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opment and More Generous Impuls-

Into the Higher Spiritual Realms.

that have inherited the earth;

that live in amiable civilizations, the

bees that work in colonies, the birds

that fly in flocks are the. populous;

prosperous animal rades. The society leaders, pre-eminently

in the feathery-leisure classes, are the

grosser struggles for lexistence.

Like animal; like || man.

into nations.

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Vision.

Items of Interest From Los Angeles, Cal

arrived on this Sunday morning, and the first thing He said: I turned to the article of Prof. Edgar Larkin, tell-"I have ing, incidentally, about a wonderful book-the most remarkable in the world; only one other book its equal-the New Testament.

I immediately rushed around to the address given to find that book-Mrs. Mary Oliver, 415 N. Fremont Street, Room 11, Los Angeles, and to find out -all about it. I found a poor woman, somewhat aged, living in rented rooms; she was selling the book. I asked her to tell me its history. She said:

"My son at the age of 18 began writing the book, and completed it at 20. He never was a medium, in our sense of the word; probably never faced a medium in his life. He was influenced in the higher order of mediumship described in the "Great Work," and works of that nature, as ordained to do a certain work. Sometimes he could - see Philos, the Thibetan; generally not. He was lean work for a city of only 285,000 in population. merely an amanuensis of what he was told. He I laid the matter before Mr. Denton, and asked if. never saw but this one person in all the book. He it were not possible to find a vein of water in the was told that it was not yet time to give the book to the world. Some few things had got-to come before the world, such as X-rays and wireless telegraphy, before the world would accept it. They were not to present the book to the world before 'the first few years of the new century. It was written about '86 to '90. The writer lived to the age of 33, and then passed out of some kind of 'anemia," which Phylos had nearly eured him of, when he took some medicine from the wrong bottle by mistake and it killed him.'

The poor lady and son had a hard time trying to find a publisher. They sent the manuscript to New York, only to be fooled by a publisher who kept it one year. Phylos had told her that all these things would happen, but to be of good cheer, the book would come before the world when the world was ready to receive it. So, one day a lady friend came to see her with good-news. She said: "A person or persons are going to put up the money to publish your book, but you must never inquire who it is as long as you live, nor do I know at this moment," she says, "who is putting up themoney.'

I immediately bought a copy, price \$2.00, and began its perusal. I can say Prof. Larkin has not overstated the matter. It is easily the greatest book in all Spirjtualism, and will be a coming sensation to the readers and thinkers of the world. No library, great or small, can afford to be without it, and the highest thought of the ages is there. This is the coming book which will be the sensation of the world, and bayers will come from Europe, Asia and Africa, as well as America, for it is the forefront of the greatest knowledge the world has ever known.

the Protista, telling about the unseen forces, upon there to meet me, and he told me all about my

The Progressive Thinker of the 29th of June |. I asked Mr. Denton about the Pyramids of Egypt

"I have only history for it, the same as you have but I will give you my impressions so far as I can get it on this side of life. The race which built those Pyramids supposed that a great calamity was coming over their race and nation, and they would leave a monument to future times that they had lived. Those Pyramids are hollow, and hold their records, as well as the mysteries of life."

"Were they not used for the purpose of divining. or astronomical calculations?"

"Not so much as you think." The next question is a great one. I give it to you just as I got it, as follows: '-

The city of Los Angeles is about to build an aqueduct of 250 miles in length from Mt. Whitney, the highest mountain in the United States, 16,000 feet in height, to cost twenty-three millions-a hercumountains close by which had its origin in the high Sierras, say 1,000 miles away. He said :

"I will look up the matter and let you know." Three weeks later I was called up to listen, and he said:

"There is water for five cities like Los Angeles in its vicinity, if they only understood Psychic laws. Now, if you ever get fixed so you can handle it, I will show you where you can drive a tunnel into the adjacent mountains and strike a splendid canal of pure water."

The one great and remarkable thing that Mr. Denton had to tell me was that we are living in an age when discovery of Thought as Power is the "Second Coming of Christ," or rather it is the Philosopher's Stone which all ages have sought, and will work wonders; that thought has built our bodies, has moulded all forms of matter, has built these mountains and the universe.

I asked him once to tell me about his wife, who helped him produce that great work, the Soul of Things. He bade me cease; that I was trenching upon holy ground, and to go no farther.

And now comes the greatest part of my story-my connection with Yama, of the lost Atlantis. "How profitable pursuits. did I come to get acquainted with Yama? I wrote a letter to Mr. B. F. Poole, the spectacle man of Chicago, for a pair of spec's. He is controlled by Yama for this kind of work. I asked him if he could not give me some help in my work. Back came a typewritten message from Yama, telling me to go to the nearest medium and he would be there. to advise. There was no medium then in the town where I was, but I waited for some weeks, when a flying medium came along, and I went down to find ont about it. As luck would have it, the me-"When I read the "Arcana" of Hudson Tuttle, and dium was a highly developed one, and Yama was

ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION. They Lead the Way to Higher Devel-Many and Diverse Reasons Why All

Spiritualist Societies Should es-Impressive Thoughts That Lead Become Auxiliary Thereto.

There are many and diverse reas-Isaac Watts enjoined us to "let the bears and lions growl and aght, for 'tis their nature to.'' Growing and fighting their nature, these, wild brutes are lonely nonads living here. ons for every society, private or regularly organized, becoming auxiliary to the State Association-in every state having such Association,

In this article I do not wish to be understood as meaning the Ilfnois an isolated nair and there an isolated. pair, the WanderingJews of animal-State Association alone, for what will dom. It is only the gentler beasts hold good in this state will hold good peaceable, social, mutually + helpful in every state having an association the The reader will take the language horses and cattle which herd together here used in its broadest sense, and in days of danger; the monkeys that not in any narrowness whatever. combine in hordes for their stealing In the first place Spiritualism, as and exploring expeditions, the ants

mere infant, and with the great and seriously complicated struggle it has over had, both within and without the cattered and disunited ranks, needs strength, and "in union there is strength." We should be united.

cranes. They are at peace with all birds, with nearly all beings, and becommunication. We all believe in eternal progress guile away their delightful days with

and evolution. We know there is no death, and dainty diversions unimaginable and impossible to beasts which are forever that so-called death is but a change

We are all united upon the vital People truths underlying Spiritualism, and should be united, organized into one thrive materially-and morally in proportion as they renounce their wars grand army of workers for the propa-

and rivalries and co-operate with and for their brethren. Primeval and primitive man was, funsociable and drew swords, or clubs, with everyone, his immediate kin on occasion except-The Illinois State Association holds sometimes a semi-annual, and intered. Later he made truce with his family, then with his clances the famteres with no society's progress, and lly ramified and clung together in instead its president and others of its board of executives have spoken for arger groups to hattle bigger hosts. independent societies, and all are wil-Clans united into trilles, tribes, finally ling to aid in any manner in the upinto nations. "United we stand; divided we fall." We have appreciated this as nations and eluded civil, waifare, and pro-moted the piping prosperities of do-mestic peace. We are learning it as a world peace real a boundary building of even private societies, for we well know that every society has its patrons, its investigators, and finally its Spiritualist adherents, and they are our brothers and sisters.

other states, just the same.

a world. Passes war, a barbarbing Passes patriotism, a primeval ident The newer civilization champions the It takes away no independence of cause of all the race, of every tribe and nation. This out of economic a society to become auxiliary to the State Association, but rather gives it prestige and a more free and perhaps compulsion. Some teach that our en-gines of war are becoming too dire. Some teach that war is waxing too costly for our waging. Others, like more welcome ald from the officers, who are without prejudice, except for

Because the leaders and workers Prof. William James, points the path to universal disarmament through a of a society have a personal aspiration or ambition doesn't make it necessa mutual decline in munderous instinct ry for the State Association to hold Our martial spirit, will express itself, envy or jealousy. When we stoop to is already expressing through con quests of disease, poverty, and ma-terial obstacles and through other that we are not true Spiritualists; we are not true brothers and sisters in a common Cause.

The need for, war, with sword and tainments of the human mind and cannon, and torpedo is obsolete. We soul, and grow small toward those who grow small toward us is a mark have outgrown these gory and extravagantly destructive; machines.... Force of deterioration, retrogression,

therewith expended is wested. We weep for highen worlds to conquer. We go forth usefully bent not on Everyone wishing to form a societ; is privileged to do so by complying with the State laws, and if it be from destroying the world of men but on selfish, personal ambition, we have Probably there always have been nothing to say whatever; nothing to throw in the way. Personal ambi among the favored a few who were pitcous of the poor. And after many tion is all right; it is the lever of success if rightly used, but with incarnations of fruitless, and bootless deep and miserly degree of selfishness philanthropies they are adopting fun-damental curatives, relinquishing their it is a hindrance to progress and a poor excuse or bid for public patron-

Illustrating Spirit Influence or the Wonderful Powers of the Human Soul-Mother, Dying in Omaha Locates Stolen Child in Denver, Where She is Found by Sister, as Related Denver, Colorado. Searching through the children's

An Impressive

omes of Colorado, in accordance with instructions received by her mother in vision on her deathbed. Mrs. Francis Nelson of 800 Fourteenth street,

Had Given Up Hope.

found her long lost sister, Verdie Cur tis, in the State home for dependent children in South Denver, last Saturday. The girl, who is now 15 years old, was kidnaped from her home in

Omaha three years ago, and since that time her parents and members of her We all believe in spirit return and family have searched the length and breadth of the United States for her

died June 3, in St. Joseph's hospital

grimly on the chase, busied with the of spheres. heart

gation of the truth that is its foundaflon.

no meetings, except its annual, and search for the girl. see

This same condition prevails in all

here, but without success the whole Cause.

Largeness is one of he highest al-

"We will get Verdie out of the home soon, and then she will have all the advantages we can give her. My father is not wealthy, by any means, but he has a little money of his own and he earns good wages. We will in the Rocky Mountain News of take good care of her to make up for the time she has been lost to us.

"If we can locate the Parsons we will prosecute them if it is possible to do so."

DOGMATISM.

Spiritual Culture Is Destined to Unite Spiritualists.

Spiritualism is not dogmatic, but me of its advocates are -- innocently in many respects-and, strangely, not so much zeal as the early Covenanterswere, but rather to their own accept-Mrs. Alonzo Curtis, her mother ance or views of the matter

Every thinker is capable of grasp-Omaha, of nervous prostration. Her family declare she died of a broken ing so much of its immeasurable truth---some more, some lass: none. all of it. But when we attempt to

While on her deathbed, however measure the whole by our own yard-Mrs. Curtis declared that she saw her stick, we have reached our limit. Promissing daughter in a home some gress ceases where egotism begins. where in Colorado. She afterwards A truth, or part of a truth, garland-

declared the girl was in Denver. This ed by egotism, however eloquently exvision, for such it apparently was, as pressed or flowered by metaphor, is Mrs. Curtis was then very ill and in logmatism. a state of semi-coma, impressed itsel Spiritualism does not admit any

upon her mind so firmly that she bre kind of circumscription. It has no limitation. Every book (with some vailed upon her daughter and son-inlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nelson, to come to Colorado from Omaha to exceptions, of course) is but an epistle to a circumscribed limit of stu-dents. It does not and cannot fit

A few days later Mrs. Curtis died, her last words expressing a desire to everybody. The author who expects this is a dogmatist; and if left to these authors, we would have sects Verdie. As she struggled feebly for breath at the last she murmured innumerable in our ranks. Nay, we Verdie-Denver-find her there.' would have no ranks, but a deplora-This dying statement was sent to ble doubling up of religion in the Mrs. Nelson, who was then in Denver, and she made a round of the homes world.

The world has been troubled with too much religion already. It now demands common sense as a substi-

Mrs. Nelson had about given up all tute, and many of our modern or uphope of finding the girl, and had come to-date preachers are well aware of this, to judge by their independent to believe that her mother's vision was but a dying hallucination, when she way of expounding Christianity. received word from her father in Omaha saying that he had pald a vis-matter of form, which many desire to it to a clairvoyant and that she had see revised, and none wish to attack told him positively that his missing its adherents lack the ability, and its opposers are in no hurry to have it daughter was in Denver. Instired altered. They are content to enjoy by this news, Mrs. Nelson determined to make one more effort, and on Sat- the popularity their "heresy' lends urday of last yeek she again visited them.

Suffitualism stands in the same rethe home in South Denver. Arriving there she told the matron lation to the Church, but fortunately that she was looking for a girl to minus an accepted theological code. Our books constitute our theology; adopt in place of a baby she had recently lost. Children at the home and when backed by its authors (or were, playing in the yard and Mrs. were they all so) would very much tax Nelson went among them, speaking the reasoning qualities of the novi-to them pleasantly, and all the time tlate studying Spiritualism from its watching for the face of her dearly philosophy exclusively.

heloved sister. Fortunately, there is enough of the Finally, far off in a corner of the phenomena left to lend the philosophy yard she saw a pretty girl of 15 or foundation, otherwise there would be thereabouts standing alone and chaos indeed. And fortunately the watching her closely. One look was phenomena have no standing room verdie! don't you know me?" she the only thing that can creep in here, rushed to the girl, threw her arms but that does not affect the facts about her and was met with a joyous themselves. That only keeps the cry of recognition. The girl was blood in circulation among those who -lack the broader principles to give it Verdie Curtis. Tears of joy and profuse explana- spiritual vigor. Without the phenomena, therefore tions followed, with the matron as an there would be no just cause for Spirinterested listener. Soon after the older sister left the itualism as a world's redeemer or reinstitution, promising the girl that former. Its philosophy is only secshe would return for her. But there ondary, incidental, but a savior for is much red tape to be unwound be-fore one of the State's little charges under a Koran or an individual--a can be removed from thé home pro- creedalized religion. Spiritualism is also a religion, but vided for them, and all Mrs. Nelson's explanations and pleadings have thus not confined to a people or a nation, far proven vain, although Secretary and as such it will remain as long as Whitehead and District Attorney its phenomena last. Of course we will get more books. Stidger are investigating the claims by Mrs. Nelson, and the child will but it required a lot of pamphleteerprobably be turned over to her rel- ing to make France a republic at the atives in the near future. close of the 18th century. So it may require a lot of books or reading-

which civilization is built, I thought we had reached but here we are brought face to face with mightier forces than the Protista could indicate.

This is a book that the Bible people will accept. hence all will be ready for the new wave which the book will create. It will come like Darwin's book on the Origin of the Species, or Evolution, to set all men to talking on the new forces. But before closing my short letter. I want to say something about a work I am engaged in. I don't care to speak about it, only incidentally at this time. What I want to say is, I have been many times in conversation with Prof. Wm. Denton and Yama of Atlantis for the past seven years, in-the fulfillment of this work, and some of the notable things I have received from them will be of interest to your readers. Mr. Denton told me once that the highest mentality that comes to earth, comes through the organism of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond; that this had been so since she was a child of twelvo years, but that it never improves one particlealways the same.

He told me that the home circle would ever remain the truest exponent of spirit power.

I asked him to untangle the Shakspeare business for me. He said:

"Don't you see me talking through the mouth of this woman? Don't you see she has not the intelligence I give off to you! Well, just so was Shak-speare produced. Many minds of previous generations produced Shakspeare. He was only the medium, and nobody can tell anything about what Shakspeare was, which accounts for the impersonal character of the writing."

Question: "Tell me, does the mosquito produce malarial and yellow fever?"....

"Yes: so do all water bugs around swampy places carry the germs to man.'

"Who were the 'Mound Builders' of our countrysay in Ohio and other places?" "They were the race that preceded the Indians,

and much of their blood is still around our Southern coasts."

'Was the great Desert of Sahara ever inhabited ?' "No, not any more than it is now. The chemical conditions were always the same."

"Can you explain the principle of the Water Witch ?'

"The Astrologs on this side of life tell me that the moon is the water planet, and that it influences all bodies of water on the earth. When the moon has drawn all the water from the oceans, down to the springs to the farthest side of the earth, the person that is born at that time, when the influence is the strongest, said person has the power-to findwater by means of a stick, even telling the number of feet from the surface; also the number of inches in the vein."

"Will you tell me about the deposits of nitre near Death Valley, in Nevada?"

"They are only half as extensive and half as valuable as those in Chili. They have a hase mineral in them, which they have not found yet how to eliminate. They will find out all about it in a few years. They will then become a source of immense wealth.'

I will here state that Death Valley is becoming one of the wonders of the world in its stores of mineral wealth. There are the copper deposits, the borax, the nitre, the gold, the soda, and many other minerals, Goldfield alone producing fifteen millions in 1906,

business, and gave me extraordinary advice. That sicians lavish less pains, than/of yore the limit-of knowledge, which man ought to know; was some years ago. I have had many messages from Yama through five different mediums, all true. I give a synopsis of some of these talks:

"Tell me, Yama, who you are and what do you propose to do?'

"I am Yama, of the lost Atlantis, and lived on earth not quite 21,000 years ago."

"What have you been doing all this time since you left the earth plane?"

"Been impressing you mortals. If it were not for us spirits impressing you mortals, you would soon relapse into barbarism; just the same as you mortals have to look after your children to the age of puberty, just so we have to look after you."

"What caused the destruction of Atlantis?" He answered slowly and solemnly: . "Life and all the elements which go to make life were burned out.' I asked him if Copan and Palenque, of Yucatan, were pasts of Atlantis. He replied: "Aye, aye, you have spoken it sir. There, you see, life was burned out to begin again in some spot of land emerging above the ocean-a new process of evolution.

"Was Atlantis a chain of islands, or a continent?" "What is your earth but a chain of islands set in the midst of the ocean?"

"What is the cause of earthquakes?"

"Decayed vegetable matter enters the earth-by means of the infiltration of water; it there forms gas, which expands, and must find a vent at the surface of the earth, producing concussion." "What is a volcano?"

"The escaping gases of the vegetable matter to the earth's surface. Strike a flint, perhaps a second flint, setting them on fire, and there you have a volcano or subterranean fire." 1

"Is materialization true?" "It is certainly true."

He went into a long explanation, winding up by aying that it was by the manipulation of the astral body that materialization was produced, and that the astral body of this medium at this moment stands behind your chair.

"Is spirit photography true?"

"No. The picture of a face upon the window pane, or the shadow upon the wall or floor, of either a face or writing is true; so,also, a pencil and paper sketch of a person is true, but the photograph of a spirit is false."

I'forgot to state that Yama corrected me five or six times about his name. Said it was not Yermah, nor Yarma, but simply Yama. He told me that he proposed to write a book about Atlantis, telling its topography and geography, and all about its people.

I found out from another spirit of prominence that Yama was one of five of the guiding, guarding and controlling spirits of this planet. The last time I heard Yama in a beautiful speech, J asked many questions. He concluded by saying that he would yet make the United States Senate tremble for the false gods they had set up to worship, and creeting of an ideal which would destroy this nation if they were not checked.

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The only excuse for statute law is that it affords increased human happiness without needlessly curtailing human liberty.-Elbert Habbard.

charitable soothing sirups. The phy One can be mserly in his Spiritualon pounds of cure. Calamitous exism, but he cannot make Spiritualism perience sadly has demonstrated the better way of prevention. They and a narrow and miserly institution for the philanthropists are reinforced by his own personal aggrandizement or a zealous public which musters like amusement an army to battle world-wide com-

their upbuilding and uplifting

mon foes of genus homo,

fabric-there is jealousy also.

mately co-operative regime.

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Homes of Washington, look at

But the sovereignty of lealousy i

waning as the co-operative spirit

strengthens, as nation no longer can

tail.

born

This is no thrust at anyone. It is only a common fact expressed without frills or poetic coloring. If the shoe The new note is co-operation. To doesn't fit don't wear it nor try to day we are for unity. We are unify make it fit your neighbor. Our good Brother Demby, founder ing in language, customs, industries economics, governments. Caste and class barriers are imming away.

and President of the Church of Progressive Spiritualists (an organization Hitherto our motive forces have bee of nearly or quite a hundred colored lealousies. Some wiscaeres in a unipeople) knows the virtue of solidify versity has, studied fealousy in de ing out ranks and has applied for It runs no higher among in charter for that society of this city. dividuals than with states and nations. Who will be the next? Let us Commerce, governments are founded inite under one banner, and be preon jealous rivalries:"Wherever there pared to do something for the Cause is competition-and there is competiwith a long pull, a strong-pull, and a tion in warp and woof of the social pull altogether.

T. -WILKINS, Sec'y.

Message From Captain Doran.

be pitted against nation nor class This evening at six o'clock I sat at ble. against class, but all must unite for a mutual weal. Already are afoot movements and sentiments which realize that the utilities of the pres-ent social orders are declining and my table with pencil and paper, as has been my usual custom for the past six Soon a spirit came and took weeks control of my hand and wrote the following lines: that for future necessities and circum

"I am Captain Doran. I went stances there must be a more int down with my ship (Columbia). I stood at my post of duty like a man, Visit an anthropologist like Prof and by so doing a much smaller prohis pendion of the passengers were lost than would have been otherwise. 1 chart and see the home-coming of the nations under one stupengous family was not brave, as the newspaper roof-tree. In the early days of an would have it appear. It was in social strife they left the little halls of their ancestral Tathers in ~ Asia, great fear, and trembling that I remained at my post, and I went, down ramified in many directions, roamed to my death in great agony. I lost each his own way, gathered his own experiences, and now will return, almy life, but have gained eternal glory. - I am but a simple seafaring man, ready are on the homeward path, and dear to me are the earth ties. bringing their sheaves with them, to

"The papers have said that I used merge again, into a reunited homo slang-not so. As near as I can recgeneous household." When that has llect,I called out these words: "Boys, been consummated, the finest human dill'all I could for you. I can do no workmanship will begin, human his more. She's a goner. Good by! ory will begin, the real man will be These were the words I spoke standing at Death's Door, when I knew that | earn some money for him. He took The argument carries to life's sub we were gonërs. / "Friends, I awoke here, all past erall she earned, and when she was ill

tler phases where it urges heed. Hate, Prof. Elmer Gates of Washington demshe declares, he beat her unmerciful rors and short-comings forgiven. enstrates, is poison, the deadliest known to science. The chemical sub-stances exuded in one hour of intense Greater love hath no man than he that lays down his life for his neighbor. hatred would suffice propably to kill four score persons. Other base emo-Oh! the glorious rapture, the perfect peace of this life here! Glad. glad I am to be here. No more fear, no more tions engender proportionate, poisons. trembling, safe in the harbor at last. Just as we are laying uside our en-gines of war for the peaceful imple-Tell all that I live again." ments of a prosperity greater than war can bring forth, so, we will re-linguish the passions of hate, fear, anger, jealousy, and their fatal pto-MRS. JESSIE MILEN, Medium.

Pueblo, Col.

maines in favor the elixirs of the no-

Conditions are obliging us to be good, better, to unite as brothers, not fight like foes nor separate like foreigners. We are attuning our lives to love and unity, to move toward the common destinies of men.

evitably rise. Virtues of the past-be-Those who see the colors of our come vices, and sublimer criterions of voices and have forms for our men-tal operations say that thoughts are conduct loom before the eye as our ideals .--- Ada May Krecker, in Chicathings and go whither soever we send them. As men's energies are expendgo Tribune.

ed more and more - on the higher Nothing destroys authority so much planes and less and less on the physas the unequal and untimely interical, we shall be sensible of a need for an increasing fraternity and good will change of power, pressed too far and relaxed too much. -Bacon. of thought. Wars with words must cedes like wars with swinds. Cought must be compared a benefit. The full Drinking water neither makes a man sich bir in debt nor his wife a

.Story of Wanderings. matter in general to make Spiritual-Verdie's story of her wanderings Verdie's story of her wanderings and of the sufferings and brutalities are all writers in this great work, and she has endured since she last saw even units may reach a definite un her home in Omaha is almost incrediderstanding by-and-by.

Intellectual culture makes one of In 1904: when she was kidnaped, the American and the Chinese minat the ister of state. she was a frequent visitor There is a definite home of Mr. and Mrs. John Parsons point of understanding between them. Neither-can browbeat the other. They who were-neighbors of the Curtis family. The Parsons became much became a composite unity. In like attached to her, and when they pre manner spiritual culture is destined to unite Spiritualists. Whether they pared to leave Omaha they asked that Verdie might be allowed to visit with attain it through the same schooling them for a week before they went or not, is indifferent. They will get Her parents gave the girl permission | there, just the same. But dogmatism to do so and she visited happily with will not permit it. There is no dogher friends for two or three days. matism in general education. If there Then, on the fourth day of her stay were, the American and Chinese minthe Parsons took her to the railroad isters would not feel on an equality station and induced her to go on a with each other. short trip with them. Unsuspecting-

In religious education, however ly she accompanied them, and a day there is a discrepancy. The "dog of later found them in Pueblo." later found them in Pueblo. For a time, Verdle says, everything nee" do not bespeak of much unity

went along nicely, although she often of souls. And Spiritualism is deswished to go home. Then the Partined to obviate this discrepancy. sons began to quarrel and she was Unity of souls in each life is its aim. neglected. Finally Mr. Parsons placed her in a beet field, where she But first, we need unity of minds or hearts--a condition only to be was obliged to work that she might reached free from dogmatism

ARTHUR F. MILTON.

/ YIELD NOT-HOPE ON.

Dark though the day, in the seeming, Shrouded in folds of the night, carcely discovered the gleaming Of stars all obscured from the sight; Tho' the deep darkness enfold thee, In mantle of wearlsome gloom, field not to the fear that would hold

thee, . A prisoner waiting his doom. Yield not, yield not-never so dark be the way:

Hope on, hope on--gladness will come with the day.

Deep tho' the sadness and sorrow. Pressing the anguish and pain, endeavor to prosecute them for their Hope paint no brighter to-morrow, And life seem all useless and vain: Darkness without and within thee, Crushing the life from the heart, Naught of earth-brightness to win

thee. From sadness and sorrow apart. Yield not, yield not-never so dark be the way;

Hope on, hope on-gladness will come with the day: J. C. UNDERHILL.

Hammond, Ind. 1

How oft the sight of means to do ib deeds make III deeds done -King

Parsons separated and the little white slave was free, but was left to shift for herself. In her extremity she appealed to a Mrs. Crouch, who took pity on her and brought her to Denver and turned her over to the Humane Society. An effort was made to find the girl's parents, but when this failed she was put in the state home for dependent children.

Officials Interested.

Since Saturday the state officials have taken great interest in the case

Less than a year later Mr. and Mr.

and an effort is being made to locate the Parsons. If this is accomplished District Attorney Stidger says he will 'inhuman treatment of the girl, The

Omoha authorities are looking for the couple also, as they wish to prosecute the Parsons for kidnaping. Mrs. Nelson said yesterday, in dis cussing the case, "My. dear, dead mother's destabled vision was real after all. She finally succeeded in lo

cating the girl, unconsciously, but not soon enough to do her any good. "I cannot tell how happy I am that The one

I have found my sister. thing that mars my pleasure is the fact that mamma cannot have the pleasure of seeing Verdie again in

ly.

amicable, constructive and co-operative, like social and industrial institu-

bler emotions, faith, hope, and love. We are finding that war does us destruction and cannot be waged for peril of the race. Hate is war, sepa-rateness on higher planes. And as our unity strengthener waxes more in-

timate and intricate, we shall find that hate and all its mental and moral As evolution proceeds standards inprogeny prove perilous and must yield

The Dynamic and Spiritual Power of the Sunbeam,

While thoughtfully meditating on the philosophy of practical experience as I walked along the street, my attention was arrested, by the operation of a radiometer in a jeweler's win-

To the general growd it had no significance, as familiarity had evoked indifference, but to me it formed a basis for philosophical reflection.

This delicately constructed scien-tific instrument, selisitive to a degree, was vibrating in obedience to the propulsion of the solar rays. As the eecy clouds obscured the sun, the vibrations of activity were sensibly lessened, but when the direct impulsion of energy was uninterrupted the sails operated so rapidly as to defy a discrimination of separateness.

This was a manifestation of the dynamic nower of the sunbeam; and thought if that gentle messenger from our solar luminary could but reveal the mystery of its being, we should possess the solution of life's eternal problem, and thus know our true relationship to the great universe of obective activity.

If solar light in its primary pris-tine, essential condition is spiritual power, only materialized by virtue of atmospheric diffusion. (as I have been inspirationally assured) we may at least holdly speculate and dare to enter the very holy of holies of subjective research; but we are begging a proposition which we cannot at present objectify and place within the

province of exact thought. Obviously, I lay inyself open to the charge of being wildly speculative, as possessing no scientific data in entering this region, yet we must not be oblivious of the fact that our wisest and best scientific men do not scruple to consult the oracle of imagination (that divine faculty and attribute of the soul) in their perplexity, with practical results that none can gain-

Is the sunbeam a reflection of the life-breathing of mighty human souls in the spiritual realm? Is our glorious sun a reflector or a promoter of power? Is it an electric dynamo or a shield flashing forth the magnetic rays of love from the high and mighty in the celestial world. The greatest, grandest and most The greatest, grandest, and most suggestive truth taught by Sweden-borg, the seer, was the doctrine of correspondence. This is the most glorious pearl we can extract from the ocean of theological confusion which cramned his soul. He maintained that everything

material had its counterpart spiritual and this magnificent idea has been beautifully elaborated through our modern mediums. 8t' If our material atmosphere can by

diffusion cause solar light to become prismatic and impart color to external nature, why not the Central Spiritual Sun, that inexaustible, impersonal life and thought-supplying essence; impart such in reflection from the orb f day?

There are human beings in the vast hierarchy of the spirit, possessed of attributes similar to our own, dwelling in the celestiab world, who are so right and luminous as to far exceed the brilliancy of whe noonday sun. If these very godstin the universe spiritual canobreathe forth prismatic eauties to adorn their surroundings, and are the creators of all they desire, why should they not breathe on and reflect from stellar suns creative energy, light and power?

Their intense activity causes a dis-persal of soul substance which must be recuperated or re-supplied from an the philosophy of Spiritualism pre-inexhaustible progressive fountain to sented at all proper times and places, inexhaustible progressive fountain to minister to the requirements of all souls. Why are these human spiritual intelligences so brilliantly illuminated? IT IS BECAUSE THE SPIRITUAL POWER PERCOLATES THROUGH THEIR BEING UNINTERRUPTED-LY-THERE IS NO CONGESTION. Their surroundings correspond to their condition of unfoldment, and those who enjoy such sports, with octheir happiness is proportionate to casional canoe rides and aquatic ilthe free flow of spiritual power uminations. through their organizations. Thus they appropriate from the great, ceneducational. tral spiritual sun fadeless beauty, intellectual energy and spiritual love. Doubtless if we here, enshrined in clay, could allow free and unobstruct ed-expression to our internal powers we should be perfectly healthy, materially and spiritually, and "happiness" would characterize our daily life. As an illustration of the validity of this position, take a common, everyday object lesson. When we violate the main feature at all camps. the laws of nature we catch cold, that is, the temperature of the body is reduced too suddenly; the pores of the skin become congested, the effete matter, which has undergone a chemica change and should be eliminated by the system, is re-appropriated by the circulation, and poison saps the legitimate effects of harmonization, and we therefore immediately take reme dies to relieve the congestion, and just in proportion to the free flow of vital sanatorium fitted with all the lates fluid is the equilibrium re-established

I SEARCHING FOR THINGS

Popular Interest Manifested Everywhere in Psychic Matters.

Our present era has been described as one given chiefly to materialism, yet there never was a time when so many thoughtful persons were engaged in the study of psychic phenom ena, or when there were so many societies organized to prosecute psychical research. The question of the nature of spirit is being investigated from feel that they want a camp in this many different points of view. Phy-sicians attack the problem from their

own side, seeking light in the study of brain, nerves, etc., as well as in phenomena of somnambulism, hypnobi binning hereis, as we have hereit as in phenomena of somnambulism, hypno-tism, double personality and the like, Societies for psychical research in his brother having died from Rheuma-Societies for psychical research in this country and England number in their membership some of the most eminent names of modern science. men who make it their task to sift grain from the chaff of reported appa-years suffering and using crutches. eminent names of modern sciencegrain from the chaff of reported apparitions, instances of telepathy. alleged communications with the dead, etc. There is a large literature on the subject of "Sphritism"—a different thing from Spiritualism. The latter has be-come a creed with many persons, who take their belief seriously, though it has been notably abused by pretend-ers who give "seances" and use con-

jurers' tricks to impress the unwary. Mind-reading, "suggestion," etc., are accepted by many who have no theo-

ry to account for them. The recent announcement that experimenters in New England have ascertained that the soul weighs half an ounce, ridiculous as it is, illustrates the prevailing disposition to apply the experimental method to the elucidation of questions of spirit. The materialistic tendency of the time demands ocular proof of things the most subtile. Recent revelations of the properties of radio-active substances have strengthened this tendency, but have brought materialists and Spiritualists closer together by showing that matter consists appa-

rently of infinitely minute aggrega tions of ether which are endowed with wonderful properties. Materialists used to laugh at the contention of schoolmen that thousands of spirits could dance on the point of a needle, but the calculations of Professors Thompson, Soddy and others seem to show that the point of a needle would afford ample space for numerous organized beings consisting each of millions of atoms. Matter, in short, has been refined almost to the quality of spirit, as the latter was once conceived, so that materialists are more ready than formerly to accept a spiritualistic explanation of phenomena Faith in invisible causes is accord figly reviving, and persons of ultrascientific bias will be found entertain ing views once deemed highly super-stitious. There is much folly and some fraud, no doubt, in various pop-

ular manifestations of the revived interest in occult matters. The limits between the possible and impossible are ignored, and the any ious inquirer after spiritualistic truth often has a trick of sleight-of-hand palmed off on him. The magician and the hoodoo doctor still flourish upon the credulity of their admirers. Not that there is not great virtue in mental "suggestion" in this neurasthenic age. Imaginary diseases re-quire imaginary remedies. The regular physician finds many of his patients cured by bread pills, the pill being something to fix the eye upon, while confidence in the doctor does the

work. The huge boluses of our grandfathers are out of fashion. Medicine has lost its mysterious power, and we want more subtle remedies. Little by little we are finding out that ab-

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Spirit Edgar A. Poe The air is astir with Love's mes senger That comes o'er the vales and hills And the green woodland heights Gives an Interesting Narrative of His Experiwelcome her In the murmuring brooks and

ence in Obsession, through Justin Hulburd, a Noted Medium.

Good morning, friend, spirit of j when I was obsessed by a cursed Truth and eternal friendship, i enter Bearchlight Bower to-day at the ur-that compelled me to accomplish that gent invitation of Charlotte Cush-man, my friend and benefactress dearest crown a woman wears-her gent invitation of charlotte chast girls fund. I howed her of the man, my friend and benefactrees dearest crown a woman wears—her while living in a physical body. The virtue. I became her paramour unmorning is dreary—so much the bet-til her father discovered it, then he placed her in an institution where she died insame. you wonder why the medium was not

The spirits of my wife and that beautiful Lucille received me after permitted to eat any breakfast this morning; that was my desire; the less he had in his stomach the clearer I had taken on the new birth in would be my comprehension of that spirit life. I passed through that which I had the power to convey to condition that you call death with which I had the power to convey to all my infirmities and crimes to be the reading public. Minds must be clear to give a proper understanding of their theme. The theme I shall present this morning is "Obsession," worked out and thrown off through my spiritual condition. After I had entered into spirit life I made the or demons revelling in the homes of discovery that the witch that had obsessed me and held that power of unguarded and unprotected people, When I lived in the physical body infamy over my physical condition was a minister of the gospel-so-

I was known to the reading public as called-the one that betrayed the Edgar Allen Poe; an individual that confidence placed in him by Stephen Girard, of Philadelphia, a saintly held a dreary nature, yet at the same time I was constituted with a vivacious streak in life; that condition man living in a physical body at that made me a favorite in fashionable time. His work since speaks for itmade me a favorite in fashionable time. His work since speaks for it-society. My poetical art gave me the self. From the spirit side of life he loves and blesses children. After I had made the discovery who the unentrance into all society. Permit me to pay that proper ado-

fortunate wretch was, all the spirration that belongs to my adopted itual beauty of nature held by my parents. Two grander or finer souls wife, Lucille and myself, came to the were never incased in human habitafront of our souls' desires to reform their souls was that of purity, tion: that unfortunate creature, also held love and generosity on all occasions; under an obsessing power of spirits they committed one great error, and stronger than himself, those spirits we call the "demons of spirit life." Shat e@rror was allowing me too Souch pocket money. They gave it to me from the freedom of their hearts; it was a generous love that His reformation was accomplished and he became a repentant spirit; there lay dormant in his soul a flame welled up for the boy they tried to make their son. It was their desire of beauty that had not been kindled yet; when once it had found it was touched by the light of truth, the that I should become a manly man whose every thought should be that flame spread and was fed by harmony of honor. In my sane thoughts I from other souls.) That spirit be-came one of Little Justin's guides, always blessed them, as I now bless James Martin Peebles, the author of the one you call "Dick," who came a book bearing the title "Obsession," or Demonism of the Ages." The as a "newsboy" to work out his condition through that process. In time blessings that come from the souls heyreceived the new baptism called of spirits surely some day must make divinity in nature. One day while walking up Broadhim a saint. One of the marks of sainthood is courage; the second is way I met Edwin Forrest, the great nobility of mind; the third is the freedom of the soul to work out an tragic actor. I discovered as he came toward me that he held a little boy issue whereby groveling minds can receive the light of truth, and when once in their possession it will glorify into a voluminous light, as his writings have glorified the minds of the reading public.

After I had married a beautiful angel living in a physical body I made the discovery I WAS OB-EESSED BY AN EVIL INFLUENCE, one that had been dogging my footsteps through life, and finally accomplished my ruin in a physical body. By many I was called the dreary poet, and broke my wife's heart. I became a frightful wreck heart. of my past grandeur. Many of my poems were composed and written while under the influence of liquorthe worst demon of all ages. The first being that distilled liquor brought a great curse upon the human race. It will take ages to wipe it out and abolish that sin. I doubt whether it ever can be accomplished until the human race shall become thoroughly spiritualized.

The glorious philosophy of Spiritualism is the greatest college and holds the most perfect minds of men rest." Mr. Forrest said, "I am glad

in his side from laughing. When we reached the hotel and

and women generated through the

by the hand. He was pleased to meet me. He said, "Edgar, come and take dinner with me." I told him I would do so with pleasure. He did not introduce me to the little boy whose hand he held. As we stepped off to go toward the hotel the little boy kicked bim on the leg, saying, "You old galloot, introduce me before l kick you on the other leg." Mr. Forrest laughed and said: "Pardon me, Edgar, for not intro-ducing my little friend Puss. Puss,

this is Edgar Allen Poe, the poet. Little Puss shook hands with me and said, "Are you the chap that was trying to read poetry the other day on the City Hall steps and got knocked down because it was so bad?"

Mr. Forrest laughed so hilariously that I thought he would get a pain

were ascending the stairs toward Mr. Forrest's room I noticed a man who day had a neculiar look in his eyes as Mr. Forrest said, "I am glad to see you to-day, Mr. Winchester," and passed on, not introducing me place him where he would be propto the man. When we were comerly taken care of. When in a gane fortably seated in Mr. Forrest's sitcondition he has such a generous ting-room and cigars and wine were placed on the table, Mr. Forrest said to me : "Did you observe that man that passed us on the stairs---what a veculiar look he has in his eyes? It gives the contour of his face an evil expression. I believe that man is obsessed by a devil. I wish there was some way of breaking it up. At times his conversation is elevating to anyone that is present as a listener: he charms people with his cultured conversation; at other times there is a morose condition that seems to hold him in a spell and his gross utterances are too vile to listen to." After we had dined in Mr. Forrest's private apartment, and the dishes were taken away by a waiter; little Puss said, while sitting on Mr. Forrest's lap; "I wish old Beelzebub would come in now and talk to the poet. Oh, he's a daisy."

And soft on the air, like a maiden's dow. Echo the notes of a warbler clear;

clear; Thro' the twilight dim floats a vesper-hymn, Bidding the world good cheer.

VISIONS.

Thro' the silent magic of the closing

prayer,

day, My vision reaches the Long Ago Of the golden days of my sweetheart May,

When my heart was all aglow; When my buoyant spirit could taste

the tang Of the odors from sunny isles, and the wonders and marvels that joyous sprang To my vision for miles and miles.

Let my fancy bring, on Love's star

lit wing; Glad thoughts of my spring-time days,

When my songs and laughter had a happy ring, And my path led in flowery ways; Let my vision bring back those hearts

that cling To my memory's hallowed shrine, Thro' the drifted years of loys and

tears. Those days of my-childhood's time.

Let me recount the fond days of the past. When my vision was rosy hued,

When the sky was clear and ho clouds o'ercast

My path star-jewel strewed; And let me read again life's mystic book Of the meadows, vales and hills. When I wondered in shade and forest

nook And listened to its fluted trills.

In dreamy ways where fond memory strays Across the mystic stream of time Oft comes the vision of life's van

ished days, And of fairer worlds divine. Sweet world of spring, earth once

more a.wing, Breathes forth her perfume rare, The old world warms, young arms

upspring With flowery offerings fair:

BISHOP A. BEALS, Summerland, Cal.

.A Significant Debate.

To the Editor:---I wish to remind your readers of a debate to take place at Hedrick, Okla., commencing Aug ust 20. between John W. Ring and Rev. J. W. Chism, Christian Evan

gelist of Texas. Propositions as follows: "Resolved, that the fundamental principles of modern Spiritualism are identical with the spiritual basis of

the religion of Jesus Christ." Mr. Ring affirms for three days and Rev. Chism denies.

Second: "Resolved, that the scriptures teach that with the passing of the Apostolio Age spiritual gifts, such as

are mentioned in the Bible, closed." Rev. Chism affirms for three days and Mr. Ring denies, making a six-days' discussion of four hours each ROBERT G. LEE.

Hedrick, Okla. for this man His triands should SUGGESTIVE, THOUGHTS. DO YOU WANT A CAMP?

A Special Appeal to the Spiritualists of Illinois.

In response to many inquiries con-cerning the Illinois Fraterial Camp Association, I would state that, in view of existing circumstances, very satisfactory progress is being made. The first step toward the successful accomplishment of any purpose or enterprise is to create an interest or demand. As soon as a sufficient number of Spiritualists can be found who

State and are willing to lend such assistance as they feel able, stops will at once be taken towards accomplishing that much to be desired end. The majority of Spiritualists have

never thought of the matter at all, but when their attention is called to it they are quick to see the desirability of a movement in that direction. To create the desired interest, is, ow-ing to the lack of organization, a much more difficult matter than it at first appears. First, we must learn who are Spirit

ualists and where they are located. We have communicated with a large number throughout the state and would like the address of many more and we hope that all who read this will assist us by sending the names and addresses of any whom they think might be interested.

We want the foundation of this camp to be broad and strong. Elizabeth Harlow says that "Our apex can be just as high as our base will support.". If we would build a structure high enough to attract the atten tion of the thinking public, we must be sure and start right. The foundation is the most essential part of building; let the house be ever so fair to look upon, if it is not founded upon a solid foundation, some day an verse wind will cause it to fall and we have but a ruin left. The camp of the future must be entirely changed from the camp of the past. First, it should be co-operative, con

ducted by the individual members of which the association is composed we would have no stock or stock-hold ers, no sale of lots, no opportunities for one person or for a small clique to get control. Every member should have a voice in the management of the camp.

The main feature of the camp in the past has been the phenomena, but at present they are passing through a crucial stage. So much fraud has been practiced that intelligent Spiritualists are refusing to attend, and the attendance at nearly all the camps is smaller than in the past years Managements are awakening to the necessity of weeding out all fakirs, and the cleansing process is going on all over the country. This will have a tendency to separate the Spiritual-Asts from the spiritists. If we have Spiritualists enough to support a camp conducted on educational lines, well and good, but if our camps can not live without degenerating into a fakir's show, the sooner they die the

better for the cause. Our ideas of the future camp is one that shall combine all the best fea-tures of the present Chautauquas with the best features of the summer resort. It seems almost impossible for the large majority of Spiritualists to imagine any scheme of any manner of recreation except a spiritual meeting. If we go to a picnic or excursion, the poor mediums are not allowed to enfor the beauties of nature and a period of relaxation from work, but are coaxed upon the platform to give some

tests or to hold a circle for the enjoyment of the rest of the excursionists. We would have the phenomena and

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laws of nature. Nature has created one great law, and that is the expansion of the human mind---a vital truth that never can be blotted out. On many occasions, while living in a physical form, I was invited to read some of my poems, as I was looked upon as a good reader.

On one occasion while reading "The Raven," at a banker's home in New York, I noticed the eyes of his lovely daughter Lucille; they would glisten and shine as if fire was in them: they seemed to hold a fasaination for me. When I had finished reciting the poem -for it was more of a recitation than reading-she came forward to where I stood and said in a rich, musical voice with a great deal of fascination behind it "I love you, Edgar." It was such a surprise it frightened me. I would have left the room abruptly had it not been for her-father catching hold of my arm at the same time saying, with me, Mr. Poe, and I will Come explain all."

When we had entered another room across the hall, pointing to a sofa he said. "Be seated," sitting down managelde of me. I discovered were tears in his eyes. He "Mr. Poe, my daughter is obsaid: sessed by some evil influence, and is not accountable for what she does or says while under that influence I see to-night she is possessed by that wicked woman, whoever she may be, Do you believe, Mr. Poe, that beings living in a human body can curse other individuals by throwing a wicked spell upon them? My daughter visited the home of a classmate; when she returned to our arms we made the discovery our daughter was a physical wreck; there came with her an evil influence that swears in dmadful manner. She abuses her mother in such a shameful way that. I have to keep them apart: That strong, rawboned-looking woman that you saw sitting alongside of her is that she will use at some times to men is shocking to listen to. She never attacks me; she does her mother on every occasion there is an opportunity for her to do so."

In listening to his conversation it unfnanned me. I said: "I, too, dear friend, at certain times am obsessed. I loved my angel wife, but I broke her heart. That influence that obsesses me at times compelled me to treat her so shamefully that in my sane moments I thought I was only fit for hell or the gallows. O, dear friend, I loved her so I would have given up my life for her sake, did she but command it."

While we were conversing with each other his daughter entered the room followed by her nurse. She came and sat on my lap, and the language she used was too degrading to repeat here.

Her father said to the influence: "You promised me that your behavior would be good to-night if I would a fit. It was then I saw he was permit my daughter to be present on this occasion."

Her nurse came forward, lifted her from my lap and said, "Come, Lucille, it is time for you to retire now."

She turned on her keeper, using the most abusive language I think I ever heard come from the lips of a woman.

Mr. Forrest said, "Why do you wish that, Puss?"

Puss said, "Uncle Forrest can't your soe his under lip is hanging down? He needs cheering up." Mr. Forrest said, "Can't you cheer

him up with one of your songs?" I said, "Do, Puss, sing me one of your pretty songs."

He said to Mr. Forrest, "Uncle, it won't do to sing him one with love they say poets are chock full of that kind of stuff"--which made us laugh- He sang us a pretty Scotch ballad. He had hardly finished singing when the door opened and in walked that man that had passed us "Forrest, on the stairs. He said: I beard your boy singing, and I came to listen. Are your angrey? I don't give a d— if you are; when he sings I want to hear him." Mr. Forrest said, "That's all right, friend Winchester, he will sing for

you." Then he said in a low voice, Puss, sing something soothing." Little Puss started in and sang

that beautiful piece of music called Jesus Let Me to Thy Bosom Fly. and ob, he sang it in such a plaintive voice that I commenced to cry. I also beheld the last man that had entered the room had tears coursing down his cheeks.

When little Pass had finished singing he jumped to his feet, crying out in a loud voice: "You angels inheaven and devils in hell; I-want to block you out from my sight; you have been the ruin of my life and noon nap. cursed her that I loved with my whole soul; give her back to me, damn you, or I will tear you out of heaven and drag the devils out of hell and pitch you all into the sea.

Curse you, you have taken her from me, but I will find her, no matter you lock the gates of heaven against me or bar the doors of hell. She is mine." I looked at him in pity and dis-

covered the froth was coming from his mouth. He fell on the floor in under of some demon. I said: "Mr. Forrest, what do you

do for him when he gets into this condition?'

"We let him lie there," Mr. Forrest said, "until some influence controls Justin; as a general thing they sing and rub his head at the same the most abusive language I think I ever heard come from the lips of a woman. There came a time, dear readers, bis bedy. Oh, I am so corry, Magar, Sandiasta, Carly Sandiasta, S

heart and is lavish with his wealth. This is the third hotel that I have found him in. He seems to have a fascination for little Puss. The other night at the theater, when Puss had finished speaking his lines, this unfortunate man cried out. "He is mine; they have robbed me of him."

He was taken from the theater by his friends and conveyed to the hotel. The little one's singing has an attraction for him, and on many occa-sions has a soothing effect. When my engagement here in New York is finished I am going to take the little one and go to some place in the country. I want to see if I can stop that man from following us around. I am afraid while he is under that influence he will do some one harm. The power had come upon Justin;

he sat down by the man and sang soothing lullaby in some language that I did not understand. After a while he made passes over the man's body, then he said to Mr. Forrest and me, "Come and hold my hands." We did so. In about ten minutes a male voice sang through his vocal organs of speech, followed by a female voice. Mr. Forrest and myself took up the refrain.

man came out from under the condition, looked wild for a few moments, then commenced to cry. He "Oh. Mr. Forrest, I have been said: under that cursed spell again. I am so happy now, so happy I cannot express it to you in language. God bless you all. Your kindness can never go unrewarded." He took little Puss into his arms, hugged and kissed him, saying, "You belong to another world better than this one that you live in now."

During the time that he was under that unhappy condition. Mr. Forrest put the wine out of sight. He said: "Gentlemen, will you ride with me in a carriage? I want to be so much in the open air, for I am a happy man." Mr. Forrest said: "We will go with you, Mr. Winchester, if you think you can receive any benefit

from our presence being in the carriage. He said, "Oh, it will make me

most happy." Mr. Forrest said: 'I can only give you one hour, as I must return with the little one to indulge in an after-

We went with him in the carriage. As we reached Union Square, up Broadway, an influence took posse sion of-little Puss, and said: "Drive When we up Lexington Avenue." had entered the avenue the control claimed to be the mother of Mr. Winchester, and talked beautifully to her son. Her language I never forget, if had so much of the spirit of truth in it: the cultured and ernressive thoughts that she conveyed to her

son through the lips of Justin were something never to be forgotten. [To be continued.] "The Religion of Cheerfulness."

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and harmony ensues. As the mountain is a unit of possibilities physical, and voices by correspondential symbolism the philoso phy of diffusion, so the human soul, possessing internally all spiritual po tentialities, is a unit . of - universal power.

Thus the aggregate of human souls in being may, be the progenitors of stellar worlds, and the diffusion of all vital energy in objective existence. Man's intelligence dissociates the elements of which that mountain confrom the human soul in creative expression.

THEOSTREAMLET.

Flowing on 50: swift and fast, Are you never tired and weary? Do you everyzsight for rest? And the little streamlet answered As she flowed ion boward the South I am rested' when to other

Oh, ye weary ones of earth, Learn a lesson from the streamlet, If you would not weary grow

Strengthen others as you go. And I wandered onward southward Where the little streamlet ran, And beheld a mighty river, That to earth it gave new strength.

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m arugs but we would also like a place where ercise in the open air are the frue secrets of physical and mental we can take our families, where part of the time may be devoted to rational As respects spiritual health, health. amusements and educational enter however, the problem, with all our tainment, suited to the needs of chil experimentation, remains substantial dren as well as adults. We want ly where it was before the age of ism place where we can spend the whole began.-Editorial in Baltimore Sun. We season, from June to September. would like boating and fishing for

A Word From One in Spirit Life.

I wish to thank all my friends for The ideal camp will all they did for me while I was in have all these but will not neglect the earth life, and the kindly thoughts that they sent out when I passed to We learned last season at Lily Dale the life eternal. Also to say I have not that friends of Mrs. Richmond, Mr. forgotten them, that my thoughts go Wright, Prof. Lockwood and others, out to them and for them the same were willing if satisfied of the permaas when I was in the body. Since nency of the camp, to erect suitable buildings and endow them, that these coming to the new life I have taken a new occupation that keeps me all gifted speakers might be employed to absorbed in the work that is to be

give their wonderful truths to the pub-I have many friends to help me, those lic free of charge. May the spirit, world speed the day when this may be that I know, and many I did not know. I hear it frequently said: "I don't

But we would not neglect the phesee, or I should think Emeline would nomena, without which there would come and manifest through some of be no camps. A camp should be a our mediums.' home for honest mediums; let none Well, now, I have no desire to ge practice on the grounds but those en-dorsed by their home society and the to any hall to manifest to my friends

They are near and dear to me as of camp management, then we will have long ago, yet it would not be of any more Spiritualists and less spiritists. advancement to me Spiritually, These conditions are being demandmanifest in any public meeting. ed; are we ready to meet the demand? feel more at ease to come and dictate The camp of the future should have a a message through the medium who writes for me.

improvements for rational treatments. Spirit Homes, or the Heaven yo equined with the various baths, sun, read of is as one vast cathedral of mud, water, etc., machinery for meeverlasting grandeur. There are no streets paved with gold, neither are chanical massage, paraphernalia for physical exercise and all possible apthere walls of jasper. The beauty pliances to help restore the sick to a is the everlasting harmony of souls natural condition. which is perfect that shine with dazzling sunlight of health. There should be no better wisdom from the great Oversoul of spot on earth for regaining impaired love and knowledge, and health fhan a rightly conducted Spircombined for the good of all God's itual camp, where treatments for the children. All may learn that will, of physical, the mental, and the spiritual the power and glory of the Divine can all be given, assisted by wise and plan of the one Great Cause that advanced healers and teachers from some call God, but we call Nature, fo

the other side. The response to the call published it is natural, always has been and always will be, for in the great plan some weeks' ago has been quite genthere was no beginning, neither will eral, but we want to hear from many there be any ending.

more. Will you help us? Write to Now as children of the natural us that you are willing to join a camp cause. live right, live good, honest, association: let each one help what upright, pure, and you will be true they can, and a camp for this state to others, on the same plan that good people make good Christians, and the will soon be an assured fact. Address bad never make Christians at all. ALEX. CAIRD. M. D. When one has achieved the true principle of living a true life for one's spiritual benefit, he will be prepared to enter upon higher duties that will

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TWO WOMEN. meet him when he too, passes through the golden gateway. There is a great deal of work to

be done as yet before the spirit world can perfect the human family that they may bring into this life offspring that will come up to the standard that they will produce the harmony and love that should exist for the peace

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Within the cottage door and bare A woman sees the shadows grow, And in a stately palace there Is one whose servants come and go And one of them is young and fair. And one is old and bended low. The lady fair whose servants haste and morality of the human family.

Wishing my friends, all as one peace and prosperity. EMELINE A. PRESCOTT. Two teardrops tremble in her eyes: They've sent the wrong complexion paste

It's not at all the kind she buys.

bright:

No sorrow enters to annoy, No care may put her gles to flight;

Ab, sweet will be her dreams to about the state of her dreams to

all communications to Can you telloine. Mittle streamlet, 598 W. Monroe St, Chicago, Ill.

Larger streamlets I give strength.'

In this life of toilsome journey.

"International Convention of Ghosts."

Talk.

We give the following to illustrate again scientific men to investigate ghosts. They have shaftered thousands of good stories and got many bits of the truth. of calling attention to spiritualistic and occult world over ACCEPT PSYCHIC subjects, although it often 'does .so -jocularly, and in many respects not very politely, or even decently, yet the general effect of its work is most excellent. The following from the Chicago dues paid up, is privileged to attend the convention and make himself or Tribune, the great daily, illustrates the point we intend to convey. We use its own heading to the article, "International Convention of Ghosts."

Bugdat, 17, 1907.

London is preparing for the great- the editors Encyclopedia Britannica. Scientil est convention ever held-the first in- Sir Walter Scott to be examined by gress. ternational convention of ghosts, Prof. James Brander Matthews, Cowhich is being planned to meet at lumbia university, author works on Famous Family Spirit of the Rudats. South Institute, one of the great halls American and British literature. Of this class is the famous Rudat

of London City, in September: Not since the investigation of Spir- James McNichol, LL, D., D. D., uniitualism by the Siehert Commission versity of Edinburgh; author has science taken such a grave interest and Character of Robert Burns," etc. whatever it is; has been a mystery to in the question of spirits.

convention, which is expected at least | Funk. to develop important knowledge of Every Ghost Will Have Chance to

things psychical. No school of Spir-itualists will be excluded. The Indian "fakir" and the Oxford college professor will be expected to sit side by side with the American Spiritualments, is planning to add to the list and include in the invitation all the tic medium and Tibetan recluse. The spirit doctors from the African jungles will be invited to explain their authorities on any spirit which the tich worship to the deepest thinkers mediums claim they can control. The of the Italian, French, and German invitation lists to famous Spiritualists

schools of Spiritualistic research. Scientists to Cross-Question Spooks.

A test, however, is planned to be and writers who will be given the deeper than this. Not only will Spir- chance to talk or communicate with itualists and students of Spiritualism be invited to attend, but they will be phies they have written or whose lives expected to subject their controls to hey have studied.

the cross-questioning of the most emi nent students of the world. Historians, writers, scholars, who have but little or no interest in Spiritualism ence towards spirit phenomena since will be invited to attend and examine the spirits to prove their authenticity. Instead of the usual medium's "fake" of saying "I see a tall, blond woman, who asks if John is in the audience, the spirits will be examined by men

who know more about their lives on earth than the mediums do. For instance, a medium who claims AND PERHAPS THE SCIENTISTS to be able to summon the spirit of Na- AND DEEP THINKERS OF ENG-

poleon will be examined by the fore- LAND AND EUROPE AT LEAST ARE most authority on the Napoleonic era, AS MUCH INTERESTED IN THE and asked questions concerning the PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CONemperor which no one could answer GRESS OF GHOSTS AS ABE THE truth are the plans for the examina-unless deeply versed in the life of LEADERS OF THE SEIRITUALIST- tion of certain spirit doctors from The same system, accord-Napoleon. ing to the committee, will be used phenomena, instead of being a comwith every historic ghost, a special authority being invited to examine each medium after the same manner.

Among the famous spirits invited to altend, under the chaperonage of tific problem and perhaps half the their favorite mediums, are the following:

Napoleon, Aristophanes, Mozart, Aristotle, David, Darius, Shakspeare, Demosthenes, Washington, King Arthur, Alexander, Cleopatra, Socrates, Caesar. Dickens, Jeanne d' Arc, Co-

lumbus, Solomon, Brigham Young, Cromwell, Sir Walter Scott, Robert derive much knowledge from the com-Burns, Confucius, Dante, Martin Lu-ing convention that will support the theory that scientific psychologists theor, Henry Ward Beecher.

The development of Spiritualism

raps; although as early as the seven-

Growth of Spiritualism in Fifty Years.

Kate Fox and her sister both were

mediums, and claimed to be able to

communicate with the spirits of the

departed. They had a host of imi-

No medium, however, in those days

or for, many years afterward even

claimed to understand what special

qualities enabled spirits to make use

tion.

tators.

mania.

hypnotic trance.

mittee is made up of English, French, American, Italian, and German Spir-American, Italian, and Herman Spir-itualists, and is not backed by any clique or organization of Spiritualists, the originators of the idea planning to keep it out of the hands of any one society, and to have it represent as many as possible.^{11.1} The Society of Psychical Research of America, as well as England and France, is rep-resented on the effinitive the Spir-tesented on the effinitive the Spir-

resented on the committee: the Spir NOW THE SCHENTISTS THE Itualist Alliance of Great Britain and the Spiritualist Society of Germany also have representatives on the PHENOMENA AS A MATTER OF COURSE AND THEY ARE DELVING board but the societles themselves DEEPER AND DEEPER, 'SO THEY ARE EXPECTED BY THE COMMITwill not be asked to participate in the arrangements except asilindividuals. TEE TO WELCOME THE INTERNA-Spiritualistic Societies to Demonstrate Before the final plans are laid however it is expected that they will be asked to join forces with the international committee and assist in the work not as organizations but as

many of my old playthings, Mam-ma has all my toys in a glass cup-E. Dawson Rogers, president of the Spiritualists' Alliance, prohably will hoard, and the clothes I had on when be asked to allow his name to be pre-sented as the leader in the conven-I passed away, in the bottom drawer of the bureau in her room. She has tion, and W. Stainton-Moses, a picture of me in the sitting room the will be many famous ghosts, some of leading Spiritualist of Great Brithin, is almost certain to be invited to take that she had enlarged. It is pretty them unknown, or at least unidentigood, I think, but it does not look fled, and some of these, the commit-tee hopes, may be identified by the charge in the department of psycholomuch like me now, for I have grown stronger and don't look as I did, "I gy, which will be one of the most imscientists or others during the conjust want to say that my picture is portant features of the convention.

ists be invited to attend and participate in the doings of the convention but famous men from all over the world who have been interested in psychological research work will be pressed to assist.

resented by Prof. Garrett P. Serviss, the distinguished scientist, who was one of the first Americans to dare Serviss is not a Spiritualist, but he believes firmly in many phases of spirit phenomena. He suggested spirit phenomena. He suggeste years ago the urgent necessity of

thorough investigation of the entire subject by scientific men and it is more than probable that he would ac cept the invitation. A few years ago, when the Rev. Stainton-Moses, leader of the British Spiritualists, suggested that all the Spiritualists in the world form connected "circlés" and thus strive to reach the truth Prof. Serviss objected on the grounds that such a thing would result only in a mass of disconnected, jumpled statements from which it would be impossible to-sep

arate the true from the false. The have to leave the body, and her anxidea of the international convention iety is as to how she can go and leave is to do away with exactly the thing little Frank behind. I know that if to which Prof. Serviss objected. she could come more closely to us we could help her; we could help her to

Marconi, Believer in Ghosts, Invited. Among the others the committee expects to invite will be Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor of the wireless telegraph, who is a firm believer in. spirit communication; the Rev. Minot Judson Savage, the emthent New York divine, who has made a study of Spiritualism and psychic phenomena in general, and George Stuart Ful lerton of Columbia University, who was one of the Siebert Commissioners in the investigation of Spiritualism

and author of the preliminary report of the commission, which embodied its findings. The Rev. Father C. G. Franco, S. J. the most eminent Roman Catholic au-

trials. thority, may be invited to attend, but because of the atitude of the church to know that death does not separate towards Spiritualism; the . committee those who love. There are many conscarcely houes he will voarticinate. ditions in heaven, thé same as in The church, according, to + Father Franco, believes many facts of Spir. and our desires are, there is itualism., but condemnsvits claims and practices as contrary to the commands of the Bible, and likely to result in error and delusion. Prof. James-Hervey Hyslop, pro-

fessor of logic and ethics at Columbia. faiths?" a firm believer in spiritual-manifestan invitation. Isaac Kaufman Funk, author

must be from her. If this will help The Poetical and Prose Work SPIRIT MESSAGES,

and come over here.

have some of my books at home now

that have flowers that I used to press

between the leaves; they open there

CHARLES BOICE,

Maria E. Pitts.

to do some good to someone.

regain herestrength, and if I could

keep her from worrying she would not

be so bad, hecause there are changes

that I see in the future and not far

distant, that will be of great benefit

to her. I want to say that George is

I want my sisters and my brothers

with me, he was her husband.

with me.

into the room where they have

you in any way, use it as you please. We are very grateful to you. Regards to you.

DOES THIS APPLY TO YOU?

Very Striking and Illustrative Poem

MRS. L. SARGENT.

little while on earth, to grow so attached to people and want them so There's an artist named A. Liar, much, and then have to leave them Who, all characters must fire I didn't want n a way he deems is best to do: to die. I used to talk about it e Who is ever painting red great deal, but it wasn't because Both the living and the dead: wanted to. It was only because My brother, does this apply to you? felt that it was coming. And they

There's an artist named A. Greed, Who makes other people need, By withholding from them what is due: You will meet him any day;

sometimes and say, "Poor Charlie." I often go back to the old place. I go He is always out for pay: My brother, does this apply to you?

There's an artist named A. Grouch, Who is ever in a crouch, fo spring upon his prey when in view

He will snarl-at people's heels While by law he grafts and steals: My brother, does this apply to you?

There's an artist named A. Bore, Who will meet you at your door,

And insist upon explaining something hung on a funny picture hook, i new, looks like a cone off of a pine tree. I When you wish to catch a train, And you smile and frown in vain want to speak of this because I want. them to know I can see things at My brother, does this apply to you?

There's an artist named A. Snoop, Mamma gave my bicycle to a neighbor boy, and then she took it away Who to anything will stoop -

that will keep the patient neighbors in a stew, And is always first to "knock,"

On the finest of the flock: My sister, does this apply to you?

There's an artist named A, Beat, Who is master of the feat, Who while idle picks his folks to "do.

He's a useless piece of clay Every night and every day. My brother, does this apply to you? Now I do not want to send a long

message to-day, any more than to identify myself. I find that those who are connected with me in earth-There's an artist named A. Fraud Who is never overawed; Who to all the name implies is true; life-my boy, especially-are going Who is free to use the paint.

through some adversities, and I want Each one's character to taint: him to know that we are all helping ly brother, does this apply to you? him. It is immaterial whether any

one believes in Spiritualism or not, There's an artist named A. Hate, when a' thought is sent out on the Who just lies around in wait, To create destruction's flame of blue wings of love and honesty it is sure Who is ever in alert

Now my daughter Emeline is not very well, and she feels that the time Some dear loving one to hurt: My sister, does this apply to you? not far distant when she too, will

There's an artist named They Say Who is ever in dismay, D'er the lives that others will pursue Who would libel any saint And put Satan in a faint: My sister, does this apply to you'

There's an artist named Do Good Who is seldom understood; Who not every day is heeded by but

few, And whose soul will ever shine With a radiance divine:

also have May Belle, her little My brother, does this apply to you? child, and my father, John Martin, is There's an artist named B. True,

Please say to her, we all join in Who would evil things subdue; sending our love, and assistance, and encouragement, and all will come out Who would make this earthly plane all new;

well if she will only trust the angels. Aye! whose edict would suffice I know she will understand me, be-To build here a Paradise: cause she turns to the assistance of My brother, does this apply to you? DR. T. WILKINS. mediums in 'her great trouble and

> DR. BLAND'S PIONEERS OF PROGRESS.

earth, but where our loved ones are, This book will be mailed to any the sphere in heaven in which we live. The reason I say this, I have often heard them say, "I wonder what heaven is, and where are all our friends it, and will promise to send me one also portrait of the author. who have died belonging to different We are all in the sphere

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the days when Kate Fox, the American girl, founded what is known as the modern school of Spiritualism. NOW SCIENCE, RELIEVED OF THE DANGER OF BEING MADE RIDICULOUS, IS INTERESTED IN THE SERIOUS INVESTIGATION OF brought to the convention and efforts THE PROBLEM OF SPIRITUALISM business.

IC MOVEMENT. For the psychical mercial asset for fakers who prey upon the superstitous members of the public and work wondrous frauds and Africa, studying the fetish worship deceits has become a serious scien- among the aborigines, will be asked to great psychologists of the world have tors to the convention for examination faith in "seeing ghosts." They don't as to their powers of communicating

admit it in that form-in fact, they deny the ghosts, but they admit the phenomena and seek explanation. All Fraudulent Mediums of Be Barred

The committee expects humanity to ism as it is understood in civilized

The

Of this class is the famous Rudat Robert Burns to be examined by spirit, which is one of the best known materializations in the world, at least among Spiritualists. This wraith, or mediums for the last ten years and its Socrates to be examined by Prof. peculiarity consists, seemingly, in the fact that the best mediums can do nothing with it while it persistently

attempts to communicate with mem-bers of the Rudat family, living in and near the village of Getroz, in Switzerland, not far from the French from tier. Not one member of the family These are not all. The Psychical asis a medium as far as they know, and

sociation, which has appointed a not one understands even the simplest committee of fifteen to make arrangeforms of Spiritualism, yet this spirit, so it is asserted, has made scores of attempts to communicate with different members of the family.

Instead of being pleased the Ru-dats were almost frightened out of now being made up by the committee their wits. Two members of the famare growing continually, and . with ily claim to have seen the wraith, which appeared to them as a semi-lu-minous mist, approximating in form them the lists of the famous students chance to talk or communicate with the human shape. Also the spirit, the spirits of the men whose biogra- they claim, strove to tell them some-

thing, but failed because every mem her of the family it approached re-One thing the convention will seek to demonstrate, and that is the won-derful changes in the attitude of scifused to remain to listen. Spiritualists, when they heard

01 this wonderfully material spirit hastened to the Rudats and expected great things in the line of discovery. The spirit, however, refuses to have anything to do with the mediums. business, apparently, is with the Rudats, and no one else will do. How even, one of the Rudats will be

made to get the spirit to reveal its Spirit Doctors From Africa Invited

Not the least interesting of the efforts of the convention to reach the tion of certain spirit doctors from equatorial Africa. De Mille, the Parisian Spiritualist, or rather student of Spiritualism, who has spent five years in the Congo and through West

bring two of their famous spirit docwith the spirits of the departed. This is the first time any effort ever

has been made to connect the fetishism, voodooism, and other mysterious rites of savage races with Spiritual-

countries. De Mille, however, has a

TIONAL CONVENTION OF GHOSTS. Any ghost in good standing, with nerself known to any one of the Spiritualists or scientists who will be in part of the convention.

Not only will the leading Spiritual hom

America, it is probable, will be-repfrom him again, for she said he wa so rough with it, and would make me feel badly. I want to tell her to let him have it. I don't care, and he public ridicule by serious study of likes it. Well, now, I thank you and Spiritualism, and the first in Ameri- I will say that I passed away at Seca to suggest organized study of the attle; Wash., about seven years ago. subject of psychic phenomena. Prof. I was 13 years old.

Spirits of Famous Men Invited.

The committee which is arranging produce ocular proof of their claims the full power of communicating with the international convention of ghosts, and with a few hundred scientific men the spirits of the departed, but that in order to prove its sincerity in re- and scholars present to test those the art was lost with civilization and the greatest test of their sorting belief In Spiritualism, has planned to tlickery or fraud.

invite the following authorities to cross question the mediums who claim since 1848, when Mr. and Mrs. John to control the historic spirits. David to be examined by William ered "spirit rapping," has been re-

Robertson Smith, editor Encyclope-dia Britannica, librarian Cambridge ufiversity, authority on biblical and of the daughters, was the first person THINGS IN EQUATORIAL AFRICA

Hebrew history. Aristophanes to be examined by Richard Claverhouse Jebb, Lit. D., LL. D., professor of Greek, Universi- teenth century German Jews practy of Glasgow.

ticed table rocking. The discovery of Kate Fox that she Shakspeare to be examined by Henry R. Tedder, librarian Athenaeum, could obtain replies to knocks upon HIGHLY DEVELOPED SPIRITUAL London,, authority on Shakspearean tables, etc., and that the responses history and literature, author of works seemed directed by intelligences, roon Shakspeare, the man and the au- sulted in the formation of the modern thor, and Alexander Stewart Mac- school of Spiritualism. The form of Gregor, Scotch Shakspearean author-"spirit rapping" spread rapidly through the United States and thence

ity. King Arthur to be examined by the over the entire chaized world. Rev. David Bowlands, the famous spirit of the "murdered peddler" Weish scholar and author, special inwhich communicated with the Fox vestigator of the life and legends of family became historic and subsethe round table and its knights. quent mediums developed rapping to an extent which created interest ev-

Alexander to be examined by Archibald Henry Sayce, M. A., professor of comparative philosophy, University of Oxford, and writer on ancient his-

tory. Dante to be examined by Oscar Browning, M. A., fellow of King's college, Cambridge, lecturer on ancient

history, author of "The Life and Work of Dante." Peter the Great to be examined by

Oscar Browning. Demosthence to be examined by Richard Claverhouse Jebb, Universi-

of them. ty of Glasgow. Darius to be examined by Archibald Henry Sayce, professor of compara-tive philology_Oxford, author "Babylonian Literature," "The Monuments of the Hittites," "Assyrian Grammar," "Assyrian Translations," etc.

Aristotle Expected to Announce New

Philosophy. Aristotle to be examined by Paul

Wilhelm Schmeidel, professor of New Testament history, University of Zu-rich, formerly University of Jena and Leipsic; author many historical works. Mozart to be examined by W. S. Rickstrom, author "Life and Music of Mozart."

Cleopatra to be examined by the Rev. Frederick John Foakes-Jackson, dean Jesus college, Cambridge, au-thor "Biblical History of the He-Biblical History of the He- ty and Spiritualism were pioneering PROOF EXISTS THAT THEY HAVE "Christian Difficulties in the investigations into the field, which PRACTICED FRAUDS. Second and Twentieth Centuries," etc.

Caesar to be examined by Oscar Browning, M. A., King's college, Cam-

Jeanne d' Arc to be examined by L. De Bouteiller, author history of her afraid of ridicule. life, etc.

Solomon to be examined by Stanley Lane-Poole, professor Arabic, Trinity college.

Brigham Young to be examined by first to take the plunge into the wa-Francis Hepwell, author "History of ters of mystery and when it emerged Mormonism."

Thomas McKinnon Wood, Londen, Germany jumped in. Within the last i chairman London city council, one of decade it has become almost a fad for

mittee says with perhaps 2,000 spir- races. Indeed, he believes that at

proofs there will be no chance for now is retained to a greater degree by savage races than by the educated THE FRENCHMAN DECLARES THAT THERE IS MORE IN FETISH-ISM THAN PEOPLE OF CIVILIZED COUNTRIES GENERALLY BE-

to claim to be able to communicate THAT LEAD HIM. TO BELIEVE with spirits through the medium of THAT THE FETISHES REALLY ARE PLACES OF MATERIALIZATION OF SPIRITS AND THAT THE SPIRIT DOCTORS AMONG THE TRIBES ARE NOTHING MORE NOR LESS THAN

> Among the committee which is arranging the convention the question of permitting De Mille to bring his

spirit doctors to the convention was at first frowned upon, but later the committee voted unanimously to include savage as well as civilized ghosts.

The effort of the convention will be to reach the truth if possible, whether or not it is made ridiculous by some of the developments. The committee says it is fully aware that certain frauds may be attempted by daring fakers who may hope to gain adver tising by tricking the convention, but, nevertheless no efforts will be spared to prevent impositions and, further

more that all but known tricksters may attempt to materialize their spin Doubters are as welcome as firm believers The committee announces that the only object is to get nearer the truth'

Every Honest Ghost Andrew Jackson Davis, in 1847, startled the world by his work on Will Have a Chance Nevertheless, a special committee has been appointed to look up the rec-'Nature's Divine Revelations." which he claimed to have received while in ords of Spiritualistic mediums whe A Mrs. Hayden, a professional meannounce their intention of being deldium of Boston, carried the "spirit egates and bringing their ghosts to

rapping to England in 1852, and Eu- the convention EVERY HONEST PSYCHICAL RErope was seized with a "table turning" SEARCH WORKER ADMITS THAT Science accepted certain phenome-puERILE FRAUDS AND CLEVER na as real, but in the maze of fraud and buffconery and trickery designed DAILY, AND THAT SLEIGHT OF Science accepted certain phenometo cheat superstitious poor, much HAND, HYPNOTISM, AND ALL time and knowledge were lost. Sci-SORTS OF JUGGLERY ARE USED

ence refused to mingle with the fakers FREQUENTLY .BY THOSE WHO and the fear of ridicule precluded the CLAIM TO BE MEDIUMS. SOME SOME possibility of any famous scientist de- OF THE BEST KNOWN SPIRITUALvoting his time to the study of Spir-itualism until within the last decade. WILL BE BARRED ENTIRELY The Siebert Commissions on insani- FROM THE CONVENTION, BECAUSE

It is a well known fact that one science hardly dared enter because of firm in Boston manufactures immense the ridicule it brought upon them. The bequest of Siebert, luminous of tricksters who seek to many funds for such investigations, brought of tricksters who seek to many funds for such investigations, brought by deceiving the public. At least one by deceiving the public. At least one paristan moving picture firm manu-The bequest of Siebert, furnishing that can be materialized instantly,

Present Fad for Scientific Investigaeven through a small hole at the rear of a room, and produced upon walls The Italian school was one of the or curtains. The committee knows, all these things, and it proposes to bar ' all ormonism." / bringing up bits of truth the psy- fraudulent mediums, accepting only Oliver Cromwell to be examined by chologists of France, England, and those who seek truth and do not refraudulent mediums, accepting only Within the last sort to trickery.

The international convention com-

'The Widow's Mite, and Other Psychic Phenomena." a clergyman and publisher, and perhaps the leading investigator of Spiritualism in this United States, the committee expects to be a delegate. His work on Spir-itualism published in 1904, in which he told of his meeting with the spirit of Henry Ward Beecher, was one of the sensation of the year, causing a widespread revival in Spiritualism. Mr. Funk probably will be asked to attempt to communicate with the spirit of Beecher during the convention.

Flammarion and Lombroso to Be Present. .

Prof. Charles Ricket, the eminent French savant, who has done more than anyone else towards scientific investigation of spirit phenomena in France, is expected to be a candidate. Camille Flammarion, the great astronomer and writer, and Cesare Lombroso, the Italian psychologist, who, perhaps, is the deepest investigator in the world, according to present plans, will be invited to conduct cer-

tain phases of the investigation. The first.international ' convention of ghosts is expected by the committee to bring science nearer the truth regarding psychic phedomena, at least, and to collect the knowledge of the world on the subject for discus-

The opening days of the convention, according to the plan now outlined by the committee, will be devoted to selection of committees and departments, and the examination of credentials of Spiritualistic mediums. Before that, however, organizations of Spiritualists will be asked to investigate the records of mediums who propose to show their ghosts. be done for me.

During this; preliminary stage which may cover three days, there will be lectures and discussions, and each medium will submit to a special com-mittee a short account of his work and his results. and his' results.

Famous Ghosts Wilf Be Thvestigated. After that, however, there will be little talking. The work will be for the mediums to demonstrate and for the scientists and students to investigate, cross question, examine, and ice James was here and my home was seek means to get into closer comat Volinia, Mich. munication with such spirits as may manifest themselves__

Interest in the convention is growing among Spiritualists oavho have heard of it, and the extent of the interest which will be aroused when the committee perfects its plans may be judged from the fast that there are at least 7.000 different. Spiritualist societies in England alone, many of. them belonging to the Alliance, which has branches in every city and village in England, all: reporting headquarters in London.

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where we belong, that is one of the most beautiful conditions in spiritseeing it you will like it so well that you will be willing to pay one dollar life. We are not held by circumstanfor it. ces: we are just held by our desires.

In a four-page review of it in the Arena, B. O. Flower says: "This book Please say that Maria E. Pitts was here, and my home, although I have is so interesting we doubt if one read been gone nearly twenty years, was in Pittsburg, Pa. My son lives in Verer in twenty who commences to read it will lay it down until he has finmont, and I hope to open an avenue where I can assist them, for then I ished it.

shall feel happier. MARIA E. PITTS. In his magazine Tom. Watson says: "In a long career of usefulness and

Alice James.

Recognition.

Brother,

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My dear ones all:-I would like to send out a few words to those in earth life not yet reconciled to my passing away, and I would like to say is of far more real interest than anyto them that all is well. - There is thing that could be said by anyone much I would like to say, and much who had never seen them. would like to give directions for, servedly, I commend this charming but as this is a public channel I merebook ' ly want them to become interested so

can change the sad conditions of The Daily Star, Washington, D. C. my own home and those I love. I says: "The sketches in this book want to say to my family which I left, show the intimate knowledge and that I have been conscious of a great subtle appreciation which makes for deal that has been going on since pasthe truest blography." sing away, and there are many things "Those who have read any of Dr.

I would like to-give counsel in, but Bland's books need not be told that he is one of the most brilliant and every time I try to approach the earth life I seem to feel the old conditions fascinating writers of the age, as well coming back and I can't stay long. as one of the most instructive and But I find that every time I come it helps me to overcome that feeling, greatest work, should be in every liand I have watched every chance, and brary and every home."-To-Morrow when I found this gateway open for Magazine.

me I was so glad. Please say to my "The book is rich with stirring dear children that I am satisfied with reminiscences, and Dr. Bland relates what was done, and that there was them with a fine sense of fitness in nothing that could have been done any different. I often hear them say, the estimate of the character he has in hand."-Chas. Eugene Banks, in "Oh, if this had been different -- or if Chicago Examiner. / we had done that;" and there are so

"A broad-minded lover of his felmany; things I see floating through lows, Dr. Bland delights in giving credit to those men and women who have said things or done things to their minds that I wish I could make them 'understand and know that all is well, and all was done that could forward the welfare of mankind. help I left so many on the mortal side

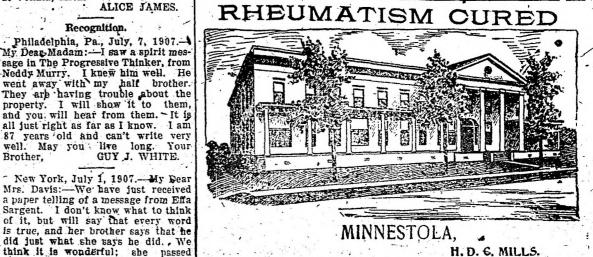
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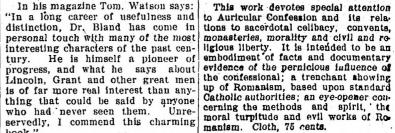
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Mary T. Longley, 600 Pennsylvania avenue S. E., Washington, D. C, No. No. Too Much Church Still Re-

mains.

English ecclesiastics visiting this country are anxious American Churchmen shall plunge into politics, and give to legislation a religious character. They say the country will never be saved if the church people content themselves with making prayers while the devil makes the laws.

The fathers of the American Revolution saw the evils of a union of church and state, and wisely divorced them; and this great Republic, the most free the most prosperous, and the most promising for the future of all the nations of the earth, is the outcome of that divorce. Palsied be the heart that shall attempt to restore the old order of things. The few relics still existing relating to the olden times

Rev. J. Lloyd Jones, of Chicago, in-The trial of Wm. D. Haywood, at Boise, Idaho, for the murder of Gov. quired: "Why is the modern man so Steunenberg, commenced May 9, end-

.Not Gullty.

We question it.

look down eternally on his unfortun-

end, because they were ushered, all

unprepared, before the great Judge;

whereas, had they, like Orchard,

each slain a score, accepted Jesus as

their redeemer, they would have been

A Grave Question.

for centuries. The more critically the

gospels are examined the more obvi--

ous their inconsistencies. A cable-

gram from Christiana, Norway, of July

23, brings the question again to the

"Pastor Konow, of Berger," says the

dispatch, "has caused a-sensation in

Norway by denying the bodily resur-

rection of the Savior. Konow belongs

to the state or official church, and the

cabinet decided to ask him to resign

instead of dismissing him. The pas-

tor refused to resign, and now there is

widespread interest in the question as

to what step the government will take

Scat of the Soul.

of that information, but the secret

Must be some sort of affinity be

Daily.

next.'

attention of independent thinkers.

glory, glory forever.

loath to form church-going habits?" That was a vital question, propounded ed July 29, by-the jury returning a verdict of "Not Guilty." The princito twenty Ministers, eleven Professors pal witness for the state was the selfin Chicago University, and fourteen confessed hired assassin, Harry Orlaymen. The Congregationalist says: chard. This was an assumed name. "The first thing which impresses us He was a bigamist, a wife deserter, in these letters, is the unconscious a multi-murderer, and all-around elimination of worship from the popcriminal, who for a hundred dollarsular idea of church services. In all his word for it under oath-seemed these forty-five letters the name of ready to commit any crimé. God appears only once, and no other

An Honest Inquiry.

But Orchard "got religion," and, definite allusion is made to him as a other unimpeached witnesses can be person. Worship is referred to only trusted. he then added perjury to his in the single sentence: "The idea of many other offences. worship has very little influence.' Haywood was released from his Just listen:

long imprisonment, and was restored "Nineteen of these letters were to his family, his reputation in our written by pastors of evangelical estimation, untarnished by the try churches. Have men ceased to exing ordeal through which he passed. pect to meet him [God] in the midst Moyer and Pettibone, under indictof their fellow-worshipers? Have minment for the same offence as that isters forgot that the chief purpose of charged against Haywood, with the public service in the church is to same polluted evidence, are yet held bring men as worshipers consciously for trial. Moyer is released on into the presence of God? This chief \$25,000 bail, to appear and answer. object of the church-going being elim-Pettibone's trial is set for October 1. inated, it is easy to account for the de-But will either he brought to trial? cline of church attendance." The Progressive Thinker would There is-a speedy way of dispos-

suggest that since Infinite Intelligence ing of the matter. Arraign, try, conis found to inhabit alike every atom in vict and execute the confessed murthis boundless universe, his presence derer, and save the state in costs and is no greater in church or cathedral incidental losses one million dollars, tlinn in every honest heart wherever and let real justice be done. As Orlocated, so it is not necessary to gathchard's guilt has been washed away er under towering steeples or clanging in the blood of the Lamb, he is asbells to express adoration for his goodsured a joyful welcome to the pearly ness to mortals. courts, over whose battlements he can

Old Time Spirit Rappings,

In Baxter's Historical Discourse on unspeakable torture, world without Apparitions, written probably about 1660, occurs the following: "There is now in London an understanding, sober, plous man, oft one of my hearers, who has an elder brother, gentleman of considerable rank, whe

awarded seats with their assassin, and having formerly seemed plous, of late years does often fall into the sin of together would have shouted glory drunkenness. He often lodges long together here in his mother's house, and whensoever he is drunk and had slept himself sober, something knocks at his bedhead, as if one rapped on the wainscot. When they remove his If some device could'be brought out bed it follows him. Besides other which would prevent critical thought loud noises on other parts where he is doubtless the church could gain a new that all the house hears, they have

lease of power. Until then they who often watched him and tied his hands can reason from cause to effect, if lest he should do it himself. But his mother declared she had seen his shoes under the bed taken up and "nothing visible to touch them." The honest, are in danger of finding themselves outside of church circles. The story of the crucifixion, death drunken sinner refused, in spite of these solemn warnings, to abandon his and bodily resurrection of Jesus has evil ways." been a stumbling block to the learned

Was the author of "Baxter's Saint's Rest," falsifying when he so wrote? or were there unseen intelligences demonstrating in those early years what became common two -hundred years later? We incline to the opinion that the disembodied mind, whose indwelling home is all about us, has ever labored to hold converse with mortals, but the latter were slow in becoming acquainted with the true source of these communications.

A Sanitary Bible. In some of the states witnesse

sworn to give evidence in pending trials are required to kiss the Bible at They who read the New Testament the conclusion of the oath, as evidence unt of the resurrection and a of their sincerity. The covers of the

THE PROORDESIVE THINKER

DANGER AHEAD! The Progressive Thinker. Alarm Signal for Spiritualists to Con- It Leads in Everything Pertaining to Adsider. vancément.

Last week we sounded an ALARM fer or not, in my opinion, Spiritualism, SIGNAL, calling the attention of as an organic religious movement, IS Spiritualists to the serious dangers FACING A GRAVE CRISIS. What threatening our ranks. A wast num-Power' of a government, or the taxber of Spiritualists, would have reing power, the power under which mumained in ignorance of the grave nicipalities, counties, etc., are author crisis now arising if it had not been ized to impose taxes upon property, for The Progressive Thinker. franchises, professions, etc., for reve-

The arrest and fining of Mrs. Noyes nue purposes, IS PRACTICALLY \$35,00 for practicing her _ medium- AN UNLIMITED POWER; and the ship in one of the cities of California. only reason doctors, priests, preachonly exhibits THE TENDENCY of ers, and such professions are not municipal authority all over the Unit- taxed is because the POWER BEHIND ed States. Next winter no doubt many bills

rates the ballot judicially. And until will be introduced into legislatures, Spiritualists generate enough common the object being to suppress mediumsense to get together and secure repship, and no end of trouble will arise resentation in the law-making and in reference to our Cause. Bill after law-executing functions, they may exbill has been introduced into the leg- pect the burden of PUBLIC RESTRICislature of Illinois, and it has required TIONS TO GROW HEAVIER AND money, courage, skill and sharp di- HEAVIER. It is easier and not oneplomacy to defeat them. half so expensive and humiliating to

In this impending struggle THE gain exemption from an ordinance PROGRESSIVE THINKER will be while it is being passed, than it is to an important factor to consider. It evade its provisions on the plea of calls the attention of Spiritualists to religious liberty after it becomes a the dangers to our cause constantly law."

arising, and keeps them informed of Mr. Dryden is right in his assertion passing events, and giving them time- that Spiritualists are facing a VERY ly warning to be on the alert. It is GRAVE CRISIS, and there can be no the only Spiritualist paper that can more efficient agent for good in any give all the Occult and Spiritualistic great struggle that may ensue against news concerning our Cause. mediums than The Progressive Think-

Read carefully what J. L. Dryden, er. Extend its circulation among prominent lawyer of Los Angeles, Spiritualists everywhere, and the re-Cal., says: "By way of suggestion, sult will be in every way beneficial. whether it may meet the approval of It should have at least 100,000 cirthe readers of The Progressive Think- culation.

Catholicism In Trouble. The Poor Old Pope Is Grieving as the Anti-Clerical Movement Grows-His Power and Influence Is Declining in Europe.

ROME, Ang. (, Reports from va-have recently been received at the rious parts of the country indicate Vatican concerning the Polish poputhat the anti-clerical sentiment is spreading seriously. Two churches at Florence and cone church at Plaa have been set on fire by mobs. Con-Northern Republic. vents and monasteries have been attacked at Terni, Venice, Leghorn and

expressed himself soon after his elec-tion. Some of the Roman prelates think he has been too earnest and has refused to adapt himself and his methods of working to the conditions of the present time with the subse quent loss which the church has suffered all over the world.

GENEVA, Aug. 7 .- Finally a combination of Catholics, Socialists, Free Thinkers and others who advocate complete separation of State from Church, have succeeded in stopping the appropriating of public money in the Geneva Canton for religious purposes. The struggle has been on for years in this "citadel of Protestantism." from which Calvin inspired the movement which gave birth to the Hugue nots of France and Holland and the Puritans of Scotland and America. The war waged against Catholician in Switzerland ended with the treaty of Vienna in 1815, providing consti tutional equality between the relig Until after, 1870 Protestantism ions. and Catholicism lived in peace, each enjoying its share of the public money But the activity of Mgr. Mermillod who boasted in the name of the Pope that he would conquer the Hugueno stronghold, aroused the Protestants. and under John Carteret, in 1873 the people voted to expel the hishor and require all salaried ministers There at the casement wide. (priests and pastors alike) to take the civil oath and be chosen by The flowing of the tide: parochial elections.

Hardly a week passes that I do | gained by that? Nothing at all. On lot receive sample copies of various Occult, Psychic, Spiritualist, and New Thinker, along with the things you Thought publications. All of them have interesting reading matter and all have some real GOOD things in IS AROUSED and your brain vibrates them. . When I say GOOD, I mean at a higher rate of speed, and you USEFUL things, for to me a thing reason things out according to the may be nice, it may be even beauti- LIGHT YOU HAVE, and with each

it is USEFUL. It is, indeed, refreshing to learn of the many sources from which truth THE THRONE is the man who ope-OF ALL OF THEM THERE IS NOT ONE THAT EXTENDS TO ITS PA-TRONS UNDER ONE COVER SUCH COMPLETE LESSONS AS ARE RECEIVED WEEKLY IN THE COLUMNS OF THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.

> I frequently hear people say that they like The Progressive Thinker much better if the editor would ngt bother himself about frauds and impostors, but instead devote all of his space to lectures and topics of progression generally.

To them I want to answer that there is no better way to help you in your individual growth than by preprint only things in which you believe and with which you fully agree, you would no doubt fold your hands GRESSIVE THINKER. in blissful satisfaction and say AMEN!

the other hand when The Progressive like and approve, also prints some things that you do not understand or do not agree with, then YOUR MIND ful, but it is not really GOOD unless thought vibration you grow stronger in mind and richer in intellect,

August, 17, 1907:

The Progressive Thinker, does not want to fill us with predigested food; and knowledge is being expressed and but, on the contrary, it presents of the many means that are being thoughts TO MAKE US THINK. It employed to spread the same, BUT offers us nourishment in its original state, which we, by our own effort, must masticate thoroughly by independent thought if we wish to assimilate the nutritious ingredients thereof. We cannot deal justly with any problem by hearing only the one side of the question; it is necessary at all times to know the pro and con in order to arrive at logical conclusions.

well enough, but they would like it If, therefore, we find anything in the columns of The Progressive Thinker that rouses us to do some real hard thinking, let us not feel that we have met an enemy, but, instead, let us recognize THE FRIEND who is waking us up, and causing us to stir about. Let us be willing to admit

that every such stir makes us stronger senting to you something that will and more independent. Let us enjoy AROUSE YOU to individual thinking, all publications that please and enter-If The Progressive Thinker would tain us, and let us, at the same time, cheerfully receive and retain our serious yet kind teacher, THE PRO-

ELIZABETH SCHAUSS. Toledo, Ohio.

THE HUMAN SOUL.

Dictated by a Spirit Voice 'to Mrs.

May A. Price, Medium,

From the realms of endless time,

Into future space doth climb

Seeking yet a higher goal.

Conscious force, embodied soul,

How the soul first lived to learn Of its powers, and how turn From the mineral to the man-

You who with great wisdom teach

Of the stars that shine by night,

Holding pow'r o'er life so tight,

That wherever we may stray God's great laws did mark the way

And no power their sway can balk.

Guess the riddle, you who can.

Of the sand on yonder beach,

For our weary feet to walk,

Shines upon us from above.

Evolution marks the strife

Gives to each a conscious life.

But an overruling love

'Come. Katharine, close to my side, And bend your fair head low; want to whisper, Katherine, Good-bye, before I go. want to feel the tender touch Of your endearing hands Once more before I drift, dear heart. To yonder star-lit strands.

Your voice so fondly sweet; want it lingering in my ears When I the angels greet. Twill sweeten e'en the music of The spheres where scraphs dwell, Twill carol in the chorus of The choir invisible.

'Look! look! dear heart! The pallid light That comes with dawning day,

Is coming on its way. Tis coming from the borders of A land supremely fair, And with the falling of the night

> Remember that earth's silence breaks Why did man first learn to dwell Into celestial song. In a magnet as a shell That every line that pain has wrought, As a mineral soul confined And ev'ry anguish now 'Till in the flower its chains untwined The soothing hand of death shall Why the beast in yonder dell Gave the flower a place to dwell? smooth Forever from my brow. Why has man expressed them all In a great magnetic ball? Remember, oh, my Katherine, In the aura of his life Those girded shores beyond Where stand the palms so grandly Colored with the mingled strife forth, He is seen to weave about him Each with its trembling frond; Streaks of color pale and dim: Where seas throw up their silver spray Also those of sombre hue, Along the morn-lit shore," Red and gold, and heaven's own blue In lullables of prayer and psalm Do these rainbow colors tell How he in the past did dwell? Forever, ever more. Do they tell why he must go Remember, too, my Katherine. When haze of twilight falls To some place he does not know? And o'er the world the nightingale Do the atoms of his life. Mingling in a ceaseless strife. Into the silence calls: Remember, dear, the seas that break Building for a higher growth, Unon a spirit shore, Making soul and body both. That oft the pallid boatman brings One great power of God in man? The loved and lost once more Tell me, tell me, you who can.

Answer this for us, we pray.

OUTWARD DRIFTING.

'I want to hear the accent of

"restore all things in Christ," as he

While o'er the tide a sail, dear heart

'Twill bear me, loved one, there.

There on the spirit main

pray, And in the silence hold

Them until Lshall slip away

Into the mists that fold

Oh, let me, let me feel

light.

tight,

Olcott, N. Y.

Continued

to rise,

so fine.

touch the line,

more plunge,

the sponge.

within.

Abolt

strong man rise."

bound to win.

Drift back, drift back again.

'Just take my hands, dear one.

Till death shall drift the keel.

'Draw closer to me, Katherine,

want to whisper, Katherine,

want to feel the tender touch

To yonder star-lit strands."

Once more before I drift, dear hear

LESLIE CLARE MANCHESTER.

GENIUS.

The power that dazzles mortal eyes

Is oft but perseverance in disguise.

How many a struggler has thrown up

No real fall as long as one still tries,

-Henry Austin.

effort of it implies

Of your endearing hands

Good-bye before I go.

And bend your fair head low;

Oh, do not let the teardrops fringe Your lashes dark and long;

Of the soul's unfolding growth, How we came, and why so loth To advance upon our way

But what would you, as a soul, have

lation, the Hungarian, the Slav, and even the Spaniards and the South Americans who have emigrated to the Every one admits that Plus X. is very earnest in his desire to improve the conditions of the church and to

other cities, The Pope's decision is to susper pligrimages on the occasion of his sacerdotal, jublice in September, in addition to his desires to avoid pos-sible public disturbances, has a political object, namely, to afford opportunity for a protest to the powers respecting the position of the Church in Italy. Meanwhile, despite numerous anti-clerical aggressions, the movement has not reached a situation

where the whole Church can be said to be menaced. Pope's Fourth

will soon pass away. Slavery was one of them. Our schools were once under exclusive church control. Where are they now?

Even England is laboring to bring about what was an established fact with us more than a hundred years ago. Let prelates go-back to their own country and hasten the disestablighment of the church, and join the great intellectual army of thinkers who are laboring to prevent future wars and national strife, which the founder of Christianity in so many words declared:

"Think not that I am come to sen peace on earth: I came not to send peace but the sword." Mat. 10:34. Near two thousand years of the

practical application of such teaching; now let us try the opposite.

Money Wasted. -

Mrs. Francis Campbell, a learned Christian tourist, writing The Westminster Gazette, an English journal. said:

spring of life and immortality has "Last year, when I was in Morocco, I asked Dr. Rosen, who is, perhaps, the most familiar of all Orientalists with the Mohammedans, if any are really converted to Christianity. The Doctor replied: 'No, though' he added, 'some take pay to appear so.'

Exactly the same applies to the Jew. veins, to the heart. The soul was Not long ago a Jewish gentleman, who not there. is like many of that race, deeply concerned for the children, said to me: 'You have missions for Jews. There are some Jews who figure in missionary reports as having been converted: but a Jew can no more change his the brain. As its purpose was unfaith than he can change his skinhe is a Jew always.' And that is my it it with those powers the investigator own fixed and firm belief, after many | could not find elsewhere, hence it re long years spent among Eastern races. I have seen the missions at work, and of life."... Deeper research has I say deliberately, the vast sums of charged it with other duties, so, until money sent out of England for the conversion of Jews and Mohammedans is money wasted."

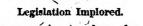
- That Mrs. Campbell is correct in her statement all know who have investigated in that direction. And it is not Jews nor Mohammedans alone who are invulnerable to the arts of the misslonary. It is the lower classes, the uneducated and the servile of China. Japan, Hindustan, etc., who are accessible to the missionary; and it is very evident their influence is lost so regions are in the sun. soon as the stimulus is withdrawn which connected the natives with the propagandists. tween religious enthusiasm and blood-

The opinion is fast gaining ground that the Oriental religions are better adapted to the needs of the people who adopt them, than is the mongrel faith of our Western civilization,

cept it as gospel truth without sacred book becomes covered with thought, as is the case with the great filth and germs of disease, and thus mass of Bible readers, will be astontransmit the foulest allments from ished to find the conflicting statements one user to another. .

in the different Gospels.. No two of Now comes the information that a them agree in presentation, of facts. Bible bound in celluloid has been They are discrepant everywhere. placed on the market which may be Truthful witnesses each stating the washed and disinfected at will, thus same fact, will vary in language, but removing the disease-producing germ. agree in ideas in every essential par-But there is a new danger. - The celticular. Courts of justice suspicion luloid is highly inflammable, and a perjury when several witnesses relatlighted cigar may accidentally set it ing the same event agree in nothing. on fire with the most destructive re-Should not the same plinciple prevail sults. in religious affairs as in judicial?

. Unfortunately the immoral character of the patriarchs mentioned in the holy book who are presented to us as exemplars for imitation, are not elimi-A musician known as Professor nated. Even Jacob, who stole his Henry Price, of Mount Vernon, N. Y. brother's birthright, and lied to his announces, seemingly in good faith, blind father by which it was gained, that he has discovered the seat of the is still doing service for the encoursoul in man. Doctors in the dissectagement of perjurers. The inside of ing room, have investigated every or- the book should be cleansed as well gan of the animal economy in search the covers. ,



evaded their search. The old proph-We are paying too dear for the ets thought the heart was the fountain whistle. More than two thousand of the mind, but modern investigation lives were sacrificed July 4th on the converted that organ into a pumping altar of mistaken patriotism! In Chiapparatus, a force-pump at that, to cago, were the usual large list of acsend the blood coursing through the cidents. In New York 423 injured arteries, and back again through the were treated in the hospitals. Crime,

too, was on the rampage on the "glorious fourth." Late anatomists located the seat of Stringent legislation is an absolute the soul in the pineal gland. This orneed to prevent the discharge of firegan has some resemblance to the cone arms and explosion on the nation's of pine. It is located near the base of natal day. And dealers should be prohibited from selling the destructknown, it was an easy matter to credive imitation of the war fiend. Not one in a thousand stop to think why they celebrate. Their ambition is to ceived the popular name of "the tree make a noise, and excel their neighbor in that direction, while invalids are tortured, and thoughtless children the retired musician put in his appearare killed to put a little money in the ance all the world was groping in till of the conscienceless dealer. It is darkness on this interesting subject.

This gentleman, as ambitious to know time the nuisance was abated. the truth as any of us. assures his

readers that. "The soul of a man is "Leaders of the People to Infidelity." soft and gelatinous; small, practically shapeless, and situated beneath the first rib." That settles the question. It is as clear and positive that the location of the soul is found, as Rev. Zeb. Hetzel Copp is, that the infernal "Word of God."

> growing evil, it evil it is. And that to prevent candidates for the ministry learning scientific truths.

letting, judging from the Tact that so A 7x9 God, hallowing to Adam many of those Kentucky feud-fights "Where art thou?" and then playing take place at church. Blood atonetailor in manufacturing fig leaves into ment, perhaps.--Woman's National aprons, is too diminutive a God for an age like this.

Yesterday was the fourth anniver-

sary of the election of Plus X. It not an occasion of rejoicing by the Church, for it is inflicted with troubles such as it has not had in more than five decades, and which are the chief cause of the Pope's ill

health. In South America the Church has been losing ground within the past few months, as witnessed by the demonstration against the Jesuit order in Chile and the recent Protestant proselytizing among the Italians emigrated to Argentina and Brazil, which has proved highly successful.

Australia is not making so much would be progress as it was hoped the case when the present Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney, was was promoted to the Sacred College. In fact, recent reports received from there show a great falling off in church attendance; as compared with conditions a lew years ago.

The same is the case in England, where the Catholics, staunch as they always have been in their allegiance to the Church, are beginning to draw away, so that at the present moment. outside of the members of the Catholic aristocracy and the servante em-

ployed in their homes, and the large number of Irish Catholics who have emigrated to England, there are hardly enough people left to the Church to support it properly.

This situation was made known to the Vatican two or three years ago by a group of English Catholics of prominence, who feared Catholicity in the British Kingdom would die out. Their report was then turned down at the Vatican as absurd, but it is now a matter of public knowledge that the Vatican authorities have

since ascertained the alleged facts to be correct. The progress of Catholic missions in China, Japan and Australia has

been very slow,"notwithstanding the fact that millions have been spent there by the Congregation of Propaganda for the support of the missionaries and the expenses of runmissions. Thousands of ning the priests have been sent there, mostly from Rome or from institutions established for the purpose, but recent reports received, at the Propaganda show that very little in the way of practical results were obtained.

Church Upheld in America.

There is only one continent regarding which the Pope and the cardinals have sufficient reason to congratulate themselves, and that is North America, in which it is useless to deny that the church has made rapid pro the same time there are pessimists who point out the large number of losses suffered by the church because of the fact that thousands of Catholthe church, causing the generation following it to be lost to the church. American bishops have reported time

Pope Orders Clergy to Carry Firearm as a Protection.

ROME, Aug. 7 .- The -Pope called a special meeting of the Cardinals in order to obtain their advice as to the present situation in Italy and the best means to avert any harm from ecclesiastical persons and property. The meeting discussed the recent

numerous anti-clerical insults offered even to foreign ecclestiastics visiting Rome or belonging to foreign colleges, whose cases in several in-stances have already been referred to the diplomatic representatives of their countries within the last few weeks. It was decided that there was no use for the Pope to make any formal protest in the matter, and that the best way to protect the clergy of Rome and Italy would be to allow them to carry revolvers and stilettoes

to defend themselves. . After the meeting Cardinal Resnight, as the special representative of the Pope, issued orders to all the Roman clergy to purchase firearms or other weapons. Accordingly all the parish priests and their assistants in this city, who have to be on the street often at night, now go armed. All the religious institutions in this city have now been, or are being, provided with means of defense.

Anything to Draw a Crowd.

"The way to fill the church," says a Syracuse preacher," is to serve free soda and soft drinks." Just when the pearl was waiting one

A good warm dinner will also be a good drawing card. Either would be gress within the past few years. At preferable to some of the methods churchmen have devised in the past for raising money to pay the preacher. Kissing-bees and sales of the sisters' ics, after emigrating to the United ankles peeping under a curtain, the States or Canada, never set foot in owner of which to accompany the purchaser to supper, though practiced for a time fell into disfavor as not exactand again to the Vatican that the ly the thing in these modern times. class of Italian immigrants arriving They revived the history of the earvaliable for the support of the ly love feasts, of which the least said church. The same kind of reports the better.

I have sought to live and grow, "Then lean your head and listen, dear And the truth of life to know. And through the silence you shall hear I would make my life so sweet That no secret e'er so deep. And you shall see the eyes unveiled Hidden in great nature's breast, Clothed in matter and so dressed The bark that from the harbor sailed That the forms walk out in view, In the way I tell to you.

I did to the great life pray: "Tell me, tell me, tell the way Of the soul. From whence it came, And how much of life is flame. How we live and how we know That to higher life we go? The gray old earth from morning Still the torture of the thought That our loved ones are as naught."

Their clinging clasp so warm and And the answer came so sweet, Came my waiting soul to greet; 'You are all of God's great life, Throbbing, pulsing with the strife Of the endless Universe. Oh, the light within you see Tiny though that light may be, It will lead to wisdom's gate.

> "Would you know from whence you came?

Others seek to know the same And the light within doth touch. That great light that holds so much. Back to nature you must go. Back to where the seed doth grow! Back of flower, of tree, of life, That we call this earthly strife.

"Back of all, a rainbow riseth, Hoop of promise for all time, In spite of countless fails the power And the magnet of our body Was drawn from it line on line. 'Twixt failure and success, the point's In the center of the rainbow Music played for nature's dance; Men sometimes know not when they Music, rhythm, soft and low, Nothing ever came by chance

"To the harmony of music Soul filed forth in endless chain: Love and life was power magnetic, All go forth, not back again, But the love that holds together

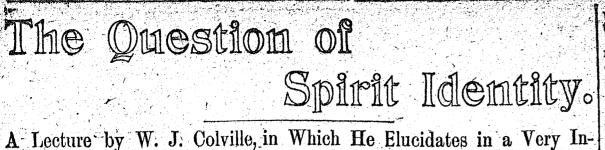
For seeming set-backs make the Earthly lives so sweet and dear, Is the universal Father, There's no defeat in truth, save from Is electric light so clear.

"Thought is but the conscious strug Unless you're beaten there you're gle To express what each soul knows;

Knowledge gathered from the tangle As it in separate earth-form grows. --The will of man is by his reason swayed.—Shakspeare. Solitude and concentration will re-Interblended are the forces Bound in groups, soul-linked to soul, veal a world of thought, the likeness | Yet the law of life so blesses of which man had never dreamed .- | Each may hold the life of all." WANDA

The above is the charge made by a church organ against the clergy. The editor is distressed to see so many preachers accepting advanced thought; and rejecting the barbarism of the There is but one way to remedy the

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teresting Manner Many Important Questions.

The vexed question of spirit identity is one which is always liable to occasion considerable discussion, chiefly by reason of the fact that what appears thoroughly conclusive to some types of mind seem incon-clusive to others. It is, therefore, necessary to ap-greater than those surrounding the identity of perproach this immense and vital subject not only en- sons who are yet encased in mortal garments. tirely free from prejudice, but also fortified with clear understanding of the actual worth of the to place extreme reliance upon such alone is to envarious theories now submitted for popular accept- courage swindling, and play into the hands of forance as substitutes for what is often termed the spiritualistic hypothesis.

We are often asked whether it is possible for us to explain clearly how we discriminate between telepathic and spiritistic messages. Frankly, we admit may all be counterfeit or stolen. The only sure that it is often quite beyond our present ability to way to identify any one absolutely is by cultivating discriminate completely between them, but this lack psychic perceptiveness, and this is more apt to be of ability always to discriminate , far from weaken-) strongly developed in highly sensitive persons than ing the testimony favorable to simple Spiritualism, puly necessitates a reconsideration of the entire problem of our human constitution before we attempt to formulate an inclusive theory to explain the entire bulk of our diversified psychic experiences. A wery large number of thoughtful readers have been tion, and it may be safely assumed that at Teast much impressed by Thomson Jay Hudson's five cele- ninety per cent of all deceptions would vanish from brated books: "The Law of Psychic Phenomena," "A Scientific Demonstration of the Future Life," accrue from it. To palm oneself off as another "The Divine Pedigree of Man," "The Law of Mental would be objectless folly in which very few people Medicine," and "The Evolution of the Soul," in wold care to indulge did they not think they saw which the hypothesis known as the dual theory of in such deception a means for self-enrichment or the mind is very fully and forcibly expounded. aggrandizement. Professor Hudson, in common with many other able writers, labors to some extent under a burden of preconception adverse to Spiritualism, which often meager intelligence profess to be very celebrated mars the beauty and consistency of his otherwise and Illustrious personages, they may be hankering excellent literary work. The evidence for telepathy for the incense of adulation, but when no great which this author puts forward is very strong, and names are given and no pretentious claims are made, in some instances unimpeachable, but the alleged it is difficult to see what reason could be fairly given svidence against Spiritualism is rationally inadmis. for simply stupid masquerading or deliberate missible, because it is of a singular negative and sup- representation of any sort. We know from experiposititious character. We must face our problem ence that auto-suggestion of the part of the alleged bravely, not attempting to disguise the fact that recipient of a spiritual communication may account during the past several years much evidence has for some instances of falsification, especially when accumulated in favor of simple telepathy which such self-deception tends largely to self-glorification some over-enthusiastic Spiritualists may have been or the gratifying of personal vanity. A great draw-liable to undervalue because it has been erroneously back to untainted spirit communion is the prejudice supposed that, if accepted, it would tend against and vanity of many sensitives, but this very foolishthe interests of the cause which is nearest of all ness on their part sometimes serves to reveal an to their hearts. A better understanding of telepathy, aspect of truth which is frequently neglected, viz., and a fuller comprehension of what is logically involved in Hudson's "two minds" theory, may serve on the side of the unseen communicator, while the to set many doubters at rest. We must not forget that the title of Hudson's second book is utterly misleading and an entire misnomer, if the evidences of telepathy prove communion between friends on earth but throw no light on the condition of those who have "crossed the border." The author per-sistently claims that of our two minds, which he persistently designates objective and subjective, the former perishes at the time of physical dissolution, but the latter lives on and finds a sphere for fuller and more perfect functioning than it ever enjoyed on earth. This theory accounts for telepathy as a sort of foretaste of the method-of communion between friendly entities which will prevail unceasingly in the future life. The only flaw that we have been able to detect in Hudson's chain of reasoning is the poor opinion he seems to entertain of the moral integrity of the subjective mind, coupled opian tint and cast of feature, and who appeared whelming evidence of unrestricted telepathy will diumship he had been able to deliver a lengthy with the utterly foundationless assertion that overive Spiritualists, ere long, even out of that "last message. On being requested to describe all she ditch" in which they are now desperately fighting saw, the seeress went on to give particulars of a (according to Hudson) to save a lost cause and reszue a forlorn hope. Reasonable identification of telepathy with direct spirit communion, instead of introducing a new perplexity and further complicating an already complicated situation, introduces us for the first time to an orderly, harmonious, and easily comprehended interpretation of many analogous facts and parallel experiences which have long perplexed the average student of psychic phenomena, though there have nlways been singularly luminous exponents of mental and spiritual science and philosophy, who have gone a long distance on the road which must lead by no means uncommon in America, who have led eventually to universal understanding of man as a to denunciations of fraud where none existedspiritual being. We have frequently been asked to define clearly wherein consists the difference between a message received from a friend yet on earth, and a similar communication from one who has "passed over." Spiritualistic literature has largely been encumbered with two oft-repeated phrases, "spirit return and "spirits coming back to earth." These phrases are to a large extent misleading, for, though there are instances where such language may accurately and adequately describe the nature of certain manifestations, such expressions do not by any means correctly serve to describe the actual experiences of the great majority of seers and secresses of ancient or modern times. "Intromission to the spiritual state" is a phrase full of deep significance, and, were it used more frequently, it would serve to elucidate many a problem of clairvoyance, clairaudience, clairsentience, and psychometry. Professors Denton and Buchanan, in their learned dissertations concorning psychometry, illustrated by numerous recitals of personal experience, have insisted that a true psychometer perceives the aura of an object, and can at times distinctly see into the spirit world and become consciously en rapport with denizens thereof. Such quickened perception may fairly be considered as in some degree an anticipation of the means of intercourse we shall enjoy one with another when we have bade farewell to-our robes of flesh. We may surely claim that if we are called upon to identify those intelligent beings with whom we are in communication, we must apply the same laws of evidence to this matter as to questions of individual identification when only mundane matters are involved. To identify a fellow-being in any world is not always easy, and indeed it often is found to be extremely difficult when we rely solely on outward tests. "The hands are the hands of Esau, but the voice is the voice of Jacob" is a vivid Scriptural instance of the extreme difficulty experienced by an ancient patriarch in deciding which of his two sons was actually in his presence. The blindness of Isaac is easily typical of the condition in which most people are found when some sort of in Ezekiel's visions; and those who have become deception is successfully practiced upon them. Evil strongly attracted to such teaching-and their name dences of two kinds are presented together. One is legion-have brought forward the revelations of set of evidences appeal to feeling, the other to in- these prophets to disavow the declaration, made telligence. We judge people very often by outward from a somewhat different standpoint, that multiappearances which we subsequently find to have tudes of spirits cannot return to earth as they have been altogether deceptive, and if it be admitted in not yet taken their departure from this planet's me to some member of the household; but, concenany degree that there are deceiving spirits who some- immediate atmosphere, or even from the exact locali-

the same position with reference to them as with regard to persons yet on earth who play us false because we are open to deception. The difficulties

No purely external tests are always valid. Indeed, gers who are usually very capable of simulating perfectly the outward garb of those they seek to personate. Testimonials, references, and letters of introduction constitute no infallible criteria, as these in any others. Deception is, however, less likely to be practiced on the spiritual than on the material side of existence, because the motive to deceive is far less strong. Expectation of worldly gain urges most deceivers on earth to ply their nefarious vocathe earth if no financial or other ulterior gain could

It may with some fairness be assumed that when communicating intelligences who display only very that there may be perfect sincerity and frankness person to whom the communication is made may be the sole suggester of the deceptive element.

A lady in one of the Southern States of America declared that she was in direct communion with George Washington, the first president of the United States; but her friends as a rule laughed at her claim, because by means of automatic writing through the lady's hand, and by means of trance speaking through her lips, "George Washington' expressed himself most ungrammatically and in negro dialect. On a notable occasion when "George Washington" was speaking through this lady's mediumship, he was distinctly seen by a fine clairvoyant who had been invited to a seance, and at the conclusion of the address this secress described what she had witnessed during its delivery, which was the presence of a very decided African of Ethistrongly attached to the lady through whose me-

were spent in work or amusements in which they took a decided inderest. When induiging in personal reminiscences, I often narrate an instance of what seems to me clear evi-dence of spirit identity. When I was in Australia, in 1900.1 I frequently and the induction in 1900-1, I frequently employed the services of a bright, enterprising young man, who was an excel-lent typist, and to whom I dictated portions of several books and numerous magazine articles. Before taking my last earthly farewell of this young gentleman, on the eve of his departure for New Guinea, whither he went to occupy a post of trust and in-fluence, he said to me that he hoped when I returned to England"he might accompany me on the ocean, as he much desired, though by birth an Australian, to visit the Mother Country, which, though 12,000 miles distant, is, invariably called "home" by many Australasians. My reply was that though I could not definitely foresee my own plans for the near future, and could, therefore, promise nothing, I held myself in full readiness to fall in with hiswishes should opportunity occur to favor the carrying out of the project. Shortly after his arrival in New Guinea, in full possession of his health, and seemingly of vigorous constitution, he caught the local fever, and in three days he had made his exit from the mortal body. I cannot say that he was very frequently in my thoughts, or that his loss would seem to me irreparable; but there was a link of sympathy between us which made it possible for him to manifest his presence to me on more than one occasion during three distinct stages of my voyage from Sydney, via New Zealand and across America, to England. The first time he attempted. to make himself known to me was between Sydney and Auckland, but as I was seldom alone during the four brief days that voyage occupied I cannot remember any very definite evidence of his identity, though I was fully conscious of his presence. The second visit which I know he made me was en route to California, when I had a large cabin to myself on the "Sonoma," and not being much acquainted with any of my fellow passengers, I had many opportunities for silent and uninterrupted meditation. I well remember distinctly feeling the presence of my young friend with me, just as I had known him in Australia, and so real and tangible was the sense of that presence that it seemed exactly as though another person was sharing the cabin with me. I was quite awake, perfectly calm, and fully able to determine all he said to me, and yet I am certain heard nothing with my external ears except the motion of the vessel passing through the water. Not only did I feel, or sense, his presence, but he gave me information concerning his situation in New Guinea, and the circumstances of his life there, which I subsequently learned, through correspondence with a mutual lacquaintance, was correct in every detail. On the third occasion, when I as strongly realized his presence, I was nearing Plymouth on my voyage from New York, in February, 1902, and on that occasion he gave me information concerning his present, state and occupation, and told me several things in regard to my own future, which have since been fully verified. Such definite, direct, and truthful communications certainly do not proceed from lying spirits, nor do they emanate from my own sub-self, whose reputation for veracity and sanity I am naturally interested to maintain; and when I speak a good word for my own subjective mind-which is to live hereafter when my objective mind has perished-I stand up equally for the corresponding sub-selves or subjective minds of all my neighbors. It is immeasurably more rational to maintain a reasonable spiritualistic version of such facts as I have just related than to invent, and uphold at all hazard; a contradictory and extremely complicated theory of the mysteries of telepathy, which serves to befog far more than to enlighten rational inquirers. In seeking to reply definitely to the very natural inquiry whether there is any marked difference in appearance between the psychic, or astral, body of a person yet on earth, and of one who has parted company with earthly raiments, I venture to suggest that only when the

could I receive even the faintest intimation of intelligence. The people with whom I was residing were not at all averse to Spiritualism, and when I told them exactly what I had seen four nights in succession in that particular bedroom, they all agreed that it was an exact description of their aunt, even to the smooth bands of brown front hair, and the cap with lilac satin ribbons tied under the chin; but they, in common with myself, wondered why, if I could see their aunt so clearly, I never saw her move and could obtain no impression of her intelligence. On the fifth night of my occupancy of that apart-ment I experienced a totally different sensation in connection with the same apparition, which I again beheld stationary and unresponsive as before; but on this occasion, hovering over the astral picture I beheld a radiant, youthful form bearing a certain family resemblance to the abiding simulacrum, but instinct with the fire and energy of active life and operating intelligence. Contemporaneously with this new additional experience, information clearly flowed into some receptacle of my consciousness, causing me to become aware that the original of the portrait desired her nieces and nephews to find in her old writing desk certain papers she had written long ago, and which she desired should be revised, edited and published, Following the minute directions given me by this guiding intelligence, I accompanied several members of the family to a lumber room in which many discarded articles of furniture had long been stored; and there among them stood an ancient escritoire, in which we found a completed story setting forth a romantic and highly edifying history of marvelous episodes in what the world would doubtless have looked upon as a secluded and uneventful career. After this startling confirmation of the veracity of my vision, we formed a private family circle for further investigation, and thereat, by means of automatic writing, supplemented by clairvoyance, we verified many extraordinary statements made by this living relative of the family, who assured us that she was no longer sitting by a fire engaged in knitting, but most actively employed in spiritual occupations, which did not, however, alienate her in the least from her old associates but, on the contrary, kept her in close vital touch with all of them, though in a subtler and more ethereal manner than before she had quitted the material frame. An interesting experience of my own dates back

to the autumn of 1899, shortly before my first visit to Australia. I had long known Mrs. Emma Hardinge Britten, but my first interview with her was in 1877, at a lecture delivered in Manchester, when she was a middle-aged woman, dressed in much the same style as she continued to adopt till she finally withdrew from the public platform. Since her passing to spirit life, this earnest worker has occasionally made herself distinctly known to me, both on and off the platform, and in November, 1899, I distinctly saw in connection with a most forceful realization of her close proximity, the likeness of a radiant maiden with light golden curls, somewhat resembling the earliest pictures of Mrs. Richmond when she was Cora Hatch, but in no way suggesting Mrs. Britten to me by the appearance. I never could have understood that vision had I not visited Mrs. Wilkinson (Mrs. Britten's sister), about a month later, and, while her guest in Manchester, been shown a picture taken many years ago, rep-"Queen of the Fairies." This picture represents the young lady who afterwards became Mrs. Britten with the flaxen ringlets, and in every way precisely as she showed herself to me on the occasion of my vision. Had I suggested to myself a similitude of Mrs. Britten, I should certainly have conjured up from the depths of memory a likeness of her as l had known her; and when I interrogated her spiritually through the mediumship of automatic writing, subsequent to beholding the portrait at Mrs. Wilkinson's, the following message was communicated: "I knew you were going to my sister's; therefore I wished to give you a singular test of my identity, which I find I have succeeded in doing; and

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venerable old servant who had been named "George Washington," who had been a faithful retainer of

the family prior to the Emancipation Proclamation issued in 1865, and had in that year steadily refused to accept his freedom, as he dearly loved the old estate and was devotedly attached to his master and mistress, parents of the lady through whom he was then able to communicate, and whom he had often nursed during her earliest girlhood, ere he passed to spirit life, when she was not over eight years of age. That simple incident served to explain the entire problem, and it afforded a thoroughly rational explanation of a phenomenon belonging to a class. theories of wicked personating spirits, and many

other vagaries of unbalanced judgment-to say nothing of the would-be clever remark made by people who were more "smart" than wise, that it must be a terrible thing to die if in our post mortem condition we so quickly and sadly deteriorate. An instance like the foregoing will bear thorough sift ing, and it is surely much easier to explain such an instance in the light of direct spirit communion than by straining an auto-suggestive or telepathic hypothesis to the breaking point to invent an improbable, in place of a probable, interpretation. Had the lady referred to suggested the matter to herself she would certainly have been fairly grammatical, as she-was, a comparatively well-educated woman, and not being a negress she would not have clothed an imaginary message from George Washington, as she conceived of him; in negro dialect. Admitting telepathy, mental telegraphy, or telephoný, or aught else that is in any measure psychical, nothing can well be more likely than that a good old negro who had been for forty years a faithful servant to the family residing on that particular estate, should seek an avenue of communion with it through the agency of a member to whom he had been greatly attached just before he passed into the realm of spirit.

It is doubtless true that many spirits leave the earth and all pertaining to it, very shortly after

the demise of the physical body, -while others remain closely connected with the scenes of their earth existence, not because they are earth-bound in the sense of being unhappy creatures who cannot, on account of their sensual vices, rise above the mundane level, but because their affections- still cling to persons and places with which they have enjoyed pleasing associations up to the latest moment of their terrestrial existence. Andrew Jackson Davis, as well as Swedenborg, and many-other gifted seers, have said much concerning the many spheres in this solar system encircling the various planets, which have often been numbered from one to seven, and then again divided and subdivided into circles within circles, like wheels within wheels times visit us, we are obviously placed in precisely ties where 'a large portion of their earthly days upon the vision, I could detect no animation, nor

factor of clairvoyance is added to telepathy is this clearly determinable. Usually, the appearance to psychic vision of one who has left the flesh is more ethereal than that of one who is still connected with it. but when only a sense of presence is -realized, and intelligence is inwardly communicated, it is often impossible to decide whether the despatch in question is being received from a friend yet on earth or from one who is more frequently designated a "spirit."

Unnecessary difficulties in the way of rational spiritual identification are created by many persons who evidently mistake identity which pertains to abidd ing individuality for the most external incidences of ever-fluctuating exterior personality. Such questions are often raised as. "If you see my father can you describe his appearance? does he wear a beard? how is he dressed?" and much else of the same almost ridiculous character. A little sober reflection must convince the veriest tyro that such questions, answered one way or another, cannot determine identity. We all know that fashions alter and habits change with wonderful rapidity,' and it is by no means difficult for a man to remove a full beard in a few moments, or let one grow in a few weeks, thereby completely altering one aspect of his appearance. Black hair easily turns white, stout persons grow thin, and slender persons become stout, very frequently, while changes wrought by passing years and varying emotions frequently suffice to render old photographs, once speaking likenesses, no longer discernible, unless to the acutest student of physiognomy. It is, however, continually declared that clairvoyants see our spirit friends as they were when we last beheld them or as they appeared when we were most intimately associated with them. - And such testimony, founded, as it often is, on actual fact, needs to be interpreted in the light of other knowledge than that obtainable by simple and often mysterious clairvoyance.³ Astral pictures are often beheld in the air of old houses, where certain people have lived long periods, and to which they have become greatly attached, and these psychic photographs are often mistaken for the actual presence of departed spirits by persons who rely on sight as evidence apart from feeling or manifest intelligence. A fact in my own experience may serve to illustrate two features of this portion of the subject of spirit identity.

Some years ago I was sojourning in an old country house which had been the abiding place of a single family ever since at prection. The room assigned me as a sleeping apartment had, as I afterwards learned, been for many years the special working and reading room of a maiden aunt who had been quite a second mother to the family. In that room she had spent a great part of her time during her latest years on earth, and one of her favorite occupations was knitting stockings by the fire. For four nights in succession, during my occupancy of that room, did I see that quiet elderly lady, with knitting in her hands, seated before a fire in the grate, which was at that season of the year filled with a actually in communion with the kindly, placid dame. and that she might have a message to convey through trate my thoughts and attention intently as I could

there is another reason why I showed myself to you JUST HOW TO WAKE thus-I wished to impress you with the knowledge that I can now show myself in various forms to my friends, and my present appearance far more closely resembles that of my youth on earth than that of my later age.'

"How do we know each other here?" is quite as grave a question as "Shall we know each other there?"' I remember some years ago, in New York, being asked by a mutual friend to meet a gentleman who was returning to America after ten years' residence in Germany, and who was described to me from a portrait as a slender man with jet-black hair. And such he doubtless was when he embarked for Germany, but during the decade of years he had spent in Europe, he had grown decidedly corpulent and his hair had become positively white. I nevertheless knew him by instinct, though I had never met him previously, and I accosted him by name, greatly to his surprise, directly he had left the steamer. Had I been slavishly governed by my physical souses instead of trusting to some surer and subtler faculty of discernment, I should certainly have failed to acknowleedge him, so greatly did he differ in appearance from the description I had been given of him. We cannot expect that when we change in outward aspects thus rapidly on earth, we shall remain stationary in external aspect in the world of spirits. There is, however, this to be said concerning relatively fixed appearance in the, life beyond. We are not there, as here, so greatly affected by outward climate, and outward appearance changes only as it indicates alterations in our interior state. Such is the unanimous and unfaltering verdict of spiritual testifiers wherever they have made their presence known.

And now, finally, concerning the weighing of evidence in the scales of reason. We may certainly maintain in the face of all opposition that every individual communication should be judged on its particular merits, and neither be accepted nor rejected on the merits or demerits of any other submitted message. We cannot believe, unless we part company with reason, that we are victims of stupid or wicked deception in cases where the teachings given are of the highest moral import, and where the information offered is proved correct in every detail as far as we can possibly verify it. The erude and intricate theories now afloat to discredit evidence of spirit intercourse-are far more difficult and far less probable than the plain satisfactory conclusion long ago reached by all intelligent and the states are sufficient. By CARRIE E. S. TWING. Her dedicatory lines are sufficient to show the spirit of the book as well as the sufficient to the states are of the spirit, and my heart is summy for the love of the spins, independent of the summy for the love of the spins. The book to the children of the spin the the information offered is proved correct in every conclusion long ago reached by all intelligent and dispassionate inquirers-that we do on many occasions receive convincing proof of the identity of communicating spirits. In conclusion, let us look for an instant at the mental characteristics of a few of the typical students of psychic phenomena who during recent years have become thoroughly satisfied that in many instances, though not in all, proof positive of spirit identity has been obtained. Professor Hodgson and Dr. Myers were thoroughly satisfied at length, through Mrs. Piper's mediumship summer ornament. At first I thought I must be and that of other sensitives; and so were Miss Lillian Whiting and Rev. Minot J. Savage, as well as many other representative and cautious investigators. These famous persons had nothing to gain and possibly something to lose, by outspoken advocacy (Continued on page 7.)

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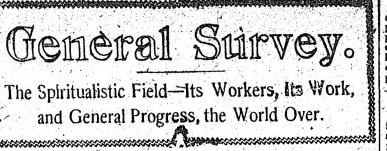
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The First Spiritual Church of Santa Cruz held an interesting meeting last Sunday evening at Native Sons Hall. The decorations on the platform were fine, On an easel covered with the American flag was placed the charter. Festoons of flowers draped the easel and charter, making/a very pretty picture. The unveiling of the charter and the installation of officers proyed, from a spiritual standpoint, one of on July 5th, helping in the good work. great interest and pleasure to the lit was a day long to be remembered by all " many who were present. Rev. Katie Heussman-Harveston, the pastor and organizer of the church, through he higher gifts of spiritual inspiration beautifully illustrated symbolically with a bunch of different colored flowers she held in her hand, the obligation and duty of each officer toward the church as a body organized on the principle of universal and spiritual good to all mankind. After some good musical selections by C. Miller the pastor delivered a soul-stirring lecture on the subject, "Who Are the Greatest Souls on Earth, the Con-tempted or the Sinners?" This dis-course proving of great interest and instruction, a grand feast of light and truth to all means the con-truct to all means the con-tempted or the season. I send kindly greeting to old true mediums could come here and truth to all present. The church will learn from Clegg Wright and others. now work under the State and Nation- Mrs. May Price of Washington, D. C. al Spiritual Association. The appli-cation for charter was accompanied by Brooks, it is a pleasure to meet him. a list of 62 names, over twice as many as required to secure a charter. Let Manchester, N. H.: "The Progressive truth and light ever shine, is our Thinker is at weekly visitor at my motto.-Santa Cruz, Cal., Sentinel.

who is well known to most Spiritual- burg Camps. ists here. Our week night meetings are also well attended."

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" Mrs Elizabeth Schauss writes from Toledo, Ohio: "On July 28, a mass meeting of Spiritualists was held in the grove adjoining the beautiful Dr. Kraushaar is a new worker in the field and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Assocountry home of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, near Ida, Mich. Dr. J. Lyle, leader Truth, bad charge of the services. Many good and useful thoughts found ciation. He spoke with eloquence for forty-five minutes upon the ne-cessity of harmony within the ranks

expression, and the large gathering of of Spiritualism, emphasizing the fact people from the surrounding coun-try was most appreciative. On Sunthat principle must ever be kept paramount to personality if the Cause is to expand to its rightful proporday, September 8, a like meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Mortimer, at Samaria, Mich. Services will be tions. The evening services con-cluded with a recitation by Miss Pearl held at 10:30 a. m., and 2 p. m. A Inman. Dr. Kraushaar goes Thursgoodly number from Toledo will atday to the Delphos (Kan.) Camp. tend. Several message mediums are where he will continue his labors for also be several speakers, including myself." the next three weeks." W. B. Allen writes from Etna,

Wash.: "We are going to have a grand meeting, and would like to Edith Smith Writes from Wheaton, Ill: "The Truth Seekers Society re-sumed its meetings at the home of have everyone here to enjoy it with us. For speakers we have P. C. Mills, Mr. Brookins, on the first Saturday in Mrs Aber, Mrs Cory and several others. 'W. W. Aber, the materializing meeting of Kansas City, Mo., will be June. With the efficient work of Mrs. J. Staner Adams, who is with us each week, giving words of encouragement with us during the meeting; also other good mediums. The meeting will commence August 24, and hold and many loving messages which are readily recognized, our members are over three Sundays, For particulars address H. B. Allen, Etna, Clarke Co., Washington." increasing and much good is being We wish through the columns

of your paper to thank-Mrs. Adams, for the unserfish devotion she has manifested in her efforts to assist us in every way possible; coming to us whenever needed, regardless of her own pleasure. We appreciate kindness and rejoice that the Fraternal Order has such noble workers in its ranks as Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Dr. Caird, who came with sister Adams on July 6th, helping in the good work. by all."

done.

Something doing in Oklahoma for Spiritualism. G. G. Lee writes: "The Ring and Chism debate at Hedrick commences August 20, for 6 days, and then a camp meeting at Mountain Park, commencing on the 27th for 3 or 4 days, and from there to Ohlahoma City to the State Convention of Spiritualist's commencing September 3. Everyone come."

Professor Ransby writes: "I shall be at Lily Dale camp_all the season. Dr. E. W. Emerson writes from home from week to week. I am more Mr. Harden writes from Toronto, than glad it is so strenuous, and hope

Canada: "We are holding very sue-cessful meetings in Occident Hall, To-C. J. Barnes, the trumpet medium, ronto, Ont., Sunday, July 27. We is now at his home in Warsaw, Ind., were ably assisted by Mr. Hynes of called there on account of the sick-New Zealand, with an address, also by ness of his wife. He has been at the Mr. Ravell of Toronto, with messages, Grand Ledge, Lake Brady and Vicks-

Mrs. C. A Thompson writes: "The Fraternal Daughters held their semirealty operators and is adding to the list of fields in which she has shone Marietta Hammer writes from monthly meeting at the home of Sisby venturing into the realm of psy-Clinton Camp: "Spiritualism is giv- ter Mr. Rickort, 117 Rice st., on en here upon the rostrum from an ad- Wednesday, August 7. - The afterchic mysteries.

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We shall be glad to hear from Spir itualists from all parts of the State, especially in localities where there are no organized societies, with the view to making arrangements for the holding of State Association meetings. We urge each Spiritualist to co-

operate with the State Board in this matter, and request that you let us hear from you soon with information as to conditions in your locality. Write either to Mrs. T. U. Reynolds, of Troy, N. Y., or to the president of the State Association.

H.-W. RICHARDSON, Pres't, East Aurora, New York.

Mrs. Vanderbilt at Unity Camp, Mass The speaker of the day, Mrs. Van-

derbilt, was introduced, who read a gem of a poem entitled, "Show Me Mrs. Margaret L. S. Chase writes from WestPullman: "Mrs. Barbara Hilbert of the Progressive Church of the North side, and Mrs. O. B. Wilthe Way," after which she delivered an interesting and eloquent address son of the Hyde Park Occult Church; "Modern Spiritualism, and the held two meetings at Bocks Hall in Great Progress It Has Made During Kensington, Monday at 2 p. m., and the Past Two Years." - She said in

the evening of August 5th. There, was a fair attendance and great in-terest was manifested. Prof. Rich-art and three sons of 115th street, furnished the music, three violins part: "It 4s my privilege to give what little I can lot my services for the benefit of Unity camp, and I am only too glad to do so. It is two years and piano. It was very uplifting and since I stood on the platform at Unity greatly enjoyed. An organization was partly arranged for, and at the next meeting, hope to perfect. The next meeting will be at the same Hall, August 18. On Sunday aftercamp to espouse the cause of Spirit-ualism. Since that time great changes have taken place in Unity camp and its progress, and there has been a change with me personally. I congratulate you" and the citizens of noon and evening. Mrs. G. Longstaff Lynn and Saugus on having such a fine camp and auditorium, for it is a credit to you, and an achievement of which you may well be proud." The speaker told of the great proof Cheltenham, near South Chicago, has been the means of awakening the people to the thought of continuity of life. She held meetings in West

Pullman and Roseland all winter at private houses, and will begin again as soon as cold weather begins. She will aid in the organization of this gress which Spiritualism has made during the past two years, especially to the end that scientists begun to investigate, it, and in fact many re-ligious beliefs have sprung from Spir-tualien, and upitto heads of dommi new society, which is not yet named." Unusual interest has been aroused in psychical matters in Berkley, Cal., itualism, and while heads of denomias the result of Dr, James H. Hyslop's nations, after having made an investifectures at Hearst hall. One of the gation of Spiritualism, and admitting it to be true, yet say that it ema-nates from evil influences and advises results of these addresses is the plan to organize a society devoted to psychic research in the college towns. the believers of those professed religions against the philosophy of Spir-The list of those interested includes itualism, which she denounced as un-just to a religion which is doing and has done so much for the elevating the name of Miss Mildred Burnett, whose interest in psychical questions has long been known to her intimates. Miss Burnett is a grand-daughter of one of California's early and, uplifting of humanity, as Spir-

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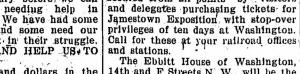
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terday, Of the winding path through the or-

chard lot, Of the old wood lot and the grape-

vine swing; Of the dusty roads where the sun

Every opportunity has been given us to prove by figures how many we are, Of the elms where the orioles used

truth.'

next move was made by T. J. McFeron writes from San Knapp, who saw to it that all The Diego, Cal.: "Rev. John W. Ring has Progressive Thinkers we had been lecturing for us since the last of sold. The writer has never failed to March, and has held his audiences have some on hand at each meeting right up to a full house every Sundar of the Fraternal Daughters, because evening. Sunday, August 4, was his we feel that our efforts to advance last day here, for the present _en- have been greatly helped through the gagement, as he will be at Harmony columns of this, the only "tried and Grove Camp (Escondido) for "the true" Spiritualistic paper before the ersaning on August 11, and go from public, today. Our next meeting will there on East to fill previous engage- be held in Hygela Hall, 406 Ogder ments. Brother Ring's work among avenue, August 2%, at 8 p. m., when us has truly been a great boon to this society just at this time, as well as a low, will lecture for us, followed by very great benefit to the community a large. He gave us a masterly dis-course on August 28, on the subject, and bring your friends and be prepared to leave your name as a new "The Golden Age."

subscriber for The Progressive Think-The San Diego, Cgl., Union says: er. 'They will be on sale at the door. Mrs. Henrietta L. Lichtig writes "At 3 o'clock Rev. John W. Ring gave an interesting address of "The from her home in the City: Tommorrow of Spiritualism." "Spirturned last Monday from Unity Camp, Itualism," said Rev. Ring, "is the light Wonewoc, Wis., where I filled a 10 of knowledge, the soul of love and the fullness of comfort come to bless day's engagement. A prettier Spirit ualist camp ground is hard to find. The attendance was uniformly good, those who seek facts, cherish human development and appreciate sympaand the management seemed to be thy. Its presence in the early church satisfied with the results. Friday (filling the apostles with the Holy left for the Chesterfield camp, where Ghost) and the many later evidences, I intend to stay a week or so and then such as the manifestations in the will return for a short stay, and then Wesley family leading to the founding again leave the first week of September for Cleveland, O., to fill an enof the Methodist church, convince the thoughful of its useful career. So gagement for the society there, from on it moves in its matchless growth September '8 until-October 6. Proband like the sun behind the cloud but ably, if nothing interferes, I may pro waits the passing of prejudice and superstition to bless the children of ceed from there to Washington C., to attend the N. S. A. convention. At night "The Golden Age" I am open for engagements for the was elaborated upon from a Spiritualseason istic standpoint." manent address is 4746 Calumet ave.

Minnie Eastman Hanvey writes: "The Golden Rule Society held servic-Chicago. Mrs. A. J. Pettengill has a ten days engagement at Temple Heights, Me. Mrs. G. Partridge, the well known es Sunday, August 3, at Star Lodge Hall, 378 S. Western avenue. It was the first meeting since the consolidansychometrist, has been visiting her of the two societies, "The Golden tion children and friends in this city for Star Center" and "The Golden Rule." a'few days. She still has the care-of The house was filled to its utmost caher little grandson. Bobbie, or Robert The speaker, Mrs. Nellie pacity. Glen Partridge. They are soon to Kusserow, delivered a most able adgo west again. A society of Colored folks have fress, which was fully appreciated by ill. By special request she gave sevformed themselves into the Church of Iral messages; other message bearers Progressive Spiritualists, and are holding services at 3329 Vernon ave. were, Mrs. Clybourne, Mrs, Harper and Mr. Travis. Our pastor, Mrs. No-South side, this city; to the number of a E. Hill is at present attending the one hundred members, under the piritualist Camp Meeting at Grand Jedge, Mich. She writes she is havleadership_of Rev. Dr. J. H. 'Demby assisted by the regular number of exng a most delightful time. Watch ecutive officers, and they are an enfor notice of Mass Meeting soon to be thusiastic and intelligent crowd of held in Star Lodge Hall." truth-seekers and Spiritualists. Of course they will soon become auxil-

Rev. Alice Baker of Dallas, Texas, as been very sick, and she wishes to lary to the State Association; their extend thanks to those who have been application is already in and being to patient over, unanswered official sanctioned with a hearty welcome by letters. the State Board.

vanced Spiritual plane, by those who noon was taken up with readings, and have been upon the platform. Mr. at 6 p. m. supper was served to a very W. F. Peck, President of the M. V. nice crowd of friends, and it seemed S. A., gave a fine discourse the 4th, that this supper was the best we ever High Priest of Judea at the time of upon the subject of "A. J. Davis, The furnished, and we extend a hearty 19th Century Seer." Mr. Thomas vote of thanks to Mrs. Rickert for Grimshaw gave us a fine inspirational lecture upon "Angel Ministry," and ing one of harmony, and for her hard we had become somewhat pessim- work, in helping with the supper, and istic in regard to the future of Spir- opening her home for the society. itualism, after listening to the spirit snipping party and the giving of readintelligences speaking through his or- ings by the following mediums: Mrs. ganism, we felt that we need not fear Dr. Alex. Caird and Sisters Adams. that our cause will triumph over all Lichtig, Goldstein, Rickort, Miner retrogressive agencies which retard the onward march of progressive Warner, Traver and Thompson. Our

rounds the connection of the Christian deity with Judaism. "During my life upon earth there were many hopes-indulged in by my Brother countrymen for the appearance of a deliverer who should rescue the nawere

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of '1907 and 1908. My per

hopes were the basis of all the insurrectionary disorders which finally culminated in the overthrow of the nation and its exile. "Apollonius of Tyana was well known to our wise men by reputation,

"CAIAPHAS."

Pilate's Governorship, Apollonius,

the Man Who Talked With the

from the-Faraday Book.

but not recognized by them as having the true doctrine, because of his afiliation with the Romans and other Gentiles, and some of his disputes with our Rabbis were the foundation of the stories attributed to Jesus.

"Anollonius insisted that the Jews had failed to grasp the true ideas of divinity, on account of their subser viency to the Mosaic law and exclusiveness toward other nations. He often quoted from our older writings, ideas diametrically opposed to the received traditions of the day, and endeavored to prove to us that all who lived unright lives were Sons of God as much as the Jews.

"These conversations were recorded by Damis, and afterward woven into the story of Jesus as controversies with the Jewish. Rabbis concerning his divine nature.

"Speaking, as he often did, under. the influence of ancient Egyptian and Chaldean spirits, it was not unusual for the spirit itself to put the words which he spoke into his mouth, and the statement 'Before Abraham was, I am.' was a literal truth, which was understood by those of us who believed in the existence of spirits. "There was no disposition 'on our

part to destroy him, which has been ascribed to us as existing toward Jesus, for he was considered an allen, but those of us who knew of spiritual ideas, often came to him privately to converse with him, and the conversations ascribed to Nicodemus might have occurred with almost any of/us, although in making up the story our names were freely changed and others invented.

"Apollonius was fond of exercising his marvelous spiritual gifts, and had he been born a Jew, would have been recognized as a prophet; but it was contrary to our policy to recognize spiritual powers as legitimately possessed by other nations.

"As for the record which says that" I was either instrumental or accessory in in accusing anyone for the crime of blasphemy before Pilate, with other charges. I repudiate them as the fabrications of after generations. No such person as Jesus was ever accused before the Sanhedrim, would such accusation have availed anything, for the Jewish laws | cloth, \$1.00.

"We could not have injured our cause more than by accusing an inno-

cent person of blaspheming our God. or attempting to incite an insurrection against the Romans. "Upon one hand the Romans would

Doctors in the Temple .-- Selected have laughed our charges to scorn, and upon the other, the people would have refused to support us, for whoever promised to lead them against "I come to aid you in your efforts Rome would have had a larger folto unravel the mystery which surlowing than we could raise against him.

"It seems as if this ought to dispose of the charges brought against me in the story of the Christian mythology, and that hereafter the Jews should be relieved from the imputation of causing the death of a person of whom the only record existing proves that he could not have existed unless the tales of the Gentiles about their gods had a basis of truth.

"Whatever were the follies of Israel, they never indorsed the ideas of Polytheism, however represented. and it was the greatest folly to place the nativity of Jesus in Judea. "With this deception revealed, the

rest of the statements which connect him with Judea disappear or appear in their true light-as legends of Apollonius.

"The Talmud is said to beer witness to the existence of a person of that name, but the Talmud is a collection of traditions, which for generations were preserved chiefly by mem-

ory, and transmitted orally. "As their possessors lived among Christians, it was not strange that some of the legends should have been incorporated in them, and so appear there now, but they should have no place there as truth." goi: - "CAIAPHAS."

Transcribed by E. T. Dickinson Limona, Fia:

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climb In our arms to sleep, and who'r

-HoustonPost. Pamphlets by J. M. Peebles, M. D. gone away.

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"Inquirer."-Q. It is said Harry Orchard, the most brutal and unfeeling multi-murderer ever brought to public view, has experienced religion and become a Christian. Is it possible that anyone to-day believes this doctrine of salvation?

A.--All the Christian churches claim to believe it. The Catholic priest can pardon all sins by power bestowed on the church by God, and the Protestant churches teach the same doctrine, except the pardon is direct from God and no priest stands between. That Orchard, who, according to his own confession, has sent a score of souls unprepared into the next life, and hence to eternal torment, has by conversion made his own salvation sure, and as the most vile of sinners will become the brightest of saints is the logical and inevitable conclusion to be drawn, and to denyit is to deny the entire scheme of Christian salvation. And if Orchard can be saved and taken to glory, after the law has sent him into the next life through the hangman's -Orchard, the most vile and despicable murderer, llar, deceiver, spy, traitor, apparently without a conscience, without remorse, without feeling or human sympathy-if he can be saved, there are none who cannot be-washed white in the blood of Christ! Yes, this is the creed. This As the inevitable conclusion to be drawn from the Christian belief. The most moral man in the world has no merit in the world compared with this prince of criminals. The preachers preach these doctrines Sunday by Sunday; they defend them in magazine articles and books, and yet a single one of them who believes the immoral, absurd, and indefensible

doctrine. Many of the laity may believe, as they do other absurdities, because they have given it no thought. Ministers of the gospel pretend to believe, and when any of their number rebels,

needs no savior or redeemer. He never has been, nor is he now, lost from God, and bence requires no return to the fold. This is fully dis-cussed in The Evolution of the God and Christ Ideas."

(4) Obrist comes in history without a childhood, except the vague stories furnished by writers a long time after the event is granted to have taken place. The Evangelists were content with a few myths. Outside the four gospels, there is not in profane history a single authentic mention of this individual ...

(5) Spiritualists entertain almost many shades of belief as there are individuals. Some are outspoken infi-dels, while many, having come up out of the churches, retain, perhaps often unconsciously, superstitions which are seemingly in flat confliction with their knowledge. Spiritualists, however, taking a "consensus of the competent," if they accept the personal ex-istence of Jesus, regard him as a man like other great reformers who appear in the vague mists of tradition His second coming (a correlated myth), of course can only take place

J. D. Schlotterback .--- Q. Can you give any substantial authority where a question, the answer to which no one knows, has been correctly an-swered by a medium? For instance, take a large closed book and slip a knife blade between the leaves, and then the medium tell the number of the page where the blade is. A.-It would not be difficult to fill

a volume with instances where communications have been received beyond the knowledge of those present. This occurs with frequency at every seance, so much so that it is expected I have, in my own experience, had many such facts, in one instance giving us a prophecy for three months.

all of which came true. As to the test proposed by this cor-respondent, I doubt if a spirit can see into a book and find the correct word any more successfully than while in the mortal body. I have asked several and they have replied that it was impossible for them.... It would be just as jegitimate to de-mand of a man this test of knowl-edge, as of a spirit. With the new ideas of the nature of spiritual beings, the old belief in their infinite knowledge and ability must be cast aside, and the limitation of their in-telligence and ability be kept in mind. Spiritual beings cannot see beneath the earth crust; they cannot fore-tell the prices on the stock exchange or market. They may have keen perceptions, wider, range of knowledge, and thus conjecture with more certainty than man, but the spirit acquires no new knowledge or perceptions. The proposed test, when the attainments and limitations of spirits are known, is absurd. The greater share of all the objections, or discomfitures, caused by messages from spirits, grow out of the old belief in their infallibility and all-prescient knowledge. The first lesson to be learned and which is often taught with severity to over-zealous investigators, is the LIMITATIONS of spirit perception and attainments.

REV. DR. MINOT J. SAVAGE.

Back From Europe, and Will Go to a Saultarlum.

Boston, August 2 .- The Rev. Dr Minot J. Savage, till, recently pastor of

When asked it his health had improved, Dr. Savage replied that he was no better than when he went abroad, liged to return hale him up for heresy, just to sho ly to go to a sanitarium. that they stand by the beliefs of their fathers! To the Editor --- Is it not too had Oh, it is painfully pitiable, the that this great liberal preacher, the sham, the pretense, the hypocrisy, the weak cowardice of it all successor of Theodore Parker, should have to step down and aside when in the height of his great work? Yet it potently reflects on national Qrchard, the deceiver, morality. I have found in an old scrap-book traitor, wholesale murderer is made a creed, and the author is anonymous. a hero and held up by the pulpit Will you please repřint it in The Pro as an example of God's grace! He will have imitators. There will be gressive Thinker. I think that many of the readers would like it for presinoculation with the virus of crime, vation. J. OSBORNE LUNT. 79 W. 124th St., New York. ervation. and a lowering of the standard of morality. Thaw, Orchard, etc., models, culmination, and impersonation I love my God, yet do not care of this money-made, money-worship-To seek him in a house of prayer. ing age of sham. I feel his presence everywhere, And try his gracious love to share.

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THE OTHER SIDE HEARD FROM.

A Chinese Nobleman's Speech to the Protestant Missionaries at Shanghai.

At the closing meeting of the Shanghai Centenary Missionary Conference, held on May 7, Taotai Tong, representing the Chinese Government, delivered an address in the course of which, as reported in the Japan Weekly Mail, Yokohama, he said: "I think you will agree with me when I say that

the general tendency of mankind is toward good, that is, toward attaining a continually progressive and higher plane of mentality than that with which we were originally endowed. The history of the world proves this. The world has progressed, however slow such progress may have appeared to be. We are progressing, perhaps, not at such a rate as some would desire, and we shall, I believe, continue to progress. In all effort there is bound to be some

difference of opinion as to the suitability of the methods employed to secure a certain result. Controversy among men always has existed and always will exist as long as men are of the great family of mankind. We differ in our ideas regarding the greatest as well as the most petty concerns of life, in our religion, in our politics as well as the cut of our clothes and hair.

"But these differences-which are inevitableshould not militate against the exercise of our comprehensive charity and toleration, and although we may be convinced in our minds that our way of doing things is the best, we should always remember that others have an equal right to the same opinion about their methods.

"There is one method with which every impartial and thinking man and woman must disagree, and that is the method of force.

"To the Chinese, as well as to the non-partisan foreign observer, the fact that stands out most prominently in connection with the efforts of missionaries in the past is their too great dependence. on the arm of the flesh, instead of trusting to the arm of the Lord. The gospel says: 'Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves. Be ye; therefore. wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

"Without making any undue reference as to who may be considered the wolves or the sheep, I submit that this clearly shows that to suffer injustice uncomplainingly is more Christian than to exact treaty rights; to suffer injury than to claim pecuniary indemnity; to pardon the offender than to demand his chastisement.

"But what have we found in the past? I will not attempt to give instances of the many controversions of this maxim that have occurred in the history of missionary relations with China and the Chinese authorities-they are known to everyone. Their effect is ever present with us, whether we be patriotic Chinese or sympathetic Westerners, and his own belief, and Confucianism, embodying, as it until the Chinese people receive convincing evidence dees, respect for ancestors, filial piety, and brotherly that such methods will never again obtain, the aftermath of these lapses will exert an overwhelming negative influence on all your work and efforts. "Other factors which will militate against the. achievement of your ideals are the lack of social intercourse, the consequent absence of interchange nance of good relationships between the missionary of views, and the assumption of superiority which, although it may at times be unconscious, is still evithe Church of the Messian, New dent in the behavior and demeanor of many. One to assist the missionary. Thus, although we may York, arrived here on the steamer of the first duties of any person desirous of mak- be Confucianist or Christian, and although we may Saxonia, from Liverpool, last night. ing the acquaintance of E strange of fresh commu- again be divided into sections, sects, denominations nity is to study the idiosyncrasies and etiquette of or belief, we can still do our best to pull together

his own and of which the inhabitants of this country are justly proud. He comes in contact with a peo-ple who have existed as a concrete nationality for

unfold centuries. Now there is not a person here present who does not in his heart treasure the records of his wn race and family, and we in China have every reason to regard ourselves as not the least among the races of men. And yet it has often been known that a stranger, immediately on his or her arrival in our midst, has trampled on our most chershed ideals and has posed as being in a very much better position to tell us what we ought to do than we have ourselves learned by hard and long experionce.

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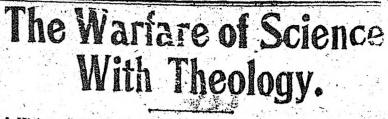
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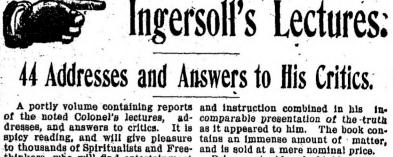


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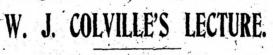
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As the narrowing way is hard to value, so that the sweat of their faces should be rescued, and cared for, whether human or animal. Don't stop just-then for a wasteful duced to them a better means of sub-

sistence. Will you, as honest men, While I protest against the neces But challenge the worst with stead- | knowing this history; deny to them an sity of taking life, it seems that at equal privilege and opportunity of present we are at times compelled, or life, when the momentous question of think we are, to do so, consequently making a living is the great issue those animals that are no comfort to themselves or others, it might be well to as quickly and painlessly as possi-ble end their earthly careers.

To annihilate them, though, would be an impossibility, for all living things, even the earth on which we If I-just had wings, dear mamma, live and have our being, have minds, And you thought that you could spare souls, which are immortal.

There is enough in the world for all, and none would be hungry, homedear papa is, you know? And could love, and thow? him, as I used to long ago. Won't you let me try? dea? Mamma? Just to see if I could fly?. less, loveless and forsaken, human or animal, if selfishness was abolished. If love, the parent of justice, reigned instead, then each and all would ever think of others' woes, pleasures, and comfort prior to their own.

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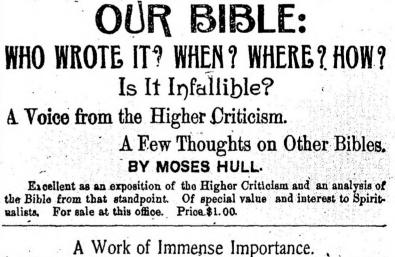
and seen. These are the sins I fain been working hard all day, Would have thee take away:

Trying to be good and happy,, since Malice and cold disdain, my-papa went away, But dear Mamma, tears won't let me Hot anger, sullen hate, 'cause I'm always sure to cry, Scorn of the lowly, envy of the great, When I think of dearest papa, all And discontent that casts a shadow

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She is the apgel with the new message, "Good food unto man;" while she fully believes that he was into do the housework, but, tended . straying from his nilssion, left it to he says and does. Mr. Brooks adds woman to do the "sweating in his brow" for him, over a hot stove. Mrs. Rover is one of the main workers in this week of attractions. Stars and planets are the theme of our morning lessons at 10 o'clock. A STAT Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmoud, just returned from the Peace Conference at TheHague, holds daily receptions at this hour and introduces us to the inhabitants of Mars, Jupiter, Venus and Mercury. We are taking mental note of the exact width of the stripes of the lein cloth of the gentlemen there, also the number of the gores in the ladies' overskirts, and whether, they wear them cut bias or in scallops, observed the fetching manner in which they do up their back hair and carefully studied their eliquette concerning when and where rings should be worn-in the ears, on the toes, hands, left ankle, or in the nose. We subscribed for the "Mercury Morning Star," to keep posted on what our neighbors are doing, and are contemplating sending a petition to the postmaster general, asking that mail service be established between the earth and other planets, with rural delivery along the Milky Way; also the advisability of urging upon - the proper authorities to unite some odds and ends of shooting stars and left-over satellites and make a brandnew planet, where the "new man" will rise to superior heights, doing housework and frizzing his whiskers to win favor with the "new woman" -an idyllic place where the hens will lay butter and eggs as you like them; where the bables will grow in the gardens among the other flowers; where the bushes will bear books containing all knowledge, and the trees yield clothing, ready made, shimmering sheen for the fair and for the men the dragging skirts they have for years designed for whmen and compelled them to wear. In the midst of our castles in the the cock crew: it was eleven Rir o'clock; the class closed and we hurried to Library Hall to attend Mrs. Rorer's class of Domestic Science. We came down to earth with a jar and a few other dishes as our mentor proceeded to tell us how to cook eggs one hundred ways for Sunday. The most difficult part of the recipes are their names; when you can remember them the rest is very easy and so simple and appetizing—but those names! it seemed that every Roman emperor, Greek god, French general and Spanish don and banditti had an omelet named after him; not one was named after a woman, but we were told eggs were created for the palate and stomach of man. so, much about Lily Dale? It seems chambled. and eggs were discussed until we realized how serious is the before she rushes into this industry, for she knows not whether her egg will hatch a chicken or whether it will be whipped, crimped, cut bias, fringed, stewed, served on a half shell, used for egg-nog, or to discourage an unwelcome speaker. daily Layer.

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The meetings are largely attended. The grounds are beautiful., The weather on each Sunday has been delightful. The lectures have been beneficial. One must not forget Mrs. Dempsey, who has so ably satisfied the appetites of all who visited the dining room. The camp is growing and an interest has been awakened in the residents of the surrounding country. Our musical director, Mr. Shet-ton, has filled the air with most pleasing vibrations.

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Lake Pleasant Camp, Mass.

The camp is thoroughly under way and many visitors have arrived during the past week. We have a host of able speakers on the grounds, among whom are Hon. A. H. Dailey, R. F. Churchill, Mrs. Lizzie Hall, J. Clegg Wright, Albert P. Blinn, Mrs. Tillie Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Geo.

W. Kates, and the conferences are spirited, enthusiastic and inspiring and each morning finds a big audience in attendance,

Last Tuesday Mrs. Hall answered Judge Dailey, and Pres. R. F. Church-ill, taking the ground that Spirituala is not a religion, and her remarks called forth a spirited discussion, almost everyone of the above speakers

having something to say. The lectures and message work given in the Temple each afternoon, have been excellent, and the proportional attendance much greater than last year. J. Clegg Wright is here for the sea-

son, giving class lectures each morn ing. Whist parties each Monday afernoo

have become a permanent institution. Mr. H. A. Budington has issued a booklet of the History of Lake Pleas ant, and it finds a ready sale.

As a proof that bigotry is not a thing of the past, we had an excellent lemonstration this past week. The Boys' Club, a Catholic organization of Greenfield, Mass., was to have given minstrel show here last Friday, but as soon as it was known that the camp meeting association would receive part of the proceeds, the local-Catholic

authorities notified the boys that they could not give the show, it was called Contracts for immediate erection

Mrs. J. J. Purple on Lake Shore at. The speakers for the week are Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Kates, J. Clegg

section with her psychometric read-

ags. Miss Mattie Woodbury, of Shafts surg, Mich., whose guides are always villing to give words of cheer to those in need. Mr. George A. Letford, the Drum-mer Medium, is again making his

yearly visits to the Michigan camps During the latter part of this week he will assist in the message work. His spirit of helpfulness is felt and valued by all who know him. Mr. Oliver Comstock, of Vicksburg,

is astonishing the skeptics with his wonderful fire-tests, arrow-hunting and messages. Mr. Joseph King, of Pipestone, is

giving many materializing seances, having good results, Mrs. King, of Coldwater, a sincere

medium, is also, with us during the entire season. Miss Elizabeth Harlow and Pres. H. D. Barrett will speak next week, great feast in thoughts is expected. Evening meetings and circles are

being enjoyed by campers and vis-itors. Rena D. Chapman Myers.

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world, bringing her glad message to the children of men on the isles of the sea and the ends of the earth Our artistic proclivities were ministered unto last Friday when Mr W. J. Sheehan, our director of vocal music, conducted his first musicale. The choral class outdid themselves. Their execution was very finished and showed the careful training they had enjoyed.

Mrs. Norma Pritchard, of Pittsburg, the soprano solo, delighted everybody. She has made her debut at Lily Dale this season and has won the love of all by her gracious manner and sweet, dainty personality and their admiration of her unusual talent and finely trained voice. Her singing is such as we dream singing was intended to be: the expression of the harmony of the soul. She made her audience feel malody as well as hear it, singing beyond the ear and playing on the tenderest and most sympa-thetic cords of the human hearts un-

til they vibrated in accord with the music within her own?' The great, busy world will some day hear more, much more, of this coming star. ′ Mr

Sheehan is a thorough artist and the unusual excellence of his teachings is greatly appreciated. He directs six classes weekly, and these are among the most appreciated this season. Last Monday afternoon Mrs. M. J.

Stephens; of Washington, was our hostess and gave a progressive euchre party in the auditorium. There were seventeen tables besides a large cottages take those who overflow from audience who had come to enjoy the the hotel, or who desire cottage life fine program which followed the card playing. Some very choice prizes were given by our hostess, and at the close ice cream in cones, lemonade

You felt as, if your brain was a new place this year-new in a larger attendance, greater, harmony much deeper peace and better work question of egg laying. Any thought + being done than had been looked for ful hen may well stop and think twice or dreamed of; indeed, our realities are much better than our rosies hopes dared to picture.

LAURA G. FIXEN.

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Having been directed to carry on the How little we realize the hen's re-sponsibilities; how seldom we sing with the N. S. A. I am desirous of ob-the praises of the honest, reliable taining all press notices for or against Spiritualism, and reliable information

daily Layer. The Hen and the men are the most interesting subjects to Mrs. Rorer, as well as her favorites. She could de happy. with either, were the other Gear cackler away. Our afternoon lectures have been Spiritualism, and reliable information with regard to attacks upon our move ment that may be made by preachers, in respectfully request all Spiritualists to forward the same to me at their enliest convenience. HARRISON D. BARRIST.

Queen City Park (Vermont) Camp- | would carry their theories into-prac-Meeting. The meeting opened on July28, with

most buildings in good shape, and the tion. audience of gratifying proportions. Cuyahoga Kalls, Ohio. The opening address in the fore noon was delivered by President A. F Grand Ledge Camp, Michigan. Hubbard, followed by spirit messages by Mrs. Effie I. Chapman. Afternoon, W. J. Colville occupied the platform, giving one of his fine addresses and following it with improvised poems. Afterward Mrs. Chapman again deliv ered messages from spirit friends, giving entire satisfaction as always. Tuesday afternoon there were im-

ly 27. Mrs. Sheets is always a great favorite at Grand Ledge; although it is her home, it cannot be said of her, that she is a prophet without honor in her own home. We all felt provised poems by Mr. Colville; the address being given by Mrs. Abbie that her lectures were more than us-Crossett, and messages through Mrs." ually interesting and valuable. On Sunday, July 28, Oscar A. Edg-For the rest of the week, Mr. Colerly and Geo. A. Letford began their ville gave lectures each day, on one joint engagement of one week, Mr. Edgerly giving lectures, Mr. Letford

occasion taking a subject suggested by somebody in the audience and disthe messages. Mr Edgerly's lectures on Sunday were up to the highest coursing on it for an hour. He is a pleasing speaker in every way and standard of his own well-known abilcreated a very favorable impression on those fortunate enough to hear film. His good work is so widely him. His good work is so widely known, however, that comment is su-

perfluous except as it shows that his efforts were fully appreciated here Closing his engagement August 4, he shared the platform that day with Harlow's engagement. Mr. Wm. Parfett of Goshen, Ind. who was on the program to delive the forenoon address. The week from August 6 to August 11, is filled by Rev. F. A. Wiggin, with addresse and ballot tests; Mrs. Chapman, mes

sage medium. The speakers engaged for the re-mainder of the season are equally first class talent, and the officers of the as-Mrs. Nora Hill of Chicago, is spend-ing some time at camp, and we ap-preliend that she too will do a good sociation, most active of whom was Vice-President S. N. Gould, are to be congratulated on their choice. It is hoped that more who visit other camps will journey this way and see for themselves that Vermont's camp meeting is second to none in quality and natural attractions. The music is furnished by Prof. and Mrs. Gibson, and is as good as we have ever heard; their fine singing is an attractive feature. Many people from a distance are visiting in camp, and many more will come, but room will be mand for all lecture with spirit messages. The messages were all that could be de-

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Lake Brady Camp, Ohio.

Dr. Knowles, of Grand Rapids Mich.: who is chairman of Lake Brady Camp for the season, gave both ad-dresses of the day. While the doctor does not claim to be, much of an orator, his remarks are full of facts and common sense. He usually answers questions from the audience. Some those asked were as follows: What is the best thing to do to advance Spiritualism?"

"Give us your idea of God in Nature and how to worship him." "Will Spiritualism make the world

better, as you see it?" "Do you believe in prayer?" "Are there any failures or accidents And

in God's universe?" One could not help having a higher iden of one's duty in life after listen-ing to his remarks. Ella Wheeler whicox being one of his favorite po-ets, he read two of her poems: "Fail-ure" and "Thought." "I more professed Spiritualists Be cented

Wright and Mrs. May S. Pepper-Van derbilt tice, as the doctor does, the cause Mrs. Vanderbilt will be with would be in a more healthy condithe rest of the meeting. ALBERT P. BLINN, Sec'y.

MARY L. BETTES.

Oklahoma Convention.

The meetings at Grand Ledge Camp The Oklahoma State Spiritualist lave continued in a very interesting Association will hold its first Annual Convention, September 3, 4, and 5, 1907, at Oklahoma City, Okla., in the manner since the opening on July 2. Mrs. Abbie E. Sheets concluded her new K. P. Hall on West Main Street week's engagement on Saturday, Ju-'Attending Spiritualists are request ed to wear the emblem of Spiritualism, the sunflower, that they may be recognized by committees who will meet the incoming passenger trains. Officers, mediums and elected delegates will be furnished free lodging

and breakfasts during the convention. Each and every Spiritualist in Okla-homa should, if possible, attend this first annual convention of their state. There is so much to be gained by a meeting of this kind, in the way of new acquaintances, new experiences

ity. Mr. Letford's messages were all that the most exacting could desire, and new pleasures. We will name only a few of the being clear, concise and to the point. mediums and lecturers that are ex-

On Sunday August 4, Miss Eliza-beth Harlow will begin ber week's pected to be present. The Rev. Al-ice Baker is at present very sick at engagement. Mrs. A. A. Atcheson her home in Dallas, Texas, but we sinwill give the messages during Miss cerely hope that she will recover in time to attend the convention, as it Our private workers on the grounds has been, in a great measure, through her~untiring labor and self-denial are being well patronized. (Mrs. Christine Oswold, one of Chithat the work in Oklahoma has been advanced. The Rev. John W. Ring, cago's best known medium's, is doa noted medium and lecturer, also ing a most excellent work among our Mrs. N. M. Russell of Grand Ledge, is giving her usual helpful aid to our

Rev. S. E. G. Thorp, the first pastor of the Oklahoma City, Society, will serve the convention. We hope to have many other able lecturers and mediums with us who will be mentioned later on. There is much that may and should

work for our people. On Sunday, Mugust 4, Miss Elizbe done at this convention. There will be an entire new board of State Officers to elect. - Let every Spiritualabeth Haplowinyas the speaker at Grand Ledge Gamp. ~I feel that no words of mine can ist-attend and see that the proper persons are selected. Bring a few dollars with you, remembering that do justice for the grand discourses. the expenses so far, have been borne For eloquence and power I do not think that they can well be surpassed. by a few, and with the increase in members, the burdens ought, hence Mrs. A.O. Atcheson, pastor of The First Spiritual: Church of Niagara Falls, N. F., followed Miss Harlow's

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It seems that people are becoming more and more interested in the phi-

a thousand Geo. A: Letford s pos losophy of Spiritualism. Mrs. D. A. Morrill, of Grand Rapsessed of the same generous spiriti then would our cause indeed prosids, one of Michigan's well known workers of recent years, came to be with us August 4th. Her work has SECRETARY. been well received, as well'it might, for her lectures are surely fulleof inspiration. Her messages, ,too, are well, received.

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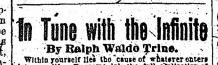
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