions of the world, especially an Christianity, were honest, but the overpowering interest of the cleric to maintain his place forbids such a hope. Give us real historical facts and let the consequences be as they may, should be every writer's motto. Such is the rule with all honest men. The writer who starts out to write a book or otherwise for the purpose of supporting preconceived notions or opinions, cannot, as a rule, be honest, unless such opinions have been formed after a full and fair investigation of all the facts. Such writers too often devote their time to concealing and covering up the truth; to religion than a church monse does of Greek, much do which they are ever on the alert to twist and bend real facts to support preconceived opinions. All we know of the past and the real life of the living religious systems of the world, comes down to us in tradition and living history, Much of this history comes to us from monumental inscriptions, largely from Egypt and from the cuneiform writings found on tablets among the ruins of the cities of Chaldea and Babylonia. To this, ancient India has contributed her records. Science and criticism have, in late years, come to our aid in clearing up much of the mystery which for long ages hung over the religious world.

The world of to-day is flooded with books, and the tide of literature continues to flow on. Few books are of value; many are without merit. A book which does not, in some way, instruct, is worthless-a detriment to mankind. Nine-tenths of all books deserve cremation, that good may result. So says the prospective author who sits down to add one more to swell the tide. But the field of instructive literature has not been deluged; there is still new ground to be explored, and even some old fields may be profitably re-worked. With all the present literary float, the great mass of mankind is birth, life and death are of but a single day; nor groping its way along the old blind trails of error, ignorance and superstition; such people prefer to idle away their time and journey in their old oxcarts while others ride in palace cars.

The religious area has been flooded-much of i laid waste with writings of almost every conceivable kind, the larger part of which is dull, some extremely stupid, not a-little of it mere empty, meaningless jargon; much being used in vain attempts to explain the contradictions, confusions and nonsense of the Bible; some on the extant writings of the church Fathers, some still floating on tradition. 'A few people think; a far less number reasonespecially on religious matters; hence errors and groundless beliefs hold the fort. Many books on religious matters are written by timid men who attempt to hide their real opinions behind the veil of obscure terms and circumlocution. It is this style which dominates the most of our more intelligent clerics of to-day, who have outgrown the books and other writings of the Bible; of their authpld fabric but are holding on to secure their rations.

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great discoveries in the arts and sciences, and of archeological history, owe their existence to doubt-From that day down through the long vista of of the current beliefs and opinions. Had not Coper-

. e., in the field of thought; their aim is to benefit

mankind; their writings are beacons of light for all

who possess the ability to think and the courage

to act. Religious books, with which our libraries

abound, are, as a rule, written by men whose busi-

others to believe.

ness it is to believe, and to dogmatically command

These men, if reasoners, too often silence their

reasoning faculties from motives of interest, and

pretend to rely on faith, Faith has no use for-rea-

son. It is blind obedience to the dogmatist, or faith

manded not to read; if a Protestant, he seldom

takes the trouble to read it, but relies on his teacher

to interpret its meaning; this interpretation is too

Such writers seldom use their faculties, other than

in the attempt to twist and warp history and science

to suit their wishes. Such men were born, or taught

to believe-to have faith-not to doubt; doubt to

them is a crime; but this does not deprive doubt

of its genius, for the civilization of the world owes

schells, et al., doubted, all christendom of to-day would have believed the earth to be a flat surface. and that the sun, moon and stars were made to revolve around it.

Religious works, next to fiction, seemingly command the most attention. Yet, on religious matters, especially as to the origin of religion, its infancy and childhood, most people are profoundly ignorant; they have never doubted the words of their teachers. In far too many cases it is the blind lead. ing the blind. In the cradle of blind faith these people have slept away their lives, unmindful of the inroads which are everywhere being made on old opinions by archeological history, science and criticism. They never progress, but live in the long ago-in the dead past-in the primordial simplicity of their remotest ancestors. Even most of clergymen of to-day know no more of the source of their less do they know of the older religious systems.

Max Muller, one of our greatest scholars and most profound thinkers, of any age, rightfully says: "He who knows but one religion knows no religion." He further says: "To understand the Christian religion one must know its source-the great religions of Babylon, India, Egypt, Greece, Rome, et al. Knowledge is only had by comparison; one must know the past in order to understand the present, for the present is but the result of past evolution. This applies to religion, language, writing, thought, in short to all that goes to make up our civilization.

The Christian who claims that his religion is something new; that it is different from all others, simply puts his own ignorance on exhibition. The layman, as a rule, relies on his clergyman; the cleric speaks from his Bible; the Bible is his infallible guide; but he has no knowledge of who were its authors, when or where, or under what circumstances it was written; he, by often repeating it, has acquired the habit of saying it is inspired, i. e. written under the guidance of some supernatural power; but of that power, or being, as he calls it, he has no more knowledge than the day-fly, whose can he give us the slightest idea of the specific location, form, habits, attributes, or else, of this supernatural being; nor does his Bible help him out of this dilemma.

Like the other habit, he has learned to say many idle and foolish things about this supernatural being. If it, he or she, has form, thinks, reasons, has the power, is just and humane, why all the crime, misery and suffering in the world? If the devotee will go to his Bible, more especially to the Old Testament, he will there find his god to be an overgrown man possessed of all the attributes, good, bad and indifferent, which have ever characterized the human race. In short, he is pictured as a demon, a saint, a cruel savage, a kind and humane father, a tyrant, a friend, a murderer, a humanitarian, a peace-maker, a lover of war, etc., ad infinitum.

It has been with the hope of throwing some new light (new to some) on the origin of the numerous orship and times, with numerous other things of a figure how I could get off that boat bed, when "it" began to move toward fai spirituality. Price \$1.00

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est in Occult Subjects

more wide awake in my life. In the fall of 1885 I was cook and The wind came out strong from general handy man, or rather boy, the northwest in the morning; being mear to a gale, and made sailing on on the antiquated, unseaworthy brick

chooner Despatch. The old vessel at schedule time an impossibility. This the time was skippered by Captain | was a reprieve for me, but a reprieve Fommy Butler, of Northport, L. I., only, as I still lacked the moral courfrom the yards at West Neck to vari- My chance came though when,

ous points on the Sound as far east as [ about 9 a. m., the captain sent me Providence. R. I. On the night the visitation I am had been forgotten. At the store I met a boy with a bout to record appeared to me we had taken on our cargo during the message from my father almost imploring me to remain at home this one day and were towed out to anchor

in the harbor a mile off shore. trip and assist him with some work. We were to sail at 4 a. m. the next Ordinarily the request would have morning, taking advantage of the had little weight with me, but on flood tide running at that hour. The this occasion my filial duty, assisted captain, with the other two members by my fear, was strong within me. of the crew, Joe Lillis and Bob Donofuch to Captain Butler's disgust I hue, had gone ashore, taking the yawl, leaving me alone on board. The fact informed him that my presence was needed badly at home. They sailed at noon without me, the of my being left alone gave me no wind having moderated slightly.

concern, as this had occurred times without number before this time. The vessel-sailed safely out of Cold Intending not to turn in until their Spring harbor into the Sound and eturn. I amused myself with such steered east. At dusk off Eaton's Neck, in sight of the life saving stabooks as I had until about 11 o'clock. The cabin lamp was burning and I was tion, the old Despatch capsized in a sudden squall and went to the bot-tom almost instantly with her heavy wide awake, when something caused me to look upward to the top of the cabin stairs. The slide of the cabin load of brick, carrying the unfortuhouse was open, as the weather was nate men with her. Not one of the still moderately warm. There I saw, three was saved, although all were good swimmers. In my own mind with his elbows leaning on either side of the hatchway, and his face in clear the thing explains, itself. I ask no other explanation. JOHN REDINGTON, JR. relief, owing to the lamp rays, an old acquaintance. Gene Thompson.

He was bareheaded and looked straight down at me. Gene was a

rather wild young fellow, whom I had Saw a Spirit in the Dark. In the winter of 1867 I was em-ployed on the London (Ont.) Daily not seen for over six months, and l seemed to remember, as I looked at Prototype, working nights, and board him, that it had been vaguely rumored that he had been drowned since his ing with a Mrs. Gunn, on Wellingdisappearance from West Neck. ton street. What surprised ime was how he I had been living there about two

months when Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gunn's father, died. I had never seen him got aboard without my hearing the sound of his boat grating against the schooner's side. I greeted him and invited him into in life, and not even heard of him. He lived about two miles from Mrs.

the cabin. He made no immediate Gunn's, but on account of better acreply, only shaking his head from commodations she had the funeral at side to side in what struck me as her house. a decidedly mournful way. As I looked closer his appearance struck me as peculiar, not to say uncanny, I still had no thought of fear, and

repeated my invitation. He still de-clined with the same sorgowful shake Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. Merrill, her sister, besides two boarders, were "sitting up" with the corpse. of the head. At last he spoke, low As I passed through the parlor Mrs. and clear. "Get off this boat and keep off,"

were the words he attered, and thenvanished. anished. I ran quickly up, the stairs, but I the door, but did not lock it.

could see no boat leaving the I had not been long asleep before schooner, nor any within hail. The I awoke with a start. I was lying nearest vessel was anchored half a mile away.

Free from superstition, I was more and almost on a line with my pilpuzzled than terrified. While I was low was the figure of an aged man. still wrestling with fear and curiosity, Although the room was dark, I could the captain and the two men returned. | see it as plain as day, I, of course, recounted the circum- I looked at it probably a minute, stance above related, only to be and then said to myself; greeted by unbelief and laughter. "If there is such a thing as a ghost "Gene's" death had been proven; he it is, I am not scared of it."

had been lost from a three-master off the Mine coast four months be-I turned in that night trying to to turn my face to the "inside" of the

around the foot of the bed, when I turned my face to the front of the

bed again and called, or rather screamed, to the folks in the parlor. They all came in, one of them carrying the table lamp. I told them that I had had a rather unpleasant visitor and described what I had seen. As I got through my description the

elder Miss Gunn said: "Why, Mr. Ferguson, that wasashore to procure some stores that grandpa; get up and take a look at him in the coffin."

I said: "No, thank you; if that was your grandpa, I have seen all of him that I want to see this night." Someone suggested I had been

dreaming, but when I told them that while I looked at "grandpa" I heard Mrs. Merrill telling a story, they were satisfied I was awake. They remained in the room until

I partly got back my nerve, but it as near daylight before I again gol to sleep. The next morning they were on the lookout for me, as they were anxious to know how the cornse in looks compared with the "ghost." went over to the coffin and took at the body, and what I saw at my bedside was a counterpart of what I was looking at in the coffin, to the minutest detail.

What I tell here is as true as gos pel; but whether I saw a "ghost" or not, I will leave it to your readers and the committee of scientific men to determine. THOMAS FERGUSON.

16 Wabon street, Boston, Mass. 119 Third Place, Brooklyn.

The Water Witch Question.

In regard to the question of water witching," which seems to bob up occasionally in your paper, 1 would like to add my testimony to that of your Oregon correspondent ia a late number of The Progressive

Thinker. I have not only seen the stick twisted nearly off in another person's hands, but I have held it myself so firmly that the ends did not move and the bark was split and the stick nearly broken at the point where it

The body was brought over and bent. placed in the parlor. My bedroom was off that room, and that night I have walked blindfolded over the spot, not knowing where it was, with when I got home two daughters of the same results. So whatever the cause may be, it cannot be laid to any conscious or unconscious action the muscles in the fingers: Whether it was water or mineral Merrill asked me if I would like to that was indicated I do not know look at the body, but I declined. I for I never saw, it tested. I only then went into my room and closed know the hazel fork which we gen

erally used would bend only at certain points. I have heard that a willow or peach-tree fork would an on my right side facing the outside wer just as well. MRS. S. E. MACKLEY. of the bed, and right in front of me

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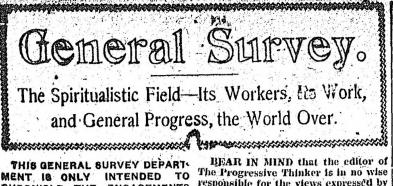
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Mrs James Riley writes from Morcellus, Mich.: "Mr. Riley is in very good health, and is still in the work, having good success with his seances; but his work is cheerfully confined who return to their homes leaving a blessing for "Farmer Riley."

S. S. Ervet would like to have a genuine materializing medium visit Address him at Goldfield, his town. Nev., P. O.: Box 393. George A. Letford, a "drummer'

who covers the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida in the interests of a Chicago house, arrived last Saturday for a long visit. He will give messages after the lecture every afternoon next ful and interesting session. The af-week.-Grand Ledge Independent. ternoon was given over to the me-

The Racine Daily Journal of July deelivered by Mrs. Laura G. Fixen at evening, the 28th ult., says: "Mrs.-Fixen preached possibly the strongest the essential elements of a really great sermon."

in Washington. He desires to make engagements for the last two Sundays in October, somewhere in the east, the evening to progressive euchre, and would also like to have his time some beautiful prizes being given. taken during the last week of October. Write him and secure his services. Address him at No. 253 So. Charles St., Wauwatosa,, Wis. Mr. Brooks passed through Chicago last week, on his way to Lily Dale, N. Y., 93 Bowen Avenue. where he will deliver three lectures beginning Sunday, August 4.~

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague are of Spiritualists have been discontin-reported as doing excellent work at ued during the heated term to allow Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague are the Chesterfield Camp, which, under our members and friends a short the efficient management of its pres-breathing spell, our mediums and speakers are not quite so fortunate, ent officials, is doing finely. This speakers are not quite so fortunate, week they will be at the Wonewood as there is not one but who is filling camp, and then on to Clinton.

G. H. Brooks, President of the Wisconsin State Spiritualist Association. "We held a very successful writes: board meeting of the State Society at the Wonewoc, camp, July 23 and 24. has returned from Elgin, where a Important business was transacted. The debt is slowly being reduced, and I am happy to state that Mrs. McFarlin was paid the money due her for services rendered at Waukesha camp five years ago. We are still in debt, in time we hope to get it all paid, and then go on in a work through at the home of Bro. S. B. West. Sisthe State that is very much needed. On the 24th was State Day at the gagement at Wonewoc camp, Wiscon-camp, which was most successful. sin. Sister A. W. Bloom is heard from Mrs. McFarlin was there and assisted. at Chesterfield camp, Indiana, and is

itualism, is 'again in charge of the work begun twenty-four years ago. agree with their respective views.

ments paid all expenses, including planist, the conductor and a balance their religion. of nine dollars in the treasury for future work. On the roll of honor for when we live in harmony we are livthe best attendance are the names of several. Mrs. Fesler has taken ing near to God. Let us make our present lives pure and grand, that when the transition comes we need charge of the Lyceum work at Camp Chesterfield. The association has not four. Learn to live, not to die. been fortunate in securing the servic-

es of this faithful and talented work is spending the first week at the Camp, assisting in the work by acting as chair-lady; by cheering words

Mrs. Rose L. Bushnell Donnelly writes from Los Angeles, Cal.: "J want to tell you how we all appreciate the last two issues of The Progressive Thinker (but all the Pro gressive Thinkers are appreciated) and the truth shines clear to us all to his home, where he entertains from The world would look dark to many far and near, seekers after light and should The Progressive Thinker distruth, and many are gladdened and continue. Who could have stemmed refreshed, full of hope and joy, and a tide of floodwood like your paper -a tide of falsehoods and fraud? Who could have found the grains of golden truth therein, and placed them before the world-I will say, almost free of charge; clean and bright, having passed through the fire and

The evenings are made pleasant by purged of dross." Mrs. Emma Ellis, Secretary, writes: freside circles, practice in the open The Band of Harmony which met at the beautiful home of Mr. and air, camp dances and entertainments. RENA CHAPMAN MYERS, Sec. Mrs. Montgomery had a most delight

ternoon was given over to the me-diums, there being several of Chica-29, in discussing the closing address go's well known mediums present who gave messages and related exthe Chautauqua, there on Sunday syndny the 28th ult source "Mrs." filled in by music and recitations, a poem being read by Mr. Goodrich. Fixen preached possibly the strongest sermon ever delivered from this plat-form, if we take into consideration the essential elements of a really sister. Mrs. Fravil gave from her store, so the day passed most enjoy-ably. The next meeting will be held

G. H. Brooks has been appointed at the home of Mrs. Druliner, 93 delegate to the National Convention Bowen Avenue. The afternoon will be given over to teacup reading by the mediums; the evening to progressive euchre,

Bring lunch. Take Indiana and 43d Street car, or Halsted Street car, to Root Street; there take 43d Street car to Ellis Avenue; walk two blocks north to

and we earnestly hope to be allowed to perpetuate Clinton Day as some-Ferd. C. Suhrer writes: "Although the services of the Fraternal Order thing to look forward to, not only as our annual anniversary, but as a per-petuation of Spiritualism in this vicinity. -It is unnecessary to go into the details of the full and successful day, but one rather remarkable incident an engagement in the city and neigh is quite worthy of note. The subject Doring towns. Bro. Chas. A. Thompof the day was "Woman and Her Place in the World," and it was genson has been doing remarkable work on the South and West sides for erally conceded, even by the làdies, thet women had held an inferior different societies. Bro. Wm. Traver place, compared to men, in the past. special service of the Psychic Re-But after all our intellects had been search society of that city was called Saturday evening, July 20, to give exhausted on the subject, lo and be their members an opportunity to re-

hold, an angelic child stepped to the platform and, under inspiration, told ceive tidings from their loved ones us wiseacres that woman had, because through the brother, who also took of her love and more spiritual qualipart in the following Sunday services ties, been the peer of man in all the past. Verily, I thought, "a child doth ter Henrietta Lichtig is filling an enlead us." Success to future Clinton Days! at Chesterfield camp, Indiana, and is also on the program at Grand Ledge

WM. JOHN WARD. Clinton, Ia.

Rev. G. C. Love.

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and helpful deeds making the place

brighter and better by her being pres

ng the remainder of the season.

The conference each morning

adding their might to the great

Clinton Day at Mount Pleasant Park.

come," says some wise man; and

that is the motto of the local society

here. If every Spiritualist would but

emulate the Clinton Spiritualists, and

especially their chief and pastor, in

their tireless persistency in overcom-ing difficulties, then the present apa-

thy which hangs over organized Spir-

itualism like a cloud over a glorious

mountain, would soon be dispelled

and the mountain stand revealed be-

fore the world in all its spiritual

Hitherto, at the annual encamp-

ments here, the local society has not

been represented, but it was resolved

this year to set a day apart especially

for the local society, and to call it Clinton Day, and the results prove

By the exercise we have gained an

splendor and magnificence.

the wisdom of the step.

"Difficulties are things to be over-

28.

ent.

second week.

whole.

one side of the paper, and in a plain, legible hand, and thus avoid the ne-cessity of preparing your copy for the printer. Please bear this in mind. The best speakers will occupy the ostrum, and mediums of various phases of labenomena will do private and public works and good cheen

greet you through the day, while sweltering,  $1_{\rm C}$  enervating, sleepless nights of the clifes are unknown. The Vicksburg Spiritualist Camp began its annual camp meeting July Miss Jeanette Fraser, an ever Write for descriptive booklets. Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Ia. faithful worker for the Cause of Spir-

MRSAM. B. ANDERSON, Sec'y

Will J. Erwood, a very able exponess could bilead disbellef in educa nent of Spiritualism, began the meettional methods in an excuse for not sending children to school, and could ings with two forceful addresses. His lectures were marked with an earnest appeal to his hearers to live withhold food, clothing, or shelter, leaving each as part of his religion to be furnished through a similar God and religion are within, and agency.

"A physician must be procured for children dangerously ill, and the par-ent who omits this imposed duty can find no legal excuse if the disease results fatally."-Chicago Tribune. Miss Emma Gibbs of Grand Rapids

AN EARNEST APPEAL

## To the Spiritualists of Wisconsin,

Having just returned from Wone woc Camp Grounds, at Wonewoc, Wis.

Mrs. A. E. Kibby of Newport, Ky where a very successful State Day was addresses the audience Saturday afspent on July 24th, in connection' with ternoon, and assists in the work duran Executive Board meeting at which all members were present by only Mrs, Cora Morrell, one of our well three being unable to attend, a goodly number of important business point mown Michigan speakers, of Grand Rapids, will be at the camp during the were settled in favor of the good of the cause. One especially needs my mention. We were able at this meetfound to be a school, instructive and ing to pay the bill' which has been due entertaining; each and every camper

for a number of years to Mrs. Cather ine McFarlin. The many friend throughout the State will undoubted-

ly be more than pleased to know this material clay, good and faithful worker has at last The mysteries of life, sweet life, that received compensation for work done knows no death.

so long ago, Portage, Wisconsin was chosen for the next annual convention to be held April 18, 19 and 20, at which the

committee appointed at last convenform; Courage, and all the beauteous attrition to revise the Constitution and By Laws will be ready to report. All the

friends having suggestions to offer will kindly forward the same to the Of soul, of mind, thrice purified, besecretary before January 31st, in long order to be able to forward the same To that within, that emulates and

to the committee. soars Our President, Geo. H. Brooks, has just completed, a tour about the State in the interest of Spiritualism and the source.

State Association; friends everywhere have responded royally to the call fear and fail

We are happy to say the work in Wisconsin is growing, and the people are awakening to the realization of the

Wonewoc is a most ideal spot for Camp Grounds, and if the people in the State knew how much they could EARTH AND HEAVEN,

infusion of new life and enthusiasm; derive by spending a few weeks in perfect harmony with nature and drink in the peace of spirit commun-ion, I am sure the Camp Association would find it necessary to add many

more tents upon their grounds. Friends of Wirconsin, in behalf of your Association I come to you as your Association 1 come to you as your secretary with an earnest appeal for meetings to be held by your Pres-ident, Geo. fr. Brooks, in behalf of our grand and 'hoble' cause. Write me grand and noble' cause. Write me Spiritualists is hereby called to meet and I will arrange for meetings. It in the city of Houston, Texas, on Friand I will arrange for meetings. If in the city of Houston, Texas, on Fri-unable to have a hall, we are willing, day, Sept. 20, 1907, to continue three to come into your parlors, it matters not where the gobpel of truth is given. Our President has answered a call to Lify Dale, N. Y., and will return before September 1st, and be ready to come into your minet to come into your midst. Kindly do not delay, but write soon, that I may arrange the route and all

can be reached." Yours sincerely, for Truth.

LOUISE G. LOEBEL Secretary Wisconsin State Association, 202 North Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

Freeville, N. Y., Camp.

The 12th Annual Camp Meeting

tere was opened in a most auspicious

manner on Sunday, July 21. It was

an ideal day. A fine audience gath-

messages, and in her work during

the week following has endeared her-

self to all who heard her this year.

I regret that it is useless to try to

give-even an outline of the grand lec-

tures given by each worker in turn, and only wish more of them could

A beautiful little cottage, built by

Miss Marie Lewis, of Ithaca, was

dedicated after the afternoon services

by the singing of two songs and words

from W. W. Kelsey, Herrick and Mrs.

Morrill, and the naming of the cot-

The grounds were gotten in fine order by the few who are the bone

and sinew of every camp grounds. The pleasures and lectures are enjoyed by the many, the work is al-

ways done by the few. Four rooms

were built. to .accommodate the

speakers, and as many others as pos-sible, and we are snugly sheltered in

one of theses A new seance room.

is a building<sup>20</sup> one room—18x18, and has been dedicated to the "Angel

World," and where grand demonstra-

tions have been chjoyed by the seek-

is a truth, and which cannot be found

In their torn came Mrs. H. L. P.

Mrs. Jennings is a prophet who is

honored in her own country, thus

contradicting the teachings of old; only the excuse might be made that

that writing meant men, as women

were not considered in those days. So far, Freeville camp has been a

success." The fee has been taken from the gates. The dining-room is

in competent hands., Mr. Green is florist, and our grounds show his handiwork. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller are are "hus-tlers" of the camp.

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Genung and son were drowned by ., will be devoted to business only. the disaster to the boat Fontenac on Caynga Lake, N. Y., but we were im-A cordial invitation is extended to the public to extend these business meetings, to which no admission fee is charged. Evening exercises will consist of grand programs of varied pressed by our knowledge of Spiritualism, by the words from the mother, "I am just waiting for a word from her to know how she is." Oh, the comfort of it, but we exand entertaining numbers, including tend our deepest sympathy and pray talented artists; Lectures and Spirit they may realize the presence of their messages at each meeting by many of darlings in their home, and receive the most noted and gifted platform words of love and greeting in the seance room to tell, "we are alive, workers of the country. Among those who have been inand because we are, you shall be." Mrs. E. Clark arrived from Rochvited and who expect to be present and participate in the evening services are W. J. Colville, Mrs. H. P. Rus-

ester and gave her first lecture yesterday, which was splendid, and she is welcomed by all. Mr. Herrick is called to McClain, Dryden, Locke, Elmira, Ithaca and

Dr. Geo. A. Fuller, J. Clegg Wright, Cortland for seances. So Godspeed the workers everywhere; you are all needed in the vineyard of Spiritual-ism, MRS. SADIE HERRICK. Oscar A. Edgerly, Albert P. Blinn, speakers.

### IN MEMORIAM. .

The following is a tribute to the heroic faith, patience and fortitude of the late Walter Scott Powell, of Washington, D, C., who, after many weeks of the most excruciating suf fering, entered into life July 16, 1907:

Jamestown Exposition with stop-over We do not know, we cannot clearly privileges of ten days at Washington. Call for these at your railroad offices 666 Amid the turmoil of this mortal and stations. The Ebbitt House of Washington,

strife. Looming above, within, and through

Ever around, about us everywhere

Resounds Love's triumph song,-THERE IS NO DEATH.

Sorrow and change belong to outer

Till it awakes in likeness of its

Peace, "Peace, Be Still," O ye that

Of doubting heart, beside the silent grave;

What bliss eternal waits that inmost necessity of the State Association, if Spiritualism is to have the recogni-tion it should have everywhere. Effulgent in the power 'of, having overcome;

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Washington, D. C., July 22, 1907.

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Spiritualists Everywhere Be On the

Alert.

Spiritualists of the United States,

represented in the report of the Direc-tor of the Census? If so, urge the

them long ago, by the Department.

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to prove by figures how many we are,

HARRISON D. BARRETT,

rates there are \$2.50 per day,

persons in a room. Write to Manager and secure your rooms.

m. All are invited.

Owing to the fact of my being out of the United States for a time as we will be located in Summerland, Biftish Columbia, I have deemed it my duty to send my resignation as National Superintendent of Lyceums.

ciation of Spiritualists, R. R. 5, Box 61, Fort Worth, Texas.

D. C.

To all Lyceums I send a tender

there will be a large attendance."

Minnie Eastman Harvey writes: and it is with pardonable pride and "The Golden Rule Spiritual Society satisfaction we note the fact that meets every Sunday night at 378 S. Western Ave., in Star Lodge Hall. meeting in any part of the city, they Speaker for Sunday night, August 4, are recognized and pressed into ser-Nellie Kusserow. Services at 8 p. m. vice. He speaks well for the worker Watch for notice of mass meeting."

and well for the Fraternal Order. Mrs. A. A. Averill writes from The Fraternal Daughters are also Lynn, Mass .: "Rev. Vanderbilt, for- busy and their next tea party and merly Mrs. May S. Pepper, of Brook- social occurs at the home of Sister N. Y., lectured and exercised her Rickert, 117 Rice Street, near the wonderful gift of mediumship at Uni-ty Camp, Saugus, Mass., on Sunday, Street, on Wednesday, August 7, comty Camp, Saugus, Mass., on Sunday, July 28. The lectures given were mencing at 2:30 and ending somemasterpieces of eloquence and the where near midnight. Make your message work was a remarkable dempreparations now to attend. Miss onstration of the wonderful gift pos-Elizabeth Harlow's lecture in our sessed by Mrs. Vanderbilt, who al- hall, 406 Ogden Avenue, corner Robey though daily annoyed and harassed Street, August 28, She has a host by lawyers, experts and reporters, of friends here and you will have to showed no signs in her work of the come early to secure good seats."

strain under which she has been living Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Caird go to for 'the past months, showing concluthe Chesterfield camp this week. The sively the power and helpfulness of Doctor will give excellent advice and her spirit guides. The largest au-diences that were ever at this camp treatment to those who are ill physically, while Mrs. Caird will give genuwere present at the several services. ine messages from the spirit side of the large auditorium being completely life.

filled and hundreds were not able to Wm. Richmond writes from Lily obtain admittance, but were not de-Dale, N. Y., under date of August 2: "We landed in Philadelphia last Monbarred from enjoying the exercises as Mrs. Vanderbilt could be heard dis-tinctly at quite a distance from the day, where we spent a few days vis-iting Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Richmond, ar-riving here this morning. Mrs. Rich-Vocal solos were rendered by William Boomhover, W.A.Robbins, mond commences her work here next and cornet solos by W. H. Thomas. A very successful bazaar was held by

the Association on July 25, 26 and 27, in the auditorium. A dance was held on the evening of the 26th. Although on the evening of the 26th. Although the weather was quite unpropitious, a goodly even was the propitious and then go to Galveston, Texas, until January 1, working for the goodly sum was realized."

Temple Society in that city. A worker writes from Indianapolis, Noyes has a permit to practice medi-Indiana: "The Children's Lyceum of umship there. the Progressive Spiritualist Church of

On the evening of August 1. Geor-Indianapolis, Ind., has had a most pleasant and profitable year's work gla Gladys Cooley closed her engage-since the opening of the season in September, 1906. There were but 8 In closing her lecture there she said: children in attendance. Now the roll "It is not easy for any soul that be call numbers seventy. Of course this gins to reform to tell why it started is not the average, but the attendance to lead a better life, but often it is has been very good. The program for due to some psychic experience. In each Sunday was divided into three testimonies given in the churches, we parts-spiritual, mental and physical are told that some familiar voices, as For the spiritual part a les- if a mother or father calling to them, culture. son was chosen, and the children were was the cause of many beginning to given selections to read concerning lead religious lives. A mother sud-the lesson. The roll was then called, denly appearing to a drunken son and and the children answered by giving seeming to dash the cup of liquor questions from different good authors. The mental part consisted of recitafrom his hands, has given him power to at length master this evil habit. tions, talks and music. The physical Boys often successfully hide some o part was taught by marches, dumb-bell work, Delsarte. During the winter five entertainments were given by the arated by death, the mother can know children, who were well trained by everything her boy does. Let us all their efficient and intelligent conduc- then, as true Spiritualists, set an extor, Mrs. Flora B. Fesler, for their ample of high and noble living before parts, thus giving them the advantage the world, and thus prepare ourselves tremely veratious in other directions. of appearing at ease before the pub- for a truly successful life, here and The proceeds of the entertain- hereafter.'

Sister Barbara afternoon, followed by Mr. Erwood in camp, Michigan. the evening. A seance was held for Hilbert is making arrangements to fill an engagement, at Chesterfield On the 23d day of August I shall the mediums on the ground assisted. and other camps. Sister Alice Sex-Members of the board present: Miss L. Loebel, secretary, Milwaukee; W. start on my eastern journey to the N. S. A. Convention in Washington. Bristol, treasurer, Oakfield; Mrs. venes in Washington, D. C., in Octo-D. C., and would be glad to hear McFarlin, Plainview, Minn; D. E. ber. Mrs. Dr. Caird will leave shortly Frost, Almond, Dr. Sunderland, La Crosse. It was decided to hold the be at Chesterfield camp, and also Grand be at Chesterfield camp. A. Helyett will also from societies along the road. I am engaged for the last Sunday in August- and the first Sunday in September in Eastern Oregon. I hold commission from N. S. A. be at Chesterfield, returning the latnext annual Convention in Portage, next April, and it is to be desired ter part of August. There is a constant and growing demand for me-

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Noyes will re-

Mr.

and could hold meetings in various places, if wanted, until the 12th of diums and speakers who are reliable, October. Address me at Lents, Oregon, R.

F. D. No. 1. FAITH LANDS MAN IN CELL.

Jail Sentence for Parent of Girl Who Died from Neglect-Blow to Prayer Healing-First Conviction of the Kind in New. York Affects Christian Science.

Charles W. Byrne, of New York who failed to provide medical attendance for his six-year-old daughter, with the result that she died of pneumonia, must serve the thirty days in the city prison to which he was sentenced by the court of special ses-sions. After deliberating for several weeks, three justices of the court unanimously ruled against appeal for a new trial. Byrne claimed that he was a Chris-

tian Scientist, although not an en-rolled member of any church. His lawyer, however, asserted that Byrne was not a Christian Scientist.

Byrne's conviction and sentence to prison for this offense is the first on record in this city. Assistant Dis-trict Attorney Robert J. Turnbull, who secured the conviction of Byrne said nothing would deter the district Sunday afternoon. Clegg Wright attorney's office from fighting the speaks here this afternoon." case to a finish provided an appeal was taken.

#### Court's Opinion of Neglect.

The opinion in the case, read by ers after truth; who have been ever asking for oridence that Spiritualism Justice John B. McKean, says, in part: "Defendant is guilty of violating anywhere only through the phenomena and mediumship. section 288 of the penal code, which declares a person who wilfully omits Russegue, of Hartford, Conn., and Mrs. MarylTJenMings, of Moravia, N. Y. Mrs...Russegue endeared herto perform the duty imposed on him by law to furnish food, clothing, shelter, and medical attendance to- a self to this people last year, and carminor, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Defendant excuses himself upon the ries an audience with her until the last word of her lecture; a grand worker and one, whose every word is wisdom and truth from higher spheres. 110.11 plea he went to faith medical doctors, believing implicitly in the methods of Christian Science, which, in spheres. the healing of physical disorders relies solely upon the efficacy of prayer. On one occasion he called in a Christian Science healer, supposed to have greater efficacy by reason of special instruction, but during the rest of the time he similarly treated his child.

## Illegal to Withhold Medical Aid.

"The sole question is whether omission to furnish medical attendance under the circumstances constitutes lawful excuse.' To answer that question in the affirmative by granting a motion to arrest judgment would establish a precedent that might be exPASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

[Obituaries to the extent of ter All lines only will be inserted free. in excess of ten lines will be charged at the rate of fifteen cents per line. About 7 words constitute a line.]

Mrs. Prudence Wooster, wife radiant with pleasure greeted Mr. W. W. Kelsey as he called them to

George B. Wooster, passed to the high-er life from her home at Brodhead order. A fine selection on the pho-nograph, used by Mr. Green, was ren-dered. Mr. W. W. Kelsey then wel-Wis., July 20, after a long and te dious illness which she bore with comed all in a genial manner, and read an address of welcome. After sweet patience. She was a close follower of the Golden Rule and all who a song by the audience, Mrs. Herrick knew her can testify to her gentleness presiding at the organ, Mrs. D. A. Morrill, of Grand Rapids, Mich., gave and purity of life, and we feel that the mantle of her great love falls like a benediction on the husband and four the invocation. Another song followed, when a perfect storm of apchildren, as well as grandchildren plause greeted D. A. Herrick, of Akron, O., as he stepped forward to and friends, who will miss the physical presence of this grand woman give the address of the morning. Abundance of flowers whispered their Mrs. D. A. Morrill gave a grand lecture in the afternoon, followed by

their home.

silent tribute of love from the many friends who filled the home at the transition service, which was conduct ed by

GEORGIA GLADYS COOLEY.

In Meckling, S. D., on the morning A MOST REMARKABLE WORK of July 6, G. K. Edgerton passed

quietly away, after 8 months of pa-tient suffering. He was born in the Fascinating, Interesting and Intown of Pompey, Onondaga Co., N. Y.

structive. August 19, 1824. He accented the By Th. Flournoy, Professor of Psy-

philosophy of Spiritualism in early chology in the University of Geneva. "This is an account of the experimanhood and was true to his-convic tions throughout his life. It was in ments with the 'Geneva Medlum,' Helene Smith. In her trances she lives the dual existence of an Indian accordance with his expressed wish thea the services of an Orthodox minister were dispensed with at the fu-neral. As there was no Spiritualist in reach, a hymn was sung, then a short sketch of his life was read, an-than fire years experimented with ister were dispensed with at the fuother hymn sung, and the services at these astounding physical phenom-the home concluded. He was mar-

This is a work of thrilling interest. ried in 1860 to Miss P. A. Baker, and in the fall of 1866 they removed to Michigan; finding a home in Ingham County where they lived 34 years. In 1900 another change was made and Meckling, South Dakota, became

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has thrown the book into five chapters, with sub-tities as follows: LIVING WITH VISIONS. "Summer Snow of Apple Biostoms;" Music-Flow of Pindsr; Friends in the Unseen. LOVES OF THE POETS. The Prefigured Friend; Vita Nouva; "One Day, My Siren." IN THAT NEW WORLD. Flas and Poetry: In Cham Guidi; Fiorentine Days; Walter Savage Landor, ART AND ITALY. Individuality of Character; The Clasped Hands; Este Field's Records; MTS-Brownie S Denth. LiLiES OF FLOXENCE. Poetic Rank; Spiritual Lawn; Modern Scientife Thought; The Consider with of Genius. For Salu at this office. husband and father. He fearlessly approached the change of spheres. A large circle of friends and relatives attended the funeral service, which was conducted by the writer. There

ty, the supreme charity of the world, mink. Price, 25 cents. "Spiritual Fire Crackers, Bible Chest-

JULIETTE YEAW.

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were many beautiful floral tributes.

August 10, 1907



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HUDSON TUTTLE. 'Address him at Berlin Heights, Ohio.'

NOTE-The Questions and Answers the nature of mediumship. - His arguhave called forth such a host of reing compels the answers to be made in

the most condensed form, and often recognize the reality of the phenom-clearness is perhaps sacrificed to this forced brevity. Proofs have to be omitted, and the style becomes there-by assertive, which of all things is to out the cause of them, in order to by assertive, which of all things is to be deprecated. Correspondents often weary with waiting for the appear-ance of their questions and write let-ters of inquiry. The supply of mat ter is always several weeks ahead of space given, and hence there is una-voidable delay. Every or has to wait his time and place, and all are

wait his time and place, and art are treated with equal favor. NOTICE.—No attention will be given anonymous letters. Full name and address must be given, or the letters will not be read. If the re-quest be made the name will not be unbliched the name will not be

published. The correspondence of this department has become excessive, ly large, especially letters of inquiry ly large, especially letters of inquiry of science, ucbica on a torte interior requesting private answers, and while in everyone, and especially developed in a few persons, which is subject i freely give whatever information I to the will. Whose will? That of an, able, the ordinary courtesy of the medium or those of the sitters? correspondents is expected. HUDSON TUTTLE.

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'An Investigator:-Q. At times I sense a fragrance near me that others cannot perceive. Sweet, delicious, yet suffocating and oppressive at times, and usually lingers for hours. En-tirely different from any earthly odor or perfume which I have tested for comparison. While it endures I sense a presence near me and I feel very happy and begin to feel faint, forgotten memories that have not transpired in this existence, coming forth in my mind.

Catarrhal troubles often give rise to false sensations of odors, and the grippe has for one of its symp-toms this illusion-if thus it may be called. It is really not an illusion, for, it is produced by the lesion of the olfactory nerves, which falsely imthe brain. But this explanation will not apply

"Investigator," for there is always the accompanying sensation of a pres-ence and an intensification of the mind, even to the reviving of memories obliterated by many overlying experiences. This would show that gency, they do not supply the WILL which controls it. the sensation of fragrance was secondary, and a result of the close contact of spiritual beings. If recipients of such favors desire to perfect their gift, they cannot do so by waiting chance occasions for its manifestations. They must gather a little circle of friends, and exercise their impressibility. They must learn how to enter the sensitive state when they desire to do so.

C. W. Jackson: ---Q. Are the Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses reliable? What of the Apocryphal New Testa-ment? Is it a part of the Catholic Bible?

-A very erroneous idea prevails as to the Catholic Bible. It really in many respects is superior to King James' version, reverenced by Protestants

The Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses are gross frauds, without the physical organs. This has long been least value. . The Apocryphal New Testament is

ceived determines the independence of the intelligence giving them. If they are outside and heyond the knowledge of the experimenter, it proves a direct and identified inteligence.

AN OPINION IN "REVUE SPIRITE."

Mediumistic Force" or Spirit Power -Which? ..... 1.5

In the 'Revue Spirite,' for July, the learned writer on psychic subjects who signs himself 'Rouxel' takes up the latest views of scientific men on

ment was summarized as follows in spondents, that to give all equil hear-ing compels the answers to be made in 'Now that science has come to

> themselves. The Fox girls did not SUPPOSE that it was a spirit that made the disturbing noises in their to all.

house; it was the invisible cause it-self that told them who and what

it was. 'Mediumship, according to the men of science, depends on'a force latent and adults were present. The out-look for the summer Lyceum is good.

If the supposition be true, the effects should be proportionate to the force es and the people are looking forward of this will, or of these wills, which for others. is negatived by a host of experiences

This attractive force put forward by men of science as the prime and sole cause of all spirit phenomena, is, therefore, nothing but pure hypother The difficulty, in fact, is not to

explain the production of physical phenomena, movements of tables, etc., mer. but to account for their non-production when all the conditions appear to be favorable. At times, in spite of the greatest desire, the strongest will, to obtain movements, none are forthcoming. After good phenomena have been produced, and when more are hoped for, the word is given that all is over; then, in spite of the desire and will of the sitters and me-diums, nothing more happens." What, then, is this "force," which is just as capable of doing nothing as of producing physical effects, whichever it chooses? In short, though the medium and sitters may assist in pro-ducing the FORCE, as a mechanical

'Nor do the men of science come off any better as regards the phe-nomena which denote the intervention of an intelligent cause. They say that the results never exceed the degree of intelligence of the medium and sitters. This would prove nothing, even if it were true; the spirits being discarnate human souls. It is natural that they should be on the same average intellectual level as

the living. But are the scientists sure that the spirits teach us noth-ing, and that they ONLY speak of trivial or common matters? Again, even if this last were true, it would merely be on a level with the gossip of drawing-rooms and tea-parties. 'Transmission of thought is re-

Lake Brady Camp.

In the evening Mr. Oles, who is

MARY L. BETTES.

she, under the influence of the spirit, Band. They also gave a -concert at garded by scientific men as the whole arose to sneak, her face illuminated the close of the meeting. secret of the intellectual phenomena with ineffable sweetness, the vast au-At the close of Mr. Cross's address of Spiritism. They admit, then, that dience sat spell-bound as the invisibles Mrs. Alice M. Whall gave a great many communications that were recthought can be transmitted without gave utterance to the loftlest sentiments and highest ideas it was ever ognized by those receiving them. proclaimed by Spiritualists and oth-Irs. Wha is one of OIL VO s, and was formerly denied by men diums and has a bright future before Mrs. Whall held another seance in could not act outside the organism the Arcade in the evening before a the first time to a spiritual speaker, Thought transmission really exists but far from undermining the spiri good sized audience. Monday was conference day. - and theory, it confirms it, by proving the existence of the soul and its inde-pendence of the body. The soul is, therefore, separable from the body, among those taking part were Mrs. Hamilton Gill of Chicago and Dr. E. P. Jones of Millis, who told of his exand is not destroyed with it, but only periences, Mrs. Isherwood, Mrs. C. liberated, by physical death, retain-Fannie Allyn, and Mrs. Florence Johning all the activity which it ever pos-sessed, and which naturally belongs on.

#### GROVE MEETING. Onset Camp-Meeting. Thursday Miss Susie C. Clark was The Psychic Research Society of Rock-

fraud.

the speaker of the afternoon. After vocal selection by Mr. A. J. Maxham, she read a poem entitled "Resolves," by Eva Best. She then took for her

subject, "In Fetters of Desire I am not Bound." She said that away back of Florence, Italy, is a gulet sanctuary, a lodge of wise and devoted men, a school of prophets: they n the slience focus their thoughts upon human needs, in fact give aby sent treatment. \* Occasionally some of the brotherhood wander abroad, and I have had the pleasure of meeting one. Through his lips I have heard of the way they, to a certain extent, plan their work. They have a list of fetters that bind the people. Some

obstacles are misconceptions of God; to set up our own standard of right and wrong, and judge others by it, etc. Her lecture was a masterly one. She spoke of each of these fetters and the best was to overcome them, Humility is the only true gateway to progress. Sacrifice of self is the most

important remedy for these foibles. Friday and Saturday we held conferences and they were enjoyed by all present. Miss Bartel introducing a new method of science of names and numbers, which was interesting The Lyceum at Onset under the

auspices of Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn opened auspiciously on Wednesday! The children seem interested and on Friday afternoon many more children

Mrs. Allyn is most energetic. The seances by Mrs. Carrie F. Loring and Mrs. Alice Whall, have been appreciated by all receiving messag-

> The dances in the Temple are well attended, and take it all together we are having a most prosperous camp this year. Many of the old Spiritualists are called for, and we extend an ure.

invitation to all to come and see dear old Onset sometime during the Sum-Sunday, July 28, a large audience

was in attendance. This morning Dr Fuller, chairman, after giving the no tice for the week, called upon Mr. A.J Maxham, who opened the meeting with singing, after which Mrs. Johnson, of Milford, daughter of Mosei Hull, was introduced and gave a fine reading. She is one uf our best elocutionists, and it was a special favor to have her read for us to-day. After another selection by Mr. Maxham,

Miss Amalia F. Pfenning of Brooklyn, Y., was introduced as a graduate of the Morris Pratt Institute, and took for her subject "the Philosophy of Spiritualism." It was a good adiress throughout.

At 2 p. m., another large audience was in attendance. The speaker for the afternoon was Mr. Thomas Cross of Fall River. He opened his address by reading a poem entitled, "St. Peter at the Gate," after which he took for his subject, "Speak to the Children of Israel That They Go Forward." gave one of his best lectures and he has many. Mr. Cross is one of the most popular speakers in New England, and the great west should hear Only a verbatim report can do hím. listice to the speaker, and space will not allow this. The readers of The Progressive Thinker should hear this speaker.

The meetings to-day were preceded by fine band concerts by the New

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THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

: 118h The Psychic Rescutchil Society of To the Editor :--- If you could know Rockford, Ill., the 28th of July, held the keen disappointment I feel every Wednesday evening at 10 o'clock Temple; on the grounds of Mrs. B. F. when the postman's ring no longer means that The Progressive Thinker Cunningham, south of the City, where some forty of its officers, friends and is in the hall, you would change the members assembled-by means of address you now have on the mailing steam cars, carriages, and, on foot, list to my own, and thereby give me where a hountiful repast, was spread on its improvised tables, by which all the ever welcome paper on day instead of Saturday, as I get it

were seated on chairs, stools, or on the grass, the relish of which was now if it is forwarded. The Progressive Thinker alway spiced with mirth, repartee and conbrings a closer touch with the work of versation, followed by a delightful social time, wandering in the adjacent the cause everywhere, and Lily Dale keeps within our vision through Mrs pastures gathering wild flowers, and listening to the glad harmonies of Fixen's admirably written, articles. Even far-away Hague is almost at our the feathered songsters. doors, for it was my privilege to be

In the mid-afternoon, the assembly five weeks there during the first Peace was called to order by President D. C. Conference, and to he one of the guests of the United States delegates McDougall, who gave a very excellent address, giving facts in the experiencwhen they celebrated the Fourth of July in Holland, July 4, 1899. es of the Fox Sisters, In the early days

address and some messages.

LORINDA G. BROWN, M. D.

The Transition of Charles F. Baade,

of Detroit, Mich.

were unable to gain entrance.

To the Editor :--- With your kind

astic manner.

Rockford, Ill.

soul.'

mains.

es of the Fox Sisters, in the early days when their opposers, together with earnest investigators, including learned scientists, yisited them to learn the meaning of the tiny raps— if they had a meaning— and the de-cision that gave to the world the as-surance that they were innocent of frond That day stands out pre-eminent in memory. To be present when 600 Hollanders sang in English, "My country, 'tis of Thee," and see the representatives of twenty-six nations do honor to the Star Spangled Banner,

was indeed a privilege. The paper of July 27, which came Mr. Booth made some excellent reto hand last evening with its account marks upon the practical needs of a of the doings at the Hague at the society, and gave suggestions as to present time, brings it all back as if it were yesterday. Mr. Stead was there then, and every day was a day of education. the means of supplying them-first, the essential power of finances and the talent to be engaged, both for the

Matters All Over the World.

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exposition of our philosophy and its demonstration by honest mediums. Mr. Hammond alone gave a brief My letter is drifting far from home, yet the same issue tells of our home, association. Reverently and tenderhy the name; "First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia, the old-est society of Spiritualists, alwars is said by me. We are very product to have at the helm again our dear Can-tain Keffer, the veteran, 82 years Mr. Church; who has several times addressed the society, most acceptably gave a fine comparison of the various religions of the present day, noting the elements of success and of failyoung. A pleasing reception was ac-corded at the Temple, June 9, 1907, to father B. B. Hill, 77 years of age, and before the echoes died away the His stirring appeal for organization, brains and plety, or spirituality, as the essentials of success, was pre-sented in an impressive and enthusirousing cheers reminded us that Capt. Keffer was 82 on June 27, so we made his heart glad. As for Mr. Thompson, All expressed themselves with de-

light in the enjoyment of the hospitalwords can do justice to his work, MRS. M. E. CADWALLADER. no ity of our hostess, and the ideal day, with its "feast of reason and flow of Philadelphia, 'Pa.

## SPIRITS WARN HIM.

Ottawa Man Says He Had a Mysterious Call-"Go Home," the Spirit Said, and Then a Heavy Scaffolding Fell-Where He Had Recently Been Standing.

permission, I will write regarding the funeral of the late Charles F. A strange Spiritualist outcry comes this week from the Methodist town of Baade, husband of Rev, in Nellie S. Baade, Spiritualist speaker, and medi-Baldwin. There lives in that town a um of this city. When Mr. Baade was taken ill last retired preacher-Methodist, of course -whose brother is Ezra Carpenter, October, he realized he could not re-cover, and requested his wife to con-duct the funeral services over his rethe prominent Spiritualist. The other day the Ottawa man went up to visit his preacher brother and the latter told him the story. Some days ago, according to the story told, the The parlors were packed to the doors, and hundreds of the friends who came to pay the last and tribute of respect, blocked the street, and preacher was at a place where a new house was being built. He stood directly under a big heavy scaffolding. As he stood there he heard a voice The wonder was, how this little wo-"Go saying to him in low tones, home.

man, who for months had scarcely left his bedside, like a ministering spirit anticipating his every wish as he had become helpless and speech-less, and burdened down with anxie-ty and sorrow could fulfill his wish. He was startled, and did not move. An instant later and the voice came quick and sharp, "Go home." He, startled though he was, started. He went fast, rather firm in the belief We almost doubted it, but when that something had happened, that his wife needed him or that the house was on fire, or that something of some nature was happening there that demanded his immediate presence. He rushed home and found everything all

right. He went all around the prem-

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ethod of divination in high repute us of the savages who believe that with the diviners of Greece and Rome, their fetishes are as intelligent as and introduced to them by the Egypthemselves, and can reply to tians.

A large, shallow bowl was used, fore, either give in to Spiritism or find another explanation of the ad-mittedly real phenomena, to say notharound the margin of which the letters of the alphabet were arranged, and the ring swung successively to ing of those which they deny's these letters, spelling words and sen-tences. It is perhaps the earliest inent, and which we hope soon to force them to recognize as authentic.' strument employed to give communi

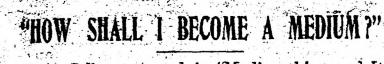
A fine thread is as serviceable as

hair, if freed from the tendency to twist and untwist. For this reason Lake Brady Camp was favored on the 28th inst by the presence of Mrs. hair is best, though there is shown to be nothing in the properties of the hair that a thread does not possess Georgia Gladys Cooley, who gave both the morning and afternoon lectures. The morning lecture was on the topic, essential to the success of the experi-"From Darkness Into Light," pre-faced by the poem, "The Better Time The oscillation of the ment. pended ring has been accounted for by involuntary muscular action, which Coming." She compared the modern spiritual manifestations to those may cover experiments where the answers are known and expected by the of Bible times: experimenter, but it fails to explain those where the answer is unknown. all Christians and church-members The answer as to the age of the per-Spiritualists?" In the afternoon, after reading the son owning the hair does not depend on the heir itself, and may be gained poem, "Open the Windows," she gave

a fine discourse on "Progress from a thread as well. e experiment is easily made, and Spiritualism," claiming a Spiritualist it is interesting from any and every ic origin for all great-inventions and

point of view, and it is rather strange reforms throughout the world. that it has not Teceived more attention from psychic researchers, who pastor of a Spiritualist society in have not even thought it worthy of mention. In the hands of a sensitive Akron, O.; gave a short talk, telling his experience in the work, followed it may become a means of receiving by reading various articles, some bemessages of highest value as tests of Ing very accurate but as they were laid on each other some were mixed. spirit identity. The value of these is not changed, whether the movement is explained by direct spirit action or if from involuntary muscular are in cottages. More rooms and cot-

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Tuesday Mr. Thomas Cross of Fall River, was the speaker of the alter-noon. Mr. A. J. Maxham sang one one intelligence and another, without of his beautiful songs, after which Mr. Cross read a poem, "The Volun-teer Organist." He took for his subject. "Which Shall It Be?"

1st- Spiritualism as a 'movement vorthy of its cause, and the pioneers. 2nd. We can keep on merely existing, or,

We can go back into the 3rd. church; and acknowledge we have been defeated. He said, to keep on just as we are, we are not repreing Spiritualism as it really is. Which shall it be?-Shall we be smothered out of existence? Some say the battle ship of Spiritualism has run its course; if so, let us fill its guns to them! Men of science must, thereoverflowing and burst the whole thing with a rousing send off. Rather than be a derelict to be dragged by the hand of orthodoxy, we will give of our best, and disband with honors and glory. But it is a disgrace that our warriors have to appeal to charity for a meal and a home. It is said the church has become tolerant and I

know this is true, but they will hold you back because it has been its policy to tolerate what they cannot sup-

press. Religion is a personal matter -no one can interfere. The church as a social institution will live, as a place of worship it will die out." Mr. Maxham sang and one of the

finest meetings closed. HATCH. "If the Bible is true, why are not

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The Canse at Grand Rapids. Mich. To the Editor:-- I write to inform the many readers of The Progressive Thinker (may its light never grow

dim) of the progress of Splfitualism in this city. The New Thought Society opened its regular course of lectures October last, with Mrs. Marian Carpenter of Detroit as speaker, followed by Mrs D. A. Morrell, for November, and

part of December; these being followed by Dr. Spinney, Mrs. Amanda Coffman and other good speakers which kept the interest unabated dur . The rooming house is full, others

ing the winter months. In March, the New Thought Soci-ety united their forces in a mass meeting, and reorganized under the name of the Psychical' Research Society of Grand Rapids, electing as officers for one year. Mrs. Jennie Hoskins, president; Mr. J. C. Adrie, vice-president; Mrs. Lovina Wardy, secretary; .and E. M. Stickney, treasurer.

It was voted to procure a charter from the State Society. and holding the anniversary meeting under the auspices of the New Society. Mrs. D. A. Morrell was procured as speaker and message bearer, and we had an old-fashioned love feast.

To wind up with we had with us for the last Sunday of May and the first first Sunday of June, Mrs. Helen

our pleasure to listen to. Many relatives and friends from their former home, Capac, Mich.,

were in attendance, some listening for and afterwards declared it a masterly address, one never to be forgotten. Every Spiritual society in the city was represented, and the floral offerings were many and beautiful, attesting the esteem in which Mr. Baade was held by the many friends-Mr. and Mrs. Baade came to Detroit

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Mrs. Baade will continue her spiritual work in the future as in the past, with the best wishes of her many friends here as elsewhere, knowing if faithful in the discharge of every duty there shall be a reunion of souls in the sweet sometime. As a sincere friend of the family, we pay this last sad, tribute of love and respect.

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Morrell, for November, isand we are negotiating with Mrs. Helen Stuart where stands Liberty bell that pealed Richings for January, Eebruary and March, 1908. Should be pleased to hear from speakers for. December and April. Address Mrs. Lowina Wardy, 184 Commerce St.; Grand Rapids, Mich. E. M. STICKNEY.

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Woman Says "I'll Take My Last Bath," Then Succumbs in Accordance With Premonition.

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Germania, had a premonition several weeks ago of approaching death and told her husband that she would not live until August. Tuesday, after working in the field until late, she said: "My day's and life's work is done, but before I die I will take my last bath."

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ises and found nothing wrong wnen he decided to go back to the scene of the building operations. When he got there he found that the great scaffolding had fallen and struck the spot where he stood. The fall occurred a minute after he left. When the Ottacents. wa brother was about to leave, the Baldwin brother took him aside and stated that he believed the voice was that of a brother, who died a few years ago.-Ottawa, Kansas, Herald.

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Lodge have been very devoted in their attention, and we have been also well looked after by Threasea Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F. I have been stay-ing with old friends who are staunch Episcopalians, and I hear nothing but creeds and long prayers. Oh! how my hungry soul longed for the beautiful spiritual philosophy.

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reaching to their chins, recited, "Mary Had a Little Lamb," after which they On Friday morning the Assembly belongs to the children. The Band lifted their arms, decked with stock plays for them; heading a procession of coming voters, as the boys and ings and shoes, high above their heads girls, decorated with badges and buttons, and 'carrying flags, parade the it really were their-gracious me, I grounds, receiving the cheers of every-| can't say.it.

The audience was shocked dreadbody on their way, as with, waving of handkerchiefs and encouraging fully, and convulsed with laughter. smiles, they finally enter the Auditori- At the close of the entertainment um, which is reserved for them for called the finest Lily Dale has had for that morning, and here most interest-, 20 years, the 250 adjourned to the ing services occupy the time until Maplewood, where the ladies served lunch.

During the season they give two The financial results tallied \$54.25 evening entertainments which are al- to the good. And thus do we beguile ways among the best patronized of the the time this summer at Lily Dale. season; and on August 20, they have LAURA G. FIXEN. their masquerade, when they dance for two hours, after which the grown-

Central New York Camp.

ups are permitted to join, and trip the The camp opened on July 19, with Sunday was a light fantastic to the music of the a goodly gathering. Sunday was a Orchestra or their own beating heart, beautiful day, and the grove was dewhichever music they hear plainest, lightful. Nature was at its best. and dance best by. The morning service opened with

The lectures are continuing of an an address of welcome by President, unusual high order. Mrs. R. S. Lillie, W. W. Kelsey. Thomas Grimshaw and Tillie U. Rey- After a song by Mrs. Herrick and

nolds gave us as fine addresses as Prof. Stevens, which was soul in-have ever been heard from our plat-spiring and an invocation by Mrs D. form.

Miss Elizabeth Harlow is with us now and her lectures are to the bul-wark of prejudice, what rapid-firing After having dinner on ground, the guns are to-day as against the pepper afternoon lecture was given by Mrs. shots of the old-time flintlock gun of D. A. Morrill, which did the lady cred-

yesterday. She fires truth at you so it, concluding with tests, which were rapidly, you catch and catch your all recognized. breath, till you forget you are breath-After the services we repaired to

ing at all, you are lost in the mystic a new cottage and dedicated it to the maze of the possibilities of the future, Cause. when all men shall be on a higher Evening .--- A seance (trumpet) D. plane, and when justice and equality A. Herrick, medium, which was a success, in our new scance building. shall take the place of money and op-

Everything went to make it a gloricus pression. Miss Harlow is indeed the Joan D' day long to be remembered. The coming Sunday. August Arc of justice in the economics of the nation. She depicts the gross injusthere will be a baptism after the

tice done the toilers of her own sex morning lecture by D. A. Herrick, and and pleads for the child in the factory afternoon lecture by Mrs. H. L. P. to get a fair chance in life, not only Russegue, with Messages. Lectures cause it is the humane thing to do every day with tests, etc. to the individuals, but because as a

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MRS, JENNIE MCNIEL.

Lake Pleasant, Mass., Camp. The camp meeting is fairly under and wife are here doing. excellent work. way, with most interesting\_conferences and lectures. I look forward to a successful

Bond, the sage of Lake Helen, and Vice-President Wm W. Lee is makpleasant and quiet camp meeting. The leaven is beginning to work ing a grand success of the conferences, and his enthusiasm is apparently conwhich will bring about a new system, other philosophers exchanged wit and wisdom and incidentally the Debt Fund was reduced \$34.50 by this tagious, for there is no lack of speakand I believe a great meeting in the near future. ers or thought. Hon. A. H. Dailey gave a splendid

Of course The Ladies' Harmony Bunch must outshine the Philosodiscourse on opening Sunday, and the singing of Miss Edna Shepard is a Michigan State Spiritualist Associafeature of the services.

The Lake Pleasant Quartette, com posed of Wm, Critchley, Frank C. Bryant, Mrs. M. L. Sanger and Mrs The Annual meeting of the Michi-Wightman, also assist with vocal mugan State Spiritual-Association will

be held, August 13, 1907, at Lansing, Mrs. Lida Hart of Springfield, Mass., Mich., at the Medums' Home. Cedar rendered two solos at the services St., South. There is much business Sunday, which were a treat for the of importance to come before this conmusic lovers. The lecture and mes-sage work of Nettie Holt Harding was tution and By-Laws, on the following good, and Mrs. Alice M. Whall gave articles and sections will be acted excellent satisfaction as test medium. upon: Article I., Section 4, Annual Meet-Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, who spoke and gave tests last Sunday morning, ing-place and date, sustained her reputation as one of our ablest platform workers, and the Article VI., Section Article II., Section 1. Annual dues

Article VI., Section, Licentiate, or lecture of the writer, delivered in the Lay minister; Section 2, Ordination; afternoon, pleased a large audience. Section 3, Mediumship; Section 7, Whist parties, entertainments and Time of payment of annual dues. Possibly there may be others and dancing parties afford excellent opportunities of enjoyment in the social new sections added in order to make

life of the camp. The program of the Bryant concert Cause. It to be of the most benefit to our given Friday evening was most ex- It is necessary that every local so-The engagement of Geo. W. Kates for it is of value to all. We have an abundance of work and and Mrs. Z. B. Kates commences next week, and will attract good attend need your assistance, so please be on ance, as they are very popular here, hand. New officers are to be elected,

Mrs. May Pepper-Vanderbilt gives and if in the past changes have not her first seance Sunday, August 11, met with your approval be at this and Edgar W. Emerson arrives the meeting and do your part. following week, working in conjunc-See that your credentials are prop-

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