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It Answers Important Questions.

And Manifests Considerable Wis-

TO THE EDITOR:-In compliance with your request, some of my experiences and freedom to shine in the whole and communications through the Ouija board are herewith forwarded. It was at the request of a friend, when a guest at her home, that I first sat, as it was and faithful to all the truth that you the first time I had seen Ouija. I have can discover. very scant record on paper or in memory of messages that came there. Since as we could not recall at the moment the life we are not to use them.

those sittings I remember one name spelled was Wayax and claimed to be a woman and an inhabitant of Thibet. She gave as her salutation, "Woman has strength and growth, or it bears one other side. arisen." I have no record of her com- doom. munication. Joan of Arc was one name quiven. Salutation:

Q. What can women do more and different. given. Salutation:

Woman will be enthroned on the pinnacle of civilization. She must first in co-operation to strengthen women in build the men and then the state." Question: Does each soul create its

own destiny.

Answer: The soul is uncreate, but each ego has a sphere which is fixed by its environment and its relation to all centrated to adjust the affairs of interthe egos of the universe.

Q. Is it not then possible for the soul to meet unjust deserts A. Only seemingly and transiently. Q. Are you happy.

A. Perfect happiness comes only in the intervals of the crises of develop-What are the crises of develop-

A. Expansion of soul is the condition

of growth towards the Infinite; and all glorious truth before?" growth is attained with what is termed A very peculiar odor was perceptible

for some time, and in answer to the now, but could I have known the truth, what is drawn from the ethers for my caped."

with Ouija was to continue after I left mosphere you breathe, but I am near bread and some and came to Dansville. Ouija had been laid away as unavailable thought.

American through and through, and it bored effort to produce any movement. Is the first, and the second, and the constant thought.

American through and through, and it bored effort to produce any movement. Is the first, and the second, and the constant thought. for any use by friends here; but at the first sitting the movement was free and from my brain, decided, and the following message was spelled out. Aaron Wolney was the trated, is like a stream, or, more corment. name given. This name had never been rectly, like a wire, bright, shining, seen or heard of by us: said he was of sparkling, flashing. England. Greeting: "This is the most Q. Can you see interesting period in the development of the inhabitants of this planet.

Ques. Why is it the most interesting.
Ans. It is the culmination of cycles,

when the development of spiritual powers in both worlds is to leap into greater heights and bounds than ever before. Q. Will some movement to unify religions result from the parliament.

A. Probably some religious movement will result, but the great benefit and progress that will result will pe the freedom of mind, the emancipation of all peoples and nations from authority and rule in Church and State.

possible for the truth to be established. Friends, we, in the life of soul development, are interested only in truth and the growth of souls in the bondage of

Q. How can we best promote soul de-

A. Keep heart and head free from passion and full of love. After the name Celia Burleigh was written, at a sitting, the salutation was: "The light is here: it is day. Why are you not holding the torch on high?" Q. How shall I hold the torch on

high. A. By speaking all truth that is given to you. Speak without waiting to know if it is acceptable.

Why use this board. Only to concentrate force.

What message have you to

Be firm; be true to your best thought. How can we know hest thought.

A. That which flashes into your mind when you are neither asking in doubt nor when you are trying to reason to a conclusion. Were you able to see the parliaments of philanthropists and lovers of humanity on this side, you would have no hesitation in linking yourself to them in the effort to free humanity from the bondage of error and tradition. What are the principal errors that

hold humanity in bondage.

A. That man is a fallen being—that the divine power is not equally available to every soul-that there is need of a

The first strange visitor who came wrote Hannah Thompson as her name. First remark: "You all have some strange ideas. You do not believe the Bible. You seem to put other words for the word of God. I dou't dare to set up my thought for the thought of God." Q. What brought you here.

I was trying to reach a light that seemed very bright, and found I could

hear what you said. Q. Did you come alone.

A. Some one guides me and writes

dom. This poor soul was never where the light of the new day could reach her." She said she would like to come

again, Charlotte Corday gave as greeting:
"The time is ripe for the light of truth

Q. Have you a message to woman. Be strong in your own personality came from.

my conviction of the fact of intelligent facts connected with her career and its my conviction of the late of line light of the statement came: "The storm must not ask questions about things we mortals, thirty-five years ago, I have in which my life went out was somewhat could not know." never been a seeker of phenomena or a dream as soon as I waked in this state. I wish to speak to American woman-This Ouija experience has come to me hood. If the women of this land could as nearly all phenomenal manifestations have done—without my seeking. At the least in bondage of any womanhood Q. Do you believe G.

A. Give your thought at stated times

resolve.
Q. Will women come to the front in readjustment of governmental affairs. A. It is inevitable. Men will be confused with the power that will be con-

national comity, and the intuitions of women will be called into action. Charlotte Corday sympathized with She came to Paris and killed Marat; was not true, plunged a knife into his heart July 13, 1793. She was guillotined a few days she inquired.

afterward. Another message, after the name of a very dear friend had been written, com- you, lady. I want to come again." menced: "Oh, why did I not see the

I commented: "Your mind was fixed in a habit of thought."
"Yes," was the response;

query what it was it was stated: 'It is what anguish of mind I should have es-Q. Do you come into this atmosphere

Q. Does my thoughtstravel on

Q. Can you see the rays of thought

from spiritual beings,
A. Yes, yes. This is one of the difficulty. great glories; this is what it is to know as we are known. All souls who are seeking the truth are radiant, and their radiations reach out illimitably toward the source of all truth. It is through this outreaching and return on the radiations from the central source of thought that the perfect will of the good is actualized in the heavens and the earth and everywhere in all worlds. | boozle them. Faith is an attitude of receiving. It is the common weakness and ignorance of mortals that they are afraid to receive, afraid to trust the thought that comes Q. Has this country a work to do in to them. That was my weakness and error. Had I dared believe that the A. America is the most free nation on truth was given to me by the perfect the globe, and in freedom alone is it good, I could have had unbounded satisfaction where I had unbounded distress lent outbreaks. of mind. Don't be afraid to trust the light of truth, which shines for you and in you, and to speak it to others. This is what Jesus meant when he said he was the light of the world. He, in un- ciples of this government. bounded faith, trusted the thought that came to him on the rays of his own The light of truth was thus brought of truth the wires of thought over which could flash back to them the

> and wisdom. This last message indicates an entire revolution of thought in the person who was reared in puritanical orthodoxy, and held to the creedal doctrines to the date of decease at the age of 85 years. Another friend, who terian deacon, stated that he had found that "ideas he believed were the greatest of all truths were many of them given us any help."

boundless light from the realm of love

errors."
Q. What is the present outlook for our country A. A struggle to maintain first prin-

This person began the communica-tion by saying: "I am in need of some information about Hannah." Q. What Hannah.

A. The Hannah who came to you She seems to be in distress, and wished me to say to you she can find no one to

What can I do for Hannah. A. I don't know: it is new to me that obliged to find help on earth.

and Hannah Thompson's was October Jane Rowegan, of Ireland, gave this salutation; "The holy church is to be

the power to save." Q. Why do you come to me. A. You are trying to tell lies.

Q. What lies am I trying to tell. That the soul is a part of God. Q. If the soul is not a part of God, I field of patriotic endeavor,

one, does not do his will. A. Because man is sinful, and the Devil tries to get his soul for his king-

Q. Who made the Devil.
A. O, holy mother, what an awful thing it is to fly in the face of the Al-

mighty.
Q. Can you tell where the Devil A. It is too bold in me to ask such

A. But the priest always told us we

Q. Don't you see every soul must be responsible for its own conduct. A. But we can't please God-only

Q. Do you believe God loves you.
A. Oh, for the sake of Christ and the How long have you been on the

A. Oh, I don't know; it's a little while ago. I took sick, and I didn't Liberty League which is working to know for awhile after I waked that I free the people of the globe from ignohad died. It is so strange. I seem to be here where I lived before I died, but Q. What is the constituency of the be here where I lived before I died, but Q. What is the have such a different body. I see and Liberty League. hear what is here, and sometimes I am A. People from all parts of the earth away in a different place, and it's all so who have been crucified for speaking strange to me.

Q. Have you seen Jesus.
A. No, and it breaks my heart. I am afraid I shall be in the bad place yet. I assured her there was no such bad Girondists who were proscribed in 1793. darkness because she had believed what archists, John Brown, and many others,

"But don't the priest tell the truth?" "Not because he is a priest," I replied.
After some advice she said: "Thank

Having had several successful writings with Ouija alone, and the owner of the board having some apprehensions in re-things must be changed. gard to the safety of harboring under Q. Why are all these perso veloped spirits, I obtained a board at a to talk to us on these matters. and soda on the board and shut it in a that the principles which are the found-

drawer. asked if elements had come in A. Thought, when closely concen-contact with it that affected the move-

Yes, tobacco smoke; and it cuts country.

A. The corruptness of the political system, and the carelessness of the peo-Ans. off the currents. After twenty-four hours of its bath in sugar and soda there was no further

Martin Bidwell announced himself as 'money crank."

What of our financial situation. Q. O, it's the disgrace of the country situation. and of civilization.

where they can see what is needed. A. I hope so, if the fools in the church and the politicians don't bam-

money power. Yes. It is the same spirit to make the many do the work for the few.

It is slavery. Q. Do you think we shall reach an adjustment in this country without vio-

A. Not unless there is a mighty Q. Are the bands of patriots in the

Spirit-world trying to preserve the prin-

A. Yes, that is the work of all who came to him on the rays of his own are trying to establish liberty in the thought, sent out to the supreme source. earth. The articles of federation are signed and sealed to be presented to iuto the world of dark minds; dark be- the potentates of all nations here as cause they did not send out to the source soon as the arbitration of nations is accomplished.

This writer claimed to have served in the Massachusetts Legislature, and a term in Congress. Charles Sumner, was written, followed

by the salutation: "It is high noon. The hour is full of promise to those who are faithful.

Q. You see our slavery; how are to abolish it. A. The people are doing it.
I said: "But our Congress has not

A. Because controlled by fear. Of what were they afraid.

Of bankruptcy, first, if they went against the power that rules money in the world-and next of losing political place and power. Q. Is there not wisdom enough in this country to establish an equitable

system of exchange. A. Yes, when it dawns upon the people that the past has not exhausted the wisdom of the race. Q. Is the labor exchange idea in the to be in." I asked: right direction.

A. It is in fact the central thought of souls who have come to this life are financial reform. When the people be-obliged to find help on earth.

This message is dated November 5, will destroy that which has so long been their destroyer.
"I am glad you are so hopeful," I re-

marked. Response: "There is no reason to be otherwise. The laws of the harm. universe are sure, and will bring all nowers into order.' Q. Was your life prematurely closed here by the injury you received.

A. Probably it was, and it may be Q. If you knew the only way for you the reason I am held so closely to the to get out of your imprisoned state was in spiritual things. field of patriotic endeavor. to become reconciled to him and ac. Q. Please tell up

where did it come from, and how did it get life.

Q. Do you foresee any political move-knowledge you did wrong to kill him, accord with your ideas of Spirit-life beget life.

A Cod exceed it to do his will and light and light accord to the parliament of re-would you do so.

where there is an atmosphere of free-every being created by a perfect ers, there will be a parliament of man. Thomas Kavanagh spelled, and asked: "The old is passing away—will the peo-ple be ready for the new?"

Q. Do you see any encouraging signs they are making ready.

I commented: You know the order of the universe is that the best and most slow to see. the universe is that the best and most enduring things are of slow growth. A. It is true, but when a crisis is upon people ought they not to act accord-

ingly.

Q. What seems to you the greatest occasion for apprehension in our situa-A. Such fear in the people and in Congress, it deprives them of power to exercise their best judgment. Fear is

paralysis of the soul and of the powers of mind. Q. Mr. Sumner said the people would destroy their destroyer; he was hopeful;

what do you think? A. If the people come to see that they can and must save themselves, all will be well. I am a member of the

the truth-and who have suffered from all kinds of tyranny.

Q. Can you give some names. A. Joan of Arc-Charles Sumner-multitudes of lowly ones who were place as she thought, and she was in crushed when here—your despised an-

of whom Garrison is not the least. E. P. Rollin announced: "Now is the power of truth to be revealed." Q. How do you see that it is to be revealed.

A. The people will come to see that gold and silver will not serve the needs of the people and the whole order of

book-store. It had lain there a year.

A. The lines of communication must if I could get out of the dreadful reThe performance when I first tried the be made broad and strong, for the forces membrance of the horror." new Ouija was singular. There was a to conquer must be in harmony, and a what is drawn from the ethers for my strength in coming to this sphere."

I did not make a full copy of the record of this interesting communication of this interesting communication. I am not, perhaps, in the attraction of the record of that my experience tha bored effort to produce any movement, is the first, and the second, and the con- on earth.

> Q. What seems to you the chief obstacle to their triumph even in this

ple, who ought to know the peril that hreatens.

Q. Do you know if there is much tangible communication between the visible and invisible in reference to our

A. There is considerable, but would Q. Do you think the people have got be much more if opportunity were given us on this side.

Q. What can we do to hel wider attention to this subject What can we do to help create A. You are doing much, for you keep

Q. Can you see more clearly than you the stream of thought running clear and could, when here, the animus of the strong—and when you send out a bulletin it is freighted with more than words. William Hill was spelled before the question: What shall I do to be saved?

learn how to get out of this place. Q. From what. The horrible sights and sounds that make me wretched. The groans and the faces of the poor wretches who were burned in the pit.

In a coal mine. A. Yes. I saw a light and heard a voice say, "Go there and you will get

Can you not concentrate your thoughts so as to efface that impression. A. That's what I want to know how to do. It has seemed as if there was nothing in the universe but that horror It was counseled that the thought should be resolutely set on recalling pleasant incidents in life here, or passages known that might correct the habit of living in the impressions of the horror. Another influence followed, and was asked: "What was the use of the preceding one coming?'

A. If you were in a nightmare would help you to be touched and stirred by some person. Upham said: I want to know

if I must stay here always. Where are you. A. In the State Prison in Georgia.

Why were you put there. A. For killing a nigger.
Q. Are you there in the body of flesh, or have you passed out. A. I don't know, only I am here

nobody pays any attention to me.

He said he got no food, and wondered how he could live. It was suggested that he was out of the physical body. Then the question came: "How am to get out of this?-it's a terrible state "Have you been sorry you killed the black brother?"

A. No, indeed. He was not fit to live. He tried to commit rape on a little child. Q. Did you never think since that you had no right to take his life. A. No. I think it was my duty to

Have you ever seen the man since you killed him.

A. Once I thought he came to me and I was angry.

for me.

It was then stated: "This is the purpose of we, who are in charge, to give her light and instruction, to bring her Q. How does it happen, then, that after the great crisis of European pow- I am so kept here?"

Where the troine from, and now that the ment parallel to the parliament of re- would you do so.

A. I can't say I would, for I don't have a surple from the stated in the parliament of re- would you do so.

A. I can't say I would, for I don't have a surple from the parliament of re- would you do so.

A. Not in the immediate future, but hink it was wrong. What is the reason after the great crisis of European pow- I am so kept here?

I replied: Because you committed a great wrong. You put a weight on your soul that keeps you in this lower realm. You had a false idea and did wrong to another, and you can't escape the consequences till you see the A. It seems to me they are quite too right and turn away from the wrong

> The next distressed one who manifested operated Ouija very differently from any preceding influence-with jerky, hesitating motions-and was a long time spelling a name. The first sentence was: "I am in the hells."

> What has brought you here? Answered by the question: "What is it you do for the suffering?" What is the form of your suffer-

> Q. What is the form of your suffering?
> A. I came here in a terrible way. I was so tired, so sick. I took a dose of morphine and waked in darkness and

misery.

Q. Have you an idea that anything you did before you left has been the cause of your state now. A. Yes. I suggested that it might help her if

back and forth to letter K several times. Finally I asked: "Did you kill some one." A. Yes. O, what shall I do? I wish I could die forever.

lasked: "Was it a sudden act of anger, or premeditated." A. I was so angry I did not consider anything. It seemed afterward as if Thank you. had been gone and something else had done the deed.

Was it a man or a woman you Q. killed. A. A beast in the form of a man.

I said: You are suffering remorse. You must try to exercise your best judgment, and call for wisdom and light, that you may not be too unmerciful to yourself. She replied: "It is a blessing where he was born; his short life of

I answered: We hope and trust

ation of our country shall triumph in the earth.

The earth.

The earth at the eart dividual in extreme anguish.] The only other sitting at which any

eccentricity of movement of Ouija has occurred it was followed by what we concluded were Diakka influences. Name given K. O. Moyer. First salutation: "Why cannot you give me some light?" I replied: "In what are you in the dark?

A. We are staying here till the resurrection. Where are you staying.

A. We are having a stinging punishment. I remarked: These answers were irrelevant and secmed insincere.

A. Why fire a fellow out till you know something about him.

After the table had moved some time to no purpose, the name Ardita was spelled and the greeting came: I am an honest girl. I come to see you to

Q. Tell us what place you want to get A. It is full of scamps who love to plague and tease people and make fools

of them. Every one says you can help How long since you went out of this life.

A. Can't tell; not very long. Sixteen years old. Mother died when I was I advised her to persistently call for good spirits to come to her and help her to a better state.

Reply: Kind friend, I will try to follow your advice.
We are glad to have you come if you can get any help.

The loving heart helps.
Lucy Bird came with the salutation: Do the work of the good Lord. [A short time before we had been talking over some work done for a needy

family.]
Q. Have you been long in Spirit-life. A. No, only a few weeks. I was an orphan and had to drudge for those who only cared for me as a servant. Q. How do you find life where you are A home, and rest, and delightful,

gling here, and am trying to help find better conditions for them. Q. What attracts you to us.
A. The atmosphere of love. Don't you know we feel the condition of persons as distinctly as you do the temperature. Q. Did you understand spirit com-

but I still think of those who are strug

munication before you passed beyond. A. Yes. It was the only comfort of my life that I could commune with loved ones, and believe the blessed teaching of the new dispensation. Q. What can we do to help the suffering.

Love, love. The first condition of helpfulness is to make a sphere that gives light and strength to the spirit. We on this side can only come in such a sphere.

side who are needy.

A. Many who need the first lessons Q. Please tell us what seems most in

Q. Do you find suffering ones on your

A. It seems more home than I expected. The scenery is more beautiful than I had conceived. We seem to know some persons, while others are totally

Geo. D. Prentice inquired: Can you What do you want rest from A. From the doubts and fears that wear my soul till I am in despair.

Q. Are you in the Spirit-world.
A. I don't know. I seem to be right here on earth, but I have not the same form I used to have.

Q. Were you swith an accident. Were you sick, or did you meet A. The last I knew I was on a ship and it struck a rock or something, and I was thrown into the sea.

Q. What do you fear.
A. That I am lost.
Q. How can you be lost. You have your mental powers. You can think, can't you.

A.

But I was not converted, and how

can I be saved.
I replied: "You can be saved from doubt and fear by trusting the Infinite Goodness. Everything is from God. You can be saved from all weakness and error if you will accept this truth." A. Oh, I was taught that if I was

she confessed. The movement of the table was very hesitating, and it passed back and forth to letter K several times.

"You can't go to any hell only what is in yourself. If you will accept the love that is ever ready for you from the Infinite Father-Mother, you will find rest and peace; you will love every soul and be happy.

A. I hope this is true. I will be happy if it is. I will try to believe it is. This record is not in full of all written Usually I only sit when I receive an impression that communication is desired. The different spheres of whatever in-telligence produces the movement of the table, or telepathic communication the greatest factors in the moral, reto my brain, are very clearly discern- ligious and spiritual worlds.

or when not in full, each word is im- happiness and destiny of mankind, than pressed after a letter or two is pointed have the lives of all the men that have out. Very few of the names given are existed since his time. of persons known to me. Other singu-

WHEN I AM CONE.

When I am gone will those I loved, Think only of the good, They saw in me and my desires,

So oft misunderstood:

Will some one grieve when I am gone And with a heavy heart look out into a dreary waste

In which I have no part? When I am gone, will those I cared To live for feel that all The sweetness of this life is passed,

would that they should love me thus, Because I love them so; Deserving it is not the code We love by here below.

And future comforts small?

Be smoothed by kindness o'er, And only my devoted love Dwell with them evermore? When I am gone, will any say

When I am gone, will all my faults

Of deed, or word, or voice of mine. That was a help on thorny way Or gave one glint of hope's sunshing When I am gone-but I would fain Be the last one to slip the coil,

And save them every parting pang-The last to pray and toil. And when I'm gone, I'll find the dear Ones waiting, watching, loving still And if they did not know me here, They'll know me there, I know they

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The police stations of St. Louis in 1892 gave lodging to 11,784 destitute

South Wallingford, Vt.

Man's religious instincts are as di They deserve and admit of scientific treatment.—Drummond.

seph D. Wiggins, of Fort Niobrara, Neb. He has had opportunity to observe times, and collect all they can from Spiritualism as well as against spiritutheir dupes, whom they are careful not to offend by denouncing their besetting sins, lest contributions might be withheld. If the Catholic people comprehended one-half of the enormities and absurdities in the creed of their church, they would renounce it.

Texas has ten State farms, on which the convicts are worked under contract. Over one-third of the arrests in Havana were for quarreling and fighting. The North Carolina penitentiary contains 200 white and 921 colored convicts.

The Hawaiian Islands have sixty po-

licemen, regularly employed as such.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

From a Christian Spiritualist.

To THE EDITOR:-I would like to offer a few thoughts upon Brother Moses Hull's paper, "Christ and Christmas," in your valuable paper of Decem-

I am what may be called a Christian Spiritualist in its broadest sense, and to slightly change the language of the immortal Seakespeare by the substitution of a name, I would say that:

I speak not to disprove what Moses spoke. But here I am to speak what I know; or rather what I think I know, and in a very limited sense.

Again, I am a spiritual optimist of the most pronounced type, and with Alfred Tennyson believe with all my soul that:

"Good will be the final goal of ill;

For pangs of nature, sins of will, Defeats of doubt and taints of blood;" and that everything is tending toward a higher plane of thought, feeling and action; which fact, to my mind, proves more than anything else the existence of an almighty power, and a moral government in the universe:

That nothing walks with aimless feet, That not one life shall be destroyed, Or cast as rubbish to the void, When God hath made his pile com-

plete.' It matters not to me, nor essentially would it, I think, to the whole Christian world, if Christ was the merest myth that was ever evolved from the brain of this "foolish compound, man;" he stands as the representative and embodiment of the essential extract of all religions-the divine sentiment of love; or remarked by the sitters, but it is exact and contains all that is essential. brotherhood of man; for a divine and brotherhood of man; for a divine and tender sympathy and compassion for all mankind, and proved it, as recorded by

ible. Sometimes the movement seems lt matters not whether he was ce place where souls could find help. O, in thought—but often the answer to a thirty years, as recorded, has probably question flashes into my mind instantly, had a greater effect upon the lives.

The idea of his life as the personificalar names of various nationalities have tion of love; of all that is holy, pure and been given, but in the messages nothing good, has also inspired some of the of special interest. Nearly all were greatest minds that have ever lived [To both of us the sphere of this in-fluence was very definite, and that of a learners in communicating. If any of upon this lower plane. Where is there the names are recognized it would be a grander character in all history than learners in communicating. If any of upon this lower plane. Where is there Spiritualism in his day, and who taught the spiritual philosophy of the resurrection with all the force and energy of his powerful logic? His faith and en-thusiasm in this direction have been the inspiration and consolation of millions of Christians whose pathway down the dark valley of silence it has irradiated with celestial light. The language in

which he conveys it is also sublime: "For we know if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens—prepared for us from the foundations of the world when this corruption shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality-and death shall be swallowed up in victory."

Nor were his moral and religious

ethics surpassed. He preached the gospel of love, fellowship and peace, and that we should make our lives sacred to duty. He was also an evolutionist and did not profess to know it all, for he says:
"When I was a child I spake as a child, I undertwood as a child; but when became a man I put away childish

things. For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face; now know in part; but then I shall know as Lam known." Neither was he a religious bigot; but a man of the broadest charity; who thus sums up the Christian virtues: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity (or love). For though I speak with the tongue of angels and have not charity, I am but as a sounding brass

and a tink ing cymbal." Above all others, Spiritualists should be most liberal, and should have the largest and most abounding charity; especially charity for the opinions and beliefs of others not of our faith.

vances the cause of truth and Spiritutinctly phenomena for science to deal alism, for instance, by such a sentence with as are the instincts of animals. as this: "Jesus is a lamb: the church pats us reatment.—Drummond.

On the back for saying this, but our faith goes further: We say more; he is

Does Brother Hull think that he ad-

priesthood excites the attention of Jo- not only a lamb, but a whole menage This may strike Brother Moses, and the ways of this class, specimens of perhaps some others, as being both which habitually visit the army posts, witty and to the point, but to many libinspired ostensibly by love of souls, but really by love of lucre. They take pains to come around about pay-day naturally antagonize them against

> alistic teachers. It seems reasonable to suppose that many of the Christian symbols were borrowed from the ancient pagan mythologies; but with the poet Coleridge I think that even these intelligent forms of ancient poets—these fair humanities of old religions-have their special significance and should be entitled to respect and consideration: "Oh! never rudely will I blame his faith

> In the might of stars and angels! 'Tis not merely The human being's pride that peoples space

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To THE EDITOR:-Spiritualism has come very much to the front the past season, there being several societies here whose members are enthusiastic workers and they have greatly increased their membership and usefulness. Many people of wealth and influence have been won over to the cause, wherein they have discovered the mighty truths pertaining to spiritual philosophy. Quite a stir has been created by the arrival

of Mr. Oren Stevens, the well-known slatewriting and materializing medium. He came o our city Dec. 2, a perfect stranger, and on sunday evening, Dec. 3, he gave manifestaions of spirit return at the First Spiritual Church. On this occasion he gave fifty full names with messages, which were all recognized. The manifestations coasisted of spirit telegraphy and slate-writing. The spirit telegraphy was received with considerable interest, and Mr. Stevens' slate-writing is enough to convince the most skeptical. After several thoroughly and critically examined by all persons that desired to do so, they were placed on a stand that stood on the rostrum. Mr. Stevens simply placed the slates in pairs, every motion he made. Then he requested given at the medium's parlors, but at the resi- the form of a gentleman, short of stature, and every person in the hall could have seen one of the officers of the society to tie a borrowed handkerchief around one pair of the placed across the hall some time ago and not making it impossible for the medium to carbonate of soda should have been 'bicarbonslates, which was tied to a wire that had been tor the occasion; another pair of slates was to receive any earthly assistance. The seance ate of soda, and not plain carbonate of soda. placed on the floor, while others remained on may be considered as given under thorough for the latter is washing soda, and would kill the stand. The medium then seated himself test conditions. Mr. Stevens is a young man me." She replied, while the figure receded several feet from the slates and in a few minutes he requested the officer that had tied the slates to the wire, to open them, and the slates were found to be full of loving messages from departed ones whose friends were in the audience; the remaining slates were examined and height and her little hands and head could thought it superfluous. I said, afterwards, found full of messages, which were all recognized. Mr. A. R. Arrowsmith wishes it stated that he called on Mr. Stevens for a personal slate-writing, and after he thoroughly cleaned to say he is without doubt the most gifted ma- not?" "No," she replied. the slates himself, and placed them on his own terializing medium that has ever visited our 'I saw a gentleman standing by you, and mas and a glad New Year to one and all, lap—the medium not touching the slates—he city. Being believers of this grand truth, and disappear in your room." received two messages, one from his spirit father with his full name signed, the other from a spirit friend, who also signed her name.

side of the curtains and requested us to sing "I have a father in the Spirit-land." The song was not two-thirds finished when a form A Story as Handed Down from Generaappeared in the center of the circle and announced itself as the mother of one in the the entire time the spirit was standing by her rius. side. perfectly visible and speaking, Mrs. | This ghost is up to all manner of tricks. Fultz held her hands on the medium's head. It is claimed that he has been known to un-Next came an Indian control of one of the hitch oxen from wagons while the driv ers sitters. This spirit manifested wonderful were off a little ways after wood, and hitch strength and endurance, and spoke in his nathem on again wrong end foremost. Old peo-by paying the balance due him—\$277.00. The Mrs. Nickless' "Sunflower." The audience tive language, touching everybody with his ple claim that his spirit has roamed this forest hands, then appeared outside of the circle and some two thousand years, and is still there. seemed to stride across the room, placing him- It is claimed that a member of the order of self on a divan that was in a corner, where he Capuchins captured this ghost at one time, went through a few pantomimic actions with and tried to take him across the river in a his arms and head, uttering an inaudible lan- ferry-boat. When the boat was in mid-stream guage; it appeared as if he was trying to ex- the ghost made itself so heavy as to sink it. plain something to his control, but failed to and its occupants were drowned. The ghost make himself understood; he disappeared from went back to his old haunts, where it is territhe outside of the circle to the inside again, fying people to this day. This is the story as where he gave a war dance, and dematerialized. I have heard it related many times while I Then, according to little Birdie's promise, the lived fifteen years on the edge of this forest, spirit form of Jimmy Bundle appeared in the center of the circle and materialized lace. The spirit first touched some of the members of the seance, then rubbing his hands together and rubbing them on the floor, the lace commenced to materialize and continued to do so until seven or eight yards appeared. After copies for \$1.00. For sale at this office. allowing the members of the circle to feel the lace the spirit dematerialized it, apparently disappearing through the floor. The next that materialized was an Egyptian control of Mr. Chas. Hostetter. The spirit took Mr. Hostetter by the hand and led him to the center of the circle, where he stretched his long arm over Mr. Hostetter's head, showing the spirit to be between six and seven feet in height, Mr. Hostetter thoroughly comprehended the

actions of the spirit. Next came a spirit form

and gave its name, and was recognized by Mr.

the spirit and requested to lay his hands on

positive proof the medium was seated in the chair; and experienced results similar to Mrs. Fultz, except the spirit followed him to his seat, then dematerialized. Next came a control of Dr. Voe. who was called to the cabinet and received a very important prescription. Then came together two spirit forms of chilthey appeared to move to the center of the circle, thence in the direction of one of the communication.

The seance closed by Sarah Johnson taking wish it for?" I replied: "For drink." complete control of the medium and explaining how the spirits materialized and dematerialized matter; taking a handkerchief from one of the circle she dematerialized it through the curtain of the cabinet, then materializing slates were passed to the audience, and being a small portion of the handkerchief on the outside of the curtain and requesting the owner the slate and on the message. I returned to to take hold of the materialized portion, which the medium, and, on entering the receptionwas done and the entire handkerchief material- room, I looked forth into the receding and dim

dence of Mr. and Mrs. Voe. A black curtain siender, but intellectual, pale of face, with was placed across a rather small corner of the gray sidebeard. I said, jokingly, to the meroom where there was no window or door, dium: "Did you wish to destroy me? That ing and realistic manner, while Mrs. Jackson's of:20 years and about five feet in height, and disappeared—not, however, until he had making it a physical impossibility for him to fixed in my mind the fact that "bicarbonate impersonate the tall Egyptian, whose features of soda" was what he ordered and had written. plainly be seen by all in the room. The gen- not realizing then that the form that stood by uinenness of Mr. Stevens' mediumship is be- her had been a materialization, so real was it: yond question, and in justice to him we wish "You are about to have a sitting, are you no doubt, will serve to us a "feast of reason having been honest investigators of its physical manifestations, we desire to state we need present, her mother and sister having gone no farther evidence as to the truthfulness of its down-town, and we being alone in the house. physical phenomena.

MRS. VEVE VOE.

tion to Generation.

It is well known to all students of history circle and delivered an intelligent and loving that the city of Trever, or Trier, on the banks | Helen Stuart-Richings, "hang great issues"— gentleman asked if it were possible that the corresponding) she recollects sitting by the message to her daughter, distinctly heard by of the beautiful Moselle, in Germany, is the life and death oftentimes—and thus one or hypothesis offered by Hudson, that what was stove one evening, thinking of her parents, and all. Next came a spirit form which announced oldest city in Germany, and was partly built itself for Mrs. Voe, which she recognized as or rebuilt by the Romans, who at one time oc by mistake, which may bring health or death, viz.: the claim being they were produced by know about it." her sister, and delivered to her a pleasant cupied this part of Germany. They conquered are not any whit less in moment and significance which may bring nearth of death, view the conductive mind working on another? The message. Next came Birdie, a little Indian its people by fearful slaughter, massacres, girl, a cabinet control of Mr. Stevens, and and acts of cruelty too horrible to mention. materialized out in front of the cabinet and It was here that a great massacre took place talked for a short time in her peculiar style, under the commander Trixius Varius. It is making many witty remarks that were truly said that the river Moselle ran red with blood. amusing. She announced she was going to For their deeds of cruelty, for which Trixius have Jimmy Bundle come and materialize lace Varius was responsible, it is said his spirit can be authenticated by Miss Lizzie Bangs as swered about the same way as before. Mr. grand success. The seance-room was about Blue." which was immensely enjoyed and river called Quint Bach. I have heard old enthusiastically applauded. She at once espeople tell the story, and they claimed they tablished herself a prime favorite. While we had actually seen him, and had some terrible were singing, a spirit appeared in the middle experiences with this ghost, which is always of the circle, and after laying its hands on the up to some mischief, such as presenting a light heads of some of the members, took the hand at a certain distance in front of travelers on a of Mrs. E. Fultz and led her inside of the dark night, and getting them lost in the depths Peeke. His preaching hasn't suited them. dom. Mrs. Nickless' guides then claimed to cabinet and requested her to place her hands of this dark forest and pushing them off some They have preferred charges against him that have given as clear an answer, and one that in the circle until three forms had come from on the medium's head to give him strength. rocky precipice. I myself have seen a man Mrs. Fultz completed, when the spirit an- brought home out of this forest with his leg ism. Mr. Peeke, however, determined that he to give some tests to quite a number in the the cabine, forms came very strong, often two ered to her a very consoling message. During a rocky precipice by the ghost of Trixius Va-

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Arrowsmith, who was led inside the cabinet by which 26,822 were for drunkenness. the medium's head to give him strength. He

In the Government prison at Yuma, Ariz. not only put his hands on the medium's head, there have been only four female prisoners often made the flesh of ivery and the drapery but on different parts of his body, to have committed during sixteen years.

BICARBONATE.

A Remarkable Materialization.

I had just completed a sitting for independdren; the larger one was leading the smaller; taken lunch. I was impressed to go to a neighboring drug-store and purchase some "bicarbonate of soda," which my spirit physiladies, and gave their names as Eddy and cian had directed for a slight kidney affection, Emma. The lady recognized them as her the medicine to be taken after each meal. I grandchildren. The two little spirits ex- had copied the substance prescribed in the served the 17th of December, the day set by pressed a desire to see mother. A spirit rec- writing of the guide of the medium "carbonognized by Mrs. Greely came and placed its ate of soda," and thinking that was the subarms around her neck and delivered to her a stance ordered by the spirit physician. I asked the druggist for it. He said: "What do you

of sods." "So I do," I responded, being so impressed. I returned, wondering and reflecting meanwhile how it came to pass that the "hi" had been omitted from the carbonate of sods on hallway, which stretched to the kitchen and We wish to state that the seance was not the length of the flat, and saw Miss Bangs and

She looked about her, but no one was

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In the statues of their deities the Greeks of gold, brass or iron.

Grand Rapids Spiritual Association.

ent slate writing with Miss Lizzie Bangs, of society. It has been a month of many pleas-10 South Elizabeth street, Chicago, and had tive and brilliant inspirations by this gifted angry because he could not hinder somebody woman. Mrs. Jackson has a rare faculty of (in his family, I presume) from spending his harmonizing the scattered elements in a society, and bringing them together in a social way. Under her suggestion the society obthe national organization for general jubila-

tion. Music, recitations, special mention of could control your money," and asked him if the objects and aims of the new venture, and a few criticisms of the same, comprised the service, and were participated in and listened to Then he added: "You need bicarbonate by a large and appreciative audience in the evening. Christmas night was celebrated by a gypsy social, at which the mediums were conspicuous in their fortune-telling booths; besides this were games, dancing and refreshments.

The large hall was nicely decorated with evergreens and holly, and made brilliant with a happy, good-natured throng. Some fine selections of music were rendered, and some amusing recitations given. New Year's night Mr. and Mrs. Jackson gave us their World's Fair stereopticon views. These reproduced of reasoning, that his coat was of coarser mamany of the finest scenes in a most charmpeculiarly winning voice depicted their salient points as they gradually dawned and faded on the canvas before us. This splendid entertainment should receive good patronage from all societies who love the beautiful.

Brother Frank T. Ripley paid us a flying visit on Chriftmas night, while en route to Ohio. The hard times causes us to be unusu- est contempt, and, finally, said: 'Then I Birdie appeared to be about three feet in 'bi," which appeared as a 'b," and hence she height and her little hands and head could thought it superfluous. I said, afterwards, able to continue.

Mr. Hull will be with us for January, and, and a flow of soul." With a merry Christand a God-speed to THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, I am Fraternally yours, MRS. C. H. HINCKLY.

Then it came to me at once that I had seen Progressive Spiritualist Society. daughters and a son, who is the youngest of

written, and that he was glad to be able to fine lecture through Mrs. Nickless, on the life at times until their departure from Philadelthus do good. "Thus upon small matters," of the spirit immediately after passing over, phia for their home in this city. The little as my sweet guide once said to me through after which the audience were requested to ask girl says she cannot realize controlling her the beloved co-worker in the field-work, any questions that might occur to them. A mother any farther than on one occasion (dates two small letters omitted from a prescription known as Spiritual phenomena could be true, says: "I felt kind of queer, and that is all I cance to the now excarnate as to the once inguides said: There are some rare cases carnate spirit. Thus also has Dr. Mackenzie where the spirit of the medium was able to vindicated his celebrated reputation and skill perform some of the phenomena. The answer as an accurate prescriber for the sick by this was objected to by Editor W. T. Stead as begrand and unusual means of saving a life by ing evasive. The questioner then attempted 10th street, Kansas City, gave a materializing 'rising." as it were, "from the dead." This to put the question more clearly, but was an seance last week that was in every particular a Stead then took the platform, after being eighteen by twenty feet in size, with a large called upon to do so by the audience; he had closet in one corner; the only means of comexamined Hudson's theory fully, and found munication was one door leading from the all that was necessary to do to believe in the seance-room; the closet used as a cabinet was To THE EDITOR:-The Brooklyn Congrega- same, was first to accept the hypothesis fully, examined by all present; the only articles it tional Church, of Cleveland, Ohio, has had with the belief in the person producing the contained were one chair and a rug laid loosely a quarrel with their minister, Rev. G. H. phenomena being endowed with infinite wis- on the floor. his sermons savored too strongly of Spiritual-fully covered the ground. She then proceeded the closet, two coming together. On entering would preach until the end of the term agreed audience. After the lecture those present coming together. A large man with heavy upon, so that he might collect his money for were invited upstairs to the banquet-room, black hair and beard, accompanied by a young the entire time. They didn't want him to where a nice lunch had been prepared by the lady; a tall man with white hair and beard, a preach a farewell sermon, as he might say ladies of the society, after which the "Watch- soldier in full uniform and carrying a sword, some very interesting things that might not night Services" were conducted by Brother set well on the minds of some of his flock. It William Yates, ably assisted by Dr. George old men and women-many came under a was necessary to buy him off, which they did Schermerhorn, of Denver, Mrs. E. Marion and strong light, and were recognized by friends. money was paid him on the condition that he left just after midnight, after welcoming the

C. E. L. Corresponding Secretary.

Clerical Derelictions.

Bishop Grafton, of Fond du Lac, Wiscon-Spiritualists, THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER sin, on Sunday, December 10th, finding an audience about half as large as a corporal's guard, "proceeded to roast" his abbreviated reach the largest number of readers. Send 25 congregation. He told his flock that he had worked four days on his sermon, and he did not propose to waste it on a handful." He upbraided the whole parish for its want of interest, and ended by stepping down from the pulpit without delivering his sermon.

Rev. Vernon Olyphant, a Presbyterian clergyman, and a graduate of Princeton College, shot himself in his room at the residence of his father in New York. A double barreled rifle was the weapon used. It occurred on the 14th instant. Overstudy was assigned as the

Rev. H. A. Cooper, of the Second Presbyterinn Church, of East Liverpool, handed in his resignation, which was accepted.

Rev. E. C. Rust, formerly pastor at Brilliant Jefferson county, Ohio, who was suspended last June, has asked to be reinstated. C. H. MATHEWS.

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Some Simple Facts.

To THE EDITOR:-Here are a few simple Mrs. Jennie Hagan-Jackson has just closed facts concerning occurrences at our home cirsuccessful month's engagement with our cle of three: A spirit was brought to us that we might talk to him; he did not know that he had passed out of his body, and was very money.

He said: "They tell me I am dead, but I am not."

I told him: "Of course you are not dead; you are more alive than you were when you he did not see them bury his body? He said he saw them put a body in a coffin that looked like him, but it was not him, and he cursed because that young spendthrift was going now to buy a new suit of clothes that he did not need. He said he cursed them and slapped them, but they paid no attention to him whatever.

I told him he had laid his body off as he would an old coat, and was now a spirit. Then he was very indignant because I talked Spiritualism to him. I asked him if he could not travel faster than he could formerly? Why, yes, he could travel like lightning, and wondered why it was so. So I told him, by way terial than his body, and his body which they had buried was coarser material than the body he now had. He said: "Then you want to make me believe I am dead, too, do you?"

I told him no; that there was no death, but that he had only laid the coarse body off like a coat; that he could not talk now so as to be heard except through a medium. He repeated the word medium several times with the great-

A Singular Case. The family of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Birk-

holz, of this city, have recently had a bit of experience of a peculiar kind, although not at all unknown in other instances; yet such cases are not easy to explain. The Birkholz family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Birkholz, three These messages filled three states. Mr. Arrowshirty, says it was a matter of impossibility for the medium to know the names of his departed relatives or friends except through his mediumship.

Mr. Stevens gave a full-form materializing seance at 950 West Jefferson street, December 122. The circle was arranged ascoording to the instructions of one of the medium to the other of the structions of one of the medium to the other of the structions of one of the medium to the desire this article pullished through in seance at 950 West Jefferson street, December 122. The circle was arranged ascoording to the instructions of one of the medium to the desire this article pullished through in seance at 950 West Jefferson street, December 122. The circle was arranged ascoording to the instructions of one of the medium to the desire this article pullished through in seance at 950 West Jefferson street, December 122. The circle was arranged ascoording to the instructions of one of the medium to the desire this article pullished through the workly columns of This Progressive Spiritualists, and then were installed form of my spirit physician, Dr. Mackenzie, the great close and knowledge, who came to the above account, and for the good of the save arranged ascording to the instructions of one of the medium the principal controls, Strah Johnson, and a shade was placed over a lighted lamp, which, with the electric light from the street that shone through none of the widows, made the room so portions. A name at the progressive Spiritualists as one of such a nature as to call for some notice, and we, therefore, furnish the event of such a nature as to call for some notice, and we, therefore, furnish as assure us, and this writion is Society. The medium tentilized form of my spirit street, were of such a nature as to call for some notice, and we, therefore, furnish as assure us, and the work is society to the children remained through the circle and knowledge, who came to great the work is some through none as a surface and the work ceived a reply that they were all alive and me in the hall for the purpose which I have In the evening we were treated to a very well. Since then Nora controlled her mother D. SIBERT.

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A SEANCE-SUDDEN DEATH.

(Note:-This paper is copied from stenotion with the spirit who is being assisted, is a times—but you have got a soft spot like some control of Mr. Fisher.)

Eva: (Spirit daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey.) "The atmosphere is very bad to spot! Is there any way out of it?" night, and we will not keep you very long. We have made a selection of not very rough ones to-night."

Spirit: "Where is this fortune-teller?" Mr. Fisher: "What do you want of a

fortune-teller?" Spirit: "Well, I would like to consult one! Where is he?"

Mr. Bailey: "That gentleman who just spoke to you sometimes tells fortunes!" Spirit: "I saw the sign over the door:

'Tom, the Fortune-Teller.' Where is he?" young man,"

Spirit: "What would be your charges?" very reasonable."

like to know about. You treat business mat- that you have heart trouble." ters, don't you?"

like to get a little information,"

factory.'

giving the fortune-teller a fair chance." Spirit: "Well, if it is the truth, it will be you how to ease this thing up some?"

satisfactory enough."

anything about what he is saying."

don't suppose it will amount to much, but, all!' at the same time, I would like to try the thing, ing that gives very good, accurate things."

satisfied with what he tells you. He will tell you things that you know he doesn't know anything about."

Tom: "Well, how do you do, sir?" Spirit: "Is this the fortune-teller?" Mr. Bailey: "That is Tom."

Spirit: "How do you do, sir?" Tom: "Well, what will you have?" Spirit: "I would like to get a little informa-

Tom: "What kind of information do you

want?" Spirit: "I want some information in re-

gard to business." Tom: "All right! State your case." Spirit: "If you are a good fortune-teller,

you can tell me what I want." Tom: "How could I tell you what you

want?" Spirit: "Well, that's the way they generally do, I believe. They tell you what it is

you want, and tell you about it." Tom: "I don't know that I can tell you what you want, but I will begin by calling you by your name. You were christened John, but me?

most people call you Jack." Spirit: "That's all straight enough." Tom: "There is a woman here, and she

says that you will remember her very well. Her name is Lucy. She says that if you had done as she told you to do, you would not be hunting around for fortune-tellers regarding your business; but you didn't follow her advice."

Mr. Bailey: "Is that right?" Spirit: "That is right, yes. Well, if she

can tell you that much, can't she give me some more advice?"

Tom: "I presume that she can. I don't think I would bother my head about business. You have got to die and you can't take anything with you."

Spirit: "You have to live until you die!" Tom: "That is true, you have got to live, but you can live on much less and be just as comfortable, and perhaps you would be much better, because you wouldn't be using your brain, tiring it all out to make more money."

Spirit: "You know we want to make all we can, and I would like to get a little informa-

Tom: "I will tell you, in the first place, "Tom," who carries on most of the conversa- for Dick; you know he fooled you two or three edge it reaches the higher realms of thought.

other people."

that you are in now. But I'll tell you what it your friends, those who love you, and those is, Jack, I don't think I would bother my head who have gone on before."

about business." Spirit: "I am obliged to! I must get out of this fix, you know."

anything with you when you die?"

take anything, but, at the same time, there's the young man, and you go with me." got to be something got; we have got to leave Mrs. Bailey: "He is right here—this something for those who are dependent upon

Tom: "Yes, that is true; but don't you Mrs. Bailey: "Oh! I think they will be know that your life is very short? And you

completely absorbed in your business."

made up how you wanted it to come, it wearing on me pretty hard. Now what you member with distinctness: "A discord in music | 72, or 4 to every million; Roman Catholic Irewouldn't make any difference how much truth have been telling me is strange. It is a fact hurts me." I do not doubt it. At his request land, 130, or 19 to every million; Roman was told you, you would not be satisfied unless about Lucy; she did warn me, but it is so I copied words and music of one of my own Catholic France, 4,089, or 31 to every million; it came a certain way, and that would not be strange that you should tell it to me. Now, compositions, entitled, "Speak to me, dear Roman Catholic Austria, 1,325, or 36 to every if she told you that much, couldn't she tell ones," which he had heard finely rendered million; Roman Catholic Bavaria, 311, or 68

any more about business."

Mr. Bailey: "I guarantee that you will be death, and are not aware of it?"

Spirit: "Yes, I know you said that."

same? Why, of course you would be, because The poor body has long since found rest, illegitimacy).' In Rome, where the Pope and it would be Jack that moved out; and wouldn't while the fire of talented eloquence must burn seven thousand priests and nuns live, out of you? They belong to you!"

of the bother we have while we are here. If we in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER in this vicinity,

it would be a very sad thing indeed." them along with you, because they are a part he is also a public benefactor so far as daring Munich, 48 per cent.; in Roman Catholic donated to the National Library. Besides of you—until you are aware that you have men and women to think for themselves is made that change and cast them off, you take concerned, and I believe a mind so richly enthem up just the same. There's a little girl dowed with beauty of thought and grandeur here, Jack, and she says that her name is of oratory will, soon or late, be led to believe Gertie, and that you are her papa. She says more than his—"I do not know"—takes him she loves papa, and she wants papa to come to-day. to her. She says: 'Papa, don't bother any | Certain it is that many who are 'nothing' more about business now, because you can as they term themselves as regards adhering

going to die, that you talk in this manner to ed out in it's columns, and read, with awaken-

Tom: "It isn't because I see that you are going to die, but-now don't be startled-it is because I know that you have already made "A Witch of the Nineteenth Century. that change."

body. strange!"

Tom: "Don't be startled; it is all well with you. In order to gain your attention I was obliged, at first, to humor your fancies; that is the way we have to get the attention of spirits who have made the change called death and are not aware of it, and who have taken with them their thoughts, desires, and inclinations of their past lives, and are wandering about trying to give expression to them, and work them out. You have entered Spirit-life!' Spirit: "Can it be possible?"

Tom: "It is true! Would you like to see me as a spirit?"

Spirit: "Yes, I think I would." Tom: "Now look!" (Tom leaves Mr Spirit: "Dear! that beats everything!"

Mr. Bailey: "That is Tom, the spirit whe has been talking to you." Spirit: "The fortune-teller?" Mr. Bailey: "Yes. You can understand

now how he can tell fortunes, can't you?" Spirit: "Dear! that gives me a strange sensation!"

Mr. Bailey: "There's nothing to be frightened at."

Spirit: "No, sir, I am not frightened; but it eems very remarkable, and very strange; away beyond my comprehension. Oh! that is strange! He has gone back into him." Tom: (Returns to Mr. Fisher.) "I am not

fortunet-eller, as you suppose. Spirit: "You mustn't blame me; I saw the

Tom: "That was to attract you to this place so that you would come into these contime, and my pleasure and happiness consists and in Lower, 79.46. in aiding and assisting poor, benighted spirits like yourself, who have lately come into the soul-land as strangers, having no conception or idea of the future life; so they have to be

instructed pertaining to the duties of the new life. It is a beautiful life which you have entered, a life of growth, progression and beau- owned Spain and Hades, I would sell Spain.' tiful unfoldment, where the soul expands and graphic notes taken during the seance. that you had no business to sign those notes grows in knowledge, and through that knowl-

Spirit: "Well, I am lost!" Tom: "Come with me, all of you, friends, Spirit: "Yes, I have got an all-fired soft and I will take you where you will receive the necessary instructions for the proper develop-Tom: "If you hadn't signed those notes for ment and growth of your spirit, where you Dick you wouldn't have been in the tight place will be taught how to reach, and where to find

Spirit: "That will be delightful!" Tom: "Don't you know that you can't take how to return to earth and administer to those whom you have left behind, those whom you Spirit: "That may be; I don't expect to love—for you can return. Now I will leave

> Spirit: "Well, I will!" E. T. WASHBURN. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

After an Absence of Six Months. Spirit: "Well, no matter! no matter! I that you went to the doctor's to be very carelike to know about. You treat business maters, don't you?"

Mother soon gave us to understand that all labout getting excited, because you know the trouble."

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Tom: "Oh, yes, To THE EDITOR: - Upon reaching home afhave a little business on hand that I would ful about getting excited, because you know time was spent in a crowded school-room in ceived their education in parochial schools. dition so that Tom can take possession of me, and then he can answer for himself."

Spirit: "Oh! that's it! Well, now, I would like to get a little information."

When near trouble, or die suddenly, and after an November number and they furnish one-third of the population, but they furnish one-third of the population of the criminals. In Ireland they are three same that they had on their minds at the time of their same that they have the change and of nothing."

Connelia (still seated, but awake), she demanded what she saw, "for if Ruth," quoth she steamboat of the criminals. In Ireland they are three same that they had on their manded what she saw, "for if Ruth," quoth she steamboat of the population of the criminals. In Ireland they are three sam death they take with them. And they can't Conn., were especially mentioned. I would say and one half to one, and yet they furnish six and buried mor'n a year, and Nelson saw his Mr. Bailey: "You would rather have it take any notice of anything in Spirit-life, be it was my privilege to listen to Mr. Tisdale, at criminals to one for the Protestants. come authentically, would you not, like that?" cause those thoughts dwell in their minds and Queen City Park, Burlington, Vt., on July Spirit: "It doesn't make any difference how they are completely absorbed in them. You last, and, with a beloved aunt of mine, sat were Roman Catholics—more than five times surely have seen somebody or something in it comes, if I only get something that is satis- know that, for some time past, you have been spellbound under his golden words. A per- their proportion to the population. sonal chat with him further testified to his fine Mr. Bailey: "But if you had your mind | Spirit: "Yes, I had to be! It has been sensitive nature, and one remark of his I re ders are as follows: In Protestant England, by Prof. A. J. Maxham, at that camp, and I to every million; Roman Catholic Sicily, 174, Tom: "Yes, I will tell you. When I get know that to his rendering of the same, as in or 90 to every million. Mr. Bailey: "Tom is a spirit, and when he through talking to you, you will see that, un- Mr. Maxham's case, the merit of the piece is controls this young man, what he tells you der the circumstances and the run things have two-thirds due. (I mention this to show that, hanged is a Catholic. will be true. This young man doesn't know taken, it won't be necessary for you to bother though silent for some time in the columns of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, I am yet adding mands Canon Murname, in his paper read to Spirit: "It doesn't make any difference! I Spirit: "Well, I don't understand that at my leaven as best I may, here and there." the Catholic Truth Conference at Birmingham, There were other eloquent speakers there, of when a Roman Catholic prison chaplain can Tom: "No, I know you don't. You remem course, among whom may be mentioned J. assert that of six thousand or seven thousand because I have heard that there is fortune-tell. ber my saying to you a short time ago that Frank Baxter, Clegg Wright, Mrs. S. A. women brought into the prison yearly, more sometimes people make the change called Wiley, etc.; and one sad feature of the camp than 80 per cent. are Catholics? was the cottage in which, wasted and worn by disease and long suffering, lay the form of lic would be very grateful for the exhibition Tom: "Don't you suppose that when you Fanny D. Smith, so recently one of the bright of the proofs concerning the comparative illitleave your body you will be Jack just the est and most brilliant speakers in this section. you take your thoughts and experiences with on in a condition beyond this life's fitful fever. untrammeled by earthly habiliments.

Spirit: "Well, I guess we don't have much I can safely say there is a growing interest took all of the bother and perplexities with us and my own papers are passed on and on. If Robert Ingersoll is doing a world of mis-

to any real religion (hydra-headed), turn to Spirit: "Is it because you see that I am read this paper, when anything of his is pointing thoughts, his scintillating ideas.

Spirit: "Made the change."

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Slimy Course in Different Countries.

A Few Facts Worth Considering.

In a letter to the New York Herald, in reply to an attack made on him by the Paulist priest looked directly across to a neighbor's house, popular pastor of the Bloomingdale Reformed for the position of the medium, and then the

Church, New York City, used these words: "For fourteen hundred years the Pope had how we were building better than we knew, I his own way in Italy, yet when Victor Emmanuel overthrew the temporal power of the Pope he found eighty per cent. of the people wholly illiterate, and less than five per cent. able to read and write.

"Italy having for some years exported her most debased and degraded people to Amerditions, and be instructed pertaining to the ica, matters have changed somewhat for the change you have made, because you did not better. Still, in upper Italy to day the perunderstand it. I have been in Spirit-life some centage of illiteracy is 40.85; in Central, 64.41,

better. Still, in upper Italy to-day the percentage of illiteracy is 40.85; in Central, 64.41, and in Lower, 79.46.

"Catholic Spain is reduced to beggary, and 80 per cent. illiteracy. The late Philip Walsh, of Philadelphia, who was himself a Roman Catholic, said of Spain: I don't know what Spain was when Washington Irving was there, but I know what it is now, and if I owned Spain and Hades, I would sell Spain." "Good as soon any young savages.

"Rome has controlled Mexico for nearly three hundred years, and yet the parochial schools kept 93 per cent. of the people illiterate. Catholic Mexico has abolished the parochial school and established free schools.

"The Catholic republics of Central Americate the parochial school and established free schools." "The Catholic republics of Central Americated them because they failed to educate. Every State in South America, save Ecuador, has repudited the Mexico for new stands papa, right in the bedroom door: "Oh, Nell there in South America, save Ecuador, has repudited the measure of the proportion of the paper. What is a past in the door, she raised hers in token of the paper, and less than fifty post-offices. What free public schools. In all Ecuador there is not a railroad (unless very recently built), one newshat paper, and less than fifty post-offices. What for mother! Only poor, deluded, creek the polar mother. Only po Tom: "And where, after you are sufficiently railroad (unless very recently built), one newsdoes that say for the parochial school?

"Father Edward McGlynn, speaking of the charge that our public schools are 'godless and immoral, says: 'It is a brutal calumny

upon the American people.' "May the God of Lexington and Gettysburg save this nation from the criminal percentage of the parochial schools. The most immoral centres in our city are the saloons,

"The average committals per year for mur-

"In this country nearly every white man

"How can you expect conversions," de-

"Father Young sneeringly says: 'The puberacy and criminality (including, of course, every four thousand children born, three thousand are illegitimate.

"The following table, based on government returns, shows the proportion of illegitimate births in the cities named: In Roman Catholic Paris, 33 per cent.; in Roman Catholic per cent.

"In my private letter to Father Young, which tioned the fact that the Catholics get the bulk of the benefits of the many charitable enter-

Materialization Over Sixty Years Ago.

To THE EDITOR:-How vividly an old man

remembers the most trivial events of his boyhood days! In 1830 or 1831, in the town of Maryland, Otsego county, N. Y., it so happened that I attended one of the most natural materializing seances known to spirit philosomaterializing seances known phy, ancient or modern. It happened thus: My father had died about one year before. Mother was left with a family of eight children-the eldest, Jame, 16 years old; the youngest, Sally, not quite 2 years. I write these particulars anent the family and the house in order to be better understood as I proceed. Now four of our family took part, all unconscious that we were forming conditions for materialization. The house was one story, and two rooms—bedroom and room we lived in; three doors, a front and back door to the room we lived in, and close to the end of the house, opposite the bedroom; a window in the middle between the doors. This window Young, Rev. Madison C. Peters, D. D., the where mother had gone with the baby. Now circle. Ah, me! when I think back and see

> know that spirit-force prompted our actions. It was in summer, and twilight in the even-Biblical and Modern Spiriting. Cornelia, 12 years old, sat in the corner of the old fireplace, hands folded in her lap; head bowed slightly, and seemed to be looking pensively in the ashes before her, and,

> finally, to all appearance slept. Now Ruth (8 years old) cried out: "Now let's run and play Cornele's asleep. Give me let's run and play Cornele's asleep. Give me surrice. This book is what its title indicates—"The Question of Biblical and your hand, Nel. (Nelson, 6 years old), and Modern spiri list." We give below only a partial list of the contents of each chapter:

mother: (Oh, my poor, deluded, creed-cursed mother! Doubtless, for many years ere this, you have known well enough what your thoughtless children were about in your absence.) Ruth's fright unnerved me, and I clung to her for support. I had given one glance, however, just in time to catch the last, lingering outlines of his well-remembered white, bell-crowned hat, vanishing in a column of white mist.

Mother soon gave us to understand that all danger was over, and that we had nothing to prepared and instructed, you will be taught paper, and less than fifty post-offices. What mother. (Oh, my poor, deluded, creed-

hat, that has been sold and worn out long ago, "Of 560 convicts at Concord, Mass., 400 you, being the oldest of the children here, must the bedroom door."

Cornelia said she had seen nothing, and Researches in Oriental History. had given little or no attention to the children's racket. Ruth and I cried out in unison: "Cornele's been asleep!" Corneliadidn't think she had.

"That will do," said mother, "for now I know that you both have lied, for Cornelia has never slept, to my knowledge, in the daytime since she was the age of Sally."

Now, with all this profound reasoning, and unanswerable argument, and to escape mother's dreaded switch, we both decided that a downright lie (in our case) "was the best policy." So we both acknowledged to mother that we were "only in fun," and "would never do so again." And thus ended one of the most perfect materializations that could occur and be so soon annihilated by falsehood, ignorance, superstition and bigotry.

For many years I have been minded to mother the profit of the past; fast sare the profit of the control of the past; fast sare the profit of the control of the past; fast sare the profit of the control of the past; fast sare the profit of the past profit of the past; fast sare the profit of the past; fast sare the profit of the past profit of the past; fast sare the profit of the past profit of the past; fast sare the profit of the profit of the past profit of the past; fast sare the profit of the past profit of the past; fast sare the profit of the past pro

write up this positively truthful account of The Coming American Civil War.

Tom: "Oh, yes, for a time you do take chief, as I have heard Orthodox friends say, Brussels, 35 per cent.; in Roman Catholic valuable works and pamphlets have been Vienna, 51 per cent.; in Protestant London, 4 those Heretofore mentioned, a complete set of Swedenborg's valuable works have been received, and, with others, from W. J. Cushing, Esq., of Brooklyn, N. Y., a small yet importhe makes public in his letter to-day, I menant publication printed in the year 1814 (eighty years ago), by Malcolm McLeod, D. D.. of the benefits of the many charitable enterprises connected with my church. To show my good-will to those who differ from us religiously, I just noticed yesterday that of the 4,067 patients treated last year in the Presbyterian Hospital of this city, 1,144 were born in Ireland.

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Truth Will Be the Victor.

The great effort throughout all the earlier ages of the world was to acflid he permit sin to exist and destroy the workmanship of his own hands? The more the subject was considered fires. the greater seemed the problem. The Hebrew prophets, believing in the omnipotence of the Creator, put into his mouth the declaration: "I create evil;" "Shall there be evil in a city and the Lord hath not done it?" Not satisfied with their own answer, they invented a devil, after the manner of the Zoriastrians, and made him responsible for jan's wickedness.

he idea of antagonistic elements in question. She felt it was a very ef-Acture, each warring on the other, and fective instrumentality in reaching the for many centuries such teachings domiaated civilization. As knowledge spread beyond the

ess LAW; that there were no hostile lemons battling with each other, each struggling for the ascendancy. They liscovered that this law was uniform in the bloody-handed pirate. Creeds built on the theories of old-

Parlier times. Assembled throngs Mr. Hull's. of people shouted, "Great is Diana!" "Great is Bacchus," "Omnipotent is Jupiter." Ancient ears were delighted; but the worshiped and the worshipers are alike silenced in death, as will be the case with their successors. Truth is king, and Truth is eternal, and Truth in the end will be victor, for Truth is the offspring of fixed and changeless Law.

The Futility of Prayer.

He is a lazy ingrate who asks another them a general distrust of the clergy, to do that which he should perform with his own hands. Even a God should be the very aspect of modern Christianity avidity any opportunity to become posexempt from constant teasing for per- and of church worship. This skeptisonal favors. And praises, telling cism is not flippant; little is said about particularly when unattended by any him how good and great he is, smacks of the adulation of the courtier to his cals and fanatics. Most of them are king, or the savage magnifying the powmen of calm and even balance of mind, king, or the savage magnifying the powers of his idol, hoping to gain favors by flattery. The wise man who grasps the mighty problems of nature, and is awed with wonder as he witnesses the icent display of infinite power, will not cringe like a whipped cur in its presence, but, gazing aloft and around him, de clare, "I, too, am a product of that same unfathomable Energy, which called the imperishable whole into being, and t has no need of my prayers or praises."

Pious Quackery.

The Methodist Ministers' Association at Milwaukee had an interesting disussion before it lately, which indicates quackery is not limited to the medical profession. Rev. W. J. Potter precipitated matters by reading a paper on worshiping a day, instead of uplifting "Sunday Evening Service," which for their fellowmen. Ecclesiasticism got a novelty has not precedence outside of Mormondom. He proposed to introduce attractions to draw people to church. He did not care if it was sensational, so long as it induced sinners to attend church. He thought brass bands and advertising were good things for religious

As substitutes for grab-bags, lotteries, rissing bees and so forth we commend the proposition. Brigham young en-listed the popular airs into his synagogue worship, declaring he was not willing to is always to be commended; but the tet the devil have all the good music.

Jesuits are conspirators, ever laboring

The Spirit Artist.

this city for Oakland, Cal. He leaves a was not organized any too soon to thwart host of warm friends and admirers.

Orthodox Impudence.

Suppose Spiritualists of Agnostics vere to inaugurate a house-to-house visit all over the country, and in the cities, for propaganda purposes, would not the general acclaim be, "Unparalled impudence?" What business have they to enter the sacred precincts of home, and attempt to proselyte its inmates to their faith, who have formed religious views after earnest thought, and who are entitled to the enjoyment of that thought as fully as have the intruders to enjoy theirs? Would not such action be an insult to the intelligence of the

own breast?" the Evangelical Alliance, a combination see them.

church fund. Please don't kick these intermeddlers they would do were Spiritualists to copy their example. But it would not be improper to teach them that a demon god, who tortures his children with eternal wrath, has no abiding place in your family; that devils, even imaginary ones. have retired with Elisha's bears; that count for the origin of evil. It was your God does not buy praises or apreasoned that God was good; then why plause, otherwise puffs, with promise of a celestial heaven, nor frighten sinners to love him with threats of purgatorial

Valuable Pamphlets.

When the question was agitated in ing the last remaining traces of their Exposition on Sunday, a Boston lady sojourning here, who had read "The the Chinese point of view, you can bet Sunday Question," by Dr. Brown, and ter understand the comparatively inefwho knew its worth, called at this office | fectual labor which must necessarily be | and bought a goodly number of copies, which she placed in the hands of the All the great religions were built on had to do with the settlement of that THINKER has just received a fresh lot of the forty-four page pamphlet, and will take pleasure in mailing copies to all its priests, and was diffused among the readers at fifteen cents each. Its readpeople, the latter began to interrogate ing is really enjoyable. Why not add sature on the subject. They found the another fifteen cents and get the Docworld subordinate to fixed and change-work, of the same size as the former pamphlet?

Glad He Was Mistaken. Mr. Hull was mistaken in his stateats action; that it neither loves nor ment that not one of the hundred thou-destruction. However, his teachings aates; that it neither rewards nor pun-sand pulpits in the land would issue, as shes; that it has no heaven for the good, a Christmas sermon, such facts as he set nor hell for the bad; that the good man, forth in his article published in these duce itself to this: A man may do as he standing in the lightning's path, or columns. The pulpits in Rock Rapids, pleases so long as he is willing to believe, in the way of the falling beam, is as lia lows, and Luverne, Minn., occupied by at or near the end; there can be found Christ and the sun are identical; and ture penalties. To this illogical deduc-denies that there was such a man as the tion he gives, perhaps, the same degree time priests, and perpetuated by modern such wonderful miracles, casting out your average Canadian, should some unones, are crumbling; the whole fabric of devils, converting water into wine, raissuperstition is tottering on its base, and must fall into ruins, as have those of course would be a fitting companion to man obtain salvation.

A Mournful Lament. The following from the New York

Evangelist, tells its own sad tale:

"Among all the earnest-minded young men who are at this moment leading in thought and action in America, we venture to say that four-fifths are skeptical of the great historical facts of Christianof the great historical facts of Christian-ity. What is held as Christian doctrine taught the Chinaman to leave unused by the churches claims none of their no opportunity for personal advantage. consideration; and there is among Realizing, then, as he does, the comand belong to no class of ultraists. It is not worldly and selfish. Nay, the doubters lead in the bravest and most self-denying enterprises of the day." Reader, don't weep. When the church

mourns there is hope for humanity. Still Harping.

The religious bigots are not idle. Now they desire to close on Sunday the Midwinter Exposition at San Francisco, which is to be opened on the 15th inst., delayed because of the unfinished condition of the structures. California has no Sunday laws, and it is not probable the and not to our lack of interest in your Fair Commissioners will enact one for the behalf. We are glad to receive concrazy fanatics whose religion consists in black eye on the Sunday question at Chicago. It will get another in the Pa-

Allowed to Return.

cific city.

The Jesuits who were expelled from Germany in 1870, through the action of Bismarck, by the late action of the Reichstag are permitted to return. Now assassinations and revolutions will be in order again. Religious toleration to destroy free governments which stand in the way of their ambition. Univer-The Spirit Artist.

A. Campbell, the spirit artist, has left object of all their efforts. The A. P. A. their purposes in the United States.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

An Educated Chinaman's Opinion of the Christian Religion.

MR. TOI LAI HAS A POOR OPINION OF MISSIONARIES-CHRISTIANS WERE YESTERDAY BARBARIANS-INEFFECT-UAL LABOR OF THE MISSIONARIES AT AN ENORMOUS COST.

We learn from the Vancouver (B. C.) correspondent of the Toronto Mail, that age, deserving severest censure? Would Mr. Toi Lai, a highly educated Chinese it be improper to tell such emissaries of gentleman, a passenger of the Empress dogmas, "When your services are re- of India, has just arrived in that port. quired you will be invited to visit us; The correspondent obtained an interuntil then foster your delusions in your view with him, on "What Chinamen think of missionaries," deeming such an We think no self-respecting member of interview would be of general interest liberal thought, however humble, will everywhere, as Christians seldom get an

execution. With growing knowledge exist between the Oriental and Occidenthe preachers see the inclination is to tal methods of reasoning and application. are proportioned to the number of com- name I have forgotten, having been municants under their charge, so they twitted of his Jewish origin by his polabor with persistent zeal to make more litical opponent, is accredited with the ment." numerous the contributors to the retort: 'Sir, my ancestors were a civilized people, living in houses and wearing clothing, while yours were yet nafrom your door; for that is just what ked savages, running howling through the woods.' I know of no expression which more truthfully conveys the average Chinaman's opinion of the Christian missionary and his work than this. Realizing that he is the inheritor of scores of centuries of civilizing influusually greets with mild amusement the I have left behind." advent of these apostles of a race, the fathers of which were but yesterday barbarians; a race which, while we were government. at the zenith of our national evolution. had not yet, if your own scientific men may be credited, succeeded in obliterat-

> ence in sedentary habits.
> "Placing yourself for a moment in his, exerted by the missionary. His first stroke is at the root of all the Chinaman holds most high and sacred. For venerate the spirits of the departed ancestors, with a fervor but little short of that which is given to the Deity himself. We are taught that every violagrieves and vexes in the deepest manner the spirits of those whom on earth we had most venerated. Thus into his relength of time. ligion there is instilled a tender personality, the confidence and love which a trusting child feels for a beloved parent. To such an one comes the Christian missionary, avowing that these teachings are not only erroneous, but that their may appeal to a mind educated along his particular lines, to the Chinaman the missionaries' religion appears to re-

the average American daily paper. nation thoroughly civilized should require to be furnished with such items

as are constantly to be found there. "Why do Chinamen take advantage of opportunities afforded them by mission schools is a question the solution of which is not difficult to arrive at. Cenmercial value of a knowledge of the sessed of such knowledge: and more personal expense?

"That a genuine conversion to the theory of Christianity arises from such efforts on his part, other than very few isolated instances, I certainly doubt. Reduced to a commercial basis. I think it is not putting it too strongly to state that every Chinese convert to Christianity represents to the missionary societies an expenditure of a round million dollars in hard cash."

Take Notice.

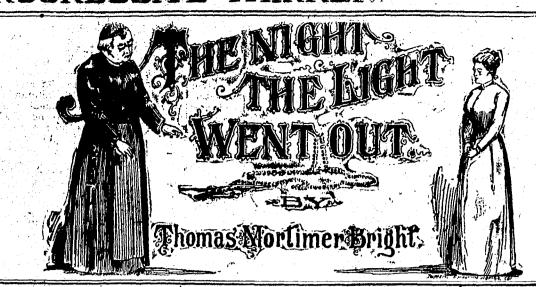
Our paper is not large enough to pubreceive. If YOUR article does not appear, you must ascribe it to that cause, Exposition, to accommodate a set of tributions from any one. All are read, considered.

The Lyceum Guide.

Through unforeseen causes, the publication of the Lyceum Guide, that excellent work by Mrs. Emma Rood Tuttle, was unavoidably delayed by those who had the work in charge. It will be ready to mail sometime next week, dress for 50 cents.

Dublin, with a population of 350,000, has 1,1446 police. The cost of prison subsistence in Col-

orado is 11 cents a day. Maryland has 674 convicts, of whom 497 are uumarried.



Mayor Harrison Communicates.

Apropos of the trial and conviction of be guilty of such gross impropriety; but opportunity to see themselves as others Prendergast for the murder of Mayor Harrison, we are credibly informed that He Investigates for Himself. "In order," said he, "to thoroughly immediately after his removal Mr. Hardox churches, have directed such a system appreciate the question of missionaries rison controlled a medium of excellent of intermeddling by allied societies, and missionary work, as viewed from repute in this city, desiring to be recthe machinery is being set in motion in the Chinese standpoint, one must be able ognized. It so happened that on one of many places to carry the scheme into to take in the vast differences which these occasions a citizen of undoubted veracity was present, whom the exmayor greeted with his characteristic desert the church; and as their salaries A certain English statesman, whose heartiness, saying: "I am glad to meet you. You see I have lost none of my energy. I never lost my grip for a mo-

The citizen replied: "Well, we were all very sorry about the cruel way you were taken off."

He replied: "Well, I am not sorry, all I am sorry for is my slayer; other wise, it is all right. I was removed for a purpose; that is, that I might be out of the way of what is to come.

"I was not aware that the Democratic ences, of education and refinement, he clearer now, and I am working for those

there would be a change in municipal

He said he hoped so, and he would work for it; "but," he said, "you know large bodies move slowly, and it takes a ested in the welfare of Chicago as I ever was, and shall do ali I can to help to set things right."

Mr. Harrison was asked how he liked "over there."

"Oh," he said, "it is glorious." It is proper to observe that, according to the spiritual philosophy and experience, one taken off in perfect health, as Mayor Harrison was, and being cultured, do not lose their grip to a very ured, but going over after long sickness, tion of justice and right offends not only the ruling power of the universe, but may feel the effects of sickness, and rewhich affects to some extent the spirit, main in a weak, unconscious or semi-

> This makes the message from the ex-Mayor the more plausible, and the fact that he came to a medium who could respond to his wishes, and watched for izen whom he knew could appreciate deference to his wishes we give this to

mond.

ner; that the surging ocean closes as even more radically than did Mr. Hull. burden of his misdeeds, and a belief in stimulation from the same of the New Testament Jesus who performed of credence which would be accorded by ago, C. H. Brockaway, a furniture dealer of New York city, failed in busidiamond pin with a diamond pendant. for which the gentleman had paid obtain the cold hard facts in place of "No further proof that you have not \$1,500. Being desirous of realizing upon yet completely emerged from a state of the property, it was sent by Mr. Brocksemi-barbarism is needed than a copy of away to a friend in Chicago, with in- editor of the Reviews, of Lon- so mad they never took the pains to con-

tickets were sent to C. W. Black, of letter to F. W. Harvey; Grand Rapids, Mich., and it was there that Mr. Hills first heard of the chances prominent furniture men were assembled in that city one evening. It was proposed that each should contribute \$1 to a fund, after which they would shake dice, the winner to take the ticket and the \$5 with which to pay for it. Mr. Hills won, and subsequently

returned to Chicago.

That night he had a dream that No. 57 was the ticket that would win the diamond. So firmly had the dream implanted itself in his mind that the next Possibly my experience may suggest morning he endeavored to buy ticket one or two things to your committee, so No. 57. The ticket had already been I lose no time in sending you my sugsold, and on looking up its purchaser it gestions. was found that it was among those for The gang, of which I was the 150th which the gentlemen in Grand Rapids started from Randolph street at 1:15, had shaken dice. Mr. Hills managed to p. M. In order to get started I had to obtain No. 57, and talked enthusiastic-lorm into line at a quarter to 1. I was, ally about his chances of winning to his of course, dressed as a man out of work, friends. One of them, Charles Cling-and my thin, ragged coat, made me feel man, of Grand Rapids, was so convinced that the dream would be realized that the bought a one-half interest in Mr. foreman and four assistants. Our destilish all the meritorous articles that we Hill's ticket, paying \$50 for it. The nation was on Wells street, from the drawing came off a day or so ago. Num-bers up to 200 were placed on gunwads ing very much, but was repeatedly adand put into a hat; an equal number, monished not to work so hard. words "diamond pin," were put in an-working for wages." This was from one other hat. Two men were then blind- of the assistant foremen. The men and the thoughts presented are carefully folded and they drew the strips of pasteboard from the hats. Over 130 numbers "You'd think you were working for a were drawn before No. 57 was called quarter an hour," they said, "take it easy." I was cold and I liked the showdiamond.

A Remarkable Offer.

"The Witch of the Nineteenth Century" was a highly interesting story, running through eight numbers of THE back again to the depot on Randolph PROGRESSIVE THINKER. That story and the Christmas number of THE PROgreen occurred. I was perspiring gressive Thinker will be sent free to freely, having worked hard. I had no PROGRESSIVE THINKER. That story Send in your orders. Sent to any ad- and the Christmas number of THE PROall new trial or yearly subscribers. Trial overcoat, only a thin, dilapidated coat subscriber, thirteen weeks, 25 cents; one and ragged trousers. The sun was setyear \$100. The Christmas number was ting, the wind was very cold. But we had to stand in line motionless for nearly worth, itself, one dollar to every reflective mind. Call your neighbor's attentiools to get the tickets punched for bed tion to the paper, and get him to sub- and supper. After that we had to form

THE REFORMER.

Mr. Stead Takes His Place with

the Gang and Shovels Snow for Bread and Board. Theories can be surmised and pre-

sented in so plausible a manner as to ness, and ignorance, and subserviency, by the wily schemers, both political and party was as corrupt as it is, but I could religious, all along the line of evolution and progress of the past, and now, in this day of rags and hunger, in this day tached to the gang. For this reason, of financial bankruptcy and starvation, The citizen asked him if he thought their eyes are beginning to open, their minds are becoming free and the broad heaps and the men see their work half sunlight of a brighter day is flashing undone almost as soon as it is done. This above the horizon. The sentiency in discourages them and wastes labor. man is rising above his barbaric nature long time to accomplish anything, and and pointing out the road to a better-When the question was agitated in the last remaining traces of their you cannot expect much improvement ment of the conditions of earth-life. To this city last summer for closing the similar progenitors by an over-indulging for some time; but I am as much inter-know how our brothers live and get on in this world we must mingle with them; hope that they may commend themto know their true condition, their selves to your judgment. wants, and how to supply them, and to feel as they do we must put ourselves in their places. How can we sympathize have I slept in your lodging-houses. with those in distress and not comprehend their condition? There was a man, when there seemed naught of the the letter by dressing himself in ragged great extent, where one equally cult spiritual in him; he knew only enough garments, and being thinly clad in Monon, R. R., annual permit No. 1213; to eat what he had and hunt for more; order to feel as others felt, and get into to build himself a shelter and therein that psychometric condition more per-repose, and to master all others around feetly and make no mistake. Our "big C. M. St. P. R. R., permit No. 12,474; conscious condition for an indefinite him. He had a language—so had the lowest brute; he had ambition—so had foolishly eccentric; but, they only feer W. R. R., permit No. 4020; St. P. & D. lowest brute; he had ambition—so had foolishly eccentric; but they only fear R. R., permit No. 951; C. St. P. M. & O., the lion and tiger; he had mimicry-so that he will know too much of their own had the monkey; but he had not the re- lack of sympathy, and unearth some permit 2063; B. & O. R. R., permit No. motest idea of sympathy for others with secret rottenness. His modes and mothe opportunity of the presence of a cit- whom he had to associate. Today there tives are commendable. There should are marks of intellectual and spiritual be more Steads. following can lead only to an evertasting the situation, is still stronger proof. In advancement and unfoldment in man, in that he is able to comprehend the in that he is able to comprehend the true condition of his neighbor. But it is only by laying aside self, throwing off the barriers of personal ambition and selfishness, and putting ourselves in the they naturally looked upon the Bantist.

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the furniture industries. Some time as they have sweat, and eating and sleeping among them, that their true condition can be known, and until comness. Among his personal effects was a prehended no plausible remedy can be he had no authority in the matter; the three Western railroads, all of which

the many profound (?) theories. Mr. Stead, the great reformer and away to a friend in Chicago, with in-editor of the factor ner. The friend decided to raffle the ing and correcting the many errors of ner. The friend decided to raffle the ing and correcting the many errors of pin, and ultimately sold 200 tickets at \$5 the social system of our country, as will apiece among his acquaintances. Ten the seen by the perusal of the following tickets were sent to C. W. Black, of letter to F. W. Harvey;

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Regarding the question: "How does it feel to do a three-hour turn on the on winning the diamond. A number of street for supper, bed and breakfast," he could not give intelligent and satisfactory answer until he had "joined the gang," and this he did recently in disguise in Chicago.

MR. STEAD'S LETTER IN THE INTER-OCEAN, DEO. 31.

Dear Mr. Harvey: I have just returned from doing three hours on the streets as one of the unemployed. gestions. The gang, of which I was the 150th

the exception of one, bearing the keep moving." I was told "you're not themselves repeated the injunction: eling. It is just as agreeable as digging in your garden. There was certainly no disposition to drive the men; rather the reverse.

We started to work about half past 1 At ten minutes to 3 we were marched street.

half an hour before we could give up our into line again to wait in the cold, I was

told, for another three-quarters of an hour before supper could be served.

To me this delay was much worse to I hope, if possible, there may be more dispatch, or if that be impossible, that the men may have a warm place to wait in. Otherwise many will get their death of cold, especially the willing workers who are in a reek of perspiration.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS.

There are only two other suggestions carry conviction with them and thrive; they may revolutionize the old ideas least one pickax served out for the rethat, in the past, took their turn at the moval of the frozen snow. The men wheel of life's progress; but one cold, have only brushes, which, of course, are hard fact will produce a deeper and useless against ice, hoes which are not more lasting impression upon the great strong enough for caked mud and snow, mass of moving, thinking, feeling huice up with my shovel, and was told by man beings than all the theories that the foreman to quit hurting that scoop have ever been sprung upon the world. and let the ice alone. The result was People have been theoried into blind- that we had to leave parts of the roads in a very slovenly, unfinished fashion, which did us no credit, but for which we really were not to blame.

Secondly, it would also be well if there could be one wheel-barrow atthe mud when scraped up is piled in a heap by the side of the street. The wagons and the teams drive over these Whereas if each squad had a wheelbarrow one great heap could be made in the center of the block too big for the teams to drive through.

I just jot down these suggestions in the

In every other respect your arrangements seem to be working admirably. I have not yet taken my supper nor

When I do I shall write again. It will be seen by the above letter tlme when brute force predominated in that Mr. Stead carried out his idea to

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address.

The pastor, who has been attacked prehended no plausible remedy can be no na no authority in the master, be remeded no plausible remedy can be no na no authority in the master, granted him annual passes last year.

Expected to obtain. This is the way to trustees of the church should decide. Granted him annual passes last year.

The L. S. & M. S. R. affirms its As for himself, he was opposed to any but orthodox ministers appearing in his pulpit, and he quoted scripture to estab- the ministers of Spiritualism upon lish his point. But the relatives were proper application therefor.

wouldn't bother him any more. The funeral finally took place in the Congregational Church, the rites of the spiritualistic sect being used.

Expiring Subscriptions.

The period of expiring subscriptions is on us. As THE PROGRESSIVE THINKpayments are made. We know money is close and hard to get. Newspaper publishers feel the pressure more keenly states governed by the Western Passenger Traffic Association, and issues trip passes to all other ministers who do not wisely commence economy in expenses by cutting off mental aliment. This should not be. The trifling cost of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, but little more than the blank paper on which it is printed, and the large amount of educational matter with which it is laden, commends it to the thoughtful every-

If the reader is in straitened circumstances, and cannot afford to invest \$1 for a year, he can certainly spare 25 cents and extend his subscription three months, until business resumes its wonted activity. Then there will be no break in healthful reading, no discouragement to the publisher, and no regret that invaluable matter, which will never be replaced, has escaped attention. The hope of the world rests with the well-read Spiritualist and Ag-Reader, let us share each other's bur-

financial embarrassments stare all in at least one dollar. the face. Only a few months more. when public confidence will be restored and prosperity will return in an unexampled manner.

The most frequent crime in California is burglary. Drunkenness is the most common of-

Idaho has 132 convicts, all males

ARGUMENT

Presented to the Inter State

By the National Spiritual Association, Washington, D. C.

Commerce Commission

To the Hon. Wm. R. Morrison, Chairman of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, Washington, D. C.

SIR: We desire to call the attention of yourself and associates to certain matters pertaining to ministers of dif-ferent denominations who are in receipt of trip and annual passes from nearly all the railroads in the United States, while some ministers of one particular denomination, viz: the Spiritualists, are occasionally refused. The grounds of refusal are about as follows: First. Certain railroads claim that Spiritualism is not a religion; therefore bear than the labor on the streets; and its ministers are not entitled to the receipt of passes such as are issued to ministers of other denominations.

Second. Refusals have also been made on the ground that there was no precedent granting to Spiritualists such privileges.
Third. The further claim is made

that no minister is ever ordained by the Spiritualists under the law of any State in the Union; consequently he cannot be a minister.

To which we respectfully reply:

First. Spiritualism is a religion according to the act of incorporation of the National Spiritualists Association located in Washington, D. C., also according to the act of incorporation of the First Spiritualist Society of Washington, D. C., the First Spiritualists Church, Louisville, Ky., First Society of Spiritualists of Chicago, Ill., the First Spiritualist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., as well as many other Spiritualist Churches in nearly every State in the Union, all of which societies have the power to ordain under the laws of their respective States competent persons to act as ministers of the gospel repre-

sented by Spiritualism.
Second. These ordained persons are ecognized by the laws of the several States as having power to solemnize marriages and perform other duties invested in ministers of all denominations.

Third. The National Convention of Spiritualists, in its declaration of principles, emboaied religion therein as the leading principle or tenet of faith among Spiritualists.
Fourth. The World's Parliament of

Religions accepted a paper on Spiritualism as a religion, which document was especially prepared for that body, and the acceptance thereof by vote of the managers of the Parliament placed Spiritualism on record as a religious The following railroads have granted

annual permits to our speakers: The Pennsylvania R. R., permit No. 6038; Northern Pacific R. R., permit No. 2905; permit No. 3002; N. Y. L. E. & W. R. R., 10,458; S. C. & P. R. R., permit No. 247: C. B. & Q. R. R., permit No. 2296; W. & A. R. R., permit No. 114; M. & N. R. R., permit No. 354; C. N. O. & T. P. R. R. permit No. 69; C. & N. W. R. R., last year they granted the same to the very applicants whom they now refuse. Rev. W. H. Bach of St. Paul, Minn., vigorously, based his refusal on the fact has recently been refused these rates on

willingness to give "ministers rates" to cognize the fact that reduced rates to ministers is a privilege bestowed by the Traffic Association governing the varates on any road granting such privileges, excepting as minister represent-ing Spiritualism. We feel that this discrimination is unjust and we make an appeal to your Honorable Body for a hearing upon the facts in the case, that a ruling may be given, establish-

ing a precedent in all such cases.

The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad declares that Spiritualism is not a ER is published on the cash plan, of religion. The C. R. I. & P. admits carcourse all names are dropped as soon as rying ministers of other denominations the time is reached to which advanced for half rates, granting annual or time than others, because many persons un- reside in such territory, provided proper application is made, but discriminate only against Spiritualists.

We cite these several instances in order to show the status of particular railroads in regard to this matter. We feel that such discrimination is not only inconsistent, but contrary to the principles of the Inter-State Commerce Law. We therefore pray your Honorable Body for an immediate consideration of this our petition, and upon the facts in the case, ask you to render vour verdict as the evidence may warrant, and as in duty bound we shall ever pray. Very respectfully,
H. D. BARRETT,

Pres't N. S. A. ROBERT A. DIMMICK, Seo'y N. S. A.

32,000! 32,000!

Our Christmas edition has just now reached 32,000! No other Spiritualist paper on this earth ever reached to such heights, as to quantity. This number will be sent to any address at the rate of ONE CENT per copy, when ten dens-as much as we can while these or more copies are ordered. It is worth

> There are three series of Roman coins, the Republican, the Family and the Imperal coins. The first were issued by the State mints; the second by families which had purchased the right of making coins; the third were issued by

the Emperors. Peking has 1,300 police stations.



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, piving a "general survey" of the glorious work being done.

successful meeting celebrating the coming of the New Year. The services were conducted by Mrs. S. C. Scovell,

ing "America."
Will C. Hodge remains through January at Marshalltown, Ia., and is booked for Rochester, Ind., for February and

H. C. Bordewich writes that the Spiritualists of Duluth, Minn., have reorganized the Spiritual and Liberal Research Society, with the following officers: treasurer; H. C, Bordewich, secretary; H. E. Hanson, T. H. Story and J. P. Dodge, trustees. This society has applied for a charter from the National Spiritualists' Association. The society starts out anew under very favorable auspices, with a membership of about fifty, and with excellent prospects ahead. Speakers and mediums are requested to correspond with H. C. Bordewich, box 843, Duluth, Minn.

G. Thompson writes that a very enjoyable Christmas dinner was given at Spiritual Hall, Liberal, Mo., by the Ladies' Guild, in honor of Mrs. H. L. Greeley and Mrs. Dr. Wheelock, who were about to depart for the Pacific coast, after years of sojourn and helptyl bloom. ful labor. A large number of the best people of the city were present, and the exercises, including speeches, music, etc., were participated in by Prof. J. Madison Allen, Mrs. M. Theresa Allen, Mrs. McGuffin, Mrs. Belk, Mr. G. Thompson, Mrs. Greeley and Mrs. Dr.

M. Y. Thompson, of Arkadelphia, Ark., is cheered with spiritual success in these times of financial depression. For twenty years he has been patiently wonderful demonstrations in his own homo. His little son, twelve years old, proofs of the Spiritual philosophy. is clairvoyant and clairaudient; and independent writing, trumpet-speaking, music, ringing of bells, beating of drums, drawing, moving of bodies without contact, taking impressions of hands in wax or clay, etc. This has all been in wax or clay, etc. with black cloth reaching to the floor, the Psyche is placed on the table, the medium holding his hands on the same:

IVE THINKER, which I read, and I want to be placed on your subscription list for materialization. just as quick as you can appropriate the \$1 I send herewith. It is filled with the best sense on the best subjects of any paper I ever read. The address by A. B. French, on "Evolution and Revolution,"

Spiritualism. Without physical phesands have been made believers by for engagements. witnessing spiritual phenomena, who would never have believed without this direct personal evidence to their own senses. In order that there may be KNOWLEDGE of-not mere faith inspirit continuity and return, actual, sensible phenomena are now necessary: not only to an individual here and there. occasionally, but to each and every one in particular. The fact that one man has seen and conversed with one who has passed through the portals of death, is no evidence to a man who has never seen and heard the like. Each generation in turn will need the sensible

Mrs. M. Barnes, No. 6 North street, Bradford, Pa., offers for \$1 and two stamps to send three recipes—one for "la grippe," one for rheumatism, and one how to make hens lay in the winter dollar; in addition, she will give a reading or diagnosis to those sending lock of hair, age and sex.

Mrs. L. is devoting her time to both

Those desiring to correspond with the Progressive Spiritual Society, Lakeside Hall, Thirty-first and Indiana avenue, can do so by addressing the corresponding secretary, C. E. Irwin, Nos. 83 and 85 Thirty-first street, Chicago.

J. B. Jonson, 731 Thayer St., Toledo O., will answer calls to fill engagements for seances for light materializations, physical manifestations, and trumpet speaking, within a radius of 200 miles of Toledo. Terms moderate. "Addie Lee" writes from Lily Dale,

N. Y., that about fifty families have permanent homes there, and it is fast ecoming a home center for mediums, spiritualists, and seekers for the light The Children's Lyceum is a living reality, having 31 pupils, besides teachers and officers. It was organized and is conducted by Mrs. Myra Paine, an inspirational writer and speaker, who is a permanent resident. A reading-room has been opened in Library Hall, and a our large edition, we got 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 evolusions of the good dress on organization, and as opened in Library Hail, and a "social hop" is enjoyed every Saturday evening. Jubilee Sunday was observed by two very interesting servces, the Lyceum occupying the morning and Mr. Lyman C. Howe speaking in the afternoon. Mr. Howe gave a sitirring address on organization, and a society has been formed, awaiting their charter. Christmas was celebrated with a Christ-mas tree for the children, and a rich variety of exercises. It is rumored that January. The Spiritual Research Society, at II North Ada street, this city, held a very successful meeting celebrating the com-Ladies' Fair Club is to have a summer campaign. C. L. Clark, of Chicago, writes: In

gave some tests and messages from work of the past year of this city. It January Mrs. Helen Stuart-Richings spirit friends, and Mrs. Emma Harth would be well if all the heads of societies will be the lecturer." also gave some remarkable tests. Miss would send in a brief, condensed report preted by Mrs. Scovell's guides, Mrs. Side Spiritual Society, I would offer this for a good platform test medium, lady Combs gave some clairvoyant readings, note of appreciation for the good work or gentleman, for as long a time as they and Mr. Arnold some psychometric and poetic readings. Mrs. Chanfrey presided at the organ and rendered inspirit a very small nucleus of a society, it such, free, as long as they will stay. ing music. The meeting closed at mid- has grown under his care to a large, innight by the audience rising and sing- telligent audience. Many other, good mediums have contributed to the work, when he was unavoidably absent. A notable feature of the year was their "Watch Meeting" on New Year's Eve, Gill, by the members of her N. D. C. participated in by the whole society, so that scarcely a corner could be found the ladies the company entered the unfilled by improvised seats. The most seance-room at 9:30 o'clock. Mrs. Clemprominent among the workers were: Mr. White, Mrs. M. S. Fielding, Mrs. B. Brown, 1st vice-president; R. C. Mitch- and Mrs. Jeffrey, who will be the of one of the sitters; bells were rung still more powerful instruments would and establish communication with dwell- gent reason for their faith. ell, 2d vice president; J. C. Shaefer, speaker and test medium for the prest and thrown on the floor; tambourines treasurer; H. C, Bordewich, secretary; ent month. Grand and convincing tests were played; old black Joe sang and acwere given, inspiring speeches of a high companied himself on the banjo. There order, song service, solos and original

Wissinoming, Philadelphia, Pa., during laid upon the sitters; two voices singing January, Mr and Mrs. Kates will accept in the trumpet; two voices countersing calls to lecture and give tests in Illinois, in the trumpet; imitation of locomotive lowa and Nebraska, en route west in February and March. Make your own slowing up; beautiful addresses, sympaterns. Address G. W. Kates, Manitou, thetic songs, and heavenly music. On

three years. The trustees have elected officers for the year 1894: Dr. W. B. Mills, president; G. R. Burrows, vice-Dr. G. W. King, clerk. All communi-Dr. G. W. King, clerk. All communications for engagements must be sent to Dr. W. B. Mills, box 54. Would like to loan from speakers who can give tests "mother" of the Pittsburg Society, havhear from speakers who can give tests ing organized it, with but few members; from the platform.

E. Stoney writes that the Spiritualists of the institutions of the city.
of Omaha, Neb., are having a good time through the mediumship of Dr. H. H. ber of the "Berlin Sphinx Alliance," Grabendike. His lectures are excellent has undertaken the publication of a ing; and now the spirits are giving and his answers to questions from the quarterly called Life Sketches, devoted

M. H. Prince, of Philadelphia, writes through his mediumship are produced independent writing, trumpet-speaking, for their speaker recently the philanfor their speaking, for their speaker recently the philanformation of all societies and periodicals in wax or clay, etc. This has all been best efforts to the good of the cause. All brought out by sitting with one of W. H. Bach's Psychos. A table is draped and investigator especially. She is a Marguerite St. C. medium of rare qualities.

Mrs. E. A. Wheeler, of Union City, Mich., writes that they are developing stopped by Mills, the chief of police. Joseph Fourtain writes: My friend Hunt, of this place (Carterville, Mo.), handed me No. 213 of The Progress- with the matter and they had a very enjoyable time. Stopped by Mills, the chief of police. The Advertiser, a local paper, devotes nearly a column and a half editorial, to the matter, attacking Chief Mills, and and they had a very enjoyable time. the matter, attacking Chief Mills, and They are thinking of forming a circle declares that the Spiritualists would

E. Klotz, of Alleghney, Pa., writes: "Miss Abbe N. Burnham ended her engagement with the Allegheny Society on New Year's Eve. She is a very able speaker, whose aim is of a higher and is the finest and most eloquent that 1 nobler reach than what can be expected ever read, and I think is the best that of the ordinary test medium. We wish ever came from mortal man.

R. R. Bratton, of National Home. In the property of the ordinary test medium. We wish her good luck in her new year's engage-was killed and buried a good while them declare they are bitterly and intensity.

I the best that of the ordinary test medium. We wish her good luck in her new year's engage-was killed and buried a good while longer than Lazarus was. He has re-tensely hostile to the whole scheme.

G. G. W. Van Horn has an engagenomena we have no complete evidence ment at Lexington, Ky., for the month column and a half to a consideration of value are such declarations in face of of the truth of spirit return. Thou of January. He can be addressed there

> Society of Spiritualists, of Keokuk, Ia., King at a seance. They state that they is gaining ground, especially in the way of mediumistic development and the King nor his attendants had any parspread of Spiritualism among the classes aphernalia about them, yet the forms of day evening, holding her audience spellespecially at funerals; and the local pa-pers are beginning to treat Spiritualism "Sniritnalist" with respect. Dr. C. R. Fisk is president of the society, and Samuel W. number organized a circle, and they Tucker is secretary.

L. H. Walker recently heard a church- whom their spirit friends give convincgoing lady read a paper on "Cruelty to ing evidence of their existence; and anstretched threads from the flower pots other member is rapidly developing as to the ground. In ten minutes all the the brethren and sisters were conducted a materializing medium. Many skeptics ants had heard of the newly discovered —any one of the three is worth the to a big ditch that had been damned for have become convinced, and much independent and so marvelous is man's achievement dollar; in addition, she will give a read-the occasion, and the good minister terest and inquiry has been excited. the occasion, and the good minister terest and iuquiry has been excited.

broke the ice and ducked them under the cold water. Among them was a little girl of 14 or 15 years; and they had time, and to take a little exercise. He very powerful joint in his neck, and calls illuminates the close of the nineteenth

J. B. Jonson writes that the G. A. R. Park ave., Chicago; Ill. private and public spiritual work. Recently a spirit controlled her and said
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J. W. Riley, materializing medium, Marcellus, Mich., writes that he has been visited by 159 persons in twelve lays.

The Society at Jacksonville, Fla., has secured the services of Prof. Alvin Kelly Pearse, the phrenologist and lecturer. Mrs. Dr. Juliet H. Severance is now delivering a course of five lectures and the hall cannot accommodate the people who are anxious to attend. Mediums and lecturers going that way will find it to their advantage to correspond with either W. F. Anderson, 150 Julia street, or W. H. Eddy, 101 Union street.

W. B. Hall writes that there is a demand for a good test medium at Dell Rapids, Dak., especially a medium for materializations.

G. H. Wetzel writes that they are having remarkable spiritual phenomena at Lancaster, O., where a ghost is seen Over a year ago a policeman short a horse-thief on this spot, and many have seen his ghost there nightly for at the corner of German and High St. time past. Mr. Wetzel wants to know if any of our readers have seen or heard of the photograph of a spirit animal or landscape.

F. L. H. Willis speaks for the Spiritualists of Washington, D. C., during

most excellent work in Chicago.

G. C. S., of Indianapolis, writes: "Mrs. assisted by H. C. Clifton. Mrs. Metcalf sang, "We'd better bide a wee," and another beautiful song; Mr. Harris' singing and playing was accompanied by distinct raps on the organ; Mrs. Hilbert gray some tests and massages from the second solution of the second solution of the second solution solution. The most would also be interesting to hear from distinct raps on the organ; Mrs. Hilbert gray some tests and massages from would of the progress and North West street. For the month of the second solution is a second solution solution solution.

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J. C. Dryer, of Cincinnati, Ohio, writes that under the direction of Spirit Dr. Jas. A. Bliss, arrangements were made to hold a watch meeting New Year's ever at the parlor of Mrs. Kate (Gill, by the members of her N. D.C.)
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Gills, After a splendid repast spread by the ladies the company extreat the seance-room at 9:30 o'clock. Mrs. Clement as great. The smallest of them seance-room at 9:30 o'clock. Mrs. Clement as great. The smallest of them seance or many things as great. The smallest of them seance or many things as great. The smallest of them seance or many things as great. The smallest of them seance or many things as great. The smallest of them seance or many things as great. The smallest of them searce of the same of the s Year's eve at the parlor of Mrs. Mrs. G. W. Kates can be addressed at songs and voices, materialized hands in the hollow of one's hand.

The Spiritualists of Pittsburg, Kansas, held New Year's services, with music, andresses by M. Theresa Allen president; W. B. Wescott, treasurer; by a lunch and short speeches. There and Dr. J. C. Buchanan, etc., followed it has grown in numbers until it is one

address is 6,236 S. Morgan street, Engle-

Marguerite St. Omer recently undertook to lecture at Windsor, Canada, and her lecture was interfered with and have served him right if they had kicked him down stairs; and advises them to place two good-sized men at the entrance to their hall with oak clubs, as a preventive for any further demonstration. He had no right there.

Medium Joseph King appears to be a the subject, signed by J. R. Sanford, president of the First Spiritual Society, and Charles Butterworth and O. Leroy W. L. Thompson writes that the First Donne, of a committee to examine Mr. outside of the society. Mrs. Dr. C. R. children and adults, male and female, Fisk lectures under control every Sun-appeared, the former all clothed in bound under her effective eloquence. smooth faces and some with mustaches The leaven is working in the churches, or beards of different shades of colors, and occasionally crops out in the pulpit, and many were recognized at once by

"Spiritnalist" writes from Pullman, now have a trance medium through

Bishop A. Beals has closed his public work at San Jose, Cal. He will visit the Fair at San Francisco, and will then go to Los Angeles. He has been doing a most excellent work in California.

At the request of many of his friends, Mr. A. H. Williams, the veteran Spiritualict, will begin at National Hall, No. 681 West Lake street, on Wednesintimately associated with many of our the public, his recital will be deeply inbe continued every Wednesday evening, until completed. There will be good music, and eminent mediums will give tests at the close of the lecture.

Dr. W. P. Phelon commenced a series commence at 7:30 F. M. The subjects are as follows: "The Creator," "The Preserver," "Chem-Preserver," "The Destroyer," "Chemical Affinity," "Symbology of the Building of the Temple of Solomon, "The Building of the Soul," "Numbers," the suthor of "Three Sevens, "Future Rulers of America," "Witch of the Nineteenth Century," etc. He will have something spicy and original in his lectures. He can be addressed for engagements at 619 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

Pearl, daughter of Mrs. L. R. Miles, of Georgetown, Ohio, passed to Spirit-life Dec. 4, 1803, at Piqua, Ohio. Sweet and beautiful, she was loved by all. She saw spirits in her room, and pointed them out to her mother, who is comforted with the thought that angels came to her, and that she was not left alone in her passage from earth-life to the brighter world beyond.

Microbes as a Factor in Existence

The smallest living organisms and those most to be feared by man in his battle with the rest of nature, are bacteria or microbes, says the Boston Weekly Review. They have an average diam-Kate eter of but one twenty-five thousandth of

The First Society of Spiritualists of Saratoga Springs, New York, held their annual meeting and elected Mrs. Dr. W. like it before."

| Concentration of the spiritualists of Spiritualists of Saratoga Springs, New York, held their unlists say they never heard anything and then divides and becomes two indicates the property of the spiritualists of Saratoga Springs, New York, held their unlists say they never heard anything and then divides and becomes two indicates the property of the spiritualists of Saratoga Springs, New York, held their unlists say they never heard anything and then divides and becomes two indicates the property of the spiritualists of Saratoga Springs, New York, held their unlists say they never heard anything and then divides and becomes two indicates the property of the spiritualists of Saratoga Springs, New York, held their unlists say they never heard anything and then divides and becomes two indicates the property of the spiritualists of Saratoga Springs, New York, held their unlists say they never heard anything and then divides and becomes two indicates the property of the spiritualists of Saratoga Springs, New York, held their unlists say they never heard anything and then divides and becomes two indicates the property of the spiritualists of Saratoga Springs, New York, held their unlists say they never heard anything and then divides and becomes two indicates the property of the spiritualists of Saratoga Springs, New York, held their unlists say they never heard anything and then divides and becomes two indicates the spiritualists of Saratoga Springs, New York, held their unlists say they never heard anything and the normal size of its kind, and then divides and becomes two indicates the spiritual say viduals. Each of these repeats the process, and this goes on ad infinitum or as and consequently no reproduction.

The rapidity of reproduction, or the fertility is directly determined by the amount of food present and also by the

traordinary rapidity.

An ordinary microbe will divide and become two every hour, or in less time. and if it and its decendants were given an unlimited food supply, so that they which insists upon absolute change of could continue their divisions without human relations to nature and to man interruptions, in a day they would num-ber 40,000,000 individuals. Some kinds have the property of producing provis-ionous secretions which cause disease. When a person becomes infected with some of these microbes—it may be only a small number-their great fertility will soon cause their number to be so increased that illness, and perhaps death may result.

State Aid for Parochial Schools.

Wis., disagrees with those who think appreciated by any Spiritualistic audiphenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. Without physical phenomena should now be retired, in spiritualism. all they are worth; some are made in sincerity, we have no doubt, but of what the well-known and plainly-manifested animus of the ruling powers of the Church? Where they have the power they have not hesitated to steal the public school fund to support, illegally, their parochialschools, or to virtually convert the public schools into Romish schools, with Romish teachers, coschildren and adults, male and female, appeared, the former all clothed in white robes, and the men, some with public expense. If the priestly and procept force and some with the public expense. If the priestly and procept force and some with the public expense. esuitical powers rule the course of action, the lay element have to obey.

> Gould placed several colonies of anta stretched threads from the flower pots amenable to scientific principles.

Moses Hull is engaged in Grand Rapids, Mich., during January.

Mrs. and Mr. J. Lindsey are now at their home, N. W. corner of Lyon and Ransom streets, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Ransom streets, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. Is departed 12 or 15 years; and they had time, and to take a little exercise. He very powerful joint in his neck, and calls is making an exclusive diet on hot water is mate by tapping its head on the wall or on any surface where it may be feeting a beneficial change. His address located. The noise is similar to that me serve my dog so?"

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THE OCCULT.

Psychometry and Mediumship.

Of late, so rapid and comprehensive day evening at 8 o'clock, a recital of has been the march of scientific investi-his experiences in the field during the past 45 years. As Mr. Williams was evolution for the human race that many propositions involving vital progress prominent mediums and speakers in which would have failed to awaken retheir early careers and introduction to sponse in the minds of scientists a single decade in the past are now readily ac teresting and highly instructive. It will cepted as legitimate subjects of earnest inquiry and practical analysis.

Pre-eminent among these scientific diparted friends to the sphere of sub visions is psychology, and one need only liminal self. recall the prominence given to the study of its distinctive claims in the deof lectures at the Lawrence Barrett Columnit of Anthropology during the great advance in mental progress.
Supplemental to the above-named

branch of demonstrated mental power is

psychometry, the latest and most re
Doubtless psychometry furnishes the psychometry, the latest and most re-markable exponent of psychical activity in man's earthly relations. To Professor Joseph

chanan, M. D., now of California, man-"Human Polarity and Vibration," "The Christos," "The Real and the Unreal," subtle force that pervades the human still have mediums among us who boast "Cycles," "The One." The Doctor is body like an other and yet becomes the human still have mediums among us who boast body like an other and yet becomes the From the Greek word psyche, signifying soil, and the Hebrew omer, measure; we have psychometry, or soil-measure; and herein is implied susceptibility to measurement of the soil essence which pervades all material forms. Dr. Buchanan formulated a system of demonstrating given facts in nature, by careful observation of special mental processes and their relation to physical sensibility, through persons possessed of a peculiar delicacy of touch who is arrangements and general conduct of affairs. If we may judge of interplayed in the word judge of interplayed in the word of affairs. If we may judge of interplayed in the word of affairs in the only realm wherein we have practical knowledge, only charlatans and demagogues seek to fetter individual freedom of action, that they may render their victims subservient to their own personal designs.

Brother and sister mediums, beware of guides who lead you by dictatorial methods, or subject you to antocrutical charge. Three Dangers of Infallible Stand-

eter of but one twenty-five thousandth of extent; hence the talent for acute psy-interchange of thought with an inch, and a length from one to ten chometric analysis may be unfolded by have passed within the veil.

long as the food supply is unexhausted; spirit agency all psychometric results, subject of my next paper. for without food there can be no growth, of whatever kind; but I am quite certain Chicago III. that careful study of said results and the general trend of spirit manifestations must convince earnest students that we deceive ourselves by too hasty acquiescence in such viows. While mediumamount of lood present and also of ab-amount the organism is capable of ab-sorbing and assimilating. The greater relative amount of nutriment it can take relative amount of nutriment it can take can grow and produce with the most ex- makes exchange of spheres? Surely are not members of any Spiritualist sophilosophy has been to combat the dogmatic theology of the Christian era, kind, because death opens the way to a broader life for earthly pilgrims. out study or effort to apply known laws of mental growth, theology assumes to trace out the spiritual destiny of the

Let us be at least consistent in our adherence to the inevitable relations of cause and effect, and if disembodied Templar. The services were held at spirits can and do produce pleasing and the Free Church, which he helped to wonderful manifestations by intelligent build many years ago, the guides of the The movement to divide the school tricity, magnetism, etc., should we not ualism. At Mr. Parker's request a band The movement to divide the school fund in Maryland has brought out such a storm of protest that the adherents of Rome are just now zealously engaged in assume to act outside the pale of natural his form was laid to rest by brother law, as applied to material existence for Masons, they conducting the services humanity.

MRS. A. E. SHEETS.

Critics object to dark circles as unnecessary, and only productive of fraud but do they question the photographer's art or integrity when he enters his dark cabinet to develop a picture imprinted on a sensitive plate by the sun's to any church, was a woman of wonder rays? No, that is a natural require-ful strength of character and self-pos ment of the art, say they; but probably not one person in hundreds recognizes the fact that certain chemical exactions compel resort to the dark closet for picture development and permanency. While it is clearly proven that unscrupulous persons do use cabinets and dark circles for fraudulent purposes, true Spiritualists deprecate the fact, and honest media will insist upon proper tests being applied, for the protection of the sacred truth of spirit return. Again I say, let every medium and all investigators study the immutable laws of life: in flower pots, setting these in a large gators study the immutable laws of life; trough of water, so that the insects could they are ever the same, in all places they are ever the same, in all places and media are only and not escape. After they had become accustomed to their new situation he mate but scientific instruments, strictly

We are not infrequently confronted with new and strange manifestations of

Psychometry has come to us like a precocious child who reveals so much of intuitional wisdom that parents themcently a spirit controlled her and said heaves controlled her and spirit intuitional wisdom that parents them below in the spirit intuitional wisdom that parents them below in the selves scarce know how to meet his spirit intuitional wisdom that parents them below intuitional wisdom that parents them

alize that the exact information they give does not necessarily prove the presence and co-operation of guardian spirits of those who furnish the psychometric magnet, which is inevitably permeated by the magnetic ether that environs every individual. True, spirit friends may use those fragments of soul-force to imprint upon the sensitive-mind-plate of the medium photographic scenes in lives revered; but these psy-cho pictures also furnish permanent grounds for the false theories of subconscious origin of spirit manifestations and offer admirable proof to the minds of pseudo-philosophers who complacently refer all communications from our de

If authors who distinguish themselves study of its distinctive claims in the department of Anthropology during the Columbian Exposition, to appreciate the principles that underlie all phases of medial phenomena, the superficial estimates and crude judgments rendered

key to much that has erroneously passed for spirit utterance, but which failed to present absolute proof of identity claimed. Spiritualists as a rule have subtle force that pervades the human body like an ether, and yet becomes the that they "do not read," and are solely responsive medium through which mind directed by spirit guides in their business arrangements and general conduct of affairs. If we may judge of inter-

observation of special mental processes and their relation to physical sensibility, through persons possessed of a peculiar delicacy of touch, whom he designated as "sensitives." During years of patient research and experiment on psychometric lines he has enriched the world with knowledge of a new branch of mental science by which we may fathom the most profound mysteries, and unlock momentous secrets.

Though all who possess mediumship are psychometric in varying degrees, I am convinced that a sensitive may develop and exercise this power without being mediumistic to an appreciable extent; hence the talent for acute psychometric analysis may be unfolded by competent instructors, and be made use-independent of the proposed and sister mediums, beware of guides who lead you by dictatorial methods, or subject you to, antocratic methods of subject you to, antocratic methods of the subject to the designate.

alists insist upon attributing to direct psychometric experiment will form the

Chicago, Ill. An Earnest Request. To mediums and Spiritualist Socie-

ies in Chicago and the North-west: Dear friends and co-workers: It is powers. A microbe now has, because of its extreme minuteness, perhaps the largest absorbing surface in proportion to its mass of any organism. It is enabled consequently to take in relatively bled consequently to take in relatively the individual spirit acquire new and estimated membership, as well as the very large quantities of nutriment and extraordinary executive powers when it supposed number of Spiritualists who the healthful tendency of spirit teachings since the first dawn of our beautiful dress to me, it will facilitate this result. CORA L. V. RICHMOND, Vice-President, N. S. A

Rogers Park, Ill.

Passed to Spirit-Life.

Daniel R. Parker passed to Spirit-life; December 15, 1893, from his home at Sturgis, Mich. He was 65 years of age. and was one of the first members of the Harmonial Society, organized there thirty-five years and more ago. He was well-known as a Mason, being a Knight

On Oct. 7th. 1893, Mrs. Maria Jenne passed to higher life from her home in Fletcher, Vermont, near where sh session, patience, justice and charity for human frailties. The campers a Queen City Park will miss her pleasant genial face, as she was always a camper here. She was ready and anxious fo the change, as she said to me that most of her loved ones were "over there." MRS. HORACE CHAPMAN.

Fletcher, Vt. Nathan Rowlee passed to Spirit-life, at nis home in Fulton, N. Y., November 14, 1893, aged 76 years. He leaves a

wife and two sons. He was a veteran Spiritualist, a man of most kindly heart loving and affectionate to his family and friends, of strict integrity and moral uprightness. The funeral services were conducted by Mrs. Phebe Parker, of Phœnix, N. Y.

Passed to Spirit-life, December 1893, Dr. Lemuel Wetherby, near 90 years of age, at his daughter's home in Stillwater, Minn. He was a philosophic Spiritualist for many years, After he went to live with his daughter, Mrs. Brock, three years ago, he became paralyzed and lost his mind, but was faith-

husband till release came. MRS. J. M. TEFFT.

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We are compelled at this late date to state to all who are interested in our Florida camp, that the Southern Passenger Association, contrary to the pledges of its individual members, that would carry the traffic voted in the affirmative, but as there were one or two negative votes, and under their rules even one wote against a measure necessitates an appeal to the commissioner, the rate for our meeting was an exhaustive manner in committee, until the placed in his hands. This commissioner is Convention itself became impatient with the Mr. E. B. Stohlman, of Atlanta, Ga., and delays, and it repeatedly waited upon the comnotwithstanding the fact that a direct appeal was made to him by every line in interest carrying the business from the Central Traffic Passenger Association, which includes all the territory west of Buffalo, and east of Chicago, officers of our association, he arbitrarily refuses every sense in which that term may be emthus far to accede to our wishes. Here are ployed. It was said that this work, in the the facts in the case: Our one-fare rate, plus short time allotted, had been well done, and \$2, was immediately agreed to by the Central upon a proper understanding of the true con-Traffic Passenger Association, which em- struction of its objects and purposes, would, braces the immense systems of railroads such it was thought, meet the demands of the times. as the Big Four, Pennsylvania, Baltimore and While this committee was in session, the con-Ohio, C. H. and D., Monon, Chicago and vention declared the objects of the organiza-Eastern Illinois, Nickel Plate, Erie, G. R. and tion to be to organize upon a scientific and rethe good friends of Wonewoc, Wis. Their I., and numerous others. In the Southern ligious basis, for teaching the facts and prosociety is flourishing, and any true medium Association, by Louisville and Nashville, mulgating the truths of Spiritualism, as it was Queen and Crescent Planet System, J., T. and avowed by several millions of the people of Reuben Fisk is president, and Mrs. Eva Pot-K. W. R. R., E. T. V. and Ga., G. S. and the United States, and by mutual co-operation ter, wife of the late J. L. Potter, secretary. F. N. C. and S. L., and others, comprising and effort throughout the land to establish a They own their own hall and the lot it stands on, thirty thousand miles of railroad or more, and code of ethics commensurate with the intellectyet by virtue of a rule in the Southern Asso- ual requirements of these people. In order, ciation, one man can sit in his office in At therefore, to form a more powerful working lants and dictate rates to the whole North and organization, establish intelligent co-operation, West, and say what shall and what shall "fiot insure harmonious action and financial success be done. All lines west of Chicago are to these ends, for the guidance of all confriendly, and stand ready to give us the rates cerned, this organization was effected, under asked for.

Inter-state Commission to revise his decision, of these efforts into one harmonious business which is against public policy, and have post- association, and that of all new associations, poned our excursion and meeting until final so as to better equip each and all for the purdecision is rendered, which we hope will be very soon. In case that the reduced rates are tion in this manner as it might confront us, not given us, we will abandon our meeting was also an avowed object by the means profor this year, and fight it out to a finish. Please watch daily papers for details. We hope to be able to give definite information in tion, as such, from the corporation itself, if next week's Progressive Thinker. All let- possible. As a matter of law there is no diffiters cheerfully answered.

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A Letter from Denver, Col.

TO THE EDITOR:-I returned home from a visit to your beautiful White City two weeks ago. I enjoyed the World's Fair thoroughly; authority from the plan of organization, the words cannot express how grand and beautiful it was. I called on Mrs. Ada Foy, whose friendship I formed during her grand work in Denver. She is a lady and medium who, I are authorized in this instance to raise revenue am happy to say, always receives a hearty by gifts, bequests, collections, dues and memwelcome. lso speak of the wonderful slate-

I must writing medium, Miss Lizzie Bangs. It was the first time I had the pleasure of meeting Miss Bangs. I received messages from friends I have never seen, but I am intimately acquainted with their friends in earth-life; also messages from my own dear little ones; also my husband's mother, whom I never saw. I received a beautiful message from my darling child Harry, who died three years ago. My child had before controlled a lady medium, a friend of the family. Acquaintances tried to make me believe that she was not controlled by our levely boy, and I became discouraged, disheartened, and began to wonder who were true.

The dear little spirit-message I received through Miss Bangs is this: "Mamma, I am here with you to-day, and am so happy to say just a few words. Don't let any one annov you with talk; I will always speak to your heart and tell you all that is true. Mamma, you felt so bad-but it is all right; I do come to you through aunty. She is all right and true, mamma." I am satisfied since I received this beautiful slate-writing. I cannot speak in terms of praise high enough for the benefit of Miss Bangs and her spirit guides.

There are a number of Spiritualist here, and many of our most prominent people are investigating. John Slater is holding forth at Warren's Hall, and doing a grand work, calling forth four and five hundred people every Sunday night. Mrs. E. L. Stevenson is here also. She had a large audience at last evening's lecture. She handled her subject well. and gave spirit-messages afterwards.

I would like to mention further that an ex-Catholic dined at our table one day last week. He asked my husband if he would lend him a few copies of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. for he said he had found some good, substantial reading in the papers he had read. He remarked if the Catholics were to get hold of me, they would behead me instantly for leaving their church. Of course we loaned him several copies, and I know he will enjoy them. We were elated to see him so inter-

ested. Denver, Col. MINNIE E. STANLEY.

A Witch of the Nineteenth Century. This remarkable story, which was continued in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER for eight rience of the year, and then rectify all the obweeks, and excited wide-spread interest, will jections, if possible, by the amendments probe sent free to all new yearly or trial subscribers. Bear this thought in mind: It alone tree by the fruits it is made to bear through is worth the price of a subscription. Induce co-operative effort for Spiritualism. your neighbor to send 25 cents for a trial subscription.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

The Opinion of a Prominent Lawyer. mittee, asking it to report its work for the acthe name of the National Spiritualist Associa-We have been compelled to appeal to the tion of the United States. The consolidation poses in view, and of overcoming all opposi-

posed to be employed. The first difficulty to be overcome was to distinguish the Associaculty in this regard. The law recognizes two classes of corporations: Those for a mere pecuniary profit and those not for profit, as in the case of religious, literary and benevolent objects. The corporation is that business branch of any such organization as empowers it to make contracts through its officers, to own and hold property for the association, to sue and be sued, and do anything that an individual may do for himself as to the objects for which the association may have been organ.

ized. Such officers are the agents and trustees of the association, by which the membership acquire their legal identity and existence in the nature of a partnership or co-operative combination, which can alone be effected by that mass of people so acting together, which is then known in common parlance as a society, or the association. The officers derive their scope and limit of which powers are determined by the constitution and by laws, combining together for this purpose. These officers bership fees, when a certificate may be issued

chartered, which, when collected, shall be the property of the National Association. Already the misconstruction is put upon this provision as a taxing power, and the receipts from twelve millions of Spiritualists amounting at least to three million dollars is presented to startle the timid or those who may be adherents to the strictest notions of a "free gos pel." These revenues are all to be regarded

as gifts and donations-"merely this and

nothing more." There is no such taxing power conferred as to prevent co-operation among all Spiritualists. But it is equally evident that but little, if anything, can be accomplished where there are no funds in the treasury. Nor can mediumship be properly defended without some one to co-operate in defending against the assaults that are so lavishly directed against the exponents of Spiritualism by an ignorant and carping opposition to the new gospel. This co-operation is designed to further, and in cases of legislation of the kind so justly complained of, the right of petition or remonstrance will not go unheard when a suitable co-operation may reduce the majority to a minority party at a single elec-

tion, as has been done in more than a single instance in our experience.

While it is true, as a matter of law, the National corporation cannot confer corporate powers upon a State organization, as has been well settled, yet no such corporate powers are needed for the general purposes of associated effort. Let societies in the States organize as corporations, not for profit, under State laws, yet combine their corporate membership with the National organization for the general purposes of associated action. Each State government has its reserved rights, powers and duties, and the National organization example, has its powers for its specific objects. These do not infringe nor encroach upon

that we have a federal union which every loyal patriot may be proud to honor and defend. Yet when it was organized like objections were urged, so that two of the States remained outside of the Union until the gov ernment had its first President. There is nothing succeeds-like success, and it is but fair to all, it seems to me, to await the expe-

E. THOMPSON. Dayton, Ohio.

vided for in this constitution, and judge this

The Cause in the West.

To THE EDITOR!-I have not written to THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER for some time, and it is the same old excuse-something As a member of the National Convention at seems to take up almost every moment. Do Chicago, and an adherent to the organization you know that those who are really working has refused to grant us the rates previously there effected, I will endeavor to answer some for Spiritualism are being pushed harder and announced. At their recent meeting, all lines of the inquiries, that have been through at the of the inquiries that have been thrust at the tails any farther, please give me the space to work of that convention. As a member of thank the good brothers and sisters who so the committee selected to report a plan, most generously came forward and gave their subif not all these very questions were debated in scriptions to enable me to get out my pamphlet on "Mediumship." The first mail that I got after giving a sufficient length of time to allow of returns, brought me thirty-three orders, From that time on they have been coming in regularly. I wish to assure the tion of the convention. This was done late readers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER that I at night and at once adopted; but upon recon-appreciate this. As it is my first attempt at sideration the whole work of the committee publishing a book, it certainly shows a confiand south of the Ohio River, and also by the was brought under an exhaustive review in dence in my ability which is indeed gratify. ing to me. I have been delayed by the printers, but now it is ready, and will be forwarded at once.

Since camp closed, I have worked in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. Now the road leads to Denver, Col., stopping one evening at Sioux I wish to mention especially the hospitality of who goes there will be warmly welcomed. giving to it the name Unity Park.

now as you will two years from now. Al- day, tion, who will carry it to a triumphant success. the reader. Everywhere I go I find people enthusiastic,

ing on the same old platform, under the same subject of consideration at present. It shows decorations we had arranged the year before that unselfish Spiritualists are willing to work when we want there to assist the Progressive under some sensible regulation and order of Spiritual Society to get started. Then there procedure. It shows who are prone to find were two societies; now they have all united fault with those who want to do something under the head of the Marshalltown Spiritual- as a body for the cause; that the spirit of perist Society, with Edward M. Pickering as sonality is more prominent than their "conpresident. My control, Charles Williams, trols," for ritual or an order of exercises and rededicated it for the combined society, to conduct their services as they please, and it was with great pleasure that I walked whether they have anarchy, theosophy, mediyear before.

Marshalltown is a fine city, and the friends | This issue brings to light more clearly than there whole-souled people.

From there we went to Arlington, Neb. where we spent a very enjoyable month, and, we hope, to the profit of the movement. We organized a society while there, with Hon. J. A. Nuthauk, president; Arthur Grogun, vice-president; Miss Belle Hewitt, secretary,

and Dr. Baldwin, treasurer. On our way to Dakota we stopped at Pender, Neb., where we held several meetings, which were as well attended as could be expected Thanksgiving time and stormy weather, and then was the "home coming," and a month's visit with father, mother, brothers and sisters. One face was absent in body, but ever present in spirit. Christmas day he came twice-once while we were eating dinner, and in the evening for a longer visit. Our meetings were fairly well attended, but we had the "Weather God" against us, as it was bitter cold and stormy. The church people of Aberdeen have decided to allow the Spiritualists to hold meetings, but they will not attend them! Is this not kind? We were afraid they would not allow us to hold meetings.

Here the movement is progressing slowly. Mrs. Lyman has two meetings Sunday, but they are the only ones in this greatcity of 160, 000 people; Minneapolis has five, and I am informed that the Modern Thought Society, for whom Mrs. Richings is speaking, has its commodious hall packed so that standing. room is at a premium.

With best wishes for a happy, prosperous w year. W. H. Back. new year, St. Paul, Minn.

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of persons suspected of having leprosy.

of the arrests last year were for that offense. Lord, send more rattlesnakes, for then, and brooms, furniture and clothing.

God.-Man.

God is an attribute of man, Each man is God in soul, Segregated in life's plan, Though still within the whole. Each long-drawn breath that we inhale And exhale, is endowed With life in various forms, with male And female sex allowed.

Each sand of shore and drop of sea, Each blade of grass so green, Each acorn, or its mother tree That is, has ever been. Each little mouse, and ant, and flea,

Each thing both large and small, Animate and inanimate we see, Or cannot see at all, Is part of God, and has its soul Proportioned to its size, That, evolving, grows, unrolls Eternal; never dies.

Each unfolding, something moulding, Throwing off in outer space, To be fashioned, and impassioned, To perpetuate its race. Each one burning with a yearning-Such as life itself inspires-In attraction, and abstraction,

That adjusting law requires, Each one throwing off, and growing Towards the perfect of its kind; Each one climbing, clinging, climbing, All in one grand soul combined;

One great surging and submerging Sea of life, of love, of soul; Of God, of man; the latter an Epitome, and of the whole

In Favor of Organization.

TO THE EDITOR:-I have been reading the and another building lot in the center of the previous issue of your paper (No. 215), and flat, that are found on the edges of the cliff. Verily, we ought to sing praise be to God, and this growing young speaker.

It is a beautiful spot. My leading control gels spirits and everybody that there has at R. U. D. Evans, Sec. N. W. S. A., It is a beautiful spot. My leading control gels, spirits and everybody that there has at dedicated the park in a short talk, ending by last been a partial observance of a suggestion from a recognized head. Of course the N. C. WESTERFIELD, Asst. Sec. Then we "took in" the Fair and convention. "growler" is expected to bob up serenely from 318 New York Life B'ld'g, Minneapolis, Minn. Enough has been said of the Fair, as every one under most any stone or stump, because the has had their say, but I think the convention childish and selfish whims of everybody who was the grandest thing ever recorded in the claims to be a Spiritualist were not gratified annals of Spiritualism. See what was accom- by being personally consulted regarding the plished! Friends, you do not appreciate this organization and its proposed celebrating

though there has been an effort on the part of Mr. Bach has hit not only one but many some to belittle the results and besmirch the nails upon the head, and clinched them, two. character of the leading officers, the fact re- It is to be hoped his article will be read by mains that we have a grand lot of men and many, once, twice and thrice, so that some of women at the head of the National Associalits facts may be impressed upon the mind of

To my mind, the last number named of and all societies discussing the advisability your paper is the crowning effort of its ediof joining-usually deciding in the affirmator. First, it has shown by the reports from so many different cities that the mass of Spir-At Marshalltown, Iowa, we again had the itualists are waking up to the needs of the pleasure of meeting our old friends, and stand- hour, and recognize organization to be the

both dedicated the temple for the first society, regarded as an encrouching upon their rights again under the legend "Spiritual Temple," cal jurisprudence, single tax or any popular that we hung over the door of the temple the fad introduced, much to the disappointment of those who came to hear of Spiritualism.

any other the strong and weak points, and the popular sentiments of all those who are true Spiritualists. It brings a powerful influence in favor of the increasing power and force of Spiritualists as a people, and that if we do not take advantage of the opportunities presented, we ought to forever shut up, and disgracefully back down out of the arena, The reports of the various workers all have the same ring in them, and are fast coming to the stand I took ten years ago, and on which platform I have steadily talked on, regardless of the disapproval of the radicals and independents. We are not obliged to have rituals, but let us have something beside discord and chaos.

GEO. F. PERKINS. Dubuque, Ia.

A True Snake Story.

It is probably well-known to the first settlers of Henry county, Illinois, that in the vicinity of Rock River Bluffs there were formerly many of those poisonous reptiles called rattlesnakes. Among the inhabitants of that rough and new region was a certain Methodist minister, well-stricken in years, who was somewhat noted for his eccentricity and gnorance of subjects in general, of whom we will take the liberty to relate an amusing anec-

In the midst of this infested region there also lived a family of grown-up boys, who were grossly ignorant, vulgar and profane -- a perfect nuisance to all civilized society. It so happened at a time that one of the boys was bitten by one these poisonous reptiles, and the family became excessively alarmed in regard to his future prospect, so much so that they concluded to send for Elder H. (the Chcago, Ill. Every Spiritualist should have preacher above alluded to), to come and pray known as the United States government, for this paper. Every advanced thinker should with the young man. The elder being a very subscribe for it; in fact the whole world devout, sympathetic man, hastened to the would be greatly improved if it could be afflicted family, and after conversing a short eachother when properly administered, so read by each family circle. Terms one DoL' time with the young man, concluded he was pretty sure of heaven if he did not live too long. The elder then went to pray, and in his address to the throne of grace he laid before The New York State prison at Albany has the Lord all the circumstances of the case, in 1263 inmates. The expenditures of the institute meantime portraying the atrocious charactution exceed the income over \$100,000 a year. ter of each member of the family, after which drunkenness. Illinois has 1420 convicts, 86 per cent of he made use of the following feeling, affecwhom are under 40 years of age. Of the Illitionate language in tones of thunder: "O nois convicts only 10 per cent are uneducated. Lord, send more rattlesnakes; Joe has been rious parts of the State. One of the most disagreeable duties of the bitten, and it has brought him to repentance Hawaiian police is the examination and arrest, and to thee. O Lord, send more rattlesnakes. lice, and last year had 39,856 arrests, nearly Let them bite John, let them bite Dave, let one-half for intoxication, The most common offense in Jamaica is ob- them bite the old man and the old woman,

not until then, will they remember and return unto thee. Amen."

have secured the services of six of the ablest speakers on the Spiritual rostrum, besides a grand array of mediums. The names of those engaged will be announced shortly. Camp Future Life According to Science, will open June 29, and close July 29. Our new grounds have not yet been decided on, but they will be of easy access from either St. Paul or Minneapolis.

There will be considerable expense attending the removal of our large camp equipage from Merrimac Island to our new and permanent home, and it behooves all those members who have not paid up their past dues to do so at

To all those friends who have never joined us we give a cordial invitation to do so. It costs but one dollar. Membership tickets can be procured from our State lecturer, Allen F. Brown, when he visits your neighborhood, or of the president, secretary or assistant secretarv.

Let me speak a good word for our State town upon which they propose to build a new our paper, and am so very much pleased with lecturer, who will devote the whole of his temple, or move the old one and improve it, it that I feel like shouting "Eureka!" At last time to the society between now and camp. and in addition to this have a four-acre park there have been demonstrations in so many Any friends who need a good lecturer and oradjoining the town site on a high bluff over- cities throughout this vast country on a given ganizer can get his services by notifying me, looking the city, and reached by a winding- day, and for a stated purpose, which is the re. with dates, etc. Several friends have written stair made almost entirely of stones, large and sult of the organized efforts of Spiritualists. this office, speaking in the highest terms of

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The Christmas Bells.

It was only a poor old woman-Old and worn and gray— That sits in the fading twilight, At the close of a Christmas day; And tears drop fast from her patient eyes, And fall on each withered hand, As she thinks of the friends of the long ago, Now gone like a wind-swept sand.

She sees the dear old English home Rise up, in her cabin small, And hears again her father's voice-Her father, handsome and tall. She feels the soft, caressing touch Of the long-since vanished hand, And brothers, sisters, crowding up, A happy household band.

Again she sees her mother's face-Her mother, fair and young-And hears the low, sweet lullabys That fair young mother sung, While Christmas bells were ringing-Sweet-voiced bells-Soft-toned bells-Of peace and love are singing.

She remembers another Christmas day, Many and many a year ago, When she left the dear old English home, To wed one of lineage low. But love is ever "Lord of all:" Would she that step retrace? Ah! No: the memory still is sweet— She would not that efface.

Again she stands on a stately ship. And the shores are fading from view, She numbers her tears like falling rain, And whispers low: "I've love and you;" And now she sees the western home Where he brought her when a bride-A little cottage wreathed with flowers,

And set in the green hillside. Here little children to her came, One little blue-eyed girl; What should she name this jewel rare To suit, but little Pearl? And little Charlie here was born-On Christmas day to her-An as she thinks of the happy time, Her heart is all astir; While Christmas bells are ringing Their sweetest chimes

Of other times, And birds in her heart are singing. And now she sees a little grave, Where lies her little Pearl, With rare, sweet smile and starry eyes-Her dainty little girl.

And there is still another grave Beneath those western skies; Beside the little grassy mound The husband lover lies;

Now only Charlie still was left On whom she might rely; But he marched away at his country's call, And then came home to die. Ah! Light is filling the little room-Like none on land or sea, And angel voices whisp'ring low

"Oh, earth-worn mortal, come with me." She has left the form, the house of clay, Borne up by seraph band;
She has passed thro' the gates of Paradise,
To her loved in the Better-land. While Christmas bells are ringing-Triumphant bells

On the clear air swell, And the hosts of heaven are singing. HARRIET J. WOODBURY.

Four State prisons, those of Connecticut, Michigan, Montana and Washington, use de privation of religious privileges as a punish

Delaware has no State prison. State convicts are sent to the three county prisons, or to the Maryland Penitentiary at Baltimore.

The inmates of English prisons are employed in picking oakum, making coal bags for the navy and mail bags for the general

Constantinople has 1,000,000 people, who are kept in order by 1000 policemen. In 1890 only 3,000 arrests were made; but fifty for

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Maine has 135 convicts who are employed scene and abusive language. Over one-fourth for thou knowest who and what they are. O in the manufacture of carriages, harness,

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work.

Who can furnish a better snake-story? The reader is at liberty to make his own comments.

O. A. T.

To the Members of the Northwestern Spiritualist Association.

The year just commencing will be a banner one for the Spiritualists of the Northwest, if all those who love the truth will but put their shoulders to the wheel to push to completion the grandest Camp Meeting ever held in the west. Your officers have not been idle since their election. Thanksgiving evening, and have secured the services of six of the ablest

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was caused by eating of the wrong kind of ordinary business! fruit, resulting in what doctors term indiges-

garden called Eden.

You see, now, how we are fixed—having no made alive." coffin or corpse before us to call special attention to, we must, like revival preachers, draw your day about baptism, faith or repentance. the first move she made was to call at the dis-Hence no one mentioned her death, or whether beautiful proportions. You had never seen cal and elocutionary powers not to be deher remains were laid by the side of her hus the Old Testament, or heard of Bunyan's spised.

band in the family cemetery. No marble slab or solemn obelisk points to the spot leisure hours, you never pored over "Bax-lyceum, and every hand went up and the eyes

old lady that your parson commends to your mother now?" attention: She had her birth without father How we would like to hear the great Doctor the witching music of the orchestra which kindly or mother, hence, never had to be weaned. Talmage express his opinion on this matter; volunteered their services, showed what a She never was troubled with teething or loose or how we would like for her, if she could, to warm welcome the newborn child has received. purpose of that paper or has caused many ness of the bowels; never took old Mother control some medium as an "ancient spirit," and how ready the dear friends are to fur-Winslow's soothing syrup, and was never doc. and post us as to her present condition. The nish the nourishment necessary for its subtored for worms. She was not made out of last account we had of her, she and God were sistence. We know it cannot help prosper. mud, as was Adam, but out of one of Adam's not on good terms; but we have reason to beling with such encouragement. spare-ribs. The first she knew of herself she lieve that the killing of his innocent son has After this our lyceum will be held at 11 was full-grown, old enough to marry, and made him more friendly to her—at any rate, o'clock in Library Hall, and after the exershe fell in love with and became the wife of we hope so. the first man she ever saw. As she was made | Then in conclusion, brothers and sisters, let | tents of a question-box. will be investigated, out of his rib, there was, no doubt, a kind of us say: Farewell, Mother Eve! We are and the spirit-guides of the mediums affinity between them, and she did the best she sorry you ate the apple, and had to die! present will be asked to answer the questions could to make up to Adam what he had Sorry we are called on to preach your funeral found therein.

and call up some of the scenes and incidents that our good doctors of divinity take so little We expect to lose some of our workers that transpired during the lifetime of our poor interest in your fate, while they talk so much when the Florida camp opens, but we shall be lost, and, so far as we know, entirely for about Christ and his mother.

nasty pipes, and boys, to put on style and ap- virtues. time when women did not play on organs, and since then.] run their husbands in debt.

Oh, our dear, old mother! How we feel for you in your simplicity! You had no kitchen, no parlor-not even a straw-bed. When you | To THE EDITOR:-Nothing is more common

positions. Mother Eve, and admitting your church of their choice. sweet-smelling odor of musk or cologne. You tions, and more especially the logical position have prepaid shares of stock for \$100 each, time nursing your children, and listening to trial of Rev. Dr. Briggs. Adam grumbling. As you went forth in your These gentlemen, who are seriously conmorning rambles, you met no tract-peddlers cerned for the future of the church, deliberinviting you to come to Jesus. You never ately assert that "the general assembly has no wanted to vote, and never heard of the right to impose upon the church new doctrinal "Women's Christian Temperance Union." statements under the guise of interpretation. It is presumed your boys did not smoke and Especially so now, when a large majority of chew tobacco, as do the educated young dudes the Presbyterians have expressed, after much of to-day; neither did Adam, your husband, deliberation, their dissatisfaction with onr you, brother and sister Spiritualists, in all citspend his time at prayer-meetings, or over-confession of faith' as it stands, their desire lies and towns in the north, the south, the load his stomach at a religious festival.

Oh, Mother Eve! We are obliged to tell for a new creed." a bustle at that time we do not know, neither seem to us fundamental principles." might go shopping.

and this made them strong and hearty!

discontented and wicked that many of them cheer. "The night is past; joy cometh with wish that men could bear children, and nurse the morning." them, too. This makes your parson feel somewhat sorrowful, and hanker for the good old times

Poor old Adam! How lonesome he would and sorrowful to-day, for it has been reported pose, and that no man ever had a more beau- with good prospects of long life and unmeas

would die, even so in Christ should all be round again;

where sleeps in calm repose Eve, the wife of ter's Saints' Rest," or the Rev. Mr. Turner's fairly danced. She said: "We will have one. Adam, the mother of all mankind." And yet, so You may all come here next Sunday at 2 All that was required of a woman in her far as we know, you managed to keep down o'clock, and we will organize a lyceum. day, was to "bring forth children in sorrow, the tongue of slander and gossip in the neigh- The call was promptly obeyed. The next and let her desire run to her husband, and let borhood, to listen to the murmuring springs, Sunday we had obtained the use of Library him rule over her." In her day a woman the sweet, singing birds, and smell the aroma Hall, and Thursday evening we had a basket was not allowed to talk politics, or discuss of sweet-scented flowers. Your household festival to obtain funds to buy coal, etc., to women's rights in a public meeting. She did duties were not laborious, and you had plenty keep us warm on Sundays, and the way the not even have the pleasure of getting up a so. of time for billing and cooing with Adam, and ladies responded with their well-filled baskets, cial party to raise money to pay off the no mother-in-law to raise a row in the family. to be sold at twenty-five cents apiece, and the

after the lapse of so many years! Sorry we We think an hour can be spent very profit. And now your parson must moralize some, do not know where your bones lie! Sorry ably in this way.

Oh. Mother Eve! While thinking over call to mind all the sad and solemn scenes welcome them joyfully on their return. thy life, thy purity, thy simplicity, thy loving that have taken place in this world since she We use as a text-book-Mrs. Paine's "Easy kindness, we can't help wishing that we were died. Call to mind the gibbets, the racks, Lessons in Spiritual Science"—which we all of us living in a more primitive age—an the fagots, that have been used by the Chris- recommend to all lyceums, especially those paper, and that the statement therein contained age of truth and sincerity; an age when tian world since she died, to make man better whose numbers or lack of experience in snakes walked upright (did not hide in the and God more loving; and when we have done lyceum work will not admit of following fully grass); when the beasts were all tame; men this, let us try to shed a few tears over the the plans laid down in A. J. Davis' manual, were not jealous of their wives, and milliner- death of the first and purest mother humanity Because we cannot do all, is no reason why shops and dime socials were entirely un- ever had, and your parson hopes you will all we should do nothing. Our children have known; the time when men did not smoke old, go home and strive to emulate some of her been neglected too long. They are reaching

pear respectable, did not chew fine-cut to-bacco or shake dice for cigars; the time when choir could conceive of, the parson wiped his bacco or shake dice for cigars; the time when choir could conceive of, the parson wiped his there were no church-lotteries, no mite socie- eyes and pronounced the benediction; when ties, no prayer-meetings, no ministers' donations, and no fashionable dressmakers; the rowful, and wondering how times have changed in the great the great the great them again. Will the statement of the nationable dressmakers; the rowful, and wondering how times have changed in the great the great them again. Will the statement of the nationable dressmakers; the rowful, and wondering how times have changed in the great them again. Will the statement of the nationable dressmakers; the rowful, and wondering how times have changed in the great them again. Will the statement of the national transfer to the great them again. To the Epitons:—We have many Spiritual the great them again. Will the statement of the national transfer to the great them again. The propositions from the great them again. Will the statement of the national transfer to the great them again. The propositions from the great them again. Will the statement of the national transfer to the great them again. The propositions from the great them again. The proposition is the great them again. The proposition from the great the great them again. The proposition from the great them again. Th

Progression.

met your lover the first time, you were both among our Orthodox brethren than ridicule entirely naked-you had not a rag on your from their pulpits against Spiritualists, emback. You wandered around holding conver- phasizing the expression that those who have not only here, but far into the South. sation with God and snakes alternately. How died have "gone to that bourne from which quick you learned to talk! We think that no traveler ever returns." In our churches God and you, as well as Adam and the snake, here, they have gone so far as to tell us that and will give a large audience-room, and room all spoke the "Hebrew language," and under "our ladders are too short; they will not reach for mediums free; the rents will soon pay for temporarily exalted to the head, not of an ecstood each other real well. As your parson up to heaven." This was notably an utterance the building. never heard that God ever conversed in any in our Presbyterian Church in this city a few other language, how necessary it is that all our years ago. Recurring to these doings, it is preachers should learn to speak Hebrew; and with entire complacency that we note the proyour parson thinks if the people could only ceedings of the Presbyterian Conference at utter prayers in that language God could un. Cleveland, which was noted as a "historical derstand them much better, and better results gathering," composed of gentlemen who have taken a stand against their more Orthodox But to lay aside all conjectures and all sup-brethren, and will fight for their rights in the

great knowledge of language, there were some One of the objects of these liberal gentlethings you were not familiar with. You had men who composed the conference, is to anno idea of the beauties of cosmetics, or of the nounce their position upon theological quesdid no trading or shopping. You spent your upon the issues recently raised by the heresy

for its revision, and many of them their desire

in your life you fell from grace—fell from passed upon the "heretic," Dr. Briggs, and our Temple in this city where it will do the phenomena of Spiritualism. I was referred to beautiful suit of clothes made out of skins by strance must not be denied in the church of kindly act as agent to secure a few shares, or No. 85 31st street, as being a genuine medium ignorance to knowledge; from nakedness to a insist that "the right of petition and remon-God himself. Whether the skins were tanned Christ." After much severe criticism upon first hides we have no means of knowing the attitude of the assembly on doctrinal further information, please address me at 634 entire stranger. I was much surprised to be As there were no fashionable dressmakers in points, they declare that "only a profound that locality, and God made the coat for you, sense of the peril that now besets our church we presume it fit nicely. Whether you were has led us to make this declare the coat for you, sense of the peril that now besets our church a Spiritualist forty years and have seen it tongue the Smellet with a spiritualist forty years. we presume it fit nicely. Whether you wore has led us to make this declaration of what grow from its cradle.

do we care. We presume you did not need In view of all this dissatisfaction in the one. So far as known, you never grumbled at Presbyterian Church with their creeds, and Adam for not giving you money that you the growing tendency among all churches to repudiate the doctrines of "eternal damnation," from ancient spirits. Appollonius of Tyana, As a mother, we think you were kind to we confess that we do not feel the least bit the Jesus of Nazareth, St. Paul and John, the signifying the little song: "There's a light in PHILOSOPHY OF SPIRITUAL INTER your children. As they lived to be several discouraged at the outlook for the Spiritualists, revelators of the Christian Scriptures, return the window," which was the favorite of a dear hundred years old, we think you did not wean in the promulgation of the theory of the im- to earth as a spirit, and explain the mysteries friend long since passed on, These manifesthem until they were seventy-five years of age, mortality of the soul and its ability to return that have concealed the theological deception tations are of a very refined and elevating to earth and manifest its, presence, as it has of the Christian hierarchy. 608 pages. A character, and there is much good to be drawn force. They are most excellent. Price \$1.00. Alas! my brothers and sisters, how times done in all ages past. To our Spiritualist evry valuable book. Price, \$1.50; postage, from them. have changed! Now women have become so and Liberalist friends we say: Be of good 12 cents.

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But a few weeks ago Mrs. Myra F. Paine Dear old mother! You knew nothing in came to take up her abode in our midst, and largely on the imagination. Your parson is The doctrine of sanctification had no teachers, trict school, where she found thirty-three as sorry to say that in her day and age of the and God, being healthy had no doctors of bright and intelligent children as can be world, women had but few rights men were divinity. You did not even know how to picked up anywhere, and under their efficient bound to respect, and but little notoriety. curl your hair, or round out your body into teacher, Miss Grace Phillips, developing musi-

church-debt or for the support of the minis. But now, dear mourners, we come to the promptness with which the gentlemen bought saddest part of this sermon, as we ask the the baskets, and waltzed off with the ladies There was something singular about this solemn question: "Where is our poor old who owned them to investigate their contents, and then finished up the evening keeping time to

cises by the children are concluded, the con-

in good running order before that time; so we And now, dear, sorrowing mourners, please can continue the work in their absence, and

to us for help. Shall we respond?

Lily Dale, N. Y.

the cause is growing. The churches are all States," cause one Spiritualist in the United well represented here with fine buildings, and States to accept Mrs. Richmond's statement, we Spiritualists, in the fullness of time, will who would not otherwise have done so? I have our own Temple dedicated to the cause think not. Then why was that statement of truth and progress. It will give us solidity necessary? here, and will command respect for our cause,

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kind of Spiritualists who is easily scared; yet, when I realize how innocently Romanism started and by what stealthy steps it moved forward until it became at once the most arrogant and the most tyrannical power the world ever saw, I feel that we cannot be too watchful over or too jealous of our freedom,

. If I particularly felt the need of a written creed and wanted to engage any one person to write it for me, I do not know any one I would employ sooner than I would that pearl of the platform, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond. I doubt, however, whether she or her guides would accept the responsibility. I think they would say, "If you must, as the Hebrews thought they must, have a god or gods to go before you into Egypt, appoint a large committee of your oldest, wisest, and most tried men and women, and let them, after a few months' discussion, submit the results of their labor to the world of Spiritualists to be acted on by them.'

It seems that the assembly of Spiritualists which met in Chicago last September made the mistake of appointing a committee of only one person instead of three, five, seven or ten, to write an address on Spiritualism, to go into the World's Congress of Religions. The convention was probably fortunate in selecting Mrs. Richmond as that one. I know of no one who could have given more general satis-

In the preface to that able address, as published in the PROGRESSIVE THINKER of December 24th, I see that Mr. H. D. Barrett, the president of the National Association of Spiritualists, has either misunderstood the thinking Spiritualists to misunderstand him. If not, his lack of years and his newness in the cause has caused him to exercise a power which, unless I am mistaken, the convention never thought of vesting in him, as the head of the organization. He savs:

"Whereas, the National Convention of Spiritualists of the United States of America did on this day select Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, of Chicago, Illinois, to prepare and present to the authorities in charge of the World's Parliament of Religions a paper setting forth the basic principles of Spiritualism and its present status:

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To many old Spiritualists it has the appearance of the assumption of an air of authority that even the Pope dare not claim over those under his jurisdiction. I fear--no, I will say, I hope—it misrepresents the man who has been clesiastical, but of a business organization.

Be assured, Mr. Editor, this is written in no spirit of hostility to the new Association, nor to and Loan Association, whose directors are the man who stands at the head of it. On the Spiritualists, will make our building loan and contrary, I am jealous both for the Association and build our Temple for us so we can pay for it and the man. I much prefer that the enemy largely with its rents; providing the Spiritual-shall not have an opportunity to attack either. ists throughout the country will subscribe for I hope Bre. Barrett will be able to make an sufficient to justify the Association in making who love the cause. Should he fail in this, so large a loan. These shares of stock are for I can assure him that he has done more to \$100 each and the dues are 65 cents a month, strengthen the hands of the opposition to the and the stock matures in 84 months; they also organization than a union of all their forces could do.

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Having waited just forty days for our turn to come, 4 o'clock Sunday after-noon, October 1, found us at the home of James Riley, the far-famed materialistic medium, of Marcellus, Mich., finding already there parties from Nebraska, an ex-Mormon priest from Utah; also representatives from Benton Harbor, Kalamazoo and Texas, all intent upon a solu tion of the all-absorbing problem: "If a man die, shall he live again?"

THE RILEY HOME.

Mr. Riley lives on a farm of 20 acres, just three and one half miles due west of the village of Marcellus, which he owns and cultivates with the assistance of his three young sons. The house is a plain, well-cared-for structure, after the style so prevalent in rural architecture -a gable upright and wing, the upright being sixteen by twenty-four, one and a half stories high, the wing one story, fourteen by twenty-six, with kitchen in the rear, the building standing about five rods off the road on the south side.

The family consists of Mr. Riley and wife, three young sons and two daughters. They also have a married daughter who resides in the immediate vi-

LOOKING FOR SPOOK HOLES.

During the afternoon Mr. Riley and utilized by various ones assembled in an examination of the apartments in which the great medium operates.

Every inch of the room, sides, ceiling and floor was carefully looked over, rubbed, dented and thumped till each particular skeptic seemed satisfied that particular skeptic seemed satisfied that the representative of the continued all was right, and really ashamed at their captiousness, in light of the fact that the medium produces forms frether was sufficient light to enable one through the windows and the same re-through faith, as the poet through the windows and the same re-through faith, as the poet through the windows and the same re-through faith, as the poet through the windows and the same re-through the windows and the same re other houses. By the way, Mr. Riley's to readily recognize a living friend or standing proposition to investigators is acquaintance, especially if he were not substantially as follows: Take all the owing him money. opportunity you desire to examine the interior and exterior of the room in your own way, and in addition, if desired, remove the plastering, siding and floor. I only ask the assurance that they be re- outside limit, a slight waving movement dium under the foregoing conditions it The stars shine through his cypress

reigned up and after handshaking and gently and steadily parting, exposed to full view the perfectly lifelike form of the pe new arrivals, dropped into an easy chair on the front porch and divided his time equitably between pulling at a good cidoorway for at least tensor middle age, which monopolized the first they were hypnotized. They were hypnotized they didn't know it. If a man can be hypnotized at how were hypnotized at he hy



JAMES RILEY.

The accompanying is a very correct likeness of the noted medium. We have no physiognomic flourishes to make. What the facial expression indicates or lacks will be left to those who pretend to a familiarity with the art or science of physiognomy to decide. We have no inclination to judge minutely the qualities of mind and heart of any human being on an authority we deem so slen der. Mr. Riley has lived upwards of 40 years in his present neighborhood and is respected by his neighbors and fellowtownsmen, having the reputation of be ing upright, conscientious, charitable, and generous to a fault, and, indeed, we saw no reason for modifying that estimate, but rather many evidences on which to confirm it. He is of Scotch and Irish parentage, of good intelli- only momentary, the opening in the curgence, and just 50 years of age, rather tain exposing the form down to the fark complexion, and somewhat under waist. The form re-appeared almost medium height, weighing perhaps 160 pounds.

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nearly every home. sat at the table patiently nearly every this dematerialization is that Mrs. Riley night, consuming from one to four hours to relieve the discomfort of the medium, at a sitting, for nearly six months before we were rewarded with a single rap. ously with it, not more than five seconds From faint raps and far between they intervening and there he sat in his usual grew louder and more frequent, then followed table lifting, slate-writing, partial materializations, and lastly complete materialization of disembodied

to prostitute his exalted gift to a moneymaking concern. The genuine frank ness and simplicity of the man, together with his financial inconvenience, must WHAT ARE THEY IF NOT SPIRIT impress one at once and forcibly with

WOBBLING DIVINES.

An amusing and to some it would be EXPERIENCES OF A REPORTER OF THE a horrifying state of things is recorded in the record-book kept by Mr. Riley in which he enters the names of those who visit him. The names of clergymen appear by the scores, and Kalamazoo contributes some to the list. There is every reason to believe that a majority of them attempt to go quietly and unnoticed to Riley's, while many of them request that their visits be kept a

INSPECTION OF ROOM.

At precisely nine o'clock all present were invited to make a final inspection now extant. However that may be, or of the room in which the medium was whether it were a "spirit of health or to sit, which was responded to by nearly every one. The closet contained nothing except two or three child's garments, which were examined and left hanging. The windows are so con-structed that only the lower sash slides up and down, and that was covered with mosquito netting, which is intended to be fly proof, being tacked two inches and all all diffe apart with the heads of the tacks liberally rusted. In addition to faithful catches on the lower sash, the meeting rails were securely sealed together with strips of paper.

PREPARING FOR GHOSTS.

could carry their investigations there the room to facilitate the medium, the nesses to this remarkable phenomena latter was seated in a wood seat chair can be divided into two classes, the one wife were absent from home, and it was about two feet inside the room, holding alized spirits; the other saying, I do not fore their return. Through the cheerful in each hand as much wheat flour as he know what to make of it; while a large permission of the family the interim was could successfully grip. The company percentage of those that have never was arranged in a semi-circle, the fur seen it can tell us all about it. thest point being perhaps ten feet mazoo, two ladies from Texas, Mrs. Riley, and the representative of the

After a season of waiting of perhaps ing Riley are made to think they see twenty minutes or half an hour at the what they do not see. With the meplaced in as good condition as prior to of the dark curtains was plainly discern- would seem to be about the only solution dissection. issection.

ible, which was quickly followed by the About six in the evening Mr. Riley appearance of a long, white hand, then appearance of a long, white hand, then bandsheling and after handsheling the same way the form of a young man argument, he doesn't know that he is, which was not at that time recognized, and it is good for his comfort that he to deify and worship great moral and A CANE FACTORY.

> The third form appearing was that of a little old man, bent over and tottering with years. He came first at the side of the curtain and was not fully recognized liobbled out with great exertion, pounding his way along with a big hickory cane. This time he came out clear of the door and was recognized to a certainty by a lady from Texas as being her grandfather. The last 15 years of his life this old gentleman, as stated by the lady, was afflicted with lameness of some sort and navigated himself with a whole earth.
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> ALBERT DEGOLIER. joy, of peace on earth and good will to similar cane. By the way, the lady is an active member of the Methodist church, and was at the seance under HAND-SHAKING.

The next materialization was readily ecognized by the writer as that of his prother, who died at the age of 34 years. He was also recognized by others present beyond all possibility of a doubt. He was dressed in a neat-fitting black suit, low cut vest, white shirt and collar and black tie. His first appearance was immediately after withdrawing, and standing erect and lifelike in the passage saluted his mother with the right hand, in a way that was/ decidedly impressive. On the mother advancing toremaining away but a short time, then That and while in the act the materialization early every home. the floor, disappearing at her feet. An important circumstance connected with exposed him to view almost simultane position, faithfully gripping the two

handfuls of flour. OTHER FORMS IDENTIFIED.

average receipt of less than one dollar was left in the room at the open-per day. His explanation to the inquiry ing of the seance. Unlike the disapwhy he so persistently rejects so many pearance of preceding forms, just before tempting offers, was the apprehension regaining the door this one was divided that his control would promptly and at the waist, the disintegrating process hopelessly desert him should he attempt melting upward and downward till all was consumed.

THOMAS JEFFERSON.

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us a glimmering hand;
In reply to the question how far he

us a glimmering hand;
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