## HER CHRISTMAS SONG.

SHE SANG TO A DYING MAN-TOUCH-ING STORY OF A KINDLY DEED, AS ERA-WITH THE SONG OF SERP-OLETTE SHE CHEERED THE LAST MOMENTS OF AN OLD MUSICIAN.

Now and again, fitfully across the dancing footlights, I see the ghost of an old Christmas, writes Lillian Russell in the Washington Post. Now and again, amid the laughing riot of new music, I bear the lilt of an old song.

I know it was a Christmas morning. Had not the manager announced, "Ladies and gentlemen, you will please remember there is a matinee-this afternoon at 2 o'clock." The fairies and peasant girls slipped on their cloaks and went away listlessly, grumbling at the extra matinee. The scene-shifters and stage-hands cracked a joke or two as they went out. In the street the snow was flying about like so much paper. It is odd, by the way, what a trick of imi-tating stage effects real things have. The air was crisp, with an undue measure of cold in it, and even furs seemed to have lost their warmth. I paused at the stage entrance a moment before going out, and my dresser came up hesitatingly and touched me on the arm. She was a yellowish, dried little woman. Years ago—it must have been a great nany years ago—she was an operation, triumphs, the subtle charm of public praise—real and delicious as a lover's breath on your cheek—she had known all these once upon a time. The flowers laded and the illusions vanished long

igo. "What is it?" I asked. "If you would do me a favor," she said, her hand still on my arm, and her voice trembling slightly, "ah, if you would do me a favor. If you would come

home with me now and sing one song for him—one song to make him a Christmas." "For him?" I asked; "who is he, and what in the world does he want with a

won their sweethearts by singing his kitten. songs; when he was king of the land of

"And I." the old woman went on, pride shining in her eyes, "was I not famous, too? He loved me the first aside, whether by the carpings of the night he saw me. It was in 'Les narrow-minded, ofttimes illiterate, but Chloches de Corneville.' I was Serpolette; you remember:

"Look at me here, look at me there, Criticise me everywhere, I am most sweet from head to feet And most perfect and complete."

There, in the half-lighted entrance. the walls daubed with notices, the sang the legend of Serpolette. There was ghastly comedy in it-comedy in the waiting ones on this side of life. the cracked voice and the little steps

"Look at me here, look at me there, Criticise me-

She broke off suddenly, and said eyes were young, and my smiles were on a Sunday evening of the present young, and my hair was bonny and month. black-in the stage-lights it was blue. This morning I said to him: 'It's Christ-

"One hour of youth,' he said. "That's not in the Christmas bag, I'm afraid,' I replied.

tatingly, "you might come—"
"And sing the legend of Serpolette?"

I asked, laughing. "It will give him an hour of youth.

she said, with such carnestness that the comedy went out of her old, fanciful ing, he gave spiritual manifestations of

flickered strangely in the little room, their feet in the exuberance of feeling battling against the daylight coming caused by the wondrous accuracy of the through the window. Then she took an tests. old guitar and began to pluck the strings. The music took up the quaint, tripping cadences of the legend of Serpolette. Somehow or other, the dium's more than mortal power. I will spirit of the gay old song came upon me, only add that those who may have the and throwing aside my furs, I sang the gossiping, teasing verses:

I know not much of my relations, I never saw my mother's face,

And of my earlier generations There doesn't exist a single trace. I may have fallen from the sky Or blossomed in a rosebud sweet,

But all I know is this-that I Was found by Gaspard in his wheat.

that cluster round a steam radiator are not especially cheerful, and here was a chance to do-but I dare say I went from curiosity. It was a few streets 21,812.

away from the theater. They lived in the back room of an old brick house The window, I remember, looked out into a brick yard, cluttered with refuse and How Lillian Russell Once decaying snow-drifts. The room was filled with a heavy odor, as of food and sickness, and I know not what. At first I could hardly see in the dim light. Then I made out a table, a few chairs, a little of the room was filled with a heavy odor, as of food and sickness, and I know not what. At first I rould hardly see in the dim light. little stove, nursing a disordered fire ING STORY OF A KINDLY DEED, AS and, in the corner, a bed. It was a bed TOLD BY THE QUEEN OF COMIC OP- full of tumbled clothes and pillows, and somewhere in the welter of blankets, linen and feathers, lay the old man. His face looked out with the unreal whiteness of Pierrot's face. His eyes seemed merely blurs of charcoal. He looked at me without speaking or smil

ing.
"Merry Christmas, old hero," said his wife, with a note of gaiety in her poor, 'He does not understand much now. He has been ill so long, and he is getting

And I danced to the thrumming strings. The light of youth came into the old man's eyes, and the smile of youth and love was on his old lips. And the smile did not fade. "Serpolette," he whispered to his old woman, as she leaned over him, kissing his hair, "we were young then, little Serpolette, and now I think it has all come back."

"Does it seem like a few moments out of the famous days, old hero?" his wife asked laughing, proud of their vanished

But the old man did not answer. With

the smile on his lips he had gone in search of life everlasting.

And that is the ghost of a Christmas Day I see now and again. I see the dingy room, with the gaslight and day-light struggling in it: the dried little woman bent over the guitar, strumming; the white face on the pillow, ghastly and unreal as Pierrot's; and Serpolette

in fluttering finery, singing: "Look at me here, look at me there, Criticise me everywhere: I am most sweet-

#### GOOD WORK IN MINNE-APOLIS.

Tests that Electrify.

"I have told you, but you have forgotten," she said. "He is only my husband now. Once but that weeklers band now. Once but that weeklers band now." band now. Once, but that was long ago, less energy displaying omnipotent power band now. Once, but that was long ago, he was Blenner. You do not know? See he was Blenner. You do not know? See he was Blenner. You do not know? See he was blenner he was Blenner. You do not know? See he was the most delicate with as much ease as the most delicate with as much ease as the most delicate with as much ease as the most delicate window to see her, but on looking up he with as much ease as the most delicate window to see her, but on looking up he with as much ease as the most delicate window to see her, but on looking up he will be window to see her, but on looking up he will be window to see her, but on looking up he will be window to see her, but on looking up he will be dead, his life is dead, and he lives on. rous density is no more in the grasp of You should have seen him when he was those laws originally set for its guidance young and rich and famous; when lovers than the toy ball in the paw of the pet

As in the material, so in the spiritual kingdom; for each alike springing from the same infinite hand, is subject to the same laws, which can in no wise be set earnest expounder of those laws, or the shallow-brained fool who, for the sake of a mere living for himself and family pounds the pulpit cushions in frantic endeavor—thereby to pound a little of his own egregious folly into the heads of an admiring audience. Yet what a contrast between the above ministerial characters and those who, standing benaked stage behind her, the old woman tween the physical and spiritual realms, bear messages of peace and comfort to

Such an one is W. L. Kuyler, at one took, holding her skirts and time a resident of the City of Mexico, and who, in the capacity of a spiritual medium, now for the first time visits our city, and by his wonderful mediumistic powers fairly electrifies his audi tors-as witness his first appearance at "The critics said I was the ideal Serpo- Odd-Fellow's Hall, under the auspices lette. Ah! you cannot imagine. My of the Washington Spiritualist Society,

A perfect stranger, he sits an eager And so he loved me. Long after we listener to the lecture delivered by Mrs. were married he called me Serpolette. C. D. Pruden, then at the close rises to C. D. Pruden, then at the close rises to his feet with the question: "Can I be mas, old hero, what shall your present permitted to give a few tests?" which

equest, of course, is granted. He without a moment's hesitation or premeditation proceeds to give tests hroughout the large audience promis-"But as I saw you standing here I cuously, in each and every case verified, thought," the old woman added hesi- to the intense satisfaction of the recipient, and it is safe to say that a similar exhibition of spirit power was never before youchsafed to a Minneapolis audi-

Again on the following Sunday evena like character, and although the house She lit a gas-jet, and the light was crowded, many were fairly lifted off

Inasmuch as space in your valuable paper cannot well be claimed for mentioning isolated instances of the mepleasure of listening to the gifted gentleman will be fully repaid for the time spent.

I. F. RAYMOND,

President Washington Union.

Minneapolis has 220,000 population and 225 police. Arrests last year, 5966. The Bertillon system of identifying door with his hand on the door-kn criminals was adopted in France in 1882. waited. The signal given, Mr. N

New Orleans has 242,000 and 274 police. Last year's arrests numbered

## FOREIGN TONGUES.

Spiritualism in Other Lands.

Our Polyglot Exchanges.

scription of two materialization seances ROGRESSIVE THINKER. The Sphinx crowned with success. Society sent for her to test her powers, and at some future time we may give the result of these investigations. We also acknowledge the receipt, regularly, of La Revue Spirite, which has grown into a superb magazine, being the finest exponent of Spiritualism there is in rance or on the continent of Europe. It is in the 36th year of its existence,

and therefore quite venerable. La Lumiere, a monthly journal published by Lucie La Grange, is also on our table. It is in its twelfth volume, and is a growing magazine. La Buena Nueva comes to us from Sancti-Spiritus, Cuba, and Verdade è Luz from Southern Brazil. in the following translations we have drawn largely from it. From Italy we receive Annali dello Spiritismo, an able monthly, in its thirtieth year, and conducted by Niceforo Filalete:

FROM THE PORTUGUESE.

The Verdadee Luz, of St. Paul, Brazil,

AN APPARITION:-"I wish to tell you of a circumstance that took place in my family. On the 29th of January last, between the hours of seven and eight in the morning, my oldest daughter, Cecelia Rosa, on passing from the dining-hall into the sitting room, where, near one of the windows that look out on the &eneral Ozorio Park, I sat reading a newspaper. She saw a lady dressed in black passing through the corridor, whom she at once recognized, and has-tened to overtake her as she passed out through the grated partition that one this moment I saw Maria Ferreira go out from here through the corridor and open the gate, (grated door). Being busy reading, I made some indifferent answer, and she went out into the kitchen to tell her mother of the occurrence, and in a few minutes afterwards both returned to the sitting-room and com-

mented upon the matter. "But the most interesting part of all this is, that on Friday morning, February 3rd, a woman by the name of Maria Machodo came to our house, who lives a neighbor to Maria Ferreira, and on inquiring after other acquaintances we mentioned her name. She replied that Maria Ferreira died last Sunday and was buried on Monday.' We asked her at what hour the lady died, and she said it was between seven and eight o'clock in the morning. Maria Ferreira was a friend of my daughter, and resided in the army. the country some three miles or less dis-

tant from the city.
"Form your own judgment with respect to my narration, but with the assurance that it is a fact." UNEXPECTED GUESTS:—A worthy of all credence related to us the

-, a farmer, and resident of the town of --- in this State, is in the habit of celebrating St. John's day very year.

"On the last occasion, at about midnight, while all were assembled in the parlor listening attentively to a piece of music being performed on an organ, it happened that at its termination loud applauses were heard at the street door, and the words, 'Bravo! muito bem! (bravol very good!) were distinctly enunciated, followed by boisterous laughter, which retired little by little toward the neighboring hills, resembling somewhat

the braying of a mule. "Supposing that the noise and ap plause proceeded from friendly neighbors who had come to take part in the festivities, all were ready to receive gladly the new guests; but having waited in vain for them to present themselves, those inside went out, and though they searched the yard and all the vicin-

ity of the house, they/found no one. "The same music was repeated on the organ, followed by the same applause, etc., as before, which gave place to more rigorous search than ever.

"Perplexed, and believing themselves to be the victims of a very poor joke, and more than anxious to give the author or authors of the same a lesson which they would remember, Mr. N—armed himself with a cudgel, arranged with the performer that at a signed it, leaving the date in blank, signal given he should suddenly cease

playing; then, stationing himself by the

"This fact can be corroborated by dozens of persons still living; the result was that Mr. N---- sold the organ and

PHOTOGRAPHS:—The editor of the dent:

Revue Spirite received the following letter from Lisbon, under date of April talked with the physician in charge of the strangeline or matters of spirit phe-

Welt, a new Spiritual organ of Berlin, Prussia, full of interesting matter, not least important of which is a dea medium. As we had endeavored, in accordance with instructions of the medium's guide, to obtain materializations and had not succeeded, the same spirit advised us to make the trial at night, nothing better than to remain the rest and to until ditting over offerts are at the sum of my life on this chir where I have at the Sphinx, Vereinigung (alliance), dium's guide, to obtain materializations with Mrs. d' E——— of Gottenburg, and had not succeeded, the same spirit Sweden, mention of whose wonderful advised us to make the trial at night,

> "The spirit, whom the photographs represent, says that her name is Katty, and it was she who gave us the instruc-tions of all the minutia to be observed in our sittings.

"There were present at the first session the medium's mother, sitting on good will. the left, and his wife on the right, and "'You a the medium counted the three seconds indicated by the spirit as the time necessary for taking the picture. I stood a is knocked out!""
little back of the camera with a mag"That's about t nesium light in my hand. A kerosene lamp and a lighted candle also illumin-

The latter always abounds in short accounts of spontaneous phenomena, and still following the directions of Katty.

not a believer in our doctrine. We invited this person in order that he might "I he examine the camera obscura and fix the

impressed by the performance.
"We are the first who ever obtained spirit photographs in Portugal. "Jose Maria da Silva,

FROM TER ITALIAN.

CLAIRVOYANCE AT THE POINT OF DEATH:—A new book, bearing the title of Choses Vraies, has appeared in Europe, of which the Duchess de la Torre, wife of Marshal Serrano, deceased, is the author. Early in the sixties Serrano neaches before going down three steps author. Early in the sixties Serrano manner."

to the door that opens to the street, but was Captain General of the Island of "He writes at some length of his ex-

For twelve long months a most aggravating disease, which was to tear my husband away from us, was undermining his life. Seeing that his end was approaching at rapid strides, his grand-son, the illustrious Lopez Dominiquez. who comported himself like a true son, have seen, nor heard spoken of; and at went to the president of the Council of the home of Mr. Aspinwall, in Minneapwent to the president of the Council of olis, I saw and recognized a friend who pletely. This will occupy about a min-ministers, Mr. Canovas, to secure from had died several months before, in the and a half. Suddenly you see again him the concession that at the death of General Serrano his body should be sepulchred in a church as other

Marshals had been. The king, who was then at Pardo, refused the request of Gen. Lopez Dominiquez, but said, however, that he would prolong his stay at the royal castle, so that his presence in Madrid should not interfere with rendering to the marshal the military honors due to his grade and high responsibilities in

an easy chair. One morning at day-break, when in a condition of absolute which had been administered to him to assuage his pain, and so weak as not to be able to make the least movement without assistance, all at once he arose erect and firm, and with a voice much stronger even than when in full health

he cried out: "Make haste! Let an officer mount a horse and hurry off to Pardo; the king He fell back fainting into his chair. We all thought him delirious, and hast-

ened to give him a sedative. He fell into a drowse, but in a few cláimed:

'My division! My sword! The king is It was the last flicker of life. After having received the final sacrament and

the papal benediction he expired. That sudden vision of the king's death was true. The next day all Madrid heard that the king was no more; he had died almost alone at Pardo. The royal remains were removed to

Madrid, and therefore, those of Gen. Serrano could not receive the honors that had been promised. It is well to observe that when the

It is a strange coincidence that the order of service which the king had and perceiving this, he era signed prescribing the homages to be and wrote them over again. N—— armed himself with a cudgel, given by the army to Serrno, were and taking two men equally armed he given to himself. Alfonso XII. had Shall it be supposed that the king

himself appeared to Serrano? Pardo is door with his hand on the door-knob, he a long distance away, and all Madrid was asleep; no one except my husband Why should I not? There was no yule-log flaming for me in the room of my hotel; the Christmas associations clubs.

Why should I not? There was no yule-log flaming for me in the room of in the daytime. At night they carry hear the voices sounding in the air over meditation for those who believe in their heads and close to them.

> FROM THE FRENCH. A writer in La Revue Spirite, under eigners.

never thereafter did he celebrate St. the title of "Among the American Spir-John's day." commences a long article of SPIRITUALISM IN PORTUGAL.

the steamship on matters of spirit phe-"I have the honor of sending you two photographic proofs, obtained on the 12th and 13th of the present month, at arrival of the steamer in the port of New York.

"'Let me give you an example," said ifts as a medium has been made in THE and at our third sitting our efforts were of my life on this ship, where I have been for many years. Well, while in New York lately, a woman who did not know me at all said to me: "You travel much upon the sea-most all the time: but you are going to quit it and fix your residence in a city of this country," and the doctor laughed with a right

> "'You are so sure of remaining where you are,' I responded, 'that the mediums are therefore done for, and Spiritualism

"That's about the size of it," he replied.
"'Well, perhaps it would be about as well for us to wait awhile before formated the room.

"The plate was placed in the developing our opinion of things," I an-

still following the directions of Katty.

"On the 19th of April we succeeded in photographing Katty's face. The argument of the room was quite the same as it was on the 19th. There were nine persons present, one of, whom was not a believer in our doctrine. We induced where the state of the return to the room was delighted in prospect of a return voyage with my doctor.

"I hastened to get news of him on board, but was told by a waiter-boy that he was no longer with the ship. 'How not many months since received a letter focus, using the bookcase as a backfrom a friend, Mr. Valeriano Gomez de
ground. It was also this same person
Meirelles, of Desterro (Santa Catharina)
from which the following extract is
from the camera, and he, together with
from the camera, and he, together with
is that?' 'He has left the company,
having been recently appointed physical control of the company of th the medium and myself, developed the picture, the former being very much medium was!"

The same writer tells his French readers of the American Spiritualist camp-meetings, where, he says: "You hear lectures from male and female orators, "Captain of war vessel in the Royal who often show remarkable talent; and Portuguese Navy." you see mediums of every description there. Spirits come with some, and speak through paper trumpets, which enable you to hear the voice peculiar to each: with others, messages are obtained on slates in full light by the simple imposition of hands, and sometimes without even touching them at

> periences in materialization, all of tutive trickery of the western which are interesting, but with which specialists."
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> the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE "For instance a Fakir will take a "But this is surpassed by the rope feat," THINKER are already familiar. "Once, figure that I saw was certainly that of the person named, who died twenty raised to his forehead. Then the vessel years before. At another time I saw a person whom the medium could never have seen, nor heard spoken of; and at Spain. He was a Spiritist, and had a tiny brown object, not bigger than a

## Preaches In His Sleep.

One of the most remarkable puzzling

stories of "somnambulism" has recently come to light. The subject, says the London News, was a young ecclesiastic at a seminary. The bishop of the dio The sufferings of Serrano increased cese was so deeply interested that he from day to day; he was no longer able went nightly to the young man's chamto lie down, and was obliged to sit up in ber. He saw him get out of bed, secure paper, compose and write sermons. On nessed the mango feat, and I cannot do inishing a page he read it aloud. When better than describe how I saw it perprostration from the use of morphine, a word displeased him he wrote a correction with great exactness. The bishop had seen a beginning of some of these somnambulistic sermons, and thought them well composed and correctly written. Curious to ascertain whether the young man made use of the stood the Yoghi. Some of the on- and when I looked again he was gone. his eyes, the bishop put a card under his lookers were, of course, much nearer to The sincerity of M. Hensoldt is n chin in such a manner as to prevent him him than others, and he seemed to seeing the paper on the table before him, but he still continued to write. Not yet satisfied whether or not he average distance kept by the spectators ported itself by imposition and the could placed before him, the bishop took away the piece of paper on which he wrote minutes he arose again, and with a and substituted several other kinds at I will say that it is an edible tropical weak voice, almost sepulchral, he ex- different times. He always perceived the change, because the pieces of paper were of different sizes. When a piece exactly like his own was substituted he used it, and wrote his corrections on the places corresponding to those on his own paper. It was by this means that portions of his nocturnal compositions were obtained. His most astonishing production was a piece of music writter with great exactitude. He used a cane for a ruler. The clefs, the flats and the sharps, were all in their right places. The notes were all made as circles, and those requiring it were afterward blackened with ink. The words were all king is in the palace at the capital all honors are for him, eyen though dead. such large characters that they did not come directly below their proper notes. and perceiving this, he erased them all

This, of course, is a remarkable case of spirit influence-the trance condition.

The only system of signals in use among the Rio police is a weekly watchword.

Legal executions in Mexico are by shooting, and take place in the prison

## HINDOO MAGIC.

trayed.

THE EARTHEN DISH--IT DISAPPEARS-THE MANGO FEAT-THE YOGHI.

BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

The Arena for December has an artiele on the above subject by Heinrich Hensoldt, who claims that he writes from the knowledge gained by his own personal observation. The statements made are so bizarre and wonderful, one is in doubt if the author is sincere, or attempting to gauge the credulity of his breeze; it stood there as if carved out readers. The advisability of an author's of some hard solid, like the obelisk in putting forth such statements as facts Central Park. Another curious feature rests with himself. There has been a the sun's rays, and yet I could not degrowing belief in the value of the mystect a particle of shade; it was a tree teries of Indian jugglery, fostered by without a shadow. Theosophy. The retirement to a cave, Theosophy. The retirement to a cave, or the shade of a banyan tree, and years about two or three minutes, I slowly apof contemplation of the abdomen, is proached it, wishing to make a closer thought more conducive to knowledge examination of the stem, and, if possithan the experimental research of the ble, to secure some of the leaves. Now, West. It is a resurrection of an obsolete in proportion as I drew near, the tree method, one which has in the past ages

The Arena gained a great deal of notice and free advertising by the publication of the prophecies of Dr. J. R. Buchanan, which were of the usual bloodand-thunder sort. The reiteration of get. And my surprise did not end here, the wails of Jeremiah; wars, famine, for no sooner had I commenced retracpestilence, earthquakes, and a turning ing my steps, than the outlines of the back of the Atlantic coast into the Al- tree appeared once more, growing more leghany mountains in a way that made distinct with every step till, at last, one's flesh creep and each hair of his when reaching the spot where I had

head stand on end.

The only remarkable thing about this marvelous reality." prophecy is that not a word of it has yet come true, nor is it possible for the

geological part to be fulfilled.

The enlightened smiled in pity, the

ent principle is at work behind them than the mere legerdemain or substi- retained its full realism, and I not only

his left hand, the other hand being will diminish in size while you look on. inexplicable manner, till, at the end of another minute, the original dish, a foot in diameter, filled with water to the weighing at least fifteen trick performed several times, and, on one occasion, was so near as to be almost

in contact with the Fakeer.) More marvelous still is what he saw performed by the Yoghi, a higher order of Fakirs. He says he shall never forget the day and the state of his feelings, and one would think he never would

"It was at Agra, then, that I first witnessed the mango feat, and I cannot do a mango. There were present about two hundred and fifty or three hundred have no objection if people came within and the honesty of the fakirs, a caste ten or fifteen yards of him, but the that has for thousands of years supdistinguish different objects was, I dare say, forty yards. Most of credulity of the people. my readers will know what a mango is: for the benefit of the few who may not, fruit, about the size of a large pear, growing on a tree which reaches a height of from forty to one hundred and twenty feet. "The Yoghi dug a hole in the ground,

about six inches deep, placed the mango

in it, and covered it with earth. I now

expected to see a modification of a well-known trick practiced by some of our Western conjurers. The performer plants a bean or pea in a flower pot, containing quicklime at the bottom, covered with earth. The bean has been previously soaked in warm water for several days, and is on the point of ger-minating. Then, by pouring in enough water to reach the quicklime, the earth is warmed to such an extent that the germ is driven out in a few minutes forcing its way upwards through the soil, and reaching a height of several inches in less than half an hour. This will astonish all those who are not ac quainted with the wonders of plant life. "Well, I expected to see something of this sort exhibited by the Yoghi. I expected to behold the tiny shoot of a mango, creeping slowly out of the soil, unfolding its leaves and reaching a height of, perhaps, six or eight inches Instead of this I was startled to see in the air, above the spot where the mango Of the 1,233 prisoners in California, had been buried, the form of a large 769 are American born and 464 are fortree,—at first rather indistinctly, prehad been buried, the form of a large senting, as it were, mere hazy outlines; as moral and religious monsters. W.

but becoming visibly more distinct, until at length there stood as natural a tree as ever I had seen in my life—a mango tree, about fifty feet high, and in full foliage, with mangoes on it." "All this happened within five minutes of the burying of the fruit. It may have been three minutes till I saw the tree, but as I had been at first looking intently at the spot where the mango was planted, the apparition may have been there even sooner. I was so intensely surprised at what I beheld that I could hardly realize the fact that I was not dreaming. There stood a tree, to all intents and purposes as natural as any tree could have appeared to human eyes, a huge tree, with a stem at least two feet thick. And yet there was something strange about this tree—something unearthly, something grewsome. There was a weird rigidness about it, not one leaf moving in the I noticed-the leaves seemed to obscure

"But the most amazing thing of all seemed to lose its distinctness; its outof its prime proved to be utterly worth-less and misleading.

lines became blurred and faded, so that I had to strain my eyes to retain the impression of its form, until, when about ten yards from the supposed stem, the apparition had completely vanished. Only the Yoghi stood there, and he smiled as he caught my eye, but his look was such as I shall not easily forget. when reaching the spot where I had originally stood, it had resumed the same

To strengthen this story the author adds another which probably on the principle that it is so much more incredible than the other, the first will be whole matter was cast into the rubbish of weather predictions.

Let us present some examples of the facts Mr. Hensoldt seriously presents. He says: "Their tricks give one at once the impression that some totally differ."

The received. In the Himalayas he saw this cunning feat, by one of the greatest Yoghi, and it is not surprising that he writes: "I am almost afraid to record this experience, as it may be deemed utterly incredible. The many trace that the many trace that the received in the Himalayas he saw this cunning feat, by one of the greatest Yoghi, and it is not surprising that he writes: "I am almost afraid to record this experience, as it may be deemed utterly incredible. The many trace that the received in the Himalayas he saw this cunning feat, by one of the greatest Yoghi, and it is not surprising that he writes: "I am almost afraid to record the impression that some totally differ." in proportion as I approached it, but

large earthen dish, pour into it about a which the author saw on four different he says, "a name was given, and the gallon of water, and hold it steadily in occasions, and every time his belief strengthened until his doubts seem to have entirely given away. "Western philosophy has not yet furnished anygrowing smaller and smaller, so that at thing like an explanation," he says trilast it would take a magnifying glass to umphantly. No, there are things that recognize it. Then it disappears com- philosophy is not called on to explain. "A Yoghi, after having addressed a

large assemblage of people and preached one of the most impressive sermons I great affection for my brother and for sand-grain; this enlarges in the most ever listened to, took a rope about fifteen feet long, and perhaps an inch thick. One end of this rope he held in his left hand, while with his right he threw the other end up in the gir. The pounds, is before you. (I have seen this rope, instead of coming down again, remained suspended, even after the Yoghi had removed his other hand, and it seemed to have become as rigid as a pillar. Then the Yoghi seized it with both hands, and to my utter amazement. CLIMBED UP this rope, suspended all the time, in defiance of gravity, with the lower end at least five feet from the ground. And in proportion as he climbed up it seemed as if the rope was lengthening out indefinitely above him formed. In the centre of one of the and disappearing beneath him, for ho largest squares in Agra.a Yoghi planted kept on climbing till he was fairly out of sight, and the last I could distinguish was his white turban and a piece of this people, forming a large circle of about never-ending rope. Then my eyes could eighty yards in diameter. In the center of the sky no longer,

The sincerity of M. Hensoldt is not' in question, for he believes in his senses,

What did he see?-is the questionnot what he thought he saw. an instrument that cannot be hypnotized, and always records what is before it. If some one would take views of the performance, three or four a minute from the planting of the mango seed to the time M. Hensoldt climbed it. or of the rope feat, then we should be able to see just what was done, and how it was done.

Will not some of the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER in India, who have the opportunity, bring the Kodac' or camera to the investigation, and report the results. They would thus furnish a most interesting chapter in the study of these feats called forth argument and ridicule, and positively and forever show their real value.

## Now for Abuse.

Another priest-one of "Father" McGlynn's" former assistants—has left. the Romish Church and become a Protestant. It will now be in order for the Romish cohorts to abuse, malign and persecute him-that is the way the old church ever serves those who desert her fold. They may be fit for saintship while in her communion; but let them turn their backs upon the church, and forthwith they are vilified and treated

#### The Jubilee at St. Louis, Mo.

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, learning that there was to be a jubilee celebration in the Society of Progressive Spiritualists in St. Louis, had its reporter on the ground. It regrets the necessity of abridging the report somewhat; but that cannot be helped.

The celebration of the Spiritualists' Jubilee in St. Louis was in every way a success. That indefatigable worker, Moses Hull, has been talking to the society for over a month, this covery from this indifference, this apathy. Our shores of the better world, its sun is only just being his sixth engagement within three years. They want him three months next year, and he promises them that much time providing they will pull unitedly together, and work to bring the people in, and make them feel at home when they are there.

The morning and evening services were the same as usual. In the morning Mr. Hull discoursed on the "Comparative Work for the Elevation of Humanity Done by Christianity and by Spiritualism." Without saying a word against Christianity, Mr. Hull showed that the balance sheet showed that Spiritualism is far ahead. In the evening the discourse was on "Joan of Arc, or Spiritualism in France Near Five Hundred Years Ago.' Of all the over fifty discourses Mr. H. has delivered here, this one ranks as number one.

The jubilee session opened at 2:30. The hall showed the handiwork of Hon. Joseph Brown, who has been twice mayor of the city, and who is now filling his second term as city

After a song from the congregation, Mrs. Richmond's jubilee poem was rather dramatically but finely rendered by a young man-Mr. Hitchcock.

ganization, and in which he urged every one to take hold and make our national organization what it should be.

Auditor Joseph Brown was next called forence, he being converted to Spiritualism build up strong societies. Itinerancy may be chometric readings and spiritual tests. through the Fox girls in 1851. He told, in best for sparsely-populated districts, but is For the month of December. Dr. an interesting manner, of his battle with his common sense when, as a Presbyterian, he tried to reconcile himself to the terrible dogmas he learned in Sunday-school and in the church. He told also of the joy that the first messages from the Spirit-world brought to him, and of the rejoicing and the consolation he had obtained as a result of his forty-two years' communion with the Spirit-world. He thoroughly endorsed Mr. Hull's remarks on the organization; he had not taken hold of it: he both hoped and feared for the results.

Your reporter got, but lost, the name of the little girl who responded to Auditor Brown's speech. She was only twelve years old. She rejoiced that she was born so late in the nineteenth century; that the battles were not before her that Captain Brown had fought. She urged Spiritualists to do something for the children-to found Lyceums, and give them some plain and understandable books to read. and to help them to prepare to take the work from older hands when the time comes for them phase of life is all that we could wish. It is to lav the work down.

After a song by Mrs. Inman, Mrs. Kate Osborne, a blind medium, but one whose spiritual eyes are wide open, was called to the platform, and made excellent remarks, and gave Success to the national organization, and may the following exquisite poem:

## OUT OF THE DARKNESS.

We are walking in the morning of the soul undying light,
We are living in the glory of a joy that knows We are gliding on the noontide of progression's

mighty stream. We are learning that the future is no myth or

Now we gather precious diamonds of the purest truth and love— Sparkling gems that flash and glitter in the

nets above. Yes, we gather all the jewels in each pathway as Gems of knowledge brought by angels from the

azure-tinted sky; For the loved ones come and tell us that beyond the veil of stars

They have found a restful haven up above the golden bars.

There they gather broken heartstrings, severed by the hand of grief,
Where earth's flowers all are blighted, every
bud and every leaf.

But through darkest clouds of sorrow sparkling waves of sunlight shine, Till we see beyond the river angel loved ones-

yours and mine. We are list'ning to their voices, music tones of

long ago; How it makes the heartstrings quiver, priceless pearls, we loved them sol

Infant buds and rosy blossoms filled our homes with joy and pride, Till they dropped 'neath waves of anguish, then they crossed the silver tide.

But we did not part forever, they are living, loving still;
Oft we feel their warm caresses making every

heartstring thrill. One by one we cross the river, soon we all shall

gather there, In a home unknown to sorrow, free from ev'ry shade of care: Then the cherished buds and blossoms wafted to

the angel shore Closely to our hearts shall nestle, resting there forevermore.

The first toast, "Our National Organization," was responded to by the octogenarian, Captain E. W. Gould. His remarks were timely. He urged the necessity of every one

toast, "The Progress of Spiritualism." She demand that Spiritualism, in its philosophy Thinken were frequently alluded to in terms did not seem to take a rose-colored view of the and phenomens, keep pace with it. There are of the warmest approbation, and no one was of the local organizations where they may matter. The following is a full text of her remarks:

ized societies, has made little or no progress proper times and places, they are only the at once acquiesced in. J. JAY WATSON. in this city during the past twenty-five years; first letters of the Spiritual alphabet. attendance at public lectures not so numerous | The question to-day is not so much: spirits. lectures. I remember that the lecturer in the we poor mortals have? Can you help us to Athens, about 463 B. C.

think so, suppose you take a search-light and nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

own society. Here is Brother Hull, a man nearer toward heaven. who has been working, lo! these many years, solely for the good of the cause—a man of ex-

not suited for city life. ganized force. Silently, but persistently, it see manifested the evidences of unending life. nomination, freeing, liberalizing, enlightening. superstition as nothing else ever did or can; building anew on nature's grounds; inspiring courage and hope where before darkness and despair held sway.

"The gentle radiance of a purer, sweeter ern Spiritualism; its progress in this deeper wonderful, glorious! We who know this should rejoice, and continue to do our duty as Spiritualists, even though we are forced to occupy a lowly position as an organized power. it be the means of combining the two phases of

Captain Brown, in a few well-chosen words. "The Children of lost much of his interest in the older ones. passioned orator. His great desire now is to see something done for the children; they are coming on to take has been incorporated under the laws of the the delegates to the National Spiritualists' Conour places, and it is all-important that they State, and hopes to unify all the hitherto in- vention came together in this city, the last be better prepared for the work than we are harmonious spiritual forces of this city, and days of last September, that they came to

The toast, "The Old Workers," in obedience to calls from the audience, was re- for Sunday meetings. This will seat 1500 the first; many of them had come up through sponded to by Moses Hull. Of the one hun- people. If we fail in this, some other equally great tribulations, trials, and persecutions all that remained on the fingers of one hand. truth to be had will be employed. There are and ethical problems connected with human are many others I could mention. Faithful souls! they bore the burden and the many Spiritualists in Los Angelos, and they life, but all came resolved to sink their differheat of the day; they-some of them-went only need to be lifted above all the trivialiin rags to proclaim the truths which had set ties of personal interest by the force of a grand moting human welfare and enlightenment in their souls on fire. They are now in heaven, and heaven is better for their presence. The speaker could never look back to them (here he mentioned twenty or thirty of their names) with any other than worshipful feelings.

"The Progress of Spiritualism" was the last toast, and Mr. Hull had been chosen in advance to respond to that. Your reporter got the full text of that response, but lent it to a Globe-Democrat reporter, who promised to re-

Ichabod, its glory has departed. phenomena as much higher than the crude con-

as twenty-five years ago. Even at that time can you come to us? as it is, why do you it was a difficult matter to sustain a series of come? Can you come with more wisdom than with the arrival of Polygnotos, of Thaos, in sired concerning the movement.

enthusiasm of belief would dwell on the asser- solve the (to us) unsolvable problems? Have tion that there were millions of Spiritualists you a higher phase of spirituality? Can you in the United States, and ten to twenty thou open just a little the doors to the world of sand of them in this city. Mr. Fairchild, then wisdom, and let an inspiration flow from your treasurer of the society, said he should be world to ours that will help us to put out the The Objects of National Organiza- a National Organization existing two years ago glad to discover forty or even twenty-five of fires of a few of the hells, and plant a few them. It was then, as it is now, impossible seeds of heaven here and now? If Spiritualto find forty that would subscribe and pay ism takes hold of progressive and reformatory regularly to the maintenance of a society, works, and invokes and receives the aid needed From that time to this there has been no refrom the great reformers who walk the flowery on the 17th ult.: speakers still make the same assertions from rising, but if it retrogrades, as in some places the rostrum: 'There are millions upon mill- it seems to be doing, then the kingdom of slumbering seed waits for the quickening of respectability to the movement. ions of Spiritualists everywhere. If you heaven will be taken from it, and given to a its life; then responsive to the law of its ex-

our little treasurer's book and a pencil and go
among these reported millions of Spiritualists. \$17 was taken for the benefit of the National See how many will register as Spiritualists in Association. The meeting closed with the your treasurer's book! Presto, all but a very best of feelings on the part of all, and dozen or so have dematerialized, like the all went away, seemingly, with the feeling baseless fabric of a vision.' They have van- that whether the National Association is a suc-

#### Spiritualism in California.

with a short introductory discourse, in which he held up the utility and the dangers of or-

best for sparsely-populated districts, but is For the month of December, Dr. N. F. Raylin, the most noted orator on the Pacific still the whole result is in the suitable associ-"I mention this side of the progress of Coast, and Dr. John M. Temple, a psychome-Spiritualism that we may not deceive ourselves trist and platform test medium of remarkable ualism as an organization, and the really mag- hall used since their arrival is already too small creator. nificent success of Spiritualism as an unor- for the number who assemble to hear told and

has become an all-pervading, permeating influ- Last night the hall was filled to its utmost ence. Through all strata of society, from the capacity, and Dr. Ravlin, by request, disand do they impress us accordingly?" Dr. power. The ignorant and the educated alike feel its Ravlin prefaced his lecture by the statement power, humanizing, harmonizing, crushing out that he did not know anything of the subject, but no one would have suspected his avowed that we do not have a stenographic report of it impossible. to give to the world. It was an eloquent, logical and plausible affirmative answer to the bondage of creeds that bound them to fear, to Mrs. and Mr. Nagel, who, during their of Franklin and Morse.

given a subject of which he knows nothing, as was the case last night, he speaks with all the seed. Spiritualists." The Captain seems to have the fervor, volubility and eloquence of an im-

accomplish a grand work here. Steps are unite their labors. Many of them had been and I hope at some future time to be able to being taken to get the use of the new theater in the ranks of Spiritualism as workers from report some good work by the young workers. thought to unite them in a common effort and endeavoring to carry forward a more perfect make them a great power in the work of presentation of the truths of Spiritualism. spreading the new gospel of peace and human H. W. MCCUNE. brotherhood.

Los Angeles, Cal.

### Letter from the Great Violinist. J. Jay Watson.

TO THE EDITOR:-There is nothing new to write about here in the spiritual line, with the turn it in a few hours. He has not seen it exception of a very interesting gathering on since. The substance was, that it was dan the evening of the 11th inst. in the parlors of teachers. gerous to prophesy. There are so many fac. Mrs. M. E. Williams, 232 West 46th street, in tors to come in. The future of Spiritualism this city. A very brilliant assemblage greeted depends on its present; it must grow out of Mr. Striker, a young test medium, who I beits present. It is for us to say whether in the lieve has recently shown remarkable powers future Spiritualism shall be a great and ex- in occult phenomena. Many tests were given panding philosophy, a religion, a life, which by this young man of an extraordinary characshall command the attention and respect of ter, rendering happy the recipients of the same. the thinkers of the world, or whether it shall Mrs. Williams is a great favorite here, and dwindle down to a "Punch and Judy Show" numbers her friends in figures so large that I healing and the various phenomenal phases of dwindle down to a "Punch and Judy Show" numbers her friends in figures so large that I for the amusement of children and fools. If would scarcely dare to enumerate them. She spiritualism takes the former course, the national organization combining the strength of the whole movement and concentered at any given point where tions of the earth will bring their glory and exact proportion. She has always been a honor into it; if the latter, you may as well ready helper of the poor and friendless, and write "mene, mene, tekel" on its brow. Like has a kind word and friendly greeting for any Ichabod, its glory has departed.

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Like has a kind word and friendly greeting for any Ichabod, its glory has departed. The crude phenomena of Spiritualism were presence, and her beautiful little daughter the oppressive laws already in existence that sible to not some man of spiritualism were presence, and her beautiful little daughter the oppressive laws already in existence that taking hold and helping to make our national necessary to reach a sleeping, sensualistic, organization what it should be.

Many A. Reischild recognizing them as a blessing to Mrs. Mary A. Fairchild responded to the when the better portion of the world begin to Francis' name and that of THE PROGRESSIVE cussions which first demanded the attention of family. Of course the Ole Bull Cremons protection thus offered. "A summary of the progress made by Spir- the world as the Spiritual philosophy is spoke in its most inspirational manner, and Second: In addition to the ably-conducted itualism in this city in the past twenty-five higher than the theologies it is supplanting, the great and genial old violinist requested, spiritualistic journals and the many volumes years would read something like the follow- While the old-fashioned raps, tips and other through medium Stryker, a performance of one of literature already in existence, it is the ining: Spiritualism, as represented by organ-external phenomena must be kept up at of his musical favorites, which was, of course, tention to collect, compile, disseminate such New York.

The guides of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond spoke in substance as follows, at the Jubilee of labor which time forbids our continuing

All organisms are growths from a germ Third, and by no means the strongest obthat seeks expresssion. Beneath the sod the ject: A National Organization gives weight and istence it puts forth its aspirations and powers, any danger of Spiritualism becoming "popuwinning to itself the elements of earth, air lar" in the butterfly sense of that term, and light to fashion into the fibers of its ex- through this or any other organization, then pression.

ers would be complete alone; and even the though burned at the stake, or doomed to inished into thin air. Take, for instance, our cess or not, our jubilee had lifted them a little intricate and subtle mechanism of the human carceration in a felon's cell. Error is not reorganism is inadequate to fully express what spectable although robed in ermine and worthe spirit desires to reveal. Various inven-shiped of men. So valuable is truth, so tions, devices and mechanical appliances have precious her fair name, that no time-honored Spiritualism in California.

To the good of the cause—a man of extended reputation, an eloquent man, a brain filled with grand, progressive ideas, which he imparts feliotiously, forcibly, slways interceting and instructive. Where are the thoughout the door of our small hall for the want of from the door of our small hall for the want of a search? Is it not a melancholy fact that he and such as he, finds it dillicult to keep the wolf from the door? The most eloquent discourses treating of our grand phillosophy are often delivered to a mere handful of people Bepecially is this true of a Sun. I day morning. But if there is a side-show of the test, or so called manifestations, a gaping and morning. But if there is a side-show of the simple produced that the long run this is injurious to one still prevent the most their proper place. I also think the still prevent of causes, not but that I believe the phenomena have their proper place. I also think the still prevent of causes, not but that I believe the phenomena have their proper place. I also think the still prevent of causes, not but that I believe the phenomena have their proper place. I also think the still prevent of causes, not but that I believe the phenomena have their proper place. I also think the still preventing fashion of changing our one to design and such as the proper place. I also think the still preventing and spiritual tests.

Spiritualism in Califorite the proper leads a dided to the averages of the spirits expression in the human form, until the wonder full powers of mechanical art have measured the such presents of mechanical art have measured the such as the facilities of human expression in what the fill provides of mechanic provers in the substitute. The provides of mechanic provides of mechanic provides of mechanic provides of mechanic provides of mechanics and the facilities of the measured and the facilities of the substitute with what the eyes can see, the human spirit through its mental powers has deadled to the action of the cause of been added to the avenues of the spirit's ex- lie, no sanctioned error, no falsehood masked her performance of the part assigned to each, who are developing finely, and bid fair to beation of the parts.

with delusive visions. There is a wide gulf power, are engaged. They will no doubt be dominate man but to be his servant. Every ress some of them are making, and the good between this unsuccessful condition of Spirit- employed during January also, and the large created thing is to subserve the purpose of its they are doing, when one sees the tears of

they become oppressive, are not so by any work done by their own children—mediums power that inheres in the organizations, but of but a few months—such as the three grandby the tyranny of man, who would express daughters of our old friend and brother, J. lowest to the highest, through all social life, coursed upon the question: "Do our friends and exercise the same oppressions individually W. Gilmore. in every home, into the churches of every de in Spirit-life follow given lines of thought, as he does through organizations, had he the

ignorance after what followed: We regret smallest local kind, among Spiritualists, was work under trance, that will never be obliter-

his sleep he has been impressed by the spirit sides the process of disintegration and indiamusing. vidualization had not been completed in the We have lots of other young mediums who

Half a century has wrought a marvelous as very appropriate by those present: change; and half a century more will witness The First Spiritual Society of Los Angeles a greater one. It was plainly revealed when ences and unite on the general basis of pro-

Three basic objects were and are in view in and who formed the organization to carry forward those purposes.

First: To bind the local and State societies

the united strength of several local organizations, and the combined strength of all local organizations will form a great working power; since, also, there are laws in the statutes of many of the States militating against the exercise of spiritual gifts, especially the gift of the human race.

Mediums are encouraged to become members more cheered at this outcome than myself and abide, that they may avail themselves of the

The publication of the proceedings of the scription.

National Convention for organization is bne case in point, to which will be added our paper on Spiritualism presented to the Parliament of Religions, which presentation, had there been could have been given orally by us, as it should have been, in the Parliament while in session. There are many divisions of this branch

we would wish it instantly dissolved. Nor The human organism is for the expression do we consider that applause or favor constiof the spirit—not one of all its manifold pow- tutes respectability. Truth is respectable al-

light, as any other section according to popu-The machinist constructs the engine, not to lation. It is a pleasure to witness the progjoy, and hears the expressions of gratitude, Societies, organizations, governments, when from white-headed old parents for the good

The youngest, Miss Maude, aged 16 years, is developing as a psychometric reader; her The moment any association becomes op- sister, Mrs. Mills, is a good clairvoyant, clairpressive, that moment revolution begins. audient and healing medium; the other sister, Time was when an organizations even of the Mrs. Lathrop, has done a grand and noble ated from the memory of the family.

soul-life is in the world since the birth of mod. question. He spoke of the wonderful ad. not only of death but of what might come short stay with us, made many lasting friends. vancement in science, invention and mechanisher death—the horrors of Hades, and missence work as an inspirational speaker, cal appliances since the day of the Hydesville taking their own condition of being bound for under her guide, Marcus, an Ancient Greek, is rappings, speaking particularly of the work of that which bound them they naturally rejected a grand treat for anyone; also her test control, Thomas A. Edison, and how in the visions of all thought of organization as oppressive. Be- Fleetfoot, proved to be quite interesting and

There is nothing in the manner or appear. minds of those noble men and women who are developing, and I think very highly of ance of Dr. Ravlin, while talking, to suggest were ready for the new light. For building their controls. One lady already shows rehis dependence on spirit control, but when there must be preparation; for growth there markable powers as a clairaudient—the other

And what is friendship but a name, A charm that lulls to sleep, A word that follows wealth and fame

And leaves the wretch to weep? She is also a trance medium of a high order

We also have an old worker who has done some excellent work under control of her dred workers with which he was acquainted capacious place of meeting will be secured, which they had bravely met; some had differed French Doctor. Many people can testify to near a third of a century ago, he could count and then the strongest exponent of heaven's from others in opinions concerning individual the powers of Mrs. May Awford. There

CLEARWATER.

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M. A. Swain as medium, the other members mony with her and with the work which the spent in holding our hands on them, the so futile, all around us are the beautiful, soft, of the circle being Mrs. Sarah Fisher and her Spirit-world was trying to perform through her slates being in my hand, I was told that the pliant, growing minds of children, ready to son, Mr. Leander Fisher. It was six or seven instrumentality. She has, like all other known conditions were such that nothing could be receive the truth we are so anxious to teach, years ago that Miss Eva, the spirit daughter mediums, been persecuted and maligned by obtained. You may imagine my feelings and having received them are ready to incorof Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, requested that the those who had not accepted the truth; but when my money was returned, with kind ex- porate them into their lives as those of mawork of the circle be confined to the advance- those experiences, while they have always hurt pressions of regret at my disappointment, for turer years can never do. ment of those poor darkened souls who, through her sensitive nature, have tended to broaden it was a disappointment, for I thought that In neglecting our children we are neglecting the workings of ignorance, inhabit the earth her spiritually, and have taught her to be of course they would furnish me a picture the most potent force in the upbuilding of a sphere but one remove from mortals.

twenty years, and is ably seconded in her many to greet her with words of love and grati- myself about that, philanthropic efforts by Mrs. Dora, daughter tude, for she has been instrumental in the conof Mrs. Fisher, who passed to Spirit-home veyance of many a message of love and cheer some sixteen years since. Both have ad- from dwellers in Spirit-life to their loved ones vanced to a high state of spiritual unfoldment, on earth. as have the other members of the band who Of the spirit-band surrounding Mrs. are associated with them in the grand work of French, I wish to speak of the great Indian that a spirit could get between those two thing else—Methodism, Presbyterianism, Uniredeeming souls from darkened conditions, chief "Sa-go-ya-wat-ha," better known as slates and do that or any other work, and with and starting them upward in the higher spirit "Red Jacket." He is now, as he was in the

ual atmosphere.

Mr. Fox, so-called, whose name when in the Dr. Hosack, who was eminent as a physician in mortal was Nabis. He was of the time 250 Brooklyn early in the present century, and who B. C., and is an historic character. When he now enjoys the love and confidence of those who long engaged is a beautiful illustration of the thankful to him for advice and counsel in an salvation. Jim Black is an Indian spirit, whole souled friend Captain Dan. Bromley, strong in intellect and in spirit-power. Dur- who always has a pleasant word and a loving ing the earlier stages of his medium's devel- thought with which to greet those with whom men. epment he exhibited wonderful power in phy he comes in contact; and last, but not least, in nical manifestations, and some of the ac the band of which she is a member, I will counts given of his feats during that time are mention our dear friend "Aunt Abbie." She indeed marvelous. Our young friend is always present with us when there are chil-"Jimmie." bright, kind and of great strength dren to be assisted, and her love for the dear in assisting those who come for aid, was un- little ones draws all toward her. fortunate in his earth experience. His lot in The mission work carried on through the Spirit-life, he was early called from mortal They could see the urgent need of such labor, sphere to Spirit-world, where he has rapidly ad- and had no difficulty in enlisting the sympa-

time and attention to the mission work in con- teachings. netion with this band.

clairaudience to a very high and satisfactory Washburn, ex-Judge George W. Cothran. phase of independent voice—two or three Mr. Charles W. Bigden and Mr. Fred. G. by my sister: powers which she possessed in earlier years. fited by the knowledge gained of the experi- your pathway, and may your spirit respond to will not care to go elsewhere. She was known as a medium long before the ences of those whom we assist. people were as liberal in their religious views The various accounts of seances given in progression.

DARK SPIRITS TO ADVANCE.

medium meant that you must be subjected to much that was unpleasant and painful. But and although due regard for truth requires she has stood firmly through it all, seeking to me to say that I do not claim to be one of the glean a lesson of life from each experience, she will be called to that brighter land, there my opinion in such matters as the opinion of to receive the reward that must come to those an expert. whose earth-lives have been spent in assisting

Of the members of the little circle, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Fisher and Mr. Fisher, I must say that they always stand ready, eager

brief mention of the mediums and members thereof.

The earliest record of such mission work that the writer is familiar with, is that of the experience of Judge Edmunds, as related in the mission work. She, like Mrs. Swain as medium, where the manifesting in telligence were from the dark sphere, and were in search of knowledge as to the manner in which a higher and happier condition might be attained.

The first circle to be devoted exclusively to make the range of independent voice, even under the first which was formed by Mr. and Mrs. Bushing and Mrs. a

mortal, renowned as an orator, and it is in-

life was cast amid adverse surroundings, and, mediumship of Mrs. French was begun some hour I was there, having left the World's so essential in children, and hence, they do perhaps, fortunately for him, considered in the two years since, at the request of the members light of events subsequent to his entry into of her band and of numerous other spirits. thy and hearty co-operation of a sufficient which we manipulated as on the former occa-"Tom" and "Mogazona" are controls of number of mortals to establish the conditions sion. After about fifteen minutes we came by their presence and influence those who are Mr. Fisher, and are of incalculable aid in the necessary to the advancement of their philanwork, owing to their ability to unfold the thropic project; and although there has been record of those who come to us for help. Both much opposing force brought to bear by those are progressed spirits, and the lessons which on the spirit side of life who are governed by they impart are instructive and entertaining to ignorance, superstition and bigotry, still the the members of the circle, as well as to the in- work has gone steadily on, and we can all dividuals whom we are endeavoring to assist, realize that no small amount of benefit is he-Space permitting, I might mention many others ing derived by those who are suffering the more I thought the more wonderful it seemed, path of this work—the apathy and indifference on the spirit side of life who are giving their effects of ignorance, selfishness and false until a great hungering possessed me to see of parents and adults in general, and the

Among those in mortal-life who gladly de-The recognized mediumship of Mrs. Swain vote much of their time to aid in establishing

dium, and while they do not give the whole being perpetrated. After examination of the conversation in any case, they are inslates and porcelain plate, they never left my tended to give a comprehensive idea of the possession until the slates were opened; and alone and doing their whole duty may that is pleasant and profitable send us your address with "our visitors from across the border."

medium, and will, I think, be perused with in- telligence. terest by the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE from the remarks of "Tom" (a control of Mr. ured by those of us who are still on the mortal plane, and I hope that they may be widely and carefully read. It is due to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey that I am permitted to use these full reports in this series of papers, and am very happy to secure them for the purpose, as they give a much more comdo the articles which I have prepared from E. T. WASHBURN.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

#### A Fine Testimonial.

To THE EDITOR:-Every person has his ikes and dislikes-I have mine, and one of my likes is to practice the art of painting, partly as an amateur and partly as a profes sional. I have painted for over twenty years, modern masters, yet I do claim that I can tell be it sad or be it joyous; and ere many years a good work when I see it; and so I consider

> Last October I had a friend tell me of paint ings done by spirit power, through the mediumship of a Mr. Campbell, and urged me to see him, and see the work, which I did.

When I reached Mr. Campbell's rooms, 26 to extend their sympathy and aid to all who come to them needing assistance, relinquishing much of social enjoyment with their fellow mortals that they may devote the more time to this good work; and at the end of each evening spent in this labor of love they realize the satisfaction of having contributed their when, in view of the charges, I grew very anxional special and the end of the spiritualists in the spiritualists in the spiritualists in the hearing of the officers of the Spiritualists in the hearing of the officers of the Spiritualism.

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of harmony and a reasonable confidence, I ones in ethical and spiritual truths. was granted another sitting; yet I must conthat feeling I entered the same room, and after a sitting of about ten minutes I was told

never expecting to see Mr. Campbell again.

might have an influence on the conditions.

out of this room into the front room, and upon opening the slates, to my astonishment I found a beautiful landscape painted in oil colors, as delicate a work as I ever saw, and painted in accordance with correct art principles.

I returned home again, and for over a month I thought over it again and again, and the There have been two great obstacles in the Mr. Campbell again.

life, though unconscious of the nature of the are brought to us, and that we, also, are bene the smiles of God.' May such be ever about hold our children so closely to us that they the call of the spirit which ever leadeth to Nothing succeeds like success, and nothing GRACE."

ception (part second), condensed reports of ber. On this occasion every opportunity was ism is for the middle aged folks and the old some of those held with Mrs. French as me- given me to satisfy myself that no fraud was folks to join hands with them in ethical and on the plate was painted a boquet of roses, and all, as on the two others, painted with no but how much easier and pleasanter it would previous experience, and turnish the employment as line of argument which we adopt in dealing on the plate was painted a boquet of roses, bring and keep their children in Spiritualism, The papers following this, and so noted, ordinary skill. On each of the slates is a be to combine in a social way to teach these which they can make that amount. Capital unnecessare from stenographic notes taken at the cirbeautiful message, the composition of which things that are better taught co-operatively address. cles held at Mr. Bailey's, with Mrs. Swain as is indeed beautiful, and indicating a high in than otherwise. The Children's Progressive

These pictures, also the slates between exigencies that I have just mentioned—to give THINKER. Many thoughts may be gleaned which they were painted, are framed and hang rational ethical and spiritual instruction to in my gallery, and have been seen by many, young people and children. In this lyceum Fisher's), which are well worth being treas- and it is amusing to notice the way they are movement there have been at all times a few considered; the narrow-minded usually say: noble, willing workers, ready to devote time "Bah!" The liberal-minded say: "Wonder- and energy to the cause they love so well, full" and ask many questions, which show But experience has shown that the earnest their inquiring turn of mind; but the narrow-efforts of a few without the hearty co-operation minded show that they think they possess all of the many can never win the success of truth without having to look for any more.

You will pardon the length of this article, prehensive idea of the scope of the work than but I could not say less than I have said; and, in our Jubilee to-day can do nothing of greater indeed, I could say much more. This I will benefit to the cause of spiritual progress than say: I am on the hunt for the truth, which, to thoroughly organize the Children's Progres-I think, is made manifest in these, wonderful sive Lyceum movement, so that the work may R. C. SMITH. works.

Jacksonville, Ill.

#### The Children of Spiritualists in Spiritualism.

At the close of the following response which was given to the toast, "The Children of Spiritualists in Spiritualism," by Chas. L. day, Dec. 17, 1893, at the meeting of the First to spiritual societies in the United States, it Snyder, on the occasion of Jubilee Day, Sun-Society of Spiritualists of Washington, D. C., Mr. H. D. Barrett. President of the National Association, moved that the response be sent to the various spiritual papers throughout the United States for publication, which motion was unanimously adopted by vote of the audience.

## THE CHILDREN OF SPIRITUALISTS IN

This paper being designed to form a divid- time to this good work; and at the end of each miration and satisfaction. I was, through of the seers and prophets of Spiritualism tells spiritual temple. ing line in the series of articles on "mission evening spent in this labor of love they real work among the spirits," will be devoted to a ize the satisfaction of having contributed their when, in view of the charges, I grew very anx-given means. Spiritualists more than any Spiritualists are not in Spiritualists, but if we work among the spirits, will be devoted to a lize the satisfaction of having contributed their mere outline of the advancement of the work in the circles hereinafter specified, and to a brief mention of the mediums and members ated with them in this work for two years the spiritualists more than any spiritual

sympathetic, kind and charitable; and when without any trouble; but how they could, at knowledge of the Spiritual philosophy. Spir-Miss Eva has been in Spirit-life about she enters into the Spirit-world there will be the cost, was a puzzle. Yet I did not trouble itualism on never become the universal religion, which we hope and pray it may become, until in its temple is found a place for the After some conversation about the necessity complete and thorough instruction of our little

The children of Spiritualists are not in fess that I did think still it was untrue Spiritualism, but they are in almost everyversalism. Agnosticism. Nothingarianism, and even in Catholicism-and still many of our Spiritualistic brethren go on their way whis-The other members of the band best known deed a pleasure to listen to the grand thoughts again that nothing could be got, and my tling gospel hymns and imagining they are to us (because they have manifested most) are to which he gives expression. Then there is money was again returned to me, when I left, bringing up their boys and girls in the way they should go. Many a father and mother I then returned to my home, which is two who know the truth and beauty of the Spirithundred miles from Chicago, and after think- ual philosophy, are willing that little Willie was in earth-life he was tyrannical and cruel, have formed his acquaintance since he passed ing the matter all over, I came to the conclulant Mary should have the fear of God and the He hung on the fall of Adam in sin, and the glorious work in which he has been to Spirit-life. Many a mortal has cause to be sion that I had no just grounds for thinking dread of hell strongly impressed upon their these men dishonest, and it was not right to plastic minds, and their whole childish innotruth that man can and must work out his own hour of need. There is, also, our genial and think of them as being mountebanks and cence and love of justice poisoned with teachcheats, for their conduct and appearance is ings of total depravity and vicarious atonecheats, for their conduct and appearance is ings of total depravity and vicarious atone. In the day thet religion began; that of refined, honest and intelligent gentlement in some orthodox Sunday school; but But it soun's mighty holler, and thin like, and are quite unwilling to shake off their laziness Upon the 17th of October I returned to and inertia of mind and give little Willie and Chicago, and, still anxious to get one of these | Mary many needed moral lessons. Many papictures, I at once sought Mr. C., and told rents realize that the truth is good for them him of my change of mind, and, perhaps, that to know, but they cannot overcome the cow ardly, slavish thought that the fear of God But to-day, when thinkin' and readin', the sam With a quiet smile he made out an appoint- and Satan are excellent whips with which to ment card for the 18th, at 3 P. M. At that enforce the obedience which they believe to be Fair grounds to be there at the appointed not wish to spread the light that has come to them. Others do not wish to reveal the whole Upon entering his seance-room I again truth lest they lose in some degree social rank found four slates and one plate of porcelain, and popularity by striving to teach their children their highest thought, and sustaining Er in a new parish he'll have fer ter move, willing and ready to undertake the work of Old Gabe and his trumpet, the Devil and Hell. rational ethical and spiritual instruction.

The attempt to bring the children of Spiritualists into Spiritualism has proved almost a thankless task to many of those who have labored most earnestly in behalf of this cause. difficulty of outlining and preparing suitable On November 27th I had another sitting, lessons on ethical and spiritual subjects when I received an exquisitely painted bunch adapted to the minds of children, and free dates back forty years, and has advanced from conditions into which the poor, darkened souls of pansies, with a butterfly, the emblem of from superstition and sectarian bias. The lasttable-tipping and rappings through the variare brought for assistance, I am pleased to immortality, a very beautiful combination of mentioned difficulty is not an insuperable one if ous phases of automatic and independent writ- mention Mrs. Sully-Chick, Mrs. Anna M. color, and painted with great delicacy. With met by the enthusiasm and earnestness which ings, trance mediumship, clairvoyance and Shaver, Mrs. Caroline Washburn, Mrs. E. T. this painting, on one of the slates was written, the removal of the first would engender. We in black crayon, the following message, signed can, if we are really in earnest in this work, prepare in suitable form outlines of the truths spirits manifesting at one time on many occa- Scott. All are deeply interested, and realize . "We send through these guides a painted we wish to teach, and present them with an sions- Mrs. Swain has been a medium all her that much good is being done the spirits who semblance of flowers, which have been called enthusiasm and vividness that will attract and subscribe for it; in fact the whole world

begets enthusiasm like enthusiasm, and the people were as liberal in their religious views | The various accounts of seances given in progression.

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They are really valuable. Price along this were, with one ex. | I had another sitting on the 28th of Novem-londy way to keep the young folks in Spiritual-

Lyceum was organized to meet the needs and which we have so fondly dreamed.

The organization whose advent we celebrate by uniform throughout the United States. It can also erect an everlasting memorial to itself be systematizing and unifying a course of teachings to be given in our various lyceums, and by publishing suitable books and manuals of instruction for the use of those engaged in this mighty work of educating and developing the minds of those placed in our care.

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And flirted with Eve till it won: Till it gained over God, with cunnin'er tale, Then smiled at the devilment done;

How God then, in person, bade Adam to quit The garden of Eden, their home, Made the young people git up and git
Out in the cold world to roam.

He called this the fallin' of man from his grace And mentioned that horrible flood. When God, in his anger jist deluged the place, Leavin' people all dead in the mudept Noah and family, and two of each kin

Of all livin' creatures then made, Which He put in a boat-er all He could find-Where, till it quit rainin', they stayed. That didn't please him: He saved the wrong man.

At least it'd seem so to me, Fer the preacher he told us God changed hi whole plan: Concluded to set us all free

By killin' his only, his lovin' young boy-Er lettin' them bloodthirsty Jews Do the job as they liked, to give us the joy Of livin' 'thout payin' our dues.

He told us 'bout Jesus-that's the boy's name-A bein' so good and so kind That God always helped him-till dyin' time came— Then slid—leavin' Jesus behind.

And gushed 'bout Jesus, the true; He talked of a hell that had babies in Burnin' fer what we 'uns do.

That talk might 'er done in the ages gone by,

dry, To the present intelligent man. It might 'er done sinners a power o' good, That jist shet their eyes good 'n' tight And swallered it all-and sartin they could-

When the preacher he said it was right. Is done, each one fer himself. This eatin' and drinkin' in Jesus' name And shoutin' is laid on the shelf.

f I am a prophet, er even a son-Ter jedge by the hop of a toad-The preacher ter come will be sich a one Ez talks 'bout things 'et he knowed.

He'll git from the Bible what reas'nin' 'll prove

Where back-number talkin' 'll do. No longer can git folks to shake: Jist truth thet has backin' the preacher can tell.

It's all thet in future 'll take. We 'uns are growin' and boun' ter grow straight. And know what we're talkin' erbout, And the dummy thet 'sumes at all ter dictate, Will know more 'n us er git out. DR. T. WILKINS.

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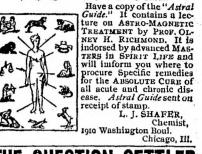
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The Agnostic-Honesty in Belief.

The term Agnostic, which has recently come into very general use, is derived from two Greek words, gnostikos, knowing, and the prefix a, equivalent to not, which reverses the meaning of the first word and makes it NOT KNOWING. The word was coined by Prof. Huxley, and is applied to all that large class of in Baltimore for a division of school persons who claim to have no knowledge funds among Protestants and Catholics of a personal God. They neither assert alike. They propose to go before the nor deny the existence of such a Being. State Legislature of Maryland when They hold that the mind of man is lim- that body convenes in January; and The Investigator and Spiritited to reasoning from effect to cause; that the infinite, the absolute, and the worth. They flooded that region with unconditioned are beyond all experi-ence, therefore beyond the range of hu-education, but insisting it should rest on man thought. Many Spiritualists occupy this position.

Agnosticism is accepted by another trine of immortality, claim they have not sufficient evidence on which to base an opinion, so they choose to be silenta position which is very commendable.

is predicated on evidence. If the proof mortal enemy, not having foresight to is not convincing, no person has a basis discern that every movement in the on which to form an opinion. What is conclusive to one mind is very unsatisand were no compromise made each would render a different verdict.

A large number of Christian denomthought.

satisfactory to them that there is no death; that what men call death is a change a new birth from the mortal to only war on those who teach dishonorof sin and wretchedness into the future life, and its eternal protraction.

Instead of denouncing a person for beit requires bravery and great personal let them remain as "heathen" in the character to face a frowning world. The late Rev. Phillip Brooks never uttered more praiseworthy words than when he

"I honor the skeptic who is honest. I me believe."

## Not Too Strongly.

The city dailies seem impressed with the idea that Dr. Bayard Holmes was beside himself in a lecture he gave in Lake Forest University the other day, and will be one of the most popular as on the "Sweating System," when he well as one of the most instructive of

"If the Lord Jesus Christ came to earth today with a million dollars, and attempted to run a clothing establishment in Chicago on his principles, he would be driven out of business inside of

Instead of putting the case too strongly, as the papers say, if the great teacher should practice the same system of economics accredited to him while on earth, he would not be able to maintain years ago by proposing his famous praybusiness a single month on a capital of er gauge. He suggested that the only one million. "Take no thought for patients in a hospital be divided tomorrow,"would wreck the largest businto two classes of like diseases ness house in the world in a very short time. "Lay not up treasures on earth," class be treated exactly alike medicimercial men. "Ask and ye shall renally, and have those who had confidmercial men. "Ask and ye shall receive," carried into practice, would soon ence in the efficacy of prayer, exert exhaust a large stock of clothes, and their best efforts in appeals to heaven bankrupt the proprietors. "If they take and withhold their prayers from the oth away thy coat, let them have thy cloak er, and see which class made the best also," is instruction to the unthrifty to recovery. help themselves. This seems the "principle" which Dr. Holmes, though orthodan insult. In doing so, did they not Chicago. We shall have a first-class force of a tornado until at the end the dox, probably had in mind when he was give positive evidence that they had no Lyceum, and a Ladies Auxiliary Society, bones too, crumbled into dust. The

of the University.

Is It Inspiration?

Rev. M. W. Chunn, of Luvern, Minn., n a recent address which has fallen under our observation, says:

"Often when I am writing an address a thought comes to me-I cannot tell from what source—which strikes me so forcibly that I have to jump up and walk across the floor two or three times before committing it to paper."

Mr. C. probably thought this habit peculiar to himself; on the contrary, it is believed to be common to all writers, and few really know the source from whence it comes. Thomas Paine, in his "Age of Reason," says:

"There are two distinct classes of as well as I am able, if they were worth entertaining. It is from them I have acquired almost all the knowledge I

Mrs. Hungerford, in "The Duchess,"

"To force the mind is bad business What comes spontaneously is of untold value. It is always fresh, always the best the writer is capable of. Those unsolicited outbursts of the mind are as Those the sprays sent heavenward at times by a calm and slumbering ocean-a promise of the power that reigns in the most quiet breast."

This idea is not wholly a modern one. of the first century, says:

"I will not be ashamed to relate what has happened to me a thousand times. Often when I have come to write out the doctrines of philosophy, though I well knew what I ought to say, I have found my mind dry and barren, and renounced the task in despair. At other times, though I came empty, I was suddenly filled with thoughts showered upon me from above like snowflakes or seed, so that in the heat of divine pos-

#### The Danger Imminent.

The Catholies, under the direction of Cardinal Gibbons, were lately agitating press their demands for all they are a religious basis. The Jesuit was at the bottom of that movement. He found he was not strong enough to carry the Agnosticism is accepted by another measure singly, so he pretended great class, who, while not denying the doc- love for his Protestant brother, and urged him to engage with him in crushing the "godless schools." And there are Protestants who have forgotten, or are ignorant of, the persecutions their ancestors suffered from Catholicism, and Belief is not a creature of the will. It were ready to join hands with their direction indicated would lead to their own enslavement.

Jesuitism was called into being to supfactory to another. Twelve men in a press the Reformation, The principles jury-box, each listening to the same evi- of the order are the same as three hundence, arrive at different conclusions, dred years ago; but they have changed their tactics, hoping thereby to gain their ends. They are the leaders, the head and front of American Catholicism, and were directing in this effort to eth not by observation.' It cannot be inations base their belief on the teach- crush our common schools, because in- seen as an external thing. It is within ings of the Bible; but they have come telligence is incompatible with their and can only be apprehended by the eye ings of the Bible; but they have come to a thousand different conclusions, and have divided into nearly as many seets.

The bible incompatible with their and can only be apprenented by the early as wheeled truck made noiseless by the addition of rubber-tired wheels, and become the spirit. On this account the manifestations appear in a very different addition of rubber-tired wheels, and become the spirit to the spirit t have divided into nearly as many sects. would advance, with their organized If all weighed evidence alike, and read cohorts, on other States; and these the same texts, they would be a unit in would fall, one by one, and finally the Republic itself would become a prey to Spiritualists have evidence that is popish misrule. The enemy of liberty is tireless; he never sleeps.

## Boycott the Boycotters.

If Catholics wish to try the virtues of the immortal; but they have no prompt- the boycott in extending their princiing to force this belief on others- ples, it will be well to show them the neither have they any censures for those workings of the measure by practical who cannot adopt their faith. They application to themselves. The attempt tolerate every shade of thought, and so crush Mr. Smith, the baker, at Kansas City, because he advertised in an only war on those who teach dishonor A. P. A. paper, shows the domineering ing dogmas in regard to the extension character of Jesuitism: and it must be met in a way to be effective. Protestants and all others should join hands to boycott the boycotters. Let the editor ing an Agnostic or an Atheist, he should of The Western Cross and his sympathizers feel the effect of that method of be complimented for honesty. It is easy warfare, by ceasing all business and to pretend belief, to play the hypocrite, social relations with them. Deny them and move along with the multitude; but the common amenities of society, and community.

Art Museum Open on Sunday.

It gives us real pleasure to announce that the Chicago Art Museum, with its great wealth of exhibits, besides being honor the man who says, 'I will not be- open each weekday, is open to the lieve until my soul has evidence to make public from 1 to 5 P. M. on Sundays, mission fee of 25 cents on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays free. The museum is located on the lake front. Chicago resorts. The Sunday attendance will be so large the trustees will be compelled to increase the hours. No one will be any more inclined to attend church because the doors of the Art Museum are closed during the hours of church service.

## The Prayer Gauge.

The lamented Prof. Tyndall greatly distressed the religious world a few "Lay not up treasures on earth," and of equal severity; let each

Religionists treated the proposition as

## STARTLING REVELATION CREMATED AND URNED

Secrets of the Convent of the Sacred Heart.

Perhaps no story ever published has awakened more interest than the "Secrets of the Convent," as it ran through the columns of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. The demand for it was outannounced to appear in book form to insure its issue. The subscribers thoughts; those we produce in ourselves, by reflection and the act of thinking, and those that bolt into the mind of work. That there are 1,300 convents in their own accord. I have always made the United States, behind the concealit a rule to treat these voluntary visitors ing walls of any one of which the horwith civility, taking care to examine, rible scenes depicted in the story may the woman stood before the furnace and a flame is forced on it from the be daily enacted for aught the world knows, is enough to make a true Ameristitutions which menace our liberties. The narrative of priestly crime is paralleled by facts, and forms one of the most convincing arguments of the correctness of the position taken by THE PROGRESS-IVE THINKER. It shows the worthlessness of convent schools, and the folly of who receive their orders from the priests. In the great struggle now immanent between the powers of the Philo, writing as early as the fore part Catholic church and free thought, this revelation-for it is more than a storyplays an important part, as presenting the subject in a form that at once takes possession of the mind and convinces it of its urgency.

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ualism.

From an editorial in the Medium and Daybreak we reproduce the following as to what, in the opinion of its editor, constitutes an investigator, and what real Spiritualism is, "The most important vaults of Graceland Cemetery. manifestations to observe, is the ultimate effect of his procedure upon the movement, mediums, and mankind at things look fair to the sight, which when put to the test are hollow or full of dust and rottenness. The true investigator must, therefore, be a person of open and progressive mind, holding on to his schemes tentatively, ready to re-linquish the evil that he meets with, and follow the good wherever it may lead him. It is the light within the mind, rather than the phenomena seen without, that constitutes the real Spirit-'The kingdom of heaven comlight to the spiritual mind. It is only the man who has eves to see that can see, either physically or spiritually. These considerations constitute the

burning question in Spiritualism today Many mistake 'Spiritualism' for 'spirit manifestations.' Some one points to certain phenomena, and asks: 'Is that not Spiritualism?' Certainly these things are not Spiritualism, any more than a star is astronomy, or a piece of stone geology. Astronomy explains the nature of the star; geology, the nature of the stone; and Spiritualism, the nature of the manifestations-indeed, the nature of man as a spiritual being in all respects. These distinctions are almost universally overlooked; the distinction is now clearly indicated to prevent misapprehension.

#### A Jealous Spirit. Light, of London, sets forth that a cu-

rious story has been going the round of the Continental journals. It was origby "L' Etoile Belge," of August last, subject is a Mr. Baldwin, whose first apparition of the previous spouse mani- plan of putting it and the inclosing box one in the flesh. Matters became very free of charge. On week days the doors serious, and the distracted husband very a small room with tiled floor and walls are opened at 9 o'clock, with an ad- anxious. Soon, threats were in a way of white, the connecting door of which fulfilled, and the lady's arms were was closed. In fifteen minutes all was in pinched till they were black and blue, readiness and the door was opened. by hands which no one saw. The torture became so acute that the tormented wife applied to the divorce court for relief, on the strength of these injuries. The relief sought was granted, and now two persons who adore each other are parted; as it turned out in evidence, the gentleman had sworn to his first wife. on her death-bed, never to marry again. The apparition first appeared only to the second wife, but latterly, to every one in the house. This scene is laid in Lanark, Ill., and the maiden name of the

## 32,000! 32,000!

second wife is Teresa Cooper.

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A subscriber writes as follows of the South Side Progressive Spiritual Society: "We mean to be the best society in discoursing to students in the class-room confidence in the healing virtues of as well as other branches for work. We are established to stay."

Carrying Out a Wife's Last considered unseemly.

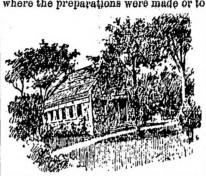
REDUCED TO ASHES IN EXACTLY NINETY MINUTES IN A WHITE-HEATED FURNACE.

Wishes at Graceland.

For the second time since its complespoken, and in a single week after it was | tion the crematory of Graceland Cemetery was fired lately, and the body of pies a prominent position almost in the enough copies had been subscribed for a woman was reduced to ashes. For an hour and a half the fierce heat of a forced the front being of white enamel, to corwere not content to take one copy, but flame burned over the iron cradle, and respond with the white tiled floor and nearly all took five, many ten, and some when the fire was extinguished and the walls; all the woodwork is in polished furnace doors opened there remained oak. The apparatus consists of two only the white ashes to mark the end, for one human life, of all things earthly.

As the fire was burning the husband of doors paying his last tribute of love in back. It passes over the body and through an opening into the lower chamber, where there is a second flame, can vow relentless warfare against in that her body should go to the flames similar to the first, the purpose of which instead of to the grave.

The process was a short and simple incineration. one. No services were held; no songs were sung. The superintendent of the cemetery was there to see that the orders were carried out by the three em- any length of time, and it must be re-Protestant parents in sending their ployes who were charged with the task. daughters to be the dupes of the Sisters, No one else was admitted to the room No one else was admitted to the room coke have been discarded for fuel oil, where the preparations were made or to



MORTUARY CHAPEL IN WHICH THE CRE MATORY IS LOCATED.

ceive the heavy iron crate which served as a carrier from the cooling room outside to the flames within. Hardly a word was said from the moment the coffin was opened until the fires were drawn and the furnace opened to allow of its speedy cooling.

HER LAST WISHES RESPECTED. The woman whose body was incinerated was thirty years old at the time of her death, and was the wife of a citizen of Chicago. She died in Colorado last February, and the remains were brought to Chicago and taken to the receiving thing for the investigator of spiritual action was prompted by the desire exmanifestations to observe is the ultithat her remains might be cremated. The long distance to the nearest crematory caused the husband to hesitate large. Like Dead Sea fruit, many about having her wishes carried out. When the crematory at Graceland was completed and the first successful test made the husband concluded to investigate and, if he found the arrangements cities. Those built in the United States satisfactory, to carry out his own and up to 1892 were seventeen in number his dead wife's designs. He paid a visit beginning with the one built in Wash to Supt. Simon and was shown the apparatus and told of the experiments, the incineration of the body of the Baron He was satisfied and yesterday morning de Palm in December of that year was selected as the time for carrying out the plans. The preparations began at 9 o'clock, when the coffin was taken from the receiving vault, where it had cal Department University of Pennsyl lain for the last nine months, to the room fronting the furnace. It rested on Detroit, St. Louis, Germantown, Pa.



PLACING THE BODY IN THE FURNACE. called which receives the body. The fires in the furnace were started under forced draft. At 10:30 o'clock the husinally taken from an American paper in the company of Supt. Simon, went to the crematory. The employes of the and appears to have caught the fancy of crematory were ready for the test. A some of the Continental editors. The vessel was filled with alum water to saturate the sheet with which the body was to be wrapped. The coffin in this wife died. He married again, and the instance was of copper, and the usual fested in a threatening manner to the into the furnace was changed on account of the great heat required to melt the copper. In front of the furnace is

THE PROCESS OF CREMATION.

open, revealing a white heat, the cradle was rolled gently in on the bed of fire-bricks, the inner door of cold rolled steel was pulled down and the outer the fire was started again, under forced draft, caused by the introduction of steam, and the end had come. The fire burned fiercely, and all withdrew. The process of incineration requires an hour and a half. At II o'clock the fires were started afresh, and at 12:30 they were extinguished. Nothing remained but norance and silliness; and for these the ashes, weighing about six pounds, in traits there is no class that averages the bottom of the cradle. It was 3 o'clock before the furnace had cooled sufficiently to permit the removal of the cradle, and then the ashes were carefully transferred to the urn.

From a small opening in the rear of the furnace the work of reduction by flames can be watched. Under the in tense heat the remains were quickly consumed, until there remained only the skeleton. This required more time, and the flames swept over it with the bones too, crumbled into dust. The Side, No. 77 Thirty-first street, at 3 draft carried off all gases and smoke, and 7:30 P. M., each Sunday during leaving nothing but the glare of the January.

flames to obstruct the view. There was nothing in the cremation which was in the least objectionable to the sight; nothing which the friends would have

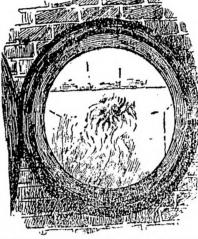
FULLY-EQUIPPED CREMATORY.

Graceland's crematory combines all methods now in use. The directors of the cemetery association had the experiences of the builders of the crematories of other cities to guide them. Two furnaces were put in the basement of the beautiful mortuary chanel, which occucenter of the cemetery ground. furnaces are incased in fire-brick walls. The cradle is made of cold-rolled steel,

designed to prevent its becoming warped by the flames. So great is the heat, however, that even this will not last for newed from time to time. Coal and which makes a hotter fire than either of the other fuels and is much easier to handle. The oil comes from a tank in the rear of the chapel, and is conducted through pipes to the furnaces. Oil is also used for the heating of the 'chapel. Under the forced draft, a heat exceeding 2,000 deg. is produced. The oil is not crude petroleum, but has stood a test of 110 deg. before it is put in the tank. A solution of alum is used so that the clothing may not be burned off until the furnace doors are closed.

OTHER CREMATORIES.

The growth of the cremation idea has been wonderfully rapid. In many cases in the European countries the incinera-tion of the dead has received the highest indorsements of the governments, see the doors of the furnace open to re- while in the United States, crematories for that.



THE BODY IN PROCESS OF INCINERA TION. have been established in many of the beginning with the one built in Washington, Pa., in 1876, and first used for the incineration of the body of the Baron These, in the order of their opening were at Washington, Pa.: Buffalo, N. Y. Fresh Pond, L. I.: Pittsburg, Pa.: Medivania; Los Angeles, Cal.; Cincinnati matory, that in Graceland Cemetery was the last to be completed. While it is near a residence section there is nothing about it that can be found objection able. There is no smoke from the chimney connected with the furnaces and no noxious gases can escape.

The above from the Chicago Tribune illustrates the fact that Cremation is gaining a strong foothold in Chicago.

Ignorance and Silliness. According to the Cincinnati Enquirer

that he is able to perform all the difficult feats shown by the Spiritualists and mediums now interesting the public. He has an apparatus which he uses in beside it was the cradle, as the pan is his "manifestations." He proposes in one night to give the "manifestations," and the following night to expose them band came by train from the city and, to his audience. He has been practicing stances. Thousands were out of employ? with a device for producing "slate-raps," "slate-writings," and other queer tricks, which he claims he can expose as well which he claims he can expose as well as play. He has been working for a good while on devices to carry out his ideas, and claims that he has about pering steady employment to ten persons, fected them. He claims that he can and they are always paid promptly perform all the tricks seen on the stage. for their services. We are able to do Now, we have no doubt that the Rev. Lockwood can, with his "apparatus" and his "device," produce "manifestations" that himself and his churchly dupes are cents per week from each one. silly enough to believe are the same as those produced through spiritual mediums; but it only shows the power of ignorance and prejudice to blind and mis-lead. Even though he may be able by Stretched out on the cradle was the the aid of apparatus and devices to imbody. wrapped in the alum-saturated tate, after a manner, some of the spirit sheet. The doors of the furnace were usl manifestations, it would not prove open, revealing a white heat, the cradle that there are no genuine spirit phenomena; and there are very many things done that no apparatus nor device can imitate nor duplicate. For indoors were closed and fastened. Then stance, we would like to see an apparatus or device for painting flowers and portraits between closely bound slates carefully held in our own hands, after being thoroughly cleaned. . To a well-informed Spiritualist these poor attempts

Prayers-Religion.

diculous "manifestation" of impotent ig-

The world has learned to think with scribe. Junius, that "prayers are not morality, neither is kneeling religion."

Mrs. Colby-Luther, eminent as an in First Society of Spiritualists, South' Side, No. 77 Thirty-first streeet, at 3 The Father to His Sons.

The father, to impress on his sons the importance of united effort, placed a said the father, "you are invulnerable; singly and alone you are soon overborne by opposition, and become slaves of the united multitude."

Is not this a faithful illustration of Spiritualism? The church is banded together with hooks of steel. They have fought us from the beginning unitedly, openly and secretly, and we have resisted them as best we could single handed, without organization. Our numbers have been constantly on the in- thing would be right; and he (Briggs) crease; but would not the advance have believes as much in the authority of the been more rapid had we been organized church as the pope of Rome does; but into tens, hundreds, and thousands, and it is the Presbyterian church with is to burn the gases arising from the these into legions, like the Roman Briggs instead of Calvin; and he thinks army? A phalanx of such cohorts, well that the failure of the church lies officered and disciplined, will be invin- in the abuse, and not the use, of her cible on any moral battle field. Its authority. members instead of being defeated and standard, and ensure certain victory.

The church is concentrating its forces, common banner, to crush all opposition. It is enlisting secular governments in its service, and is endeavoring to make set of men. them auxiliary to its schemes of domination.

He who discourages unity of action in our ranks, or throws serious obstacles claims for the Church; and with all due in the way of those who are laboring to respect for the apparent advance he organize for self-preservation, is doing has made and the sufferings he has enthe cause and the principles they cham- dured from the domination of others, pion a great wrong. Let us change we feel it to be our duty to testify front. Wherever ten trusty Spiritualists can be found, let them band together, work together, and in the end the persecutions and bloodshed with they will triumph together; our word which the Christian Church has been

broad as to repel no one, not even the himself that the people who have behonest inquirer who is in search of come alienated from the church will truth.

But-but, we say-organization must be accompanied by correct business methods, as well as correct principles. There must be nothing connected therewith that is secreted from the masses. The officers of any organization, from make you free," he understood what he the greatest to the least, are acting in was saying, and now we begin to underthe capacity of servants, amenable at stand it, too, sorely against the wish of all times to those they serve, and as many of the clergy, all of whom are organization in the ranks of Spiritualism has often been tried and as often failed, it would be out of place to assert that any first attempt, by whoever controlled, would be all that is desired.

# GEM OF AN ISSUE.

Your Paper-My Paper.

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER has just come to hand, and I must say that this has begun to fall. number is a gem of an issue! In it we refreshing: and in conclusion, let me say that I have sat in the circles (some of them) of which E. T. Washburn writes, and you and your readers will find in them food for reflection, and thought, and also, if closely looked into, the matter that he sends will open up a new world to all deep thinkers. Long may you and THE PROGRÉSSIVE the Rev. M. C. Lockwood, the Wesley

free and the nome ternally and truly yours, J. W. DENNIS.

The Old and New. The Old year has passed away, and the New one made its advent, and that, too, under not very prosperous circumare being discharged from stores where for their services. We are able to do talk. this from the patronage of our subscribers, which amounts to about two

We do not beg nor receive gifts, nor sell worthless bonds, but we do ask each of our present subscribers to promptly renew their subscriptions. In doing so. their money, and at the same time their generous acts enable us to give employportant matter at the present time.

## A Remarkable Offer.

"The Witch of the Nineteenth Century" was a highly interesting story, running through eight numbers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. That story emphasize his love for America, and to to combat Spiritualism seem but a ri- and the Christmas number of THE PRO- assert the very wise and kindly attitude GRESSIVE THINKER will be sent free to of the Church on the labor question, all new trial or yearly subscribers. Trial which is very skillfully and jesuitically subscriber, thirteen weeks, 25 cents; one framed to catch Capital and Laborministry when it sets out to "down year \$100. The Christmas number was both or either, as circumstances may worth, itself, one dollar to every reflect. ive mind. Call your neighbor's attention to the paper, and get him to sub- ica is comparable only to the love of the

Two ladies, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Snyder, of South Chicago, have taken an active part in establishing a Spirituspirational speaker, will lecture for the alist meeting there at Centennial Hall, 9212 Commercial avenue.

> Whose loves law dies either mad or poor.-Middleton.

#### Church Decadence.

Dr. Briggs, of heresy fame, has a long and well written paper in The bundle of sticks, strongly corded, in Forum of late date, on "The Alienation their hands, and required each in turn of Christ and People," in which he states to try his strength in breaking them. the case as fairly as could be expected latest devices of the improved Failing, he removed the bands, and gave from one in his position, he having seen each a single one, which was easily from his standpoint, as a scholarly critic. broken. "While you remain faithful to a few of the dismal failings of the each other, each for all and all for each," church; but, like his contemporary, Dr. Strong, author of the "New Era," he still believes in the validity of Christianity as the best system of religion. He says:

The church is a divine institution in the midst of the world, with a ministry commissioned by Christ and sacraments appointed by Christ, and is endowed by the holy spirit."

In this he does not differ from other sectarians, for every one of them thinks that if their way were adopted, every-

We are of those who repudiate all auscattered; will rally around a common thority or domination in religion, and think that every individual soul should be free to aspire to divine goodness in and uniting conflicting creeds under a its own way, and entertain spiritual inspiration through its own intuitions, without the interference of any man or

There is no more dangerous, or insidious element than the "divine" authority which Dr. Briggs still vehemently against all such "divine" authority as he entertains, as being the cause of all chargeable during all the Christian cen-The bond of brotherhood must be so turies: and Dr. Briggs need not flatter ever again submit to her domination,

even though modeled to suit his ideas. Ecclesiasticism has become a stench in the nostrils of all freethinking men, and freedom from sacerdotal authority is a boon that will never again be surrendered. When the Christ said: "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall lovers of authority; and we can assure Dr. Briggs that no freedom to a great soul seems so sweet as freedom from superstitions ecclesiastical authority.

It is said of Martin Luther, that he never felt free until he was excommunicated. It would have been better for Dr. Briggs if the same thing had happened to him long ago, because, instead of trying to reform or reconstruct an

establishment pregnant with the ele-

ments of its own destruction, he might have been an active worker in the

cause of human freedom, to which he

may yet be forced by the obstinacy of

the sacred plutocracy before which he The voice from heaven said: "Come find all the religion that we need. It out of her my people that ye be not parbreathes the breath of life into our tired souls. It smells of the freshness of not of her plagues." This is the only youth; and the poetry that is contained sure retreat for those who are censured in Robert G. Ingersoll's lecture is worth for searching after truth; and, we now more than the price of the paper a year. advise all to free themselves at once The sound sense of your contributors from the serpentile wisdom that premakes one copy a feast for a whole sumes to do their thinking, and pretends week; nay, for months. Judge Rose-crans' "Musings" are delightful. Mat-their money and hold them in the bonds thews always writes common-sense, and of superstition, calling it truth and duty. your items from all over the land are Think and act for yourselves, as you have to answer for yourselves, in the great hereafter.

## A New Church.

A Philadelphia correspondent of the Truthsecker tells of the organization in that city of a new church called Arche-THINKER wave, over the land of the ans. Why so-called, he does not en-Avenue Baptist Church minister, claims free and the home of the brave. Fra- lighten his readers. Arche in Greek signifies beginning: perhaps the idea is "Beginners." The object of the church, he tells us, is to give eternal principles precedence over debatable theories and dogmas; that deeds are placed above creeds: acts above professions. The doors of the church are open alike to Atheists and Theists, Agnostics and Spiritualists, to Pantheists, Theosophists, Christians and Jews. They teach ment (and are still) and thousands more that religion is doing, not believing; religion is to do good; its gospel is intelligence, industry and integrity; and its message to mankind is: Do your duty. It is an industrious and economic body, asking for more work and less Success to the "Universal Church of the Archeans," is the wish of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.

## Depew and the Pope.

The semi-Romanized news agencies have been sending out to the daily press of the world an account of a visit by they get far more than the worth of railway magnate Depew to the Pone. Mr. Depew did not have to kiss the Pope's holy toe, but from the fulsome ment to those who need it, a highly im- adulation he bestows upon the Pope, we should judge that Mr. Depew will be quite ready on his next visit to kiss not only the Pope's toe, but any other "most holy" part of His Holiness' "most holy" person.

His Holiness takes especial pains to

The Romish Church's love for Ameranaconda for the prey it wants to swallow; and as for the attitude of the Church on the question of Labor and Capital-if a thorough socialistic system were but solidly established to-day the old Romish Fraud would stand ready to claim and maintain that the Church had always been in favor of



Remember, everyone, that on account of our large edition, we go to press early Monday morning. Short items only will be inserted it received on the previous Saturday. We take pleasure in publishing the movements of lecturers and mediums. Meetings, which are doing a grand work, are of local interest only, hence we cannot publish long reports with reference to them. They are too numerous for that. A few lines explanatory of the good work being done are always acceptable. A great deal can be said of a meeting in a dozen lines, giving a "general survey" of the glorium work being done.

The spiritual movement in Europe is

The spiritual movement in Europe is assuming alarming proportions, especially to all those bitterest enemies, the Roman Catholics; it is spreading

vainly trying to capture this spookship. While they watch the premises the ity to the nasal organs of the "cops."

A new spiritual society has recently been formed in London, England, but the new-born. Despite the "bad times," termined effort. the old wheel of progress still revolves.

Mich., assembled at their usual place of ercise with great zeal, and consequently had a very interesting time, and every one was happy. The exercises lasted about three hours; and yet no one seemed to be weary.

C. E. Dent, president, writes that the society of Vicksburg, Mich., held Jubilee exercises, there being a good attendance, Mr. Dent and Mr. Blanchard, of Grand Rapids, made addresses. Mrs. Roe read a poem and furnished music. On Sunday, December 24, Mrs. Emma Blake and Mrs. Henry G. Dykhouse, both of Grand Rapids, gave many and and satisfactory tests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Nagell, mediums and magnetic healers, closed their twomonths' engagement with the First Society of Centralia, Wash., December Many were convinced of the truth of Spiritualism. A final farewell reception was accorded them on the 7th, at which they received many tokens of endorsement. Their next move will be to Cali- alive, and after some weeks taken up fornia, where they expect to open a and revived, we will state that it did not

oms in descriptive anatomy, physiology, the history of magnet-circle. Others had equally good tests. ism, and magnetic therapeutics, toof highly-educated spirits, by an illiterate being, in a miraculous degree, all Miss Clara M. Gampp the diplomas in the world would be of of college-bred medicos, who seek the legislative halls for assistance to monopolize the art. "Our guides" must necessarily have something to sav in this respect, or the magnetic art will be a failure. Education as to the anatomical and physiological structure is all right, but let us do away with all the

Mrs. N. N. Hunt, President of the there." Woman's Progressive Union, Buffalo N. Y., writes: We desire to state a few facts relative to the affairs of our Union; also to correct errors made by a reporter. We would say, first, that we are progressive. We do not seek notoriety: are an incorporated body; have of Spiritualism, as presented in the adbeen organized over four years; have dress prepared by the guides of Mrs. purchased a lot to build a Spiritual Tem- Cora L. V. Richmond, for presentation mind our own business, and would have of Spiritualists, without in any way exto assist the poor to the extent of our ability, Mrs. Matteson having donated her place to establish a soup-house, and the members of the Union combined with those of the Spiritual Society are assisting in the good work. I would say further, that the corner-stone of our structure will be dedicated to LOVE; TRUTH the foundation, and SPIRITUAL-ITY the superstructure. If any gentleman or lady desires to assist us in our efforts, they will receive the heartfelt thanks of the members of our Union.

A local paper of Pittsburg, Kansas, states: "Last Sunday was a red letter day for the Spiritualists of Pittsburg. They, in common with their co-workers throughout the country, celebrated the founding of the National organization at Chicago during the World's Fair, both afternoon and evening were well M. Theresa Allen, of the Liberal Institute, was the leading spirit and imparted to them a fervor and beauty that
will make them memorable."

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will make them memorable."

From London Light we learn that manner, the operator being entirely inthe cause at Forrest Hill is being pushed conscious of what was being penned.
by lecturers Mr. Bradley and Mr. Bertram and by medium Mrs. Bliss, amid
side of life, and the conditions of the
pictures where others leave off. Mr. an appreciative public.

Ole Beardale, "from Norway, now an American," writes to express his appreciation of THE PROGRESSIVE l'hinker.

O. Z. Skinner writes that the people of Durand, Wis., were recently favored with the services of Rev. Allen F. Brown, who proved himself possessed of excellent powers as an inspirational lecturer and psychometrist. He is expected to come again this winter, and assist in organizing a society.

Mrs. Nellie Phillips Raleigh writes that twenty persons met at the home of Mrs. Hinckley, in Paw Paw, Mich., on Jubilee Day, had a picnic dinner, and in he evening music, addresses by mediums, an invocation and poem by Mrs. Raleigh, and poem and benediction by

the guides of Mrs. Emma Bathwick. were added to the Mrs. Colby Luther will lecture at greeted the lectur No. 77 31st street during the month of well recognized. January. She is popular as a lecturer

duly announced their little band as "The First Spiritual Society of Owosso,

Mich." The city papers alluded to the society as a "ghost-factory," and applied other epithets of similar character; but the society stood firmly by its colors, and the Roman Catholics; it is spreading the society stood firmly by its colors, and the fifth the broad sunlight of eternal day to how comprises fifty members, and has cerned. The name adopted is "The province of Hainault, has a window-province of Hainault, has a smashing spook, who has been amusing National Association for the purpose of itself smashing the skylight in the office general union of effort with Spiritual-of a money-changer. The police are lists. A "jubilee" was held, as recomists. A "jubilee" was held, as recom-mended by the National organization. Mrs. Martha E. Root, of Bay City, who cient aid. stone-throwing goes merrily on, often has rendered effective service, was and action we hope to grow in numbers coming in uncomfortably close proxim- present and took a leading part in the and usefulness." present and took a leading part in the jubilee exercises, which were of varied character, and enjoyed with great satisfaction. The result shows what might Light forgets to mention the name of be done in other places by a little de-

J. C. Stouffer writes from Cottage L. P. Scofield, secretary, writes that the Progressive Society of Spiritualists and Mrs. Barney visited that place and and Materialists, of South Haven, remained two weeks, lecturing, giving B. French must be made of star dust tests, etc., with great success, making he shines and scintillates so far; and who Mr. Brown is from Minneapolis, Minn., Mich., assembled at their usual place of meeting on December 17 to carry out the program of the jubilee meeting, as far as possible. The attendance was full, and every one entered into the exohurch people. There had been but the ax is hewing away at the old stumps, there families of avowed Spiritualists: describe the families of avowed Spiritualists: three families of avowed Spiritualists; clearing the way for others, while Olney a society has been organized with thirty Richmond is opening up treasure-houses members, and Mr. Barney has promised of the countless ages of the past." to visit them once a month during the winter. Mrs. Barney is an accomplished the Christmas number of The Pro-musician and is of great assistance in their public meetings.

Wip. H. Lewis writes that the St Lawrence County (III.) Progressive Association was organized Mar. 20, 1802, and has had for speakers. from time to time, Mr. Lucius Colburn, Carrie Twing and Mrs. Nickerson. The National Spiritual Jubilee was celebrated with readings, recitations and music. Mr. L. Colburn, a good trance speaker and test medium, gave the principal address, closing with a beautiful poem. Master Llewellyn P. Lewis recited the poem by "Ouina."

In reply to an inquirer concerning the man who was to have been buried take place.

properly-qualified professors and practitioners. The instructions will be both theoretical and practical. The first will be both theoretical and practical. The first will be both tokens of recognition—himself and wife, giving and justice is in your hand; let your tokens of recognition—himself and wife spirit be undaunted." being strangers to every one in the W. E. Leonard, an attorney-at-law,

Dr. J. C. Hennessey, of South Butte, gether with lectures on chemistry, Montana, writes that owing to unfavor-hygiene, psychology, morals and Spirit-able conditions during his two years of ualism. Fifteen lessons in experimental sickness, his wife lost much of her memagnetism and a hundred in classics, diumistic gifts, but recently, under will constitute the practical training, more favorable circumstances a new bishops and Priests are controversing address Mrs. M. E. Dobson, San Jose, Special examinations are to be held at gift has come to her, such as Mrs. Cushthe end of each year, and degrees or man, of Boston, Mass., has. He has diplomas issued to those who succeed in placed a guitar in her left hand, a passing them. This would be practical banjo in her right, with its head down of the Italio-American Pope, Satoli, and if the art of healing depended upon the on the floor; and while he played his vested authority, and their poor igscience of manipulation and mere another banjo, the two instruments norant dupes in both countries are being animal magnetism, but where it is pos- played an accompaniment. Also he got throttled with a firmer grip. But Spirit-

Miss Clara M. Gampp will treat cases of obsession, and will answer calls from little effect, except to lossen the reins a distance. Address Box 171, Eden and a grand awakening of the people.

John L. Moore, J. P., writes: "The article on Christ in the Christmas number is a staver, the reading of which may open the eyes of some; but the died-in-the-wool Christians will read about as much as the heading, then drop the paper like a coal of fire, for of such is the farcical show in the art, and fight the unconstitutional attempts on our rights.

> Joseph Wolff writes: "I like the Pro-GRESSIVE THINKER, and am astonished at your ability to print so good a paper at so small a price.

Dr. H. A. Cross writes; "The expose ple; have sufficient guarantees to build at the World's Parliament of Religions, others attend to theirs. We are trying citing animosity or resentment, and I believe will result in much good. If that address could be published in book or pamphlet form, with good selections

of reports of seances of the various phases setting forth the phenomena of communication between the spirit and mortal plane, it would make most invaluable campaign literature.

Mr. James Robertson, president of the Glasgow Association of Spiritualists, has been stirring up the skeptics and cowards by his highly inspirational lectures at Marylebone, W. Eng. Mrs. J. M. Smith, a praiseworthy psychometrist, has been holding forth at the same place ence with a so-called medium for slatefor some time, giving short addresses writing, in St. Louis, who defrauded and readings. This takes in England him out of \$7 and whom he detected in as well as in America.

M. M. Dickinson, of Rockford, Ill., with four others writes to welcome back under circumstances that gave them in the field of active duty, Mr. Samuel great encouragement. The meetings Smith, formerly of Rockford, and more recently of Michigan. He possesses exattended, and the exercises were both ceptional abilities as a lecturer and de-interesting and instructive. The Rev. veloping medium. A young man of 18

Smith is causing a great revival among the Spiritualists of Rockford. He is open to engagements. His address is in care of Josiah S. Tilden, 1305 South West street, South Rockford, Ill.

Mrs. O. H. Soule, secretary, writes of Frank T. Ripley's good work with the of Spiritualists.
Spiritual society of Ionia, Mich., during Mr. Stewart tary made some remarks concerning the need of organizations and becoming charter members, which were favorably received; the full amount was raised to get a charter, and thirteen new names were added to the society. Full houses greeted the lecturer, and the tests were

A book has just been published in Bahia, Brazil, by Senhor Marbema Lig-noga, entitled "The Three Doctrines— Which of the three will be most accept-able?" containing the Roman Catholic, by the ecclesiastical secretary of the Archbishop, of Bavaria; the Protestant by the leading Protestant minister of that city, and the Spiritual by Dr. Francisco de Menla Diasda Cruz, president of the Brazilian Spiritualist Federation. A sort of comparative triole, that will do its good work.

Sunday last, we permanently organized another society for the advancement of truth, and the mutual barrels are supported by the support of th truth, and the mutual benefit of all con-Sunday, at Minneapolis, was: Sunday at 3 P. M. and 7 P. M. Mrs. Edith E. R. Nickless, whose qualifica-tions as a medium place her in the front ranks of progress, has rendered us effi-cient aid. With harmonious thought and usefulness."

prepared for the readers of THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER. The paper of this week is a wonder of journalism. Of the

N. W. Stevens writes: "I have read musician and is of great assistance in GRESSIVE THINKER. I think it grand. I wish every family on earth had the

> today a copy of the Christmas number cause."
> of The Progressive Thinker. It is a William Barton, of Stippsville, Kan. grand number."

D. Siebert writes: "You will find enarticle and think it the climax of fact; also the article by Miss Marsh on the eighth page. Such lessons as that ought

ble paper."

F. J. Breakwell writes: "I hail the not A Magnetic Society has been formed in France, and is organizing a practical School of Magnetism, in which all Fitch. Spirit forms appeared to the spirit spirit forms appeared to the spirit spir in France, and is organizing a practical cisco of attending a seance by Mrs. School of Magnetism, in which all branches of the art of healing by this method will be systematically taught by properly-qualified professors and practically taught by properly-qualified professors and practical cisco of attending a seance by Mrs. Fitch. Spirit forms appeared, plain and its advanced teachings believed and better understood by a world groping in the darkness of religious bigotry and intolerance. The flaming sword of truth properly-qualified professors and practical cisco of attending a seance by Mrs. In INNEE shall be reach by the minimum and its advanced teachings believed and better understood by a world groping in the darkness of religious bigotry and intolerance.

> writes: "I admire your business methods and when your paper don't pay ex-penses, it is certain that you are not the man to run it, or the people don't want That is so, Bro. Leonard.

While the Catholic Bishops, Archover the origin of the church, over in England, the jealous fur is flying in America over the very important matter of the Italio-American Pope, Satoli, and his vested authority, and their poor ignorant dunes in both countries are being lor seances and held public meetings at Caledonia and Belvidere. He is an expension of the original countries are being lor seances and held public meetings at Caledonia and Belvidere. sessed as a special gift through a band a slate message from his mother—the ualism is gnawing at her vitals and the cellent trance speaker and clairvoyant.

old church is in pain. The Melbourne Spiritual Society reports great advancement of the cause,

The Society for Psychic Culture in Sidney, Australia, is reported in a flourishing condition.

A. B. Coman, of this city, writes: "They are having very interesting meetings at Lakeside Hall, Indiana avenue and Thirty-first street. Mrs. Nickerson-Warne, Mrs. Nickless and Editor Stead so. I know all about it; I have been occupied the rostrum Christmas Evo. They all brought forth thoughts that were instructive to investigators of the highest truth. Most of the audience were surprised when the president of the so-ciety called on Editor Stead to speak. He gave us a complete history of his nediumship."

Now, from my observation I am inclined to think there are a good many of mediumship."

H. S. Hanson, Snohomish City, Wash., "There are a good many Spiritwrites: ualists in this place, but for want of a the foundation; have presided over our is, in my opinion, an exceedingly interown deliberations, and, so far as I know, will continue to do so. We endeavor to lated to interest many outside the ranks I am sure that he or she would be upmedium all interest in the cause seems to lay dormant. Now, can't you stir up held by the believers in the philosophy. A lecturer and test medium would be preferable."

Mrs. E. V. Wilson writes of three ordinations and three christenings on the evening of Dec. 14, by Mrs Jennle Moore. The children christened were: Terrissa V. Wilson Jellies, granddaughter of E. V. Wilson; were: Walter Reisament and August Reisament. Mrs. Lizzie Sawyer, of San Francisco; Mrs. S. Bumstead, and

taking the frames apart at the corners. in 1860, by Charles Bradlaugh, who died He prepared another slate in such a at the helm of that paper.

manner that the "medium" could not A book entitled "I Awo take the frame apart without being ex-posed. The slate was never returned, Marshall & Co., that was written autonor would the "medium" give any expla-

nation. From London Light we learn that manner, the operator being entirely un-

The spiritual philosophy is being advocated at New-road, Eng., through an before the London Spiritualists' Allinquirer's Meeting," where a general liance. His first discourse was upon iscussion is held upon topics germane to the cause, and South London will soon be headquarters of a large society

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Mr. Stewart Clark gave an inspira-December. "Jubilee Day" programme tonal address recently, at 14 Orchard-trance, and gave to the circle a clear description of a spirit leaning over the ling her ideas as to the way Spiritualists.

The description of a spirit leaning over the line she was shoulder of a lady in the circle. The ling her ideas as to the way Spiritualists. should live; the Jubilee Poem was read by Mr. C. Warren; Miss Annie Fanning auditors. The phenomena were repredium was entranced by that noted per-

> some seances, which have received considerable notice in the local papers. The am here, and speaking to you." Baptist minister resident attended three seances, and hence knows all about the business; so he advertises a lecture when asked if she had "met any Mahat-Her attorney, Hon. Walter B. Richie, stated in court that the young woman's mother died when she was three months the business; so he advertises a lecture and announces "a complete reproduction of a seance by a noted medium.' Hon. L. V. Moulton will respond on a subsequent evening, and it is hoped the good Baptist man will attend, as he will be apt to learn something that he doesn't yet know. A first class platform test medium is especially wanted, and such could find all they could attend to during the week. . R. Sanford. president, writes that Mrs. DeWolf has been engaged for January.

Dr. Wilder, mentioned in a former is sue, is a lady graduate of three medical

Foes Within Our Household, and How to Deal with Them." Any attempt to quote would only tend to depreciate the splendid influence left upon those who heard her. The evening subject was "Reincarnation," and even those who could not accept her views, were deeply interested in her presentation of the subject. Mr. N. C. Westerfield president of the Society of Modern Spiritual Thought, writes that a new medium Minerva Aiken writes: "I want to of that city, Mr. W. L. Kuyler, followed express my thanks to you this Christ the lecture by giving some of the most express my thanks to you this Christ-mas morning for the bounteous feast wonderful tests ever given on their plat-

form.
Thos. Wardell writes: "The Spiritspread, every one is best in its way. A. of A. F. Brown to lecture to their scat-County Spiritualist Union, with about twenty-five members. W. L. Barnum, of Otranto, president; H. A. Wardell, Abijah Mack, of Otranto, treasurer; Mrs. Fannie Mack, of Otranto, trustee. Our society unanimously recommends Abbie F. Watkins writes: "I received Mr. Brown as a pioneer worker in our

writes that the Spiritualists of that place had their Thanksgiving at the closed postal note to extend my subscription to the banner paper of spiritual fair congregation; Thomas Coulson was freedom. I have just read Bro. Hull's chairman. The guides of Mr. Horsley gave a good lecture on "Love and Purity.

The very laudable project of building to go before every one in the land."

Mrs. Anna Leeman writes: "I would is being urged by, Mrs. M. E. Dobson, feel very lonesome without your valua- who earnestly requests all Spiritualists and Liberals who may feel able to donate a sum for that purpose. She says: "I am not able to build such a home alone, but am willing to donate one hundred dollars towards it, besides shouldering the responsibility of selecting the grounds, and seeing that it is properly built and conducted, if it should be the wish of the donors. Our reasons for thus soliciting from all Spiritualists and Liberalists is that all may have an active interest in the above; and still a better reason—that the structure may be dedicated as a work of Spiritualists.

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The funeral of Loren Spafford, of Cleveland, Ohio, a well-known citizen. and Liberalists, of which work there is but very little to their credit to-day. Let all interested in this work lend a helping hand. For further particulars

Several have been converted to Spiritualism as a result of his efforts.

Thomas Pyford, of Weir City, Kan. writes that there are many Spiritualists in that section, but they are backward in coming out and showing their colors. Meetings are held every Sunday even ing, and circles twice a week. Jubilee Day was honored with public exercises of appropriate character, presided over by Mr. Thomas Coulson, of Stippsville. Mrs. Drayer, Mr. J. Huff-man, Mrs. Lowins and R. Lowins were active participants. E. Wilcox writes: "I recollect a good

many years ago of hearing the remark made by an old exhorter that there were three kinds of poor: The Lord's poor the Devil's poor and the poor devils the third class, for in our vicinity we see those that have the best opportunities to gain for themselves homes, but who throw them all away. If we had not denied ourselves a few luxuries in starting out in the race of life, in order to lay a little foundation for old age and sickness, we should be poor indeed."

Annie Lewis writes from California: Enclosed please find one dollar for THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. I am villing to give a dollar for the exposure of priests and their works. You are doing bravely."

Carrie Brayshaw writes: "Your paper is grand, and I wish it could shed its light from shore to shore."

The National Reformer, a "free-J. M. Robertson, will at once begin the publication of a monthly entitled The Free Review. The Reformer was started

A book entitled "I Awoke," has just matically, every word, punctuation and quotation marks being made in this

"The Significance of a Rap." At a circle in London, England, re-cently, merely being held for the development of mediums, a lady-not a professional medium-went into a semigave the Christmas Carol. The secresented by Mrs. Wooten, with clairvoyant tary made some remarks concerning the readings and public healing.

| Although the remarks of the remarks concerning the readings and public healing. | Control of the remarks concerning the readings and public healing. | Control of the remarks to speaking to us, she merely replied:

> There is a society in London, England, known as the Spiritualists' International Corresponding Society, whose intent and purpose is to furnish to inquirers into Spiritualism the necessary informa tion and assistance toward their investigation. Free literature is sent on receipt of stamped envelope. Its membership now extends all over the globe, and it would seem a timely suggestion right here to have it connected, in a working way, with our National Association.

The Spiritualists of West Ham lane, Stratford, East, England, have re-cently been holding an annual social tea party, which always consists of a grand festival of viands, tea and toasts, music. recitations, speeches, and everything of a very high order that will tend to popularize Spiritualism among the young people, that will educate and unprejudice the rising generation. There is no way of reaching the mental and spiritual in man, either in England or America, or elsewhere on the globe, half so effectual as through his stomach, and our cousins are not slow in adopting the best means.

Emma Hardinge Britten and Dr. Wm. Manchester, England.

A subscriber writes: "The First ualists of Mitchell county, Iowa, have Spiritual Society in the City of the Anbeen fortunate in securing the services gels is in the midst of a genuine revival of spirit manifestations and power. The people are being awakened, and the masses are feeling an unusual interest in everything pertaining to Spiritualism. Grand Army Hall is crowded every Sunday night to listen to the lucid presentation of the Spiritual philosophy by Dr. N. F. Ravlin, and the forcible, convincing proofs of spirit-return by Dr. J. M. Temple. The outlook is very encourag-If the interest continues, a larger hall will be a necessity."

#### Passed to Spirit-Life.

On the evening of the 21st, at his home in Ætna Green, Ind., at the age of 74, surrounded by his three daughters, the message came that called Bezaleel Hayhurst across the mystic river, and he awoke to the raptures of immortality. He was born in Catawissa, Pa., and came when four years of age with his parents to Salem, O., and in 1848 to Kossiuski girl.

What a desolate Christmas to her! manently, and devoted his energies to clearing his farm and making it a home. He embraced Spiritualism in 1863 and has ever lived firm in that faith. There was for him no sadness in growing old; no fear of the change, and the final step was not a sad sinking into nothingness, but a happy, peaceful going home. Hudson Tuttle officiated at the funeral held on the 23rd, and pleased the large audience gathered in the church, not one of whom, perhaps, had listened to a spiritual discourse before, and to them it was veritably a revelation of the try to inspire courage and high resolu-

Cleveland, Ohio, a well-known citizen, who passed to Spirit-life Wednesday 20th ult., took place at his late home, Saturday, 23d. The services were con-ducted by Mrs. Annie E. Sheets, of Grand Ledge, Mich., and Mr. Thomas Lees, the latter opening the exercises by reading several excerpts from our prominent poets on death, followed by Mrs. S., a new and beautiful inspiratioual speaker. Her admirable dis-course on the philosophy of death, from the spiritualistic standpoint, was a revelation to many of the orthodox present, indeed to some of the Spiritualists also. Mr. Lees followed, speaking more particularly of the personal life of the departed one, who was a man highly esteemed by all who knew him-he had a kindly nature and was a scrupulously honest man. He had enjoyed the conjugal companionship of his medium wife—frequently saying: "My house is my heaven, and Sarah is my angel." His was a happy, contented life, and he passed away in his 76th year as "one who wraps the drapery of his couch around him, and lies down to pleasant

After a short illness, Miss Daisy Peele, age 13, passed to Spirit-life, December 24, from the effects of cerebro-meningi-The interment took place Tuesday, with Mrs. Carrie Twing conducting the services, taking as a text, "Suffer little State where chartered, and have them children to come unto me." Mrs. Twing's of any active value. We are in favor of address was full of thought, impressive each State having protection by charter and effecting. As a part of the services, and by one or two delegates from each Mrs. Twing read several compositions of State (elected from the chartered socieprose and poetry, written by the deceased, as indicative of the child's promise. She was a physical medium of true worth, and indeed a silver cord has been broken. The deceased was the daughter of Thomas L. and Lena Peele, formerly of Chicago, who now reside at 61 Prospect street, Indianapolis, Ind.

In Lincoln, R. I., December 19th., Nellie, daughter of Frederick and Ella and better authority on this matter, we ask for its published merits, as this is a last for its published merits, but of pro-Miller, in the sixth year of her age. Funeral conducted by Mrs. M. S. Pepper, thought" publication of thirty-three years battling for freedom in London, ritual by Hudson and Emma Tuttle any State can procure a charter from the England, has recently succumbed to the printed in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. State in which they reside, but not for printed in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, State in which they reside, but not for death-dealing blow of "bad times," as after which she spoke words of cheer they call it over there, and its editor, and consolation to the bereaved parents, who bid farewell to the form of their other brother who has this matter at child with a full consciousness of life beyond these fleeting shadows: H. G. F.

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## DESOLATE CHRISTMAS.

A Sad Picture Indeed.

LIMA, Ohio, December 11.—Miss Clara Weiker, the self-confessed child-mur-derer, was sentenced to one year in the Pt. Wayne and Chicago road one day last August, and its brains were dashed out against the stone ballast. She was indicted for murder in the second degree, but the indictment was noticed to the indictment was noticed for murder in the second degree, but the indictment was noticed to the indictment was noticed for murder in the second degree of the indictment was noticed for murder in the second degree of the indictment was noticed for murder in the second degree of the indictment was noticed for murder in the second degree of the indictment was noticed for murder in the second degree of the indictment was noticed for murder in the second degree of the indictment was noticed for murder in the second degree of the indictment was noticed for murder in the second degree of the indictment was noticed for murder in the second degree of the indict of woindicted for murder in the second degree, but the indictment was nolled, as
it was clear that she could not be convicted under the indictment. She was
then arraigned on the charge of manslaughter, to which she pleaded guilty.
Her attorney, Hon. Walter B. Richie,
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mother died when she was three months

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home to earn her own living. She has a stepmother, who was kindly disposed toward her, but the father was stubborn and would not allow her to remain at

feel and remember. It is a representative case. There are thousands like it

Britten are at present doing valiant service in The Lindens, Cheetham Hills, and deserted by the man she loved after six days in every week for twenty years, and their earnings devoted to the support of the mother and child. Follow this sad and deeply-wronged girl to her lonely cell. The dreams of youth, the light of hope, shadowed in social despair. The child that never knew a mother's love, left desolate and deserted, with no means of support for herself and babe, driven to desperation, flings it to the fates, hoping some kind rescuer will care for her worse than fatherless child, as she cannot. She is in prison, her betrayer free to ruin another trusting vietim, and society pets and pampers him, and the society of their daughters, and the society of their daughters, and the society of their daughters, and thus tacitly justify his crime, while they have only contempt, for the ruined girl.

What a desolate Christmas to her:

Insufficient.

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Chapter Thirteenth—The Ethics and Religion of Flowers. Of six days in every week for twenty years,

What a desolate Christmas to her!
What hopeless dawns will touch her lonely life in the prison gloom! What an ordeal awaits her cruel father when awakened conscience confronts him with the blighted life for which he is responsible. Whan harmythousends great the Christman Death Secret under the Old to those who lose friends. the blighted life for which he is responsible. When happy thousands greet the New Year with a joyous welcome, this wronged girl will be languishing in unspeakable sorrow, and who will care for her now? Who will visit her with a Christmas blessing, and carry a comforting smile to her cell, and speak sweet words of love to her broken heart, and try to inspire courage and high resolution for the new year which beings.

## A SEARCHER FOR LIGHT.

He Lives In Ohio.

And Asks a Few Plain Questions. TO THE EDITOR:-Some two weeks ago I wrote a few questions, [they are on the 8th page-Editor] which to me vere very important, in as much as they called upon some one to explain the advantages of the National Association at Washington in granting charters to State and also local societies. I notice in your last issue Bro. Dimmick, of Washington, D. C., has set forth what he considers the advantages of the National, but he signally failed to answer one of the questions which we think to be of the greatest importance—that is the legality of a charter made in the District of Columbia to any State in the Union. Will a charter granted from the National Organization at Washington, stand the test of law in Ohio, or any other State? If not, what is the good of

the charter.

The Judges of Ohio say it will not be recognized in the State: hence, you cannot blame me or any other individual for asking information.

If we want protection by charter, we must procure it from the State where we desire protection, as no chartered instities form)a National. Such an Association would have a strength in the land, but they could not grant any charters to State or subordinate Societies, as that belongs only to the secretary of each

Having made careful search for the truth, I find the above covers the

question not only of dollars, but of proany other State.

Now we hope Bro. Dimmick or any heart may take this question and give us an explanation in plain terms, so all may comprehend, and in so doing they will aid the cause.

My only object in writing the above is purely for the good of the cause, and will get a copy of our Christmas edition not for my own aggrandizement, or any free, and also that remarkable story, selfish motive. All I ask is to place be-

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mother died when she was three months old, and she had never known a mother's care.

Her father, who lives near Wooster, is addicted to drink, and drove her from Talverse. The Greatness of God. Anthropomorphism. CHAPTER SIXTH—Moral Evil and Defac Perfac-tion.—The Perfection of God. Has God created Evil? 18 Man depraved? Is anything innately Bad? Is an endles Hell possible? Is absolute Evil possible under Divine Law? Evolution.

and would not allow her to remain at home. He had never visited her in jail.

The girl said she had no intention of killing the child when she threw it from the train, and thought some one would pick it up who would care for it. The author of her ruin has never been arrested, but it was shown that it was he who prompted her to the deed. She will be taken to Columbus to-morrow.—

Cleveland Leader.

Divine Lew? Evolution.

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Our Meetings.

this correspondence will be permitted publica- be ashamed of. Every kind of reformer tion, but I will write it nevertheless. The should use his best powers to make Spiritualtime is at hand when speakers are being en- ists, and the conditions brought about would country. We were not able to carry out the afar, those selected as fittest for the purpose, gaged for camp-meetings. There is certainly be as good as they are reported to be in not a person living, who knows me, who will heaven. It is an easy thing to say that Christ iginal one for the lyceum and the evening crowds below. doubt my Spiritualism, hence I will talk came to preach the gospel to the poor; that he services. freely.

investigator of the ism, do not care to go to true. spiritualistic meetings or spiritualistic encamp. There are more people investigating the ments and instead of listening to the truths ism now than ever there were. There is an and facts of Spiritualism, instead of having interest and a curiosity regarding us such as the facts, proofs, conditions, and all which be never existed before, and we must meet these the house of its friends, have to sit and listen of whom I complain are intelligent, good to the delineations of every cranky, flighty, speakers, and they have it in their power to ualism as this one. idealistic theory under the sun as Spiritual aid the advance of true Spiritualism a great ism. It is a sad fact that a great many of our deal if they confine themselves to the ism. and mediums, both on the public platform and in let others than mediums assume the role of private, have ideals and theories which they reformers. The Spirit world has called them present to the world instead of Spiritualism. as expounders of our philosophy, and not as One is opposed to Catholicism, and the luckless reformers, and they have no time to waste on ber of recitations and songs, both afternoon man or woman who wends his or her way to fakes. such a lecture, expecting to hear some word I ask the managers of camps to make the from the great beyond, has to sit and listen to trial to limit the speakers whom they hire to on the mind that the origin of Christmas celea diatribe against Catholicism which becomes Spiritualism, and nothing else. Let the out brations dated back perhaps thousands of disgusting and tiresome, and such persons side world reform itself in other matters. Let leave the hall with a sigh of relief, and with a us make it our business to make Spiritualists,

they sling words on their particular theories its results. with a rapidity and a volubility which is Aberdeen, S. D. truly astonishing. Another one is a Christian Spiritualist; that means that they are still in the church, full of superstitions, and instead of preaching Spiritualism they expend theory, and so through the list.

not care to listen.

who attend. Spiritualism has not arrived at the best work of his life. a point where it can grasp all the reforms | He was both a scientist and a Spiritualist, put forth by either intelligent or cracked. which rendered his mind impervious to all the brained reformers. It is the duty of spirit- unsubstantial ideas of a superstitious age. ualistic lecturers to put the facts of Spiritual-

truth of these statements any longer. In Mr. Pratt's worth lay in another direction than ably performed and well-received. At the order to spread the facts on which the Spirit- mere money-making, and the world is more evening service a good number of orthodox ual philosophy rests, we shall have to present benefited, in a moral and educational point of believers were present, and listened to read-Spiritualism in "all" our meetings, and at view, by his life than by that of many others ings and addresses by H. H. Hutcheson, "all" times, and drop all extraneous things. who have attained to fortune and to fame. We must purge ourselves from all fakes, or Mr. Pratt was one of a coterie of five drawn Hutcheson gave an encouraging talk to the realities which do not belong to our philosophy, together by Spiritual affinity thirty years ago, and present facts which are connected with only to be separated by immigration or death. the thing which we are anxious to proclaim, and these separations always gave him pain. By bringing into our meetings (and it will For a great part of that time scarcely a day from "Spiritual Songs." have to be admitted as a fact that a great passed but two or three, and often all of many of our even best speakers do what I them, met incidentally on their several paths charge them with) everything under the sun- coming or going, and talked over the great "A Witch of the Nineteenth Century. things which do not belong there, it creates an Spiritual problems which, at that time, stirred antipathy among the people who hear their the world from center to circumference. I am in The Progressive Thinker for eight as all others who have talents in any direction, particular convictions or prejudices unneces the only one now left of the five. I thought weeks, and excited wide-spread interest, will or those who, by their presence, counsel and sarily attacked, which works very disastrously it was my turn this time, because I am the old- be sent free to all new yearly or trial sub- good will can add to the meeting and make against Spiritualism.

wrongs; I do not deny it; but I ask you: Is rendering this tribute to the memory of one Apelles owed his brilliant coloring to a the spiritualistic rostrum the place to set peo- who was emphatically the friend of God and liquid of unknown composition with which he ple by the ears against Spiritualism, which is humanity.

not strong enough now to suit us, by throwing these apples of discord among us? If the world were spiritualistic to day (as it will be Prominent Worker Wields the some day in the fullest sense of the word, it would soon reform itself.

The ethics of Spiritualism known, not accepted by faith or through superstition, would And Demands More of Spiritualism at soon produce such a revolution in society that there would be no wrongs tolerated. Spiritualism, properly carried out, will bring such To THE EDITOR:-I do not know whether reforms into the world as paradise would not went out in the highways and byways and are its fool-friends. These mean well, but and unsuccessful; but look at the history of they are full of theories, ideal and impracti. Christianity, and see where it was when Concal. If Spiritualism had been less a truth and stantine picked it up. Their followers lived a fact than it is, it would have been destroyed in caves and catacombs. They were despised, tions were read by members of the audience: poetic fervor down to us, in such wealth and great a cause as ours, to command public inlong ago through its mistaken friends, its self- looked down upon, persecuted, made fodder appointed protectors. I claim the time has come for wild beasts and wilder men; but see the 17, 1893, as a day of rejoicing?" "What is to the heights from which the celestial inspirer numbers; to protect the liberty of coming when we should throw overboard these fool. change that came over it when Constantine our belief and knowledge?" Responded to beheld the present troublous condition of our generations, as well as maintain the rights of eries (pardon the expression, but it fits), and took it under his protection; to be sure, for his by Mrs. Perkins. "Please refer to Bible little earth-planet, in its night of wintry dark. religious liberty and free thought to the men come out as intelligent defenders and prose own selfish purposes; but he made it thrive. lyters of it and for it. It is time that Spirit You live in a natural and real world. You ualism became freed from all its appendages are only a small part of it, and you must conand came out as Spiritualism, pure and under form to the usages of the world as long as you Rev. E. H. Chapin, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, filed, and that those who do not comply with cannot dictate. A little of the worldly goods Rev. G. S. Gowdy, Rev. Dr. Eli Ballou." this condition be requested to take a back of these "despised rich robbers" would help A list of the names, forty-three in number, of kindly, magnetic stars were still brightly shin. Many of us had refused to be baptized or seat as leaders. Spiritualism is either a fact Spiritualism along wonderfully (I never see or a feke; a fact is a truthful condition. If those who declaim against riches adverse to Spiritualism is not able to stand on its own bot some of the lucre), and with a good deal of it tom, if there are not facts enough within it to the ism might be fostered and helped, but T. Dewitt Talmage was read, in which he every bleak season, and tempestuous storm, supportition its own inherent merits, intelligent there are too many among our speakers who Spiritualists want to know it, and drop it. The make it impossible for an intelligent person to them to our services," and commented upon dawn, a blessed calm, with breaths of balmy memorized on a string of beads. Hence we PICTORIAL TEXT-BOOK great mass of investigators, and the intelligent be a Spiritualist. I know this is hard, but by G. F. Perkins, who then, in conjunction spring and sweetest flowers of summer-time.

full determination never to put themselves and use all means to succeed. Let us be honinto a position again where they will be comest and intelligent, and make it possible for ing from a Spiritualist's standpoint the cerepelled to listen to a matter to which they do intelligence to come and stay with us. Let us attract people who have means, and, there-dent, Mr. P. S. George, which proved to be Another class of these mediums set them fore, have influence in the world. Let us be selves up as world-reformers in regard to the careful to present nothing of which any Spirpoor. The appearance of a seemingly well-to-itualist can be ashamed. Let camp meeting do person sets them into a red-heat, and the managers make it known that nothing can dictionary is ransacked for language to de come into a camp-meeting or be practiced there nounce the rich. Rich robber, plutocrat, which would be out of place in the most rearistocrat, bloodsucker, is used as freely as it fined parlor in the land. Make it so elevated can be. The investigator who came to hear and interesting as to attract the best element Spiritualism looks about to see if he has strayed of our population. Put every visitor on the into a madhouse, and is sure that he will highest plane of morality and intelligence. never come again. Another class are world. Spiritualism is now at the foot of the social about as much of finance as the horse that ascend and occupy the place to which it is enimagine that they are specially called to re-seen. Banish all and every kind of tomfoolform the laborers' condition in the world, and ism from among our midst, and let us rise up

## Tribute to a Veteran.

E. BACH.

December 3, 1893, in his 72d year, Mr. their time in trying to prove their particular W. H. Pratt, of Minneapolis, Minn., formerly of Davenport, lows, where he was for part: Lillie and Lula Campbell, Minnie, Letta only that the instrument through whom so Spiritualists cannot afford to pass these twenty-two years connected with the Academy and Bertha Modest, Ernest Bonney, Marie much good is being accomplished in every dithings for the real article any longer, and it of Natural Science, which he helped to organ- Baillie, Lola Beal, Maud Ransom, Clint and rection should be restored to health. At the is time that Spiritualism should be preached ize, and of which he held alternately the offices | Jean Buckley. Maud Ransom did very finely | present time she is a great sufferer. Will not at spiritualistic gatherings, and politics and of president, corresponding secretary and in instrumental music; the rest all did their all who read this send out a strong and earnest other fakes at their appropriate places and curator. Besides his official duties, he re- part very nicely in readings, recitations, etc. desire for her welfare. times. To advertise a spiritualistic meeting ceived the scholars and teachers of public and then preach against Catholics, against the schools, and lectured to them on the rudirich, against the present financial or social ments of science, laying a solid foundation and four subscriptions taken for their forthconditions, is a confidence game on the people for scientific education. This he considered coming book. The dinner in the hall was to meet ag saginaw, might, january 13- unfold the genius of others. Let none dare

Mr. Pratt was a teacher in one capacity or ism before their hearers and nothing else. another most of his life. His system of pen-The public attends spirituslistic meetings for manship, which he taught for twenty-five Spiritualism" and "Our Old Workers," and the purpose of hearing about Spiritualism. If years in his own commercial college and in the H. H. Hutcheson to "The Rochester Knockthey want to hear political or other doctrines public schools of Davenport, was unrivaled. ings." "The Children of Spiritualists in preached, there are places where these are pre His chirographic portraits of Washington in Spiritualism," was responded to by Mrs. sented, and those who want to hear them need the Declaration of Independence, and Lincoln Frisby, and "The Future of Spiritualism" by not, and would not, attend spiritualistic meet in the Proclamation of Emancipation, should Mrs. Applegate. have made him a fortune if properly brought We cannot afford to shut our eyes to the to the attention of the patriotic public; but duets and solos. All pieces were very credit-

est; but the power that governs our destinies scribers. Bear this thought in mind. It alone of it the desired success. We want another determined otherwise. Why, I do not know; is worth the price of a subscription. Induce outpouring of the spirit, such as will revivify favor of dragging every subject under heaven but one thing I do know—the tie that bound your neighbor to send 25 cents for a trial sub- and send us to our homes happier, wiser and on to the spiritualistic platform. There are us together all these years defles death, for scription. faults among human society. There are we are yet friends; and I take great pleasure in

From Dubuque, Iowa.

To THE EDITOR:-We have just closed our who have been, night and day, on the strain dome of the spiritualistic structure, of which physically and mentally to make it a success. the rap, table movement, etc., are the basic. In obedience to the suggestions of the National Yet it is all physical phenomena, as well as Spiritualist Association to observe the 17th of spiritual; for, lacking the physique, and December as a jubilee day, we did the best strength of organs of speech, we who sit in we could toward impressing the people with the upper "dens" writing, and sending out our the weight and power of Spiritualists of this white missives through the press to the throngs

Questions and answers were prepared upon The worst enemies of Spiritualism to-day picked up the tramps, the lazy, the shiftless slips of paper, and responded to by members what of the night?" and when some previous gentleman as our president. Our constitution of Spiritualism to-day picked up the tramps, the lazy, the shiftless slips of paper, and responded to by members what of the night?" and when some previous tion or president. Our constitution of Spiritualism to-day picked up the tramps, the lazy, the shiftless slips of paper, and responded to by members what of the night?" and when some previous slips of paper, and responded to by members what of the night?" of the lyceum at 2:30 P. M.

At 7:30 exercises were opened by singing, as usual, and responses to the following quesquotations for references to spirit-return." tests and communications.

such weight and influences in favor of Spirit- poem might surely have become immortal.

and evening, relative to Christmas, and an persuasion, seemed interested listeners. effort was made to establish the impression years before the Christian era.

In the evening, besides the common exercises, we relieved the monotony by perform mony of christening the infant son of the presivery interesting.

### Cherrydale, Kansas.

the Spiritualists and Liberals of Cherryvale as greeted the audience with a song of welcome, a red-letter day in their history. Never did a and an hour was devoted to songs and recitasmall society like ours have a better time than tions. The hall was elaborately decorated we did. The programme laid down by the with evergreens, and on the stage at the left tirety. The platform in the hall was orna- with presents, some of which were sent by a reformers regarding finance. They know ladder. Let us take means by which it may mented by appropriate mottoes, such as "Our member of Mrs. Robinson's former society at Motto is Mental Liberty," and "Welcome." Lockport. On the right was a tree reaching brought them, but they talk on it instead of titled. Let us all drop our prejudices and These mottoes were the work of Mr. and Mrs. to the ceiling, filled with fruit and toys, and Hutcheson and Mr. and Mrs. Bonney. The before them tables loaded with books. Some on Spiritualism. Another class are Henry preconceptions—both the speaker and all othGeorge people, and instead of Spiritualism ers, and unite as intelligent, virtuous and proStars and Stripes were also a conspicuous obof the older children came in for a share of in the office, have enjoyed the rest from platstars and Stripes were also a conspicuous obof the older children came in for a share of in the office, have enjoyed the rest from platstars and Stripes were also a conspicuous obof the older children came in for a share of in the office, have enjoyed the rest from platstars and Stripes were also a conspicuous obof the older children came in for a share of in the office, have enjoyed the rest from platstory resolution. The outdains 345 pages, nearly
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thoroughly enjoyed by all. Drs. Kessler and Campbell improved the occasion by taking a nice dinner to some of their sick patients.

In the afternoon W. E. Bonney responded to the toast, "The National Association." H. P. Dryden responded to "The Progress of

During the day we had quartette singing, H. P. Dryden and W. E. Bonney. Mr. children, and Miss Stanton gave a nice recitation. Mrs. Bonney presided at the organ, and the choir sang a number of appropriate pieces

W. E. Bonney, Secretary.

This remarkable story, which was continued present and lend their aid and gifts, as well scription.

- R. NEELY. | covered his pictures.

A Spiritual Manifestation.

Mr. Lyman C. Howe has been with us, giv-"jubilee week," which, as it has so closely ing us five evening discourses in his wellfollowed our "fair" (that proved very success. known philosophic and logical vein of firstful, notwithstanding the continued stormy class inspiration; and all thinking and reflectweather), has about prostrated some of us, ive minds appreciate it, as coming from the programme as laid out, but prepared an or are in the watch-towers, addressing the eager

Therefore the interrogation went out from a listener at an upper window, "Watchman, realized. We had selected a scholar and a manner, the well-worn but never old theme a power for good. We now had the means to was taken up, when there came such a flow of meet and discuss the vital interests of so Why do all Spiritualists observe December imagery of language as to carry us, as well, terest and attention that is always accorded to ness, of its armaments for combat, of its finan. and women of to-day; to foster mediumship, "Please read us extracts from sermons by the cial stress, of its cyclonic material and spirit and study nature as revealed in mental and following clergymen in favor of Spiritualism: ual commotion, of its prevailing poverty and physical phenomena of modern Spiritualism. crime, and we were assured that all such prominent scientists and statesmen, etc., from ing in the firmament, while overhead the full sprinkled; could not believe that one made all parts of the globe, were then read; also moon was serenely sailing, if withdrawn teman extract from a decoration sermon by Rev. porarily behind a vapory veil; and that, after we ought to go to mass at five o'clock in the "hails spirits of the departed," and "welcomes and blackest night, there would come a bright with Mrs. Perkins, closed by a number of If there had been a stenographer qualified to have followed this rapid flight—this whirlwind gress" as our motto; and I firmly believed that We think we can safely say, without fear of of verses spirally ascending, finally appealing day when our great meeting closed that a great contradiction or being accused of boasting, to the aid of the highest supernal powers in stride had been taken, and I still believe that that no service has ever been given by Spirit behalf of us poor mortals here below, in the our national organization is the happiest longs to the ism, presented as it should be in people more than half way. These mediums ualists in this city that has carried with it most rapt, devout, entreating terms—the achievement in our history.

Two hundred copies of THE PROGRESSIVE We continued our meetings every evening Thinker's Christmas number were procured imbued with the ancient idea of holy days and during the week, closing with exercises suit for the occasion and distributed, and will, able for Christmas, etc., on Saturday evening. no doubt, "put in their work" for the full jubilee day, and arranges the entire ritual of Yesterday, December 24th, was full of inter- ture. A collection was taken for the "Home the day for us-all mapped out for us; the est. The lyceum scholars contributed a num. fund" of Mr. Howe. A resident and visiting time to begin and the time to close; the proper Universalist minister, besides others of that

> LEWISE OLIVER. Bradford, Pa.

#### From the Port Huron Society.

The grand work that Mrs. Anna L. Robinson is doing for the little ones was fully demonstrated by the Children's Progressive Lyceum entertainment Christmas Eve. Although recently organized, they number nearly fifty, and when they came marching in, each proudly advise that we buy a string of beads to num. Or Mabel Raymond's Resolve. carrying a flag, their faces beaming with joy at the sight of the beautiful presents awaiting poor addled brains to know when the jubilee purpose is not merely to enable an untificking tills. "Jubilee Day" will be long remembered by them, it did one good to see them. They National Association was carried out in its en. of the children was a beautiful harp covered

As a society we have nothing more to desire,

C. H. HUBBARD.

## Saginaw Valley Association. 14, 1894.

East, Michigan, January 13 and 14, 1894, at las the other. Our organization for business the Universalist Church. The speakers thus far engaged are George

H. Brooks, Mrs. Martha E. Root and Mrs. Mary L. Doe, Bay City, and D. P. Dewey, Grand Blanc. Others are expected, which, with musical talent, conference meetings, led by Mrs. Root, a lecture on "Woman's Suffrage," by Mrs. Doe, and other interesting

to accomplish much for the cause of Spiritual- months. ism in the Saginaw valley; and it is earnestly desired that all Spiritualists in the counties of Saginaw, Bay, Shiawassee and Genesee, take CARRIE W. MILLER, Secretary.

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## FREEDOM OF THOUGHT.

went very well satisfied with the results. We had organized. The hope of years had been questions had been disposed of in a learned tion embodied all that was needful to make us terest and attention that is always accorded to numbers; to protect the liberty of coming generations, as well as maintain the rights of religious liberty and free thought to the men and women of to-day; to foster mediumship, and study nature as revealed in mental and physical phenomena of modern Spiritualism.

We had grown weary of the machinery that presumed to settle all spiritual questions. Many of us had refused to be baptized or sprinkled; could not believe that one made three and three made one; did not feel that we ought to go to mass at five o'clock in the "nights" were "laden with power!" That the presumed to settle all spiritual questions. morning, to confession Saturday nights, or repeat the same prayers our neighbors did, were ready to listen to the angel-voices; to take nature as our guide, and the word "Pro-

> find the old story repeating itself: somebody sacred days, or saint days, appoints for us a moments to sing; the very minute when a collection shall be proper; just where the poem comes in, and the poem selected for us, and who shall read it; and so on until the intermission, and, finally, the end. No need for the wear and tear of brains. No need for inspiration or mediumship on an occasion such as this—all cut and dried.

Are we satisfied to go back and feed on husks? How long will it be until we will be asked to make a burnt offering, or go soak our head in fish-ofl? It is but one step farther to

time I can give from my business. Just at this time we are deeply interested in the proposed medical legislation, as we feel it is an attempt to throttle the liberty of the people, National Constitutional Liberty League has taken a hand, and we have a "Remonstrance" prepared, and are getting signers as fast as we can. "Compulsory vaccination" has struck

our State as well, and the seeds of future business for "regulars" is being sown ad libitum. Great is the law, and mighty its potentates. Let us be careful as Spiritualists that we do not fall into any of the obnoxious practices that we decry so much in others. Give to us the largest liberty consistent with good citizenship, and may our system of work be such as will best serve to perfect the imperfect, and set themselves up as dictators in this great The second meeting of the Saginaw Valley cause. Each and every medium and worker Spiritual Association will be held at Saginaw, has his own part to play—each as important purposes, the wisest move of a spirituallyminded people, may it prosper on that line always, should be the sincere desire of every Spiritualist ever; but creed and ritual-never! DR. ADAH SHERHAN.

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## JUBILEE DAY.

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have much cause for congratulation in the that have been given us, but we will endeavor Prof. Edmunds in New Orleans. success which crowned their efforts on Jubilee to write something that we know will be of in-Day. Local reasons prevented the carrying and blue bunting, while our national flag delightful and exquisite piano solo, after weathered many a storm of opposition, and tests which have followed them, both morning was given a prominent place. At the close of which Dr. Bland made a brief address on the battled manfully against error and malignant and evening. their labors the hall presented a brilliant and rise and progress of Spiritualism, and the de-traducers, and has triumphed over them all. charming appearance, which lent zest to the velopment of Spiritualism in the family of The officers are honest, true and warm-

by Sister Stretch, whose presence at the age of A brief speech was made by Rev. E. B. Fair-84 years, gave much pleasure to all present. child. Unexpectedly Dr. Day, the chief con-time lecturer, medium and fine magnetic physi-Her reminiscences were listened to with rapt trol of Mr. Concannon, came in and an cian, is our genial president; Brother J. H. attention, and her main theme, "Organization," formed the nucleus for the day's discussion. She was ably followed by Sisters Pratt. and Anthony, and Brothers Barry and Thompson, which brought the morning sess-

The Lyceum exercises commenced promptly at 2:30 P. M., under the able guidance of its president, Capt. Keffer. They were particularly gratifying, the young folks seeming to dutyie each other in their efforts to make the day a success. Recitations, songs, duets and glees, all followed rapidly one upon the other, which concluded with the usual physical exercises and dancing. Over two hundred per-greeted made a graceful obeisance. There were friends. The "milk of human kindness" sons were present, all of whom went away at least fifty people present. well pleased with the unqualified success that attended the carrying out of the programme of the Lyceum.

The same spirit which pervaded the earlier nay, if anything seemed to grow in ferver momentarily, this doubtless owing to the harmony prevailing, without which no society can expect to succeed. The augmented choir, under and his coat-collar sewed securely around the unlism." the leadership of Sister Hasleham rendered yeoman service to the cause.

Mrs. M. C. Cadwallader, who represented, Philadelphia, as a delegate at the National Convention of Spiritualists held in Chicago. gave an interesting address on the proceedings of the convention. She gave an account of the earnestness and interest manifested by the forms appearing together. The cabinet guide entire body of delegates. She spoke earnestly and feelingly of the convention being charac in full light, showing a pretty, round, childish ized by the laying aside of all personal views face, that was visible to all in the room—inand considerations, as well as prejudices, in deed, she insisted that each individual should order to unite upon a simple, practical basis come to the cabinet to look at her, and when flowers." for the formation of an organization which they did so the light was flashed in her face would be acceptable to the spiritual fraternity so that all could see the features distinctly. of the United States. This was done and it remained for the main body of Spiritualists the cabinet-controls call the Queen. A pecuto ratify the work of their delegates at Chicago. Mrs. Cadwallader gave a synopsis of what the about her a most delicious perfume, something National Association proposed to do, and fol-like that of sandalwood. Mary, Queen of lowed by a stirring appeal for funds to carry Scots, again appeared at this seance, and I on the work and spread the light, which was was called up to look at her. I am sure of heartily responded to.

ate address, relating to the National Organiza fail to recognize her beautiful features and ate address, relating to the National Organization and its charter. He alluded with pride that glory of auburn hair for which she was of Religions, by the Government of Sweden.) sweet little song by little Miss Erma Steinto the fact that Philadelphia had secured the noted. Then the control of a medium presfourth charter under the National Organizacabinet, walked over to the piano. and struck tion, yet regretted that it was not number one. for the reason that Philadelphia holds the first a few chords, the spirit being visible to all. charter ever granted to a Spiritual society, the Then appeared a relative of the medium, a tall charter of the First Association of Spiritualists man, finely proportioned, with long, black of Philadelphia, having been obtained in 1857. whiskers, while the medium is small and slen-Not only for this reason, but Philadelphia is der. This form walked over to the piano and took therefrom a vase filled with flowers that the birthplace of liberty, the cradle of Amerihad been brought for the medium that evencan independence. He was followed by Mrs. Minnie Brown, who gave many tests of spirit ing, and held them in his hand, with a strong presence to the audience. This brought the enlight shining upon him, and bowed gracefully joyable proceedings to a close. Philadelphia to the lady who brought the flowers. Then is proud of the National Association, proud of followed a lady with a child at her side. Then the officers who are bravely carrying on its came the wife of the medium, in a full light work, and our only regret is that the times are -a most beautiful spirit. Then E. V. Wilson so hard as to prevent us doing as much as we came to my husband. Several other forms would like in the way of sending funds to the followed. Wendell Phillips came and was National Association. However, if every so recognized by Dr. Bland and his wife and ciety will do as we are doing there will be others. This spirit was very strong, and stood cause for general satisfaction.

Our Treasurer was instructed to send a check of fifty dollars as the outcome of the day's proceedings. Many subscriptions were but about twenty-five forms appeared. Altoreceived for the proceedings of the Convenigether it was one of the most satisfactory tion. Our charter from the National Organization No. 4, occupied a prominent place, and it has ever been our good fortune to attend, was the cynosure of all eyes, receiving general and I trust that all those who have a desire to commendation for its artistic merit.

F. H. MORRILL, Sec'y.

The greatest number of prisoners in any one day in St. Louis during 1892 was on September 25, 176.

There are three ordinary modes of execution in China-slicing to pieces, decapitation and strangulation.

In Glasgow last year 577 persons were ar- afforded me. Dr. Bland and his family are rested and fined for failing to sweep their steps indeed fortunate in having within their cirele or pavements.

Prisoners, when arrested in Morocco, are required to pay the policeman for his trouble in taking them to jail.

The California Penitentiary has one prisoner permanent National Organization of Spiritual-98 years old, two aged 75, one 74, one 73. ists of the United States of America, and for one 72 and two 71. my own part I trust that Spiritualists in all

Austrian police must know how to swim and parts of the United States will continue to use a boat. They are also required to under- unite their energies in every possible way to stand telegraphy. city. The time is not far distant when we will

In the Hong Kong prison 115 cases of prisoners fighting with each other occurred during 1890.

St. Petersburg's population is 1,000,000. There are 2,165 police, who in 1890 made 76

thirty four policemen, who, in 1892, made which is upon the platform of education, in-4,024 arrests.

moral development and spiritual understand-Spiritualism in Washington. ing. All these things are in the hands of those Never before since the light dawned upon us have we received so much proof, founded who possess the energy and understanding upon facts, in the religion of Spiritualism as that come to us from the subjective, and from has been tendered the people of Washington the unseen world of thought

this winter. It would be impossible in one The officers and members of this association short letter to cite all of the wonderful facts terest to investigators of truth.

workers, members of the Lyceum, were hard man, at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. T. A. ateadily gaining ground. at work decorating the Hall with the various Bland. It is the purpose of Mr. Concannon emblems and insignia with which we are well to give a series of his wonderful materializing ists, though not large in numbers, contains provided. The platform was tastefully ar- seances. Mrs. M. Wheeler Brown gave, unranged with beautiful potted palms, red, white der control of her German professor, a most

after proceedings, which were ably conducted Mrs. Bland, of which the young man is a rela- hearted Spiritualists. One would almost conthroughout by Vice President B. P. Benner, live. This was responded to by Mr. Con-sider that all Spiritualists were "warm-The morning exercises were suitably opened cannon, in behalf of himself and his mother, hearted, but, alas! we do not find it thus. nounced that the cabinet controls wished to be Massie, an old, tried and oft persecuted vet introduced to the friends in materialized form, eran in the conflict between scientific truth and and that the cabinet be erected so that they superstitious error, is our vice president, while Emil Nobbe, and of Dr. and Mrs. Blackiston, could be presented to the audience, which was Brother William Brodie brings the odds and done. The cabinet is put up in the presence ends together through the magic touch of of the audience. Besides the cabinet controls the secretary's quill, who materialized beautifully, and in very good | Brother B. has passed all the way up from light. Prof. Denton came to Mr. Fairchild, and "D" to "C"-that is to say, from "devil"

was recognized by him, and also by other to "compositor," and when not engaged in friends present. Two or three spirits unex- the discharge of his official duties, places many pectedly came to their friends, and on more a thought in type. than one occasion two came at the same time. For the first time in his seances (Queen) Mary bers, are kind, genial, social people; and Stuart came out in good light, and when here let me say that I like these Southern

for the medium to move from his seat without

of Mr. Concannon, little "Bessie," appeared

Following this came a beautiful spirit whom

liarity about this spirit is that she brings

the personality of this spirit, as I have a very

several minutes in conversation with those

present. It is impossible to give individually

the names of all the spirits who materialized,

seances in the phase of materialization that

prove the truth of materialization will call

upon Mr. Concannon, and I feel sure that hav-

ing attended one of his seances and given the

conditions that are necessary for the produc-

tion of the phenomena, they will feel that they

have indeed witnessed something that is most

make this statement in the way of advertising

Mr. Concannon. He is a perfect stranger to

me, but I cannot help feeling grateful to him

as a medium for the pleasure that has been

Washington is fast becoming a center for

the Spiritual forces, and it is highly proper

that it should be so, as not only is our seat of

government located here, but also that of our

advance this state of affairs in our beautiful

have cause to reloice because of these conditions, for we feel that vibrating throughout

this universe of ours there are convulsions and

planet to take hold of the great lever of life

such a treasure.

flows freely with them. The following evening another seance was Not desiring to speak in egoisim, yet it held. Mr. Concannon's guides insist upon his would seem that my labor here has been very being placed under test conditions, which he satisfactory. I speak on Sunday evenings does by sitting in the cabinet with his bare and give tests on Wednesday evenings; anproceedings continued during the evening; feet in a pan of flour, hands filled with rice, swer questions germane to the spirit of truth, coat-sleeves sewed with strong thread to his closing with psychometric readings. Last pantaloons, and the tails of his coat sewed to Sunday evening (the 24th) the subject was: the rounds of the chair upon which he sits, "The Indian and His Place in Modern Spiritneck. These conditions make it impossible

Our association, both as officers and mem-

Our excellent brother, Dr. Benson, an old-

We close the first month next Sunday evening, December 31st, and enter the new year the knowledge of the audience. I myself did with a re-engagement for January, 1894. This the sewing, which was examined by those augurs favorably for us. The climate is depresent. As soon as we were seated and had lightful! We send greeting to our Northern tious. Only a brief synopsis, however, can a few chords played on the piano, the forms friends in a "Happy New Year," and may Be given in this letter. began to appear rapidly, several times two they increase as the years roll on!

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Progressive Spiritual Society. Dec. 24th, we were honored by the presence honor and credit on yourselves, the cause, and of Mr. W. T. Stead, of London, England, the day we celebrate." Editor of the Review of Reviews and the quar- | The participants were Misses Daisy Rowtion of demonstrated facts in Spiritualism) and Smith and Rosie Smith, Masters Albert Wil-Mr. James Breen followed in an appropri- fine oil painting of Queen Mary, and I could not Prof. Carl Von Bergen, an advanced thinker lis, Julius Burnham, and Willie Smith. The After an eloquent address on Retrospective berg, five years old, as the youngest member life, Material and Spiritual, by Mrs. Emma of the society. Nickerson Warne, Mr. Stead was called upon Brief addresses were made by Prof. H. D for a few remarks. The gentleman re-Barrett, Mrs. Jacques, N. Frank White, Mrs. spounded with a half-hour talk, after saying J. D. Compton, Mrs. Nannie Cowing, Mrs. that this was the first Spiritual Meeting he Della Bryan and Mr. Hamilton-all well rehad ever addressed. His remarks were espe-ceived, and full of interest. cially interesting in reference to his own experiments in telepathy and automatic hand- "Our National Association," by its President, writing-claiming to be able to receive com- Prof. H. D. Barrett; 'The Progress of Spiritmunications from those in earth-life, simply ualism," by Miss Hellen Simmons; 'Our Old at his own request, and without the parties Workers," by Milan C. Edson; "The Rochesat his own request, and without the parties Workers," by Milan C. Edson; "The Rochesthemselves having any knowledge of the fact, ter Knockings," by Mrs. Katy Rowland; history of man. Written through the mediumship of U. G. Flight Workers, "by Mrs. Katy Rowland; history of man. Written through the mediumship of U. G. Flight Workers, "by Mrs. Katy Rowland; history of man. Written through the mediumship of U. G. Flight Workers, "by Mrs. Katy Rowland; history of man. Written through the mediumship of U. G. Flight Workers, "by Mrs. Katy Rowland; history of man. Written through the mediumship of U. G. Flight Workers, "by Mrs. Katy Rowland; history of man. Written through the mediumship of U. G. Flight Workers, "by Mrs. Katy Rowland; history of man. Written through the mediumship of U. G. Flight Workers, "by Mrs. Katy Rowland; history of man. Written through the mediumship of U. G. Flight Workers, "by Mrs. Katy Rowland; history of man. Written through the mediumship of U. G. Flight Workers, "by Mrs. Katy Rowland; history of man. Written through the mediumship of U. G. Flight Workers, "by Mrs. Katy Rowland; history of man. Written through the mediumship of U. G. Flight Workers, "by Mrs. Katy Rowland; history of man. Written through the medium history of man. or without his knowing what was likely to asked questions in regard to the cause; but he ism," by Mrs. Glading. These responses ence to the Summer Land. Price \$1.00.

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Mrs. Nickless will lecture for the society on next Sunday evening and during December. C. E. I. Uor, Secy.

Chicago. Ill.

Apelles is said by Pliny to have invented the use of canvas in painting. He also employed oaken tablets.

London has 5,656,000 population and 16, 093 police. The total arrests in 1890 were

Philadelphia has 1,142,653 population and emotional elements at work that will force the 2,027 police. In 1892 there were 52,944 arintelligent and progressive people of this rests.

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MRS. A. M. GLADING.

The Jubilee in Washington, D, C

To THE EDITOR:-Mrs. Adeline M. Glading, to whom our Society, "The Frst National Association of Spiritualists," of this city, owes To THE EDITOR:—Having labored nearly much of its success, harmony and organized one month in the cause of Spiritualism in this ability to do good work for the cause of Spirit-Day. Local reasons prevented the carrying out of the authorized programme in its entirety although it was adhered to as much as possible. From early morning, a corps of willing ble. From early morning, a corps of willing of the authorized programme in its entirety and his mother, Mrs. S. E. Chapbeccat Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Standard of provided the carrying of the cause of spirit-wonderful "cosmopolitan city," I send you a shilling to do good work for the cause of spirit-wonderful "cosmopolitan city," I send you a shilling to do good work for the cause of spirit-wonderful "cosmopolitan city," I send you a shilling to do good work for the cause of spirit-wonderful "cosmopolitan city," I send you a shilling to do good work for the cause of spirit-wonderful "cosmopolitan city," I send you a shilling to do good work for the cause of spirit-wonderful "cosmopolitan city," I send you a shilling to do good work for the cause of spirit-wonderful "cosmopolitan city," I send you a shilling to do good work for the cause of spirit-wonderful "cosmopolitan city," I send you a shilling to do good work for the cause of spirit-wonderful "cosmopolitan city," I send you a shilling to do good work for the cause of spirit-wonderful "cosmopolitan city," I send you a shill you alism here, has been speaking from our plat form during the month of December, to large additional actions and the cause of spirit-wonderful "cosmopolitan city," I send you a shill you alism here, has been speaking from our plat few notes. Our work here began on the 3d of form during the month of December, to large form during the month of December, and the cause of spirit-wonderful "cosmopolitan city," I send you a shill you alism here, has been speaking from our plat few notes. The wonderful personal power and magnetism The New Orleans Association of Spiritualof Mrs. Glading, and of her lovely and gifted staunch workers and earnest advocates of our guide, "Hoolah," has been more than ever demonstrated by the beautiful lessons of her grand and noble cause. The association has lectures, and the comforting and convincing

> Jubilee Sunday, December 17th, was a red letter day for the society. Our beautiful hall, one of the largest and finest in the city, located at the corner of 12th and "F" Streets, and known to the public as Mettzerott's New Music Hall, was filled with a host of Washington Spiritualists and their many friends, who were quite curious to witness the rather unusual Spiritual ceremonies of dedicating or christthe former in the morning, the latter in the evening. On both occasions the wise guides of Mrs. Glading rose to the highest demands of a rare opportunity, marking her as a won derfully gifted medium and teacher. The address or charge to the audience as witnesses, to the parents as sponsors, together with the dedicatory greeting and blessing to the babes, were all ably and eloquently given, with pure beautiful words so happily chosen, uttered with such spiritual power, such touching and thrilling impressiveness, that the members of the entire congregation were swayed and stirred to the innermost depths of their spiritual beings. Children, mothers and maidens, gray-haired sires and young men, scores of them, wept tears of joy; purified and uplifted, they were happy, proud and thankful, that the Spirit-world had given through the medium. ship of their dear friend Mrs. Glading, such a practical, able and eloquent exponent, of the grand truths and possibilities of Spiritualism.

The programme for the day, as suggested by the trustees of the National Spiritualists Association was fully carried out, with a vim

Mr. Henry M. Highes, seventy-six years of age was unanimously chosen, as the oldest member of this society, to give the opening five minutes address, which he did in a way that was fitting, appropriate and pleasing to

The Lyceum children occupied forty min utes, with the recitation of Onina's poem, other recitations, songs and a violin solo, all To THE EDITOR. -At our last meeting of the so charmingly rendered, as to win from every Progressive Spiritual Society, Lakeside Hall, one present the exclamation: "Well done corner Indiana avenue and 31st st., Sunday, Lyceum children, how beautifully you reflect

terly called Borderland (devoted to the collection, Pearl Edson, Stella Steinberg, Fannie and scientist, (sent to the World's Parliament children's part of the exercises closing with a

The toasts were responded to as follows: "Children of Spiritualists in Spiritualism," by was unable to give any, other than that his were frequently applauded, and were both exspirit control, Julia, had informed him that he cellent and appropriate. The collection for

was unanimously voted a grand success. In closing allow me to extend a cordia

MILAN C. EDSON.

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## PHENOMENA.

#### Through the Mediumship of Geo. Cole.

of a series of communications which Miller, from our then home in Thirtyhave been given to me at the Carrie Miller circle, and through Mr. Cole's medial instrumentality. All of this series of communications are from planetary spirits, and the first of the series is from the "Loon of Wishtara-known as the planet Jupiter."

The visiting spirit from Jupiter could not write, but spoke his communication. were frequent visitors at the Pence Hall progress of spirits through space is as pulpit orators is their own inheritance seances, and, through the medial instrumentality of Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Hurst materialized-"appearing," as Dr. Pence wrote me, "under a strong electric light of their own production." As I am writing upon a very import-

ant topic, Bro. Francis will please remember that I am speaking of events transpiring a dozen years ago. At a certain one of the Pence hall seances, when my friend and correspondent, Judge Lawrence, was present, eight planetary spirits materialized and stood grouped together as distinct personalities in form and feature as were the mortal sitters. These brother spirits from inhabited worlds in space-eight of them-appeared in uniform adapted each one to his own nationality. In the bright light that this group of planewere photographed, and Judge Lawrence sent me a tintype copy, which I caused to be engraved and printed in my "Gallery of Spirit Art." I knew then, as I well know now, that the continued manifestation of planetary spirits (of which Judge Lawrence and Dr. Pence frequently advised me) was a historical event of mighty import, whether it was considered solely in its relations to Spiritualism, or in its wider aspect, as a new element and a propelling force in a larger, more progressive and more

humanitarian civilization. It is now some eighteen months since the first one of the planetary spirits who materialized at the Pence hall seance visited the Carrie Miller circle and manifested; and this one is from the planet Jupiter, whose communication actionpanies this.

SiThe following letter from Dr. Pence addressed him in February last:

TERRE HAUTE, IND., FEB. 20, 1893. came particularly strong during the last fervid misery of even an earth-mortal. genial sky, the emerald verdure of the year that Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Hurst were with us. They were of frequent occurrence, usually appearing under a strong electric light of their own production, and in uniform adapted to their different nationalities (or worlds). They gave salutation peculiar and beautiful, presenting to the appreciative a specta-cle grand beyond description.

The intention to write up Terre Haute

Spiritualism was given up by the com-mittee, for the reason that they did not care to be branded "lunatics" by people who knew nothing of the laws through which the wonderful manifestations were produced, and, if written up truthfully, without exaggeration, the facts would go beyond belief.

Since our mediums left, over eight your earth-mortals. years ago, we have remained in a very uiet way. Samuel Connor passed over followed soon after Allen Pence.

Lhope Brothers Pence and Hood will allow me to tell them that their work in reference to Terre Haute Spiritualism is not done, and will not be until a record of the Pence hall seances is made in some convenient shape for use and pre-

How important is Dr. Pence's letter (only a short private letter at that) in its disclosures and authentication of certain spirit manifestations, the like of which, in their completeness and persistency, have never before or since occurred.

"Not only," says Loon, "the materiality of substance dissolves before spirits, but the immateriality of space," and this majestic supremacy, this regnant power of spirit over matter, is in accordance with law—the law of spirit control everywhere operating in the spiritual as well as the material universe. In other words, the divine in

## "All are but parts of one stupendous Whole, Whose body nature is, and God the soul."

all and in you all.

The Thomas Carlyle communication was written at our circle, through the ous avocations. process of independent spirit writing.

A gentleman who is learned and a communication, said "that is not Carlyle's style." I agreed with him, and division, at what you know as Babel's said; "It is an improvement upon his tower. former self. Spirit Carlyle writes better than when a mortal. As a mortal Carlyle wrote involved and complex

read the Carlyle communication. suggestion as to who shall write or what every other planet.

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ications. Dr. Chapin writes that he avails himself of this method of com- when the light of the better world shall municating (writing with his own spirit illumine every understanding and cause hand) "for renewing in a measure his mortal friends to perceive and accept earth-life relations with my family." the great truth of which this communi-Forty years ago myself and family were cation is the exemplification. pew-holders in the church of the Divine Paternity, of which Dr. Chapin was pas-I send herewith for publication in tor, and it was this clergyman who con-THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, the first ducted the funeral service of Carrie

first street, New York City. CHAS. R. MILLER. 2481 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

LIFE ON A SISTER PLANET.

My manifestation here is not without precedent. Spirits not only from my planet but from all planets have manifested, and do manifest, not only upon this, but upon all planets.

This will not appear so extraordinary Some dozen years ago planetary spirits and improbable when I state that the rule to prove their own inheritance

rapid as the eye-glance. Mortal friends, light is not so rapid in its course as the flight of the spirit. For instance, were I so pleased, I could return to Jupiter, my native planet, even before you could write the word. Not an angry and implacable God. only the materiality of substance dissolves before spirits, but the immateriality of space. Hence the domination of what you term mind over matter, and the subservience of the latter over the decrees than judicial laws for the pres-

With these few remarks I will at once proceed to give you, in as brief a manner as possible, some idea of the sphere, the largest in your system, the most densely populated, the most advanced in science and literature of all the planets of your system. And yet, in the blue cher of the distant skies, that great under different conditions wealth and world sparkles as a mere diamond upon your finger.

What may seem incomprehensible to the warring factions of the earth sphere, tary spirits brought with them, they is that there is but one form and one government for the many billions of people who inhabit my native sphere. There are no international wars, for there are no nations. There are no socialistic disturbances, for there are no rivalries among people.

and examples, exhibited far different With this, as incomprehensible as it may seem, with your knowledge and experience, I will state that the condition of humanity, if such it may be called, is somewhat similar to the state did wear "a crown of thorns," and "had you term the millennium. you term the millennium.

My own individual experience, both as a mortal and immortal, leads me to and ministered to the sick and suffering suggest that of all the states of misery, and taught a lesson the modern Pharicrime and unhappiness, that state is see does not care to learn. more exemplified on the earth-sphere, aginary terrors of a future life for those

relatively speaking, than upon others.
All honor be to those mortals who, living in such conditions, can raise their gaze and view the scene beyond their own immediate state. All honor, I repeat, to those who, on such a sphere, can untold punishment among criminals, for the moment forget the turmoils and because they could not believe in the strifes, the rivalries of commerce and is in reply to a letter of inquiry that I the crimes of society, and commune blind obedience to and slavish fear with those of the higher, more pure and of a lazy priesthood and an aristocratic To C. R. Miller.—Dear Sir: Seances at which planetary spirits appeared in matching the eternal, duration of spiritual existence more than compensates for the emergence more than compensates for the sum-super particularly strong during the less. more exalted element. Mortal life, ministry.

In this world—and by this I intend to comprehend all the inhabited spheres of space—there can be but one predominant element, and that is spiritual existence. And assuredly, if one of the many desires to return and make him-self known to the mortal friend who yet lingers behind, certainly even an earthlife skeptic may excuse such presumption.

It is many centuries since I was a mortal upon my sphere, but yet those passing ages have seemed as but fleeting hours, and as I look back and recall the and their imaginary devil-servant to cannot but be amazed at the social conditions which I observe in the lives of is to team

Your daughter, who stands at my are bearing them down, to smooth side, desires to say that I was the cenerath-life's pathway and render the tral one of those spirits which appeared journey of life more pleasant by the about three years ago; Judge Lawrence tral one of those spirits which appeared as a portraiture of planetary spirits, doubtless at some future time may also enjoy the privilege of communicating with earth-mortals.

You will observe that I have made repeated use of the term "earth-mortals." I have made such use because I am in the habit of communicating with mortals upon other planets; and even the earth's luminary, which follows the earth's revolutions, is populated by a people, with some of whom I have frequently communicated. I have found this mortal element intelligent, peaceful and advanced in science, and the best evidence of the degree of comparative knowledge is the fact that upon your sphere the astronomer is not yet in possession of an instrument which will more than vaguely outline indistinct features of the moon's surface; whereas, upon that planet (for such it is), they have instruments by which not only the mountains, the seas and the valleys are plainly discerned, but also the vessels ipon the oceans, the buildings of cities. the forest trees, the quiet hamlets of God the Father of all, who is above smiling valleys, their animated nature, and last, even the mortal people are seen moving about, pursuing their vari-

This may seem incredible, except to such minds as a Newton, but let me good critic, to whom I read the Carlyle assure you that the earth's progress has been materially retarded by the race

And now, dear friends, in conclusion, permit me to express the hope that at some future day all nations and peoples sentences and paragraphs, and his of earth-life may be absorbed by the readers had to interpret him. His writ- wondrous state known as America, and ing as a spirit is clear, forcible, argu- amalgamated into one harmonious whole. mentative and eloquent." Don't fail to Wars will then cease, the fratricidal hand of a brother will not be raised, nor The controlling spirit of our circle in- will the distant tomb attract the weepvites such spirits to write as she sees fit, ing widow. The laurel wreath will be asks the privilege. It is only on special progress have been commenced toward cocasions that I make any request or suggestion as to who shall write or what or, if a spirit desires to write, he or she the emblem of life, and then will

Subject shall be written on.
The Carrie Miller and E. H. Chapin
Of Wishtara, known as the planet Ju-

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promised myself the privilege of re-

with your family, and now by the invita-

tion of your daughter Carrie, over whose

remains I performed the last rites, I am

now enabled through this great phe-

nomena to reach in sentiment and con-

As I frequently stated from the "Rostrum," I now reiterate this evening: God

speed the day when all chains shall fall

from the limbs and from the SOUL and

universal liberty co-exist with univer-

I further add; God speed the day

I make this manifestation in the in-

erest of those mortals who suffer from

It is within limits to say that fully one-

half of insane patients have lost their

reason by a created and nurtured belief

that relatives and friends are suffering

ervation and protection of society.

Weak and susceptible minds furnish

rich and fruitful fields for the theologi-

to the intelligence and civilization of

nor did they reside in palaces. But he

sociated with the poor and lowly, aided

who do not accept their doctrines, and

the word-pictures of a perdition where

tenets of a theology which exacted a

cooling streams, the richly-colored flow-

ers, the waving and spreading foliage

these are the merest shadows of the

spiritual existence, yet they teach a les-

son which mortals should learn viz: If

such blessings are free to saint and sin-

ner alike in earth-life, how much more

whom he will not permit theologians,

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assurance that at its end they will be

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Discussion on Points of Difference Must Be Allowed.

THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION-ARE WATERS ARE CLEARED.

TO THE EDITOR:-My reason for axe to grind, and asking for no donations or emoluments, I would ask the adherents to the national organization a few. plain questions, and in all candor ask CARLYLE'S ADDRESS TO THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM IMAGINARY LOSS OF them to give to your many reader's straightforward answers.

I am not the only one who is anxiously

awaiting some candid explanations. I see that associations are asking for charters from the National organizahappiness is clouded by the belief that tion, and I would like to ask, first,they are suffering the punishment and torture so vividly pictured by theolowhat for?

2. Is there any way by which one State can give a charter to another State, which is legal?
3. Has the District of Columbia any

more right to grant a legal charter than has any State? the horrors of perdition, and the dark 4. Has there not been a precedent where a State has granted a charter to a

The emotions excited in mortal minds 5. Has there been a test case in the National Grange, which granted Ohio a State charter, and when the breasurer dies. He must be a happy man in thus of the State became insolvent, the State Thus you may trace the dread and grange came upon the bail of said treasurer to restore \$3,000 due from the terror among yourselves of mortal dis-solution and the consequent love of treasurer, and it was set aside upon the mortal life, when there are no sterner grounds that the National Grange had no authority to grant charters for the

State of Ohio. 6. If the National Grange has no right to grant State or · subordinate charters, has the National Spiritual Ascal bigots, and it may be said that the

sociation any more right?
7. If we have 12,000,000 of Spiritualmanipulations of such minds have eventuated in a clerical aristocracy that ists in the United States, and they pay is as pompous as it is vain, narrow as it annually twenty-five cents each, it wil net the small sum of three million dollars per annum; besides ten dollars for sumptuary living derived from the foolish fears of a deluded people would be a State charter and five for a subordinate charter. May I ask what for? more than questionable. As it is, the Please to explain what benefit the State spectacle certainly is not complimentary or subordinate society will reap from late the Christian religion. Even the name said charters?

the nineteenth century.

The immortal and omnipotent God is Will the charter to a State from the National or to a subordinate render more than merciful and long-suffering, any protection to the society? If so, or such a state of things could not be what? brought about in His name. The ad-

9. Will those charters protect any vent of Christ on earth, his teachings medium? If so, how? 10. Will our public speakers be protected by said charter? Will the railroads recognize a license granted out-

side the State that grants it? Now, Mr. Editor, we belong to three organizations, chartered in every State in the Union, and the National (or supreme) organization can make regulations, laws, and render final decisions in all cases of self-government; but not in The stock-in-trade of the theologians one case have they or can they grant State or subordinate charters. Now, I of today is made up principally of imhave examined the whole legal proceedings, and I can say it is all illegal and the National organization cannot loved relatives and friends are suffering give a charter worth the parchment upon which it is written.

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