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## IT HAS A CREMATORY.

Graceland Quietly Secures

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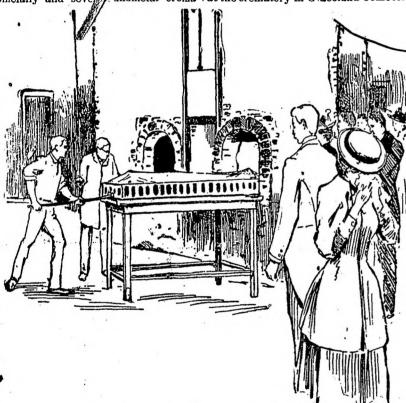
MAKE WRITTEN DIRECTIONS-FEE TO BE \$25—SUPT. SIMONDS EXPLAUS.

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Often cremation is opposed, the assertion being made that in cases of death through criminal causes, all evidence of guilt is destroyed completely by incineration, but adequate safeguards are RETORTS UNDER THE CEMETERY CHAPEL and all danger from sources of this kind will be obviated. In ordinary interments a certificate from a physician is required by the Health Department and PLACE OF THE KIND IN CHICAGO— at the cemeteries before a burial SOME LOT-OWNERS MAY OBJECT— permit can be obtained or used, but to OREMATION ONLY FOR THOSE WHO secure cremation at Graceland the signatures of two reputable medical men will be necessary, besides a formal re-quest signed by the person desiring his reliable witness is also required to this official form of application, which in the Graceland management has been drawn



tions have taken place, the subjects or any other convenient crematory. being paupers secured through the Board of Health. The crematory is located directly under the pretty little chapel in the cemetery. The space beneath the chapel is divided into two sections, and in each section there is a retort, thus giving the cemetery association really two crematories. Both may be used at the same time in case the idea of cremation becomes as much in demand in Chicago as its advocates say it

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The walls and floors of the ante-chambers, or preparing-rooms, are laid in white enamel and the woodwork is natural oak. Crude oil is the medium employed in the production of heat and two burners are used in connection with each furnace. In the chapel a portion of the red-tiled floor was removed, and in its place is a movable platform controlled by a short lever which projects through the floor close to the west wall. On this platform the casket containing the remains of the subject for incinera tion will be placed and a touch on the lever will send it gently and slowly down to the preparing-rooms. Here the caskets and the clothing are removed, the remains are placed on a slide and quickly pushed into a retort. The remains are at once subjected to 1,800 or 2.000 of heat, and in a short time nothing is left but a small heap of white ashes. These are cooled and placed in an urn for the disposal of the friends or

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Dated..... Witness:

O. C. Simonds, superintendent of Graceland Cemetery, said: "We are all ready for business. A year ago we decided that Chicago was large enough to own a crematory. We decided our people were broad-minded enough to make the introduction of a crematory a paying investment, I went to St. Louis. New York and Milwaukee and inspected the crematories at these places, and our aim has been to surpass these in the detail and construction of our furnaces. Two years ago a number of Chicago business men tried to organize a society for building a crematory, but they failed to incorporate and the agitation weakened. I believe the idea of a cremation stock company is defunct.

TO ASK PERMISSION NOW

"We have proceeded quietly so as not to alarm. Undoubtedly there would have been opposition, more or less violent, from a majority of the lot-owners had our proposition been presented to them and their permission asked to run a crematory in connection with Graceland Cemetery, so we determined to

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declared to be perfectly satisfactory to although any one of the fee for a cremation is fixed by the large of the fee for a crematical ought to be made open to all on as broad a basis as is consistent with pru-

> Only the superstitious and ignorant can oppose cremation on theological grounds. It would be grotesque if it were not shocking to find presumably pious Christians objecting to cremation as likely to interfere with the resurrec-tion of the body; as if those who are burned by accidental fires are not to have perishable envelope by one process is going to interfere with Almighty power any more than by any other process. According to the belief of these objectors, millions and millions of human beings who have perished by all modes of death since the beginning of time are to be reconstituted on the day of final judg-ment. Surely it will be as easy for this miracle and mystery to be accomplished for the dead whose cherished dust is sa-credly guarded in vessels consecrated to it, as for the neglected and abandoned, left to be devoured by sharks in the seas, by reptiles in rocks, by machinery that catters mortal remnants over the waters or lands, or consumes some portions of the human frame, or leaves discerniole no trace of even a skeleton.

Cremation is the reverential mode of extracting the pure and final from the impure and perishable of the casket that no longer breathes with life. In a little time it will be universal for the dead of cities. It will be hereafter eause of Wonder and humiliation that civilized communities so long deferred its adoption. For those who prefer that the ashes coming out of the purifying crucible shall be confided to a grave, that choice will continue, but the sacred deposit will be beyond the approach of corruption or defilement. "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust," will be realized in truth: corruptible will have already put

#### COL. INCERSOLL ON IM-MORTALITY.

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Boston Journal: An editorial in an af-

called the great American infidel, has been heard to say that perhaps he will Abraham, who transmitted it to the say in public before he dies that he be- Chaldeans and Egyptians. In the latter ieves in immortality?"

A Journal man called upon Col. Ingersoll at his apartments at the Adams house Monday and obtained the following autograph statement from him contradicting the above:

I have never said that perhaps before I die I will say in public that I be-prince, assisted by an Egyptian priest, lieve in immortality. I have nothing ways been perfectly frank, and have the Egyptians fled before the invasion knowledge and human free-will may given the transcript of my heart and

brain. I do not say that death ends all neither do I say that man is immortal— I say that I do not know. To know is one thing, to believe is another, and to hope is still another. I hope for all good-for all joy, for all of the children f men.

All I can say about immortality is this: There was a time when I was not after that I was, now I am, and it may be that it is no more wonderful that should continue forever now that I have start than it was that I should begin. We love, and those we love die, and we cling to the hope, to the wish that we may meet again. Love was the first to dream of immortality, and as long as we love we shall hope.

## Spirit Photography.

TO THE EDITOR:-While at Onset make the crematory an accomplished this year I met Mr. Frank N. Foster, fact first, and ask afterwards. And we the spirit photographer. I had a sitting are just about ready to ask. proof. I desire to give your readers a brief account of the same. There appeared on the picture back of me three excite less criticism than if the subject faces, one of which I recognized as my had been openly and generally discussed mother; the others I did not know. I visited my two sisters after my return The endeavor of two or three years from Onset; they live in different towns, ago in the direction of cremation in and are opposed to Spiritualism and con-Chicago gave promise at one time of sider me insane. I handed them the Chicago gave promise at one time of resulting in permanent organization.

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GUSTAVE SCHROEDER'S REMAINS CREMAINS CRE Yours for truth,

Lynn, Mass.

The Creed of the Persian and the Chaldean Embodied in the Science of the Stars—Some Remark-The Creed of the Persian and the able Predictions.

a fondness for those primal hues which a finally succumbed to the inevitable on accentuate the beauty of her dissolving images. The revival of interest at the present time in all previsionary arts inthe most respectable and religious of and the great plague fifteen years before sciences, a revelation of the mystery of their occurrence. On October 22nd, astral influence as embodied and taught 1666, he was summoned before parliatowers. This astronomical priesthood, Nostradamus, a celebrated astrologer delving in the storehouse of celestial knowledge, invented the allegories from which rose the superstructure of every Certain unusual positions and configwhich rose the superstructure of every theological system. God was the unithe imponderable forces traversing the which distinguish the fate of one indistarry heavens, and their indefatigable vidual from the lot of the masses. In labors were directed towards the elucidation of these celestial problems, that of his "Tetrabiblos," says: "Mars, if he who ran might read the origin and in signs of human form, and posited in destiny of all created form. In the figurative legends of this ancient religion, the twelve disciples of biblical theme operate death by slaughter." Thus in are correlative to the twelve zodiacal the nativities of President Lincoln and constellations through which the Sungod passes, evolving the story of the Zululand, these positions are curiously subsequent Christ in remarkable similicident, and during an evil direction tude.

bogos, a word or description) is referred to by Josephus, the Jewish historian, who, in quoting antecedent authors, avers that Adam instructed his son Seth in the science, and that the latter, fore-seeing from the stellar aspects the approach of the deluge, and in order to preserve its elements for the benefit of Boston Journal: An editorial in an afternoon paper Monday said, speaking of Col. Robert G. Ingersoll:

"Why not make public the rumor that the brilliant orator who has been called the great American infidel, has been called the great American infidel, has been called the great American infidel, has served by Enos and Noah to the days of poleon and Wellington, declared country it was patronized and taught by Joseph, who, on the authority of Origen, Diodorus Siculus, and other ancient hisof the Ethiopians, the knowledge was disseminated among the Babylonians, who carried it into the farther East. The signs of the zodiac are said to have been formed by Schedad and Menncawousch, two celebrated magicians of the other secrets in theurgic sciences.

Whatever its source, none of the abstruse sciences—in which the Oriental nations excelled-received more profound study or thoughtful solicitude than this bible of the starry heavens. The Eastern potentates attached to their courts men famous in cabalistic lore, who furnished strange and authenticated proofs of the verity of the science. There is no dearth of biblical reference to it, nor after an investigation into its history can there be any question of its antiquity and divine origin. In Babylon the priests of the temple were con-versant with an astro-theology which enabled them to give extraordinary illustrations of predictive powers. The court astrologer was of more importance than the prime minister, and numerous historical instances are recorded in confirmation of this individual's wonderful

faculty for peering into the future. One of these, Asclatarius by name, foretold the hour and manner of the Emhim it was later than the time specified, gained admittance and stabbed him to

The Archbishop of Pisa, in consulta-tion with several different professors of astrology, at different times and with-Ancient Sabaeism and Modhe would be hanged. In his popularity nothing seemed more incredible, yet in the sedition of Pope Sextus IV. he was suddenly seized and the dread prophecy

who was born in the same locality and on the same day and hour as his majes-ty, is an example of planetary influence In the cyclic order of world development, history has ever evinced a prediction for repeating itself. It is not coinciding, making allowance for their hat she lacks convenient resource with difference in station and environment; which to gratify man's desire for novel-ty; but nature's kaleidoscope ever shows suffered with a mental affection, and

licates a regeneration of what was once he foreshadowed the burning of London in the tenets of astrology. The univerment to explain, if possible, the cause of sal cosmos was the scintillant map on these visitations. He replied that "he which fact and fancy converged, and had taken great pains in the search her intricacies are today as much a puz-thereof, and had concluded it was the zle for solution as when the episcopacy finger of God only; but what instru-of ancient Chaldea studied her secrets ments he used thereunto, he was ignorfrom the vantage of elevated watch- ant." It is not generally known that

urations of the planets are said to indi quartile or in opposition to the Sun, or Moon, and contrary in condition, will which culminated in an affliction of the Astrology (from astron, a star, and Sun in Aries, (ruling the head,) each regges, a word or description) is referred ceived his death wound in that part of the anatomy governed by that sign. Again, Saturn afflicted in the midheaven, the house of honor, presages rise to eminence, with ultimate downfall, as illustrated in each of the Napoleons' nativity. Likewise does Jupiter similarly posited ensure success and honor, vide Queen Victoria and the Duké of that should their destines ever come in conflict, Wellington would be the vic-

tor.
The multitude err in the belief that astrology is founded on the rock of torians, is said to have promulgated a fatalism and foreordination. Not necestree on the subject, called "The sarily. Ptolemy, in one of his aphoraphorams of Hermes the Egyptian." isms, says: "A skillful person, ac-Sir Isaac Newton states that an African | quainted with the nature of the stars, is prince, assisted by an Egyptian priest, enabled to avert many of their effects, were the original founders of astrological do prepare himself for those effects subvert to a great extent the planetary evils foreshadowed. But is it wise to peep into the future? you may ask. The words of David are pertinent: "Teach me to number my days, that I may apply my heart unto wisdom." Solomor second dynasty, and to the latter of also says: "There is a time for every whom was assigned the honor of having discovered the Philosopher's Stone and ry, and a time to die:" while Shake speare has written, "There is a time in the animal ethers. These ethers of the spiritual arcana, but I the affairs of men, which, if taken at the cellular or external portion that her fine mind will, ere

flood, leads to fortune." That there is, or is not verity in the science, must rest upon the numerous authentic examples of vaticination furnished us by the Egyptian priests, the Persian Magi, the Arabian seers, and the modern professors of the art. Were it a fanciful one, could it have enlisted the support of such giant intellects as noted Rosicrucians?

fied these learned savants in conceding to astrology the dignity of an inductive psychoma. When Mrs. Besant speaks into a happy condition before losing the science, is not the adverse judgment of of a mental system, which grade of menordinary thinker somewhat Indicrous and superficial, if not inconsistent in its ical action or the swift and powerful psy-JOHN HAZELRIGG. character?

He who never relaxes into sportiveness is a wearisome companion, but beperor Domitian's death, which he af- ware of him who jests at everything. tral matter. I have scarcely space here the condition by the Doctor.

Old trees in their living state are the only things that money cannot com-

with the abilities of men. He that him sat a number of masculine medigained admittance and stabbed him to maketh it his business not to know, but ums, every one of whom was powerful the heart in the very hour the astrolo- to be known, is like a foolish tradesman enough to have thrown him out of the ger had predicted, on the 18th of Sep- who makes all the haste he can to sell window, and some of whom had had

## A REVIEW.

#### Some Friendly Criticisms of Mrs. Besant.

BY E. D. BABBITT, LL. D., M. D.

Mrs. Besant deserves great credit for her incessant labors in spreading a knowledge of the occult and refined forces of this mysterious world of ours. I had the pleasure of meeting her at the delightful home of Mr. John W. Lovell, the publisher, in New York City, and freely give the right hand of friendship to the eloquent lady. But there are a few points in her very interesting lec-ture on "Mesmerism," reported in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER of November 11th, which I think should be modified.

First, it was Mr. Braid, not Bray, that invented the word Hypnotism in place of Mesmerism. This may have been the reporter's fault.

Second, she correctly says that "hypnotism is a far narrower thing than magnetism of mesmerism," but she makes a mistake when she says that magnetism and mesmerism are the same. Magnetism is a force by means of which mesmerism may be induced and is of various kinds, all of which sweep in electrical curves or whirlwinds which are attractive in their nature. Thus ferro magnetism is that of the ordinary magnet. Solar magnetism is that of luminous ethers. Animal magnetism consists of the ordinary animal ethers. Psycho-magnetism belongs to our interior nature and is so refined, swift and powerful when brought into predominance, as to hold the animal ethers in a rigid control, which we often term magnetic sleep. We know that these forces are ethersor fine fluids because the forces of the whole known world are exerted through fluids, such as air, water, steam, etc., and the true philosopher will not dare to go against

'I am glad the lady considers astral not a very good term. It is certainly a very indefinite and far-fetched term. the superficial deceptive shells of human beings, have great need of enlighten-ment. Whenever you hear a person scarcely attained to the quarter-way house.

The following words denote confusion of ideas with regard to the human maof the brain and bring about one grade able to balance these great dual divisof mentality. Now it so happens that ions of the universe and stand on the when the interior psychic forces can be everlasting harmony of things. brought uppermost, their greater power is able to hold the coarser physical forces which I differ slightly from Mrs. Besant. in abeyance and their almost lightning | She says hypnotism "is too important a speed is able to develop a swifter and grander mentality. The psychio vision becomes kindled and clairvoyance reton, Dryden, Sir Isaac Newton, Kepler, Bishops Jeremy and Hale, and a host of noted Rosicrucians? can send it into a sensitive's brain, and, say, however, that the subjects should After the mathematical probing and the intellectual observation which justified these learned savents in constitutions. tality does she mean, the ordinary physchic? She proceeds to state that all over

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time.
So much talk about "mind stuff," the "astral body," "thought body" etc., tends to confusion of idea, as it seems to me. Thought is impossible without a brain, either in this or any other world, and the front part of the brain is the especial region of thought. The great clair. cial region of thought. The great clair-voyant spirits show us that every hu-man being has a more interior psychio brain and body, which is so refined as to be invisible to the outward eye, and which also answers to the action of the psychic forces. Mind consists of the unparticled something which we call spirit, and a brain. Although our ordinary mental action uses what is called our physical brain, yet the sensorium upon which all thoughts and impressons are made, reaches into the psychio brain and passes of with the psychic body to another life. While it is of great importance to be able at times to get into the psychomic state so as to enjoy its great upbuilding power, yet it is a still more desirable thing to attain to a still more desirable thing to attain to what may be called a psychozoic state, in which both the physical and psychic forces work together. In the mesmeric sleep great illumination may take place, but the memory of its fine teachings is usually lost on awaking and getting back into the coarse condition. But psychozoism enables a person to have lightning perceptions and intuitions and spirit communings, and yet be conscious of all things around in the external. To develop these fine conditions it would be well to be in the atmosphere of developed psychics, and sometimes to receive massage from them; to have strong sunlight on the bare skin, and at times to look at some bright object or fasten the thoughts intensely on some distant place to draw the psychic forces out-ward. When this is done, even if only partially successful, use the will power to bring about any desired condition.

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I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility. I do not mean by humility doubt of his own power, or hesitation in speaking his opinions, but a right understanding of the relations between what he can do and say and the rest of the world's doings and sayings. All great men not only know their own business, but usually know that they know it, and are not only right in their main opinions, but usually know they are, only they do not think much of themselves on that account. They do not expect their fellowmen to fall down and worship them: they have a curious under-sense of powerlessness, feeling that greatness is not in them, but through them. They do their work feeling that they cannot well help it .--

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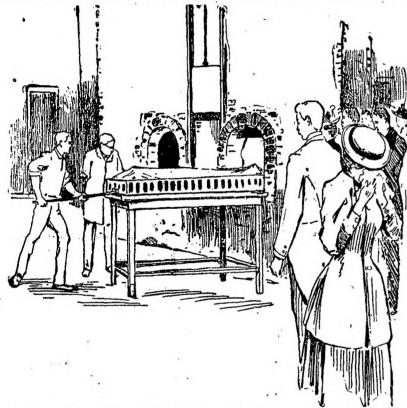
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O. C. Simonds, superintendent of Graceland Cemetery, said: "We are all ready for business. A year ago we decided that Chicago was large enough to own a crematory. We decided our people were broad-minded enough to make the introduction of a crematory a paying investment, I went to St. Louis, New York and Milwaukee and inspected the crematories at these places, and our aim has been to surpass these in the detail and construction of our furnaces. Two years ago a number of Chicago business men tried to organize a societ for building a crematory, but they failed to incorporate and the agitation weakened. I believe the idea of a crema-

#### tion stock company is defunct. TO ASK PERMISSION NOW.

"We have proceeded quietly so as not have been opposition, more or less vio-lent, from a majority of the lot-owners, had our proposition been presented to them and their permission asked to run a crematory in connection with Graceland Cemetery, so we determined to make the crematory an accomplished fact first, and ask afterwards. And we are just about ready to ask.
"We are preparing an elaborate paper

on the utility and good results cremation is sure to bring about, and we expect to excite less criticism than if the subject had been openly and generally discussed

The endeavor of two or three years money was collected, however, and the

applications for incineration.

The Chicago Herald sets forth that the trustees are a little timid in restricting the benefits of the crematory to Finally came the official cremation. those who may have the forethought or The remains reduced to ashes were those the knowledge necessary for leaving of Gustave Schroeder, who died a year the order it is proposed to require. ago. His earnest desire when he lived Many persons wishing to be reduced by was that his remains might be cremated. this scientific and cleanly process to His family at this time were unable to final dust, instead of having that procomply with his request, but placed his cess left to far less agreeable forces in remains in a vault temporarily. Three the ground, will die in ignorance of a weeks ago Mr. Schroeder's remains were pre mortem warrant. The family of a placed in the retort and the process was deceased person ought to have sufficient

declared to be perfectly satisfactory to all concerned.

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> Only the superstitious and ignorant can oppose cremation on theological grounds. It would be grotesque if it were not shocking to find presumably pious Christians objecting to cremation as likely to interfere with the resurrection of the body; as if those who are burned by accidental fires are not to have resurrection, or as if reduction of the perishable envelope by one process is gong to interfere with Almighty power any more than by any other process. According to the belief of these objectors, millions and millions of human beings who have perished by all modes of death since the beginning of time are to be reconstituted on the day of final judg-ment. Surely it will be as easy for this miracle and mystery to be accomplished for the dead whose cherished dust is sacredly guarded in vessels consecrated to t, as for the neglected and abandoned, left to be devoured by sharks in the seas, by reptiles in rocks, by machinery that scatters mortal remnants over the waers or lands, or consumes some portions of the human frame, or leaves discernible no trace of even a skeleton.

Cremation is the reverential mode of

#### COL INCERSOLL ON IM-MORTALITY.

I Hope for All Good, for All Joy, for All the Children of Men."

Boston Journal: An editorial in an afternoon paper Monday said, speaking of Col. Robert G. Ingersoll:
"Why not make public the rumor

"Why not make public the rumor that the brilliant orator who has been called the great American infidel, has served by Enos and Noah to the days of poleon and Wellington, declared lieves in immortality?"

A Journal man called upon Col. Ingerhouse Monday and obtained the followtradicting the above:

I have never said that perhaps believe in immortality. I have nothing to conceal on that question. I have albrain.

I do not say that death ends all.

All I can say about immortality is this: There was a time when I was not, after that I was, now I am, and it may be that it is no more wonderful that I should continue forever now that I have a start than it was that I should begin. We love, and those we love die, and we cling to the hope, to the wish that we may meet again. Love was the first to alarm. Undoubtedly there would to dream of immortality, and as long as we love we shall hope.

#### Spirit Photography.

TO THE EDITOR:-While at Onset this year I met Mr. Frank N. Foster, the spirit photographer. I had a sitting with him, and as I got such convincing proof, I desire to give your readers a brief account of the same. There appeared on the picture back of me three faces, one of which I recognized as my mother; the others I did not know. visited my two sisters after my return from Onset; they live in different towns, ago in the direction of cremation in and are opposed to Spiritualism and consider me insane. I handed them the resulting in permanent organization. picture without stating how or where I E. S. Dreyer, the banker, and W. F. received it, and asked them if they knew Wiemers, the lawyer, were at the head any of the faces on it. They both imof the movement, and had advanced so mediately recognized their mother and than a month ago, but many delays were caused by the inability of the cemetery company to procure bodies with which company to procure bodies with which and considerable stock was sold. No ask how Mr. Foster got a picture of my mother when none existed? Neither did he ever see her or eyer know that

Yours for truth, Lynn, Mass. JONAS BALCOM.

ALL ABOUT DEVILS. BY MOSES tember, the month he had ordered to be

ern Astrology.

The Creed of the Persian and the Chaldean Embodied in the Sciable Predictions.

In the cyclic order of world developthat she lacks convenient resource with which to gratify man's desire for novelty; but nature's kaleidoscope ever shows a fondhess for those primal hues which accentuate the beauty of her dissolving images. The revival of interest at the present time in all previsionary arts indicates a regeneration of what was once the most respectable, and religious of the great plague fifteen years before and the great plague fifteen years before the most respectable and religious of and the great plague fifteen years before sciences, a revelation of the mystery of their occurrence. On October 22nd astral influence as embodied and taught 1666, he was summoned before parlia in the tenets of astrology. The univer-sal cosmos was the scintillant map on these visitations. He replied that "he which fact and fancy converged, and had taken great pains in the search her intricacies are today as much a puz-thereof, and had concluded it was the zle for solution as when the episcopacy of ancient Chaldea studied her secrets ments he used thereunto, he was ignor extracting the pure and final from the impure and perishable of the casket towers. This astronomical priesthood, Nostradamus, a celebrated astrologer that no longer breathes with life. In a little time it will be universal for the dead of cities. It will be hereafter cause of wonder and humiliation that that choice will continue, but the sacred deposit will be beyond the approach of corruption or defilement. "Ashes to ashes, dust to dustr will be realized in truth: corruptible; the grave will have already put on incorruptible; the grave will have lost its sting for the living.

In the construction of this crematory the demands of Spiritualism have been fulfilled.

The puritying starry heavens, and their indefatigable labors were directed towards the elucidation of these celestial problems, that he who ran might read the origin and destiny of all created form. In the figure are correlative to the twelve account of the masses. In regard to death, Ptolemy, in Book IV. of his "Tetrabiblos," says: "Mars, if in signs of human form, and posited in quartile or in opposition to the Sun or Moon, and contrary in condition, will operate death by slaughter." Thus in the nativities of President I in the Built Deviation of the Built Deviation of President I in the Built Deviation of the Built Deviation of President I in the Built Deviation of President I in the Built Deviation of President I in the Built Deviation of the Built Deviation of President I in the Built Deviation of the Built Deviation of President I in the Built Deviation of the B cause of wonder and humiliation that civilized communities so long deferred versal ether from which was generated versal ether from which was gene

Astrology (from astron, a star, and by so, a word or description) is referred to by Josephus, the dewish historian, who, in quoting antecedent authors, Again, Saturn afflicted in the midheavwho, in quoting antecedent authors, Again, Saturn afflicted in the midheavers that Adam instructed his son Seth in the science, and that the latter, foreminence, with ultimate downtall, as seeing from the stellar aspects the approach of the deluge, and in order to nativity. Likewise does Jupiter simipreserve its elements for the benefit of larly posited ensure success and honor, vide Queen Victoria and the Duke of acters on pillars of stone. Josephus Wellington. Some years previous to further asserts that he himself saw these the battle of Waterloo, an English asbeen heard to say that perhaps he will Abraham, who transmitted it to the that should their destines ever come in say in public before he dies that he be- Chaldeans and Egyptians. In the latter conflict, Wellington would be the viccountry it was patronized and taught by tor. Joseph, who, on the authority of Origen, soll at his apartments at the Adams house Monday and obtained the follow-torians, is said to have promulgated a treatise on the subject, called "The sarily. Ptolemy, in one of his aphortreatise on the subject, called "The sarily. Ptolemy, in one of his aphortreatise on the subject, called "The sarily. Ptolemy, in one of his aphortreatise on the subject, called "The sarily. Ptolemy in one of his aphortreatise on the subject, called "The sarily. Ptolemy in one of his aphortreatise on the subject, called "The sarily. Ptolemy in one of his aphortreatise on the subject, called "The sarily. Ptolemy in one of his aphortreatise on the subject, called "The sarily. Ptolemy in one of his aphortreatise on the subject, called "The sarily." Aphorisms of Hermes the Egyptian." isms, says: "A skillful person, ac-Sir Isaac Newton states that an African quainted with the nature of the stars, is fore I die I will say in public that I be- prince, assisted by an Egyptian priest, enabled to avert many of their effects, were the original founders of astrologi- and to prepare himself for those effects cal science, 2.000 B. C., and that when when they arise." In other words, foreways been perfectly frank, and have the Egyptians fled before the invasion given the transcript of my heart and of the Ethiopians, the knowledge was subvert to a great extent the planetary disseminated among the Babylonians, evils foreshadowed. But is it wise to who carried it into the farther East, peep into the future? you may ask. The neither do I say that man is immortal- The signs of the zodiac are said to have I say that I do not know. To know is been formed by Schedad and Menncaone thing, to believe is another, and to wouseh, two celebrated magicians of the ply my heart unto wisdom." Solomon hope is still another. I hope for all second dynasty, and to the latter of also says: "There is a time for everygood—for all joy, for all of the children of men. whom was assigned the honor of having thing; a time to be born, a time to marother secrets in theurgic sciences.

> Whatever its source, none of the abstruse sciences-in which the Oriental nations excelled-received more found study or thoughtful solicitude than this bible of the starry heavens. The Eastern potentates attached to their courts men famous in cabalistic lore, who furnished strange and authenticated proofs of the verity of the science. There is no dearth of biblical reference antiquity and divine origin. In Baby-noted Rosicrucians? lon the priests of the temple were conversant with an astro-theology which enabled them to give extraordinary illustrations of predictive powers. The couft astrologer was of more importance than the prime minister, and numerous historical instances are recorded in confirmation of this individual's wonderful faculty for peering into the future.

One of these, Asclatarius by name, peror Domitian's death, which he afput to death by fire. The sentence was the desert.-Southey. accordingly put into execution, and the pile upon which the body was securely was kindled. But a storm of Health resulted in an agreement whereby human remains were secured. The trial incinerations were made at notified by an official circular that this to my satisfaction, I shall remain guished the flames, and as he had foresten the trial incinerations were made at notified by an official circular that this to my satisfaction, I shall remain guished the flames, and as he had foresten the trial incinerations were made at notified by an official circular that the spectators from guished the flames, and as he had foresten the trial incinerations were made at notified by an official circular that the spectators from the convinced beyond the shadow of a doubt told, Asclatarius was subsequently torn the convinced beyond the shadow of a doubt told, Asclatarius was subsequently torn the convinced beyond the shadow of a doubt told, Asclatarius was subsequently torn the convinced beyond the shadow of a doubt told, Asclatarius was subsequently torn the convinced beyond the shadow of a doubt told. that while I sat in that chair at Onset, into pieces by dogs. Domitian grew July, 1893, my dear old mother was morose and troubled over the strange standing by my side. Hoping that fulfillment of this portion of the proph-friend Poster may continue to carry on one of the most convincing phases of was to occur locked himself in, denying mediumship, and that he may be in-admittance to even his trusty counsel strumental in carrying to many minds lors. But Stephaness, a captain of the the truth as he has to mine, and wishing guard, under pretense of delivering an THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER long life important dispatch, and persuading and prosperity, I am, him it was later than the time specified, with the abilities of men. He that him sat a number of masculine medigained admittance and stabbed him to maketh it his business not to know, but ums, every one of whom was powerful the heart in the very hour the astrologer had predicted, on the 18th of Sep-

The Archbishop of Pisa, in consultation with several different professors of astrology, at different times and with-Ancient Sabaeism and Mod- out opportunity for collusion, was told he would be hanged. In his popularity nothing seemed more incredible, yet in the sedition of Pope Sextus IV. he was suddenly seized and the dread prophecy consummated.

Chaldean Embodied in the Sci-events in the lives of George III. and a cnce of the Stars—Some Remark-able Predictions. on the same day and hour as his majesty, is an example of planetary influence worthy of consideration. Their fortunes ment, history has ever evinced a predi-lection for repeating itself. It is not coinciding, making allowance for their that she lacks convenient resource with difference in station and environment

finger of God only; but what instru-

which culminated in an affliction of the

The multitude err in the belief that knowledge and human free-will may words of David are pertinent: "Teach me to number my days, that I may anspeare has written, "There is a time in the affairs of men, which, if taken at the

flood, leads to fortune." That there is, or is not verity in the science, must rest upon the numerous authentic examples of vaticination furnished us by the Egyptian priests, the Persian Magi, the Arabian seers, and the modern professors of the art. Were it a fanciful one, could it have enlisted the support of such giant intellects as to it, nor after an investigation into its to, Dryden, Sir Isaac Newton, Kepler, history can there be any question of its Bishops Jeremy and Hale, and a host of

After the mathematical probing and the intellectual observation which justified these learned savants in conceding to astrology the dignity of an inductive science, is not the adverse judgment of ordinary thinker somewhat ludicrous and superficial, if not inconsistent in its

He who never relaxes into sportiveforetold the hour and manner of the Em- ness is a wearisome companion, but beware of him who jests at everything. firmed would be by the stiletto. The Such men disparage by ludicrous asso-Emperor asked him if he could with ciations, all objects which are presented equal facility predict his own fate. The to their thoughts, and thereby render nervous diseases there is a deficiency of seer replied that he knew he was short themselves incapable of any emotion ly to be torn to pieces by dogs. The which can either elevate or soften; they monarch in order to prove him a false bring upon their moral being an influprophet ordered that the wise man be ence more withering than the blasts of

Old trees in their living state are the only things that money cannot command. Rivers leave their beds, run into cities and traverse mountains for it: obelisks and arches, palaces and temples, amphitheaters and pyramids, rise up like exhalations at its bidding; even the free spirit of man, the only thing ples, amphitheaters a great on earth, crouches and cowers in its presence. It passes awap and vanishes before venerable trees-Landor.

learn the worth and be truly acquainted rine disease, but the fact was that near to be known, is like a foolish tradesman enough to have thrown him out of the who makes all the haste he can to sell laving in any new.-Charron.

## A REVIEW.

#### Some Friendly Criticisms of Mrs. Besant.

The curious similarity marking the BY E. D. BABBITT, LL. D., M. D.

Mrs. Besant deserves great credit for her incessant labors in spreading a knowledge of the occult and refined orces of this mysterious world of ours. I had the pleasure of meeting her at the delightful home of Mr. John W. Lovell, the publisher, in New York City, and freely give the right hand of friendship to the eloquent lady. But there are a few points in her very interesting lecture on "Mesmerism," reported in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER of November 11th, which I think should be modified.

First, it was Mr. Braid, not Bray, that nvented the word Hypnotism in place of Mesmerism. This may have been the reporter's fault.

Second, she correctly says that "hypnotism is a far narrower thing than magnetism or mesmerism," but she makes a mistake when she says that magnetism and mesmerism are the same. Magnetism is a force by means of which mesmerism may be induced and is of various kinds, all of which sweep in electrical curves or whirlwinds which are attractive in their nature. Thus ferro magnetism is that of the ordinary magnet. Solar magnetism is that of luminous ethers. Animal magnetism consists of the ordinary animal ethers. Psycho-magnetism belongs to our interior nature and is so refined, swift and powerful when brought into predominance, as to hold the animal ethers in a rigid control, which we often term magnetic sleep. We know that these forces are ethers or fine fluids because the forces of the whole known world are exerted through fluids, such as air, water, steam, etc., and the true philosopher will not dare to go against nature.

I am glad the lady considers astral not a very good term. It is certainly a very indefinite and far-fetched term Why speak of a "starry ether," or starry body. If our reformers would defell more closely with the Spirit-world they would learn that psychic ethers and the psychic body are more accurate terms. Those who have become Sinnett-ized, or who, with Ella Wheeler Wilcox, consider the communications from the Spirit-world as coming from the superficial deceptive shells of human beings, have great need of enlightenment. Whenever you hear a person ion, you may put him down as having reached only the half-way house of true spiritual knowledge, while the most of our orthodox friends, who think the universe is filled with devils, have scarcely attained to the quarter-way house.

The following words denote confusion of ideas with regard to the human ma-"I will ask you to grant me to-night three kinds of matter: first, that which we find in the material uni verse; second, astral; third, mental. But we find everything in the material universe. Let us see if this matter cannot be made a little clearer. First. there is the coarser grade of matter which constitutes our animal or physical bodies. Ordinary mental action is brought about by the flow of two kinds of fluids through the brain, the blood and the animal ethers. These ethers kindle the cellular or external portion of the brain and bring about one grade of mentality. Now it so happens that when the interior psychic forces can be brought uppermost, their greater power is able to hold the coarser physical forces in abeyance and their almost lightning speed is able to develop a swifter and grander mentality. The psychic vision becomes kindled and clairvoyance results, or the psychic ear and clairaudience becomes possible. An operator well armed with psych aura of his own can send it into a sensitive's brain, and sometimes, without saying a word, can make him think and act as he pleases. This is hypnotism, or more properly, psychoma. When Mrs. Besant speaks of a mental system, which grade of mentality does she mean, the ordinary physical action or the swift and powerful psy-

tral matter. I have scarcely space here to show how great a mistake the lady has made in these assertions. In most nervous force, or an inversion of the direction of its currents. A full tide o nervous force opens up the blockaded channels and prevents irregular or spas modic symptoms. But this ordinary nervous force has less of the astral (psy chic) character than of the animal ner vous ethers. Mediums or psychics, of course, are strong in the psychic ethers, which bring them into rapport with grander universe. But should this make them more nervous or sickly? Not at all. Power lies in refined forces, not so much in coarse elements. Knowledge is to make psychic force one of the great elements of human salvation. Ignorance or misuse of this divine power may In company, it is a very great fault to become perilous. A superficial and be more forward in setting off one's self, polished scientist in New York declared and talking to show one's parts, than to that mediumship was the result of utewindow, and some of whom had had Psychics can put themselves into a psy- -A. Troilope.

She proceeds to state that all over

nervous, hysterical, cataleptic and me-

diumistic persons have an excess of as-

chic state, and then, while in this condition of power, can will to be strong, self-possessed and nerve-controlling and they become so—will to have certain diseases banished and they go, sometimes immediately, or at least in a short So much talk about "mind stuff," the

"astral body," "thought body" etc., tends to confusion of idea, as it seems to me. Thought is impossible without a brain, either in this or any other world, and the front part of the brain is the especial region of thought. The great clairvoyant spirits show us that every human being has a more interior psychic brain and body, which is so refined as to be invisible to the outward eye, and which also answers to the action of the psychic forces. Mind consists of the unparticled something which we call spirit, and a brain. Although our ordinary mental action uses what is called our physical brain, yet the sensorium upon which all thoughts and impressions are made, reaches into the psychio brain and passes on with the psychio body to another life. While it is of great importance to be able at times to get into the psychomic state so as to enjoy its great upbuilding power, yet it is a still more desirable thing to attain to what may be called a psychozoic state, in which both the physical and psychio forces work together. In the mesmeric sleep great illumination may take place, but the memory of its fine teachings is usually lost on awaking and getting back into the coarse condition. But psychozoism enables a person to have ightning perceptions and intuitions and spirit communings, and yet be conscious of all things around in the external. To levelop these fine conditions it would be well to be in the atmosphere of developed psychics, and sometimes to receive massage from them; to have strong sunlight on the bare skin, and at times to look at some bright object or fasten the thoughts intensely on some distant place to draw the psychic forces out-ward. When this is done, even if only partially successful, use the will power to bring about any desired condition.

from our lady: "Imagination is the great creative force in the universe; all this (these) phenomena, the world and the planets of the solar system, as well as the stellar systems, were built up by) and are the result and expression of the Divine thought and Divine thinking. That is imagination in its most sublime sense." But eternal matter, or the atomic universe and eternal spirit or the unatomic universe must be forever correlated and interblended, and forever helpless without each other. Thought itself comes from the union of a matethought of the mightiest being cannot create or destroy a single atom of matter, much less a world. The power of the human spirit, especially under the reign of psychic forces is of course mar-velous, and it is well for man to realize his own innate grandeur, but it is not best to run wild and suppose it can do everything. Intoxicated by thoughts some persons become flighty.
Our esoteric Butler seems to think that mental and spiritual forces will be able to level the very mountains, and a whole class of people have demolished the material universe by a simple assertion, although the whole range of known facts seems to prove that during all these millions of years, God and nature have not been able to eliminate or destroy a single particle of matter. Mrs. Besant is still young in the study of the spiritual arcana, but I prophesy that her fine mind will, ere long, be able to balance these great dual divis-

Eloquent thought is not always the most accurate. Take this fine passage

everlasting harmony of things. I will mention one other thing in which I differ slightly from Mrs. Besant, She says hypnotism "is too important a cience to be trifled with or made an exhibition of." Certainly it should not be trifled with, but these marvelous powers of the mind, these potentialities of the spiritual nature, should be exhibited ver the whole civilized world. I would say, however, that the subjects should be treated with care and, especially if made to undergo any severe process, should be made right and be brought into a happy condition before losing the influence. Dr. Luys, at the Charite Hospital in Paris, lately made a hypnotized lady believe that a doll was a live baby, then repeatedly plunged a knife into its cotton vitals. The lady screamed fearfully, and at last when almost expiring with excitement, was brought out of the condition by the Doctor. Such savage experiments are reprehensible and unnecessary.

ions of the universe and stand on the

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I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility. I do not mean by humility doubt of his own power, or hesitation in speaking his opinions, but a right understanding of the relations between what he can do and say and the rest of the world's doings and sayings. All great men not only know their own business, but usually know that they know it, and are not only right in their main opinions, but usually know they are, only they do not think much of themselves on that account. They do not expect their fellowmen to fall down and worship them: they have a curious under-sense of powerlessness, feeling that greatness is not in them, but through them. They do their work feeling that they cannot well help it.-

I notice that gentleman to be the best off his old stock, but takes no thought of their lives saved by their mediumship, dressed whose dress no one observes.

#### WHY THE HATRED?

After months of patient and honest investigation, in private or unprofessional circles, of hatred—for orthodoxy fighting Spiritualism is the claims and proofs of Spiritualism, and only a natural law following its proper order; after receiving sufficient demonstration to conit it is simply doing its best to defend its exist. vince me of its truth, and change the whole ence, and even snake-life will do that. And trend of my life, bringing me in personal con- this being the case, I detect neither sense nor tact with "the life that was, and now is," I good policy in Spiritualists trying to blend find myself confronted with an opposition that their great doctrines and truths with those is appalling, and I cannot help asking my self the reasons for such, if reasons there be. but poor mixtures, for these latter sources there are a few of the church and Bible. Here are a few of the causes, as I am helped teach the opposite of the first, and they canto see them by the spirits that daily surround not all be right; error is lodged somewhere. me, and inspire me; and these disembodied ones have so acted on my mental eyes or powers if you prefer it, its messages come direct from that what was once hard to understand—as if a the Spirit-worlds, and proves it, too; and, if wall lay between me and the fact—now opens that be so, the other two can have no part or up from the center, and I sense the meaning at parcel with it, because they give it the flat lie. a glance. And I am guided at this moment, Therefore, I cannot for the life of me see by while the Southern sunlight falls all around me what system of logic they are to be fused and like a shower of gold and silver—for the sunlight made to agree. here seems to be a mixture of the two precious metals—to say that orthodox hatred and promise with an idea which robs man of his opposition arise from the first demand made spiritual strength, and fills him with horrible on the individual man or woman seeking infor- conceptions of the Over-soul or Source of all mation or comfort at the hands of Spiritualism. 'It meets such by informing them that if they "would know the truth of Spiritualism." they must make a personal examination. Now that seems simple and easy; but is it? Now look below the surface, the only place where we detect the foundations of the grand and glorious, ever supporting the ordinary ordinary man or woman that is almost impossible, and for the following reasons:

Man, in the general, is a proxy creature. By transmission, and through a long series of out and dried religious trainings, he has been spiritual nature; or, in other words, that if he molded into a mere believer—not a thinker. His spiritual faculty, or power of sensing those things which lie back of the grosser forms of matter, has, by these two forces, hereditary and continued education. been so deflected as to make him naturally hate and avoid anything calling for a complete change in his mode of seeking after God and spiritual knowledge.

In his case the child was the father of the believer. As a child he was taught certain ideas about creation and the Creator. He accepted them, and having the substratum of the same belief placed in his blood and brain through the thinking and beliefs of a long line elected ones, to meet and talk at their selfof ancestry, he conforms himself easily to the made God, and to support a priesthood too general creed; and the creed conforms itself to ignorant to see and feel the presence of the him until you can hardly tell which is the creed and which is the man, for, believe me, creeds, being thoughts, have life, and they grow into and around the spiritual man until they become as two branches springing from the same trunk. Therefore, it does matter what a man believes. Therefore, when you great truths boldly to the breeze. Let him speak about the orthodox man going to a circle or medium for proof himself, you must not forget that in ninety cases out of every hundred, his entire nature and disposition is against him; and in nine cases out of every ten he will look upon you as an agent of the devil, and feel it his religious duty to oppose you in every way imaginable; and, from his

when they tell me to say that Spiritualism's GIVEN INSPIRATIONALLY TO "WHITE ROSE," grand harvest lies in the future; and that its present mission is one of education-educating the masses from their malforming systems: and that this work calls for brave, patient Spirit-world—the guide of White Rose—who. men and women-mediums endowed with that in her earth-life was, and yet is, the foremost power of seeing which counts not the move-poeless of England and the world, and while ments of the Reformation wheel by days and this poem is regarded by White Rose as months, nor even by years. Yes, it will re. scarcely a ray of her brilliant genius, yet it quire long years of faithful work on the part evinces, though somewhat in a crude way, about the veranda of Captain Haas' residence, City and Pittsburg, Pa., organized a Spiritualof the teachers of the Spirit-world and their what is possible through the earth-instrument earth-agents—mediums—ere we behold the by inspiration. It has a sublime spirit. general man clothed in the habit of independent investigation in spiritual matters.

nature works that way, and the signs of the We bring thee lilies, innocent and meek, times show that we are in the widening circles of that promised epoch; and when these cles of that promised epoch; and when these characteristics makes far more example than shall me the state of the truth we all may seek. O stars of heaven, your radiance lights the way the state of the truth we all may seek. circles make a few more sweeps, then shall we O God of love, we are not far from thee, see, in its full glory, the fulfilling of the early Though in the earth or in eternity. Christian's prayer: 'Thy kingdom come, and Make us to feel thy care in all we do, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," Make us to seek the encel, help and less than the seek than th for then the whole earth shall be a Spiritual And rise to thee, our Father soul above; temple, and all mankind hold converse with our So shall we live, and live the life of peace, disembodied ones; and we shall have pictures All storms to conquer and all pain to ease; of the various spheres beyond hanging on our walls, each acting as a spur on our higher walls, each acting as a spur on our higher So shall the days that bring each duty, care, qualities, and helping us to release ourselves Make angel-wreaths for crowns of thorns from the grosser.

shall not have wrought in vain, for the well- Fresh kindled as the sunlit mountain heights, spent years never fail in bringing their bless. Blaze o'er the world till earth and heaven are ings, and the future generations shall rise up and call us blessed.

And now for the second cause. It rests in the fact of Spiritualism having changed the entire conception of the life beyond. It squarely clashes in its statement of death causing any radical change in man's nature or disposition. The church has it that the dropping of the body completely changes the Homo and his present relationships. Death in her hands, and in spite of the cross-price, is the Savior or Destroyer. Spiritualism denies that. It says death only brings about changes in conditions and opportunity, the man being still the same in all essentials. Here, then, lies the main battle-ground between Spiritualism and orthodoxy, for should that idea become general, the whole of the blood-bought and death-finished plan of salvation falls to the ground, and as that is the foundation of modern Christianity, the whole church idea and ministry, as now practiced, falls with it. That is the plain logic in

the case, and we Spiritualists must face it bravely, and prepare ourselves for its natural outcome-abuse, ridicule and an undying Where? Spiritualism claims its doctrines, or,

nade to agree.

No, Spiritualism knows no fusion or comlife; therefore, as I see it, a war must go on between Spiritualism and orthodoxy, until one stands as victor over the other.

Just think of it! Spiritualism, a religious its eighteen hundred and odd years' notion of Hell, Limbo, Purgatory and golden-paved Heaven are not worth the paper they're printed baptisms that can help a man in the Spirit worlds are those which come to him through the act of his putting himself in right relationship with the laws affecting his moral and desires to be saved, grow out of evil and its working towards the good. In plain language, he must become his own Savior -- God giving him the needed means and opportunity; and, of course, that is a deathblow to all priesthoods. Let man accept that truth here, and no more money will pass into the hands of the priests for masses, etc., and the race will soon begin to improve its status on earth by purer and higher manifestation of thought and action; and the dead capital, which now goes towards building select places for the self-Great Over-soul all around them, will be used for the nobler purposes of educating man and woman to a fit plane, and from whence they may pass unhandicapped into the spheres of eternal progress and happiness. So, then, let every Spiritualist lift the banner bearing these proclaim without fear the grand truth brought from the other worlds, that the author of all life is Love, and that there is no hell save that which we create in us by our own deeds, and that to every such hell—for every evil thought and action carries with it a hell of its ownman, in the other spheres as well as in this. finds an open door as soon as he determines to renounce and forsake his sin,

BY HIS GUIDE, "HEARTSEASE."

The following poem is from one in the

But that time must be. The law of human Our token of the love we all may share; Soshall the work we now have just begun Ripen to fruitage ere the setting sun;

So shall the love we give to God and man Dry mortal tears and brighten faces wan; crease our labors of love, well knowing we So shall men's lives, that burn like beacon lights,

one, And in the light man finds the victory won. Go forth, my boy, nor waver on the way; The dawning light points to the brighter day.

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must say that I am so very busy all the time that I seldom undertake to answer any of the many letters I receive, but I feel strongly imthat it is essential to your development that you be prayerful and give your mind to pure, lofty thoughts when you sit for spirit control, no matter what the phase or form of expression may be. Such a course will close the avenues against undeveloped spirits who may seek to surround you, and open them to pure and progressed ones. Then, too, bear in mind, dear sister, that we must all creep before we can walk, and that after all the recipient is at fault if the deposit is meagre, for the spiritual operators are necessarily restricted by a Supreme Power, because the unfolding mind must be carefully used and can receive only such spirit messages as it is prepared for. Be content to be at least as a tallow dip at present, as such light may be as much a saving power to some storm-bound voyager praying for light, as the stronger rays from a light-house. Humbabe in one sense, dares to tell the church that bly and cheerfully receive what is given you and in turn give it freely to whom it may be addressed, or in a general way. Thus the us, I will guarantee they will do their full share. circuit for mental interchange is widened and and commonplace, and you will find that to the only masses and prayers and the mind operated upon by spirits is strengthened by the impersonal energy imbibed naturally, but augmented by spirit and because they open the closed avennes, and thus the innate powers are called into use. Then again, we older mediums who have gone through the developing ordeals, some of which were very severe, punishments, he must kill that evil in him by have our times when we receive but little spe cial inspiration, but we understand why it is. Again, we are ofttimes let down from sublime heights to mingle with what we term zero systems. Yes, to mingle with undeveloped ones and to realize the conditions of chaos struggling for assimilation into spheric harmonies. We usually call this new development, but it is that only in part. The truth is, we are used by our guides as factors, by which such crude states and conditions are changed and the resone of captives who may have been long held there and need such special sid; may be effected. We ourselves are benefited even while we suffer, for it develops in us unbounded sympathy for suffering mortals and spirits, no matter what may have been the tion by Mrs. Stevens, of Paw Paw; and followcause of their captivity. Thus are we ourselves fitted to receive measure after measure known speaker, Mrs. . E. Sheets, of Grand of love and pity from the universal stores which we are to freely dispense to all who

> This is, apart from the special or special labor each medium is fitted to perform, the divine purpose of all co-joined angelic and mortal labor. Trusting this may be of service for a pic nic dinner at the hall. to you, I am yours very truly.

#### SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPH.

back. Among the lot was a group composed Paw Paw some time in March. of his wife, his father-in-law, Captain Hass, formerly of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad: Miss Maud Halcom and his brother in-law, Master Charles Haas. The picture was taken at the home of Captain Haas, about ten miles from Danville, and was made by the usual should be at the head of this article. Why? and to the point. pressure of the button, about three weeks ago. The following lines will explain: Early in Oc-When it was taken the party were ranged tober about fifteen Spiritualists of Allegheny the sun was shining brightly, and Mr. Wheat, who operated the camera, was stationed about forty feet away. Miss Halcom, who lives near Captain Haas' residence and who is a friend of Mrs. Wheat, called on the day in question.

In the sun was shining brightly, and Mr. Wheat, ist church, or society in Allegheny City, hired lectures, and we have no trouble in collecting funds for our work. Last Sunday our donatic Christianity, containing many startling conclusions never before published, showing clearly the manual starting conclusions of the lectures, and we have no trouble in collecting funds for our work. Last Sunday our donatic Christianity, containing many startling conclusions never before published, showing clearly the matter of the favoration of the lectures, and we have no trouble in collecting funds for our work. Last Sunday our donatic Christianity, containing many startling conclusions never before published, showing clearly the matter of the favoration and not a person. A senuine sensation.

Mrs. Wheat, called on the day in question. Jamestown, N. Y., who never tires in doing Spiritualism worth working for Mrs. Wheat, called on the day in question, Jamestown, N. Y., who never tires in doing Spiritualism worth working for. and as it was the first time she and Mrs. Wheat had met since the death of Mrs. Hallow the maturally talked about him considerably. After dinner the party went to the veranda to make the picture. Nothing unusual was noticed by any one, and no further thought of the picture was given by Mr. Wheat till to-day, when he opened the package from the kodak factory. To his amazement he found a perfect likeness of Charles Halcom standing immediately back of his sister on the veranda. The figure of Mr. We have also sent in our petitists on the veranda. The figure of Mr. Halcom and his head are four times as large at those of the other persons in the picture, as those of the other persons in the picture, although he is further away from the camera, although the importance of the propagal National Organization, the continuity of the propagal National Organization, the continuity of the propagal National Organization, Wheat had met since the death of Mrs. Halhis custom, a turnover collar, with a small ber. I had about forgotten to mention the black bow, black coat and white shirt. He fact of our hall being too small for the seekers appears to be coming out of the double doors of that glorious truth-Spiritualism. We appears to be coming out of the double doors of that giorious truth—Spiritualism.

At the back of the veranda, although the picture have now engaged a nicer and larger hall and shows the doors to be closed. Mr. Halcom anticipate a wonderful accession to our society died under ordinary circumstances, of typhoid this winter. We predict for the future even this winter. We predict for the future even this winter. fever, a little more than a year ago. He was more marked advancement until this knowlnot a spiritualistic believer, nor was he inter edge, already possessed by millions of human ested in such things. His family were not spiritualistic, nor is Mr. Wheat nor others who ally diffused that by it the entire human famiwere present at the time the picture was taken. Mr. Wheat, who made the picture, is a man living in a world of progression. of stability and merit. He is not a photographer and merely took the camera along on his recent visit to get some views of his wife's homestead.

Wheeling, W. Va., Nov 24.

#### Let the Dead Bury their Dead. "But Jesus said unto him: Follow me and let the dead him, their dead. Mat, viii: 22."

Ye ten millions of Spiritualists, come forward with a penny apiece and provide a suitable resting place and a monument to those who brought to the world the light and truth you are now enjoying, or go hide your heads for shame. It is no doubt from negligence rather hearts and consciences of the people"—a truth than from poverty or penuriousness that this which very many are fast learning, and after matter has not been attended to before. We would suggest that a box be put up at the never be satisfied to return to the dry husks hall of every Spiritualists Society, plainly marked: "Fox Burial Fund," into which all may drop their mite, the amount to be forwarded weekly to the Treasurer of First Spiritualist Society, Carnegie Hall, New York, and in all towns like my own, where there is no society, let some one make a collection and forward it. I will volunteer to do it here, and hall of every Spiritualists Society, plainly on which they have been feeding in years past. RATIONAL LECTURER.

The although there are but few Spiritualists among us, I will guarantee they will do their full share. The article in the Progressive Thinker of Nov. 18, from Emily B. Ruggles, relating to the death and burial of Henry Fox-Jencken, is another case in point, showing the necessity of such a funeral fund as I suggested in your paper a few weeks ago. It is a shame that the Spiritualists must depend on the Roman Catholics to not only nurse their sick but

your paper a few weeks ago. It is a shame is that the Spiritualists must depend on the Roman Catholios to not only nurse their sick but obury their dead in a Catholic cemetery, and under the services of a Catholic Priest. Such a scene certainly does not redound much to the cedit of Spiritualists. Arouse yourselves for humanity's sake. Come up out of the lethargy into which you have fallen, and let the world see that you practice what you preach.

W. J. INNS.

Southwestern Michigan.

The quarterly meeting of Spiritualists of Southwestern Michigan convened in the town hall at Lawton, Sunday, Nov. 26th. This meeting was called to order at half past 10 olock, A. M., by the president. W. R. Sirrine. First was the rendering of a picce of music by the lodel sisters, of Paw Paw; then a recitation by Mrs. Stevens, of Paw Paw; and following this was a poem and lecture by our well-known speaker, Mrs. 4. E. Sheets, of Grand Ledge, Michigan. The title of the poem was and ledge on the spiritual swas and ledge of the converse of the Pisons. In the sundance which she handled in a masterly manner that pleased all present. A nother pieces of music by the sisters, then the meeting adjourned for a pic into dinner at the hall.

At the afternoon session there was a little bundled of the picch of the proper state of the cherished of the proper of Intellies Book. A true Edecician necessary and England by the transfer of the Carlot manner. The Christan Bitle Text Carlot and England to the facility of the property control of the least of the Pisons session of the Book. A true Edecited mecessary and England to the facility of the proport the control of the Book. A true Edecited and the England and England to the proport the control of the Book. A true Edecited and England to the facility of the proport the control of the Book and the proportion of the Boo

Chern Spring a more spling in the something I can't fully understand, when judged from the usual way of looking at things; but what is it?. And when I would endeavor to get them to go with me to a circle, they would put me off being too busy, or they must have a little more time to think over t, etc.

Therefore, my spirit guides must be right when judged sum to read a piece of music, then a poem by Mrs. Stevens entitled "The New Church Organ;" then an other piece of music; then a poem by Mrs. Stevens entitled "The New Church Organ;" then and doing, in order to retain our liberties that our liberties that our liberties that our liberty of many the piece of music; then a poem by Mrs. Stevens entitled "The New Church Organ;" then and doing, in order to retain our liberties that our liberty of many huss, gloridate white piece of music; then a poem by Mrs. Stevens entitled "The New Church Organ;" then and doing, in order to retain our liberties that our liberty of words against the spiritual lime. The louds and things that things; but what is it?". And when I would endeavor to get them to go with me to a circle, they would put me off under the piece of music; then a poem by Mrs. Stevens entitled "The New Church Organ;" then and doing, in order to retain our liberties that our liberty of words against the spiritual lime. The louds and the New," which seemed to please even those that did not be sheet, but on the earthly to the heavenly; and many this humble of the word and things about the home of ble was the line of the word and things about the home of ble was the word of the word and things about the home of ble was the word of the word o

H. A. SORTONE Sec.

Lawton, Mich. "Phenomenal!" TO THE EDITOR. - The word "Phenomenal" good for the glorious cause of Spiritualism. His salary we looked upon as being a little and Buffalo people like her work so well that beings, shall become so widely and so gener-

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ly shall become enlightened. Truly, we are

#### Anna L. Robinson.

TO THE EDITOR:-As I predicted in my A large number, if not the majority of the Robinson's delightful way of presenting the last report of our Port Huron Society, Mrs. millions of Spiritualists in the United States truth is attracting such large audiences that claim to believe that Jesus is a myth, and yet we are at a loss to know what to do with them. so far as relates to the Fox sisters, they are The hall we now occupy has a seating capacity rigidly carrying out the above command of of three hundred, yet very many are turned this same Jesus. They who claim to be the champions of the universal brotherhood of is the third half furnished us free of expense man, and of the golden rule, are permitting by Mr. James H. White, but the prospect now House till we can build a larger hall for ourselves, if Mrs. Anna L. Robinson remains with us; for as Lyman C. Howe says, "She is a wonderful woman, and her gifts are supplemented with such a high purpose and grand womanly character and sincerity, that carry the angel influences and teachings home to the hearts and consciences of the people" structure of the Universe Can the Universe of the Universe Can the Universe A. J. Carrey Rough School Can the Coarse?

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for a pic nic dinner at the hall.

At the afternoon session there was a little business to transact; after that Mrs. Odell, of Paw Paw, who was sent to: Chicago as a delegate of the Southwestern Association, read her report of the National Convention, which was checked.

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#### The National Organization.

National Spiritualists' Association have been every day in the week. Spiritualists visiting kept extremely busy attending to important Washington are requested to call and register business-correspondence ever since the act of their names, so that a "Bureau of Informaincorporation was signed on the first of the tion" may be established as early as possible. present month. Secretary Dimmick has his Lecturers and mediums, as well as societies, hands full in supplying societies with neces- are all urged to send in their names and adsary blanks, and in furnishing information to dresses, so that a complete roster of all can be hundreds of people in various sections of the made for the benefit of the public. United States. Brother Dimmick takes great of the association in his every effort.

to address the First Society of Spiritualists in mick, addressed to the Association's headquarregard to our movement, and received a kind ters. Judge R. B. Westbrook, of Philadelgreeting from the friends of the cause in all phia, has donated one of each of his six parts of the famous "Quaker City." The books to this library, and "Cassadaga; Its First Society is one of the oldest (if not the old- History and Teachings," donated by A. W. est) incorporated local societies now in existence McCoy, of Meadville, Pa., will soon keep having been chartered in 1857. Brother Benj. them company. May hundreds of others emu-P. Benner gave an able lecture before this society in the morning, and in the evening a large audience greeted the writer to listen to a 510 E St., N. W., Washington, D. C. description of the late National Convention in Chicago, and exposition of the purposes of the National Association. . The people seemed deeply interested in the subject, and the society at once voted to take out a charter under the National Association. In addition to this

Pa., whither I had been summoned by tele. fraud or humbug; I do not know; I only say graph to organize a new society under the that it looked a little doubtful to me. auspices of our National Association. Broth- I am not fully convinced as to spirit phogifted co-worker and esteemed friend. Mrs. instances. S. A. Walters, of Auburn, N. Y., was already president; Mrs. Lydia R. Chase, secretary; the public meeting. Mrs. Ada C. Allen, treasurer. An applica- He stated to the audience just before the be called otherwise than a religious mania. ton, accompanied by the charter fee. This 'dark-room' of Mr. Cravens' gallery just a is, to found a religious institution where wosociety contains many live workers, and its moment before, in the presence of himself and men tired of the world could expiate their sins point." future seems assured. Every member is an a newspaper man from Minneapolis, who, by and find heaven in scourgings and penalties. possible way.

time, to dispense the Spiritual gospel in her same process that any photographer uses to laughed at his plans and pronounced them, im- properly denied that the institution is a legitiable and eloquent manner. She always has prepare them for the exposure, and had not practicable. Dr. Jacques traveled through the mate offspring of the teachings of the Catholic something of interest to say, and is possessed been in Mr. Cravens' hands until that mo- greater part of Europe, all the time watching Church for many centuries. In books, serof fine inspirational power. We opine that she will do much for the cause in Williams as his guides directed, with Mr. W. H. Bach He returned to Montreal in 1886, when the approved by the church, self-scourging, volunties approved by the church, self-scourging, volunties approved by the church self-scourging, volunties approved by the church self-scourging, volunties approved by the church self-scourging as his guides directed.

Md., in response to a call for an address be- was made, and then retired to the "dark. Among the families Df. Jacques met" was fore the First Society of Spiritualists in the room," accompanied by President Bach and one named Aubin, from St. Jerome, who had way of torture of the body. "Monumental City," on the popular theme of "Organization and the National Association." the Minneapolis newspaper man, where the come to Montreal with letters of recommendation of the National Association." The entire month of December will probably rapher would do it, and when the picture came ease, and the six girls in the family made a be spent in visiting such societies as wish ad out there was, in addition to the face of the vow that if their lives were spared they would W. F. Peck has been settled as the resident dresses of that nature in various sections of sitter, about half a dozen others, four of which turn nuns. This was an opportunity for speaker for the coming, year. Each Sunday the country. The Spiritualists of the United states are alive to the importance of co-opera- dim, but well enough defined to be readily dis- he immediately founded his convent. This Spiritualists' Hall, in Foot's building. In the of letters that Secretary Dimmick is con- upon the breast of the sitter. stantly receiving, assuring him of the hearty | Now, I can see no way in which there could peculiar institution. sympathy of the writers in our national have been any humbug or chicanery about this

more have been received the board will author. platform, in the presence of one thousand peoize its publication at once. The interest ple. manifested by the people in this book, and My eleven-year-old daughter sat for a pic o'clock in the morning, and retire at 6 P. M. December, and in Willimantic, Conn., the last their generous sympathy for the National ture in the gallery, and when the plate was de- 4:30 in the morning they pray for an hour be two Sundays of that month. Association and its officers are most grate- veloped there were four strange faces on it, fore the cross. During the entire day they Our society will listen to Sunday evening fully appreciated by all of the trustees, as the but the face of my little girl did not show at pray and sing hymns, even while attending to addresses for December as follows: December trend of public opinion is clearly shown by all.

these expressions. Our board stands as a Two of the faces were said by the medium to few in number, and as simple as possible. A. Byrnes; 17th and 24th, J. Frank Baxter; already rising in the sky above them. They other was said to be the face of my infant son, hope there will be a prompt response from the who passed over fourteen years ago. The kitchen, the dining-room and the 'hall of expeople in their appeal for pledges for the 400 fourth was said to be the spirit guide of my copies necessary to insure the publication of the interesting book referred to above. When dium, by the way. these names are on record, the manuscript will

at once begiven to the printer.

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friends in the "city of brotherly love." that I had very serious doubts about.

November 19th found me in Williamsport, Yet 1 am not prepared to say that it was

ers F. E. Allen and Thomas G. Ruffhead, two tography, yet I saw Prof. Cravens do some carry it away from the plain paths of good a grotto, the interior of which has been made earnest workers, greeted me as I stepped from wonderful things last summer at the Merrimac common sense, is clearly shown in a recent into a chapel, containing the statue of St. Jean the train, and I learned from them that our Island camp. I will try to give one or two account, which states that one of the most into Baptiste.

The first Sunday that we were on the day evenings, with good audiences present on Spiritualist Association, came up to the city ling themselves in chains, a small community tures. all occasions. A society numbering over and purchased a box of plates of one of our entirely cut off from human ties, such is the seventy-five persons was duly organized on leading photographers, carried it to his tent private convent of Dr. Jacques. Tuesday evening, with the following officers: on the island, and retained it in his possession T. J. Trapp, president; J. J. King, vice until the test was made the next morning at time having a good practice in Montreal, but

he signaled to Mr. Bach to look at the camera ple, and, it is said, attended himself November 26th will find me in Baltimore, and keep still for an instant, when the exposure cases free of charge.

charters are coming in rapidly, several being opened until within a very few minutes of the sometimes received in one day.

Subscriptions for the book relative to the Summer Land. Price \$1.00. Subscriptions for the book relative to the liable men who could have no possible motive the Mother Superior, and is 30 years old. All of song. late convention are quite numerous, over 850 in deceiving the congregation, and the expos. wear, in the name of religion, a red habit with A dramatic club has also been formed, with orders being now on record, and when 400 ure was made in the open air, on the public a white veil.

unit in its efforts to further the best interests be those of my two brothers, who died in in- The food is of the plainest possible descrip- 31st, Mrs. Juliette Yeaw. In January they of our cause, and despite the hard times the fancy before I was born, and there certainly is tion, and the table utensils are of wood. of our cause, and despite the hard times the fancy before I was born, and there certainly is thon, and the table utensus are of wood. Will have Dr. George A. Fuller, of Worcester, members can see the rainbow of success a resemblance to my own face in them. And In the second story of the convent, which is two Sundays, Mr. Peck exchanging with

over, whom they professed to recognize. The four feet high, decorated with chains, scourges, and literary meetings. So far as heard from, the idea of a "Spirit faces appeared in all parts of the plate, all a crown of thorns and other instruments of

the interest of the people on that memorable rapher, but I have never heard anyone explain WM. A. PETERSON.

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On holy days and feast days, when, accord- throat, passed to Spirit life. ing to their ideas, the Lord has more reason is indulged in, and one of the sisters is chained ual faith of the ascended. for a whole day and night to the pillar, fastened by the neck, the hands and the feet, while she wears the crown of thorns on her

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The dormitory is immediately under the roof, and is divided into small cells. This is probably the most horrible portion of the house. In each cell there is an empty coffin, which serves as a bed for the sister, and the only covering consists of a mortuary cloth. A little bench, with a pitcher and washbasin, go to make up the rest of the furniture, in addition to another small bench, which serves as a

girls—the youngest as well as the oldest sleeps on the bare wood, without support for her head. When they are seriously ill their coverlet is put between them and the hard wood. At the end of the passage which divides the cells, is a large cell for penitent few days in retreat, and to expiate sins committed. One of its ornaments is a skull, and while there the penitents are compelled to wear heircloth next to their skin so as to continue. girls-women of the world who wish to pass a haircloth next to their skin, so as to continu-

of the others, but contains besides a little pillow stuffed with grass collected by him at Notre Dame de Lourdes; in France, and ornamented on: top, with a picture of the holy face. of the others, but contains besides a little pilmented on top with a picture of the holy face painted at that place. The institution is supposed to contain several relics of wonderful power, the principal one of these being a medallion of the holy face imported from the Convent of the Precious Blood at St. Hyacinthe. This picture at different times is supposed to sweat blood.

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exist in a modern age has just been unearthed Cross" are placed on the walls at intervals, on the ground waiting to go to work for this grounds he made an exposure on the platform in the heart of Montreal. Women immured and each afternoon the six sisters, with heavy new society. Joint services were held by in the big pavilion, in the presence of probatin a private dwelling called a convent, their chains at their wrists, go the rounds, praying new society. Joint services were held by in the big pavilion, in the presence of proba- in a private dwelling called a convent, their chains at their wrists, go the rounds, praying themselves, go the rounds, go the r noon and evening, and on Monday and Tues- On Saturday afternoon, President Bach, of the off from the world; sleeping in coffins, shack- several minutes before the last of the pic-

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#### Preserved by Its Corruptions.

Hallam, in his "Middle Ages," tells us that ignorance was almost universal throughout the period of which he wrote-from the fifth to the fifteenth there is nothing better there. Again, century. He says, p. 462: "In the millions are believers in Christianity or shadows of this universal ignorance, a thousand superstitions, like foul animals of night, were propagated and 'nourished." Even among the parochial clergy, he tells us: "There was no learning and very little regularity of mony is placed instead." manners." Turning back one page, and we read:

"I am not aware that there appeared more than two really considerable men in the republic of letters, from the sixth to the middle of the eleventh century." One of these was John Scotius, of Ireland; the other Gerbert, who became Pope Sylvester II.

It was during this long period, of almost universal ignorance that ecclesiastical and much secular history was written in the secret cloisters of the church to advance its interests, and these were made to appear to have been written many hundred years earlier. The great historian well says:

"Such is the complex reciprocation of good and evil in the dispensation of rovidence, that we may assert, with only an apparent paradox, that, had re-Agion been more pure, it would have een less permanent, and that Chris tianity. has been preserved by means of its corruption.'

#### Women Voters in New Zealand.

is to have a fair and impartial trial in faith. . . We admit it contains errors candidates at recent elections; so a Zealand has enfranchised its women. Every one of them, without exception, married or single, who has arrived at cannot defend the morals of the Old came to a point in Buffalo, N. Y., where her ballots on every question submitted to a vote of the people. Women will hereafter vote at elections for members of the legislature and these may belong to their own see They may vote for mayors, aldermen and all other elective officers of a political nature. The sex feature has, in fact, been entirely obliterated in New Zesland politics, and universal suffrage in its widest and broadest sense is henceforth to be in full operation there.

## A Poisoned Fountain.

Were the Catholic priests of the earlier centuries, through whose hands the Bible, and all church literature came on their way to our times any more trusty than those of the present age? Back of the 15th century everything was Catholic, and scarcely any but Catholic priests and monks could read and write. They lived in cloisters; subsisted by beggary, and practiced pious frauds. They were the fathers of the church; they wrote its history; for a thousand years every book now found in our libraries and labeled "Ancient His-

Protestants put no trust in anything which now comes from Catholic hands.

Were these vile men more worthy of confidence when they had no opposition, by absorbing the flesh and blood of any confidence when they had no opposition, save such as they silenced at the stake, when they dominated civilization? From a poisoned fountain flows impure

#### Economy in Brains.

The Daily Record of this city has unearthed a sermon-factory, which seems doing a wholesale business. The head of the concern represents that he has two hundred and fifty Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Congregational insurance, so that the present home may ministers on his list, to whom he fur- be maintained after he is dead. The nishes material for Sunday discourses. He has been engaged three years in this sermon-factory business, and when interviewed under a pledge of secrecy, said the sermon on which he was then at work would be used by seventy-five preachers on the following Sunday:

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER | how a class of the clergy keep in line and never wander outside of their creed. The eloquent divine whose sermon was laving a secluded office on one of the timore and published in the Chicago the world is no worse than it is. floors of one of Chicago's great Tvibune: upper floors of one of Chicago's great buildings, while the preying repeater acts the part of salary-grabber and plays the agreeable to his parishioners during the week. We like this way of doing business; it encourages labor and direction of Cardinal Gibbons will be brains.

#### Depravity of Our Christian Ancestry.

Hallam, in his history of the Middle Ages, tells his readers, p. 473, Harper's

dition: "It is a humiliating proof of the degadation of Christendom, that the Venetians were reduced to purchase the luxuries of Asia by supplying the slave the author says: "William of Malms-burg accuses the Anglo-Saxon nobility when pregnant by themselves, to for-eigners." Hallam then says he would not have given credit to the historian, Malmsburg, had he not "found too much authority for the general practice."

And such was the civilizing influence of Christianity! May we not inquire if barbarians sunk in paganism could have descended to lower depths of brutality?

#### A Critical Observer.

Dr. Adolf Brodbeck, a learned cleric of Hanover, Germany, startled the reigious world by his utterances at the Parliament of Religions, the full force of which the Christian press is just beginning to comprehend. We quote one paragraph:

"It is an open secret that millions of people in our civilized countries have practically given up Christianity and cares not so much that a genuine good with it religion. Millions of others education be given the people, as that cling to the old belief only because Romanism and all the category of supersother religions, because they have been educated in those lines and do not know better. The time has come for a new form of religion, in which the painful discord between modern civilization and

#### Returning Sense.

It is stated that by joint action of Congress, and the ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States, the proceeds of the sale of Mormon church property, under a former act of Congress, has been turned over to the church authorities for distribution. The fund had reached several hundred thousand dollars. The attempt at confiscation of Mormon property, by federal authority. was an indefensible and unjustifiable the entering wedge to the final overact to begin with, and it is only proof of throw of the American Public School returning good sense to restore this wealth to those to whom it belonged. Why select a weak and unpopular church over which to tyrannize? Congress had hierarchy. Their honeyed phrases of as much right to conficcate the property of all other religious denominations as that of the Mormon church.

## Not Silenced.

Rev. Dr. Briggs, the finally convicted heretic, at the Parliament of Religions: "The Bible is now being subjected to

the searching criticisms of science; and flat. Romanists are quite sore over the Says an exchange: -Woman's suffrage it will not do to oppose criticism with defeat of many of their chosen Romish anthropol ... Different tests show great dis-crepancies. All scientific criticism finds errors in the Bible.

full age, may go to the polls and deposit Testament. Polygamy and slavery are the A. P. A. had been very active. not anywhere condemned. The Patri- Steps were taken to effectually squelch

#### Religious Riot in Bombay.

A friend writing from Bombay, India, says they have recently experienced a terrible religious riot in that city. "For tors" defeated. a whole week a fearful panic prevailed, and the roads looked as if a plague had swept away every human being. The Europeans and Parsees were not dis-turbed. The Hindoos and Mohammedans were enlisted against each other, sultations through her instrumentality, and many were murdered on either side. on spiritual topics and mediumship, The military were called out, and the heavy artillery was placed in the heart of the native communities. This

prompt action restored order, and all s quiet as I write."

The President's Limitagiving
Will the time ever come when reigionists will learn to respect conflict-

## ing views on the hereafter?

#### A Survival of Cannibalism. The German naturalist and physiolo-

gist, Carl Vogt, is responsible for the tory" which did not come to us through apothegm, "All religion is the daughter the Moors, was in their hands; was prob- of fear and ignorance, and consists of ably written by them; was copied, re- the adoration of the unknown." This copied and altered at will, and was unknown, the same author claims, is the copied and altered at will, and was unknown, the same author claims, is the passed on from generation to generation, each copyist adapting it to accominate tion, each copyist adapting it to accominate the way to human when the laborer is idle, and his debts modate his own views. Nothing was sacricfies, which he finds was common too sacred to escape alteration at their Gauls. M. Vogt says: "The words of Jesus, 'He who eats my flesh and drinks one the life of the person passes into the feeder, 'for the life is the blood' was a Jewish maxim." Thus the sacrament of the Lord's supper, he claims, is a

> The New York Observer says: "Gather up all the money that the working classes have spent for rum during the last thirty years, and I will build for every man a house and lay out for him a garden and secure him a policy of life most persistent, the most overpowering enemy of the working classes is intoxicating liquor."

survival of cannibalism.

The colony of Pennsylvania suffered greatly from a debased copper coinage made in Birmingham, England, and im-This is refreshing news, and shows ported to this country.

#### A Damnable Romish Scheme.

The fine Italian hand of the popish

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 26 .- [Special.] -A printed circular which is understood to have been prepared under the distributed among Catholics and Protes tants during the present week. Its object is to feel the public pulse with reference to the distribution of the public school money biennially given to the schools in the State. In this circular the plea is made that while Catholics are not opposed to public schools so far as they imparte a good secular education they believe that instruction in religion is also necessary. The demand is made that the law be so changed that parents who prefer to send their children to market of the Saracens. This trade was of the benefits to be derived from the not peculiar to Venice. In England it taxes paid by them to sustain the was very common after the conquest schools, but that the fund be fairly disby William, of Normandy, A. D., 1066,] tributed among all denominational to export slaves to Ireland," In a note schools. As there are scarcely any denominational schools excepting the Catholic in this State, the parochial of selling their female servants, even school alone would benefit. A bill will be offered in the next Legislature in derstood that the circular was inspired by Mgr. Satolli, and that similar appeals will be made to the authorities and citizens in other large cities.

This damnable scheme is quite in ac cord with the Romish and Jesuitical designs to weaken, undermine and gradually destroy the American Free Public Schools, and substitute therefor the Romish system of parochial schools, in' which the inculcation of Romish and popish notions is paramount to a genuine secular education. Rome will never be satisfied till the influences and teachings of distinctively Romish ideas are put into practical effect in all the schools. The true Romanist and Jesuit cares not so much that a genuine good titions, inanities and lies that are included in the term popery, be instilled into the being of the children, so that they be fashiored into the pliant tools o priestly and jesuitic overseers.

This sly and treacherous scheme of the slimy enemies of our free American institutions should be fought, tooth and nail, to the death, whenever and wherever attempted. Evidently there is a good missionary field for the A. P. A. in Maryland, and we hope it will be worked carefully and thoroughly.

Down with the enemies of the public school, among whom may be classed Satolli, Gibbons and all their Romish cohorts.

The division of the public school fund, as thus attempted in Maryland, is System-and none know it better than these oily representatives of the Romish love for our public schools are all sheer hypocrisy-meant to deceive and hoodwink the American people, and the treacherous ablegate, cardinals, archbishops, etc., all well know it.

#### Defeated Again.

Another little popish scheme has fallen scheme was devised to squelch the A. P. A. which was largely instrumental in compassing their defeat. The soreness archs were not truthful. David was a siner. The Israelities were told to destroy their enemies."

Soops were taken wenectually squeren toward, that as they lose the lear of hell the A. P. A. by legal process against the Organization as an illegal and traitorous "conspiracy." And now comes a prominent Catholic lawyer and tells them the area has no creed; no horned devil; no hell the process against the organization as an illegal and traitorous "conspiracy." And now comes a prominent Catholic lawyer and tells them the area has no creed; no horned devil; no hell the process against the organization as an illegal and traitorous "conspiracy." And now comes a prominent Catholic lawyer and tells the organization are the organization as an illegal and traitorous "conspiracy." And now comes a prominent Catholic lawyer and tells the organization are the organization as an illegal and traitorous "conspiracy." And now comes a prominent Catholic lawyer and tells the organization are the organization as an illegal and traitorous "conspiracy." And now comes a prominent Catholic lawyer and tells the organization are the organization as an illegal and traitorous "conspiracy." And now comes a prominent Catholic lawyer and tells the organization are the organization a them the case has no standing and that rance; and the case has been abandoned. Once again are the Romish "Conspira-

#### Spiritual Consultation.

The guides of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond have consented to resume the con-Wednesdays from 1:30 to 5 P. M., at 40 Loomis street.

#### The President's Thanksgiving

this Thanksgiving day And asks the Father's blessing in the

customary way, Will his heart be filled with gladness he views the bounteous spread? Will the feast that lies before him still

the workman's cry for bread? Will he render up his thanks for the factories closed down?

And the homeless workingmen on the charity of the town?

he cannot pay? Will he say the country's prosperous when the banker hoards his gold And the merchant can't collect for the goods that he has sold? Will he ask the soldier's blessing when

he stabs him in the back? Will he wish the people happy when he keeps them on the rack!

Will he ask for strength to keep him from infliction of the blight? Which threats our country's future with the darkness of the night? Will he hear the people's voices

he hearken to them well? Will he give them recognition, othery them-who can tell? WILL TIFFANY.

A Witch of the Nineteenth Century. Remember, please, that this highly ings on the soul, Tuesday evening Deinteresting story, which ran through cember the 5th., in Room 1535, (office of the soul.—Joubert. THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER for eight | Truth Gleaner) Masonig Temple, at 7:45 weeks, will be sent free to all new yearly and trial subscribers. Get your

#### Let Us Be Thankful.

Thanksgiving has come and gone, and so greatly enjoyed last Sunday, is a emissaries is plainly apparent in the let us be thankful that we live in this young man not ordained to the ministry, following scheme as reported from Bal- free and enlightened country, and that

Let us be thankful that Spiritualism has increased in numbers during the past year, and that THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER has been in the front as its earnest worker.

Let us be thankful that the statute books of this State are free from odious

States during the past eventful year has tell who are to be." there been any legislation inimical to the interests of our glorious cause.

Let us be thankful that THE PROaccordance with the above. It is uncombining one appear to orthodox dogmas—into shutting their to visit some friends and then rested at November 20th. She gave the best of LENCE.

Let us be thankful, and jubilant over the fact that Governor McKinley, of Ohio, had the exalted manhood to listen as liberal free thought comes in, orthoto to the appeal of The Progressive of the appeal of The Progressive will come when liberal views—even anti- over the street, taking a light with him.

Bishop Fowler would better beware: hurried home. Scarcely arrived inspirational singer she is wonderful. Sunday, December 3d, Mrs. Clara H. Banks, of Haydenville, Mass., the power over the street, taking a light with him. the fact that Governor McKinley, of THINKER, and send back to the Legislature the Bruck bill, and insist that the portion imposing a fine on clairvoyants and seers should be expunged. Let us be thankful that he has been rewarded by being re-elected governor by a large majority.

Let us be thankful that THE PROnumbering 145,000. Let us be thankful, mental in defeating the Romish Church in several of its strongholds.

Let us be thankful that while THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER leads in circulation, it is not subsidized by any wealthy man who can make a puppet of ts editor to dance while he fiddles.

Let us be thankful that Spiritualism exists; but let us all drape ourselves in mourning that so few are engaged in a to employ. grand humanitarian work; and that to day it cannot boast of a single charitable institution.

Let us be thankful that there are 10,000,000 Spiritualists. but let us all tie black crape to our door knobs and wear a black ribbon around our necks on the 17th of this month, for at least one hour, expressing our deep regrets that our poor crippled mediums have not where to lay their heads.

Let us be thankful that there are twenty-eight Spiritualist camp-meetings to pour out spiritual truth to the people, but let them keep before them a small coffin to denote that the Fox sisters have no place where their mortal remains can be deposited.

Let us be thankful that through the earnest appeals of Frederick F. Cook and Titus Merritt, aided solely by THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, the two Fox sisters, through whom the grand truths of Spiritualism first originated,

danger of the Romish Octopus.

Let us be thankful that Spiritualists in the aggregate are the most moral people in the world, but let us feel sorrowful, that as they lose the fear of hell

any man has a "perfect legal right to join the A. P. A. without let or hind- to be regretted that it does not employ a hearse to stand before each society containing statistics to show how little has been done in a humanitarian way by its

Let us be thankful that criminal to do some good. statistics contains but one account of a murder being committed by Spiritualists. The perpetrators of the horrible deed are now serving out a life sentence in Michigan.

Let us be thankful that the great American turkey is an appendage of Thanksgiving Day.

Let us be thankful-doubly, trebly grandly thankful that there are 10,000, 000 Spiritualists in the United States; but let us be sextuply sorrowful that a call on them for \$100,000—one pent apiece-to do a humanitarian work

## Eighty-five Years of Age.

Dr. R. S. Ensign lives in Duluth, Infinity, evolution in all its phases.

Ain He is eighty-five years of age. All this is told in the simple, un-Minn. He is eighty-five years of age. His permanship is perfect, and his mind as clear as crystal. He is a Spiritualist. and takes an unlimited amount of stock to understand this mystic work. in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.

Teachings on the Soul.

The guides of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond will commence a class for teachsharp.

yearly and trial subscribers. Get your children are excellent physiognomists and soon discover their real friends. Sidney Smith.

#### Signs of Progress.

There are signs of progress even among the ranks and leaders of the A most hidebound orthodoxy. In a recent interview, so prominent and distinguished a personage as Bishop Fowler, of the Methodist Episcopul church, said: "We are growing more liberal every

year. You know that beautiful hymn in it occurred, a distinguished young lawour hymnbook which begins: 'There's a yer of literary reputation, who stated wideness in God's mercy?' Well, fifty that he could not give the most remote years ago that hymn could not have explanation of it: laws regarding the rights of Spiritualists and mediums, and that that happy
condition of affairs is mainly owing to
interviewer], but as I grow older I find
the valuant fight, of The Progressive that hymn could not have
cate A—, together with his wife and
two children, left their house in Via
Gaeta at 6 o'clock precisely for an eventhe valiant fight of THE PROGRESSIVE that I know a good deal less than I used ing walk. He was in good health and to. Twenty-five years ago I knew exactly spirits, but just as they crossed the who were to be damned. To-day I can't street he was suddenly seighed with a shock through his whole heady, which

great bulwark of orthodoxy-it is this against the wall. His wife in alarm aswhich keeps minds from searching for sisted him to steady himself, anxiously GRESSIVE THINKER has survived the truth wherever it may be found, outside asking what was the matter. financial shock of the past year without of the Bible and church creeds, outside trying to sall fictious bonds, without of orthodox rith and church in formatical was able to continue the walk, only detrying to sell fictitious bonds, without of orthodox ruts and channels. The fear scribing an unaccountable perturbation swindling stockholders, and without of hell as the result of free thought and and humming in his ears. The evening begging or asking any one to die in its investigation ever has been and still is breeze and exercise gradually calmed behalf. Let us be thankful that it first the bugaboo that frightens timid "be- and revived him, and he completely inaugurated the publication of a paper lievers, into an unquestioning adherence regained his usual frame. They went eyes and stopping their ears against the light and voice of all truth that coincides a storm which had been gathering benot with orthodox faith.

Bishop Fowler would better beware: hell-and-damnation views—will be "or-thodox," and liberalism and orthodoxy will be synonymous. Toward this goal the world is tending.

#### A Romish Tax.

free secular public schools put forth him, which, as it rose, assumed a hu-GRESSIVE THINKER issued one edition the hypocritical claim that Catholics man form. are made to pay two taxes—one for the too, that that edition was a favorite with public schools and one for their paro-A. P. A.'s, and that it has been instru- chial schools. This claim is advanced rienced again overcame him, leaving to justify their demands for a propor- him unable to sleep all night. Early in tionate share of the public school fund. The lying sophistry of their argument is quite characteristic of the oily Jesuits. mother had been suddenly seized with But the plain fact is, the money paid by cerebral syncope the previous evening Catholics for parochial schools is not a at 6 o'clock and had expired at midtax at all. It is simply a religious contribution, levied by Jesuitical priests and hishops, and extorted from their ig-norant dupes by the methods which the Romish ecclesiasts so well know how

#### Only Fined.

The amazons of Osceola, Neb., heretofore mentioned in these columns, who disgraced their sex by turning White It is not too much to say of this cultured were only fined instead of imprisoned as their acts merited.

#### A Spiritualistic Wedding.

A very pretty home wedding between two Spiritualists took place last week at Blaisdell, a suburb of Buffalo, N. Y., at the home of the bride, Miss Helen Potter, where Mr. Ernest Hamilton, of Bradford, Pa., took the above-mentioned lady for better or worse during her natural life on earth.

The Rev. J. W. Dennis, of Buffalo, N. Y., performed the marriage ceremony. Mr. Dennis being a regularly or-dained minister of the denomination of Spiritualists, is doing a good deal of this bolized in the Christ or Son of God, etc.

ministerial work at weddings, funerals I can give but a faint outline of this way back towards Omaha. Address

E. M. HALL.

#### James H. White.

In another column Will C. Hodge suggests that as many Spiritualists do not know James H. White, of Port Huron, Mich., that THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER Our speaker for December will be our will consent also to become the custo- and well-loved Jennie Hagan-Jackson. dian of gifts for Lyman C. Howe. We desire to say that Mr. White is thoroughly reliable, financially and otherwise, and every cent forwarded to him will be as safe as in the hands of any National Bank. 'He is a first-class man and a humanitarian, and always trying



## The "Religion of the Stars."

would not be responded to by one-tenth; This wonderful occult book, by Olney but let us be thankful that in the course of H. Richmond, Grand Magea of the Angradual evolution, as the monkey recedes clent Order of Oriental Mystics for the gradual evolution, as the monkey recedes united States, is filled to overflowing splendid tribute to the deceased, alin their make-up and the angelic steps in with knowledge that all light-seekers luding to his well-known qualities as a to take its place, that each one will be and Mystics should be in possession of the come a humanitarian in word, thought and deed. In conclusion, let us be depaper. It contains all the sixteen old woutly and reverently thankful that in the aggregate, Spiritualists are the Soul Under Environments; Objections Nellie M. Smith, pastor of the Pioneer Review of the Pioneer Soul Under Environments; Objections Nellie M. Smith, pastor of the Pioneer Considered: Evolution Considered: Evolution Truth Society; Mr. Thos. A. wonders, Magnetism of Stars, Governing Forces, Law of Vibrations, Study of

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studied manner for which Prof. Rich-

mond is noted. It is not necessary for

one to be a university graduate in order

The beautiful is seen with the eye of Nothing is more terrible than ig-norance in action.—Goethe.

He who purposely cheata his friends would cheat his God.—Lavater. Mau subsists upon the air more than upon his meat and drink.—Thackeray. mythology.—[Emerson.

#### THE LAWYER'S VISION.

Remarkable Instance of Physical Suffering and Thought Transference.

The Popolo Romalo relates the follow ing authentic fact, without giving more than the initial of the person to whom "Some years since, shock through his whole body, which caused all the blood to leave his face The hell-and-damnation dogma is the and obliged him to support himself

gan the first blasts of wind, and they all The wind extinguished the lamp, so he had to continue his operations in the dark, only illuminated now and then by the lightning flashes. He was just lift ting the last flower vase, an ornamental one, given him by his mother, when he was startled by seeing a kind of black The lying Jesuitical haters of our veil waving upward close in front of

"Very much disturbed, he immediately related the strange appearance to his wife, and the perturbation before expethe morning came a telegram from his brother at Ferrara stating that their night, just as the Avvocato A- had seen the black veil vanish into space.

## Grand Rapids Spiritual Associa-

TO THE EDITOR:-In behalf of the Frand Rapids Spiritual Association, I lesire to report to your readers the excellent work of Prof. Wait, of Ft. Edmonds, N. Y., who has been our respected teacher for the month of November. Caps and flogging some young women, scholar and gentleman, that he has given us, in his lectures and classes, much food for thought, many beautiful explanations of the esoteric or basic spiritual principle underlying the socalled sacred writings of the ancients He has given the Greek and Hebrew interpretations, showing that names and phrases had their origin in the character and quality of the thing named, which serves to throw a flood of light on has also shown us the progressive creain turn into the true order of harmony, the unfolded spiritual man or race, symwere kept from actual starvation.

Let us be thankful that THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER was the first to
show up in the ranks of Spiritualism the

and at lecturing in and near Buffalo. gitted teacher's course of lectures.

Spiritualists are beginning to see the speaks in a calm, dispassionate manner, making every point clear, sometimes tional Spiritual association, is in Washministers when we have just as good show up in the ranks of Spiritualism the

Let us be thankful that THE PROSpiritualists are beginning to see the speaks in a calm, dispassionate manner, making every point clear, sometimes tional Spiritual association, is in Washministers when we have just as good ing to the sublime, but never descending to the ridiculous. Those who have
talent among our own people. investigated along the lines of mental and theosophical philosophy and those

still affiliated with the Qurch, have Washington, on Sundays. His address formed a large portion of his audiences, is 1121 Tenth St., N. W., Washington, The society is growing, and undergoing aim at and work for.

MRS. C. H. HINKLEY.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICES. Held in Honor of the Late Frederick

Muhlhauser

Memorial services were held in Army and Navy hall yesterday afternoon, in memory of the late Frederick Muhlhauser. The hall was practically filled and the audience, composed of Jews and denominations of gentiles, was

greatly interested. The exercises opened with singing by the choir, which is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson, Mr. John Pae and Mrs. Addie McClymond.

The opening remarks were made by Mr. Thomas Lees, who alluded to Mr. Muhlhauser as one of the most eminentof the defenders of Spiritualism that ever lived in Cleveland. He paid a

of the Astral, etc. It tells of magical Spiritual Truth Society; Mr. Thos. A. Black, president of the Cleveland Spiritual Alliance: Mrs. Effic Moss and Miss Maggie Gaule. Two beautiful recitations were also given: "The Home of the Soul" by the leader of Fountain group and Kindergarten, Miss Nellie Thayer, and "The Child's Vision" by Ruby Snape, An appropriate and beautiful solo was artistically rendered by Miss Sarah Cohen, one of Cleveland's most popular sopranos. The bereaved family were all present, and occupied seats near the rostrum, which was tastefully decorated with flowers and shrubs, Memoriam, Unser Fritz."

> The Dutch of New York attempted as early as 1661 to establish a mint, but without success. The first coins were issued about 1700.

Cleveland. O.

Science surpasses the old miracles of



G. H. Brooks's address during Deember will be 1212 Fifth avenue care of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Root, Bay Clty, Mich. He will attend to funerals or weddings within a reasonable distance of Bay City.

G. E. J., of New Bedford, Mass. writes: "Mrs. Hattie C. Mason, of Worcester, occupied our platform Sunday, trol, Sunshine, is very correct; nearly all were recognized. As a psychometrist she is one of the best, also as an erful and eloquent inspirational platform speaker, will occupy our platform.

We are requested to state that if Mrs. Dr. Amelia Lamon will publish her present address in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, she will confer a favor on her many friends in Salt Lake City.

C. H. Jones, of Vicksburg, Mich. writes of a seance with J. Knight Perkins, of Kalamazoo, in full daylight. He says: "I placed two clean slates together with a piece of pencil between, on the floor, placed a rug over the slates, and then placed my foot on the rug over the slates, the medium lying on a couch by my side, and not touching the slates. After a moment the medium told me to take the slates. I did so, and found a message of seventeen words on the upper side of the under slate. I consider proofs of this kind absolute proof of spirit-return."

On the evening of November 28th, Mrs. Jennie Moore christened the infant daughter of S. and Maria Flint, at the home of Mrs. S. M. Bumstead. At a materializing seance afterward over twenty forms appeared, all being recognized. The proceeds were for the benefit of the Spiritual Union. Over thirty were present.

Dr. Juliet H. Severance has gone to Florida for the winter. Her address is Jacksonville. We hope she will return to Chicago with forty-five pounds additional weight. That will make her the best-natured woman on earth. We advise the Spiritualists of Florida to employ her as speaker. She can talk well and eloquently.

Dr. W. Shelburn, of Atlanta, Neb., many contradictory and otherwise abwrites: "Mr. and Mrs. Parker, the surd statements of biblical writers. He' Elgin, Ill., mediums, are with us. There is much promise of interest being taken tion of man, that he is still being created by the people on these far-distant prai-and eventually to come to the "full stature of man," in which the beast shall liberates souls. Their seances are phe-be transmuted into the human and that nomenal music and trumpet and written) communications, etc., giving convincing proof of the return of our loved ones.

eral weeks yet. He stands ready to

Geo, P. Colby, who has been dangerously ill with pneumonia, is slowly convalescing.

The Dayton, O., Evening News, of Nov. 25, contains an account of the funeral services of Mrs. Mary E. Barbour, which were conducted by Oscar A. Edgerly, and were, in every way simple, modest and devoid of cant, ostentation and sensationalism.

Mrs. Anna Orvis will serve the society of Anderson, Ind., for the months of December and January. Will gladly answer calls for week-day evenings in neighboring towns, also attend funerals or weddings. She has a little disen-gaged time in the spring of 1894.

On the afternoon of October 9, a very interesting ceremony was performed in the First Progressive Spiritual Church, of San Francisco, Cal., viz., the taking into full communion of Mrs. Ann N. Rutland, of 4171 Hayes street. The exercises commenced with a hymn, followed by an invocation. Mrs. Rutland then ascended the platform, and having satisfactorily answered the usual questions as to qualifications, the ordination service was performed by the Vice-Presi dent. The ceremony was followed by the hymn. "Rock of Ages." after which the Rev. Mrs. Rutland made an address in which she stated her reason for leaving the faith of her fathers and adopting Spiritualism. The President explained that all the ordained are Ministers of Light sent out by the church to a suffering world, and that in a real way they are missionaries of the Faith-the Tauth. The ordained are ministers, and can perform all the functions of ministers of other Churches—marry, bury the dead, etc. Tests and addresses by leading mediums followed, and the exercises were closed by the congregation singing the Doxology and the President pronouncing the benediction.

Mrs. G. Partridge, psychometrist, is again at home, 291 Ogden Ave., from Goodland, Ind., where she has been for the past two weeks treating the sick.

Mrs. Olive A, Blodgett, secretary of the Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association, promises to write of some of her experiences in the way of art, slate-writwith a life-size, excellent portrait of Mr. ing, and type-writing phenomena while Muhlhauser, on which was a motto: "In Memoriam, Unser Fritz."

ing, and type-writing phenomena while on a recent visit to Chicago. She had a very interesting time with Mr. Campbell, the spirit artist, and the Bangs

> T. N. Travis, speaking from experience, thinks it is not ah idle fancy to state or believe that Spiritualism is the boon of true gladness springing up in the mind as soon as the hungry soul gets the evidence of its truth.

Brother T. Pomeroy, of Winslow, Ill., is entitled to our sincere thanks for his interest in The Progressive Thinker and the cause of Spiritualism. The work that he is doing cannot fail to bring forth good fruit.

W. J. Colville's closing services in Chicago took place on Thanksgiving Day. He has now returned to New York. His Sunday engagements during December are: Conservatory hall, Bedford avenue and Fulton St., Brook-

P. Galvin writes thus encouragingly from Cusseta, Texas: "At the solicita-tion of brother H. C. Fulcher we turned our steps from Marshall here. We and their unseen presence and thought came, as we thought, for a couple of will intensify the feelings and desires of weeks, and behold! here we are going on our second month, and the hint of our making this our home reaches us from orthodox as well as Spiritualists. The guides have enabled us to do some good work, and when we leave we will carry many happy thoughts away with

Mrs. L. E. Wood, of Kelloggsville, O. writes: "Your fearless and courageous paper finds its way to my home weekly, illed with so many good things that I, with my mother, (who subscribed for it) would be loth to do without it. To me its rostrum is its most interesting feature; one sure to be appreciated by Spiritualists who live at a distance from any organized society. By the way, never was time so ripe for organization as the present, and never a time when there was such need of organization as

Mr. Geo. W. Walrond, of Hamilton, Canada, gave an interesting trance discourse on "The Astral Influences on Mankind." The guide, William Lilly, a seventeenth century astrologer, was the controlling intelligence, and defined with remarkable clearness the science of the soul. Man was related to the universe, and every planet and star exercised a direct influence on human "Cans't thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades?" was a question asked in the days of Job. It indicated the immutability of the laws governing planetary influence. These laws, said the controlling spirit, were still in force for good or evil as the case may be. Mr. Walrond gave some spirit messages at the close of the trance address.

A. J. Champion writes: "To the public: Having given a part of my time since 1852 to the study of the philosophy of Spiritualism, both through personal experience, and the experiences and the published thoughts of the best minds in our ranks; and since March 1891 been a close student of the Temple of the Magi and its problems, conducted a have queer feelings. I would no sooner by the blood of an innocent murdered overthrown by a combined assault of all Magi and its problems, conducted a court for nearly three years, and last winter nearly a daily attendant at the light shock like that from a galvanic first to twelfth degree, I am at liberty. I just noticed it at first, but it finally became so strong that I began to offer my services at reasonable terms to spiritual societies and courts that may desire them; also conduct funeral services and marriage ceremonies. Addien innocent murdered get interbed than my hands would feel a light shock like that from a galvanic psychic influence of mother, and every vision of the Constitution, separation of this coross-examine myself for cause of same. I was changing rooms every hought into his very being, and the specially those the coming in contact, and after birth this God-dishonoring doctrine is hung to cross-examine myself for cause of same. I was changing rooms every hought into his very being, and the specially those the Radical groups upon the Conserved atives and moderate Republicans. Recoming in contact, and after birth this God-dishonoring doctrine is hung to cross-examine myself for cause of same. I was changing rooms every hought into his very being, and what he thinks for himself he thinks services and marriage ceremonies. Address me at Lansing, Mich., Box 578."

Miss Alpha Vance, of South Haven. Mich., writes that Mr. Geo. B. Holmes. of Grand Rapids, a gentleman who is just starting out in the lecture field, delivered two deep and interesting lec-tures at South Haven the 19th of Nosomething useful, beautiful and up-

A fine audience assembled at Lodge Hall, Milwaukee avenue November 26. Will C. Hodge was the speaker for the evening and was followed by Dr. J. C. Phillips with psychometric readings. These meetings are increasing in interest from week to week, and the prospect is good for building up a fine working society. One car-fare only, as transfers are given at Western avenne.

disjointed by the printer misplacing a line in correcting proof. It should have read as follows: "Hon. A. Gaston writes: 'It was by mere accident that I went to Florida last winter. I had never been South before. I was so charmed with the climate and its beneficial results that I was drawn into assisting the association in organizing and starting. I have great faith in its being a good work, and in its success if properly handled. The parties agreeing to build a hotel at De Leon having failed, it became necessary to select another location. At the earnest solicitation of colleagues I went down to assist Dr. W. S. Rowley in the selection. We decided that Winter Park was the most practical point for the present, and have so arranged."

Spiritualist services every Sunday at Schlotthauer's Hall, corner Sigel and Sedgwick streets, at 3 P. M. and 7:45 P. M. Good mediums and speakers will take part—Mrs. Jeffreys in the afternoon, and F. Cordon White in the evening, during December.

Dr. F. Schermerhorn, lately from Dr. F. Schermerhorn, lately from I have through spirit guidance made the first to set the example and lower Colorado, lectured last Sunday evening at No. 77 Thirty-first street. Mr. Schermerhorn is well and favorably known at Rochester, N. Y., where he formerly lived. For the last two years, in consecutives of liberality I say, attribute it to works daily: "Philosopher Cotton, from New Organized resistance to the first to set the example and lower trouble with the 'proposed commercial to have through spirit guidance made the first to set the example and lower trouble with the 'proposed commercial several more on my list. When asked front, where I frequently spoke to the treaties with Austria; Italy, Spain, Sermenton of work action of your neighbor to the starving poor, warning them against trouble with the 'proposed commercial treaties with Austria; Italy, Spain, Sermenton one young man quit drinking and have rents. I met the Mayor on the lake trouble with the 'proposed commercial treaties with Austria; Italy, Spain, Sermenton one young man quit drinking and have rents. I met the Mayor on the lake trouble with the 'proposed commercial treaties with Austria; Italy, Spain, Sermenton one young man quit drinking and have rents. I met the Mayor on the lake trouble with the 'proposed commercial treaties with Austria; Italy, Spain, Sermenton one young man quit drinking and have rents. I met the Mayor on the lake trouble with the 'proposed commercial trouble with the 'proposed commercial trouble with Austria; Italy, Spain, Sermenton on young man quit drinking and have rents. I met the Mayor on the lake trouble with the 'proposed commercial trouble with Austria; Italy, Spain, Sermenton on young man quit drinking and have rents. I met the Mayor on the lake trouble with Austria; Italy, Spain, Sermenton on young man quit drinking and have rents. I met the Mayor on the lake trouble with the 'proposed commercial quence of ill-health, he has not been engaged on the rostrum. We are glad to announce that he is again to give his announce that he is again to give his announce that he cause which he c announce that he is again to give his services to the cause which he is capable of serving so well. He can be addressed for engagements at 247 Oakwood boulevard, this city/

C. L. Clark, of this city, writes: "Mrs. Tillie Hinkel, formerly of Rochester, Ind., is now located at 879 North Halsted street. In connection with her daily sittings at home, she is helping the North Side Society Sunday afternoons. Mrf. Hinkel is a true medium for the cause of Spiritualism, always willing to assist in doing good.

G. C. Love, of Portland, Ore., writes "Last Saturday evening I delivered a lecture 6 miles west of here, and another on Sunday evening at the same place, which were well received by a small but attentive audience. I have promised to be with them on the afternoon and evening of the second Sunday of each month. I am confident a good work may be done there."

(CONTINUED ON EIGHTH PAGE.)

## GOOD RESULTS.

His Hand Was Controlled. Weaned from Intemperate Habits.

The following experience by a member of the Young Folk's Club for Spiritual Research has been sent to the secrelyn, at 11 A. M. and 3 P. M. Fifth
Avenue Hall, 42d street, New York, 7:45
P. M. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and
Saturdays at 3 P. M., he speaks in Kingston Hall, Kingston and Atlantic avenue.

The Republication of the secretary Research has been sent to the secretary. Personal, and direct testimony is the strongest kind of evidence. The spirit friends of this R. G. Smith have helped him overcome his old smoking and drinking habits. As a person lives nues, Brooklyn; and on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 3 P. M., in Union
Square Hall, 8 Union Square, New
York, He can be addressed care of
Ward Bingley, 8 Union Square, New
Vork Offer
Ward City
Vork habit, for if they do they will uncon-sciously attract undeveloped and congenial spirits who passed to Spirit-life with a similar habit clinging to them, will intensify the feelings and desires of ethics, has left with me very pronounced sensitive mortals until the latter's actions have grown into a habit. So we young folks and sensitive people should be careful what we think, say and do, that we may repel the undesirable and at-

> inspirations. Now, young reader, you will never any immodest act or unclean thought or begin any bad habit, will you? You will keep such clean thoughts hat higher spirits will not become tired of your company, but you will hold them to you by aspiring and yearning after goodness and purity, won't you, please?
> H. E. MARTIN, Sec.

tract the good angels with their noble

Dimondale, Mich.

LANSING, MICH., Sept. 7, 1893. H. E. MARTIN,

FRIEND AND BROTHER:--While at Haslett Park I promised to write you my experience as a Spiritualist. My parents and sisters have been Spirithalists ever since I can remember, but I

never believed in it until last February. My aunt used to call at my house and together with our folks talk Spiritualism from A to Z, or what the boys call a standstill. I used to laugh at them and poke all manner of fun at them on account of what I thought to be crazy ideas. My aunt then told me that if she passed out of this life before I did she would shake me up good some time. About two years after her death she shook my bed so hard that I was too ing to Christian theology, God made rightened to ask questions, as I had een instructed to do.

Nothing more happened to me until last spring (1893), when I was on the road selling oils for a Cleveland concern. Just here let me say that I honestly believe that it was my hard drinking and carousing, associating with bad company of all kinds and constant excessive use of tobacco, that interfered with spiritual conditions so that nothing and Greek theology. Every child is conflict between the people and the ruling that oil company I began to leave the same in thought a line to leave the people and the ruling that oil company I began to leave the same in thought a line to leave the people and the ruling that oil company I began to leave the same in thought a line to leave the people and the ruling that oil company I began to leave the same that the road for that oil company I began to devil incarnate, and can only be saved In France the Dupuy Cabinet has been the sum total of which prevented me than himself, and have not given him not able to secure a vote of confidence from deciding that I was very nervous or undergoing the prelude to a fever. The Badicals are bis rights—and so all the Prendergasts, and had to retire. The Radicals are Booths, Guiteaus and others sail in to be brief, the above experience shortly made itself known on the night others. of Feb. 7, 1893, at the Albion House, tures at South Haven the 19th of No- Albion, Mich., in the following manner: vember. His phase of mediumship is I went to bed at ten minutes to nine,

nose and mouth and then rubbed my routine, except not quite so thoroughly, of my head it began to move in circles like a person practicing writing.

This item, which lately appeared in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, was badly got up, turned on the light and securing pencil and paper, commenced to write with my left hand. The pencil

wrote: I wanted to know why, and it said: "It's

pened to thousands of others, and as at best it is very rudimentary, do what you see fit with it. I am sitting regularly Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sunday evenings with the to give bread and work to the unemi- classes, nor would he go further with the consequently of the league, gaye the farmers little publish an article of greater merit. Again we say, hustle, please, and the high-priced magazines will ever publish an article of greater merit. Again we say, hustle, please, and send in an additional subscriber. young man whom I succeeded in curing of the liquor habit, and we have prom-

If you think my little experience will for the cause of Spiritualism.
Your friend and brother,

R. G. SMITH.

# MAYOR HARRISON.

The Causes that Led to His

people. Truth has nothing to fear in a fair fight in the long run. Thirty-five years in this line of thought, and a quarter of a century of thorough belief and practice of the precepts of doctrine and letters of condolence from eminent persons from all over the world. The liberal pulpit has spokep well and the rostrum has given forth no uncertain punished. Restraint must be had. Let Hirsh's reference to what Mayor Harrison said just before life departed: "This is death;" but when he found is life!"

disease and cure me at once." The doctor took a little time to diagnose the disease and espied a bottle of whiskey on the sideboard, and with one swoop of his cane demolished the case which held the producing cause of his sickness. The patient recovered with hom-copathic doses of advice and with an allopathic dose of application.

For the love of humanity I am an idolsmasher, so pardon for iconoclasm. Idols must go, so let them go as gracefully as

What is disease in the physical? Want of equilibrium. So in the body politic and religious world. Wrong thought award the solution of the solu the death of thought caused Mayor Harrison. The accumulation of Christian thought incarnate in Prendergast conceived the bullet and guided it to the heart of Mr. Harrison. man, put him in a garden, not to labor, but to have a life of ease; but he must not eat of the forbidden fruit. But natural curiosity caused him to taste, and then he was doomed to an eternal hell, and a scheme could only save him or his race; and holy, and be murdered; then man could be saved, possibly. So murder is

standard time (something I hadn't done by causing them to believe they are vile cess now remains to be seen.

Finally my right hand felt of my eyes, his neck and said in cestasy: "I would complicity in the notorious scandals. not take, to-day, \$10,000 and my liberty. A young lady of Ionia, Mich., had told do not believe in blood atonement, and The parties involved are the Monarch-After having written twenty-nine scientist, has written an article taking sheets (most of them on both sides) it the ground that there must be some active punishment. The Inquisition has getting late." I wanted to know how decided the paper heretical, and will late, and it said: "10;30 exactly, standard not allow one to even breathe in hell. Glad to see man's humanity outgrowing

life. I have no more dreams.

Last, but not least, it has made me quit drinking and smoking and chewing. It have through spirit guidance made in the first to set the example and lower their rent, Mayor Harrison was constituted the first to set the example and lower their rent rather them rather them rather them rather they are in a position to force the government into exceedingly democratic concepts the first to set the example and lower their rather them rather them rather them rather they are in a position to force the government into exceedingly democratic concepts the first to set the example and lower them rather them rather them rather them rather they are in a position to force the government into exceedingly democratic concepts the first to set the example and lower them rather them rather

men religious by law. give one person light or strength, tell it ages incarnates men as demons; let us brought about an internal dissension in o him even seventy times seven times. try right thought for generations, and the Spanish Ministry, which may lead As things come I will report them to we will have God incarnate in man, to a general resignation. Portugal is you. I am young, vigorous and viva- Many have been the antidotes for crime, now engaged in trying to organize a cious, and full to the brim of strength, and to cure or rid the world of cranks new Cabinet. The Servian Cabinet has

DERER JERKED TO HEAVEN—THE more cranks and criminals we send out of the body, the more vampires over gium, Holland and Turkey. Russia OF HARRISON A CATHOLIC—OUR there. Now, suppose the assassin is rever is happy. Thanksgiving day PRISONS. I saw in Sunday's Tribune what purported to be an outlining of Spiritualists and Spiritualism, etc. I am glad for No, he cannot get away from his old

rather than lessens crime. History in of the world and its advancement to our own and foreign countries proves it, higher plane, depends upon Spiritual-What shall be done to Prendergast? ism. Revenge says: Hang him! Hang him! say: Let us convert all our prisons from places of punishment to asylums for treatment and reform.

Crime is the result of inharmonious conditions, caused by wrong beliefs, as I have shown; therefore, crime is the resound. I am pleased with Dr. the diseased one who commits crime be put to labor, and have the amount earned by the criminal applied to the wants and needs of the relatives of the himself alive "over there," said. "This murdered one. Then the man will wake up to the enormity of his crime-will cranks and crimes, none of which strike at the real cause. A physician was called way any one of us can be saved. We to see a sick man, who said: "Doctor, must reap what we sow. We must grow I want you to strike at the seaf of my into our being that life which we would enjoy out of the body! People in and of the flesh exist, but not live truly, It is to be wished that all who know of this higher truth will live it, that the atmusphere may be good, and the world may be the better for their life. Oak Park, 111.

## THANKSGIVING.

IN THIS COUNTRY DITTO, WITH THOU-SANDS OUT OF EMPLOYMENT-THE HOPE OF THE WORLD IS IN SPIRIT-UALISM.

TO THE EDITOR; -The Tribune illustrates the condition of Europe, setting forth that if Thanksgiving were one of the anniversaries in Europe the various governments in that part of the world that a son be born of a virgin, innocent would be puzzled to discover where there was any occasion for national gratitude. There is scarcely a capital on the conday, sleeping well and keeping clean, others, only he thinks others are worse demands for issues the government was

something useful, beautiful and uplifting.

Will C. Hodge, inspirational speaker,
will make reasonable terms with any society desiring his services. Address
him at 471 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.
Mr. Hodge is a favorite in this city.

Mr. Hodge as favorite in cight or nine years) and taking and bad. Now, let us turn over a new before in eight or nine years) and taking and bad. Now, let us turn over a new leaf and cause people to believe in the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of In the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of God and brotherhood of In the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of International Sank scan dals, jestingly called the "Panamino," or little Panama, by the Italians, has stronger than ever, so strong, in fact, brother man, and every man will consider himself his brother's keeper.

It straightened both arms out and I in 1876 Patrick Quigley, another good or little Panamana, by the Italians, has stronger than every so strong in fact, brother man, and every man will consider himself his brother's keeper.

It straightened both arms out and I in 1876 Patrick Quigley, another good or little Panamana, by the Italians, has or little Panamana, by couldn't for some time pull them back. Catholic, stood with hempen rope around King, among them Gen. Crispi, with The startling disclosures as a matter of head. Left hand went through same I want to go to heaven and my wife" course were followed by the resignation whose throat he cut in the streets of of the ministry, and the riotous proceed and then stopping for an instant on top Philadelphia, and, as per priestly teach-ings which followed show that the syming, was jerked, through sacraments, pathies of the Italian people are with directly to Jesus and heaven. The Jews the Radicals, who forced the inquiry. me about being influenced to write, and only thirteen have been hanged for ists and Clericals, and they are so nu-Catholic prelate in the Parliament of King can secure a new ministry without of the above facts in a most attractive or hamper full investigation and remurder in this country in a century. A merous that it is difficult to see how the Religions read a paper saying that the largest proportion of scientific men were protestants, while nearly all the crimfar-reaching, since the Radicals, who shortly crowded against my right hand, and then it moved like a flash, giving and then it moved like a flash, giving linal class and rum and beer-sellers were eleven different names and as many different styles of handwriting, none of which caused a flutter. "Hit birds all different styles of handwriting, none of which caused a flutter. "Hit birds all different styles of handwriting, none of which caused a flutter. "Hit birds all tees, the substitution of a republican prove of great value—in fact, it will be substituted by the substitution of a republican prove of great value—in fact, it will be support to the purpose of a yearly substitute to the purpose. The article will be especially welcome and useful to conform of government for that of the house worth twice the purpose. The article will be especially welcome and useful to conform the prove of great value—in fact, it will be substituted to the purpose. The article will be especially welcome and useful to conform the prove of great value—in fact, it will be substituted to the purpose. The article will be especially welcome and useful to conform the prove of great value—in fact, it will be substituted to the purpose. The article will be substituted to the purpose of great value—in fact, it will be substituted to the purpose. The article will be substituted to the purpose of great value—in fact, it will be substituted to the purpose of great value—in fact, it will be substituted to the purpose of great value—in fact, it will be substituted to the purpose of great value—in fact, it will be substituted to the purpose of great value—in fact, it will be substituted to the purpose of great value—in fact, it will be substituted to the purpose of great value—in fact, it will be substituted to the purpose of great value—in fact, it will be substituted to the purpose of great value—in fact, it will be substituted to the purpose of great value—in fact, it will be substituted to the purpose of great value—in fact, it will be substituted to the purpose of great value—in of Savoy, and withdrawal from the scription to the paper. Do all you can, Spiritualist friends who wish to conform triple alliance, which, in their eyes, is reader, to get your neighbor interested; "Now go to sleep," and of course happiness in hell, and not eternal and responsible for the distressful financial now is the time to give THE PROGRESScondition into which the kingdom has live Thinker another impulse onward been plunged. The sympathies of the and upward. Knowing, as you do, that people are all with France, whom rightitis founded on a substantial basis, and people are all with France, whom rightly they believe to be their nearest friend My watch hung in my vest over a his Christianity.

And their natural commercial neighbor. In order to get patronage, we should chair eight feet distant and I hadn't lave taken great interest in Mayor the King, therefore, is in a perplexing have at least an order for 20,000 of this seen it since ten minutes to nine. 10:32 Harrison's sayings and acts ever since position. All the leaders of his party paper. It will be furnished at the following rates: Orders for 10 copies and lowing rates: Orders for 10 copies and was the exact time. Since that time I the commencement of the Fair proved are involved in the bank scandals, and have seen lots of faces; flowers too his heart to be right. Mayor Harrison it is intimated that some of his own famit is intimated that some of his own fam- upwards. One Cent per copy. Single on the fact that we have secured the numerous to mention; heard music and voices; talked and danced Indian; have broad views, and loved humanity. At a effort to shield them. The Republican got an arrow and Indian's head on meeting at the Fair where he spoke of skirts are clear, and this has given them

> ployed. The man murdered by Prenthe conservatives if they opposed the indergast, who said, after arrest, "I am a terests of the government. The result ises of grand things. He's a big, fine good Catholic," was no Christian—he of the Chancellor's ill-timed threat may Kentuckian, best adapted to physical was no saint—he was more and better be his own removal from office, in which demonstrations, my guides say. Now, than either; he was a humanitarian—case he is likely to be succeeded by Brother Martin, I will quit for this not puritanic—did not believe in making Count Waldersee. The war, with the Moors and the aggravating manner in As I have shown, wrong thought for which the campaign drags along have To be well hanged is to be out of the has declared its insolvency and frankly

show that for the execution of every Sweden and the breach between the two crank for murder three similar cases kingdoms is widening fast. In Austria immediately follow, and he gives it as a few weeks ago the Cabinet went to subject. As is well-known, the strength

The above sketch is far from encour

No, the worst use that can be made of aging, and even in this country, the a man is to execute him. It increases outlook is not much better. The hope

## NAZARETH.

The Great Character of History,

this Notable Personage.

It is a fact that no one will dispute



consideration of the people. It stands to reason that such should be the case. It arises from no particular merit on the part of its editor, but simply from the fact that the paper has attained a very large circulation. Such a paper must necessarily attract to it prominent thinkers. It cannot be otherwise. Taking all these various facts into consideration, it is not strange, then, that a leading mind in our ranks should be attracted towards THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER in order to present some valuto concede the demands than the old one able facts to the people, which he has We have tried this thought and wor- the struggle between Radicalism and been a very long time in accumulating. shiped at this shrine for eighteen hun- Conservatism evidently only has begun. The subject is one of paramount interest. dred years, trying to make people better Whether this victory is an omen of suc-by causing them to believe they are viiel cess now remains to be seen.

"Biblical" prophecies was fulfilled in

4. He will show that Christmas was kept as the day of the birth of the Savior thousands of years before Christ. 5. He will give an astrological inter-pretation of Christmas, Christ and the

Rible: This eminent thinker, scholar and investigator, Moses Hull, will present all

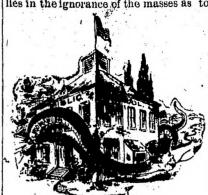
style, and they will prove of great utility to every reflective mind. never resorts to questionable practices lowing rates: Orders for 10 copies and voices; talked and danced Indian; have got an arrow and Indian's head on slates; and am making speeches to myself every day and every night of my life. I have no more dreams. people. No stock company on this earth can compete with THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER in getting out literature that combines cheapness and excellence.

Its Poisonous Trail in History.

We take pleasure in announcing an article of great importance touching the "Trail of the Romish Serpent in History." Facts will be given of a startling and to cure or rid the world of cranks new Cabinet. The Servian Cabinet has nature to the American people, and and criminals. One cry is almost unioffered its resignation on a tariff issue, well-calculated to arouse them from versal: A speedy trial, conviction and In Greece Cabinet, after Cabinet has their lethargy. This article will be predeath, is the sure cure. One paper says: tumbled over and now the government paped by one who has made this subject pared by one who has made this subject Talk what you will of taste, you will way." To me, this is a great mistake. In Norway the Storthing mind.—Pope.

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A SEANCE-ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS.

During one of our seances, held about a year ago, after I had talked for some time to a spirit who was unaware that he had entered Spirit-life, a lady addressed me, stating that she was aware of the fact that she was a spirit, but that she could get no clear understanding of the life on which she had entered.

She said that, having been reared in the orthodox faith, she had expected to see Jesus on entering the Spirit-world, and that she and others, together with their pastor who had joined them, had traveled far and wide in their search for the Savior. But, although they had passed through many scenes of beauty, and had found much to admire and enjoy, they had failed to find him of whom they were in quest; nor could they find any person who had seen Him.

They had been attracted to us on this evenand, having listened to the conversation between the gentleman and myself, she had addressed me, hoping that I might be able to enlighten her on some points that were not pastor should discuss them with me.

and long, searching for Heaven, for the Sa- ture's laws, never! vior, and for God; but we have found no will aid us."

tirety, as founded upon the Bible."

I had been taught and was then teaching were overlook the fact that like conditions proall true; and for a moment I would be sore duce like results, always; and that what was troubled. But then the thought would come once a law of Nature, is always Nature's law. to me that I was being tempted of the Devil. and I would fall upon my knees and pray God upon his belief in the vicarious atonement of to forgive the thought, and to sustain me in Jesus Christ, and you tremble when you think the hour of temptation, by restoring to ma my of the terrible position of the heathen. who is

velopment that he had attained in mortal life, their evil ways, than are the good children who

that there is no 'change in the twinkling of an eye,' so far as the spiritual nature is concerned. He, the mind, the man, has but stepped out from the environments of the mortal, into the limitless realm of the spirit; and he enters the spirit life knowing no more, nor Discuss our conversation with your people and no less, than when he left the mortal body, his own salvation. Opportunity is offered which you have so long entertained, as I feel a bankrupt whose liabilities are assumed and law to pay every debt which he has incurred. to pass onward and upward." We believe in a progressive life for all mankind, and that all will, in time, attain a state terward came to us and stated that he had beof spiritual unfoldment that brings with it a come convinced that the teachings of Spiritualcondition of pure happiness. By a progres- ism were true, and that he had begun to outsive life we mean a life of constant spiritual work the unconscious wrong which he had unfoldment; a dropping off of the grosser ap- done to the children of earth, in teaching them petites and passions, and a taking on of the the man-made doctrines of theology. divine attributes of love, charity and wisdom, We believe that the life of the spirit is one of active employment, not in endeavoring to advance personal interests, but in working for the advancement and happiness of others, the highest enjoyment being attained by promoting the happiness of our fellowmen. We believe that progression does not begin with all individuals immediately upon their entry into spirit life, because some are not sufficiently developed, spiritually, to take up a life of advancement; their tastes and inclinations are for material things, and until a desire arises within them for something higher they must remain upon the earth plane.

"We believe these teachings of our spirit understood by her or her companions. She friends, because they accord with the working cance. Christ came as a spiritual king to said that the ideas which I had expressed were out of Nature's law, as illustrated by the life change the order of things, to teach the peonew to her, and she was anxious that their of man here on earth. From the day of a ple to take a step up the ladder of progress child's birth into mortal life, to the time of from a literal to a spiritual plane. The man who had been designated as "our his transitition to the life beyond, each day Such being the case, Christ could not have their experiences in Spirit-life, he added: "I, ment, and the transgressor suffers, sooner or ance of those laws was a preparatory coarse people when we were in mortal, and having forced to suffer with the guilty, but there is the literal condition in man and Christ the taught them of the beauties and splendors of no instance where a man can come forward spiritual, thus showing the grand theory of Heaven, and of the savior whom we were to and suffer for the misdemeanors of another, evolution in the religion of the ages. The meet: they are asking me why it is that the while the wrong-doer goes free. Such is fre- laws of ceremonies, as given through Moses, life which we experience is not as I taught quently the case in matters governed by the were types of the higher order. them that it would be. We have traveled far laws of man, but in those governed by Na-

city with pavements of gold; neither have we in your religious belief. You believe that God and king by the powers of heaven, "forever found the Son of God who was to take away made the earth in six days and rested upon after the order of Melchizedek," king of Saall our sins; nor have we been ushered into the seventh; while geology teaches that the lem, which means king of peace, king of the presence of God the Father. And when earth must have been thousands of years in righteousness, sometimes called. A king to these, my people, ask me regarding the ful- forming. You try to reconcile the six-day that spirit we call God does not mean the same fillment of the promise contained in my teach statement with the geological fact by saying as it does to man; neither does the term priest. ings, to them I can only reply that I do not that the word 'day' as used in reference to the There is as much difference as there is between know. I am as ignorant as they. And now, creation means a longer period of time than daylight and darkness. A king and priest to my friend, having listened to your conversa- the twenty-four hours to which it is now ap- God means simply one who does that which is tion of a few moments since, I feel that plied. When we discuss the longevity of the right, no matter how low or how humble be through you we can gain some information re- man of the present time as compared with the his condition. garding the life which we have entered, that mortal life of man as recorded in the Bible. we find that whereas few of the present day spiritual power of the highest, or the Holy I then said to him: "You are a minister of reach the age of one hundred years, it was a Spirit. Christ was anointed at his birth with the gospel. It was your mission to teach the common occurrence, in the early days of the this power, at the baptism, and at other times people how to live on earth, and what the life world, for man to attain the age of seven, eight as spiritual development required. would be after the change called death, You or even nine hundred years. This comparison As a literal priest and king Christ was never seem an honest, straightforward man, and is reconciled by the explanation that the years anointed with the oil you mention, nor consethere is one question which I would like to were shorter periods of time, in the days of crated by ceremonies after the manner of the ask you. Your life having been devoted to Methuselah, than is our period of three hun- Jews. The law of ceremonies was done away the ministry, you were afforded opportunity to dred and sixty-five days. The Bible is full of with in him. He taught the spiritual order of and Liberal Association will be held at Winter study and inform yourself in regard to that accounts of various occurrences where com- things. His life gives us an example of how Park, Florida, commencing January 14th, vital question: If a man die shall he live munication was had between spirit and mortal; to live; his death the birth of the spiritual again? Were there ever any doubts or mis-spirits, or angels, as they were called, were body, and his resurrection the phenomena of Winter Park is a beautiful town situated on givings in your own mind as to the truth of frequently seen, and that which is to day spirit return. We should teach that his life the South Florida R. R., eighteen miles souththat which you taught? Everything being actermed spirit phenomena was then a common and works is a condition that we can enter into, west of Sanford, and is reached from Jackcepted on faith, and no proof whatever offered occurrence and accepted as a matter of fact, an ideal that we can attain; the works that he sonville via the Jacksonville, Tampa and Key in support of the orthodox teachings, I have Such acts, at that time, are conceded to have did we can, as he says, "do also, and greater West R. R. It is 144 miles south of Jackwondered how it is that an honest, intelligent been according to natural law, and to have been than these." It depends upon the life we live sonville. It has good schools, a fine college, man can teach the Christian religion in its en- the work of God. Similar manifestations at and the perfection we attain. the present time, according to your religious He replied: "I did, at times, have doubts; belief, are supernatural and the work of the that is, I would begin to wonder if that which Devil. To carry a point in argument you

"You claim that man's salvation depends condemned to eternal damnation, because he I then said: "We are believers in Spiritual- never heard of Christ. Then, too, you say the ism, and you have proof of the fact that the elect only, or those who accept Christ and his spirits of the so called dead can communicate atonement, are the children of God. If a man with mortals, as you are demonstrating that have several children, and some of them love fact now. We know that man lives beyond and obey him while, the others are wayward the grave. We believe, for we have been and disobedient, are they not all his children taught by our own friends who have proved just the same? And are not those who are their identity, that man begins life in the wayward and disobedient in greater need of Spirit world at the same point of spiritual dehis charity and his love, to reclaim them from

are treading the pathway of righteousness? "Occultism, Spiritualism, Theosophy." "Your God is a God of love and also a God of hate. He is a merciful God, and a merciless God. A just God and still condemns a man to punishment because he does not love a being of whom he has never heard. In fact, he blows hot or he blows cold, just as it may please your religious fancy.

"You believe that yours is the true religious your faith are in error. You believe that God things; it means the knowledge that comes miles, and one hundred miles from San Franis all wise; and you also believe that all things are possible with God. Then is he not a monster of the most diabolical type? For has He not created a part of His children to enjoy everlasting bliss, while the others are consigned mind, but to the immortal spirit of man. business town it is one of the most prosperous to everlasting punishment even in their creation? Such barbarity in an earthly parent Christian faith how it is that he can endure God's ways are not man's ways. There are many other points that I might touch upon, but what say you to those which I have men-

"I must say," was his reply, "that I have never looked at the matter in the light in which you put it. I have no argument with which to meet you, as you have already used those which we have always kept in stock. I tear that I have been in the wrong all through my life, so far as my religious convictions were concerned. And now, if that be true, what course ought I to pursue to set myself right with my fellowmen and with myself?"

"I would advise you," said I, "to first give the whole subject your serious consideration. see what conclusion you can arrive at. If conexcept that, in some instances, the mind may vinced that you have been in the wrong, acbe enriched by the one experience of making knowledge it and earnestly, sincerely desire the change. Instead of being met by a Savior that the truth may be made plain to you. who bears away all his sins, he has to work out When you have discarded the erroneous ideas him for the outworking of all the errors and that you will do, you will be ready for promistakes of earth-life; and instead of being gression, and will find those who are far advanced in spirit life, who will surround you forgiven by Christ, he is obliged by Nature's with their loving kindness and teach you how

In conclusion, I will say that this friend af-

E. T. WASHBURN. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

Anointing of Christ.

To THE EDITOR. - Replying to your request concerning the anointing of Christ, I will sav. you do not comprehend the condition which the anointing ceremonies of Jews and others symbolized. You, like many others look at the matter in a literal sense, which is wholly

It was not a part of the divine plan to consecrate Christ a literal king, neither was he to be ordained a literal priest. The Jews looked for such, but they were mistaken. They were too literal to understand the spiritual signifi-

The Jews ordained their priests and consecrated their kings by the powers vested in "Now," said I, "let us consider some points their laws, but Christ was anointed high priest

The holy anointing oil of the Jews types a

J. H. SANDS, JR. Whitewater Falls, Minn,

Cladness of Spiritualism.

My soul is often filled with glee, From death and darkness now set free; While peace from God celestial flows, And hope in life sure-anchored grows. Each day my find finds sweet employ, And, being moved with blissful joy, I walk along the heavenly plane Where light of life doth ever reign. A song of joy shall cheer my way, To lighten labor every day, To freely give and aid the cause That teaches me diviner laws. Oh, glorious truth! Oh, light divine! E'er making glad this heart of mine; While all my soul finds sweet surprise, And hastens on to Paradise. Here dear ones near the pearly gate, In mercy's mission watch and wait To guide me o'er the crystal tide, With them forever to abide.

BY FRANZ HARTMANN, M. D.

the same thing. Occultism is the knowledge readers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, and of that which is "occult," because it is super- from this provincial town and new field of sensual and beyond the grasp of the narrow pioneer labor, situated on the Waukeen river, material intellect that deals only with limits when the state of the marrow of the material intellect that deals only with limits of the material intellect that deals only with limits of the material intellect that deals only with limits of the material intellect that deals only with limits of space and time into eternity; in other words it is spiritual into hearing; in other words it is spiritual into the immortal spirit of material into the immortal spirit of material into the material into the immortal spirit of material into the immortal spiritual into the immortal spiritual into the immortal spiritual into the i doctrine, and that those who do not accept material intellect that deals only with limited that extends into the ocean, a distance of fifty could only be possible in the lowest type of such as the word "Spiritism" implies, but it and is full of enterprise and thrift. humanity; and when we ask a believer in the Christian faith how it is that he can endure the knowledge of that which is supersensual, pered and weakened here by the pseudo Spirsuch an unreasonable doctrine, his answer is: sublime and spiritual. Without spirituality

hension, and one instinctively confounds it of spiritual things. with superstition, while Vidya (Sanscrit) means speculative brain.

knows anything absolutely unless he has ex- work of A. J. Davis. His presence at my perienced it himself. The study of phenom. meetings lends a healthful tonic, and inspires ena produced by the action of spirit in matter new faith in the cause here that lacks assistdoes not give us any real knowledge of the ance. spirit itself; it is comparable to the observation of the shadows which are produced by impetus has been awakened, and the groundthe light as it shines through the fleeting work of a working society has been started clouds, and which does not enable us to realize the true nature of the light itself. For the future. . purpose of knowing the light, its rays must enter our eyes and the field of our consciousness for the purpose of knowing the truth; the truth itself must enter our heart, and bepastor" then spoke to me, and repeating much brings its lessons and experiences; the transpastor" then spoke to me, and repeating much brings its lessons and experiences; the transpracticed, participated in, or taught the ceretion we may receive from books, spirits, sages come a part of our being. All the informaof that which the lady had uttered regarding gression of a law of Nature brings its punish monial laws as given by Moses. The observor saints, is merely information, and nothing having been the spiritual teacher of these later. There are times when the innocent are for the higher or the spiritual, Moses denoting not be our own as long as we have not passed through the same experience as that other; it Mr. Max Huffman's seances where numerous can only enable us to remove the errors and forms came out, but the last one is the one I misconceptions which hinder the light of the I wish to speak of in particular. On Wedtruth becoming manifested in us; but it can-nesday evening, October 1st, thirty-four forms not endow us with the true understanding it came out, several materializing outside of the self; that comes only from the revelation of cabinet, and all who came to friends were truth, and this revelation, to be satisfactory, recognized; but two of the forms were of must be an internal one, and cannot take place special interest to the circle. One of the spirits unless the man in whom it is to take place is said he worked in the Order of the Magi, and himself true to his highest ideal. Thus the came to a Mr. Gray, who was a stranger to true "occultist" is he who, by overcoming his the medium and most of the circle. He was animal nature, has entered consciously into the most beautifully illuminated with symbols and realm of that which is spiritual, and belongs emblems of the order, for there were those to the kingdom of "heaven," and the real Spiritualist is he who has become sufficiently spiritual to know his own spiritual nature, and realize that he himself is an immortal spirit; while the real Theosophist is not satisfied with a blind belief in any "authority," however well recommended it may be, but seeks to cultivate himself that love of eternal and infinite truth which enables him to sacrifice the delusion of "self" in the spirit of divine wisdom, and be taught by the light of the truth.

#### FLORIDA CAMP.

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THE PACIFIC SLOPE.

A Worker Gives Some Interesting Items.

Three terms referring essentially to one and | . To THE EDITOR:-I again salute the many

expressing the real meaning of such things, light and strength to the sin darkened minds. for the term "mysticism," for instance, brings THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER makes weekly visbefore the mind's eye a person dabbling with its at their home here, and is doing double work mystical things which are beyond his compre- as a missionary to those who seek knowledge

Dr. C. Gratten, of this place, an old-time real mystic or occult knowledge—a knowledge Spiritualist, is a patron of THE PROGRESSIVE which is spiritual and theosophical, being the THINKER, and commends the course it is purtrue knowledge of the heart, which is as real suing in the Search Light it has shot on disand still more so as the objective science of the honesty and fraud in the ranks of so called Spiritualists. Brother Gratten was identified No knowledge of any kind is perfect as long with Spiritualism in the East in the early days, as it is merely theoretical. No one really and is acquainted with the development and

> Since I commenced my work here a new which may take practical steps in the near

Next Sunday closes my work here, when I return to San Jose for the Sundays of December and can be addressed there for engagements for January, February and March. BISHOP A. BEALS.

#### Materialization.

To THE EDITOR:-I have attended three of present who were members of the order and recognized the symbols. There was another that was of great interest

to all, but more to myself, for he said he was

a guide of mine, and from a high sphere; he was beautifully illuminated; he wore an Egyptian crown, three stars diagonally across his abdomen, and some kind of hieroglyphics on his breast. \ The same spirit was described to me two days previous to the seances, and the medium told me he wore tights when he materialized. He took particular pains to show us that he was dressed in tights. He materialized to me through the same medium the following Friday evening in the same costume, and talked to me for quite a while, and gave me his name as Brenzzillia. Another incident occurred which was most interesting, and that was the materializing of a ring, that the guides had taken from Mr. Huffman last May. And they had promised to return the THE GOSPEL OF NATURE, ring to him when proper conditions were afforded. So this night was selected and the guides came out of the cabinet and selected a committee of five to come to the cabinet. ment also expect to have a number of tents to rent at reasonable rates. We expect to have very low rates on all railroads, amounting to about one fare for the round trip, tickets good returning until May 31, 1894. A good orchestra will be taken from the north, and the very best platform attractions obtainable will be with us. Full particulars later in this paper.

Very respectfully,

W. S. Rowley, Pres.

The Progressive Thinker.

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Being one of the five, I had a good chance of observation to see what was done. We joined hands; Mrs. Gillette and myself were next to the cabinet, and as requested by the spirit I laid my right hand in Mrs. Gillette's left hand—and then the spirit, who was one of Mr. Huffman's guides, and gave the name Katic (she was beautifully illuminated), passed her committee examined the ring and found it to be a solid gold ring, and recognized by some present as the ring that had been taken thoughts, and they know by so doing they reach the largest number of readers. Send 25

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reader of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, as, in my opinion, it is a live paper, run on proper principles, in the interest of advancing the truths of the Spiritual philosophy and religion, and well-deserves the support of Spiritualists.

This is my first attempt to occupy space in will be my last, for the reason that I am marching close upon the line of four-score years, am a confirmed invalid, broken down physically and confined to my room. Yet I other country to which we are all tending. As Smith. a matter of course it will be somewhat personal, as well as disjointed, for it was a full

and character of Jesus of Nazareth as any one accept the dream of Joseph or not. man of whose history I had read.

I was naturally of a religious turn of mind. about two miles from home, I boarded with a logical aspect of the case. The evangelist about two miles from home, I boarded with a logical aspect of the case. The evangelist beginning of the year 1721, of an ulcer of the had in Rotterdam. On commencing business, truly say, "Home at last."

Methodist family, and was persuaded by them John, alluding to the subject of spirits, incul-throat, occasioned by the drawing of a tooth. he took a journey into Holland for the purpose He who truly watches for to join the Methodist Church. On returning cated the necessity of "trying the spirits." home I was severely upbraided by my father It is no wonder that Moses, guided by that for having done so, as in his opinion Method- wise and powerful spirit "Jehovah," issued an ists were not regarded as a respectable class edict that the Jews must not deal in mediumof people. This had the effect to cause me to ship and spirit intercourse; their gross ignor- was penned down with the greatest possible as well as to other towns in Holland. Having wholly absent myself from the church and ance and superstition forbade such a practice. their meetings, but after marrying a Methodist In this century, however, the great bulk of girl, I was naturally thrown into the society of mankind has reached such a degree of enlight-Methodists more than ever, and being harmoni enment as to justify such proceedings; hence ously inclined, I thought it would be doing the we may expect a continued movement in this right thing to join my wife by uniting with direction. her, and so again I became a Methodist. After Now, as this thing of direct spirit com- a year. This was also the case a short time named, when the vessel was about to sail. He tions. eighteen years' association I finally became dis. munion is based on natural law, and all grades before the death of the latter, who appeared then went to the said inn, prepared for his voysatisfied and withdrew.

My first attempt to investigate Spiritualism

truths. Try the spirits, if they be of God."

gations with two mediums, and I duly imthose first two of my acquaintance.

est obstruction is to be found. In this conis worthy of all praise.

ship, among the genuine and the false. Know. mortal has ever heard a spirit claim that it Marshal Von Grumbkow, and said to him, ing something of the difficulty of holding had seen God. spirit intercourse, I wonder that there has not been more of the latter than there actually has of one man-Joseph.

I have become disgusted with the practice of many in writing for the paper, to detail what they chanced to witness of certain maniquit that business. I am content to state cer. they arrive at the truth, tain facts as they occur, and leave the matter right there. Whoever reads the statements must accept or reject them as they see fit, for I recognize the fact that what is evidence to me may not be to another. Each for him. self must judge as to the genuineness or falsity of the described manifesta-

Among my first experiences with the slatewrote on the slate "that those were very nice power that moves all worlds—the universes peaches that were brought over from the old homestead; the next time you come over, please bring me some." They lived three miles apart. 'On the next occasion, peaches being all gone, the grandchildren brought over some of the grandfather's favorite apples and grapes, which were laid on the slate, and the slate put

under the table. "grandpa could not eat apples very well," so this paper. Every advanced thinker should court of Brandenburg, Anspach, and finally Confessional" in the German language has she placed a knife with the apples, when the subscribe for it; in fact the whole world imperial privy-counsellor. The former said to been such that the publishers feel warranted Ingersoll. One of the best papers Colonel Inknife was at once taken out from under the would be greatly improved if it could be him, while offering him the note to read: "One in getting out an edition in German. The gersoll ever wrote. In paper cover, with table and thrown violently across the room read by each family circle. Terms one boil would think that pain had made a visionary book is well printed and illustrated, and sells by invisible power, while in from five to ten LAR per year. Sent three months for 25c. of old Grumbkow; I must, however, communi- for \$1 per copy. For sale at this office.

minutes the grapes had evidently been eaten: for the seeds and skins were piled together on the slate, and one-half of one of the apples had disappeared, while on the other half of the apple was the print of teeth plainly visi-

ble. Nothing was ever found of the half that disappeared so mysteriously, This transac-For several years I have been a regular was in broad daylight, while the sunshine was streaming into the room.

The following message was written on the slate: 'Now, children, you see that grandpa can eat apples without a knife,"

We three sat down to the table with the awoke. medium for slate written messsages. But for In October, 1720, the Princess arrived at quarter of a century ago that I first undertook half an hour nothing came, when the medium Paris in good health and spirits, and occupied bility of persons whose integrity and sagacity burdens are pressing upon them. We claim an investigation of the reality of Spiritualism. said: "Something is wrong here; nothing a furnished hotel, where, soon after her arrival, it would be criminal to doubt; it is therefore a millions of adherents to the cause of Spiritual I was born and raised near Louisville, Ky. seems to come." After a while, however, the she was seized with a violent fever. She im- certain fact. King Augustus, at the approach ism, and it would be a burning shame and dis-When about eighteen years old, I went to lady's husband wrote an affectionate letter to mediately sent for the King's celebrated phy- of death, assuredly deeply regretted that he Indiana and settled down to a farmer's life. his wife, but ended it with these words: "Now, sician, the father of Helvetius. The physical had so illy followed the advice of his physician In my twentieth year I married a Methodist the next time you come here, don't sail under cian came and the Princess showed striking at Grumbkow's entertainment. He might also girl. Though I had been cradled in the faith of Presbyterlanism, and knew that many solutions of Presbyterlanism, and knew that many Presbyterians were excellent citizens in every alizing seance through the same party, all of respect, I abominated their creed of election which, be it remembered, was in the daytime and reprobation. If it were true that God All three of us had our spirit friends talk she, "I shall not die this time, for this is not pagne, although he knew the sentiments of the and reprodution. If it were true that God An interval as in this life. Mrs. the same apartment which I saw on that occaphysicians, and had, besides this, received in the first of January see one of the grandest Soul of Things Vol II. and children to everlasting life—the number Smith conversed with and fully recognized her sion in my dream." being so definite it could be neither increased nor own husband, confessing aloud, and with her The Princes was soon after completely re- to avoid whatever might be pernicious to his diminished—if that doctrine were true I could eyes filled with tears, that all was as real as stored, and appeared to have completely for- royal guest. Under the influence of this deep not see the necessity of a church organization could be, yet after a few days had passed she gotten her dream, when a new incident remind- regret, and with this fixed idea, he died. The at all, for let one of the fortunate elect act as declared it must have been a species of for. ed her of it in a most forcible manner. She earnest desire he had to make Grumbkow selves to the churches, where we will be reguwickedly as he desired, he was foreordained to tunetelling! Since then I vowed I would be saved, while the reprobated one might be never take another party to a medium under a and therefore requested that a dwelling might wrought upon his imagination and developed Send contributions to THE PROGRESSIVE as good in all his words and deeds as the best false name. Such was the influence of this be prepared for her in a convent at Paris, his feeling of presentiment, and hence originally done. The Princess of this be prepared for her in a convent at Paris, his feeling of presentiment, and hence originally done. The Princess of this be prepared for her in a convent at Paris, his feeling of presentiment, and hence originally done. The Princess of this prepared for her in a convent at Paris, his feeling of presentiment, and hence originally done. of the elect, yet he was irrevocably doomed to affair upon me that it has ever been a matter of indifference to me whether any one be-I believed then and now that John Wesley lieved the spiritual manifestations occurring in entered the apartment destined for her than came as near being an exemplar of the life my presence or not—even as it is whether they she began to exclaim aloud: "It is all over

One of the most important things in con-

of spirits can and do return, it is indeed highly at the time to be in tolerable health, except age and ordered some refreshments sent up to proper and necessary to "try the spirits." It that he had rather a serious inflammation in his room at eleven o'clock. When he had alwas with an independent slate-writing me. has become a vast field for missionary opera- one of his toes. The physicians had therefore most finished his repast, the sailor came to call dium, and the first message I ever received tion to assist darkened or undeveloped spirits strictly warned him against any excess in the him; but as soon as the man opened the door was from my father, in the following words: to rise to more exalted conditions. Rarely use of wine, &c.; and the King of Prussia, and the merchant cast his eyes upon him, he "My son, I am glad you came here this will one be found who loves low conditions who was aware of this, gave orders to his field- was seized with an unaccountable trepidation, morning to learn of these new and beautiful purely and simply. It is the experience of most marshal, Von Grumbkow, who was to accom- together with an inward conviction that he investigators, I believe, that to hold inter- pany the King to the borders, and to entertain ought not to go to Middleburg, so that all his In another message I received a most con- course with loved ones who have passed to the him there at one of the royal residences accord- reasoning against it was of no avail: and he

proved the chances, and though since then I sets out to give an honest and impartial consid- might be exceeded. have experimented with a great many medi-ums, I know of none who have surpassed eration of all the facts and circumstances con-nected with his investigations, soon finds him-more bottles of champagne, to make a finish, reality he was sorry and vexed at thus neglect-power. Look out on the earth plane! See self in deep water. It is simply impossible to as it were, Grumbkow, who was himself fond ing this important part of his journey, as he All the churches have become saturated give any correct diagnosis of what any spirit of this wine, consented, and drank so much could not wait for the next market-boat. To misery! See the suckness! See the suffering! with Spiritualism, and here is where the great may attempt to submit relative to the subtle, of it for his own share that, in passing over a banish his tedium and disappointment, he went But the old ocean of goodness begins to be ethereal conditions in what is known as the courtyard of the villa to his quarters, he broke out for a walk, and toward evening called at nection Brother Moses Hull, who is abund. spheres of heaven. It will prove time and a rib against the pole of a carriage, and was a friend's house. After sitting there a couple antly qualified for the work, has accom-plished a good that will tell long after he has Oracle declares. If a spirit, then the Jehovah carried in a sedan to King Augustus, as the Inquiry was made, and now they learned that ceased his personal labors here, and ascended of the Jews is not God, the creator of this latter intended to pursue his journey very early the Middleburg market boat, having been to his home above. His presentation of the world of ours. Then by logical sequence it and had still some commissions to give him struck by lightning, had sunk, and that not an Spiritualism of the Bible with that of to-day follows he was not one of the trinity, as for the Prussian monarch. On this occasion individual was saved! claimed by the orthodox theologian; and if not, the King of Poland was dressed in a short In my twenty or more years of experience down comes the scaffolding of the theory of fur cloak, with the exception of a shirt open in in the investigation of Spiritualism, I have a vicarious atonement and the trinity. The the front. witnessed a vast amount of all the different same author who instructs us to "try the In this very dress, but with his eyes closed, phases of spirit phenomena. I have been in spirits" also declares that "no one hath seen he appeared on the 1st of February, 1733, the society of every known kind of medium. God at any time." I venture to affirm that no about three o'clock in the morning, to Field-

been, while the whole claim of the Christian all contained therein—it is that God whom pain of whose broken rib at that time allowed fabric rests upon the spiritual phenomena of Spiritualists worship by and through the un him little repose, had observed immediately the Bible records, especially upon the dream changeable laws he has enacted. Hence there before, by the light of his night-lamp, and never was a miracle performed, for the reason through his thin bed-curtain, the door of his that God's laws cannot be changed.

vestigators that the denizens of the higher life, tered, which, having made the tour of his bed festations as being supported by such and like the denizens of the earth-life, are ever with a slow and solemn pace, on a sudden such evidence. I could support much of the busy and persistently engaged in discovering opened his bed-curtains. There stood the figphenomena by indubitable proof, but I have the workings of God's laws, by which means ure of King Augustus, exactly as the latter

"No pent up Utica contracts our powers,"

The better aspiration of mortals in their investigations naturally leads them to reach out towards the higher planes of spiritual thought and life, which desirable ends found to be based on moral law.

As we find the Spirit-creator in the grandeur writing phase, my father was communicating of his works, so we discover in writing phase, my father was communicating his attribute of love, which is the impelling of his works, so we discover in these works within and without.

Yours for the practicalization of the father hood of God and the brotherhood of man, Washington, D. C. JOHN EDWARDS.

## The Progressive Thinker.

DEATH WARNING.

It Occurred in a Dream.

THE KING OF POLAND-A STRANGE PRE-SENTIMENT,

was dissatisfied with her lodgings at the hotel, which was accordingly done. The Princess removed to the Convent; but scarcely had she with me; I shall not come out of this room again alive, for it is the same room that I saw nection with Spiritualism, and the least under at Warsaw in my dream!" She died in reality beginning of the year 1721, of an ulcer of the

THE KING OF POLAND. Can it be possible that all of these old anecdotes are without foundation? Is there not to Middleburg, in Zealand, to which place he some truth in them? The following narrative had several recommendations from his friends, care, after being previously narrated by the finished his business at Rotterdam, he went in sects, but wherever good seed is placed in good imperial privy-counsellor, Von Seckendorf:

In another message I received a most convincing test, and a witness who was present corroborated the facts. I was aroused and startled, as well as dumbfounded. I had most excellent opportunities to continue my investigations with two mediums, and I duly important two mediums, and in the residences according against it was of no avail and he course with loved ones who have passed to the him there at one of the royal residences according against it was of no avail and he course with loved ones who have passed to the him there at one of the royal residences according against it was of no avail and he veins stop not in their upward reach short of reasoning against it was of no avail and he was obliged to tell the sailor that he could not accompany him, to which the latter replied accompany him, to which the spiritual nature of their upward reach short of the royal residences according to this rank, that, at the parting dinner, he second of the royal residences according to the felt the sailor that he could not accompany him, to which the latter replied to tell the sailor that he could not accompany him, to which the spiritual nature of their upward reach short of the royal residences according to the sailor that he could not accompany him, to which the sailor that he could not to go the finite title, as above grounded to tell the sailor that he could not to go the finite to go the finite accompany him, to which the sailor that he could not to go the finite accompany him, to which the sailor that he could not to go the finite accompany him, to which the sailor that he could not to go the finite accompany him, to which the sailor that he could not to go the finite accompany him, to which the sailor that he could not to go the finite accompany him, to which the sailor that he could not to go the finite accompany him, to which the sailor that he could Every intelligent and candid individual who strongly recommended to the Polish monarch,

ante-room, in which his valet-de-chambre It is fully established by all intelligent in slept, opened; that a long-human figure enhad presented himself alive before him only a few days previous, before the astonished Grumbkow; and after having spoken the words above mentioned, it went out of athe door again.

Grumbkow rang the bell and asked the valet de chambre, who hastened in at the same door, whether he had not seen the person who had just come in and gone out; but he had seen nothing.

Grumbkow immediately wrote a statement of the whole affair to his friend, the imperial embassador and field-marshal, Count Von Seckendorf, who was at that time at King Frederick William's court, and besought him to communicate the matter, in a proper manner to the King on the parade. On the arrival of Grumbkow's note at the embassador Von Seckendorf's, which was at five o'clock in the morning, there was no one with him but Von Published weekly at No. 40 Loomis street, Seckendorf, his sister's son, and secretary to One of the young girls remarked that Cheago, Ill. Every Spiritualist should have the embassador, afterward minister at the

cate the contents of this letter to the King this very day,"

Forty-six hours after (if I mistake not) the news arrived at Berlin, by the Polish uhlans and Prussian hussars, who were stationed every ten miles from Warsaw to Berlin, that the King of Poland died in the same hour, at Warsaw, that Grumbkow saw the apparition.

It may also be added in confirmation of the above, from the "History of the Life and Acts of December 2d, in behalf of the noble worker A short time before the Princess Nagotsky, of Frederick William I., King of Prussia, an eat apples without a knife,"

A few days after I visited another grand

Of Warsaw, traveled to Paris, she had the following dream: She dreamed that she found the King of Poland is also stated there to have Huron, Mich., to whom contributions are remedium, in company with my niece and a lady herself in an unknown apartment, when a man died on the 1st of February, 1733, and that quested to be forwarded, and while he is its columns, and in all human probability it who circulated among the clite of the city, and who was likewise unknown to her, came to her this event was already known in Berlin on the was well known in society. She had recently with a cup and presented it to her to drink out 4th. It is also further observed that the King lost her husband, and hearing me talk of of. She replied that she was not thirsty, and of Poland, in his journey backward and for-Spiritual matters, requested me to take her to thanked him for his offer. The unknown in ward between Dresden and Warsaw took the some medium. She also privately requested dividual repeated his request, and added that road from Dresden by way of Crossau to Kar- brother, that many will be induced to respond feel that I must say something for your valued me to preserve her incognito. This I did by she ought not to refuse it any longer, for it ga, and thence finally to Warsaw; on which to the appeal who will not otherwise do so. journal before taking my final departure to that introducing her to the medium as Mrs. would be the last she would ever drink in her occasion the King of Prussia almost always sent Five hundred dollars are already pledged, and life. At this she was greatly terrified and General Grumbkow, one of his ministers of five hundred more needed to relieve Brother state, to welcome him there.

The truth of this tale rests upon the credistructions from the King of Prussia carefully workers that ever stepped upon the Spiritualist sensible of his error was the reason why he larly assessed for contributions to the heathen. nated the apparition.

A STRANGE PRESENTIMENT. The following narrative is related by Dr.

Jung-Stilling: The merchant in whose employ I was formerly, from the year 1763 to 1770, and whom have called "Spanier," frequently related to me a remarkable presentiment which he once will touch the "Land o' Leal," where we may works. But his chief attention was directed mperial privy-counsellor, Von Seckendorf: the morning to the Middleburg market-boat, King Frederick William I, of Prussia, the which was lying there at anchor ready to sail father of Frederick II, stood in such friendly at noon to Middleburg. He took and paid for connection with Augustus II, of Poland, that, his place and then requested that a sailor the nineteenth century. They cause sorrow, if possible they saw one another at least once might be sent to him at an inn, which he misery, poverty—three degrading condi-

After the sailor was gone, the merchant

H. V. SWERINGEN.

#### Methodist Minister's Experience.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 20, 1893. S.M. BALDWIN, 1202 Penn Av., Washington, his bread and butter, a belief in the super- to the fullest extent of the capacity given natural, or in the existence of spirits, and their him power to return and be seen by us. And yet one of the best educated, most popular and flimsy dress that orthodoxy hath given them; powerful preachers of the Methodist Church if the religious speculations of the world could in this city, last night, said that he "would not be suppressed; if the barrels of useless the dare assert that there were no spirits that had ology extant in the world could be sunk deep manifested themselves to us; on the contrary, in oblivion's sea, then Christ's Christianity I believe there have been such manifestation, would have more beautiful avenues in which from the days of the Christ-age back to the days of Buddha, down to this day." He continued: "Oliver Wendell Holmes, one of the brightest men of the century, wrote with his own pen that he stood by the bedside of a dying friend and saw his spirit leave the body. Continuing, the speaker said: "I, myself, can testify to a similar experience." He said: "I was awakened one night while on my bed in Colorado, and raising myself on my elbow, I distinctly saw my mother. I got up, looked at my watch—it was 3 o'clock. The next day I received a telegram from Nebraska saying that my mother had passed away at 3 o'clock that morning. I told my wife then that I saw my mother at that same hour!"

One could feel the deep interest with which his vast audience listened to this experience. Yours truly,

J. W. ANDREWS.

The demand for "The Priest, Woman and 12 cents."

## LYMAN C. HOWE.

An Earnest Appeal from a Prominent Worker.

To THE EDITOR:-I note the appeal by

A. B. Spinney in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER whose name heads this article. Many Spiritdoubtless a responsible party, yet it has occurred to the writer that if THE PROGRESS-IVE THINKER will also consent to become the custodian of remittances for this worthy Howe from these harassing conditions. No workers can do their best work when financial grace to our cause not to heed this appeal. Certainly there ought to be five hundred Spiritualists who would esteem it a privilege to donate one dollar each (if no more), and in this way present to Brother Howea New Year's gift that will not only relieve him from auxisety, but in the reflex action will bless the Soul or Things—Vol. I. Certainly there ought to be five hundred Spirdonors as well. If this cannot be done, and platform relieved from this debt upon his home, we had better disband our organizations, including the National, and betake our-Here is my dollar! Who next? WILL C. HODGE.

#### Wayside Thoughts.

We are voyagers on life's ocean. If we keep our eye on the beautiful star Truth, some day after earth's night hath past our ship

He who truly watches for the sweet music of forming connections for his extensive iron of the spheres will not be disappointed even in this life, but we must first rise above the gross: ness of earth. "The churches" are fast learning that God's

> love cannot be confined to a certain sect or soil, there God's love protects it, and watches over its growth and development. Rum, tobacco, opium—three king evils of

How strange it is, when we think of it, the possibilities of soul-power, applied either as

lifting upward or pushing downward; as seeking the light or remaining in darkness. He whose soul is in harmony with the processes of nature will soon find where the richest veins of gold and silver lie. Not earthgold or earth-silver, but soul-gems whose rich

veins stop not in their upward reach short of there a grand demonstration is made known, coolly reflected on what might be the probable and so on until the world smiles through glisthe contentions! See the poverty! See the

agitated, its waves run high, and they dash office. over these plague spots of evil, and hungry bodies and souls are fed. This is religion in its highest sense; this is the Christianity that the Christ gave.

There is about as much value-difference between the uplifting results of good (philanthropic) works and sectarianism as there is between a cotton thread and a gold wire: I cannot find in the New Testament any

command to make a "very God" of Jesus. To be sure he says, "follow me," and so we should, in good example. "I and my Father D. C.—Dear Sir:—He is indeed a courageous are one," and so they are, in the harmonious mortal has ever heard a spirit claim that it had seen God.

God being a spirit, the creator of the universe, whirling through illimitable space and all contained therein—it is that God whom all contained therein—it is that God whom had seen God.

Marshal Von Grumbkow, and said to him, had seen God. It will be an one, "and so they are, in the harmonious of truth, and the uplifting of humanity; and so is every other human being as well as profound. This work is one that every one should read. It preacher who would, even in this year 1893, dare to assert before a large, fashionable and have just expired at Warsaw). Grumbkow, the pain of whose broken rib at that time allowed his bread and butter, a belief in the super-to the fullest extent of the capacity given by the first of the author's life.

If Christ's teachings were divested of the Dedication. to develop itself. Yes, Christ's Christianity is nearer earth to-day than ever. G. S. GREEN, M. D.

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power, making slaves and proselytes to It will thus be see to the present.

But since the visiting spirits of our turning empires—until at last the culout of the way. On the contrary, I only had a faint conception of the magnitude cussion of public topics in their writings Calvary, eventuating in the fall of the subjects which so interested me. portant results—important in what has developing under the fostering care of transpired, and yet more important in a new civilization, so that now mankind state serve to qualify the spirits for the istence beyond the silent tomb. that which is to follow.

(but on account of its great public im- of antiquity. portance, it cannot be too often repeated) that the manifestations of the mands the services of spirits of all ages well as contemporary.

Planetary spirits find favorable con-

years ago we did not dream of.

written nearly five years ago, at the gress has been made; and yet greater period of the inauguration of independ-progress is promised as these manifestar are negative and wanting in that activity ent spirit writing—elaborate papers—on tions are recognized and appreciated by which contributes so much to progress-varied public topics. "Who was Charles the mortal world." L. Reason?" I asked when I read the signature. No one could tell me. Finally my question was answered by Prof. Henry Kiddle. A short period before his passage to the higher life I called upon my valued and noble friend at his home in New York City. Among other spirit communications I read to him the spirit communications I read to him the now becoming freed from the fetters imposed by crude conditions and malign. one from Charles L. Reason. No sooner did he have the name than he exclaimed: "Why, that is a colored man. He was one of my teachers when I had are now controlling and directing mortals they are all spirits in mortal conditions charge of the public schools of this city. to a higher state of life and a more reliated and cultivated civilization. remember that he always attended my

could be written.

The seven pages of manuscript on they were working.
which Prof. Kiddle's colored schoolThen a still greater which Prof. Kiddle's colored school-teacher wrote his address sparkles all over with the brightness of his intellect, will be taught, not through biased and fostations.

gence is not a stranger at our circle. A ceive its due recognition. dozen years ago I printed communica-tions spoken by him, through the medial instrumentality of Mr. Cole, in the Psychometric Circular, and I printed in my Gallery of Spirit Arts an engraved likeness of Confucius from Anderson's spirit paintings. I also printed Dr. J. M. Cooper's biographical sketch, written under spirit control. Anderson, as a condition of happiness: spirit artist, and Dr. Cooper as a medial instrument of spirit powers, have no superiors in their several phases of memortal life-a position of co-operative relations with spirit friends (no matter in what age or era they may have lived on earth) in the humanitarian and educational work in which they are en-

the Confucius address he says: "This leads to a subject which you have published, if I remember correctly, in your Psychometric Circular some years ago in reference to the great spirits while in the spiritual condition devoting their time and resources to the development of new worlds, and this is so much :he case that I deem it of importance to speak to mortals of this age of some of the duties they will have to perform when spirits.

Through Dr. Mason, Dr. Cooper; through Judge Lawrence, of Ann Arbor, Michigan (in his last report of the Pence hall seances), through Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond and other medial instruments I received many communications and addresses of similar import to the accompanying Confucius address.

The address of Confucius opens a new. field of inquiry, and I anticipate a continuation of communications on the new line of discovery and discourse.

The communication of Sethei Menephtah, written at our circle on November 7, I gave a brief introduc-tion to in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

of November 25.

CHAS. R. MILLER. 2481 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. SPIRITUALISM IN ITS ADVANCING

STAGES. From the year 1579, before the advent

of the great spirit of God, I have in these closing years of this nineteenth sustenance of the mortal race. century to write upon a subject that is Your scientists and philosophy.

engaging the attention of mankind. it may be well to acquaint my readers told you of how one formation and one with the identity of my mortal career. I was known among men as Sether

of Gournali.

in my monthly journal. I am speaking those who, through the force of passion and what is true of your world is true a light of knowledge, literature and art, transitory state, yet the different trades hat which is to follow.

is elevated upon a plane of life far duties they will be called upon to perabove any other civilization of the ages form when they shall have reached the

Without descending into detail, I may point out that the modern conveniences that whenever it invites, it readily com- phenomenal but wonderful in every sense of the term.

ditions for manifesting at the Carrie thousands of years ago. To what, then, Miller Circle, and are not infrequent is to be attributed this great progress visitors; and it is this conjunction of in the affairs of mortal life? The questions are not those negative, inactears ago we did not dream of.
Let the reader bear in mind that the selves manifest, and it is notably in that

And let me say the Charles L. Reason communication was brief space of time that most of the pro- are indebted for what they possess and

signature. No one could tell me. Finally spirits whose earth-life careers were weak in themselves, may be with you posed by crude conditions and malign Finally, what can I advise that may be mortal influence, they (the enfranchised and exalted spirit intelligences) race nor creeds. I cannot forget that

parted to make their manifestations, not in the seclusion of the seance-room Spiritualists. This circle contains mor-Prof. Kiddle spoke highly of the colored school-teacher; and we both agreed that the Reason address was as logical and eloquent a presentation of the sun to men, and not as they have been ject "The Slavery of Conscience" as object to make their manifestations, and permit them to perform them, without the ject "The Slavery of Conscience" as object to make their manifestations, and permit the seclusion of the seance-room but in public, and permit them to perform them have not in the seclusion of the seance-room but in public, and permit them to perform them have not in the seclusion of the seance-room but in public, and permit them to perform them have not in the seclusion of the seance-room but in public, and permit them to perform them have not in the exception of some ter health, with the exception of some stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She ter health, with the exception of some testiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well. She will stiffness in the knees, she is well stiffness in the knees, she is well stiffness in th

disclosing a profound and analyzing colored annals, but by the individual presence of the spirits themselves, who pathetic and humanitarian conception of were actors in the scenes, some of which way to a life of higher aim and more have been so vividly painted by historians of every age. It is upon spirits,
spoken at our circle Tuesday afternoon, their wisdom and experience, that mortals depend for all they may attain. kindness that I have been enabled to This mighty and exalted spirit intelli- Let, then, this source of knowledge re- make these few remarks.

. SETHEI MENEPHTAH.

TEACHINGS FROM A GREAT AND ILLU-MINATED MIND.

human race and friends of their future social structure whose doors are ever

diumship. Through these accredited manifesting spirit, is by no means pethe good, and justly weigh and measure channels I first made the acquaintance of the ancients, Atlantians, and other prehistoric spirits. That acquaintance prehistoric spirits. That acquaintance has continued and ripened, not to the Empire of the Sun, in which I had but to the highest rosis. fruition period, but to the highest position that I ever desire to attain in It is not my purpose, however, to speak are met by obstacles arising from three prominent workers from both the twins

burthen of this discourse will be of the nurtured by cunning craft and lust for future. constantly coming into being, awaiting tion and vice, hypocrisy and dissimula-

the completion of their development tion, and to all those evils which are enfor the populations they are designed to slaving mortal men to a dogmatic servicontain. The myriads of mortals which tude more humiliating and degrading have been ever upon our insignificant than the system of African slavery which globe, comparatively speaking, were so long stood the Nemesis of American they all massed together would consti-independence. tute but a very small percentage of the The latter exacted physical servitude; people required to populate these new the former presumed to dictate to the

fore, there must be some source to sup- distinguish and characterize man from ply so vast assemblages as populations the ordinary brute-beasts, which were of many worlds.

have performed their mission in the enforced sacrifices of a deluded people; spiritual spheres, are reincarnated for terrorized, if the term may be used, by other worlds and other duties. This is a sentiment as brazen and hollow as the true significance of what moderns were ever the idols of antiquity. term reincarnation.

are spirits who are reincarnated on the the dust, to seek companionship with planet from which they passed as the brazen wolf and other idols which mortals, and such reincarnation was ages have overturned and buried forever glomerations of cases which are con- him as the most beautiful of all created of general human existence.

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perform when spirits. tion of those fruits necessary for the public office, and, lastly, his acquies-

ngaging the attention of mankind.

Before proceeding with these remarks!

taught you of the different periods of claims are revolting to every unbiased the earth's formation, but they have not intelligence.

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It will thus be seen that the doctrines

universal spheres of spiritual space.

Every mortal should sacrifice no day or hour of his time apart from the callof mortal life through inventive genius ing in which he may find himself placed. Carrie Miller Circle owe their special and the wise application of capital have It should be remembered that knowlimportance to the fact that this circle is attained a state of development which from ancient standpoints are not only phenomenal but words for the surface and not from theory. Let the trade or profession be ever so

humble, it has its importance in the It is assuredly not to be attributed to ages to come; and that mortal who shall and eras—historic and prehistoric as mortal man alone that so much has be found to be the most proficient in his been acquired, else the same acquired art will be found in advance of those development would have been attained spirits who have sacrificed their op-

mighty spiritual forces that is giving to tion is easily answered. It is attributed ive beings as taught in recent years. spirit manifestations a variety, attract- to the interposition, the influence, the They are positive, active and powerful, iveness and power such as even five control, of outside invisible forces which and wise with the experience of anterior

And let me say that to spirits, mortals ive development, and it will be conceded These manifestations are made by by every fair mind that mortals are but

fined and cultivated civilization.

Permit, therefore, spirits of the de-

knowledge of the mortals through whom must sometime experience. They in vite and entertain spirits who were once

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It is not our mission to assail principles based upon the general welfare of Friends of the past, friends of the foundation upon which is reared that open to the great mass of mortals who I esteem it a great privilege to be may be honest, sincere and deserving; permitted to manifest in this manner. but it is our mission to correct the errors The phenomena which I exemplify as a in mortal life, to eliminate the evil from

of the past, and though I may incidistinct systems, whose colossal propordentally allude to the present, the tions have been the growth of ages, self-aggrandizement, together with a Worlds, which are termed planets, are mad ambition which has led to corrup-

people required to populate these new worlds.

From whence, then, good friends, are the people to be drawn for such purpose?

This is not singular to the present, it ever has been and ever will be; therever has been and ever will be; the ever has been and ever will be; therever has been and ever will be; the former presumed to dictate to the consciences and God-given spirits of men, compelling compliance and a surface sent a most attractive sight as they generally entertained in all securities, we take espectation to don't delay any longer, but come right in and badges, and fill us with the desire that all societies would see to it that the long wished to have one thought and badges, and fill us with the desire that all societies would see to it that the long wished to have one thought and badges, and fill us with the desire that all societies would see to it that the long wished to have one thought and badges, and fill us with the desire that all societies would see to it that the power of the present financial depression has the promotion of the present fi

to be servants and not his companions. Allow me to state that spirits who were mortals of other planets, after they and political altars loaded down with the

Who will be the iconoclast of to-day, I do not dispute, however, that there and hurl this idol from its pedestal into

stantly utilizing the spiritual forces for objects. It confines his sphere of action, the purpose of perfecting the scheme sets limits to his intellectual and scien-of general human existence. of general human existence. tific researches, and should he from any This leads me to a subject which you invisible influence overstep the bounds

have published, if I remember correctly, prescribed by the social, theological and herself a committee of one on member-in your Psychometric Circular some years political sentiment, anathemas are ship, it could easily be accomplished, ago, in reference to the great spirits, hurled at him from the pulpit; he is dependent on the great spirits, hurled at him from the pulpit; he is dependent on the great spirits, hurled at him from the pulpit; he is dependent on the great spirits. My permanent address will be found

govern man in this day and age, and the The very planet upon which you now only problem is that man can be deexist was, previous to its mortal occupation, insultable for the occupation of which requires his undivided labor and mortal man. Darkness there was, geo-logical formations, glacial periods and all the other incongruities opposed to the cultivation of the soil and produc-tion of the soil and produccence to a social status whose grotesque Your scientists and philosophers have deformity and false and pretentious

This, indeed, is a problem whose soluperiod succeeded another; but I will tell tion has passed from the province of man. From an individual entity, selftion was written some five years since, and was one of the first of the elaborate papers written at the Carrie Miller Mamorials of the state of the

of the great seas, performed Titanic our mission is to solve that problem, and

It was then, good friends, that mortal expression and action. Enjoying the heaven-prescribed freedom themselves, they render valuable aid in freeing others, and though but forty years have passed since the movement began, the further their aims and dynasties—over- I taught when a mortal were not far Spiritualists, the freedmen, are now of respectable numbers, and constant accessions are being made to their ranks Our mission shall succeed, and shall they have continued that line of maniand the birth of a new era, which shed
and the birth of knowledge literature and and
they have continued that line of manifestation to this date, with the most im-

> In conclusion I would congratulate you all upon the phenomenal success of the cause under adverse and repressive conditions. Though it may appear but a shadow as yet to the great mass of mortal beings, it promises much for the future. I will close with the words of

'Tis the sunset of life gives me mystical lere, And coming events cast their shadows be-

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\*\*To the Editorn:—Yesterday was in deed a Thanksgiving Day for the Spiritualists of St. Paul and Minneapolis, for on that day a marriage ceremony was performed by Dr. Wheelock between the North Western Spiritual Association and the North Star Spiritual Society. It was consummated in the Masonic and the North Star Spiritual Society. It was consummated in the Masonic and the North Star Spiritual Society. It was consummated in the Masonic and the North Star Spiritual Society. It was consummated in the Camp-meeting next July. She has and the surrounding country. At the close of the ceremony the following regulations of the Camp-meeting next July. She has and the surrounding country. At the close of the ceremony the following regulations of the Camp-meeting next July. She has and the surrounding country. At the close of the ceremony the following regulations of the Camp-meeting next July. She has and the surrounding country. At the close of the ceremony the following regulations of the Camp-meeting next July. She has and the surrounding country. At the close of the Northwestern Spiritual Association, which was the groom on the above-mentioned occasion, viz.: and most encouraging here; our large and beautiful the surrounding country. At the close of the Northwestern Spiritual Association, mich was the groom on the above-mentioned occasion, viz.: and most encouraging here; our large and most encouraging here; our large and most encouraging here; our large and here the Northwestern Spiritual Association, which was the groom on the above-mentioned occasion, viz.: and most encouraging here; our large and here are the Northwestern Spiritual Spiritual Spiri

It costs but one dollar to become a member, and would hardly be felt by any one but what a help to our officers, to spur them on to renewed effort during the interview between now and next campmeeting, We number now nearly two hundred paid-up memberships, and I hope and believe that at the semi-annual meeting I shall be able to report a membership of at least five thousand. There is no excuse for any true lover of our cause in the northwest for not joining us; our financial standing is good harmony and brotherly love prevail. given that the spirit might complete a from the gaze of men?

destiny, fulfil a mission interrupted by slavery of conscience deprives manan untimely mortal death. Those, however, are exceptions in the vast agindependent manhood, which presents close the names of some new members for membership it will soon be where it the close of this year that our member—the close of this year that our member—ship has been doubled within thirty days. research, by one of the ablest men of the age. Frice If each one would consider himself or \$1.50; postage 10 cents. ought to be. Let me be able to report at

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My permanent address will be found at the foot of this article, where remittances can be sent, or any informa tion concerning the Northwestern Spiritual Association obtained.

R. U. D. EVANS. 674 Edmund Street, St. Paul, Minn.

#### GENERAL SURVEY. Continued from 5th Page

Mrs. Francis Teachout writes that passages concerning the anointing of Jesus may be found as follows: Matt xxxvi., 7; John xii; and xi: 2. Are not our correspondents on this subject slightly off in their ideas about it? Did not the anointing, or christening relate—not to any literal application o material oil or ointment of any sort, but to the fullness of spiritual influx and power with which Jesus was endowed by the Spirit-world? Was not this the anointing that made him above all others "the Christ." Mrs. Teachout thinks Jesus was the body which the spirit Adam took to do its work through the work of expiation.

We have had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. R. M. Williams, of Nashville, Tenn. He is a member of the board of lirectors of the First Spiritual Church of Nashville, and one of the leading photograph artists of that city.

As an item of interest to our many readers who may be interested in the defense of American free institutions against the overt and covert aggressions of Jesuitic adherents of popery, we will state that Eld. L. C. Goodrich, of Homer, Champaign Co., Ill,, is an authorized lecturer and Illinois State organizer of A. P. A. councils. He will also lecture for councils. We hope our friends wil give him plenty of work to do, and help him to push the good and important cause to the fullest extent.

Moses Hull is engaged for December in St. Louis, Mo. He will be in Grand Rapids, Mich., during January.

J. L. Reed, of Hastings, Mich., writes 'We have organized a society of Spiritualists with ten members; have held three meetings and also there is manifest quite an interest in our exercises by outsiders.'

G. C. S., writes that the friends in Indianapolis are unusually favored with opportunities to witness spiritual phenomena. Prof. F. W. Taber is having great success in materializations, and good audiences are the result. At a recent seance the first spirit which came was a very tall Indian who gave his name as Red Leaf, a control of Mrs. Seery-Hibbits, of Muncie. Dr. Rother mel, who is a taller man than the medium, Taber, was standing by the cabinet, when Red Leaf, stretching out his arm, was so tall as to place it over Dr. Rothermel's head. At another seance, before an audience of twentyeight people, five forms materialized full and distinct, at the same time, and "Ohs!" filled the room. At a seance by

Dr. Rothermel the results were marvel Spirits played upon various muwere received upon paper; also writter upon handkerchiefs, with indelible lead test conditions. His materializations were very fine and beyond criticism. Mrs. Delia Karcher suggests that

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