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IMPORTANT QUESTION

In Relation to a Leading Character.

Christmas, Christ and the Cross. Something for Christians to Consider.

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A more truthful inspiration never came than the one which led Ella Wheeler Wilcox to say:

"Laugh, and the world laughs with you;
Weep, and you weep alone,
For the sad old earth must borrow its mirth,
But has trouble enough of its own.
Sing, and the bills will answer;
Sigh, it is lost on the sir.

Sigh, it is lost on the air,
The echoes bound to a joyful sound,
But shrink from volcing care."

Days of pleasure, no matter to whom or to what they may be dedicated, are always popular. When our fathers came to this country they established a day of fasting and prayer in April, and a day of thanksgiving in November. The day of fasting has gone so thoroughly out of date that it is seldom mentioned; the day of feasting is so popular that it is doubted whether it could ever be abol-

ished.
When Christianity supplanted paganism it found many almost world-wide heathen institutions. Their great festivals could not be disestablished. Christianity, had it not accepted the heathen Christmas, the heathen Saturnalia, and the heathen Easter, could never have gained a foothold among the lovers of

pleasure.
Individually, and as a Spirituar have no objection to Christmas, its and its festivities; but I do object to me ignorance, or the toadyism which pisse these celebrations on a false basis; a 1 to making them levers to elevate fair! hood and superstition into fetichestic

traveler." who enjoys intellectual pabu- he might in a few months have nibbled called a Nazarene. lum more than they do turkeys and away at them some. Even chewing wine, which maketh glad the heart of gum would have been a more appropri- whose dreams all Christianity hangs, to would have involved the rejection of God and man," it seems to me that I at present than frankincense; and as could make no more appropriate Christ- for the myrrh, I cannot see any earthly mas offering to such than to present for use his little highness could have for be that Matthew was wild in either his consequently in the fourth consequently in the their consideration a few such facts as that! I would as soon think of making will not be issued from any of the one a new-born babe a present of a lump of hundred thousand American pulpits as aloes. Remember, these wise men never the Christian who will find where any Rome, as the birthday of "The Son of a Christmas sermon.

The Christian world has so long accepted Christmas as a Christian institu- it was a Jewish king-not a God, to called a Nazarene." The fact is, there ent time. tution, that the one who denies it, as I do, should see that the ground under tions. him is firm. I usually spend but little time in denying anything. Generally all the people want is affirmations and much to say about spiritualistic dreams pose on the ignorance of his readers. evidence. In this case, however, a and dreamers. He advises all who may superstition holds the minds of almost themselves inclined to dream, to "take tion concerning Sampson—not Jesus—January 9th. The Gauls are said to which says: "No razor shall come on have celebrated December 25th as Jesus' which says: "No razor shall come on have celebrated December 25th as Jesus' to the says of his be routed in order to prepare the public mind for the reception of truth. For that'except Joseph's five dreams, as rethat reason I must first make a few neg- corded in Matthew, and the girl's story

I do not deny that the man whom the world calls Jesus ever existed; on the is not in all the world a scrap of eviother hand, I incline to the opinion that dence of the miraculous conception of Nazarite from a Nazarene? A Nazarite its reputed Savior was born. he did exist, and that he was crucified. I do deny that he was born on Christmas. I deny the wonderful events said tion, I am not astonished that Watts to have been connected with his birth, his life and his death. I deny that any of the Old Testament prophesies have any reference to him. I deny that he was miraculously conceived and born. I deny also that Christmas was originally

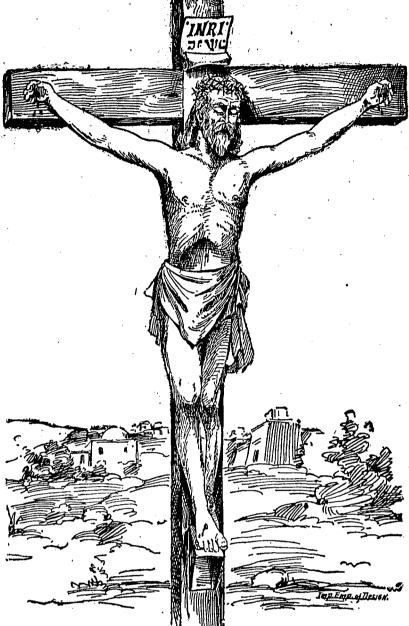
a Christian festival. I will first take the story as told by Matthew. The writer of this book was a daring, dashing ignoramus of probably He went to sleep with that thought upthe second century. Yet as Matthew is permost in his mind; but the thing was received with more authority than either Mark or Luke, who, it is admitteither Mark or Luke, who, it is admittbehold, the angel of the Lord appeared ries, I prefer to take the story as related by one who it is generally supposed was an eye-witness of much that he relates.

manifestly absurd. Not until the year ters believe this story without a parti-173 A. D. is it ascribed to him, and cle of evidence of its truth except Matwhat is more, there is no evidence until thew's representation of the dreams of about this time of the existence of the this love-sick old widower. gospel in its present form."

the responsibility of the errors of this ing warned of God in a dream, that they

In Matt. ii: 2, the "wise men" are renresented as coming from the East; that is, the Magi, from Farther India; and Third:—The third dream is recorded saving: "Where is he that is born king in the next verse: "And when they of the Jews? for we have seen his star in were departed, behold the angel of the the East, and are come to worship Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream,

Did any Christian ever stop to consider the absurdity of that story? This be there until I bring thee word; for star-the star Vindimatrix, mother of Herod will seek the young child to dewine—the Star of Bethlehem, arose for only a few moments at midnight on the Fourth: as the story goes, Christmas morning inds these Indian Magi in Jerusalem, appeareth in a dream to Joseph in such a book on the world. In that book enquiring of the ignorant Jews where Egypt, saying, 'Arise, and take the the writer informs his readers that the their king was; they had been led there young child and his mother and go into star not only guided the wise men to These wise men were great sailors! which sought the young child's life. "
They had somehow rounded the Cape of Good Hope, traveling thousands of miles dream. "But when he had some the stable were all successful the st



be worshiped.

As I have but little of this world's wealth with which to cheer my fellow-pilgrims on account of the appearance of the sign of the returning sun-god, and as there is here and there "a lonely traveled is here and there "a lonely traveled is here and there to lonely the sign of the original little and the sign of the returning sun-god, and as there is here and there "a lonely traveled is here and there to lonely traveled is not sign of the sign of the returning sun-god, and as there is here and there to lonely the sign of the returning sun-god, and as there is here and there to lonely the sign of the returning sun-god, and as there is here and there to lonely the sign of the returning sun-god, and as there is here and there to lonely the sign of the returning sun-god, and as there is here and there to lonely the sign of the returning sun-god, and as there is here and there to lonely the sign of the returning sun-god, and as there is here and there to lonely the sign of the returning sun-god, and as there is here and there to lonely the sign of the returning sun-god, and as there is here and there to lonely the sign of the returning sun-god, and as there is here and there to lonely the sign of the returning sun-god, and as there is here and there to lonely the sign of the sign of the returning sun-god, and the sign of t was an after invention. They supposed

I wonder if it ever occurred to him. as recorded by Luke-the two worst possible witnesses in the world-there the evidence of the miraculous concep-

"Great God, on what a slender thread Hangs all eternal things.'

First dream:-When Joseph found that his intended wife was soon to become a mother, his first thought was, "Well, I love the girl; I will not expose her; I will simply break off the match. changed by a dream. Matthew says: Of the book of Matthew, Rev. John conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." Chadwick in his "Bible of Today," pp. This settled the matter; he dreamed that an angel told him his girl was all enly bodies than the lighting of an ex-"To suppose that the Apostle Mat- right; and the millions of Christians tra lamp would make in a farm house. thew wrote our present gospel, based, as who could not be induced to believe a it is, on various prior documents, is like story concerning their own daugh-

Second:—The second dream is record This relieves the Apostle Matthew of ed in Matt. ii., 12, as follows: "And beshould not return to Herod, they de-

ray."
Third:—The third dream is recorded saying, 'Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and

description of the dream or in his refer- this was adopted by the church, under ence to scripture. I have a chromo for the decree of Julius, then Bishop of thought of the Godhood of Jesus; that prophet, or where any other writer be Righteousness; and it has been so obfore Matthew ever said, "He shall be whom they were offering their adora- is no such text: and the monk who at-

hand of the Philistines." Is it possible Jesus. If eternal salvation depends on was one who had taken a certain vow upon himself; a Nazarene was one who The Killing of the Babies. was born in Nazareth. Jesus was not a Nazarite, and only in a secondary sense could he be called a Nazarene.

I shall, in this paper, wave the argument that Jesus, himself, is an unhisther facts I cannot pass by in silence. We have seen his star in the East." Is lieves that a new star was created for this occasion-that a different star was seen in the East than those which had fact is, this was written when it was ights fastened to the firmament of the neavens and the putting in of an extra star for a night or two would make ino more difference in the order of the heav-They were therefore prepared to be-lieve that this star could not only point the way to an insignificant village, but could point out and actually go

to the Ephesians, says:

"How, then, was our Savior manifested to the world? A star shone in neaven, beyond all the other stars, and novelty struck terror unto men's minds. All the rest of the stars, together with he sun and moon, were in chorus to this star, but this sent out its light exceedingly above them all "

Fourth:—Verse 19 contains the fourth a book now bearing that title; Paul's "But when Herod reference to such a gospel was sufficient

Jesus, there is no agreement among those who claim to be authorities on the subject, and the most bitter contests have existed among Christian writers. The Bishop of Glougester and Bristel, inclined to the opinion that his birth occurred in the month of February.
Weiesler, a German chronologer, and Tischendorf were of the same opinion; while Gresswell, another German writer, decided that it occurred on the 5th or 6th of April. Dis Robinson was of the opinion that it took place in the autumn. Lardner says Jesus was born be-tween the middle of August and the middle of November. The only correct conclusion that can be arrived at is that Jesus was not born of the 25th day of December, and it is not the only curious circumstance in connection with him that a day is celebrated as his birthday on which he was not born; but the day was adapted by the early Christian church because for many centuries it had been a heathen festival."

The late Thomas Gales Forster, in a discourse on "Christmas and Its Sug-

gestions," has the following: "The return of Christmas furnishes another important suggestion. Ancient nations for centuries before the dawn of the Christian era were accustomed to celebrate the return of the natural sun of our world from the winter solstice by great festival on the 25th of December, during which they performed religious ceremonies in honor of that bright luminary, feasted each other, and interchanged gifts as is done in the present day throughout Christendom. To have abolished these heathen practices in the olden time would have been as unpopupoken by the prophet, he shall be lar as previously intimated, as would be called a Nazarene."

This last dream shows Joseph, on our New England States; and besides, served, as you know, down to the pres-

"Prior to this, however, the birth of tempted in this gospel, to make Jesus Christ was believed to have occurred on Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage, in his oft-repeated attack on Spiritualism, has ignorant himself, or he intended to im-ties have named May 25th; others. April ties have named May 25th; others, April 19th or 20th. In the Orient and in Egypt they celebrated the nativity on January 9th. The Gauls are said to his head, for the child shall be a Nazar- birthday, and May 25th as the day of his ite unto God from the womb, and he resurrection. Other dates have been shall begin to deliver Israel out of the likewise named by different authorities: so that really it is a remarkable fact, the writer of Matthew had heard of strange as it may seem, that Christen this text, and that he did not know a dom is still ignorant of the day on which

Matt. ii., 16 to 18, says: "Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wreth, and sent forth and What became of these slew all the children that were in they got through with the torical character—that all history that Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, Did they go back to their open graves to the time which he had diligently in- up once more? Really, I wish we had "We have seen his star in the East." Is there an astronomer on earth who be-lieves that a new star was created for Jeremy the prophet, saying, in Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation been observed for ages in the past? The Rachel weeping and great mourning, When Christians are pinned down in fact is this was written when it was

were not." stable as a farmer could take a lantern into his barn.

seen ner basies staughtered: 1et no libral a son, and they being interpreted is, offer any resistance to this bloodthirsty God with us."

Note they been right; all The Apostolic Father, Ignatius, tyrant. More strange, if possible, than Matthew may have been right; all Bishop of Antioch, in his Fourth Epistle all this, no historian ever thought the this may have been done that the matter of importance enough to make a prophecy might be fulfilled in the event. note of the fact.

reader, and to give him a kind of fore- ecy. In Isaiah vii., is a prophecy made its light was inexpressible, and its gleam of the astrological interpretation to Ahaz, the son of Jotham, that a conof this class of Scripture, I submit the federacy formed against him should not following from Rev. Robert Tayler's succeed; he should beat the combine; "Devil's Pulpit," pp. 23, 24: and that within threescore and five

In Gal. ii., 7, Paul refers to "The dren." Why in Rama? What is Rama? accomplished, but Ahaz refused to Gospel of the Circumcision." There is Why, Rama is the Hindostanee, Coptic, tempt his God by asking a sign. Then Isaiah said: "Therefore the Lord-him-Syriac, Phoenician word, and literal Isalah said: "Therefore the Lord-limname for the Zodiac; the high, the elesself shall give you a sign: behold a vated, the exalted. And this whole tale virgin shall conceive and bear son,

Gospel according to St. Matthew" says occurred at the death of Jesus, were indeed wonderful, but are they true? If so, is it not strange that neither of his supposed contemporary gospel-writers, Mark, Luke or John, ever heard of the most important of them; and no other writer ever mentioned any of them? Matthew says, in chapter xxvii: 51, 53: Behold, the veil of the temple was rent

in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints which slept arose and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city and appeared unto many."

How strange that nobody but Matthew and his readers ever heard of these events? On this point the sarcastic Gibbon says, Vol. 2, Chapter 15:
"How shall we excuse the supine inat-

tention of the pagan and philosophic world to those evidences which were presented by the hand of omnipotence, not to their reason, but to their senses? This miraculous event, which ought to have excited the wonder, the curiosity, and the devotion of mankind, passed without notice in an age of science and history. It happened during the lifetime of Seneca, and the elder Pliny, who must have experienced the immediate effects, or received the earliest intelligence of the prodigy. Each of these philosophers, in a laborious work, has recorded all the great phenomena of nature—earthquakes, meteors, comets and eclipses, which his inde-

fatigable curiosity could collect; both the one and the other have omitted to mention the greatest phenomena to which the mortal eye has been witness since the creation of the globe.

This is the way Gibbon, the historian, has of saying the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, or at least the wonderevents connected with his death and up for twenty-five years; how strange that not one of them ever heard of this tearing up the veil to pieces. Has the reader ever thought how indefinite those wonderful things are? "Many bodies of the saints which slept, arose. How many? Who were they? Why not call at least one or two of them by name? , Were Moses, Joshua, or "the harlot Rahab," whom Paul canonized, among them? If Matthew had only as it does under existing circumstances

to believe the story.
Again, where did these "saints" go? "They went into the holy city and appeared to many." What holy city? Where is it located? Chicago was not emiah never said a word about purchasyet builded, so it is certain that none of ing the field, or anything else mentioned the "many" were Chicago reporters. i7 saints i from two years old and under, according and get the undertaker to cover them more of this story!

Prophecies of Jesus.

supposed that the stars were only small would not be comforted, because they cies being fulfilled in Jesus. May I ask what prophecies? Matthew thought Does anybody believe that? What prophesy centered in Jesus, but failed to mothers of the vicinity of Chicago, and make out a case. Let us follow him in Matthew it was the chief priests who all along the coast of Lake Michigan, his attempts in that direction. The first could to-day be induced to bring their attempt of this writer to find a prophecy babies in for the Mayor to slaughter? fulfilled in Jesus is in i., 123, 23: Probably there was not one Bethlehem "Now all this was done that it might be mother in a thousand that would not fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord have fought her weight in wildcats be-fore she would have submitted to have shall be with child, and shall bring seen her babies slaughtered? Yet no forth a son, and they shall call his name

> Yet either those who did it, or the one In order to relieve the suspense of the | who related it, was ignorant of proph-"In Rama was there a voice heard, years "Ephraim should be broken, that lamentation and weeping and great he be not a people." He then asked of the birth of Christ is found in the and shall call his name Immanian Butwritings of Zoroaster, the supposed con- good. For before the child shall know

Robert Tayler, in "Devil's Pulpit," p. 37.

Jesus Was Not Born on Christmas.

Does anybody who has studied the question believe that. Jesus was born on Christmas?—that shepherds were at that time of the year outwatching their flooks by night?—that people at that time of the year outwatching their flooks by night?—that people at that time went up to the annual taxing? The Jews by their own laws and customs that destiled all their bills and squared themselves with the world in September. There are the cales—the balances; there every account must be adjusted. Christians, those who are posted, do not believe Jesus was born on that day. D. M. Bennett, in his debate with Maire collates the following:

"As to the real time of the bearthey in the prophecy is as to form of Polycar, in the reign of the scorpion, of October."

The Story of Jesus' Death.

The events which the writer of "the Jesus, there is no agreement among those who claim to he authorities on the cospel according to St. Matthew" says Robert Tayler, in "Devil's Pulpit," two boys of the zodiac; as Joseph and that "Ephraim should be broken, that its rise. The next plunge Matthew makes into prophecy is as follows:

"And they said unto him, in Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet: And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a governor that shall rule my people Israel." Matt. ii: 5, 6. Whoever will take the trouble to turn and read Micha v., 2 to 7, will find the prediction Matthew made an attempt to quote; not one word of which was ful-filled in Jesus. This governor or ruler which was to come out of Bethlehem was to "waste the land of Assyria with the sword," and "the land of Nimrod," also he was to deliver the Jews from the Assyrians. Jesus never delivered

them from anybody.

The next effort to find a prophecy fitting the case is in Matt. ii., 14, 15: "And was there until the death of Herod; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, out of Egypt have I called my son." If this was done to fulfill the prophecy, it was a failure, as every one ean see who will turn to Hosea xi., 1, 2: "When Israel was a child, then I loved As they called them, so they went from them; they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense unto graven images." As Jesus did not sacrifice to Baal, or ourn incense to graven images, this socalled prophecy will hardly apply to him. In the days of Moses, when Israel was a child, Israel was called out of

Egypt. I have already quoted Matt, ii: 17, about the 'lamentation and bitter weeping.' Any one who will take the trouble babies, but to the return of the children of Israel—the sons and daughters of ferent set of Scriptures.

Rachel, from the land of the enemy to In Acts xviii: 24, is the account of one their own borders.

called a Nazarene." As there never ucated minister from Alexandria. How was any such prophecy, it is useless to comment further on Matthew's mistake.

The prophecies supposed to be connected with the death of Jesus were as thorough failures as those supposed to refer to his birth. The main one is in Matt. xxvii: 7. 9: "And they took council to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called the field of blood unto anybody else in the world had thought was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saythe thing worth mentioning, it would ing, and they took the thirty pieces of exist? not require quite such a stretch of faith silver, the price of him that was valued. whom they of the children of Israel did value; and gave them for the potter's field." If the term Jeromy refers to Jeremiah, as it evidently does in Matt. ii: 17, then the thing is all wrong. Jerin the pretended quotation. Indeed, no prophet ever uttered anything like the quotation. The nearest approach to it hat can be found is in Zach, xi: 12, 13 It reads as follows: "And I said unto them, if ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said unto me, cast When Christians are pinned down in was praised of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter, in the house of the Lord.

Here it was Zachariah who sold out and cast the money to the potter. In bought the field. Judas cast the silver down, and went and hanged himself. See verse 5. In Acts i: 48, Judas bought the field, and then fell down and his bowels gushed out.

In conclusion on this branch of the subject, I will say these wonderful stories of the miracles and the fulfill ment of prophecy in the birth and death of Jesus were not invented until the church decided to make a God of him The idea of deifying Jesus caused the invention of these and many other stories concerning him. The gospels, particularly those of Matthew and John, were, for the most part, taken from older documents.

The Cospels Not Original Col. i: 23. Documents.

At the time Jesus was supposed to mourning; Rachel weeping for her children. Ahaz to ask a sign that this should be have existed, it is well known that there dren. Why in Rama? What is Rama? accomplished, but Ahaz refused to was a class of people called Ascetics, or Essenes, Many of these people lived in Egypt, but this sect had made some progress, in Palestine, especially in the northern portion, where Jesus was supposed to have spent his youthful days. the writer informs his readers that the star not only guided the wise men to Mythrics of Persia, and in the fabulous know to refuse the evil and choose the ers of the sick, were sometimes called Therapeuta. They were also sometimes temporary of Moses. As, turn to the to refuse the evil and choose the good, called Eclectics. These people had sev old astronomy ascribed to Moses, you the land that thou abhorrest shall be eral gospels, embodying the highest Good Hope, traveling thousands of miles of will find that Rachel had but two sons, forsaken of both her kings."—Verses 14, moral dram. "But when he heard that with lights, greater than the lights of will find that Rachel had but two sons, forsaken of both her kings."—Verses 14, moral graphers, end traveled many miles by Archelaus did reign in Judea in the lamps and candles, and greater than the which were Joseph and Benjamin, and loss. (Vol. I., p. 196): "It was in Egypt that light of the sun itself." Quoted by Rev. there they are to this day in Rama, the This child was to be born as a sign the morose discipline of Asceticism took.

Again, on page 199 he says: "It manifestly appears, from the testimony of Philo the Jew, who was himself one of this sect, that this philosophy was in a flourishing condition at Alexandria, when our Savior was upon the earth."

Though this sect was in a flourishing condition before Jews came into the

Bishop Marsh, in his introduction to Michaelis' Translation of the New Testament, says: "Our gospels were drawn from the epistles of the Es-

Again: "The opinion that the evan-gelists drew a great part of their mate-rials from a written document is per-

fectly consistent." Bausobre says: "In my opinion, the gospel according to the Hebrews is the most ancient of all. This, the Nazareres pretend, was the original from which that of St. John was taken. . . That which has been called the gospel according to the Egyptians is of the same

antiquity."

I fear that this is becoming tedious, and will therefore withhold testimonies l have from Justin Martyr, Clemens Alexandrinus, Lactantius Arnobius, Origen, St. Augustine and others

The New Testament Stories Not Original.

In Luke i: 1, 2, the writer says: "For-asmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed nim, and called my son out of Egypt. among us, even as they delivered them. As they called them, so they went from unto us, which from the beginning were eye-witnesses and ministers of the

In 1 Cor. xv: 1, 4, Paul is reminding them of a gospel which they had heard from the beginning—a gospel wherein they stood. He also told them that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again, "according to the Scriptures." As those events occurred long before a word of our New Testament was written, it could not refer to that: and as there is to read Jer. xxxi: 15 to 17, will see that not a word in the Old Testament relating this does not refer to Herod killing the to the matter, it could not refer to that. It must and does refer to an entirely dif-

Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent ful events connected with his death and resurrection, are not true. "The veil of the temple was rent in twain from top to bottom." The Jews were worshiping to bottom." The Jews were worshiping to bottom." The Jews were worshiping to bottom. "Behold to be the writer of Matthew to connect itself with the birth of Jesus, is the Christian education! But here is an education! But here is an education! How is this? I answer, they had Christian colleges in Alexandria before the supposed founder of Christianity was born. The Church and All Its Insti-

tutions Before Jesus. Matt. xviii: 17, says: "And if he shall and bought with them the potter's field neglect to hear them, tell it unto the

church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be to thee as a heathen mentioned one of them by name; or if this day. Then was fulfilled that which and a publican." How could they tell it to the church if the church did not

In 1 Cor., xi: 23, 26, Paul says: "I have received from the Lord that which I also delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus in the same night in which he was betraved took bread, and when he had given thanks he brake it and said, take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner, also, he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament, in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of me. For as oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

Now when it is remembered that this epistle was written before either of the four gospels, and when it is remembered again that Paul's quotation is not in cither of the four gospels, it will be easy to see that Paul and the gospel writers could draw from a common original. See Luke xxii: 19, 20.

In Acts xx: 35, Paul says: "I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ve ought to support the weak; and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said: it is more blessed to give than to receive." Where did Jesus say this? It is not recorded in either of the four gospels. Either Paul is palming something off on his readers as the words of Jesus which were not his words, or he had access to some of those original gospels out of which ours were largely drawn.
Paul said that the gospel which he

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preached was an old one; it had "been preached to every creature which was under the whole heaven" before he wrote the epistle to the Colossians. See

The Crucifixion of Christ Was an Old Play.

Paul admonished the foolish Galatians that "Christ had been set forth crucified among them." See Gal. iii: 1. Surely lesus was not crucified in Galatia. The Bible knows of but two crucifixions of Jesus—one, as everybody knows, in Jerusalem, and one in a city which "spiritually is called Sodom, in Egypt."

Rev. xi: 18.
"Prometheus Bound" is the title of a play written in Greek by Æschylus, and played in the theaters at Athens at least five hundred years before Christ. Pot-

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THE WORLD'S PARLIAMENT OF RELIGION.

Those Who Represent the Different Religions.

An Address by the Guides of MRS. CORA L. V. RICHMOND.

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September 29, 1893, Whereas, the National Convention of Spiritualists of the United States of America did on this day select Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, of its meaning, who recognize the religions of ever is the ultimate term of matter. Chicago, Illinois, to prepareand present to the authorities in charge of the World's Parliament of Religions a paper setting forth the

Now, therefore, I, Harrison D. Barrett, President of the National Spiritualist Association of the United States of America, do hereby designate and appoint Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond to act as the representative of the aforesaid association in the preparation of said paper, and that the statement therein contions are similar (making due allowance for states and conditions, degrees and stages of tained shall stand as the voice of the Spiritual- the differences in the general state of human- expression, all that relates to being, ists of the United States.

HARRISON D. BARRETT, President of National Spiritualist Association.

PRESENTATION OF SPIRITUALISM.

"God is spirit, and they who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth."-Jesus. 'Now, brethren, concerning Spiritual gifts

I would not have you ignorant."—St. Paul. "Millions of Spiritual beings walk the earth both when we wake and when we sleep." -Milton. Hesiod.

"A little cloud is rising in the West not larger than a man's hand, which will one day overspread the earth; that cloud is Spiritualism."-Lord Brougham.

"I have not had time, in the midst of a busy life, while solving the problems of human freedom, to investigate the phenomena of Spiritualism; nevertheless, I believe its philosophy and phenomena are true, and that Spiritualism will be the religion of the future." - Theodore Parker.

"Sooner than we imagine the day will dawn when a Godless science will be an unscientific absurdity."-Giles B. Stebbins.

General Statement.

Spiritualism, as a name, 18 synonymous with all that relates to the spirit.

1. The universal spirit pervading and governing the universe as universal intelligence. 2. The individual spirit, whether expressed

in the earthly environment or in the larger freedom of the higher realm. · Specifically the name applies to the religious.

philosophical and phenomenal aspects of a movement that had its modern beginnings in brotherhood), as science is demonstrated a series of manifestations Spiritual, mental Truth or Knowledge, so Philosophy is Wisand physical, forty-five years ago.

This movement and these manifestations came unsought by those in mortal life; they blending into the one perfect whole of all its physical, mental or intuitional phenomena of ment or the recreation of scientific bases and appeared almost simultaneously in the differ- parts; the union of its phenomena and spirit; Spiritualism separately from the whole subject terms, in the recognition of a vast unexplored through any form of religious belief in a future ent portions of this country, and very soon after in different parts of the world.

The manifestations and the name, Spiritualism-in fact, the movement as a whole and in its several parts, were the result of impelling intelligences outside of, and manifestly beyond, human beings in the earthly state.

For convenience only, and without any intention of dividing any portion of the subject from the whole, and without forgetting that the name in its entirety signifies all that has ever been expressed from the realm of spirits to those in mortal life, and all that has been unfolded by aspiration and inspiration from within the human spirit, the writer will divide the subject into three general headings, viz.: undoubted elevation of purpose of the indi-

- 1. THE PHENOMENAL ASPECT.
- 2. THE PHILOSOPHICAL ASPECT.
- 3. THE RELIGIOUS ASPECT.

Being convinced that this method of presentation will the better represent all classes of minds who are interested in this stupendous movement, either as a whole or through any one of these especial departments.

PART I.

In the presentation the writer will reverse the order by considering first

The Religious Aspect.

If, as St. Paul declares, "Faith is the subedge, and the word Faith must have been mis- istence of the spirit, releasing or setting free knowledge of results, usually only approxi- methods not known in any existing sciences. interpreted in its essential meaning by most its activities in the next state or realm, and so mately at causes. With the phenomenal, as denominational religionists.

manifestation of, or a new religion (always In fact, that the next step or state is the has nothing to do but make a statement. using the word religion in the largest interpre- legitimate sequence of existence here, and that This may be illustrated thus: If one hears tation), do so upon the following bases:

father, God, the Over-soul, the Divine Parent, an individual spirit the thread seems broken person or thing whatsoever as the cause of the In a movement wholly impelled from the or any other name or term that the individual or disturbed at death. may choose as synonymous with the Infinite 3. That the spirit realm includes whatever nomena of the sounds, and is occupied by the waves of inspiration, although intelligently Good, the Love and Wisdom.

2. The soul (or spirit) as an immortal entity, forever en rapport with the eternal for earthly expression. Infinite Good, continuously seeking and receiving evidences of the loving. All-presence. As the sun is the light of the visible universe. so this Infinite Love and Wisdom is the light present growth, continues the individual From the very first manifestation of the centers for those who have had individual exof all souls.

from God to man, either by direct perception states of progression, through, unending manifest as the phenomena. awakened in man, or by inspiration from cycles. higher realms of spirits and angelic beings.

4. The recognition of the great Messianic holy to reach and assist those who are be- tion between mind and mind in human states, Hughes, of New York, estimated that there

Teacher of Teachers as the voice of truth to neath, and none too low to be aided by those these Spiritual intelligences have been recog were ten millions of Spiritualists in the United the world. Cycle on cycle must the ages move, Onward and upward must all spirits tend, Seen in the perfect light of perfect love,

Those who receive Spiritualism in its religious aspect are:

1. Christian Spiritualists, who accept the Christ-life as impersonated in Jesus of Nazareth as the highest expression of religious An Address that Will Go Out with revelation of truth, and who consider that, without denominational or sectarian defini onments of the sensuous organism, the relative tions, the life and works of Jesus are the and absolute principles governing those states; highest guidance, but who also recognize that every age has been blessed with Spiritual with those in less perfect conditions of unfoldteachers chosen to bear to earth the message ment; the communion with and ministrations of immortality, and the love of God to man. Most of these Christian Spiritualists are mem. principles governing the spiritual realm, and bers of different Christian churches. There are to be found in every denominational circles and governs the whole of life are made church in Christendom those who accept spirit- known. communion as taught by Spiritualists as a part of their religion.

2. Spifitualists who accept the word Relig-

every age as having their primal basis in

Zardhust, Moses, Buddha and Jesus were the

truth, and are particularly similar to those

mentioned in Paul's epistle on "Spiritual

3. There are still others who believe Spirit-

God as manifest in Infinite love. Univer

PART II.

The Philosophical Aspect.

"We all are parts of one stupendous whole, "Whose body nature is, and God the Soul."

As religion is love (love to God, human

philosophy."-Shakespeare in Hamlet.

"There are more things in heaven and

science.

Spiritual truth.

sal fraternity of souls.

human organism.

The philosophy of Spiritualism is the phil osophy of life.

Material science has claimed to prove the ion in the broadest possible interpretation of indestructibility of the primal atom, or what-Spiritualism does prove the continued exist-

All in one supreme purpose ever blend.

the interblending of spirits in more perfect

to those in earthly existence; in fact, that the

the wisdom by which that realm pervades, en-

inspiration, and who are willing and ready to ence and deducible immortality of individual ment of Religions a paper setting forth the basic principles of Spiritualism and its present form of faith; who consider that Zoroaster or niable as the principles of mathematics.

In its final definition it is the philosophy of interpreters of truth to the ages in which they philosophies as it is the religion of religions. lived; that the prophets, seers and others en and (if need be) the science of sciences.

dowed with "spiritual gifts" in every age have It includes the primal and final statements been the means of presenting spiritual truths of matter, the final and primal terms of mind. to man; that spiritual gifts as witnessed to the primal and final principles of spirit in the -especially those accompanying every New statement of the whole. Dispensation or manifestation of religious

PART III. The Phenomenal Aspect.

This phase of the subject is sometimes ualism is to be a new dispensation of religion; designated scientific, although the writer does not only as a new statement of old revealments not think individually that the words "spience"

Spiritualists have no sectarian creed, articles of faith or statement of belief excepting England; Camille Flammarion, of France; spirits, embodied and disembodied, to each the truth as perceived by the individual, each according to others the privilege of worship- other scientists of note, investigated the phy- realm of Spiritualism, other scientists of note, investigated the 'physical phenomena of Spiritualism, and have uniformly declared that there is no law of material science with which they are familiar that can explain these phenomena; and that they have recourse only to the solution always claimed by the manifesting intelligence, namely: that the source of the phenomena is ing God according to the dictates of con-sical phenomena of Spiritualism, and have There is a feeling of fellowship with all, and they meet on the common ground of universal namely: that the source of the phenomena is this world are demonstrated.

earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your entire period of forty-five years in which Spir trailing as a name and manifestation has been in the world (from the small rappings mear Rochester, New York, to the various and multitudinous phenomena of today) there has been but one conclusion among scientific men, viz., that the cause of the phenomena is immanent in the phenomena; that both are demonstrated beyond the possibility of a cavil or a doubt; and that to investigate the physical, mental or intuitional phenomena of Spiritualism separately from the whole subject with a view of ascertaining another cause than serious and many of them opening with a view of ascertaining another cause than serious and many of serious declare, and within the realm of exact science, close the basis to that accepts its truths, and in the whole world,

most comprehensive side. To the writer it is focalize around persons who are called pinging on the material and spiritual states,

in the soul, and is not an especial bestowment tations.

of the Infinite or the result of contact with the viduals or classes concerning a conscious 'scientific' shall be made to mean every kind acted on. a priori existence, or previous state of the of investigation.

dences of Spiritualism, i.e., that the change line the investigation must be from effect; to does not voluntarily aid in their production. perfectly in accordance with the divine plan as | well as all other phases of Spiritualism, the a future life; demonstrated truth of immor- and Love. Those who accept Spiritualism as a new is the birth into the human form. cause is immanent from the first, and science tality.

each human spirit takes up its line of active a rap at the door of his room or dwelling, and 1. The Supreme Intelligence, the Mother- individual life in spirit existence just where as on opening the door he finds a friend or any spirits are or need in that state of existence, larger interest of receiving his friend. There met and aided from the first by many among as the earth states include whatever is needed is nothing to be solved. If, however, he re the ablest minds of earth, it is utterly impossi-4. That fixed states of happiness or misery the door discovers no person or thing that reached. are not possible in any state of the spirit ex. could have produced them, he commences his

pression, but that each spirit, according to its investigation to discover the cause.

By as intelligent methods as language, sig. experiences than by organized efforts. 5. That no spirit or angel is too exalted or nals or any established system of communica- As early as 1860 the late Archbishop.

nized. Invariably they have declared them. States alone; pro rata there should now be streams of living inspiration. selves to be individual spirits who once lived thirty millions. Spiritualists claim no definite in earth-forms, accompanying the declaration number, and numbers are unimportant in a pressed to their lips, and sing the by evidences of personal identity entirely sepa statement of truth, for if its principles and its songs of the spheres, rated from and independent of any individual manifestations be perceived by but one, all That the various states in which spirits find in the earth-form at the time of the manifes, the world must follow. themselves after their release from the envir-tion.

The cause of the phenomena is, therefore, so clearly identical with the results as to make is rather for the purpose of fellowship and mua scientific investigation on the basis of distual protection than for any sectarian purpose, covering a new cause entirely impertinent, and also for the purpose of making more To ignore the knowledge already gained is available to investigators the manifestations totally unscientific as well as illogical; there and ministrations as well as the Spiritual fore, all investigations of Spiritualism de novo teachings given through their media. claiming a priori that the source of the manifestations is still unknown is equivalent to ence is measureless. Its manifestations exignoring the whole subject.

change called death, will be formed into an in their relation to human states, at the same ualism, or will be revealed from the same interrealm, including the latent possibilities realm by the same intelligences from whence of the human spirit while in the earthly envirthe movement as a whole has been impelled onment. into mortal life; possibly that study may lead bodied spirits communicate with those in the immortality. human environment.

Thus far there has been no formulation of facts because none was needed, each particu beside the clergyman or priest or ministrant, day among the media for Spiritual manifesta, eternal entity, the soul and all that relates to lar manifestation being given for the specific and has whispered the message of immortal nurpose of conveying the intelligence desired life, saying: "Are they not all ministering from disembodied spirits to those in human spirits?" ity) to those that have occurred in past times and includes every portion and factor in its life; and since the philosophy or rationale of the whole subject includes both cause and re- ions and philosophies, by correcting erroneous its entirety is before the world, and the sub- knowledge. divisions may be open to study.

The conclusions are invariably the same,

whether arrived at from the supposed scientific of the human race. method, or the result of philosophical deduc-Wallace, Professor Crookes and Mr. Varley of leads to in all that pertains to the relation of others. Professor Zollner, of Germany, and scores of other, and to the whole universe, constitutes the hosts. Its teachers and messengers the great, the

entire period of forty five years in which Spir | realm of exact science, and within the realm of its living presence.

The philosophy of Spiritualism is the im- cavil or a doubt; and that to investigate the statement of science, either by the readjust spirit beyond the change called death. the meeting and merging of its body and with a view of ascertaining another cause than soul.

The meeting and merging of its body and with a view of ascertaining another cause than that of the action of spirits, is as much a work the latter being the heretofore recognized do-opened the gateways that had not even been the realm of spirit and matter, the Parseo Religion. The Proceed Bible. The High Processor Mohammedanism. The Religious of trouble Bible. The High Processor Mohammedanism. The Religious of trouble Bible. The High Processor Mohammedanism. The Religious of trouble Bible. The High Processor Mohammedanism. The Religious of trouble Bible. The High Processor Mohammedanism. The Religious of trouble Bible. The High Processor Mohammedanism. The Religious of trouble Bible. The High Processor Mohammedanism. The Religious of trouble Bible. The High Processor Mohammedanism. The Religious of trouble Bible. The High Processor Mohammedanism. The Religious of trouble Bible. The High Processor Mohammedanism. The Religious of trouble Bible. The High Processor Mohammedanism. The Religious of trouble Bible. The High Processor Mohammedanism. The Religious of trouble Bible. The High Processor Mohammedanism and Processor Mohammedanism and Processor Mohammedanism. The Religious of trouble Bible. The High Processor Mohammedanism and Proc soil.

To many—perhaps a greater number of thoughtful minds than most people are aware—the philosophical aspect of Spiritualism is into socious established and most people are aware—the philosophical aspect of Spiritualism is into socious established and most people are aware—the philosophical aspect of Spiritualism is into socious established and most people are aware—the philosophical aspect of Spiritualism is into socious established and most people are aware—the philosophical aspect of Spiritualism is into socious established and the spirit and material and spiritual perfection of the equilateral triangle, of which the phenomena, philosophy and inspiration persons who are called one side of the equilateral triangle, of which the phenomenal portion is the base and religing on the material and spiritual states and interblending with each, or whether the eight of the while the phenomenal portion is the base and religing on the material and spiritual states and interblending with each, or whether the dissonce of immortality.

The logical perfection of the philosophy of Spiritualism is the primal statement,

Its harmony with the highest ethics in tundoubted elevation of purpose of the individual and the whole human race, by the substitution of individual growth and unfolgiment into Spiritual perfectness for any other methods of communion of the philosophy of attaining the highest good here and hereafter. Its propositions are:

1. That the present find continued exists the continued exists and conditions, classes and conditions, of the material and spiritual statement, and in any case the new that constitues methods of communion between the being the highest good here and hereafted find the philosophy of the philosophy of attaining the highest good here and hereafted.

It harmony with the highest good here and hereafted find the present find continued exists the continued of the philosophy of attaining the highest good here and hereafter. Its propositions are:

1. That the present find continued exists of the ind

ence of the conscious spirit, the ego, inheres the spirit intelligences governing the manifest of individual disembodied spirits to and the altars of inspiration that had long been through existing in human form:

The difficulties to be met in approaching 1. By automatic action upon the brain or this investigation from a purely scientific any part of the human organism without the 2. That whatever may be the ideas of indi- standpoint are very clear, even if the word conscious concurrence of the individual

2. By action upon sentient or non-sentient individual intelligence embodied in each human These difficulties we briefly state: Physic objects without the intervention of any human life, there is but one philosophical conclusion cal phenomena are usually the basis of scient being, excepting that these manifestations usubased on the phenomenal and intuitional evi- tific investigation, and, naturally, along that ally occur in the presence of a medium, who

stance of things hoped for, the evidence of called death (or separation from the body) is cause; therefore, from the first the investiga. 3. By action upon all bodies and substances things not seen," the most exalted faith must not only a natural change inherent in all or- tion must be confined to results merely. Some upon the earth or in its atmosphere without the age. be synonymous with the most positive knowl- ganisms, but that it is the next step in the ex- times scientific methods lead to a perfect intervention of any human agency, and by

PART IV.

A Resume of Its Work and Influence.

sounds, he at once loses interest in the phe realm of spirit, and borne forward on the peatedly hears the sounds, and on going to ble to name or number those whom it has

Societies have been organized in every State in the Union, and in all parts of the world, as activities and unfoldments, and all advance phenomena of Spiritualism to the last, the periences, and to receive the manifestations 3. The recognition of the divine message from lower to higher conditions by gradual cause or source of the phenomena has been as and ministrations from the Spirit-world; but Spiritualism has spread rather by individual

The organization of Spiritualists into local societies, and now into a National Association,

As a whole movement the scope of its influtend into every department of human thought; Doubtless the methods of communion be- its presence in the world has changed the entween the two states of conscious existence, tire attitude of thoughtful minds concerning the one preceding and the other following the the problems of death and the after life, and teresting branch in the future study of Spirit- time opening up for investigation a vast

It has reached the man of science in his to scientific data upon which to predicate laboratory or study, and within its rare knowledge of the methods by which disem alembic has rewrought the demonstration of

It has walked into the churches of all denominations, religions and tongues; has stood

It has proved itself a solvent of all religsult, and since these resolve themselves into ideas born of imperfect human interpretations the one word. "Spiritualism." the subject in concerning a future life, and substituting

It has restored spiritual gifts, and made them a portion of the recognized possessions.

It has made thousands and hundreds of as the light of this day, and they believe that Spiritualism, in its entirety of phenomena philosophy and revelation, forms the basis of the new religion.

Spiritualists have no sectarian creed, artiperpetuating the good in all past religions, but and "scientific" as usually understood can be tions, or revealed by distinct inspiration, thousands to acknowledge by name within and

Its sources of inspiration are the invisible wise and the loved ones who have passed on.

Spiritualists are by no means tenacious as and methods entirely unknown to any human science.

As the result of the experiments in investigation gating the phenomena of Spiritualism, made by so many eminent scientific men in all parts of the enlightened globe, extending over the entire period of forty-five years in which Spirit seals of exact science and within the real mode and methods entirely unknown to any human spiritualists are by no means tenacious as to terms, and the writer is perfectly willing to state that to those who pursue the investigation along the lines of exact science there is the propositions, but it has pervaded the best little againg the phenomena of Spiritualism, made by so many eminent scientific men in all parts of the enlightened globe, extending over the entire period of forty-five years in which Spirit residence and within the real mode and methods entirely unknown to any human to terms, and the writer is perfectly willing to terms, and scores of periodicals publish. To Nations. Human spirits placed over Worlds, the overdence over Worlds, ing its demonstrations and advocating its dem

Its authority is truth wherever found. Its sacred books the inspirations of every

Its oracles and priests those whom truth anoints and inspiration calls; its creed the un-The scientific statement is the knowledge of written law of Knowledge, Wisdom, Truth

Its ceremonials the service of a nobler life.

she bids mortals drink fearlessly at their living fountains.

The 'bread of life' is hers, and she bids all spirits partake freely from the all-bounteous store.

AND THE WONDROUS POWER works and utter inspired words, together with some Fersonal Traits and Characteristics of Prophets, Apoles, and Jesus, or New Readings, or "The Miracles,"

her everlasting kingdom is distilled in

Poets quaff as this golden goblet is

Sages gather from its open treasurehouse the wisdom of the skies. Seers and prophets, inspired anew.

reveal again the forever old, forever new immortal theme. The mourner forgets her grief and dries her tears while listening to the messages of love.

The weary find rest in its all-reposeful and eternal ways.

The weak find strength in its unhindered helpfulness.

Crime, sin and all human imperfections and shadows fade gradually, yet surely, before its all-potent light.

The whole world, touched, awakened, thrilled, is aroused from the lethargy of material propositions and dogmatic assertions, from charnel-houses of the senses, the tombs of death and despair, from sepulchers wherein their hope and faith and highest love were well-nigh buried, and turns toward this new day dawn, saying: "Is not this the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world?"

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Before this altar we behold a large number of strange faces this evening; intelligent faces, with thoughtful brows and sparkling eyes. These eyes have beheld the light of the house of Libra for the first time this day. Some of you come from distant States to the east or the south. Others have faced the winds sweeping across the wild prairies of the west, and the mountain tops of the highlands; but from whatever point you come, be it near or far, you have been drawn hither by that occult force that has led Mystics in all ages since intelligent beings first developed upon the planet Terra. You have been admitted to the Temple of Light—thus called because those whom you see about you here devote their lives to the shedding of light upon the hidden mysteries of nature, with her boundless and inexhaustible resources.

In this Temple we do not confine our religion to this speck of dust called the Earth, for ours is the "religion of the stars," which deals with cosmical truths and laws that are alike upon all planets, in all systems of suns and sun-clusters of infinite space.

We deal not with man-invented gods, devils, imps, angels, heavens and hells peculiar to this planet, but with the universal force that extends to all worlds. When we find a truth in the divine book of nature, we have a truth that will stand the test of ages and will be a fact, as well on a distant world as on our own. We are all united by one mystic bond of brotherhood, and any system of religion that does not recognize this great fact cannot stand. I am not afraid to go upon record as saying, that strive and struggle as they may, lavish money as they may, preach and teach as they may, to this every church in the civilized world must come at last; that the religion of science or the universal Religion of the Stars is the only true and lasting religion; the only religion that appeals to man's reason, and the only one that he hungers and thirsts for from a natural instinct. My Mystic friends, it is just as natural for children to reject the stories of Jonah and the and many of them were learned in the "Myswhale, the snake story of Genesis, the sun teries of Egypt" and the lore of past ages. and moon stopping story of Joshua, the golden chariot and the ascending flery chariot stories, and the hundreds of other absurdities of an spirits" that enabled them to divine. What be better prepared for the high stations they ignorant age, as soon as they arrive at years of constitutes, a "familiar person?" Why, one understanding, as it is for their little eyes to who is near to you, with you a great deal, to sparkle with intelligence and delight when you be sure. Yet the believers in this holy book tell them of the real wonders of the universe, are not "Spiritualists." Oh, no! above other worlds than ours, and other suns | Of course it is highly probable that many of than ours. Religion ought not to be antagother incantations and divinations performed the incantations and divinations performed the mystic portals, this king went back to the nistic to our natures; science is not. Science by these so called "wise men" were impositions, same as we find to day, but we must made a great feast, where wine flowed like hold revivals or protracted meetings. She concede that they must have really possessed does not intrigue for the passage of laws de- considerable occult power, or they would not signed to force people to obey her mandates. have been able to hold their positions at the The Religion of the Stars does not ask man-court. kind to bend the knee to some supposed au- We see, however, by the text, that the nut tocrat who has the power and will to crush given to them by Nebuchadnezzar on the octhem, or everlastingly damn them, if they do casion under consideration, was too much for not placate him and cajole him as one would them to crack. They evidently did not like an earthly tyrant. But we as Mystics, while to try a guess at the dream, because Kings obtaining our knowledge from high sources, had an unpleasant habit of throwing people are not debarred from receiving light from into red-hot furnaces, or feeding them to the rich hangings that draped the arched doorway certain ancient sources of knowledge, such as menagerie of wild beasts, in case the prognos, at the king's back; that man was a Grand certain mystic books that have come down to tications did not exactly tally with the facts. us from past ages; therefore, we have for a So they all passed. But the King sent for motto: "Seize upon truth wherever found."

forces, and amenable to inexorable law, para- Temple was there. Daniel was upright and lights grew dim; a spell seemed to be cast like doxical as it may seem, is prone to assert and noble, polished and pointed in his remarks a pall upon all present. As all gazed with exercise free will, right of choice and judgment, and had an eye single to the glory of the bated breath and staring eyeballs, a mysteriand is emphatically opposed to yielding these highest. He was at that time in particularly ous materialized hand came forth and wrote rights upon compulsion.

Bible "inspired," from Genesis to Revelation frame of mind to act as an admirable instruinclusive, and were taught by our forefathers ment for the unseen ones to transmit wisdom that we must accept it or be eternally damned, through. He had also been warned by his we rejected it, and risked the consequences; a guides from on high, and therefore knew that course millions have taken in the past hundred he held the key to the situation.

compulsory, unreasoning belief, the Bible and one who had ascended high up the ladder other ancient books of like construction are of divine knowledge, and we can also imagine history of a peculiar people, their religion and to make known the secret. By what particutraditions, manners and customs, chronicles lar name Daniel recognized the Infinite and prophecies, poetry and morals.

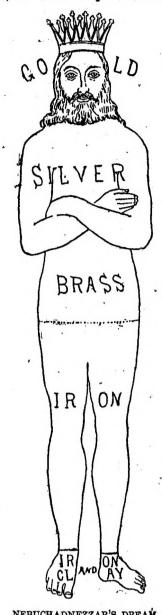
Since we are not obliged to fully endorse the descent of man, we can admire him and study and iron mixed. This is in exact accordance him as a most cultivated and powerful magi- with the entire principles of symbolism. which cian, a brave leader and a great law-giver.

nation of Nebuchadnezzar's Dream.

the brotherhood, was Belteshazzar. Now Daniel was particularly skillful in the form thereof was terrible," but rather the vast to see the coming light!

interpretation of dreams, as well as ten de period of years and the rise and fall of great grees higher than any of the astrologers or dynasties it symbolizes. magicians in that realm in general occult

that he called for the magicians, sorcerers and gold was himself, the breast and arms of silastrologers to show him his dream. It seems ver another kingdom inferior to his own, and that the King knew that he had dreamed an the thighs of brass indicated a third kingdom awful symbolical dream, but as day approached which should rule over all the earth. and the physical senses became fully awakened he could not recall the vision of the night. an idea is wholly erroneous, for these men



NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM.

Some of them were scientific: others mediumistic; as we read that they had "familiar"

one Daniel, and when the magician stood be- fore him; he stretched forth his hand; a Mankind, subject to compelling, irresistible fore him he realized that a Master of the Inner good form, because he had been fasting from upon the wall in letters of magnetic fire, the Thus, when we felt compelled to believe the all gross foods for many months and was in a words:

We can imagine the feelings of the King, Now that we are free from this bondage of as he recognized in captive Prince before him interesting and instructive to us as a partial the fervor of Daniel as he asked the Infinite Intelligence is unimportant, if through him In the New Testament we find the introduc- communications from a high astral plane were tion, initiation and grafting in of a new relig- received and the procession of events occur to him and interpret it for him. But none of Ferdinand and Isabella, the object of which of the results produced by this pitiless Romish ion, the influence of which has been world- ring in accordance with immutable law were

"mistakes of Moses" in his conception of the been shown in his dream a great image, with before him. Daniel told the king that his king- engine of Rome at the end of the first year in population did not despise the refuse of the universe, the construction of the earth and the a head of gold, breast and arms of silver, dom was numbered and divided and given unto the archbishopric of Seville and the bishopric lay-stall, nor corpses suspended from gibbets; planetary system, the origin of species and the thighs of brass, legs of iron and feet of clav conceals mystic knowledge in figures of men; These remarks are preliminary to an expla- animals and things, in the same manner that X, Y and Z conceal the unknown quantities breast of silver come next, and we will take up of smoke to heaven. used in algebra. But the King also saw a the story at another time and follow out this stone "cut out without hands," which smote line of wonderful prophetic history, as it winds We read in the first chapter of the book of the image on the feet made of iron and clay, its way down the ages of this, the culminating from ten to six millions; towns, districts and them, they found they had been collected Daniel, that Nebuchadnezzar, King of Baby- with such force that the feet (the basis) and century of prophecy, for we, the chosen and lon, beseiged and captured Jerusalem in B. C. with them the entire image was broken to mystic ones of earth are much concerned factures, agriculture, literature, science and simmering. 682; that the vessels of gold and silver were pieces and scattered so that 'no place was therewith. taken away, together with certain young men, found for them." This little stone then bewho were well favored and skillful in wisdom came a "great mountain and filled the whole endeavor to realize in your own minds the gitive and exiled population, 31,912 were built II., died in his turn. He expired on the 15th and "understanding science," the whole being earth." I am filled with awe as I contemplate magnitude of the events that have transpired alive, 17,659 burnt in effigy, and 291,450 iffer of February, 1637; with signs of the deepest carried unto Babylon. Daniel was one of these this image. Not the one depicted here so and are to transpire in this enlightened nineyoung men, and his mystic name, given him by graphically upon this canvass chart, nor yet teenth century and the work we have before

Prophecy has been aptly defined as "history knowledge, as the King found on consulting in advance," and chronology as the "eyes of history." Daniel, standing at the head of In the year 603 B. C., in the second year of this image, looked down the long vista of fuhis reign, the King dreamed strange dreams, ture ages with prophetic eyes and interpreted

The legs of iron represented a fourth kingdom, "strong as iron," while the feet and toes, This is a common occurrence to this day, of iron and clay mixed, represented a divided (See Dan. ii, 3 to 12). These magicians, or kingdom that should not cling together, but astrologers, who formed an important part of be partly strong and partly broken. Lastly ORACK—THE LITTLE STONE—THE MYSTIC Every court in those days, have been repre- the stone that smote the image and dealt it its CHART-1844, THE YEAR OF FATE-THE sented by interested religious parties since death blow, and then grew until it filled all the And Who Believes It a Menace to Liberty nue derived by terror. The archbishopric of that day as imposters and humbugs; but such earth, typified a new kingdom "from on high" that should, from small beginnings, increase were more or less developed in the occult line until it should break the other kingdoms into pieces and fill the whole earth.

This is substantially the account of the dream and its interpretation by the chief be read more circumstantially in Chap. ii, 1 to 47. That the symbolism displayed herein was considered to be of great moment and of much importance to man, by the ancient brotherhood, is fully proven by the fact that other mystic prophets allude to the same figures contained in Daniel, in all sorts of ways. Thus the "time, times and half a time" appears as "forty and two months" in Rev. xiii., 5, and as a "thousand two hundred and three score days" in Rev. xii., 6; this time being 1260 years of the prophetic time, leading downward through the ages and culminating in the year A. D. 1844, as exhibited upon this chart. We, standing at the feet of this image, look back over some 2495 years of the world's history and witness the fulfillment of the prophecy.

In ancient history there are commonly recorded five powerful monarchs, all of which passion and love, so divinely expressed in the ruins of the others. There are the Egyptian, Assyrian, Persian, Grecian and Roman. prophecy begins with the Assyrian monarchy. This head of gold represents the Assyrian trines and bedizened formularies. Empire, founded by Nimrod 2218 B. C. It embraced the greater part of Central and Western Asia. Its capital and metropolis was Babylon, the "City of the Plains" of Shinar, about 560 B. C.

In the year 538 B. C., Belshazzar, the son of Nebuchadnezzar., became King of Babylon. In those days the only place in the world where an education befitting a king could be obtained was in the Temples of the Magi in Egypt, although a lesser education could be obtained in some other countries. So it was customary for the Princes of several countries to take degrees in our order that they might were to fill.

Belshazzar had followed this rule, and had been duly and regularly admitted to the house of Libra, where he had remained on probation for many years on account of his dissipated water, where he and his lords and shameless women drank and became intoxicated, even desecrating the sacred vessels of gold and sil-

"The King was on the throne, The satraps thronged the hall,
A thousand bright lamps shone O'er that high festival.

When in the height of their unholy revelry a dark-faced and majestic stranger parted the Master of Oriental Mysticism, from our Temple in Egypt. He saw the drunken king be hush fell upon the assembled revelers; the

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Mene. Mene, Tekel. Upharsin! Thou art weighed in the balance and art found wanting.

the meaning of this mystic message, so he cried dreaded Spanish Inquisition was established her beloved son Ferdinand II. of Austria. Let out for the wise men and astrologers to come by Pope Sixtus IV., in Spain, at the request us, however, recur for instruction to some of them were sufficiently advanced in mystic was "to deal with rich and crafty Jews and crusade. Says a competent author: predicted, and prescience firmly established. science to do so, until the grand master and highly-trained Moors." Two thousand vic- "Catholic historians themselves, devoted to numbered, and in that very night was Belshaz- tion place, built at this time by the prefect of placed round the cemeteries to prevent freshly zar slain, and Darius the Median took the Seville, not far from that city, a square plat- buried corpses being dug up; bands of starvkingdom.

the one seen by Nebuchadnezzar, albeit the us in preparing the sons and daughters of men

TRAIL OF THE SERPENT.

in History.

whereby his "spirit was greatly troubled," so the dream, and told the King that the head of Persecution in Spain, Austria, Germany, during the heretic's lifetime." Bohemia, the Netherlands, France and Italy.

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Roman Catholicism is to be adjudged by its revenue of the "Holy Office" were never accufruits, as revealed by history, the same gospel rately known, for all its operations were Astrologer and Master Mystic Daniel, as may of the Jesuits must assuredly have been the shrouded in impenetrable mystery, and its inguiding spirit of its dark and gloomy past. But the lofty spiritual ideals, the self-sacrific-



ing life, and the tender suggestions of com

The history of Roman Catholicism is a histhe principles of him who said, "Love your themselves.

clesiastics to an almost incredible extent. Its principles were indeed as well calculated to rob as to torture. One of its rules of proced-Landmarks of Roman Catholicism ure was as follows: "After the death of a schismatic, his property may be declared sub- that is pleasant and profitable send us your address ject to confiscation and his heirs deprived of it, though this declaration had not been made

With a complete manual of rules of torture, confiscation and blackmail, successfully put into practice by fierce and greedy monks, it is not at all incredible that at the end of the seventeenth century the Spanish clergy were found to be in possession, in the province of One Who Has Made a Life Study Castile alone, of twelve million acres of land, being one-fifth of the province, and bringing in an income of nearly \$16,000,000, besides an immense property in houses and other reve-Toledo brought in the princely sum of \$600,000 annually; that of Seville, \$300,000; Carlyle happily characterized "the gospel of Ignatius" as a "doctrine of devils;" and if human tortures and brutal strangulations of even repentant heretics stifled curiosity and inspired only profoundest dread.

Not alone Spain, but every country which has been subjected to the sovereignty of Rome, presents the same appalling record of relentless persecution and intolerance. Ferdinand II., of Austria, to this day lauded by Catholic writers us a man of great piety and virtue, because of his complete subjection to the were utilized as a basis upon which to formuchurch, was the instigator and Catholic hero late the Christian religion. Even the name of the Thirty Year's War, or the Catholic Crusade of the seventeenth century. Educated by the Jesuits and their pliant tool in all was the name of a god of the Celtic Druids, things, "the pious prince" undertook the task Kristos was the Greek name of the Hindoo of bringing back to the fold of Rome all who had been led therefrom by the Reformers of both these religious sects were brought together Germany, Bohemia and Switzerland. Fully and induced to combine their respective relinine tenths of the German population had, up gions, and whereas one sect had worshipped the successively established themselves on the being of Jesus of Nazareth, are not thus to be to 1556, become Protestants, and the majority execrated because for sooth a paganized eccle- of the Austrian hereditary States also belonged siastical despotism, with supreme audacity, to the new communion. Catholic and Protes-Egypt had already begun to decline, so the names with a sacred name its blood-polluted tant had become so tolerant of each other that tion as a necessary factor in the formation of system of eruel persecutions, sophistical doc- no one inquired as to the faith of another, and intermarriages of persons of the different faiths were frequent. Left to themselves the people would have lived in happiness and resources. tory of spoliation of humanity. Professing would have lived in happiness and prosperity, regardless of differing religious opinions and enemies, bless them that curse you, do good beliefs; but the mission of the Roman Church and philosopher Apollonius of Tyana, they on both sides of the River Euphrates. We to them that hate you, and pray for them that was not the fostering of happiness and prosformed the religious system that the Western
despitefully use you and persecute you." the perity among the people. Its aim was univerworld now knows as Christianity; and it is need not dwell upon the wealth and splendor despitefully use you, and persecute you," the perity among the people. Its aim was univerof this ancient city—its brazen gates, its mag. Romish Church has hated, cursed and another sai dominion and power over mankind in all nificent temples, the glory of which has never matized its enemies, and persecuted and detheir being, activity and relations of life and been equaled. The empire attained its great stroyed, by the most diabolical arts which inge death, to the end that the church itself, and the destruction of all literature which anest glory under the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, nuity could devise, untold numbers of men, the ecclesiastical interest, might be enhanced tagonized the interests of the religious bigots women and children, for no other reason than and exceedingly prosper. Ferdinand II., that they chose to be free and to think for "the pious prince," accordingly, toward the close of 1597, made a pilgrimage to "our Before the establishment of what is known | Lady of Loretto," obtained the blessing of as the "Holy Office of the Inquisition," in Pope Clement VIII., and prone at the feet of TIQUITY UNVEILED gives ample proof of the



WHAT ROME HAS DONE, AND WOULD DO AGAIN, IF SHE HAD TEMPORAL POWER

gernaut of Rome, the population of Spain fell of branches. If they ran up and dispersed provinces became decimated, and trade, manu-round a cauldron in which human flesh was prisoned.

not the only achievement of the Inquisition in Toubled his last moments. Twelve million Spain; it was the means of enriching the ec-

quisitorial powers and punishments had been that pontiff, took a solemn oath 'to re estab assumed by the Church of Rome, but their lish, at the risk of his life, the Catholic faith exercise had been confined to the bishops and in his hereditary States, and, to the best of his was, in large measure, dependent upon the ability, throughout Germany." Adopting as individual caprice of those dignitaries, who, his maxim the monstrous declaration: "Sooner however, were ever and anon urged by their a desert than a country peopled by heretics,' synods to a more thorough and rigorous prose- Ferdinand, in September, 1598, set about the cution of the work of eradication of heresy, accomplishment of his fearful maxim rather This form of persecution, called the "episco- than the fulfillment of his oath. In the prosepal inquisition," extended from the beginning cution of his task he ever kept by his side, as of church federation to the thirteenth century; trusted counsellors and guides, those sgile and when, dating from the Council of Toulouse, in subtle adepts in the arts of craft, intrigue and 1229, the Dominicans were instrumental in cruelty, the Jesuits. It is needless to harrow having organized a special inquisition for the the heart of humanity in this day by details eradication of the Albigenses and the heretics of the horrors of this most unholy war, carried Belshazzar could not read and understand of southern France. Still later, in 1480, the on in the interest of the Romish church by

Now the King, it seems from Daniel ii, had chief magician of the court, Daniel, was brought tims burned to death, was the harvest of this the House of Austria, state that the starving the Medes and Persians." It was indeed of Cadiz alone. "The Quemadero, or crema during the night a chain of soldiers had to be form of stone, was a grim altar on which the ing people chased men, killed them like wild The head of gold is passed. The arms and lives of almost daily victims ascended in clouds beasts, cut them up, and boiled them for food. Frequently the imperial troops would notice During the seventy years' sway of this jug- a body of men collected round a smoking fire

> art suffered incalculable losses, from which the "At last the most pitiless murderer that Think of these things, friends, and then nation has never recovered. Besides the full ever yet persecuted the human race, Ferdinand devotion, holding in his hand a lighted taper But the cruel sacrifice of human life was which his confessor handed him. No remorse

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2nd. "But John forbade him, saying;

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the heat must baptize the earth or there

The Crucifixion.

from the dead, but because everything

call him a lamb? I answer, because it

was in the sign Aries-the male lamb-

the ram, that he was to be crucified.

The Greek word amastian, here trans-

lated sin, should be rendered aberration,

unevenness-iniquity. It is the Aries

of March that takes away the aberration

of the solar system, for, whenever he is

killed, then the days and nights are of

equal length. "He is bruised for our

iniquities"—inequalities—unevenness of

September.

were as well off as they were last year,

the meaning of this atonement becomes

plain. The day of atonement makes all

sins. Thus they, in common with other

Now, if Jesus is our atoner, he must

the other down in Egypt as he goes

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The likeness between these two gods s so great that if Esculapius had not been put into song and story five hundred years before our story of the cross, ve would accuse the heathen of having stolen our God. Let us see a few things Esculapius did which were afterward lone by our Jesus:

1. Esculapius came down from heaven—that is to say, he fell over the horizon. It was Adam's fall that brought him down.

 He became incarnate.
 Was crucified on Mount Caucasus. 4. He descended into hell; was raised again the third day, and ascended into

This was played every year for over five centuries in the popular theaters. The audience became participators in the play, as they were informed that their sins caused his sufferings. The Marys were always there; and at the termination of the tragedy a female voice would sing:

Lo, streaming from the fatal tree, His all-atoning blood— Is this the Influite? 'Tis he— Esculapius and a God.

Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut his glories in, When God, the great Esculapius, died For man the creature's sin.

Esculapius

was also a Savior. Ovid sang of him as Christians do of their Savior. If it was not known that the following was written concerning Esculapius before Jesus was born, Christians might suppose that a brand-new inspiration had struck Dr. Watts, enabling him to sing of his Jesus, but it happens to come that is the only word to express its from the heathen poet Ovid, and applies

"Once, as the sacred infant she surveyed, to the student. He has done his work well.

Hudson and Emma Rood Tuttle have prepared an excellent ritual, which will the student in these leadings of the student when the student which will be student when the student will be student with the student when the student will be student with the student will be student will be student with the student will be stud

The Sun a God. 🕞

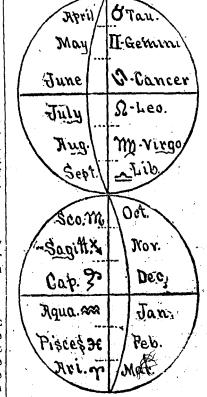
and was for this and other reasons worshiped as a God.

upon Gibeon, and thou moon in the horses and goats are kept. valley of Ajelon. And the sun stood still and the people stayed until the peonection with all the other lectures de- ple avenged themselves upon their ene-Josh, x: 12, 14,

In this connection, did space permit, I the only presentation of Spiritualism of the cross were both institutions many out of bed. That star in the elbow is

These Things.

To assist the reader in understanding these matters I will introduce a diaram of the Zodiac as understood by the



EXPLANATION OF DIAGRAM.

1. The path of the sun on the ecliptic If not a regular subscriber to THE was by the ancients supposed to be between two parallel lines sixteen degrees

> and was divided into three hundred and sixty degrees. These were divided into four right angles of ninety degrees each, and these into twelve signs of iii; 1, 2.

thirty degrees each. 3. These signs were called constella-

THE SIGNS.

1. January: Janus, John the Baptizer, II. February: Pisces, Fishes, Famine

III. March: Aries, the Lamb, young, IV. April: Taurus, the Bull! -V. May: Gemini; the Twins! - V.

VI. June: Cancer or Crab - retrograde motion.
VII. July: Leo—Lion, heat.

VIII. August: Virgo-Virgin. IX. September: Scales, Balances.

XII. December: Capricornus, the would have been left without hope and

without God (the sun) in the world. Goat. without God (the sun) in the world. With this explanation the careful But now they repent—turn—animadvert. reader will be prepared to follow and and go back to the position from which appreciate my argument. All these they fell. religious tragedies, whether heathen or Christian, had a common foundation; hand." They are now in hell—fallen and that foundation was the fictitious but Jacob's ladder is before them, and death and burial of the sun.

they will climb up into heaven.
5th. This John baptizes with water; Before introducing the following 5th. This John baptizes with water; testimony from Rev. Robert Tayler, why: because he is Aquarius. There allow me to say, Mithra and Zoroaster can be no possibility of repentance, in are one and the same. Now, take the the sense of rejuvenation—fructification price \$1.50. are one and the same. Now, take the the sense of rejuvenation—fructification word Zoroaster to pieces and see what it without this water baptism. It is imThe Spiritual Harp," by J. M. Peebles and J. O. Barrett, price \$2.00. possible to ascend out of the Augean is. Zor-God, Aster-Star, From which we have Easter, astronomy, etc. stable and go into heaven without pass-

Mr. Tayler says:

"The birth of the god Mithra, from the days of an infinitely remote antiquity, was represented to have taken place in a stable, and was celebrated throughout the whole wagen would on June. throughout the whole pagan world on June. none other than the 25th of Decemberonr Christmas day, the most celebrated of all the magian festivals; where, if you rectify your celestial globes to the moment of twelve o'clock, at midnight, between the 24th and 25th of December, where the constellation of the constellatio you will find the constellation of the comest thou to me?" And Jesus answerstable of Bethlehem, in which Christ is ing said unto him, suffer it to be so said to have been born. The moment he now, for thus it becometh us to fulfill all achieves his first degree of ascension at righteousness. Then he suffered him, the lower meridian, while you shall see Matt. iii; 13-15.

the constellation of the Virgin, who is said to bring him forth (in no disparage before he can reign in the summer ment to her eternal virginity), at that months he must pass through the sign moment come to the line of the horizon; Aquarius. He, himself, said, "except and thus said to preside over his native a man be born of water and of the

Mithra, that Christ was born on the same day when the sun takes his annual birth in the stable of Augeus. That is in the station of the celestial goat, where is actually placed the stable of Augeus, in the sixth labor of Hercules."—Devil's Pulpit, pp. 41. 42.

The Solution.

The astrological is the only satisfactory solution of these otherwise mythical tragedies. Be it remembered that all these saviors were born on the 25th day of December: and let it be remembered further, that all these stories of saviors or avatars except our Christ were explained as astrological char-Let us now carry the whole scene to

the heavens, and begin our investiga-\tions precisely at midnight following the 24th day of December. If with the wise men of the east we would see his star in the east and go to worship him, let us, as they did, look to the east. Sure enough, there is the star—the star Vindimatrix: that is, Mother of Life, or Mother of Wine. The star stands over where the child is born, precisely at the It is well known that many ancient time the star is seen rising: it also nations worshiped the sun. The sun stands over the stable—the Augean time the star is seen rising; it also stable where all the Christs were born. Not less than sixteen of them have been The Bible-makers said: "Then spake enumerated as having been born in this Joshua to the Lord, in the day when the stable. Do you ask why they are born the children of Israel, and he said in stellation Capricornus, and have just got the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still out of Saggitarius, the places where

Here at each recurring Christmas eve will be found your Marys, your Maias, your Mans, your Myrrhas, etc., every one of them mothers of Saviors of the world. Down in the sea they can be hundred years before Jesus was put on a the star Vindimatrix; it will be chriscross. In Egypt crosses were erected tened on the eighth day, that is Janu-

"mare," because we have associated that word with the constellation Saggitarius; and, beholding the Virgin arising at that time, we give her the month, that was about the time of the name Mary. Originally this was a autumnal equinox, Jews and heathens nautical word, having reference to the alike had another great feast. See Lev. sea. From this we derive our word ma- xxiii; 34. The tenth day of this month rine. It is the same as Miriam, who, it was the Day of Atonement—at-one-ment will be remembered, became white as the foam of the sea. She passed over the foam of the sea dry shod; but when Saggitarius had been exhausted during the previous undertook to follow her he was over- year is now brought back, and they thrown, Then it was that Miriam sang: "The horse and his rider he hath thrown into the sea." See Ex. xv: 21.

Jesus a Menagerie.

Our Christian friends have much to say about the Lamb of God; they ask us equi-nox. Weighing back to the earth

"Dear, dying Lamb, thy precious blood Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God
Are saved to sin no more."

Jesus is a lamb; the church pats us on the back for saying that, but our faith goes farther; we say more; he is not nly a lamb but he is a whole menagerie. In December he is a goat; in February he is a fish; in March he is Aries, a male lamb; in April he is Taurus, a male calf; in June he is a crab; in July he is a lion—"the lion of the tribe of Judah;" in October he is a scorpion; in November he is a horse. Beside all that, he is a two-faced man in January, and a pair of twins in May. If my faith on this matter embraces more of the animal kingdom than does the faith of the average Christian, it is because I have read and thought more on the subject than he has.

A Commentary.

Skipping many arguments I had in- Atonement has reference to something tended to make, I now pass to comment done in the heavens. The whole aidoon a few texts of scripture in the light ranean was to be found in heaven every

1st. "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matt.

The words John, Joana, Jonas, Janus, and Jan-uary, all have the same meaning, and refer to Bi-frons Aquarius, who stands at the portal of the new

2nd. John comes preaching in the wil derness of Judea. Surely a literal wilderness is a queer place to preach; why did he not go to the cities and villages to preach? The word Judea, Jew, Jaue, or Jeve, are all the same: The wilderness of Jaue, scholars tell us, refers to the starry firmament. The educated Crowded Out. eye sees bears, goats, coffins, etc., in the firmament, while the one not educated in astronomy sees only a wilderness of

3d. John preaches the doctrine of

Dragon.
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3rd. Jesus said, "suffer it to be so, NOW, for thus it becometh us to fulfill "Religion of Man." price \$1.50. "Psychic Studies," price \$1.25. "Life in Two Spheres," cloth \$1, paper 50 cents. "Secrets of the Convent," cloth 50 cents; righteousness." That is, this is the right way; you must first baptize me, paper 25 cents.

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After Jesus' baptism John calls him
"the Lamb of God that taketh away the
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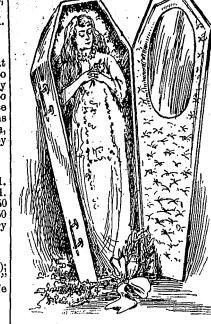
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Mark not the damp of death Which gathers on my face, But sing in tender melodies Of God's sustaining grace.

Heed not the fading eye, Nor yet the lines of pain; But sing of those immortal shores Where I shall live again;

Sing of the shining ones
Who passed death's gate like me,
And triumplied o'er the loncity grave, Immortalized and free. O, not with burning tears

Of those who love me best, But with the ecstacy of song, Fold my dead hands in rest. Like music low and faint My soul shall float afar, And wake in heaven, delightful heaven, Where God's sweet singers are.

READING:

cean of invisible intelligences surround comes radiant with the beauty of fresh us everywhere. If you look for them you cannot see them. If you listen you flower, the soft perfumed breath of the cannot hear them. Identified with the substance of all things they cannot be substance of all things they cannot be separated from it. They are every-vests; autumn laden with fruits of the where. Above us, on our right and on our left. Their coming cannot be calculated. How important we do not neglect them."—Confucius.

interest scholars and mystics every—where.

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Meet Us at the Crystal Gate.

MUSIC ON PAGE 14 OF "LYCEUM GUIDE." Meet us, angels, at the gate With a welcome sweet and warm;
Be it early, be it late,
We shall come through dark and storm, We shall come through dark and storn Weary from our dying pillows, Faint with surging on death's billows, Strewn with cypress leaves and willows, Plucked to mourn the cherished form.

Meet us where low, holy hymns Float like balm upon the air; Where no sullen blaming dims Those who come sin-tarnished there. Hail us at that precious meeting With some old, familiar greeting,

Which will set our faint hearts beating To love's olden, olden prayer. Meet us with extended hands, As you used to here below Tell us, when you reach those lands, "Friends, come home! we love you so!" Then we all can love each other, Parent, husband, sister, brother;

Knowing fully one another, Warm as sunlight, pure as snow. DISCOURSE:

The dead! Every spot on the ocean's floor, from the Indian seas to the base of the icebergs which guard the silent poles, is a grave. Every span of the earth's surface, from shore to shore, from loftiest summit to lowest lowest plane, is a grave. Every atom of dust has been wet with the tears of seem thwarted, and grief for the loved and lost. The earth horrible spectacle. is one vast charnel-house, where the forces of life and death engage in rethis body's fleeting day? the old religions furnish us in blind faith a staff

true end of it is peace. But generally is nothing but dust. Out of the dust all your child sinks under some untoward disputants are like sportsmen—their things are evolved and unto dust all chance, and as you fold it in your arms, whole delight is in the pursuit; and a things return. You may as well believe as you pray to give your life that it may disputant no more cares for the truth that the music of the instrument will be spared, its breath grows faint, and it than the sportsman for the hare.— exist after the instrument has been re- passes out of your hands, out of your duced to ashes, as intelligence after the grasp, as a bird from the broken cage, A country which has no national liter-death of the body which gives it ex and you hold only the shard, the broken

force its way abroad, must always be, to its neighbors at least, in every important spiritual respect, an unknown and unestimated country.—Carlyle.

Such is the shadow of the olden views forcer. Then heaven faded in darkness. Then there seemed no God—it seemed the departed. May we not find in its a sin for the sun to shine in the sky, and the birds to sing, when the dear one

newly arisen sun of the new philosophy of life known as Spiritualism? That country, "Over There," is no longer a bourne from which no traveler returns, but a bridge has been thrown across the abyss, and over its trembling archway our angels come to their homes on earth, to whisper the glorious intelligence that there is no death, and the sun of this life goes down to rise in an immor-

tal day on fairer shores. Human life is a mystery. Death is a mystery, except as the light of Spiritualism resolves its darkness. On occasions like this we are confronted with the old, yet ever-new problem of the why and wherefore of existence, the end and purpose of human life. If we are creatures of a day, and death is the end, the meaning of life is widely different from what it is if we are heirs of immortality just setting out in the race of being. Belief in immortality is the foundation of all religions, and potent factor in formation of character.

Yet are we bound by the limitations of the body, and life is a constant strug-gle with the accidents of time and place. Attempt as we may to fathom the course of events, to plan our lives to gain the greatest happiness, though we presume on our far-sightedness and ability to orce the fates to our bidding, we soon find that our sight penetrates the future scarcely beyond the hour, and out of skies we thought forever serene, the olackest storms burst unannounced, and n a moment sweep away the proud anticipations of a lifetime.

We found our homes, and children with the years, gather with us around our hearth. There is the prattle and laughter of hearts fresh from paradise, and sweet questionings of awakening intelligence. What high hopes arise, and in the pride of fond desire, the future is bright with rainbows of promise, and we taste not our present joy, so much more satisfying is our anticipated future. Happily that future in its reality is concealed from us. Only so much is revealed as to guide our next step for-

We do not see the reverse side, which although all our anticipations be fulfilled, would shadow our present happi-We do not see the seperations, the flight of our fledgling from the home nest, and we sitting in the desolution of our house alone as when we began life's journey. This we do not see, nor anticipate sickness, sorrow and death of those we love. It is well the future is veiled from us, and the Book of To-morrow inscrutably scaled. Fate stands at the portal of the home and with uplifted inger admonishes, that there is only one certainty, and that is change. Oh, mortal! build your dreams on the

most solid foundation; know this alone is inevitable, that nothing will remain as it is. You cannot hold the present nor stay the coming change. The restless tide moves in the world around us. The seasons come and go as worlds swing "How vast is the power of spirit! An in their endless cycles. Spring life; the bursting bud, the opening orchard and vinc, in robes fantastic of the dying year; the season of life, strength and fruitfulness, followed by

winter, the season of death. It comes "There are also celestial bodies, and to wrap the earth in the cerements of bodies terrestrial; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. . . So also is the grave; to hush the voice of song in the grave; to hush the wire of waters; to restrial is another. . . So also is the presurrection of the dead; it is sown over the frozen earth in mockery of incorruption, it is raised in incorruption; life, and they who look over the cheerit is sown in dishonor, it is raised in less landscape must have faith in the glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised permanency of the laws of the world, to

memory of these grows dim and the parting pang less hard to bear. When we reach the summit and look down life's western slope to the low sun, glori-fied in mists of gold, how few are left of those who were with us in the morning! Aged father and mother, on whose brow the diamond crown of the years rests in honor, recall the friends of your youth on the great argosy which spread its sails of promise invoking the winds to waft it over propitious seas, how few remain! You recall them but to remember the wreckage of their hopes, or the diverging paths on which they sailed, when you bade them good-by through the gathering mists and saw them no more.

Such is life, inevitable, ceaseless change, and its complement is death. But as winter helds the prophesy of the resurrection of spring, death holds that of rejuvenated life. It is a beautiful picture of those who went to the sepulchre, mourning and indistress, thinking even when they saw the angel by the door, that it was the Angel of Death! They drew nearer and saw instead the Angel of the Resurrection clad in light supernal, smiling at the empty tomb. From this side over the burning portal is written in letters draped with the weeds of woe, DEATH, but from the other side, if we pass through led by angel hands, we shall see in letters of light, IMMORTAL LIFE!

Our sense of justice is not always satisfied with the changes which may come. We are often appalled by what to us appears the height of injustice; the very purposes of infinite love and wisdom seem thwarted, and we recoil from the

When the child comes to the arms of the mother, as an embodied answer to lentless warfare and death triumphs her wish of love, she folds it to her over physical forms. The senses do not heart with a constant prayer that the penetrate the darkness. The ear hears angels in heaven may shield and protect no whisper, the eye sees no shadowy it from harm. How she watches for the form beyond the grave. As the animal first articulate word which conveys its dies so does man, and when we ask with dawning intelligence; how she thrills pleading voice: Is there a life beyond when it twines its soft arms around her neck; how she trembles at the least cry ions furnish us in blind faith a staff of distress, and builds the castles of which proves a broken reed and has no fancy, and indulges in expectations balm for our broken hearts. when it shall become the support of her What Cicero says of war may be ap-plied to disputing—it should always be the scientist responds with pitying ac-so managed as to remember that the only cent: "Beyond the physical body there the flower watched with assiduous care, age. Fond dreamer, dream while you bars, from which the soul has escaped

could not enjoy, and the soul is torn it held within itself the possibilities of with such wretchedness!

If we are to find consolation in this darkness for the stricken heart, we must look beyond the vicissitudes of time and | portunities and exhaustless endowments. grasp the realities of eternity. To escape It is as natural to die as to live, and the we must arise above the earthly horizon fulfillment of life's purpose. If there is until it merges into that of heaven. We one word more terrible than any other, must arise so far above that the most suggesting images more dreadful and important events of this life will seem crushing, it is Death, and yet underas nothing to the continuity of that stood, it should bring rather delight other. Then it will be found that all If you should receive this day a message events whether bringing joy or sorrow, from over the sea that you were heir to have woven the pattern of our lives and a kingdom, the most opulent the sun wrought the highest purposes. If there have been mistakes or injustices, they are enfolded and compensated in the completeness of eternal being, and this brings us to the mystery of death. Shall we weep with the friends who mourn, or rejoice with the angels? Shall we moisten the grave with tears, or bring flowers in celebration of the birth of an angel?

this mortal life was the beginning of an the cable which extends from this world existence which can never cease, we to the realm of spirit. The message

shall ever be in the future ages; clayclad spirits with earthly limitations, but tage."

the calestial though enveloped in their When the celestial or spiritual being physical or terrestrial body, is the same passes out of the physical body, the proas it is after the separation called death. Angel of Light.

ascending link is apparently complete, such is death; the gateway to a yet it is only the germ out of which the higher life, through which all must pass next is evolved into superior form to gain its vantage ground. That life is pears as the last term in the physical series of organic life, so springing out of but the intimate union of both. In and ments and is expressed. Beyond the orremains; to which it is the scaffolding is appeased, so our aspirations for immortality presupposes its realization.

the interminable line of wreckage of hour and perish, then we say creation is a failure, and man a blot on the face of abode in the worn bodies they abanthe fair world. But if we arise through him to a yet higher term; if perfection embers of our love. It is human to spirit we bestow our undying love, and

carried out, and the prophesy of the ages been fulfilled.

The Apostle Paul on being asked, What of the dead? gave answer in spir-know your thoughts and share your sor-know your thoughts and share your sor-know in spir-know your thoughts and share your sor-know your thoughts and share your sor-know in spir-know your thoughts and share your sor-know your sor-know your thoughts and share your sor-know your thoughts and share your sor-know your sor-know your thoughts and share your sor-know your soritual language which for clearness and completeness has not been surpassed.

the seed buried in the earth, The seed decayed but the germ grew into a plant. Thus was illustrated the impossibility of the preservation of the physical body. Flesh and blood cannot inherit immortal life. He says that there is a terrestrial body and a celestial. Death is the sov-tivity is delight. erance of the bond of union between terrestrial body as a worn garment, a broken cage, and remains the same in and is able to say:

"Oh! death, where is thy sting? Oh! grave, where is thy victory?'

not fathomed. The departure of the spirit is invisible to mortal eyes. The withdrawal of the celestial body from withdrawal of the celestial body from the terrestrial which has been during of that fair river, broadened like a sea; the earth-life its outer garment and As its smooth eddles curl along their way, temple, cannot be watched by the curious eye of science. We do not understand and cannot explain the most simple manifestations of the growth of a blade manifestations of the growth of a blade And lost. Old sorrows are forgotten now, of gross. We cannot explain how it or bursts through the dark mould, and That overpays them. Wounded hearts that thrusts itself into the sunshine. We do not understand how under the same conditions of waiting care, from one nest escapes a fledgling seeking the protection of the hedge, and from another the bird of mighty pinions soaring in the clouds and defying the lightning's flaming spear. We do not understand how it is that the worm feeding the summer day on the coarse herbage, buries itself in the earth, weaves a silken shroud around itself, and through the long months of winter remains as dead. Then when the returning sun melts the icy covering of the dead world, and the birds return, filling the soft air with sweet melody, the warmth penetrating the grave awakens it to life. It bursts through the silken cerements, unfurls its gossamer wings, and is borne away like a wind-blown leaf, sipping nectar from the flowers the long spring day. We do not understand more than the caterpillar comprehends the life of the

butterfly. We must accept the fact and await a fuller spiritual development. We know that the earthly life enfolds the possi-bilities of an eternal future, as the lily bulb enfolds that of the lily. You take the bulb and say, this is not a lily. It has no resemblance to the flower. No but plant it in the earth; the dews of may be read continuously, by the perheaven shall moisten it; the sun shall son officiating or as represented with warm it; the south wind shall brood responses by assistants.] over it, and a snowy flower will expand, filling all the air with its fragrant filling all the air with its fragrant ket, containing the form once radiant but we do not always like those whom breath. The bulb is not the flower, but with life, but now cold in death, to ex-

that exquisite bloom. We live that we may die, and thus enter a new and higher state with wider op-

angel?

If we only knew. If we knew that every human soul. It has come over able loss, existence which can never cease, we might dry our tear-stained eyes.

On that immortal life all religious kingdom, to which the most opulent thy lead the departing spirit through the systems, all satisfying ethical codes are throne of earth has no comparison.

That kingdom is the glorious realm of formed into the angel of the resurrecthe heart are answered. We are this immortal life. It is more beautiful than tion; day immortal spirits as much as we a dream of loveliness, and it is yours, not because of your belief, but is your heri-

We are in the courts of heaven today ter the pain of sickness, the flery tor-We are in the courts of heaven today and stand as in the very presence of the ture of fever, or the icy coldness, and burning thirst, there comes a period of oblivious sleep. From this the spirit institute of our lives, conscious of our positions, as beings not for time but eternity. If fully conscious of this stupendous fact we shall in any age of mourning friends, its spiritual sense solous of this stupendous fact we shall in the squickened and hears the soft murning friends. Its private state of the state burning that consequently age, the sun representation of courselves to that full consecration of ourselves to that mur of angel voices. As the curtains of which is right and true, place all self-ishness beneath the iron heel of the uplifted on the spirit side disclosing the spirit, and our mercy, charity and conse- presence of friends gone before, and crating love will find true ideal in the feeling became an exquisite consciousness of being. Then ascending out of Of the physical body, it may go back the physical form, the spiritual became as the occasion requires.]

o dust. We place it in the grave with distinct and the mind recognized the RESPONSE.—Only let us say farewell to dust. We place it in the grave with reverent care, for it is all that remains fact of its continued personality. No to our senses. For it we allow all the scientists claim, and I accept it as the scientists claim, and I accept it as the true explanation of man's immortality. The new wine of existence. The bright we knew we give to the arms of night, forms of departed friends with the sologiest procedure. Evolution reaches beyond the physical forms of departed friends with the so-body. In the successive links in the licitous hands of affection, to welcome chain of beings, slowly arising by contain of beings, slowly arising by contain progress, we find that while each shores of life immortal!

Each link is prophesy of future superior the continuity of this and while in the ever irresistible.

Response.—One by one generations riences of earthly life be gained, such series. As man was foreshadowed in is the wisdom of the process that whethremotestages as the crowning type in the er the departure occurs with the first breath, or after the allotted years in dehis physical perfectibility, arises a new crepit age, the spirit passes on to its world of spiritual wants and aspirations, heritage. The mother who mourned world of spiritual wants and aspirations, heritage. The mother who mourned unanswered and unanswerable in mortal her child and remembers the grassy life. Man is neither a spirit nor a body, mound, the little marble slab and the name, questioning, Is that all? If your through his physical being the spiritual vision could penetrate the veil which is evolved from the forces of the eleshuts down between the world of mortals and of spirit, you would see that ganic body which perishes is that which | child, tall and beautiful, as taught and remains; to which it is the scaffolding cared for by the angels. As the babe which assists while it conceals the real was received into this life by the arms edifice. As hunger presupposes food of a mother's love, so its spirit was reand the necessity of its possession, as ceived by as loving care, and it has thirst the existence of water by which it grown under conditions such as earth-

life cannot give.

The aged mother or father, who in the When we look down the ages and see full fruition of the years, after the burthis great tree of life, if, as the culmina- harvest, and find in death rejuvenated tion and last term, his fate is to live for an youth. Shall we call them back? Shall

row. Do not think of them as far away for rest assured there can be no spot in He compared death to the growth of the garden of paradise more attractive, more replete with joy than the dear old We cannot say they have dehome. parted, for they are here; we cannot say ER is published on the cash plan, of dead, for they have awakened to a life eternal; we cannot say at rest, for they have entered a sphere where ac-

They who have met thet great transithese. The celestial being leaves the tion we cannot recall; we must arise to them. A swing of the pendulum, more or less, and we shall cross the river, every respect. Then it is that the corruptible has put on incorruption and that the mortal has put on immortality, strands of friendship will be united, the broken family circle made whole and bound by the chords of sympathy; we shall in the delights of the infinite possibilities overshadowing us, forget the ac-Can we explain the process of death? cidents, the pain, the sorrow, the bur-It has mysteries which knowledge has dens and cares of the brief day we passed on earth.

So they pass They bring old friends together; hands are

ciasped
In joy unspeakable; the mother's arms
Again are folded round the child she loved

Or broke are healed forever."

The Unseen City.

MUSIC ON PAGE 18 "LYCEUM GUIDE." think of a city I have not seen Except in my hours of dreaming; Where the feet of mortals have never been To darken its soft, soft gleaming, glimmer of pearl and a glint of gold, And a breath from the souls of roses; And glory and beauty all untold, Steal over my calm reposes.

think of that city, for ohl bow oft My heart has been wrung at parting
With friends all pale, who with footfalls soft
To its airy heights were starting,
I see them again in their raiment white,
In the blue, blue distance dwelling;
And I hear their praises in calm delight

Come down on the breezes swelling. That beautiful city is home to me, Myloved ones are going thither,
And they who already have crossed the sea
Are calling, "Come hither, hither;"
The tender eyes I worshiped here,
From the golden heights behold me; And their songs entrance my raptured ear When the wings of slumber fold me.

Service at the Grave.

[This service is so arranged that it

LEADER.-We gather around the cas-

press our sympathy and bestow the last most dearly loved. We cannot say, as we lower this form into the bosom of

to dust." RESPONSE.—Only to the physical

LEADER.—For the spirit has arisen in beauty and power, as an eagle freed from the broken bars of the confining

more exalted and refined;

LEADER.-Whither we are all going; RESPONSE.—But not into the dark

LEADER.—Rather into eternal light, and the infinite unfolding of our spiritnal nature.

LEADER.-Yet we are assured that

RESPONSE.—And over that gateway whereon is written DEATH, in letters hung with the weeds of woe, when we pass through and look from the other side, will flame in letters of light, IM-

MORTAL LIFE. LEADER.—Life and death complement have only begun the evolution of the possibilities which are ours, when this world has perished with age, the sun ceased to shine, and the stars broken in dust on the farthest coast-line of time.

LEADER.-[Throwing a flower into the grave, or laying it on the casket.]
Shall we say farewell to _____ [Supply name, father, mother, child or friend,

LEADER.—And the spirit, RESPONSE.—Indestructible and death-less, lives in the light of heaven, growing more blessed and resplendent forever and forever.

LEADER.-O death! forever old, forfollow thee away into the land where sweet lips never turn to dust, nor dear

eyes to ashes. LEADER.-Oh! beautiful, Deautiful

RESPONSE.—Where death has lost its sting, and the grave its victory.

LEADER.—O, angel dwellers in light! RESPONSE.-To your care we com-

nend the spirit we could no longer keep. LEADER.—Bless it with the treasure of your stainless love,
RESPONSE.—And while we turn tearfully from this parting, it is with confidence in the life beyond these fleeting

shadows. LEADER.—And the abiding of the love of our spirit friends and their continual guardianship.

RESPONSE.—After this fleeting life is over, we shall meet again in the morndens and cares of the earthly pilgrimage ing on the evergreen shore, where there living forms, constantly arising until have been courageously and dutifully will be no parting forever and forever. man becomes the perfected fruitage of borne, are gathered like the ripened LEADER.—With this prayer: May we be true to ourselves, and the angels guide and guard us. We say to all that we ask them to again take up their was mortal of — [giving name, etc.,

having been attained in physical forms, weep, but our sorrow is selfish, for it is entreat that our memories be cherished it arises to the realm of spirit, then for our loss, while we should rejoice in the immortal life to which we are all

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nostic. Reader, let us share each other's burdens as much as we can while these the face. Only a few months more, when public confidence will be restored

ceases nibbling.—Lavater. but he does hinder that it become on earth grew cold and life departed! tyrannous, unfair terms a part of it. Carlyle.

sky.—Ruskin.

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EVOLUTION AND REVOLUTION

Mother Earth, "Ashes to ashes and dust As Explained and Viewed By One of Our Master Minds. An Eloquent Discourse to the 40,000 Readers of "The Progressive

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is to outroll or unfold, as in the germination of a seed into root, stock, flower He who talks of progres tion; hence many of our great thinkers

What Revolution Means.

Revolution means reversion, or a reverse order of things. It is a change in existing conditions. In the physical world it may be said to be cataclysm and convulsion. It is earthquake, cyclone, wandering comet, falling meteor and convulsed world. In society and human life it is unexpected catastrophe or a sudden termination of the given order, as in the overthrow of a government, the destruction of institutions, or an unexpected appeal to arms. In short, revolution is a reverse action in nature

tively slow. The human consciousness must linger long in embryonic baby-hood; endure the full season of childish opes and fears; walk with measured tep all the way up to man and womanhood's noon, and then ripen into threescore and ten years, as the purple grape dirge of her civilization!
ripens in the golden autumn.
Ancient Greece was

is swift as the fiery-Revolution tongued lightning or the cyclone's airy feet; it comes as the unlooked-for avalanche, and completes its awful work in a twinkling. The methods of evolution are life and growth, while those of revolution are death and destruction.

Evolution is sunshine, rain, falling dew; blooming flowers and singing birds. Revolution is bursting volcano, yawning earthquake, raging tempest and nature's mad holocaust.

tury-crowned world has met in its tireless journey around the sun has been revolution or the reverse action of longpent force. Whenever and wherever ntensified conditions obtain and continue, reaction or revulsion comes. How this planet has struggled against the reverse action of her own inherent forces! When intensified conditions have prevailed in the atmosphere, cyclones, tornadoes, thunder's groans and lightning's fiery breath have followed. No the most destructive force this earth has felt has been cataclysm or con-

l vulsion. Look at the face of the earth, and you century. traises to the retain of spirit, site of the correction has a purpose which has been carried out, and the prophesy of the ages been fulfilled.

The Apostle Paul on being asked,

The Interiment of the immortal file to the interior on the bastening, where our arisen one has retained to be impressed with its stormy history. Look over the great and then look over this same territory and then look over the great and then look o but to the devout, more commanding than all else is the great Himalayas, and Mt. Everest, king of all the mountainpeaks, looking down scornfully upon valleys, oceans, and passing storms. Look northward and the Alps, clad in perpetual snow, challenge our admiration. the time is reached to which advanced But how came Mt. Everest and Mt. payments are made. We know money is Blanc to stand in all their sullen grandeur? Were their pillars planted derer on an ocean where suns and stars wisely commence economy in expenses forever sail? The child of a few years, by cutting off mental aliment. This and many aged children, would say: 'Yes, Himalayas and Andes were eternal. God put them there when he cut this earth from its moorings in the sun's warm harbor, and bid it sail." But to progress be maintained without revulprinted, and the large amount of educa- the keener eye of the scientist the great tional matter with which it is laden, mountain ranges are the children of a our rapid progress is a dangerous omen. commends it to the thoughtful every-where sified conditions brought revolution in cripple or destroy it. The material nature's order; long pent-up force lifted as by the arm of a God the granite floor for a year, he can certainly spare 25 of the earth, and planted the pillars of cents and extend his subscription three mountains. They stand to-day nature's unpolished monuments to commemorate the date of her great revolutions.

A Mighty Revolution.

gaze into the eyeless sockets of dead volcanoes; bend your ears low to their black will never be replaced, has escaped at and speechless lips, then descend into statistics show that from 1820 to 1882 the mighty canyons and listen to the this tide increased until in the later with the well-read Spiritualist and Ag- story of the rocks piled in wild confusion, and they will tell you the history of a world in the threes of a mighty revolution.

financial embarrassments stare all in moon's pale beams fall on mountains of thousand, and June about the same ice; where no bird sings its morning song or calls a mate; where no flowers blush or calls a mate; where no flowers blush us. The great West has needed strong in the sun's warm kisses; where the pathands and willing feet. The prayer and prosperity will return in an unexter of childhood's feet is never heard, ampled manner.

in the sun's warm kisses; where the patter of the young Republic was for labor, and ask them to tell their story. If the and every vessel landing its precious licebergs had lips and could speak, human freight at Castle Garden was an Moreover this proper. He who, when called upon to speak a what a revelation they would makel disagreeable truth, tells it boldly and has done, is both bolder and milder than he who nibbles in a low voice, and never when birds sang, flowers bloomed and the past, and he ped to unfold a broader race-type. When birds sang, flowers bloomed and the past, and he ped to unfold a broader race-type. When birds sang, flowers bloomed and the past, and he ped to unfold a broader race-type. ceases nibbling.—Lavater.

A heroic Wallace, quartered on the scaffold, can not hinder that his Scotin his geniul world. They might birth of the Anglo-American in whose tell us there man, too, had lived happy veins course the currents of universal in his geniul world. They could also history; in whose heart throbs the vital land become one day a part of England; tell us of a great revolution, when the

Look down into the glassy solitudes of the sea, and there are cities and continents, sunken into their watery graves, It is not possible for a Christian man that have gone down in the earth's to walk across so much as a rood of the great cataclysms. Beneath the silent we can obtain labor; but what can be revulsion. In our unkindness we charge untold wealth she has made her home natural earth, with mind unagitated waters sleeps to-day the fair Atlantis, and rightly poised, without receiving and sea-monsters roam where once birds borer? How can he be employed at but beneath all this lies a law no mortal hard hand of honest toil a blessing. She strength and hope from some stone; of brilliant plumage sung, and love's flower, or leaf, or sound; nor without a fond voice was greeted with the echo of sense of bliss falling upon him out of the its own. On mountain, in valley and beneath the waters of the sea, the earth tells the story of catastrophes great and fearful, revolutions dark and terrible. Life, in its evolution, everywhere meets

Thinker."

ebbs and flows.

Go into Egyptand explore the valley of the Nile. During untold ages its annual overflow has occurred at nearly the same time, and reached about the same the stony eyes of mute sphynxes gaze class proposes to better the condition of could speak, what a lesson they might the laborer by protection on all our ingive! Here, even before the dynastics of the Pharaohs, before the nomads ital: and still another by that gilded and society. It is in every sense the direct opposite of evolution, both in its methods and results.

was comforted by an angel; before Jacob tion originates in sen-defende, and the athlete wrestled with Jehovah, or a Moses pillowed his innocent head upon a Moses pillowed his innocent head upon beast. We believe in it, and yet it occurs to us it cannot long settle the the law of progress never hurries. It civilization existed. Here flourished great problem. We may pile protection no one can be further from Romanism takes uncounted ages to perfect and art, and here arts have also been lost, on all our industries, high as Chim-than myself. I do not believe in recomplete a world. It requires time to perhaps forever. Here stood temples in borazo, and force wages high as we can, which priests taught mysteries which fruit. Permanent growth is comparate a seed and develop flower and which priests taught mysteries which fruit. Permanent growth is comparate the grasp of the ignorant; here tively slow. The human consciousness man studied the brilliant spectra of the little time an equilibrium will be establed. The Rolittle time an equilibrium will be establed to damp us for thinking. Evangelical unfolds by tardy days and years. It stars, and admiring eyes watched the tablished between the price of labor must linger long in embryonic baby-full-orbed sun at setting. What more here and in other nations of the world. favorable place for a permanent civilization. Nor can war against capital obtain the tion? But the elder and mightier Egypt as gone, and the sigh of the winds among tombs and lonely ruins is the when we destroy her, toil is a houseless that the value of the result to the title that the result to the value of the result to the title that the result to the result to

Ancient Greece was once the pride

life and world. This world's volcances are not all dead, nor have storms and cyclones forever ceased. Revolution still follows evolution, as the ebb follows the flow of the tide.

Rapid Growth of Our Nation. No nation has had such rapid growth and progress as has ours in the past To obtain a view of our Naluscious fruits and blooming flowers; has been changed into gardens of beauty; wild beasts have been exterminated, and lambs gambol and play where bears and panthers roamed. Cities have grown up in lagoons and marshes, more beautiful than Venice, and the wonder of all nations. Wide rivers have been spanned, mountains tunneled, and glassy lakes wroathed with white sails. Space has been almost conquered, and the engine with its heart of fire leaps like by Him who threw this earth out into an unchained demon from his lair, bidspace, and doomed it to travel a wan-ding defiance to the airy feet of the tempest. In population we have grown from a few scattered settlements to a great people of more than sixty million. Marvelous indeed has been our progress! But the major question among the most thoughtful now is this: Can this

The reaction of the forces which have builded our great Republic may yet prosperity of the nation has thus far depended largely upon the constant stream of emigration pouring into it. The toiling sons of Europe have helped to build our colossal walls and towers. They have come to us from the Thames, the Danube, the Po, the lakes of Killarney; from the hills of Scotland, and Walk over the Sierra Nevada range; from Italy, France and Spain. Sturdy aze into the eyeless sockets of dead volsons are these who have faced the ocean torn by winds and storms. year it reached nearly nine hundred thousand, or almost a fiftieth part of the entire population. It still continuesand a recent journal gave the number Go to the cold Northland, where the for May of the current year as sixty

This has hitherto been fortunate for history; in whose heart throbs the vital force of mankind; and in whom centers the hope of all the ages.

Have to Face New Conditions.

Today, however, we face new conditions. The question now is not where

philosophy. Let me impress you that and personal life the frugal use in passing storms. Society is today panies is to cease to create them. in a great transition. Our age is ex-RESPONSE.—Not here must we seek our dead, for he [she] has arisen to a higher life, the continuity of this, but growth in nature and in man. To evolve front the deathdealing revolutions are the area of life. Steam is a family than the frescoes in a parlor. Samson stronger than the Philistines He who talks of progress in the abso- of muscle; electricity a giant who has and fruit. The development of an embryo into perfect form, or the formation of a world from nebula into water, land, dreamer. Man's civilization is a flower with this thought. The village shoethed the strength of a world from nebula into water, land, dreamer. Man's civilization is a flower with this thought. The village shoethed the strength of the rock and soil. Evolution is unfoldment which blossoms but to fade. Moreover, from imperfect to more perfect conditions on the culture goes out with him. Every for hours on his bench to accomplish RESPONSE.—It is human to weep, and it in some story: it must what the revolution of great wheels in our selfishness we mourn our inseparable loss,

It implies order and persistency life must repeat the same story; it must what the revolution of great wheels journey the same roud from helpless will now perform in a few seconds. It able loss, be an opening bud, and at last a blighted ago, to harvest a small field of wheat; aver one eternal balance between evolu-tion and involution in the universe. If ower. There is no law of descent for the culture of mankind. Man can entail his cushioned seat, light his cigar and comestate, as in England, but he cannot entail his knowledge. Civilization is in no place permanent, but it is a tide which ition muscle is dropping, and mind

An Industrial Revulsion.

To-day the distant mutterings of inheight. If the great plains over which dustrial revolution are heard. One of Israel began their wanderings; be- anarchy which undermines and destroys the sluggish bosom of the Nile, a great occurs to us it cannot long settle the fore us. Let me be fully understood:

and glory of the world. There, too, and the great Asiatic continent. China, the venom of the asp on all who oppose flourished art from which subsequent with her three hundred and fifty mill- it. It has, for the past few years, been ages have borrowed. There sculpture ions, has found our fertile oil and busy trying to put God into the Constitumade the cold face of stone breathe the disdain of the gods. There was archiern world. The almond-eyed Mongolian it knows and worships no other. tecture, whose corinthian columns live is here, and here to stay. No "Geary In modern times. There stood Athens in law," whether enforced or not, can all her queenly splendor. There temsettle the race problem which now conin the White City of the West. There ples of Minerva and Jupiter Olympus, fronts us. China is like a pent-up all nations have brought tribute to comgrand beyond the power of speech. There the Academy of Plato, amid a grove of palm trees, adorned with statues. There where find new fields to maintain them. ture's mad holocaust.

Evolution is a builder, revolution a destroyer. The one is life and peace, the other discord and death. The only permanent evolution is that which is the other discord and death. The only permanent evolution is that which is the other discord and death. The only permanent evolution is that which is the other discord and death. The only permanent evolution is that which is the other discord and death. The only permanent evolution is that which is the other discord and death. The only permanent evolution is that which is the other discord and death. The only permanent evolution is that which is the other discord and death. The only permanent evolution is that which is the other discord and death. The only permanent evolution is the other discord and death are the other discord and death are the other discord and death. The other discord and death are the the other discord and death. The only permanent evolution is that which is slow. Rapidity soon exhausts. Impliformed and pent-up force will sooner or later break forth.

A Great Obstacle.

The most formidable obstacle our central and steadfast gaze into the most formidable obstacle of death. There Solon the the conflict of races before us. The pallid face of death. There Solon, the the conflict of races before us. The made an appropriation tacking a Sungreat statesman and law-giver-but re- Mongolian and Anglo-Saxon here meet day "rider" to the bill. A more outvulsions and revolutions came to the under new conditions in the everlasting rageous and brazen-faced act could not Greek, and her glory departed.

Man today is essentially the same
being he has been in all ages; and the the essential elements of society and sult to Arabia, China, and all antisame reactionary law obtains in his government. What will the end be? Christian nations; an insult to free-

New Conditions and Relations

per, "Peace, be still." over a torn and Hill.

ragged sea.

We are facing to-day two great mosame right to repeat mass as the Protostnopolies, one of labor and the other of ant has to utter prayers. capital. Trusts and monopolies are becoming powerful, and the masses are fail to appreciate the power and insidi-

Lahor is no longer a wandering beggar, ganized body, demanding a throne. edicts strike severe blows at organized may be shared by both, and the masses be educated into higher and less wasteful modes of living, will do a service no pomp and pageantry of arms can perform.

The Financial Revulsion.

we can obtain labor; but what can be revulsion. In our unkindness we charge untold wealth she has made her home done to better the condition of the labor? How can he be employed at but beneath all this lies a law no mortal but beneath all this lies a law no mortal such remunerative wages as shall can repeal—it reigns supreme in earth, aching feet and the glimmer of her target it also haunts the dreams of the states—present is the receding wave of the index of the present is the receding wave of the index of the rich. But her secular power can never be tolerated in this ties.

The discussion of this question the We have been building railroads for all and a power can never be tolerated. We have been building railroads for all and a power can never be tolerated. We have been building railroads for all and a power can never be tolerated. man and hopes of the politician. tense action of a quarter of a century.

In the discussion of this question, the We have been building railroads in admost important fact is rarely observed—vance of civilization; cities beyond their

we measure social conditions by the normal population; industries narrow yardstick of party, rather than than necessities; and then bonding try to observe them from the summit of them beyond their ability. In private beneath the surging waves and breakers of the ocean course mighty gulf until reckless expenditure sits in judgstreams untouched by the plummets we ment upon itself. The way to avert most wholesome legislation is a higher periencing the transition from muscle education for the masses. A properly-to brain. It is the era of invention. conducted schoolhouse is worth more to In the past, muscle has contended with a neighborhood than the claims to a repulated kitchen is of more value to the

Religious Revolution.

Nor have we as a nation yet grown beyond religious revolution. Religion is the most strongly-rooted plant in the human heart. It strikes deeper than country, family and home; but life is never so freely given as when offered for a God. This sun-kissed earth is crimson with the blood of holy wars. The spirit of Gregory and Saladin still lingers in the hearts of posterity. The massacre of Saint Bartholomew may yet be repeated. The reign of eternal pcace is not yet secure. Around pagoda, mosque, cathedral and church still stand guards who only need the touch of sacrilegious hands upon their idols to reveal feet with claws, and tongue of flame.

A miserable crank cailed Peter the Hermit was instrumental in inaugurating the awful wars of the Crusade, and religious cranks are now as numerous as the frogs of Egypt. Forces are now gathering which can but bring sad results if not impeded.

Rome Is Not the Only Danger. But I must here and now insist that

Rome is not the only danger-signal beligious authority. If I did I to damn us for thinking. Evangelical Protestantism has no consistency. It and homeless orphan. tate the policy of the nation. It as-Still further, we have tapped China sumes the face of an angel, but spits

May it not in fact soon be revulsion, or thinkers and all without creeds in our a decline in progress? the without creeds in our own country: an insult to the sovereign State of Illinois; an insult to the weary hands and feet of toil; and an insult to He, to-day, is the wisest statesman, the the great city of Chicago, which had He, to-day, is the wisest statesman, the great city of Chicago, which had greatest philanthropist—the noblest referrmer, who can teach society to particularly adapt itself to new conditions and relations. The anarchist, with dynamite and fuse, and the howling investigation are not stated with however, are not stated with how in the propriation.

Protestants greatly fear Catholics will Still further, in our rapid growth interfere with our public schools, and there has also been a rapid concentrative they would dictate who shall have tion of wealth in the hands of the few- charge of them and just how much scripwhile in the arid fields of poverty the ture shall be read. They tell us the many are guthering. The cold, hard Catholic Church is increasing and its lines between wealth and poverty are growth should be checked. But if Catholic mothers see fit to rear their children, easily becomes a tyrant as heartless as have those who do not the right to complain? Moreover, the Catholic has the

their slaves. Monopolies dictate the ous, crafty purpose of the Roman Church. price of birth; the crib in which our It is the most powerful church organizachildren sleep; the clothes we wear: the tion in Europe and America. She has food we eat; our medicines in sickness, the seal of centuries upon her. Plantand the hands that shall prescribe them; ing her iron feet upon the graves of the progress be maintained without revul- and, at last, the price of our coffins and casars, she has lived to see emperors tombstones. Over every industry, lux- crowned and then dethroned, and also ury and necessity the demon of "Trust" to dictate the policy of kings and queens. hovers, an ill-omened night-bird. We She has seen Rome both a mistress and have grain trusts, coal trusts, railroad a slave. She has seen in Spain Saracen trusts, whiskey trusts, gold trusts, sal- armies wrest from her grasp rich posvation trusts, and damnation trusts, sessions, build Cordova and proud Sala-The great danger is, they may soon deal manca, and then lived to drive out her out red-hot damnation to the Republic. foe in the mountains of Grenada. She The monopoly of capital, however, is has touched Mexico and seen the noble no more dangerous than that of labor. Aztec race degenerate into a mourning band and the Pueblo look wistfully pleading for alms, but a powerfully-or- from his housetop to the rosy East for Its | Montezuma's return. She has stood amid the hail and lightning of the Protestant society and its methods are positive and tyrannical over its subjects. It bids with Luther and the religious knights willing hands to cease to work by the command of a self-created tyrant, and then draws on poverty's unvarnished and beasts and kept step with our nudoor the lean skeleton of hunger. It merical growth and progress. She saw does not issue in some instances a re- Protestantism born, and she will live to quest, but utters commands, which, if see it die, and plant a cross at its tomb. not obeyed, are sought to be enforced by Let us not deceive ourselves with vain means almost as vehement as those dreams of the sudden death of the crafty which kindled the French Revolution. Church of Rome. She will be the domi-One of the alarming features of our nant church of this nation as surely as times is the spirit manifested by labor the circling years come and go. Cathoand capital toward each other. Intensify those conditions just a little, and revolution ensues. Nothing but wise statesis and there can be but two poles to manship and the higher education of man's religious thought. The one is the masses can avert it. He who can authority and the other absolute mental help capital and labor to co-operate with each other, whereby the fruits of each upper and nether millstones which in ne end will pulverize the creeds of Protestantism. While I am opposed to Catholicism with all the strength of my nature, yet I do not stand here to lightly mention Roman power. Nor am I prepared to curse her. The spiritual ignor-We are now in the midst of financial great charities touch my heart. With

public. America must be free from all Continued on 8th Page

TRAIL OF THE SERPENT.

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human beings, at the least, had perished by his orders, but the glory and the interest of the suffering and militant church demanded the sacrifice. In a single expedition on the banks of the Danube, the Cossacks (soldiers of the imperial army of Austria) plundered five hundred villages and exterminated the whole male' population; the women and children, struck with terror, took refuge in the islands, where they died of hunger and despair,"

The death of Ferdinand II. did not end the war; his fanatical and obtuse son, Ferdinand III., continued it for eleven years more, and when, on October 24, 1648, peace was declared with Sweden and France, it was at the humiliation of Austria, and with the formal recognition of the equality of all forms of worship. But the fair provinces of Germany had been reduced to deserts; wolves and foxes prowled about the deserted villages, and the fields, which thirty years before were green and yellow with crops, had now become miasmatic marshes or tangled forests,, Ferdinand's maxim had well-nigh been realized. Like Bohemia, Germany lost two-thirds of its inhabitants. More than twenty millions perished by famine or a violent death, and civilization was set back a hundred years, that Rome might satiate her thirst for temporal power. The barbarian hordes that overthrew the Roman Empire and the French revolutionists that produced the Reign of Terror, coupled together, did not cause so great carnage, desolation and human misery as did this ·holy crusade,' inaugurated and carried on by Ferdinand of Austria, in the interest and at

But follow the trail of the serpent from the scenes of desolation in Austria, Bohemia and Germany, to the Netherlands, where was nurtured that tree of religious liberty whose fruitage the western world in so large a measure enjoys to-day. God bless the Dutch! On this question of religious freedom they have a history of which they may well be proud. 'Those Dutch are a strong people,' once wrote the sage of Ecclefechan. They raised their land out of a marsh and went on for a long period of time breeding cows and making cheese, and might have gone on with their cows and cheese till doomsday. But Spain comes on and says: 'We want you to believe in St. Ignatius.' 'Very sorry,' replied the Dutch,' but we can't.' 'God! but you must,' says Spain; and they went about with guns so rare exploits!" and swords to make the Dutch believe in St. Ignatius—never made them believe in him, but did succeed in breaking their own vertebral column forever, and raising the Dutch into a great nation."

the behest of 'the only true church.'

Spain not only "went about with guns and swords," but with all the infernal appliances Rome, and numerous attempts at their exter- nurse to him: 'Sir, the murders be on the intendent Marillac at Rouen, 'is that there be In this terrible persecution soldiers were of the Spanish Inquisition, to not alone make the Dutch believe in the gospel of Loyola, but to exterminate those who did not thus believe. Some of the articles drawn up and pronounced by the Spanish inquisitors and confirmed by In pursuance of this treaty, and under the in to your account." Charles V. of Spain for the subjugation of fluence of Cardinal de Tournan, Francis is And thus Charles IX. began, on the gouch the hellish deeds of men. the Netherlands, are preserved in the Harleian sued an order for the extirpation of the of death, the awful expiation which should In this persecution, wh Miscellany, and are as follows:

ing to all but our company.

6. The princes and noblemen, heads and authors of those factions, with the subjects, must be taken away, and the others reduced unto reason.

and spoilers of churches and images, whose tain to get them together at Paris, that city earnest Catholic, to the league, in 1588 they ters of France to give place for the hollow and ferocity, are only to be equaled by simoffences shall be, by all the world, imputed to was selected, and St. Bartholomew's Eve drew up for his adoption the following among pageantry of Rome? Even Louis and his ad lilar atrocities belonging to the history of rebels, by some subtle means, and so we shall (August 25, 1572) appointed as the time. vanquish them.

8. That all commerce, negotiations, libby the realm shall be permanent for us.

he be of our faction, shall be held worthy to so difficult that there was no possibility of Huguenots), and that the life of no enemy Almost all trade was stopped there as well as In 1486 Pope Innocent VIII. fulminated a live, and, finally, all to be rooted out. And promising to do it at one time more than an taken prisoner should be spared unless he in Normandy. The little amount of manu bull of extermination against the Vaudois, and all goods, possessions, arts and trades, and all other." orders to be taken away, until there may be a But they did it, and over the bodies of 100, and also turn over all of his unconfiscated spot for want of transport to foreign countries, Eighteen thousand regular troops were supnew realm and a new people.

suspected—yea, in the smallest matters, they poral dominion over all mankind. must be dispatched.

"11. No contracts, rights, promises, donations, oaths, privileges and solemn assertions institutions, that, with certainty unerring, of the Netherlands shall be of any force for searching all hearts, powers, forces and causes, the inhabitants as being guilty of high trea determines and adjusts the fearful account in

to the end that princes, nobility and inferior diately the deed was done, this poor youth, subjects may mutiny among themselves, so king though he was, called his trusted that one may persecute—yea, execute the other, Huguenot physician to his side, and said: until at last the hangman be executed himself; "Ambrose, I don't know what has come over for in all Christendom is there not a nation me for the last two or three days, but I feel accordingly."

loved son," and sent to him a special legate to full gently up to the bed. 'Ah! nurse, pelling them to leave the kingdom within fif- they recovered, and Protestant women in such



STARTLING RESULT OF AMERICAN TOLERATION.

When the Romish tiger-cub first made its advent among us, it was tenderly fed on the pap of "American freedom" or "toleration." Soon it grew large and arrogant, and stood between the child and the Public School. Then-it displayed its ugly teeth and claws. * * * * * Then it drove him from the Public School. The last scene—will be the destruction of Liberty and the American Public School system. Do we need an A. P. A.?—From Puck.

new dishops, the which should be free from should be free from secular jurisdiction—yea, in cases of treason.

The subjects of the Netherlands, the infamous Catherine de Medici, met in the monster Moloch masquerading in the name to find the monster Moloch masquerading in the na

Cardinal Santa Croce by Catherine and her they should point out; that he should establish M. Floquet, "about 184,000 religionists went Alps "infested with heresy;" in 1179 a fierce son, the king, of their intentions "to get the Holy Inquisition, if not universally, in the away; more than 26,000 habitations were depersecution of these inoffensive people raged, admiral (Coligny) and all his confidants to more prominent towns; that heretics should be serted; in Rouen there were counted no more and in 1243 their persecution was again erties and privileges shall be rooted out, and son, the king, of their intentions "to get the Holy Inquisition, if not universally, in the away; more than 26,000 habitations were de-persecution of these inoffensive people raged. that all be reduced to extreme poverty, where admiral (Coligny) and all his confidants to more prominent towns; that heretics should be serted; in Rouen there were counted no more and in 1243 their persecution was again gether some day, and make a massacre of taxed a third or a fourth of their property than 50,000 men instead of the 80,000 that ordered by the Pope, "especially because they 16. 19. No man of all those countries (except them; but the matter," said Catherine, "was while the war lasted against them (the were to be seen there a few years before, read the sacred books in the vulgar tongue."

000 of the best citizens of France, weltering in property, if any yet remained to him." whence vessels were no longer found to come; plied by France and Savoy, and summoning to 16.10. In this action the wise and valiant their warm life's blood, peans of thanksgiving Henry, after long deliberation, at last, in the Rouen, Daruetal, Elbeuf, Louviers. Caude his aid by promise of pardon criminals of all Duke of Alva shall be employed in person; were raised in horrid mockery of a sacred re- hopes of buying his peace, acceded to these bec, Le Havre, Port Audenur, Caen, St. Lo, kinds, the "Vicegerent of Christ" turned whereas any other, were he of the blood royal, ligion, by a church that then, as now, claims, infamous proposals, and passed the "Edict of Alencon and Boyeiux were falling into decay, loose upon the peaceful inhabitants of the valor a prince, shall be of no esteem, so as being by divine right, not only a spiritual but a tem- Union." But this unfortunate prince was not the different branches of trade and industry leys a horde of wild beasts in human form to

Assuredly there is a divinity, silent, yet potent, in the destinies of men, of nations and deeds like this. Let us not say that Charles "12. But, above all, we must have an IX., stripling and weakling that he was, must heretics" he received the hearty approval of the Pope of Rome, who called him his the ling mounting, weeping and sighifig she went worship; exiled the received the learning the mained standing, interdicted assembling for Protestant men who were sick and refused the proved fatal to them. The Count La Palud, the Pope of Rome, who called him his the ling mounting, weeping and sighifig she went worship; exiled the received the hearty approval of stal to them. The Count La Palud, who was in command of the troops, seeing that

mination had been made. Francis I, King of heads of those who made you do them! Of no more than one religion in this kingdom; it given license to practice brutality of every de-France, in 1544 entered into a treaty at Crespy | yourself, sir, you never could; and since you is for the glory of God and the well being of scription upon the defenceless people; and to with Charles V. of Spain for the extermina- are not consenting thereto, and are sorry there- the state.' tion of heresy within their respective domains. | for, believe that God will not put them | down |

mand the clergy of the Netherlands, that with the crowning tragedy of the world was pro part he had played in the tragedy which shook emigrated.

murderous deed brought upon the sovereign followed in shoals." stage of France the greatest of the house of . Under the guidance of his "spiritual addagger of Rome to his heart.

convey costly presents, and 'to commend these nurse,' said the king, 'what bloodshed and teen days; closed all Huguenot schools; or case were condemned to prison, and their what murders! Ah, what evil counsel have I dered that all new-born babes be baptized by property seized. Outrages were committed Turn now to France, wonderful France, whose followed! Oh! my God, forgive me them, and the parish priest; compelled parents to bring up upon the dead; in some cases their bodies were historic page reveals perhaps the saddest tale of have mercy upon me, if it may please their children Catholics, and forbade Huguenot unearthed and thrown into a ditch. Should all. The Waldenses (modernly called Vaudois) Thee! I know not what hath come-to me, so laymen leaving the kingdom, under penalty of one who was supposed to have been a convert in the southeast of France, and those of Savoy, bewildered and agitated do they make me. the galleys for life for the men, and imprison-refuse the last sacrament, a trial was had over in Italy, had even from the time of Constantine What will be the end of it all? What shall I ment and confiscation of property for the the remains, and the body was ordered dragged been an heretical people in the jealous eyes of do? I am lost; I see it well!" Then said the women. "The will of the king," said Super- in quicklime as a terror to others.

ore of the Huguenot chiefs of France. It was ceived by the Cardinal of Lorraine at the industries, and became faithful and loyal subdecided that the deed should be done at Council of Trent some dozen years before the jects of the government, as they had been in Dauphiny of France, and those of Piedmont Moulins, in Bourbonness, immediately upon death of Charles IX. This was an oathbound France, Was it, then, for the "well-being in Italy, nearly four centuries before Luther the return of the king, but because of certain association, formed for the defence of the of the state" that Louis XIV. and his priests, was born, fell under the evil eye of papal suspicions manifested by the Huguenots, and Catholic religion against heretics, and in order and dragonnades should extirpate and banish tyranny, and, in consequence, have suffered because it was considered easier and more cer- to more firmly bind Henry III., already an these faithful and industrious sons and daugh- centuries of persecutions which, for brutality other propositions: "That he should remove visers soon saw their mistake. "To speak the same ecclesiastical Moloch. As early as Pope Pius V. was duly informed through from offices of consequence all persons whom only of our province (Normandy)," writes 1096 Pope Urban II. found the valleys of the should turn Catholic, and find surety therefor, facture that was possible rotted away on the ordered a holy crusade to effect the purpose. a swift enough instrument of persecution for which had but lately been seen flourishing murder and pillage without let or hindrance. insatiate Rome, and hence the hand of the there having perished through the emigration To add zest to the work in hand, each precious assassin was employed to remove him This of the masters, whom their skilled workmen

Bourbon, Henry of Navarre, a Huguenot, who visers," the Jesuits, Louis passed the most then became Henry IV. Suffice it that the oppressive measures against the Protestants. Catholic party bitterly contested his accession They were excluded from public offices and inespecial care that in these matters of so great alone, or, indeed, in any great measure, bear to the throne, and his entrance to the French dustrial guilds and occupations, forbidden to army had been sent into Piedmont with the obweight and moment we proceed not violently, but by means, by degrees, and that discreetly, massacre of St. Bartholmew. Almost imme but by means, by degrees, and that discreetly, massacre of St. Bartholmew. Almost imme powerful and prosperous nation. However, up their children in their own religion, which no less than eight attempts to assassinate this gave lively occupation to the bigoted priests turned discomfited to Briancon, unable to great man were made by the Jesuit party be in 'snatching heretic children from the devil" fore the hand of Ravaillac finally plunged the and their mothers' breasts. "The Bible was mined to take his revenge by an assault upon burned by the executioner; gentlemen of rank the helpless and unarmed French Vaudois, and The crowning act of Henry IV. was the and name were sent to the galleys; the heads of suddenly directed his soldiers upon the valleys more foolish and indiscreet, and whose levity my mind and my body greatly excited—in issuance of the "Edict of Nantes," for the pro- ladies were shaved for singing the Psalms of of Fressinieres and Louise. The inhabitants and inconstancy may sooner be deserved, than fact, just as if I had a fever; meseems every tection and security of the Huguenots; but David in French; pastors were broken on the of the latter valley, surprised and unable to these Netherlands, and God punisheth them moment, just as much waking as sleeping, that gradually, during the reign of Louis XIII., wheel for not having abandoned their flocks; resist an army of some twenty thousand men, those horrid corpses keep appearing to me with was this charter of religious toleration and old men were dragged to the Romish altars by abandoned their dwellings, and made for the And the annalist informs us that "still there their faces all hideous and covered with blood. protection partially annulled, and at last it blaspheming soldiers, who ordered them to mountains with all haste, accompanied by their were other articles found in President Verga's I wish the helpless and the innocent had not chamber at Antwerp more cruel than these." been included." And in the spring of 1574, so-called "most Christian king." The "Edict into dungeons; parents were condemned on the On the slope of Mount Pelvoux, about a third This Duke of Alva prosecuted the bloody nearly two years after the massacre, the of Revocation" was brought about by in charge of their children, and children were of the way up, there was formerly a cavern and devastating work of torure and extermination with such vigor and success that in six 11 months, was attacked with a hemorrhage Maintenon. By the signing of this edict, sane in dungeons or Jesuit colleges and conChapelly—though now nearly worn away by years' time he was able to boast, and and died, but not before a revisit of the same which took place on the 18th of October, vents. Roman priests were forced upon the disintegration of the mountainside—in setually did boast, that he and his bloody visions about which, a few days after 1685, one million and a half of the most loyal dying, and those abetting Protestants in their which the poor hunted people contrived to find soldiers had slaughtered 186,000 human the tragic event, he had spoken to Ambrose subjects of the king were hurled back upon the escape were condemned to death. In ten beings! For this ghastly work in "maintain Pare. At the last crisis, his faithful nurse, tender mercies of Rome. If decreed the de-years' time more than ten thousand persons be ing the Roman religion and subverting of also a Huguenot, had lain down upon a chest, molition of all the Huguenot chapels that re- came the prey of the stake and the gibbet." sidered themselves safe; but their confidence

harles V. of Spain for the subjugation of the Spain for the S the Inquisition they should accept of fifteen jected when in pursuance of this same unholy the very center of the heart of humanity, and Notwithstanding the energetic measures the heretics; this is the meritorious work of new bishops, the which should be free from compact between these Catholic sovereigns, aroused all the Protestants of that day to a adopted by the government to prevent emigra- your reign—its peculiar characteristic." And

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"Great numbers were fastened to horses" were left till from loss of blood they and the Arctic circle. expired."

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Europe, and Oliver Cromwell, then in power existing in fact does not rightfully or lawfully less. in England, called upon the principal powers exist, and a government which, when it shall to assist him in putting a stop to such terrible become prudent to make the attempt, Rome usual way of treating the Christmas question,

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Somehow, people forget that when all our Such things happen not with the brute, and religions were born the Southern hemisphere the planet be realized by its unfoldment peninsula, where Brahmin story located the fined the development of man so far, and garden of the first man and woman. Christmas why create a globe with five zones with only temples will be chartered in Boston and other Who peoplest earth with demons, hell with men, is the year's birthday for all the north temis the year's birthday for all the north temperate zone, but it is not the calendar new one to be utilized? The question answers cities. We hope to greatly extend the Order's itself—it is not creative economy. As the year for us or for the Jews, from whom we birthday of the new year is six months apart end we shall endeavor to so arrange our Chicago draw onr religion. Our own calender or era in the two temperate zones, there is none at all dates only from about the middle of the sixth in the torrid zone. So here, if anywhere, the letters of appreciation from those who have purcentury, when Dionysius Exigius, a monk, outward symbol of the creative power is unfirst formulated our present chronology. Up changeable and eternal. What is the creative The most patent inquiry which suggests to that time the Christian era had been calculated concept there? These are not new questions, itself upon the record of Catholicism in the lated from the death of Christ, and the change though they may be new in the asking to past is whether the spirit of persecution and in- made our era to begin with the birth of the many. Yet as they belong to life, as they are tolerance still lurks in its essential and organic year as well, and this brought the great Chrislife. We know the fangs of the serpent have tian holiday in harmony with the birthday of know them, why not talk about them and try been drawn, the talons of the vulture clipped, the new year, and with that of the ancient and adjust our forms of thought to them?

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An Important Question.

want to live under a Roman government or a Protestant government; nor under a Free Thinker's government; or a religious government of any kind. But I do want to live where all religions can the many little boys and girls through out the land. There were guns druins out the land out the land. There were guns druins out the land out the land out the land. There were guns druins out the land out the land out the land out the land. There were guns druins out the land o flourish or die when they shall fail to serve the highest interest of mankind. Let Church and State be forever separated. The American Flag.

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great deeps above us; its blue from the little heart so longed to possess, that she firmament which, springing from its might hold and caress it with loving eternal arches, enzones a world. Beaufondness. But her mamma was poor, tiful firmament—twin sister of the calm and had no money to expend for dolls or deep sea! Its light comes from the light which chases away the darkness and bids a desolate world rejoice; and its red from the sun set's blessing when he from the sun set's blessing when he paints vermillion and gold on landscape and hill.

Let us hope that no revolution shall dim or tarnish the emblem of our free-

The Responsibilities.

The responsibility resting upon our nation is greater than all others. Here a new race-type will be given to history. take of the delights of Christmas-time. spiritual freedom. Here science is to sound; why do they ring so long to-wield her bloodless scepter; and music, night?" poetry and art receive their coronation. Music born of summer winds, laughing sewing to reply; "Those are the Christ-streams, joyous birds, and childhood's mas chimes, my child." throbbing heart; poetry gathered from night, bursting flowers, touched by inspiration's wand. Art penciled on love's "Yes dear child." the changeless damask, and chipped from the eternal granite of liberty.

But let us not forget that in our rapid

and revolution.

Over the hilltops of unhappy Judea something nice, and Robbie a pretty the angels called "peace on earth and good will to man;" and the same beings blue eyes and real flaxen hair."

And the child's eyes sparkled at the nation. Let us remember the poor man thought.

Pampered wealth and squalid poverty there are golden threads of fraternity does forget the doll and sled." woven through all our creeds and beliefs, races, and all nations, draws to itself me this Christmas Eve."
each human soul.

The mother returns

the revolutions in his life.

hope to despondency; fortune to adversi- from the busy street." ty; honor to contempt; faith to doubt; and lucidity to chaotic madness. To guard against life's reverses requires the sleep she prayed God would show Santa highest wisdom. Crowns change in a Claus where she lived, that he might night to thorns, and hoarded wealth to bring her that beautiful doll she wished consuming flame. The fairest life-skies so much to possess; then she sank into a may be nursing the storm; and under sweet slumber, and dreamed that a the flower-wreathed altar a volcano lovely lady came and stood by her bedsleeps. How rapidly the scenes shift on side, and looked at her with bright, life's magical stage. Gethsemane fol-sweet smiles, while her robes were lows Olivet, and Helena, sad by chant of soft and shining. lonely winds, lies just beyond the Alps.

golden apples we covet. In the wreath come to earth to answer it."
of fame is coiled the serpent with pois"Then you are not Santa Claus, are

angels sent to earth frem heaven, and When Nellie awoke she remembered they who entertain them dine daily with her dream, and looked to see if Santa how little is required to make man hap- dollie greeted her longing vision. peace be still," are immortal posses- the thoughts of the day.

Ringing downthrough the love-lit cor- cleared away, little Nellie stole softly ridors of that upper kingdom soon to be down stairs, intending to go out on the ours, I hear the clarion voices of earth street and look in the windows, and see and death-enfranchised millions, calling the pretty things there displayed, and to restless childhood, passionate youth, perchance she might see Santa Claus feverish and anxious man and woman-somewhere about. She were a little hood, and wrinkled age whereon life's blue hood, from out of which peeped her twilight shadows fall: "Oh, Man, be patient and content."

affairs or private life, grow directly out and thin, so that they afforded her of that little grain of good sense which they bring with them into the world, and that the defect of it in men their concerns their concerns their concerns the sense of the s

CHRISTMAS

A Child's Beautiful Vision. BY MISS CLARA MARSH.

An important question now is: Shall America be Romanized or shall Rome be Americanized? My deep conviction is that Rome already feels the touch of our free air, and like all other creeds will conform to new conditions. Let us indulge this bright hope. I do not want to live under a Roman government or a Protestant government. They and on the same already shall be a sife covered with tiny or a Protestant government. It was Christmas Eve. Cold and clear out the land. There were guns, drums and sleds for the boys, and flaxen-haired dolls, etc., for the girls. There were many happy children on Christmas Eve in town, city and country, and many, alas, whose little hearts were sad and sorrowful, because they could have no share in the beautiful gifts they saw flag, untouched by cross or crescent.

Let that flag be our "cloud by day and pillar of fire by night." Its stars were borrowed from the lights God sets in the flaxen hair, like the beautiful doll her to give them beautiful things, to make their lives bright and happy.

Mrs. Brown was obliged to toil with

her needle to obtain money wherewith to clothe and feed herself and two children; and often the food and clothing were very poor and scanty indeed.

Nellie stood looking out of the winmighty social and industrial problems dow, listening to the merry chimes of are to be solved for the highest good of the many bells that called the people to mankind. Here races commingle and scenes of joy and pleasure, and to par-Here self-government is to triumph un- Turning to her mother she said: "Mamder the encircling arms of mental and | ma, hear the bells-how happy they

Her mother looked up from her 'Is this the time, mamma, when good

setting sun, purple morning, star-gemmed Santa Claus comes to bring nice things Yes dear child," the mother replied. "Do you think, mamma, he will find

us to-night?" But let us not forget that in our rapid progress there is danger of revulsion distributed before he can find us." "I wish, mamma, he would bring you

in his cottage and the rich in his palace; the toilers in earth's dark mines and the heart to hear her little girl long for so millionaire in his luxury are brothers. simple a pleasure, and she not able to gratify her childish longings. She said: contain the same priceless and immortal "Mamma and Robbie have been able able parts of the city, and then they gems. No nation can long survive which does not guard the humblest as well as w loes not guard the humblest as well as week, and we will try and have a nice the greatest. Let us also remember Christmas dinner, even if Santa Claus

Nellie Brown had a sweet disposition, The Hindoo's Brahm, the Mussulman's and seeing the sad expression on her Allah and the Christian's God are only names we coin to express the overarchard around her mother's neck, and kissed ing infinite which enzones us round her. "I love you, mamma," she said, about, and at last from all lands, all I will not cry if Santa Claus does forget

Our subject has also its practical and caress, and continued her sewing; while ing her a nice lunch, then clothing her our subject has also its practical and continued her sewing, with the angels of evolution and revolution walk side by side. Rapid work tened to see if she could hear Santa to the window, the chased purposely for her, making her look so sweet and lovable, that the lady went into an existence of delight to the part of the could hear Santa to the window, the chased purposely for her, making her look so sweet and lovable, that the lady went into an existence of delight to the part of the could hear Santa to the window. means quick decline of vital force. The swiftest feet the soonest tire. The precocious child is the enervated and enfectively though the big mean and woman. The more we have the soonest tire and to see if she could hear Santa look so sweet and to the lady went into an ecstacy of delight over her lovely charge, while her husband smiled at her enthusiasm. "I have found a treasure. Tom:" she said cocious child is the enervated and enfec-bled man and woman. The more we upon her. Her blue eyes filled with want, the greater our struggles to attain it; and the more intense the restlessness of man the greater and more frequent of man the greater and more frequent the revolutions in his life.

though the big moon continued to smile upon her. Her blue eyes filled with tears, which she quickly wiped away— at the beautiful things she saw all around her: "Is this Santa Claus' what mamma said is true: Santa Claus' what mamma said is true: Santa Claus' what mamma said is true: Santa Claus It is only a step from joy to tears; forgot us, because we live so far away

"Oh, kind, beautiful lady," said little 'All happiness builded from without is Nellie, "have you brought me a dollie?"
like the fireflies dance, or a fairy vision which quickly fades. The worm of dis"I have no dollies with me, but 1 heard appointment is eating the heart of the your little prayer this night, and have

of fame is coiled the serpent with poisonous tongue. Mad lightnings rend the gilded palace, and behind babies blue vision of the lovely lady.

eves, golden locks and sunlit face a death "No; I am not Santa Claus. but I will "No; I am not Santa Claus."

gilded palace, and behind papers of the eyes, golden locks and sunlit face a death find him for you." Then she smiled a Patience and contentment are twin sweet smile and vanished.

the gods. We are ever seeking and yet Claus had indeed found her: but no. No py. A crumb sweetened wth content- told her mamma the dream she had, ment's light; a cot whereon the silvery and her mother said: "You must not stars of patience smile; an evening think of that, child; we often dream zephyr whispering in hope's uplifted ear, strange dreams, but they are caused by After the breakfast things were

eyes looked here and there, hoping to catch a glimpse of Santa Claus; perhaps I have long thought that the different abilities of men, which we call wisdom or prudence for the conduct of public times rudely, and her shoes were worn and the conduct of public times rudely, and her shoes were worn and the conduct of public times rudely, and her shoes were worn and the conduct of public times rudely.

of that 'Ittle grain of good sense which they bring with them into the world, and that the defect of it in men comes from some want in their concey below the sense things, but trudged hopefully for comes from some want in their concey below the sense things, but trudged hopefully for comes from some want in their concey below the sense thinking of returning, the properties of the sense thinking of returning, her little heart full of disappointment, which as gone quite a distance from the cold hough we are sensible how destructive it is. Economy on the one hand, by which a certain income is made to maintain a man genteely, and waste on the other, by which, on the same income, another man lives shabbily, cannot be defined. It is a very nice thing; as one man wears his coat out much sconer than another, we cannot the low—
Mollie Brown. "Oh, Tom, do see that follows and the threefold brass in rounded his heart who first trusted surrounded his h

which in her childish imagination she "My name thought this one resembled. is Nellie Brown," she replied, in answer

to the lady's inquiry.
"Where do you live, little one?" Nellie told her; naming one of the

for mamma, a nice sled for prother Reynolds told the mother what had hap-Robbie—and for myself—I want a dollie with blue eyes, and real, real hair. Is that too much for Santa Claus to give?" And she looked enquiringly at the lady, with earnest eyes, fearing she had asked too much. But the lady own.

"We are your with for your kind inter-

ment. Her eyes sparkled as the lady lifted her, and putting her into the sleigh, tucked the warm, soft robes around the little form, till nothing could live with me, as companion and friend, be seen but the blue hood and sweet and bring the two children; Nellie shall face. She then told the gentleman to have all the advantages I can give her, for her, as she wished to make some charge and send him to a good school, purchases, while she smiled to see the and provide well for him. We are both the snow, as it conscious of the pleasure they were giving. They met many more happy ones, enjoying the same delightful pleasure as themselves; but Nellie thought she was the happiest of them all; for was she not riding in Santa Claus' own sleigh? And she was going family, and she left amply repaid at the trabage hardellie and something rice. to have her dollie, and something nice joy she witnessed. for mamma and Robbie, too. How hapthought the child. She wished they might also enjoy a ride in Santa's own sleigh. Her little heart throbbed and She did as she promised.

believed. When they returned from their ride to where they left the lovely lady, the gentleman waited on her, and helped her in the sleigh. Then they drove a short distance, and stopped in front of the first on Christman night and remember the first on the same less fortunate. an elegant house in one of the fashion-able parts of the city, and then they than yourself? Though you may not be and horses.

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"I think so," replied the lady, humoring her childish idea. "Now we will see what we can find, that Santa Claus has left for nice little girls."

So the lady pretended to search around in different places, for hidden treasures, Nellie, watching her, her eyes growing bigger with wonder, as package after package was brought to view from some mysterious quarter, She brought out a sled that was for Robbie, a nice dress and shawl for mamma, with numerous other packages-and fi nally she brought forth a big doll with blue eyes and long, silky, flaxen hair; with other things too numerous to men-

tion. When the lady gave Nellie the doll her little heart had longed for these many days, she gave a scream of childish delight, while she clasped it to her heart and kissed and caressed it to her heart's content.

The lady and her husband looked on, happy in thus being able to contribute to the happiness of another; at the same time finding themselves unable to decide which was the most beautiful, Nellie or her Dollie; but finally decided in favor of Nellie, for she had life and expression. while the dollie, though beautiful, could never speak such sweet words of comfort as Nellie, to bring joy and comfort to

the hearts of others.

Nellie told the kind lady of the dream she had of the lovely lady that came and told her she would find Santa Claus for

"Who did she look like?" said Mrs. Reynolds. "She looked like you," said Nelly,

"when you smile." Mrs. Reynolds' eyes filled with tears. Who knows. Tom." she said to her husband, "perhaps it was the angel form of our little Susie that spoke to the child and guided her to me.

"Perhaps," said the husband, deeply affected. "She is such a lovely child," contin-

ued Mrs. Reynolds.

addressed her, and thought she was the loveliest woman she had ever seen, wellie, that had left home a short time unless, perhaps the lady of her dream, ago. She was just thinking of going in search of her when she appeared in this

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manner. 'See, mamma, "she joyously exclaimed, "I found Santa Claus, and he gave me a i nice dollie, and something nice for you and Robbie; and Oh, mamma, I went to his house and had a ride in his sleigh."

for mamma, a nice sled for brother Reynolds told the mother what had hap-

nice sleigh?" pointing to the place where so: I know it would be hard for you to "Tom," as she called him, was waiting part with such a dear. sweet child as patiently for her.

"Yes, indeed," said Nellie, for her little feet were beginning to get cold from standing so long on the icy pave-Nellie; but you would not object to Nellie's having two mammas in place of one,

answered Mrs. Brown.
"I mean this," said Mrs. Reynolds, "If you will, I would like you to come and

drive around a short time, then return while Mr. Reynolds will take Robbie in look of perfect happiness on Nellie's wealthy in our own right, and I would face. Swiftly the sleek horses sped over like to do some good with my money. the snow, as if conscious of the pleasure And besides, I love little Nellie, and

"I will come for you all to-morrow, py Robbie and mamma would be, then said the kind lady, as she kissed Nellie good bye, and you shall never want for

She did as she promised, and Nellie glowed with love and delight, and she went to live with Mrs. Reynolds, and knew more perfect happiness on that grew into a lovely young lady, the joy day than did ever any king upon his and delight of all the household; while throne. Yes, this was a happy time for Robbie became the pride of Tom Rey-Nellie, for the beautiful lady in her dream had, indeed, found Santa Claus blessed the day that gave them two such for her—this her childish heart firmly devoted children as those of their scoption; and Mrs. Brown, as companion and friend of Mrs. Reynolds, never knew want

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